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National Outlook

51th Biennial National Convention and Happy Year of the Rabbit Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this New Year, we reflect on the accomplishments of the Alliance the first year of my term. Success was achieved through cooperative teamwork from dedicated local lodge members and collaboration with other advocacy organizations. This occasional newsletter is one of the ways that we communicate with you, the Member, person-to-person. Comments and our current news are gotten on our websites through www.cacanational.org. We'd like to hear from you!

No organization achieves success without its people. You are urged to join the team through your local lodge's activities in the New Year. Commit to overcoming future injustices, and seemingly insurmountable challenges to our mission of achieving equality for Chinese Americans.

Please consider attending the 51st Biennial National Convention July 27-30, themed "Our Commitment: Our Future, Our Legacy" and hosted by Houston Lodge. You don't need to be a delegate to the Grand Council. The Houston folks will be extending a rousing "Howdy" and true Southern hospitality to all. Enclosed in this issue are forms for your early-bird application. Buy an ad (only \$50 min.) in the official yearbook so we get the "Howdies" from everywhere in the US.

Happy Year of the Rabbit!

Carolyn Hong Chan, Grand President



Origami rabbits by Maryellen (Kwoh) Sue

C.A.C.A. Welcomes a New Chicago Lodge



During very traditional ceremonies, Grand President Carolyn Chan unveils the new sign denoting the office of Chicago Lodge, with new Chicago Pres. Herman Wong and VP Ivy Lam. Also seen are Grand Officers Randy Young, Ed Gor, William Mei, Grand VP-Membership John Y. Wong, DC Lodge Pres. Tommy Lee, David Lee, and GSGV Lodge's Sharon Wong. Also attending in the Grand Lodge delegation were Executive VP Virginia Gee, Grant Treasurer Herbert Gee, and Rocky Lee of DC. Chartering occurred on March 14, 2010.

Chicago Lodge Charter ceremonies, of 51 Charter Members and 3 Associates, took place March 14, 2010, at the Chinese Community Center before over 300, including Rep. Danny Davis (IL) and dignitaries representing every major Chinese community and family organization in greater Chicago.

Grand President Chan opened with historical remarks and, "The Alliance continues to heighten its visibility at the national level by speaking out on relevant issues to Chinese Americans such as health care reform, immigration reform, racial bullying in schools, hate crimes, and racial stereotyping."

To the new Chicago members, she exhorted, "We need your support and participation, to be even more effective nationally and regionally. You are active leading citizens of Chicago; you provide valuable services to your community. We charge you to grow your membership to meet the challenges of today and the future." (p.2)

Calendar

Grand Board Meetings in San Francisco	Apr. 16, Jun. 18
Delegates to Convention Secy (Amendm't) Rusty Chan, abqtrc@aol.com	(75 da) May 13
Convention Early-Bird Registration by	May 1
Resolutions to Convention Secy (Bylaw): Rusty Chan, abqtrc@aol.com	May 12
Advertising deadline due	May 30
51st Biennial National Convention starts	July 27, 2011

Annual National Essay Contest

High schoolers vie for national and local awards up to \$1,000 for 500-word themes run by Local Lodges on **Mar. 5**.

Biennial National Art Contest

K-12 students in 4 divisions compete for maximum \$500 awards in co-sponsorship by C.A.C.A. Submittals mailed (in a tube?) by **Apr. 13** to Chinese American Museum, L.A. See page 6.

