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### Greetings from the President

Over two hundred people attended our Chinese New Year Celebration held on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 in the pavilion area of Constitution Park in Camarillo. This program represented our effort to reach out and educate the public regarding our culture and celebrations.

Hopefully programs such as this one will foster better understanding and relationships between our group and other groups in the community. I would like to thank all of our members who helped with this celebration.

In April, we had our annual Easter celebration. This event featured games and an egg hunt for the young people and a delicious lunch for all. It gave me great pleasure to see the smiles and joy on the children's faces as they played the games and searched for the eggs. The Easter celebration is a great family event. It is the event most remembered by our youth when they reach adulthood. A special thanks to Lesley Ling Sule, Leslie Jue and family, Stella and Hillary Ling for their effort in coordinating this event.

Our next event is our annual Memorial Day picnic. It will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2007 at Pleasant Valley Park in Camarillo from 11am to 2pm. Please join us for the election of the VCCAA Board and Directors, a bountiful lunch and to meet the scholarship recipients.

I can't believe that almost a year has passed since I became President of VCCAA. I would like to thank the VCCAA Board and Directors, sponsors, donors, committee chairs, youth, dance and lion dance groups and countless others for their effort in executing all our programs. Finally, our organization would not exist without the support and participation of our members. Thank you.



Barbara Chieu

President 2006-2007

## Chinese New Year Celebration

By Barbara Chieu

The Chinese New Year Celebration was attended by more than 200 people. The Dance Group performed several classical dances. The Lion Dance group did their traditional New Year Celebration exhibition. With the help of the youth group and Juliet Sun, we sold Chinese souvenirs and other products to the public. VCCAA received the proceeds from the sale of these

souvenirs. Hillary and Stella Ling used their calligraphy skills to sell banners to benefit our organization. We would like to thank Yu-Ling Lu and her dance troupe, Judge Kee Choo Ling and his lion dance club, Lee-May Little and the youth group, Stella and Hillary Ling and the many others who helped with the Chinese New Year Celebration.

## Scholarship News

By Vivian Goo, Scholarship Chair

The VCCAA has selected the following students to receive the VCCAA 2007 Scholarship Awards. These students will be invited to our annual Memorial Day picnic on May 28th, 2007.

Congratulations to our deserving students and many thanks to all club members, especially Angela Soo Hoo and Tony Chen for helping to make this possible.

VCCAA Youth Service Scholarship \$500

*Simon Lee - Rio Mesa High School*

VCCAA William D. Soo Hoo Scholarship \$750

*Gem Laine Liobing - Channel Islands High School*

VCCAA Tony Chen Scholarship \$750

*Benita W. Chan - The Thacher School*

## Easter Egg Hunt

By Lesley Sule, Egg Hunt Coordinator

We had another great Easter Egg Hunt at the Ling Ranch on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Though the weather was a bit gloomy, about 100 children and adults turned out for wonderful bbq, games and egg hunt. Overall it was an exceptional turnout and a wonderful time

for all. Special thanks to Stephanie Takeuchi, the Jue families, the Lings and the Youth Group for all their generosity and hard work. We all look forward to next year!

## Youth Group News

By Simon Lee, Youth Group President

As President of the VCCAA Youth Group for 2006-2007, it is my honor to thank all of the Youth Group members and their parents for helping out at all our events. The year has finally come to an end and it is time for next year's class to begin their own legacy. Christine Yim has been selected to lead next year's

group as the youth Group President. Justin Sy will be her right hand man as Vice President, Richard Hai will be secretary and Steven Chung will be Historian. This special group will help the VCCAA to another outstanding year for which we can all be thankful.

## Upcoming Event

### Memorial Day Picnic and General Meeting

**When: Monday, May 28, 11:00 AM**

**Where: Pleasant Valley Park, Camarillo**

Behind the Boys and Girls Club on the Corner of Temple and Ponderosa

**Cost: \$8 adults, \$5 children 10 yrs. and under**

**Contact: Leslie Jue (805) 525-9562**

Come join us for some fantastic barbecue and fun in the sun! It's time for our annual Memorial Day Picnic and General Meeting. Be sure to come and participate in the annual election of the new VCCAA Board of Directors, renew your annual membership and enjoy the notorious bbq team of Leslie Jue and George Ng.

