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Greetings from the President

Happy Chinese New Year to all! Wishing you all a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

VCCAA welcomed the Year of the Rat, 4706, by presenting an outreach program to the public demonstrating how Chinese people celebrate their new year. This program consisted of Lion Dancing by the Camarillo Kung Fu Club and Chinese classical dancing by our VCCAA Dance Troupe. It also included an orchestra playing Chinese classical instruments, a skit by VCCAA Chinese Language School Credit Class and a medley of Chinese New Year songs sang by our Chinese school teachers. Further we offered booths demonstrating Chinese Calligraphy, brush painting, intricate paper cutting and folding and Chinese mask making.

300 to 400 people attended and participated in this event. We had extensive coverage of this program by the newspaper, radio and television due to the effort of our publicity chairman, Vivian Goo. VCCAA is proud to sponsor such an event in an effort to educate the public about our culture and traditions and to continue to build "Cultural Bridges".

Our next event will be our Easter egg hunt on March 22nd at 12:30pm at the Ling Ranch in Somis. Please bring your children and a dozen filled plastic eggs and a basket and enjoy this family event.

Finally we end the year with our annual Memorial Day picnic on May 26th 2008 starting at 11am and the Installation and Awards event on June 21st 2008.

Looking forward to seeing you all at these events.

Barbara Chieu

President 2007-2008



Chinese New Year Celebration

By Barbara Chieu

Our Chinese New Year celebration took place on February 2nd 2008 from 2-4pm at Constitution Park in Camarillo. The program consisted of performances by the Camarillo Kung Fu Club, the VCCAA Dance Troupe, a Chinese classical orchestra, VCCAA Chinese School credit class and our Chinese school teachers. We also had booths demonstrating calligraphy, brush painting, intricate paper cutting and

folding and mask making. 300 to 400 people attended the event. I would like to thank all performers, participants and VCCAA Board for making this a successful event.

You can find lots of pictures of this event on our web site,
<http://vccaa.org/pictures/newyear08/index.html>.

Christmas Party

By Juliet Sun Simmons & Lee-May Little

It's always wonderful to see so many club members bring their families, especially the little kids, to participate in our annual Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed watching Mr. Paul Dwork of The Magic of Merlin and a member of the Magic Castle, perform many amazing tricks of magic. We also had a special guest, Ms. Georgi Rice, who sang Christmas carols with Juliet and Zeak. It really added to the Christmas spirit. The Kindergarten class of the Language School also sang two songs. The VCCAA Dance Troop performed several outstanding dances for which they recently received awards from the Southern California

Dance Society. Of course a party without food is no party so a big thank you to everyone for bringing their tasty and creative dishes. The evening ended with a surprise visit by Santa, who brought gifts for all the children. Thank you to all the people who helped make this holiday event successful, and a special thank you to our MC Christine Yim.

You can find lots of pictures of this event on our web site, www.vccaa.org/pictures/xmas07.

Upcoming Event

Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, March 22, 12:30 PM

Where: Ling Ranch

3748 Groves Pl., Somis

Contact: Lesley Sule (805) 445-9425

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on! Join us on March 22, 12:30 PM, at the Ling Ranch for BBQ, Games,

and the big hunt. For each participating child, please bring an Easter basket and 2 dozen filled Easter eggs. We will provide a simple BBQ lunch for everyone and games for the kids. We look forward to seeing all of you then!

Upcoming Event

Memorial Day Picnic

When: Saturday, March 22, 11:00 PM

Where: Pleasant Valley Park

Temple Ave and Ponderosa Rd

(805) 386-4188

Contact: Leslie Jue (805) 525-9562

George Ng – (805) 482-2054

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. Ticket Pricing TBD.

Come join us for some fantastic barbecue and fun in the sun! It's time for our annual Memorial Day Picnic

VCCAA Membership News

By Leslie Ling Sule, VCCAA Membership

Welcome to our new members since our last newsletter. We look forward to meeting you at our future events.

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Scholarship News

Reminder: VCCAA scholarship applications must be postmarked on or before March 14, 2008. Scholarship application forms are available on line at vccaa.org or from West Ventura County high school scholarship counselor offices. Children of members may apply even if they don't attend a West Ventura County High School.

All children of members are encouraged to apply for our scholarships.

Vivian Goo
Scholarship Chair

Chinese Language School

By Lee-May Little

The Chinese Language School began its Spring semester on February 15, 2008. We are very proud of our Credit Class students who, under the direction of Ms. Irene Sy, put on an outstanding performance of "Modern Journey to the West" at the Conejo Chinese Cultural Association's Chinese New Years

Celebration on February 23 at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center. Everyone put in many hours of hard work to make this program a success. Irene will give a more detailed report in the next newsletter. Congratulations to them on a job well done.

VCCAA Youth Group

By Christine Yim, VCCAA Youth Group President

The Youth Group is always there to help when needed. The VCCAA always appreciates their effort. We recently received the following thank you note from VCCAA President Barbara Chieu : ***"On behalf of VCCAA, I would like to thank you all for helping out at our Chinese New Year Festival. We appreciated all your efforts and 'muscle' strength in setting up and***

dismantling the physical facility. We hope you enjoyed the pizza! Wishing all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!"

Our next event is the Easter Egg Hunt, March 22. Please let Mrs. Little or me know if you can help. Thank you.

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