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Greetings from the President

Dear VCCAA members and friends,

Hope you are enjoying your summer! The Memorial Day picnic was truly a day to remember, an opportunity for us to set aside some time to honor and thank our veterans who do so much for our country, our local citizens who serve our communities, as well as our long-time VCCAA volunteers. A special thanks to all those who planned and volunteered for the event and made it so successful. The food was delicious. I loved seeing the students and their parents who received their scholarships that is provided through the VCCAA. Thanks to the Scholarship committee for taking the time and go through the proper process to choose the winners. See the great pictures that Lloyd Ho took on our website.

It was also an honor for me to present Lifetime achievement awards for the following VCCAA members: Dr. George Yu for his interest in preserving and documenting the history of Chinese Americans in Ventura County, Judge Kee Choo Ling for his advice and skills as a Kung Fu master and expert Lion Dance instructor, Lloyd Ho for his advice and generosity and skills as a photographer of our events, Andy Little for faithfully attending our board meetings and safeguarding our finances as treasurer, Lixin Durborow who has diligently published the board meeting minutes and helped with the membership records for so many years, Yu-Ling Lu for her talent, commitment and generosity and for inspiring so many young Chinese classical dancers, and Louise Dilger for graduating from the scholarship committee with honors. Special recognition was given to Yong Ping Chen, Dolly Lee, Dr. Hillary & Stella Ling, Lesley Ling, Angus Simmons, Lee-May Little, Richard Lu, Anne Wang and Shuqin Zhao. There are so many others that I greatly admire and appreciate as well. They all have devoted so much time and effort over such a long time on behalf of our organization. They do it humbly and for the benefit of our members. I have so much to learn from their example. Of course, I also want to thank those who have served as volunteers in the past. Without their leadership and vision, we would not have the great association we have today. Please join me in thanking them whenever you get a chance.



I have been actively involved with Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project. I have talked to many of you about getting them registered to receive the Congressional Gold Medal so that they can be recognized and honored for their military service. If you know anyone who would be eligible, please have them register at <https://www.caww2.org/preservation>. They can contact me if they have any questions.

The Ridgecrest earthquake that you may have felt on July 5 was a reminder that we need to be prepared for disasters. With the hot weather we have been having, this includes wildfires. One useful website I found out about is <https://www.readyventuracounty.org/>. Please keep yourselves informed, prepared and safe.

At the last VCCAA board meeting, we voted in two new members to the board, Linda Yen and her husband Jim Gstettenbauer. With their experience and enthusiasm, I think they will be a great asset to our organization.

Last, but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize my wonderful family. I am very grateful to have their support. My husband Ricky and daughter Jennifer are always there when I need them. They give me unconditional love, filling my life with much happiness and making my life meaningful.

Hope to see everyone at our next event, the Mid-Autumn Festival!

Best wishes,

Grace

Reports from Past Events!

Memorial Day Picnic *by Lee-May Little*

The VCCAA Annual Memorial Day Picnic was held on Monday, May 27th at the Bob Kildee Park in Camarillo. The weather was very nice and we welcomed over 100 participants.

VCCAA is lucky to have the best 4 senior chiefs preparing the best BBQ in town. They are: Dr. Frank Chieu, Frank Bell, George Ng, and Richard Lu. Without their best efforts, we wouldn't have the best lunch in town that day. We are all grateful to them for their support.

Also, a big thank you to our scholarship recipients for helping with the food serving. This year we have six honorable recipients to accept their scholarships. They are: Rachel Chang, Jaimie Wu, Trinity Durborow, Richard Qiu, Alyson Lucas, and Mason King. They each gave a brief speech and told us the future college or university they will attend and their intended majors. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our scholarship winners. Of course we need to give a big thank to our Scholarship Chairperson Louise Dilger and her committee members for their hard work.

The traditional raffle was well received with many happy raffle winners.

This year our VCCAA president Grace Leo gave out special Lifetime Achievement Awards to many board members and directors with custom made plaques. They were all so very surprised and honored to accept their awards. Thank you very much to Grace for her encouragement and support. All the board officers and members will continue to do their best to serve the association.

Thank you to Judge Kee Choo Ling for installing our 2019- 2020 incoming officers, and many thanks to all who volunteered to cook rice and helped out behind the scenes.



Hope to see you all again next year. 感謝大家的參與！❤️😊明年再相聚！

Meet our 2019 Scholarship Recipients! *by Louise Dilger*

VCCAA was pleased to present our scholarship recipients with monetary funds donated by our generous members. As you read the goals of these high school graduates, you can't help but appreciate their maturity and wonder at such high goals from these young scholars. It is an honor to have these students represent our future generation.

Rachel Chang from Foothill Technology H.S. earned the \$750 Tony Chen scholarship. She plans to attend Columbia University pursuing her education in Health/Science. She has aspirations to intern for UNICEF and eventually be involved with Global Health.

Jaime Wu from Adolfo Camarillo H.S. earned the \$750 Dr. Fu Kuen Lin scholarship. She will attend U of Kansas, majoring in Biological Sciences with a minor in Economics. Her interest in the human eye will eventually lead her to become an ophthalmologist as she also involves herself in the stock market and innovative companies.

