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President's Message

Gung Hay Fat Choy & Sun Nein Fay Lok!

Dear Friends and Members,

My Best Wishes to you and your families for a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year, and welcome to the Year of the Red Monkey!

2015 was a truly historic year for the CACS Board, with Joyce Eng and I celebrating the Chinese contribution in California history by planning the festivities for the 100-year anniversary of the town of Locke. CACS directors also participated in the 150-year anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad events at the California Railroad museum and rode the Union Pacific train through the Sierra Nevada. In April, we enjoyed a bus trip to San Francisco to tour the Alcatraz prison and the artist Ai Wei Wei's exhibit there. Ai Wei Wei is a political prisoner in China and his artwork shows a global message for the struggle of human rights.

In October 2015, CACS hosted our Gold Mountain Celebration at the Asian Pearl Restaurant, presenting California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye with the Frank Fat Founder's award and conducting Sylvia Sun-Minnick into the Frank Fat Hall of Fame. Through the successful planning and outreach of co-chairs Anne Luong and Franc Martinez, more than 450 people attended our wonderful dinner and were serenaded by the Marhorlika Lions singing "old school" and popular music. CACS thanks our friends, many volunteers and the partial list of sponsors who supported us to enrich the community programs:

Fat Family; Northern California Carpenters Regional Council, Union Local 46; Cache Creek Casino Resort; Thunder Valley Casino Resort; Locke Foundation; City of Sacramento; Sharif Jewelers; Artist Ning Hou; Eva and Clarence Chu; Michael David Winery; Mark Wilson; Moon Cafe Art Gallery (DR Wagner, Russell Ooms, and Joe Chan); Target in Folsom; Trader Joe's in Folsom; Walmart in Folsom; friends from the town of Locke; and CACS Directors. We wish to also thank our community partners who are listed in the GMC program book. This GMC dinner and others events that CACS attended during the past months are in this newsletter.

CACS directors continue to cultivate collaborative partnerships with API and other organizations to educate the community about Chinese culture and heritage. Cathy Wei, CACS vice-president, volunteers each year to support the Shen Yun classical Chinese dance program and encourages the public to enjoy the beautiful program. The Chinese New Year Celebration at Hiram Johnson High School continues to grow each year. Both programs are highly attended and promote Chinese culture through music and dance. During this Lunar New Year festivities, I hope you find time to enjoy the symbolic foods served to bring good luck and harmonious life.

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Upcoming Events

April 9, Author Lecture Dinner.

May, Senior Luncheon for ACC and
SCCSC Seniors

July, Annual Bus Trip

Sept, Cares for Kids Project

Oct. 7, Gold Mountain Celebration

December, Operation Santa Claus

2015 Board of Directors

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CACS supports Maharlika Lions Medical Mission

By Alex Eng

On December 5, 2015, the Maharlika Lions Club Carolers open 2015 Holiday Season and performed at the Asian Community Center (ACC) Senior Services Center and at the ACC Greenhaven Terrace Independent-Assisted Living facility.

CACS made a donation of \$100 matched by Alex & Joyce Eng to the Maharlika Lions Medical Mission Project in the Philippines.

Dr. Donna Yee, Executive Director of ACC Service Senior Services writes to Alex

“BIG Thank you to CACS for its generosity and bringing Maharlika Lions to the Care Center and Greenhaven Terrace this holiday season. The residents at both facilities enjoyed the performances immensely; some had tears in their eyes... This was a real treat!”

Sacramento Historical Consortium Report

By Karun Yee

CACS Historical Representative

The consortium met at the Carnegie Woodland Library on Jan. 21 led by Dr. Bob LaPerriere. There were 25 historical society members discussing their past and present plans for the year; (programs, publications and projects) I gave a brief history of CACS and shared our April 9, 2016 author lecture luncheon coming up. Several members expressed interest in coming.

History Day at Inverness High School on March 5 is still in need of judges. The documentaries and essays can be judged online ahead of time. Theme this year is “Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History.” CACS has given a scholarship every year.

The entire group enthusiastically embraced new technology for communication and sharing a comprehensive database for oral histories. An interesting sidebar to this meeting is fundraising. Example is; Soup in a handmade potters bowl (all you can eat of 5 kinds of soup) \$45pp. This event raised over \$8000 for Wilton Historical Society. Rita Golinda, head librarian gave us a great tour of this historic building.

Care for Kids Program

By Brenda Fong

One of CACS' commitments to the community is helping the children through our "Care for Kids" Program. Working in partnership with the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center (SCCSC) we donated much-needed school supplies and sporting equipment to: Bowling Green Charter McCoy Academy Elementary - Sac City Unified School District and John Reith Elementary - Elk Grove Unified School District.

