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Greetings from the President

I have accepted the position of Deputy Director of Public Works & Engineering Department with the City of Houston. My primary responsibility is overseeing the Traffic & Transportation Division of 220 people for a city of 2.2 million people in an area of 660 square miles, with over 3,000 traffic signals. Houston TranStar is a world-renown Greater Houston transportation & emergency management center. My start date is on Monday June 12.



Vice President Barbara Chieu will act as President in my absence. Subject to our relocation schedule, I will help facilitate the Memorial Day Picnic on May 29. I will continue my presidential work thru June 30. Please do support Barbara as our incoming President.

I appreciated the opportunity to serve as your President. I have met many fine families in the community. I also developed close friendships with a few associates. I have better appreciation of Chinese culture. I also found my family roots in nearby Santa Barbara with the help of Linda Bentz, historian.

During my three years with VCCAA, I recognized the hard work of our volunteers. I am especially very thankful to Dr. Hillary Ling as my advisor and mentor. As officers, Barbara Chieu, Dr. Andy Little, Lloyd Ho, and Judy Schechter supported me. The Historical Society under Dr. George Yu, Chinese Language School under Lee-May Little, and Dance Troupe under Yu-Ling Lu have achieved successes in our community. San Buenaventura China Alley Memorial and "Courage and Contribution" documentary were major accomplishments by the Historical Society. Cultural Nights and Chinese New Year Party were spectacular special events of entertainment for the community.

Lesley Ling Sule always produced a very professional directory. Dr. Andy Little updated our website. Lloyd Ho and Greg Chang edited our newsletters well. Leslie Jue, with Suzie, always provided his finest culinary skills for Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Picnic, and Installation & Awards Barbeque. Caroline Tsaw and Dr. Zeak Simmons organized a fun Chinese New Year Party. Edna Tanita with LaRaine Kang treated the kids with the Halloween Party and Easter Egg Hunt. Alice Ginn sold out our Chester's gift certificates. Barbara Chieu gave out scholarships to high school seniors.

The Chong family will live in Sugar Land, which is southwest of Houston. Kenji, Mabel, and I will miss our VCCAA friends.

Raymond D. Chong, P.E., PTOE

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Easter Egg Hunt

By Edna Tanita, Chair and LaRaine Kang, Co-Chair

On a sunny, rain-free, Saturday morning, April 8, over 120 members, families (especially children), and friends participated in the fourth annual Easter eggstravaganza at the Ling Ranch in Somis. Festivities included an abundance of carnival games that kept the children very active plus a barbeque luncheon. There were Easter chicks and, of course, an

Easter egg hunt!

Thank you to all who made this event a fun-filled success! Thanks to our hosts, Stella and Hillary Ling. Thanks to Leslie Jue and their gang for providing really good food. Thanks also to all of those who helped clean up, and also to all our enthusiastic party-goers!

Changes Proposed for VCCAA Bylaws

By Ray Chong, President

The Board of Directors is considering a proposed bylaws amendment to improve administration of the VCCAA. This amendment calls for change from “City Representatives” to “Directors” to broaden the base of Directors in Ventura County, instead of by City. Another change is to specify the number of Directors as ten. Last change is to specify a quorum of seven to hold a Board meeting. As a result, fifteen people will serve on the reconfigured Board.

The proposed bylaws amendments are as follows:

SECTION 2: ADMINISTRATION

The four Officers will serve on the Board of Directors as well as Directors who are elected to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the four elected Officers, the past President and ten Directors.

SECTION 11: MEETINGS

A. A quorum is seven to conduct official business.

The Board of Directors ratified the above proposed by-laws amendment for a majority vote at its May 15, 2006 meeting.

A Look at Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Picnic

When: Monday, May 29, 2005 11:00 AM

Where: Pleasant Valley Park

1 030 Temple Avenue, Camarillo

Cost: \$8.00 adult, \$5 children 10 and under

Contact: Leslie Jue, (805) 525-9562

Celebrate Memorial Day with us at the VCCAA’s annual Memorial Day Picnic. This year’s picnic will again be held at Pleasant Valley Park on the corner of Temple Avenue and Ponderosa Road.

