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Member Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, July 15, 2017 2-4 pm

Bridgeway Island Boathouse,

3650 Southport Pkwy, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Please join us for an afternoon of Chinese culture with traditional tea ceremony and lecture, Chinese brush calligraphy and tasty snacks. We will share with you updates of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento and CACS Foundation.

Special presentation and tea ceremony by Lily Emmolo. Lily is a traditionally trained tea master from China. She specializes in all aspects of China's centuries-old tea ceremony. This includes preparing and serving tea, tasting tea, as well as the related arts of poetry, calligraphy, dance and flower

arranging. Lily currently works at Purple Cloud Tea House in Auburn.

This event is FREE to all current CACS members. We wish to make this a community event, please bring a guest, at no charge. We encourage guests to join our organization and will have membership applications available at the lecture. Come and enjoy this wonderful event with our compliments.

Please RSVP to Brenda Fong at bjfong1950@yahoo.com or call 916-392-0511

Foundation President's Message

Dear CACS Members and Friends,

How time passes, half of 2017 has come and gone. CACS Foundation took over the cultural, charitable and fundraising programs of Chinese American Council of Sacramento.

For the first half of 2017, CACS Foundation has been busy. Our calligraphy team was featured at the Crocker Art Museum's New Year event; we donated and participated in the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center's Annual Spelling Bee contest

as judges; CACS Foundation also donates annually to Locke Foundation and helped organize the Locke Spring Festival.

Donations are also made annually to the APAPA and APSEA Founda-

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SFGate Photo

Tribute to Philip Choy 1926-2017

By Karun Yee

Phil Choy was a renowned Chinese historian, architect, teacher, illustrious mentor, family man and a dear friend to many. My husband Doug and I had the pleasure of working with Phil and Sarah on the Sacramento federal courthouse and our book, "Canton Footprints" for over 10 years. His passing was celebrated on Treasure Island, San Francisco on Sunday, April 23, 2017 with over 500 guests. Honey Lum, Elizabeth Yep and I were able to attend the loving memorial celebration of this extraordinary man.

This was a man who had a wicked sense of humor, was wise and compassionate, thoroughly passionate about factual research on Chinese history, and generous to a fault, donating time and money to numerous community and national organizations dear to his heart. He spearheaded the Asian studies program at SF State, and the Chinese Historical Society of America museum project as well as participating in the Angel Island Immigration Station preservation events. His time in the Army provided him a glimpse of

racial injustice that aroused his activism for civil rights.

An author of many books and a world traveler, Phil loved to learn about anything and everything from gardening to pottery, collecting a vast library of art and books.

Phil's focus on Chinese contributions to the world and teaching youngsters to be proud of their Chinese heritage and culture was his ultimate goal. The Chinese American Council of Sacramento honored Phil Choy into our Hall of Fame in 2013.



CANTON FOOTPRINTS

Sacramento's Chinese Legacy

BY PHILIP P. CHOY

CHINESE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO



Mandarin Immersion School Annual Performance

By Brenda Fong

The students of William Land Elementary School's Mandarin Immersion Program held its annual sing and dance program on May 19, at the Hiram Johnson High School auditorium. Anne Luong, Karun Yee and I were given front row seats and delighted in watching students (from kindergarten to 6th grade) perform in colorful costumes with multi-media background sets. We were impressed and amazed with the students' poise, confidence, mastery of Mandarin, and showmanship.

As mentioned on the school's website: "The Chinese Immersion Program at William Land Elementary School offers an enriching and interactive learning environment. Students in this program will receive instruction in English and Mandarin and will have equal access to the academic core curriculum. Students will become cross-cultural ambassadors for our school, community, and society."

As part of the Foundation's commitment and support to the school, we presented them a \$500 donation.





CACs Fiddletown field trip

By Karun Yee

The Chinese American Council of Sacramento (CACs) Foundation historical field trip to Fiddletown on June 16, 2017 was a very successful educational adventure with

thirty seven intrepid explorers and our tour director, Karun Yee. We left South Hills Shopping Center at 11 a.m.

What's a bus excursion without any games and eating healthy snacks! Passengers had fun guessing the number of jelly beans in a jar or answering historical or whimsical questions resulting in winning prizes.

Journeying into the green and gold foothills toward Plymouth, we talked about the background leading to the estab-

lishment of Fiddletown (Oleta) during the Gold Rush. Once a booming Gold Rush town, it was about one third Chinese in its cohesive population, even allowing property ownership. The herb shop was a central communication location as well as healing various ailments of the community. Upon arrival, we were met by Pat and Francis McGranis and author Elaine Zorbas to give us the fascinating history and tour of the buildings.

Elaine's latest book, "Banished and Embraced," about Jimmy Chow, the last Chinese resident, was well received. This unique rammed-earth Chinese building exists because of Jimmy Chow. It is a time capsule from the 1850's preserved with piles of newspapers he saved within the store.

