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Greetings from the President



With the advent of spring, the Ventura County Chinese American Association (VCCAA) will host its annual Memorial Day picnic at the Bob Kildee Park in Camarillo. This event allows members of our organization to honor the veterans who have served and given their lives for the sake of our country. The occasion also celebrates graduating seniors from our local high schools with scholarships awarded by the VCCAA. These scholarships acknowledge academic excellence, community service, and the involvement in and promotion of Chinese culture. In addition to the VCCAA scholarship from our operating fund, Mr. Tony Chen and Dr. Fu-Kuen Lin have kindly funded the scholarships that bear their names. We certainly welcome any further donations towards our scholarship fund.

As you may know, VCCAA was founded in 1976 and has been the voice of our Chinese community in Ventura County ever since. No volunteer organization can succeed without the active participation of its members. Our board members worked tirelessly in the past year to provide activities that showcase the Chinese culture and tradition to all residents of Ventura County. The board has adopted the e-newsletter format and a two year membership directory, resulting in significant cost savings while maintaining a high quality product. It has been a real pleasure for me to work with such a dedicated group of individuals. In order to continue to improve and innovate, we need new ideas and new members to join the board. We welcome nominations to the slate of candidates for our board and presidency. The election of our board members and president takes place annually at our Memorial Day picnic, immediately preceding the swearing-in ceremony conducted by the Honorable Judge Kee Choo Ling. Please submit your ballots prior to or at the event.

On behalf of the VCCAA board, I would like to thank all our members for your trust, participation and support in our events during the past twelve months. We ask you to refer your families and friends to join this wonderful organization and attend our future activities.

George Yu, MD
President, 2013-2014

VCCAA Annual Scholarship Program *by Louise Dilger, Chairperson*

We are pleased to announce this year's Scholarship recipients.

Mr. Tony Chen \$750 Scholarship: **Melissa Yu**, La Reina High School.

Dr. Fu-Kuen Lin \$750 Scholarship: **Karina Wang**, Adolfo Camarillo High School.

VCCAA \$500 Scholarship: **Sonam Zahrt-Tenzin**, Rio Mesa High School

VCCAA Service Award: **Phillip Cheng**, Calvary Christian School.



Our thanks to all the student applicants. Their academic achievements, community service, extra-curricular activities, and participation in Chinese cultural activities were extremely impressive. It is rewarding to get a glimpse of the achievement and goals of the youth of today. You should all be proud of yourselves.

VCCAA would like to thank the scholarship donors for their generous contributions. Without them the club would not be able to recognize our superior students. Contributions toward this goal are always welcomed.

Chinese New Year Celebration *by Irene Sy*



The Chinese New Year celebration held on February 8 in collaboration with the Camarillo Library drew over 1700 attendees this year. It was a fabulous start to welcome the Year of the Horse. This great success was contributed to by citizens and visitors of Camarillo attending the event. Thanks to our directors, members, the staff of the Camarillo Library, Girls Scouts, and everyone else who had helped. The lion dance, acrobats, music ensemble, folk



dances, as well as the performance by the Rio Mesa and Adolfo Camarillo High School students won much applause from our audience. Moreover, the food trucks had surely added spices to the event and had satisfied those who brought great



appetites. I would like to personally thank Mrs. Jackie Sittinger who managed the craft tables with students from our Chinese schools as well as those from the Rio Mesa and Camarillo High School. Our craft tables were well patronized and many children enjoyed making lanterns, writing calligraphy, and coloring. Mr. and Mrs. Lu's calligraphy table had many contented visitors walking off with their Chinese names on the elegantly written red scrolls. Patrons of our Chinese souvenirs table chose their favorite gifts at the table presented by Mrs. Little. All of them welcomed and celebrated the Year of the Horse with us under the roaring drum beats and cymbals brought by the lion dancers of the Camarillo Kung Fu Club. Mrs. Lu's Chinese Folk dancers performed many graceful and elegant folk dancers in their most glamorous costumes. Thank you to all of the members of the Chinese Orchestra who performed such beautiful pieces on authentic Chinese instruments. The year of the Horse was well ushered in under a festive atmosphere.

This was another successful Chinese New Year celebration. This marked the 4th year we celebrated Chinese New Year in collaboration with the Camarillo Library. Again, a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to those who had helped.

Have a wonderful rest of the Horse Year in 2014!



Easter Egg Hunt *by Lesley Sule*



It was a beautiful Easter Saturday afternoon at the Ling Ranch in Somis! More than 20 kids and their parents came together for a beautiful day full of fun games, food, and, of course, a fantastic Egg Hunt. It was a young group this year which evened the playing field. Les and Suzie Jue

and their families and Edna Tanita put together a feast of corned beef and cabbage and hot dogs. Hillary and Stella Ling put together an engaging layout for everyone, featuring the Award Winning winter melon soup for everyone to enjoy.

Everyone worked so hard and it showed as the kids walked off with their Easter baskets full of loot and smiles to show it!

Thank you to all the families that participated and came to enjoy the day with us. We'll see you again next year!