Lunch will feature the famous barbeque of Leslie Jue.

Installation and Awards BBQ

When: Saturday, June 24, 2006 11:00 AM

Where: Tanita Hacienda
1918 Via Veneta, Camarillo

Cost: No charge

Contact: Dr. Hillary Ling (805) 386-4188

The installation event is to install and welcome the incoming officers and board of directors and to give a well deserved appreciation of thanks to the out-going officers and board of directors.

This event is open to all the VCCAA members and their families. We are looking forward to seeing you there. If you plan to attend, please call Dr. Hillary Ling, (805) 386-4188, so we can get a headcount. Thank you.

VCCAA Easter Egg Hunt
April 8, 2006
Ling Ranch

Left: Children enjoy a game of darts.



Below: Lunch featured the delicious barbeque of Leslie Jue.



Above: Egg Hunters scramble to find the hidden Easter Eggs

Chinese Language School

By Lee May Little, Principal



Hi everyone. First of all we are very proud to let the club's members know that our K-I student Hannah Chau won first place in the kindergarten category for lantern design at the Lantern Festival, held at the Chinese American Museum in Los Angeles. (華美博物館). Her talent and creativity are really fantastic. Keep up the good work, Hannah. Congratulations to

you and your family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chau.

Our school also finished our annual Speech Contest on April 28. Here is the list of the individual class winners:

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| Pin-Yin I | 1st place: James Lin & Melissa Yu
2nd place: Audrey Mayer & Daniel Yu
3rd place: Natalie Mayer & Lucas |
| Zucker | |
| Pin-Yin II | 1st place: Katrina Wang
2nd place: Adele Huang
3rd place: Emily Meschke |
| Pin-Yin III | 1st place: Timothy Chung
2nd place : Monika Holser |

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| | 3rd place: Sharon Hai |
| Pin-Yin IV | 1st place: Simon Lee
2nd place: Jany Wu
3rd place Sarah Yim & Christine Yim |

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all the students who participated for your effort and hard work.



The Chinese School plans to have 5 weeks of performing arts classes this summer. All the VCCAA kids are welcome to sign up. We plan to have classes in drama, and dancing, singing, and/or Chinese poem recitation. It all depends on how many people sign-up. Contact me (805) 484-5222 around the first week of June to find out more details. We would also like to have any college or high school students who have talent to share and serve as volunteer instructors or assistants for this special summer event.

Have a great summer!

Membership

By Lesley Ling Sule, VCCAA Membership

It's time, again, for the annual VCCAA membership renewal. A personalized renewal form is included in this issue. To ensure the accuracy of the upcoming 2006-2007 Membership Directory, provide us with your fully completed membership renewal form and dues, \$25/family, no later than September 2, 2006.

Bring your renewal form with a check (payable to the VCCAA) to the Memorial Day Picnic on Monday, May 29th, or mail to the VCCAA (P.O. Box 806, Camarillo, CA 93011-0806).

As always we welcome any suggestions.

Historical Society News

By Dr. George Yu, Chair

In June, 2005 workers on the Gold Line light-rail line in Los Angeles found skeletal remains while working near the Evergreen Cemetery. Archaeologists hired by the Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA) confirmed that the site was the burial place for some 108 people, mostly of Asian descent. The unearthed artifacts contained rice bowls, jade bracelets, Chinese burial bricks, Asian coins and opium pipes. Three quarters of the remains were adult males. Chinese American historians believed that these bones belonged to Chinese sojourners who came to America to seek their fortunes in the nineteenth century.