Our very prompt bus driver, James, carried us away to Jackson Rancheria on time, where we enjoyed a seafood lobster lunch. The "gamblers" had ample time to win all their money. Hot, tired, but highly satisfied (stuffed from all-you-can-eat buffet lunch) we arrived home safely around 6:00 pm.

We look forward to another journey together next year, to one of these places: China Camp - shrimp boat fishing village state park; Sonoma wine caves dug by the Chinese; or Marysville-Yuba City Chinese temple and museum. Thank you to all board directors who helped make this trip successful: Brenda Fong, Franc Martinez, Kingman Louie, Joyce and Alex Eng, Douglas Hsia.





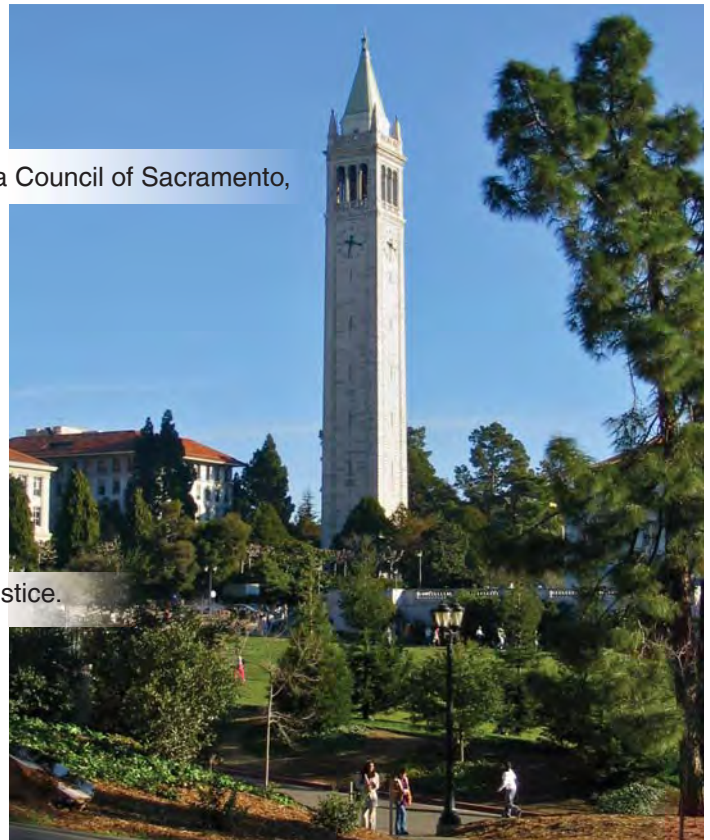
Annual APSEA Scholarship Gala

By Cathy Wei

CACS Foundation awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship to graduating high school student Wendy (Xiaorui) Yang, at the Annual APSEA Scholarship Gala on April 18. Wendy arrived in the United States nine years ago from China with her mother. She is actively involved in many student clubs and extracurricular programs. Wendy will attend UC Berkeley in the Fall.

Below is Wendy Yang's inspiring acceptance speech.

"A long trumpet sounds;
 My journey as a high school student
 Has come to an end, after one presidential administration.
 Another one starts, but with the thanks of Chinese America Council of Sacramento,
 And the State of California,
 I will be a bear,
 Hearing the bells of Sather Tower,
 As a lifelong learner, because the fight never stops.
 I will be a mechanical engineer, furthering my craft,
 While learning politics in Sacramento and Berkeley.
 With my bear skin I roar greater.
 Resist, persist, enlist, insist.
 The downfall of trumpets,
 Isn't the end of our fight.
 The Midterm is next year, and the governor's too.
 Inequality survives best under the pretense of perceived justice.
 Reach deep in your heart, find the needed creativity.
 Learn what you can to build the next move.
 Make California, land of leaders,
 Be the Ursa Major,
 Like Polaris seven scores ago,
 In the dark night of our republic.
 Stronger... Together."



Foundation Message

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tion Scholarship Programs, as well as the Mandarin Immersion program at William Land Elementary School.

The rest of 2017 will be even more exciting! Please bring a guest to our free Member Appreciation event on July 15, at 2pm, at the beautiful lakefront West Sacramento Bridge-

In Appreciation of Donations and Renewals of Membership

CACS Foundation - \$200

Chinese American Council of Sacramento- \$200

Thank you to an anonymous member for his generosity. The donations will go towards our outreach programs to benefit children in our community.

\$500 Donation to the CACS Council from the Family of the late Sam K. Ong.

Thank you to Corrine & Stanley Joe, Elaine Zorbas, Dr. Ronald Allen, and Shirlee Wong-Snyder for their membership renewals.

way Island Boat House. Please see detailed information on the front page of this newsletter or on our website at www.cacsweb.org.