Chinese Language School *by Irene Sy*



The Chinese School Year of 2013-2014 is coming to an end very soon. I think our students had a great 2013-2014 year with our new and experienced teachers. We welcome Luo Li Laoshi's new addition of her baby girl and thank her for her prompt return to our class. All teachers have decided to take a break this summer. They will be well rested, fully charged and ready this fall for another challenging year.

A new registration form will be posted on our website (<https://vccls.wikispaces.com>) in August for the 2014-2015 school year. Please help spread the word around if you encounter anyone interested in learning the Chinese language. Have them contact me via email for more information at ireneecsy@aol.com. Thank you for your support!



Upcoming Events!

Memorial Day Picnic *by Lee-May Little*



When: Monday, May 26, 2014 at 11:00am - 3:00 pm
Where: Bob Kildee Park Picnic Area #1
 Corner of Temple and Ponderosa, in Camarillo,
 (next to Boys and Girls club)
Contact: Lee-May Little, (805) 484-5222



Our VCCAA Memorial Day Picnic will be held on Monday, May 26, 2014 from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Bob Kildee Park Picnic Area #1(the picnic table area) located at the corner of Temple Ave. and Ponderosa Dr., Camarillo, CA.(next to the Boys and Girls Club).The cost will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5 for children 10 years old and under. Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. There will be drawings for door prizes .

We will be introducing our scholarship recipients and their parents at this event and listen to their plans for the future.

This is a very important event as we will also be recognizing our sponsors and life members for the year, electing and installing our new officers and officers for the youth group for the club. Members will be able to renew their memberships or others may join our club at the picnic. We would like everyone who is renewing their membership to give us a separate check or cash payment for the membership for the year which is \$25/family. Cash payments will receive a receipt for their dues renewal payment.

Hope many of you can attend our Memorial Day Picnic as it is a time to relax and get to see and meet many of our club members and their families and friends.



Social/Interest Clubs *by Louise Dilger*



How many VCCAA members do you know, or would like to know better? Interaction among members outside of club activities is an excellent way to learn more about each other.

If you have an interest or hobby and are interested in forming a social/interest group, please inform a board member. Let's find out who shares a common interest with you. Examples might be playing mahjong or cards, craft activities, or special skills. Or, you might only want to meet socially. Let's not be strangers amongst ourselves. Here's an opportunity to find a life-long friend.





Congratulations to Karina Wang on winning her Kiwins Scholarship!

from Camarillo Acorn article by Rick Hazeltine

Karina Wang started to get nervous.

She was pretty sure she was among those who would be called to the stage during the awarding of scholarships at the 38th annual district convention for KIWIN'S in San Ramon, Calif., in early April.

As the names of fellow students and the amounts of their scholarships were announced, however, she began to question herself.

"I was expecting just a \$700 scholarship, the smallest amount," said Karina, a senior at Adolfo Camarillo High School. "I really wasn't expecting much.

"I started thinking, how do I exit gracefully; maybe I read the email wrong."

Karina finally heard her name called as the winner of the Loretta Barksdale-McElwain Scholarship, the largest award the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation presents.

The scholarship is for \$19,995 and will help Karina pay for tuition at UCLA, where she will major in biology next fall.

"I was really surprised—and happy," she said.

KIWIN'S, called Key Club or Circle K at some high schools, is a youth program of Kiwanis that promotes leadership through community service, with an emphasis on helping children.

Camarillo is among four high schools, along with Foothill Technology and St. Bonaventure in Ventura and La Reina in Thousand Oaks, in the KIWIN'S Turquoise Division (Ventura County).

About 50 students from Ventura County and more than 500 from across the state attended the convention.

The Turquoise Division left San Ramon with 16 awards, a dozen of which were won by Camarillo students. The Ventura County group won the Spirit Stick, which recognizes the most spirited division.

The Camarillo club was also recognized with firsts in Single Service and Most Improved Club; the school was second for the KIKS Spirit Award. The club's Web page, camkiwins.weebly.com, designed by Elise Umetsu, finished third.

Individuals from Camarillo High who received recognition included Leann Pham, Member of the Year and second place in Oratorical Speech; Jason Yoon, third in Distinguished Vice President; Jeffrey Fielding, first in Distinguished Secretary; and Karina, tops in Distinguished Lieutenant Governor.

Karina co-organized, with a member from San Diego, a rally at Knott's Berry Farm this school year that drew about 800 club members from 45 clubs in Southern California. The event raised \$8,000.

She also helped organize a benefit concert at Cal Poly Pomona.

"It was really tough to run," Karina said. "Basically, we had six months. We planned everything— agenda, T-shirts, games, video promotions, fliers."

Karina has been active in KIWIN'S since her freshman year and said the club immediately felt like family.

"We all have a spirit and passion for service," she said. "I really learned to be who I am, how to be a leader.





We are encouraging the members to submit pictures or even articles to be included in upcoming newsletters. If you would like to advertise an upcoming issue and help support the VCCAA in spreading and promoting Chinese Culture activities, please feel free to send an email to:

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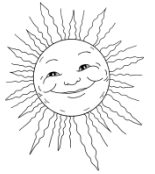
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