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**Greetings from the President**

There is an old adage that says time flies when you are having fun. Another piece of sage advice claims that time speeds up with maturity. So I suppose it goes without saying that time will zoom by when you are gaining maturity while enjoying yourself. This is my sentiment after being the president of the Ventura County Chinese American Association (VCCAA) for the past three years. I have had the pleasure of working on behalf of our members alongside a great board of directors. During the past three years, we have contributed to the VCCAA's mission of fostering the ties between our Chinese American heritage and the community at large in Ventura County. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to follow in the footsteps of so many outstanding presidents in the history of the VCCAA.

Throughout the last few years, the VCCAA has forged strong relationships with the Museum of Ventura County and the Camarillo Public Library. Our organization participated in the Chinese Cultural Heritage Festival hosted by the Museum of Ventura County in the fall of 2013. We also partnered with the Museum in hosting an exhibit "Hidden Voices – the Chinese in Ventura County" from September to November, 2013. We were co-hosts with the Camarillo Public Library for the Chinese New Year celebration for the past three years. The audience at these events continues to grow along with rave reviews from the attendees. In October, 2014, our organization was invited to participate in the Oxnard Multicultural Festival. We were awarded the "most enthusiastic booth" by the organizers.

Community outreach can strain our financial resources. Your board has continued to solicit sponsors for our events as well as trim our expenses. Some of these cost-cutting measures led to the decision by the board to publish our membership directory on a biennial basis and to promote the digital format of our newsletter. Fortunately, these measures have been well received by our membership.

In this newsletter, you will find a tribute to Lloyd Ho, our premier photographer for VCCAA and a past president of our board. We are grateful to Lloyd for his long term service and contribution to our Chinese community. I am hopeful many of you will be inspired by Lloyd to give your time and talent in the service of VCCAA.

There comes a time in any organization that in order to have a fresh perspective and impetus for growth, the reins will need to be passed to a new leader. The time is right for a new VCCAA president to take the association to greater heights. I urge every member to give a vote of confidence and support to Angus Simmons as our next president.

Angus is a retired diplomat with the State Department. He is multilingual with proficiency in Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic. He has served in the US Foreign Service for several decades and has had postings in Asia and the Middle East. He is now an entrepreneur with business interests in China along with his wife, Dr. Yong Ping Chen. His international experience and diplomatic skills make him uniquely qualified to take the helm of our association as we move forward into the 21st century.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow board members, especially our officers, Irene Sy (Vice President), Andy Little (Treasurer) and Lixin Durborow (Secretary) for their help and guidance over the past three years. I am most grateful to our members for your trust during my tenure on the board.

George Yu, MD  
President, 2014-2015



## Chinese New Year Celebration *by Irene Sy*



It was a nice sunny day on February 21st for our 6th Chinese New Year celebration in collaboration with the Camarillo Library. The program drew over 1,500 attendees this year. It was a fabulous start to welcome the Year of the Ram. The program included famous musicians Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wang Bo with their Gao Hu/Er Hu, Gu Zheng, and Pipa; Mr. Nabil Huening's Chinese songs; Mr. Chang's Taichi demonstration; Mr. Tran's magic and acrobatics show which attracted many children, Mrs. Yuling Lu's and Mrs. Little's beautiful dancers and dances, and the Camarillo Kungfu Club's Lion

dance. This was another great successful event supported by help from many volunteers, students, Girls Scouts, staff of the Camarillo Public Library, as well as our members and directors from the VCCA. Our emcees Ethan Chen, Ami Hayashi, and Jason Cai did a wonderful job.

I would like to personally thank Mrs. Jackie Sittinger who managed the craft tables with students from our Chinese schools as well as students from the Rio Mesa and Camarillo High Schools. Our craft tables were well patronized and drew the attention of many Children who enjoyed making lanterns, writing, and coloring. Dr. Hillary Ling and Mrs. Ling's calligraphy table had many content visitors walking away with their Chinese names written on elegant red scrolls. Patrons of our Chinese souvenirs chose their favorite gifts at the tables from Mrs. Little, and took pictures dressed in Chinese costumes. The celebration concluded under the roaring drum beats and cymbals brought by the lion dancers of the Camarillo Kung Fu Club. There was a festive atmosphere to usher in the year of the Ram.

This was another successful celebration for Chinese New Year. I would like to express my greatest gratitude to those who had helped. May the year of the Ram bring you wealth, prosperity, and health.