This year is CACS' 30th Anniversary! I look forward to seeing everyone at our Gold Mountain Celebration on October 14, 2017 to share the great historic moment with us. Details about the Gold Mountain Celebration are on the back of this newsletter.

We are also calling for your help! Come and volunteer at our many exciting and rewarding programs.

We express our sincere thanks to all of our Board Members, CACS Members, and Volunteers for their hard work, and our sponsors and friends for their continued support. If you have any suggestions or ideas for CACS Foundation, please feel free to contact me at cweidesign@gmail.com.

Best Regards,



Cathy Wei
CACs Foundation, President

Council President's Message

Greetings Members and Supporters of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento!

On behalf of Honey Lum, as Vice President I am providing an update of the Council activities for the past two months. In June 2017, the Asian Bar Association of Sacramento recognized Attorney Dale Minami for his landmark case, Fred Korematsu vs. the United States of America. Also receiving accolades was Jerry Chong and his team for his successful lawsuit: Annica Hagadorn v. County of Sacramento. Refer to page 7.

On May 24 and June 17, 2017, a screening of "Hard to Believe" was co-sponsored and hosted by the Council at the State Capitol and the Sacramento Sheriff's Station regarding forced organ harvesting by China. Please refer to the article on page 7. For more information, please login to www.endorganpillaging.org.

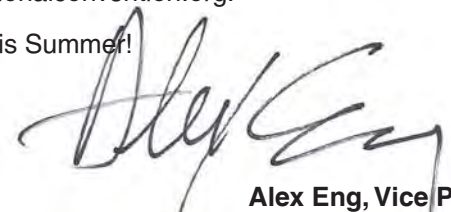
On June 10, 2017, Members of the Council and Foundation co-sponsored and attended the Florin JACL 23rd Annual Women's Forum. Guest speakers from Sacramento Metro Sorptomist, My Sister's House, Exercise & Healthy Bodies,

Growing World of Sake, and Dr. John Onate led a question and answer session on health issues.

The Council also sponsored the Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival and viewing of "The Chinese Exclusion Act" with \$200.

The Members of the Council will be attending and supporting OCA's National Convention this year, hosted by OCA Sacramento at the Sheraton Grand on August 3-6, 2017. For more information, please log into www.ocanationalconvention.org.

Stay Cool this Summer!



Alex Eng, Vice President
Chinese American Council of Sacramento



Council's Update



Back row from left: Alex Eng (CACs), David Kilgour, Keith Johnson (CACs), David Xu (an ex prisoner of conscience who was tortured and blood tested in China), Dr. Alejandro Centurion (Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting); Front row from left: Laurie Gorham (End Organ Pillaging), Julie Nguyen (APSEA), Honey Lum (CACs President), Cathy Wei (CACs), Joyce Eng (CACs)

"Hard to Believe" Screening at California Capitol

On May 24, 2017, at the California State Capitol, Eureka Room, the Chinese American Council of Sacramento (CACs) supported a private screening of the documentary "Hard to Believe."

The award-winning documentary presents a serious investigation into a horrifying human rights violation of forced organ harvesting from innocent prisoners of conscience, which has been happening in China at a large scale since the early 2000s. A long time activist, former Canadian

Secretary of State (Asia Pacific) David Kilgour spoke after the screening and answered questions. Mr. Kilgour has traveled the world for more than 10 years to raise awareness of the forced organ harvesting crime. Legislative staff and other non-profit organizations attended the screening.

CACS is seeking coalition from other organizations and individuals to raise awareness and help stop this horrific crime. Please visit www.HardtoBelieveMovie.com for more information about the film.



Empowering, Educating the Public through Law

By Joyce Eng

CACS and the CACS Foundation Presidents Honey Lum and Cathy Wei, and board directors Alex & Joyce Eng and Franc Martinez attended a Speaker Series hosted by the Asian /Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento featuring Dale Minami, the attorney who headed the legal team that reversed the wartime convictions of Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi.

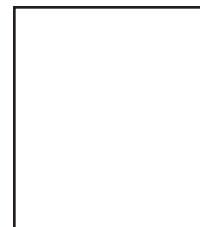
Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye did an illustrious in-

roduction of Dale Minami. Mr. Minami was a founding member of the Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento along with Jerry Chong, CACS Legal Counsel and Lifetime Member of CACS.

Jerry L. Chong was also honored with a resolution presented by California Assembly member Philip Y. Ting for Mr. Chong's part in the lawsuit, Annica Hagadorn v. County of Sacramento. CACS was proud to be there to honor Jerry L. Chong and to listen to the inspiring speech by Dale Minami.

Chinese American Council of Sacramento

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SAVE THE DATE

Gold Mountain Celebration 2017
to Commemorate

CACS 30th Anniversary

Saturday, October 14, 2017
Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation
9040 High Tech Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758



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