Trinity Durborow from Foothill Technology H.S. earned the \$750 Lu Family scholarship. She will pursue Bachelor and Master degrees in Public Health starting at UC Berkeley. Eventually she would like to open her own clinic, targeting those who are economically disadvantaged.

Richard Qiu from Newbury Park H.S. earned the \$750 Yu Family scholarship. In addition to excellent academics, the recipient must also show evidence of accomplishment in either Art, Music or Athletics. Richard has competed in swimming and piano since he was a young child. He will pursue a double major in music and a STEM related field at either Princeton or Stanford. This will eventually lead to either Medical School with emphasis on dermatology, or Business School with focus on business analyst and data processing.

Alyson Lucas from Adolfo Camarillo H.S. earned the \$500 Little Family scholarship. This scholarship is for a Chinese learner, stipulating that the home language is not Chinese. Alyson's goal is to become fluent in Mandarin and study Chinese culture and history. She hopes to graduate from Emperor's College in L.A. with a master's degree in Chinese medicine before continuing to a doctorate degree. She will apply her knowledge to help maintain a healthy community.

Mason King from Foothill Technology H.S. earned the \$500 VCCAA scholarship in academics as well as service to our club. In addition to his academic success, Mason has excelled in our club events speaking Mandarin. Mason plans to major in Business Administration at UC Riverside. His goal as a CPA is to apply it in law enforcement aiming to stop white collar crimes.





Upcoming Events!

VCCAA Chinese School by Angus Simmons and Shuqin Zhao

我们希望大家的夏天过的好! Our teachers are enjoying their well-earned summer breaks as well! We have just finished our second semester in our wonderful Boys & Girls Club location, and look forward to greeting our fall semester students on September 8.

Led by Dean Shuqin Zhao, our teachers continue to show wonderful team spirit, and our students seem to be having fun learning. It also appears that the adult conversation class is forming a nice, enthusiastic and convivial group. It is probably our largest class! And don't forget that we have Renee Chang, a credentialed Advanced Placement (AP) Chinese teacher who can help your high school students prepare for an additional AP credit that will likely be seen very favorably by college acceptance committees.

We have a great group of supporters (See pictures) who have been helping us get the word out about the school. VCCAA and the VCCAA School staffed booths at the Boys & Girls Club,



Moorpark Multicultural Festival, and the Camarillo Fiesta, and we have had a number of conversations with perspective students of all ages. We have also received a steady stream of enquiries, so I am optimistic that we will continue our gradual trend of increasing enrollments.

We have successfully experimented with adding a couple of cultural enrichment options to our curriculum. I am pleased to say that we will be able to continue Master Richard Lu's well-attended Calligraphy and Traditional Chinese Painting Class, and we will also be adding a Taiqi class. So all of you fellow couch potatoes who have been making up reasons to yourselves about not doing exercise, no more excuses! Please see our application form and offerings which are attached to this edition of the newsletter.

Let your friends and neighbors know about the opportunities that are available to learn Chinese, painting and calligraphy, and Taiqi in a relaxed, fun, and stress-free environment. Come join the fun!



Mid-Autumn Festival *by Lee-May Little*

When: Saturday, Sept 14, 2019 at 6:00pm

Where: Rancho Rosal School
3535 Village at the Park Drive
Camarillo, CA 93012

Contact: Lee-May Little, (805) 484-5222

It's that time of year for the Chinese to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. It is so called because it is in the middle of the eighth month, which is a full moon. We used to celebrate the full moon by eating fruit and moon-cake while children played with their lanterns and neighbors. Why do people celebrate the moon in mid-Autumn? It's because of a story that happened long ago in China.

On the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar the moon is full, and it is time for the Chinese people to mark their Moon Festival, or the Mid-Autumn Festival. The round shape of the moon symbolizes reunion. Therefore, the day is celebrated as a holiday for family members to get together and enjoy the full moon representing an auspicious token of abundance of harmony and luck.



There is this story about the moon-cake. During the Yuan dynasty (A.D.1280-1368) China was ruled by the Mongolian people. Leaders from the preceding Sung dynasty (A.D.960-1280) were unhappy at submitting to the foreign rule and set out to coordinate the rebellion without being discovered. The leaders of the rebellion, knowing that the Moon Festival was drawing near, ordered the making of special cakes. Embedded in each moon-cake was a message with the outline of the attack. On the night of the Moon Festival, the rebels successfully attacked and overthrew the government. Today, moon-cakes are eaten to commemorate this legend.



Please bring a dish to be shared sufficient for your family and ten-plus extra people. Beverages will be provided by the VCCAA.

More pictures from Memorial Day Picnic!



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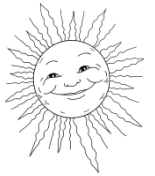
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Upcoming Events



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Chinese Language School Begins	Sunday, September 8 th , 2019 from 2:30 – 4:30pm	Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo, 1500 Temple Avenue, Camarillo, CA 93010	Angus Simmons: (805) 689-8108
Mid-Autumn Festival	Saturday, September 14 th , 2019 at 6:00pm	Rancho Rosal School 3535 Village at the Park Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012	Lee-May Little: (805)484-5222
Christmas Party	Saturday, December 14 th , 2019 at 6:00pm	Location To Be Announced Soon!	Grace Leo: (805)492-4186

Membership Renewal Reminder

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