## Upcoming Event

### Installation Awards and Dinner

**When: Saturday, June 23, 12:30PM**

**Where: City Buffet Restaurant, 1600 Ives Ave., Oxnard, (805) 483-0856**

**Contact: Vivian Goo (805) 482-6074**

The Installation of VCCAA Officers and Directors is here and

everyone is welcome to attend! All in-coming and out-going officers, directors, committee chairpersons, special program directors, donors and sponsors will be guests of the VCCAA. The luncheon cost is \$10 for all others in attendance.

## VCCAA Membership News

By Lesley Ling Sule

We're beginning a new VCCAA year once again! Beginning May 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting our annual membership drive for the 2007-2008 year.

This year, we are working to try and include Chinese Names of our membership in our annual directory. If you are interested in having your Chinese names included with your membership information, please include the characters for your name and the members of your family with your renewal information.

Membership dues must be received no later than **September 15, 2007** in order to be included in the new directory. Dues are \$25/year/family (valid through June 30, 2008) or \$500 for a lifetime membership. You may bring your renewal to the Memorial Day Picnic or mail to:

VCCAA, P.O. Box 806, Camarillo, CA 93011-0806

For your convenience, personalized Membership forms have been included with this newsletter.

Since our last Newsletter, we have 3 new members who have joined our organization. Please help us welcome the new members as we all look forward to seeing them at our future events.

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## Chinese Language School

By Lee-May Little, Chinese School Principle

On February 18 Irene Sy and I accompanied 12 credit class students and some of their parents on a field trip to Los Angeles. We participated in the Chinese American Museum's Annual Lantern Festival. We saw a beautiful parade, did some craft projects, and witnessed some unique performances. In the meantime the students also had a special tour to learn about the history of early Chinese immigrants and their communities in Los Angeles. The tour included exhibits of early Chinese art and artifacts of the ear such as a Chinese

grocery store. It was very impressive and educational. Of course we also visited nearby Chinatown for the gourmet food and bargain shopping. It was a meaningful way to spend the day.

We can't believe that we are only seven weeks from the end of the semester. So far every student is trying very hard to prepare for our poem recitation competition on May 4th. I am grateful that we have had a smooth year, thanks so much to our dedicated teachers and hard-studying students.

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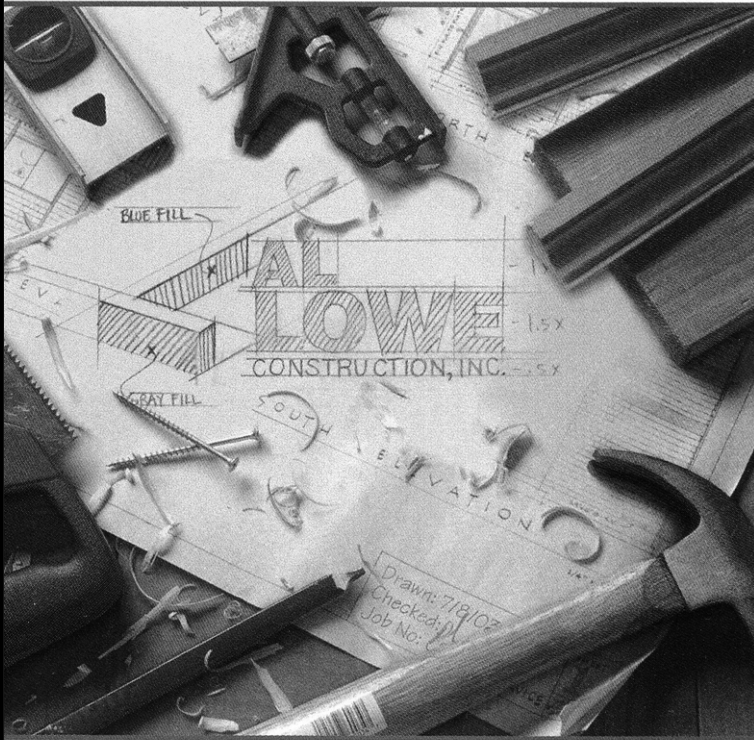
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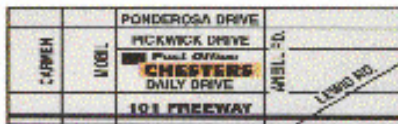
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<b>Board of Directors Awards and Installation Luncheon</b>	June 23, 2007 Saturday, 12:30PM	City Buffet - 1600 Ives Ave., Oxnard, CA 93033	Vivian Goo – (805) 482-6074



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