Grand Board “Top-20” Report: 2009-2010

1. Creation/revival of Chicago Lodge.
2. Initiated national Apology for Exclusion Act bill action in Congress.(with OCA, NACA, C-100)
3. Push for Congressional passage of DREAM Act and Native Hawaiians SB 1101.
4. Promoted accurate Census 2010 count.
5. Hosted Chinese American Caucus, at S.F. Headquarters, of First Asian Pacific Islander American Historical Preservation Conference.
6. Hosted, also at Headquarters, a Chinese American “summit” of political, educational and historical organizations to build coalition for Apology bill.
7. Opposed Arizona’s immigration enforcement allowing officers to interrogate without cause.
8. Presented Spirit of America recognition award to Rep. Michael Honda.
9. Met Washington DC Lodge with our political education Team, during trip East.
10. Held one GB meeting successfully outside of SF, in LA.
11. Held two Workshops on Membership and Financial Administration and adopted upgraded policies and procedures.
12. Grand Pres. Chan installed new Local officers for SF, Oakland, Albuquerque, Greater San Gabriel Valley.
13. Grand Pres. Chan visited Houston, Peninsula, Mississippi, LA, Orange Co. (CA).
14. Developing new, improved Website and other communications.
15. Published and distributed new national Alliance brochures and application forms
16. Held ASIA with Houston YLC. Planning a youth embedment with upcoming Grand Council.
17. Co-sponsored two museum exhibitions themed on immigration issues, at Chinese American Museum in LA: Angel Island Immigration Station Centennial and DREAMs Deferred.
18. Supporting new Chinese Hospital (SF) building fund with \$5,000 pledge. Chinese Hospital is national leader in providing health care specifically for Chinese Americans.
19. Working with National Trust for Historic Preservation to develop common program for Asians.
20. Recruited noted actor, Mr. James Hong, to narrate Montgomery Hom’s,”Men Without a Country: Asian Civil War Soldiers and Sailors.” (Alliance is coproducer).

Chicago Installed *(from p. 1)*

Grand Pres. Chan presented the symbolic charter gavel to Charter Pres. Herman Wong. In accepting, he expressed gratitude to those who had helped form the Lodge and acknowledged the historical role of activism and involvement of the original Chicago Lodge of the 1900’s. He recognized and accepted the challenges across the landscape in civil rights, voter education, political movement and empowerment of Asian Americans in access to social services and affordable health care in Chicago.

The day-long festivities concluded with Chicago Lodge hosting at *China Buffet* to honor the new Chicago Lodge Board, to thank Grand Lodge and the volunteers who manned the events. *(E. Gor)*

Charter Board of Officers of Chicago Lodge

President	Herman Wong
Vice President	Ivy P. Lam
Secretary	John Moy
Asst Secretary	George J. Eng
Treasurer	Raymond Lee
Finan. Secy	Wayne J. Moy
Auditor	Philip K. Chow
Auditor	Betty Wong
Marshal	Mike Chu
Sentinel	Peter Chu
Collector	Grace Lee
Grand Rep.	Kin S. Ng

Photos : Upper: Chicago Officers with Grand Lodge Officers. Lower: the new Chicago Lodge banner, shown by VP Ivy Lam, Pres. Herman Wong, Grand

Board of Grand Officers 2009-2011

Grand President:
Carolyn Chan (Albuquerque)

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Virginia Gee (San Francisco)

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Michael Ten (Los Angeles)
Melanie Chan (San Francisco)
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Rudy Yee (Phoenix)



Grand President:

I am especially grateful to John Tang, president of the Phoenix Lodge, who prodded us to revitalize the Chicago Lodge after meeting Herman Wong at a dinner in Phoenix several years ago. Special thanks to John Wong for his months of followup after our initial contact. Spec. Asst Philip Young, in short order, pro-

duced the new membership application forms, the national informational brochure, the charter for the Chicago Lodge, and the new C.A.C.A. seal. Also, we now have our first African American Member, a Member of Congress Rep. Danny Davis, who gave remarks at the chartering. We were very impressed with the enthusiasm generated by Herman Wong and his fellow officers. Some members of the new lodge had been members of the old Chicago Lodge

51st Convention Anticipation: “Y’all Come!”

Look forward to joining us for a wonderful, fellowship-filled four days in Houston, Texas on July 27 through July 30. This year’s convention edition should have something for everyone, garnished by that big, open-hearted Texas hospitality served up by Sis. Dorothy Chow and her hard-working group of Houston Lodge members and volunteers.