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**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!



**Scholarship Awards** *by Louise Dilger, Chairperson*

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

<b>Mr. Tony Chen</b>	<b>\$750 Scholarship:</b>	<b>Amy Li,</b>	Westlake High School
<b>Dr. Fu-Kuen Lin</b>	<b>\$750 Scholarship:</b>	<b>Dane Baker,</b>	St. Bonaventure High School
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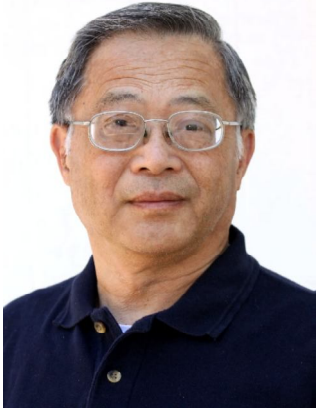
Our thanks to all the student applicants. Their academic achievements, community service, extra-curricular activities, and participation in Chinese cultural activities were extremely impressive. It is rewarding to get a glimpse of the achievement and goals of the youth of today. We are proud of them and wish the best for them as well as all students.

VCCAA thanks the scholarship donors for their generous contributions. Without them the club would not be able to recognize our superior students. Contributions toward this goal, however large and small, is always welcomed.



Congratulations to all of the recipients!

### **Tribute to Lloyd Ho** *by Andy Little*



We pay tribute in this issue to Lloyd Ho, who has been one of our most active members.

Lloyd has served us in many capacities. He has been a member of our Board of Directors longer than anyone can remember. From 2002 to 2005 he was the editor of our newsletter and transformed it into a first rate publication. From 2005 to 2006 he served as Secretary and from 2006 to 2009 he was Vice President. Then from 2009 to 2012 he served as our President and provided outstanding leadership to our organization. It was during that time that we entered into a partnership with the library to hold our Chinese New Year celebration.

We will probably best remember Lloyd's contribution as photographer for most of our events. A visit to our web site (vcaa.org) provides many examples of his work. He is very accomplished with the camera and has given us innumerable excellent pictures. He has provided an outstanding pictorial record of our events over the last decade.

We wish to thank Lloyd for all of his contributions to the VCCAA!

### **Upcoming Events!**

#### **Memorial Day Picnic** *by Lee-May Little*

**When:** Monday, May 25, 2015 at 11:00am - 3:00 pm

**Where:** Bob Kildee Park Picnic Area #1

Corner of Temple and Ponderosa, in Camarillo (by Boys and Girls Club)

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

Our VCCAA Memorial Day Picnic will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015 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.

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### Chinese Language School *by Irene Sy*

The 2014-2015 school year was a great year for the Chinese Language School. We have had many energetic and enthusiastic young children join us for our kindergarten and level 1 class. We have not had a big kindergarten class like this for the past 2 years. I hope these young learners will stay and move up to our higher level classes in the years to come. I would like to welcome our new teacher, Xu Bo Laoshi, and our returning teacher, Tu Ze Laoshi for taking over the kindergarten and level 1 class. This school year will conclude on June 5th. Early registration for the 2015-2016 school year will begin on June 5th also. Please email me if you are interested in enrolling your children or grandchildren in the Chinese Language School. We appreciate your help in spreading the word and encouraging more people to join our school. Registration forms will be available for download either from the VCCAA's website <http://www.vccaa.org> or the Chinese Language School website <https://vccls.wikispaces.com> after June 5th, 2015.

To fulfill the requests for summer school, we will be having a Chinese summer camp this year which will be held from June 15 to June 26. The camp will run 5 days per week from 8:30am to 4:00pm for two weeks. Students will learn the Chinese language through task based interactive cultural activities such as games, arts and crafts, dances, calligraphy, painting and more.

Cost for the summer camp is \$375 per week or \$720 for two weeks which will include light snacks and cultural materials. We will be using the same school site at the Pleasant Valley Recreation Park District for the summer camp. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter or visit our website <https://vccls.wikispaces.com> for the latest information or contact me through email at [irenecsy@aol.com](mailto:irenecsy@aol.com). We look forward to your participation and enrollment, and thank you for your support!

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More Pictures from the Chinese New Year Celebration - Thank you all for participating!





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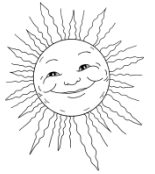
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