In the late 19th century about 10,000 Chinese lived in the Los Angeles Chinatown. Most of these men worked on the transcontinental railroad before moving to Los Angeles. After the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882, these Chinese faced severe discriminations from the host communities. They were barred from bringing their families to America. They held undesirable jobs conducting manual labor, such as digging irrigation canals and ditches, and domestic service in Euro-American homes. These Chinese were often targets of racial violence. Most of these men never fulfilled their dreams of riches and triumphant return to China. When these Chinese men died, they were not allowed to be buried in the Evergreen Cemetery. In 1877, the owners of the Evergreen Cemetery gave the City of Los Angeles five acres of land for use as a potter's field. Chinese were allowed to be buried in this public cemetery for a fee of \$10, a significant sum for that time. However, the exact location of the Chinese cemetery was lost with the development of the area.

1. Once archaeologists determined that a large percentage of the remains were of Asia ancestry, the

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) was informed that the MTA excavation had uncovered the burial grounds for these Chinese pioneers. In public hearings, representatives from the CHSSC have expressed concerns over the manners in which the MTA handled these skeletal remains. The CHSSC is calling for a dignified burial for these bodies and an appropriate recognition of their contribution to early California history. Furthermore, Irvin Lai, a long-time CHSSC member, has found a list of names of those buried at the Chinese cemetery. One of these names was Charlie Yee Hay, the grandfather of Marie Louie who is a member of our Historical Society.

Charlie Yee Hay was a cook who lived in Ventura China Alley beginning in the early 1880s. He and his wife, Chan Shee, had five children. They eventually moved to Los Angeles where Charlie Yee Hay died in 1916, and was buried near the Evergreen Cemetery. According to the Yee family, the mortuary informed them that the grave site could not be on the hillside but only on lower ground where all the Chinese were buried. The family bought a headstone for the grave and had regular visits to the site. Around 1936 the headstone was removed without consent from the Yee family. The whereabouts of the headstone and the remains of Charlie Yee Hay remained mysteries for the Yee family. The Yee family has publicly supported the stand taken by the CHSSC to hold the MTA accountable for the Chinese artifacts and skeletal remains found near the Evergreen cemetery.

The CHSCC is conducting research into the identities of those buried in the Chinese cemetery and attempting to locate their families. If anyone has additional information on this topic, please contact Irvin Lai at (323) 735-1331.

Scholarship News

By Barbara Chieu, Scholarships Chair

We have received many applications for scholarships. A committee consisting of Andy Little, Lesley Ling Sule and I will meet and decide scholarship recipients. Winners will be notified by the

third week of May. The scholarship recipients and their parents will be invited to the Memorial Day Picnic to pick up their awards.

VCCAA Elections

It is time again to elect VCCAA Board members. Election ballots are enclosed in this newsletter. Mark

your selections, and turn them in at the Memorial Day Picnic on Monday, May 29.

Quotes

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

Ronald Reagan

A friendship founded on business is better than a business founded on friendship.

John D. Rockefeller

I love Mickey Mouse more than any woman I have ever known.

Walt Disney

My advice to you is to get married: if you find a good wife you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher.

Socrates

Each problem that I solved became a rule which served afterwards to solve other problems.

Rene Descartes

Everybody pities the weak; jealousy you have to earn.

Arnold Schwarzenegger


Newsletter inputs are welcome!

The *VCCAA Newsletter* welcomes the submission of articles, constructive comments, suggestions, or personal experiences that you want to share with the other members. Please write to *VCCAA Newsletter*, P.O. Box 806, Camarillo, CA 93011-0806; e-mail to me at gweggie@gmail.com.

Again, this newsletter did not include any translation to Chinese. We have a need for volunteers to assist in translating the English written articles to traditional Chinese. If you or if you know someone who may be able to spare a few hours four times a year (May, August, November, February.), please contact me.

Greg Chang
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Upcoming Events

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	Point of Contact
Memorial Day Picnic	May 29, 2006 Monday, 11:00 AM	Pleasant Valley Park 1030 Temple Avenue, Camarillo	Leslie Jue 805.525.9562
VCCAA Installation & Awards Barbeque	June 24, 2006 Saturday, 11:00 AM	Tanita Hacienda 1918 Via Veneto, Camarillo	Dr. Hillary Ling 805.386.4188



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