The chief location will be the Hilton Post Oak, a modern edifice which anchors the great Houston Galleria, chock full of stores and features. For those concerned about the summer weather (yes, it can be hot and a little muggy), all meetings of the convention will be inside, with plenty of climate control and air condition. Of course, one will have to venture out for the spectacular meals planned. We will travel by cooled bus to the main events. We will visit Houston’s rapidly expanding Chinatown on the west side, in Bellaire. A great Texas-style BBQ is being scheduled to reflect local culture. Thursday (July 28) is a full tour day for both delegates and non-delegates. It is scheduled to be a neat combination of surprising Southern Texas history and culture (“did you know that....?”) and plain ole Texas fun. The main highlights for this convention will be two semi-formal events in two nights. The Grand Ball of the convention will be held Friday night (July 29). Part of the complete convention package when you register will be Houston’s premier Chinese American community event, the annual Beauty Pageant (July 30) which is run by Houston Lodge and its membership. For non-delegates and delegates alike, there will be plenty of friendship time. Non-delegates have the opportunity for added tours around the area at little or no extra cost. There will be a unique Asian Students in Action component. Sign up early and get the Early Bird savings! The forms are on the next pages. Copy and use them now.



Resolutions of the 50th Convention

No.	Title	By Lodge:	Notes	Pass Fail	Executed/ Advocacy
1	Presenting Resolutions at Convention	GL	60-day review; bills by 2 nd day	P	X
2	In memory of Ping Ying Chou	Houstrn	A past president. Plaque	P	X
3	Computer usage for essay contest	Portlnd		F	--
4	Medical connections	Portlnd	Info network among Local Lodges	P	
5,21, 28	Update Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Grand Council	Portld, GL	Streamline, remove archaic language	P-21	
6	Against Worksite Raids by ICE	GL	Harrassment of employers with immigrants	P	X
7	In memory of Sis. Anne Lee	Wash DC	Tribute given as a letter	P	X
8	90's-plus memberships	GL	Spec. recognitions to nonegarians	T	--
9	Change of deadline for election of Delegates	GL	To 75-days before convention	P	X-ratified
10	Preserving our family histories	Mississ	Form Historical Preserv. Comm. and archive	P	X-help MS
11	Larry's Law: hate crimes	LA	Support data on school bullying, increase awareness, teacher training	P	
12	DREAM Act	LA	Endorse Development, Relief, Education for Alien Minors, (undocumented Chinese students)	P	X
13	Home ownership	LA	Support language assistance of new home buyers; multi-lingual info.	P	
14	Hepatitis B and liver cancer	LA	Support education, screening, vaccinations	P	X-donation
15	2010 Census	LA	Encourage participation, partner with Census Bureau, focus language needs	P	X
16	Riverside (CA) Chinatown Historical Park	LA	Site in jeopardy by private developer	P	X
17	University of California Admissions	LA	Oppose policy going adverse for APAs	P	X
18,26	Expansion of Eligible Dates for convention	GL	Not just “August”. No consensus.	F	--
19	Call for Increased Social and Mental Health Services for Asian Americans	Hou, Albuq SF		P	X
20	Quarterly Meetings of Board of Grand Officers	GL	Currently 6 times per year	P	X-ratified
22	Power to sell 123 Waverly Place	GL	Empower Grand Board to sell old, costly building at its timely discretion. No consensus.	Withdrawn	--
23	Request Congress to apologize to Chinese Americans who suffered because of the Chinese Exclusion Act	Greater San Gabriel Valley	Inspired by successful California legislative resolution in 2009.	P	XXX-lead org. in nat. coalition
24	Participation in 2010 National Trust Forum	GL	Major effort in first APA forum	P	X
25	In support of family relationships	SF		F	--
27	Date of 51 st Biennial National Convention	GL	Allows specific July dates for 51st	P	X-ratified

**2011
Chinese American Citizens Alliance
51st Biennial National Convention
National *A.S.I.A.* Leadership Training
Program Brochure Ad Rates**