A dozen or more very happy students, from their after-school programs, helped unload the many boxes of school supplies and sports equipment. The kids were more than

happy to pose for photos with us (Dr. Dave Young (Chairman), Karun Yee, and Merlayna Yee-Chin) and expressed their thanks to CACS with large and colorful signs and posters. It was a fun afternoon and very rewarding to see how our funds helped these two schools and their students.

CACS also wishes to thank Ms. Cynthia Kubo, a supporter of "Care for Kids" for her donation of school supplies. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

We are grateful to Dave aka "Mr. Super-Shopper" for again taking his time and efforts in shopping for ALL of the school supplies and playground equipment.



President's Message

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I thank Past President Kingman Louie for his unsurpassed leadership at CACS. He will be leaving CACS and will continue to serve the boards at the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation and at the FBI Academy while maintaining his optometry practices. Kingman has also been instrumental to take care of the PA system at all CACS events to ensure we have the most positive sights and sounds. Please see

our website at www.cacs.org for more information and get involved early! I hope to see you at our next author lecture dinner, bus trip, or GMC. If you have any suggestions about the CACS programs, please call me at (916) 261-2118 or email me at hxlum@comcast.net.

Very Best,

Honey Lum



2015 Gold Mountain Celebration

By Cathy Wei

The 28th annual Gold Mountain Celebration (GMC) was held on Oct. 30th, 2015, at the Asian Pearl Restaurant. The event drew a record high attendance of more than 400 people from the Asian community and beyond.

California State Treasurer John Chiang attended the event. He highlighted the significance of Chinese American Council of Sacramento and the Gold Mountain Celebration in the Sacramento Chinese community. John also gave welcoming introductions to the two honorees—California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and author Sylvia Sun-Minnick.

The Gold Mountain Celebration is CACS' annual event to recognize and honor two outstanding individuals (or organizations) in the community with the Frank Fat Founder's Award and induction into the CACS Hall of Fame. The Frank Fat Founder's Award was established in 1997 to acknowledge those who have achieved outstanding success and contributed their services greatly in the community. The 2015 recipient of this prestigious award was California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

The CACS Hall of Fame was established in 2004. The

induction into the Hall of Fame is a lasting tribute to those individuals (or organizations) that have demonstrated their life-long commitment in giving back to the community. The 2014 Inductee was author and historian Sylvia Sun-Minnick from Stockton.

CACS gave this year's Community Service Award to our long-time Board Member— Mr. Charlie Moy, for his selfless services to the community.

The CACS Board gives special thanks to the major sponsors: Fat Family Restaurant Group, Northern California Carpenters Regional Council, Cache Creek Casino Resort, City of Sacramento, Locke Foundation, Thunder Valley Casino Resort; and to the many community table sponsors and generous individuals who supported the event.

All proceeds from the GMC event benefit the "Care for Kids" program and the "Operation Santa Claus" program put on by CACS in conjunction with the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center.

The success of this annual event could not have happened without the hard work of our Board and Advisors, lead by co-chairs Anne Luong and Franc Martinez! CACS looks forward to seeing you at our 2016 Gold Mountain Celebration event!





Operation Santa Claus 2015

By Anne Luong

The annual Operation Santa Claus was a success with over 115 participants including family members. We provided gifts to the recipients from various groups within the communities which included families from the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center, the ARCH Family Services – Lemon Hill, My Sister's House, and APCC – Asian Pacific Community Counseling Center.

The children participated in various hands-on arts & crafts projects at variety stations, which they took home as holiday keepsakes. The families also had a chance to take a family portrait photo and enjoyed a surprised appearance from Santa Claus.

A special thank-you to Mr. Ray Giles for his generous donation of time and materials, taking the photos and providing beautiful portraits to each family. Also to Bill and Sylvia Wong, Joan Hirose and Ron Allen for their donations to OSC. Thank you to all the board members, volunteers, and staff of SCCSC for their time and dedication in shopping and coordinating the event to make it yet another successful year!

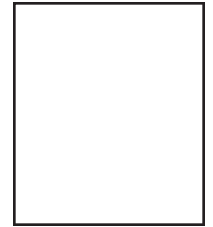
The children and families greatly appreciated receiving the gifts that brightened their Holidays!





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Author Lecture Luncheon

Featuring Elaine Zorbas' new book, *Banished and Embraced*

Fiddletown's Chinatown was a vibrant Chinese community throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries. Elaine Zorbas, who lives on a small farm in Fiddletown with her husband, brings to life the characters of this Gold Rush era through intense research and translation of recently found

documents and letters. Zorbas has a BA in History and a MA in Library Science.

Autographed books will be available for purchase.



Saturday, April 9th, 2016

12:00-2:00pm

Happy Garden

5731 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95824

**RSVP by April 1, 2016 to Karun Yee,
yee911@aol.com, or 916-591-8181**

**Cost: \$20—members, \$25—non members,
\$200—Table of 10.**

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I will become a member of CACS at the luncheon and pay for member price.