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### Greetings from the President

Our first event, the Mid-Autumn Festival was attended by over 200 people. It was a pleasure to watch so many of our members enjoy the delicious food and watch the performance of our talented dancers and the students from our Chinese Language School.

This event demonstrates that when we all participate by bring food, setting up facility, distributing food or performing in the program, VCCAA can produce a great event that celebrates our culture and enjoyed by all. Let's all continue participating and doing good work.

Our Halloween event brought out many of our young members and their families. Members were treated to games, hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts and drinks. Many of the kids and some adults wore elaborate costumes in the spirit of Halloween. It was a wonderful family event.

Our next event is the annual Christmas Celebration. Please bring a dish and your family to enjoy a program consisting of our Chinese dancers, our Chinese Language School Students and a visit from Santa.

VCCAA and I wish all our members and their families a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Barbara Chieu

President 2006-2007



## **Mid-Autumn Festival**

*By Judy Schechter, Mid-Autumn Festival Chairman*

More than 200 people attended our Mid-Autumn Festival on October 7th 2006. Members brought tasty and creative dishes that was shared and enjoyed by all. VCCAA provided mooncakes and drinks. We were entertained by the VCCAA dancers under the direction of Mrs. Lu and the students from the Chinese Language School under the guidance of Mrs. Lee-May Little. Dr Hillary Ling and some our members narrated the history of the Mid-Autumn

Festival. Lesley Ling Sule distributed the new directories to our members. Vivian Goo sold Chester Asia Restaurant gift certificates. We would like to thank Judy Schechter and her committee for their organization of this event. The youth group did an excellent job in setting and cleaning up facility. Thanks to Mrs. Stella Ling for purchasing the delicious mooncakes.

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## **Halloween Party**

*By LaRaine Kang, Halloween Party Chairman*

Our Halloween Party on October 21st 2006 was attended by many of our members and their children. The children played many games and ate hot dogs and hamburgers. It was great to see so many children and adults in cute and elaborate costumes celebrating Halloween. The winners of our costume contest were Jaden Vichob, Erica Wu, Cole

Heilman, Asia Jane Moore, Carolyn Chaput, Juliet Sun and Zeak Simmons. We would to thank La Raine Kang and her committee, Edna Tanita, Suzie Jue, Leslie Jue and the youth group for organizing and helping all the children to have a great time.

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## **The History of the Chinese in Ventura County**

*By Linda Bentz, Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society*

There is nothing more satisfying than sharing a family story or cherishing the successes of one's children. These are just a few of the experiences we have shared with members of the VCCAA when we are welcomed into their homes to record their family histories. You see, we are writing a book about the Chinese community in Ventura County. It is our quest to document the people, the events, the struggles, and the joys exemplified in both the historic and modern Chinese communities.

We are profoundly grateful and humbled by the candid revelations of hard work, commitment to family and overall dedication to community that we have witnessed during our interviews. Thank you to the families who have shared your lives with us; we could not tell the story of the Chinese in Ventura County without you. Our mission is nearly complete, so please look forward to our forthcoming book, *Hidden Voices: The Chinese in Ventura County* due out in 2008.

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## **Chinese Language School**

*By Lee-May Little, Chinese School Principle*

The first day of our Chinese Language School was Sept. 8th. We have 22 new faces joining the school this year. That makes a total of 70 students in 6 levels.

The most exciting news is that we have 14 high school students registered to earn credit in their high schools toward their language requirement. They are going to keep Irene Sy very busy. The High School Credit Class is one of our Chinese School's unique features. We are proud of Irene. Keep up the good work!!!

We also want to welcome three wonderful new teachers who have joined us. They are Ms. Meng, Ms. Zhao and Ms. Yu.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the boys and girls who performed the Fan Dance at the Moon Cake Festival. You sacrificed many hours of Saturdays evenings this summer to practiced with dance teacher Yu-Ling Lu. The performance was wonderful, job well done. I am looking forward to having another fun and enriching year at our language school.

## VCCAA Membership News

*By Leslie Ling Sule, VCCAA Membership*

The new membership directory for 2006-2007 has been sent out to everyone. If you have not received a copy, please let us know. Since the publication of this directory, we have new members who have joined us. We look forward to meeting all of you at our future events.

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## Upcoming Event

### Christmas Party

**When: Saturday, December 9, 6:00 PM**

**Where: Los Primeros Structure School  
2222 Ventura Blvd, Camarillo**

**Contact: Juliet Sun 805.482.5835  
Lee May Little 805.484.5222**

Our annual Christmas Celebration will be held on December 9th 2006 at Los Primeros Structured School. The festivities will begin at 6:00pm. Please bring your family and a dish to be shared with ten

people. We have planned a program that includes performances by our VCCAA dancers and students from our Chinese Language School. There will also be a clown who will entertain us with his magic tricks. A visit by Santa with gifts for our young members will conclude our Christmas Celebration.

Juliet Sun and Lee-May Little  
Christmas Party Chairmen

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## Upcoming Event

### Chinese New Year Party

**When: Saturday, February 10, 2:00 PM**

**Where: Constitution Park, Camarillo  
Carmen Dr. and Paseo Camarillo**

**Contact: Barbara Chieu 805.987-1893**

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year by having a demonstration by the Lion Dance group and a

performance by our Chinese dancers at Constitution Park in Camarillo. This event will be open to the public and will be free. This event will be held on February 10th 2007 from 2pm to 3:30pm. We may also sell non- food item to raise money for our organization.

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## Newsletter Delivery Update

*By Greg Chang, VCCAA Newsletter Editor*

The members of the VCCAA board have changed our minds and decided to continue sending physical copies of our newsletter to our members.

### VCCAA Youth Group

My name is Simon Lee and I am President of the VCCAA youth group for 2006. It is my honor to serve the club. Our first activity was on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Before school started, the group decided to have a back-to-school party at Chuck E. Cheese's in Ventura. The purpose of this party was to meet the new students and also to bond with each other as a big family. About fourteen students showed up that day and we had a blast. Instead of breaking up into little groups, the boys decided to stay together and take turns playing the games. The girls were more into winning the tickets and they put them all together to win a big prize.

After playing, we ate pizza and also took multiple pictures. When the day was finally over, no one wanted to leave and it felt like this kind of friendship could last forever. I want to thanks Christine Yim & Richard Hai for coordinating this event. If you are age 7 and up and would like to join us for the future events please call me at 341-3230. I am looking forward to a great year ahead of us.

Sincerely,

Simon Lee  
VCCAA Youth Group

### Scholarship News

*By Vivian Goo, Scholarship Chair*

The forms for the VCCAA 2007 scholarships can be found on our VCCAA web-site. All members of VCCAA families that are eligible are encouraged to apply. Also scholarship forms will be sent to all High Schools located in West Ventura County in December 2006. All students that attend schools in West Ventura County may also apply. Students applying who are VCCAA family members will be eligible to compete for the following scholarships:

One- \$500 VCCAA Scholarship that is open to all West Ventura County Students

One- \$750 William Soo Hoo Scholarship

One- \$750 Tony Chen Scholarship

Additional VCCAA \$500 scholarships that may be available during the year as funds may become available

One- \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an eligible high school senior in our youth group that has continually participated in supporting VCCAA in our activities

The deadline for applications is March 30,2007.

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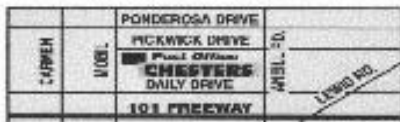
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