Program Ad (1 full page) includes 2 dinner tickets	8 1/2"X11"	\$300	
Program Ad (1/2 page)	5 1/2"X 8 1/2"	\$200	
Program Ad (1/4 full page)	2 3/4"X 8 1/2"	\$100	
Program Ad (Business Card)		\$50	

Due: May 30, 2011 Ad should be camera ready with official logo. You may send in hard copy or via email transmission for your ad. See contact information below. Make checks payable to "C.A.C.A. - Houston Lodge Convention" (designate as AD in lower left corner)

Company would like to participate in sponsoring the Chinese American Citizens Alliance 51st Biennial National Convention/Asian Students In Action National Training Conference. We hereby give permission to release the information in the attached ad with the official logo to be placed in the program book as stated in accordance to the contribution level.

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Note: The National Chinese American Citizens Alliance (Houston Lodge) is a federal 501c non-profit organization (Tax ID # 94-3175213). Please make all checks payable to "Chinese American Citizens Alliance-Houston Lodge"

Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax expert.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Send Check, Ad,& Form to:

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2011 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Chinese American Citizens Alliance
51st Biennial National Convention
July 27-30, 2011
Houston, Texas

Sign up early and
get the Early Bird
savings!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Lodge:

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Non-Delegate ☐

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City

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE - CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX

Delegate - Early Bird Registration Fee
\$350.00 (on or before April 30, 2011) ☐

Non - Delegate - Early Bird Registration Fee
\$345.00 (on or before April 30, 2011) ☐

Delegate - Registration Fee

\$375.00 (May 1, 2011 on or after) ☐

Non - Delegate - Registration Fee

\$360.00 (May 1, 2011 on or after) ☐

Registration Fee includes lunches, and dinners during the conference- Tuesday night , Grand Ball, and Pageant dinner
Hospitality room will also be provided for snacks and drinks during the conference and on field trips for all registrants
Cookie/ Punch reception on Wednesday, July 27, 2011

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hilton Houston Post Oak, 2001 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, TX 77056 713-961-9300 is the official hotel of the 51st Biennial National Convention. This 4 star hotel was designed by IM Pei and is located in the heart of the Galleria (upscale shopping area) (Noted in Forbes as Best Shopping)

C.A.C.A. special rate is \$115.00 per room per night plus tax (includes choice of one king, 2 queens or accessible rooms).

Please ask for this special rate discount code is "CAC". Also includes 2 full breakfast buffet (\$18.95 valued) - made to order any type of eggs, hot and cold cereals, salmon, assorted fresh fruits, breakfast meats, yogurts, coffee, teas - open from 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM

This rate will be honored July 23 - Aug.3 before/after the convention. Two breakfast coupons will be issued for each room upon registration. If you should have any problems prior to arrival, please call Dorothy at 713-723-1117 or 832-488-2303 email Dorothy8chow@aol.com If you should have problems at the time of registration, please come to the CACA registration table to get help in registering at the hotel or for breakfast coupons.

Special parking rate is \$5.00 (\$14.00 regular) per day self park (overnight & event); \$10 (\$25 regular) per day valet (overnight & event) Check your bill at the end of your stay- If problem, call Dorothy 832-488-2303

Reservations made by calling 1-800-445-8667- discount code is "CAC"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Confirmation will be sent by U.S. Postal Service or by E-mail when received

Cancellation requests received in writing postmarked on or before June 1, 2011. No refunds after June 1, 2011.

Please make checks payable to National C.A.C.A.-Houston Lodge

Please mail registration and check to Jewelry Yep, 4026 Lyndhurst Place, Sugar Land, TX 77479

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Annual DC Team Visit

The 2010 trip of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance to Washington DC divided neatly into three major topics covered in three separate days of Capitol Hill visits. Trip objective as always was to educate top officials and lawmakers on current issues important to Chinese Americans. Immigration policy continues to be the top priority although the Alliance's stance is really a vigorous "rear-guard" action to assure that legal immigration will not be annihilated for the sake of Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR). Timing on Senate action necessitated an Alliance voice there on stalled Federal high-level judgeship nominations pending for Goodwin Liu and Edward Chen. In Asian Pacific Islander solidarity, the Alliance supported the Senate passage of the Native Hawaiian recognition bill, known as the Akaka bill. The third major effort was initiating a Congressional project toward a national Apology to Chinese Americans

and other groups for Chinese Exclusion Acts, an offensive national measure that acted as a "cover" for six decades of nationwide and local discrimination and acts of harassment against people of Chinese ancestry. In a fourth topic, a smaller section of the team pursued issues of cultural and historical preservation within the House and with the National Trust for Historical Preservation. Team focus on legal immigration, the Apology project, and cultural and historical preservation are outgrowths of 2009 Grand Council resolutions and discussions.

Grand President Carolyn Chan's planning goal was to achieve diversity of State representation where Chinese Americans were numerous or important. It so happens that these key states also comprise most of the membership of Congressional committees critical to our top topics, in this case mainly the House and Senate Judiciary and Education Committees. With the return to

Rep. Honda Receives "Spirit of America"



the fold this year of Chicago Lodge, our team State coverage included California, southwestern international border states of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, also Maryland, Virginia and key state of Illinois.

If you are interested in joining the 2011 team, contact Grd. Pres. Carolyn Chan directly.

Grand President Carolyn Chan presents C.A.C.A.'s "Spirit of America" Award to Rep. Mike Honda at the U.S. Capitol, in tribute to his years of national leadership for Asian Americans. Rep. Honda had not been able to appear at the 50th Convention. Members of DC Team and DC Lodge assist.

Youth Corner

The Alliance emphasizes the development of youth leadership and youth talents for a future world. You may have a son/daughter, grandchild, or favorite friend.

The annual Essay Contest takes place on the first Saturday, Mar. 5 at 10 a.m. local time, conducted by Local Lodges. High school students can compete in writing creativity under pressure to a theme introduced at the beginning of session.

Talents in design and artistic ability are encouraged with the Biennial National Art Contest for K-12 graders in four division: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Competing art-



work must show obvious completion of effort by the individual, and the successful entrant will probably have had some in-depth art training. An example of a winner from the previous contest in the middle school division is shown so the caliber of art can be gaged. (Full color on our C.A.C.A. website). Concept to the theme and coloring are important as a prior Grand Award sweeps winner has been even in the K-3 division! This year's theme is on "Your Personal Chinese Zodiac Sign." Original art must be mailed in time

(probably best and most affordable in a Priority Mail tube) to Chinese American Museum by Apr. 13. Full details are on www.camla.org, at CAM's or C.A.C.A.'s website.

We Regret

We regret to inform you of the sudden passing of Grand Treasurer of Herbert H. Gee in March 2010, shortly after his trip to the installation at Chicago Lodge. He had been Grand Treasurer for over a decade. He also served as Treasurer of the Alliance's related corporations, Walter U. Lum Scholarship Fund and National C.A.C.A. Community Involvement Fund. Past Grand Pres. Nancy Gee assumed the duties of Grand Treasurer for remainder of term, while Past Grand Pres. Munson Kwok took over the other managements.

In August 2010, Past Grand Pres. Irvin R. Lai died, after a protracted illness.. He had also been a member of the Board of Director of *Chinese Times*.

Both Members served the leadership of the Alliance and Chinese America faithfully and well and will be missed greatly.

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Local and Grand Lodge members at "Day of Inclusion" at Japanese American National Museum. Day of Inclusion is the companion California act to the Apology, which commemorates the day of repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act as a statewide day of mutual respect. GP Chan gave remarks and PGP Kwok received an "Inclusion Award."



Grand Lodge visits Chinese American Museum, in Los Angeles and presented a check for sponsorship of "DREAMS Deferred" exhibition. Exhibit title is play on DREAM Act proposal, expressing angst through art of thousands of students denied a good education.



Grand Lodge members pose with Local Lodge members after the Board meeting.