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September 2016

**Youth Education Issue**

**Andy Chan Wins Moot Court Oratory**

**San Fernando Youth Council Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup>**

**L.A. Summer Associates Host First-Ever Elected's Forum**

*Labor Day Sep. 5...Admission Day Sep. 9...Patriots Day 9/11...Moon Festival Day Sep. 15... Fall Sep. 22*

**L. A. Lodge Meet & Scholarship Awards**

*First Saturday September 3, 2016*

**Los Angeles Lodge Business Meeting**

3 to 5 pm, at 415 Bamboo Lane

Guests: National Board Report, Citizenship, Community & Youth Reports; Membership; Chung Wah

**CACA Foundation Scholarships**

**Golden Dragon Restaurant**

960 N. Broadway, Chinatown, 6:00 pm

*Park adjacent (or on street)*

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*with Brother Dr. James Bok Wong, Director and President*

*Brother Dr. C. Tim Wu, Director and Vice President*

*Sister Alice Wong, Director and Secretary*

*Sister Susan Hum Lai, Director and Treasurer*

*Sister Betty Yeow, J.D. Director and Legacy Fund*

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**Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge**

*Second Mon. September 12, 2016,*

**Board Meet 6:30 PM; Dinner after 7:00 PM;**

**Empress Harbor Restaurant**

111 N. Atlantic, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor #305, Monterey Park

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**Los Angeles Lodge Endorses**

Upon recommendation from the Citizenship Committee, L. A. Lodge on August 6 endorsed Sis. Judy Chu for her re-election as Congressional Representative of the California District 27, essentially the west side of the San Gabriel Valley. This year, the Lodge chose not to recommend candidates during the hectic primary period, preferring to take positions only for the final elections in November. Rep. Chu's known outstanding record for her constituents and the national Asian Pacific Islander American community hardly needed much discussion, and the action was unanimous.

The L.A. Lodge also voted to support AB 1726, which adds more needed categories to the disaggregation of data for the Asian Pacific Islander American community. The proposed bill covers tracking files in higher education, in economics such as fair employment and industrial relations, and in needed health care services. About 8 categories are added to delineate Southeast Asian and South Asian communities more finely. It has passed the Assembly; as of August 11, Senate Appropriations has released an amended version to be passed in State Senate. *[more on 1726, inside]*

**CACA Foundation To Recognize 11**

The C.A.C.A. Foundation is pleased to make its annual scholarship awards of \$1,000 each to the following eleven winners at their next L.A. Lodge monthly dinner.

The Scholars are Elaine Cheung, attending UCLA, majoring in Neuroscience; Whitney Yan-Wei Chow, UC Riverside, Business Administration; Samantha Sik-Yin Ho, USC, Political Economy and Psychology; Quinie Liang, Mount St. Mary, Nursing; Jacquelyn T. Luong, UC Riverside, Political Science; Andrew Hao Quach, UC Santa Barbara, Political Science; Erica Thov, UC Riverside, Business Administration; Joanna Tien, Cal State LA, Philosophy; Michelle Ashley To, UC Irvine, Biological Science; Nicole Tsai, UC Berkeley, Business Administration; Nicole Li Van, UC Irvine, Nursing Science.

The C.A.C.A. Foundation will be hosting the scholarship awards dinner which is combined with the C.A.C.A. monthly dinner on September 3, 2016 starting at 6:00 PM at the *Golden Dragon*. All scholarship winners and their parents are invited. All scholarship donors and their guests, as well as all C.A.C.A. members are welcome.

## SFV Youth Council Observes 10<sup>th</sup>



The C.A.C.A. Youth Council, San Fernando Valley chapter, sponsored by L.A. Lodge, celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, August 7. The teens organized an excellent program around remarks from “alumni” of the Council. Most notable of these young achievers was the featured keynoter, now National Treasurer Lawrence Gu, who was founding president of this chapter. In attendance for L.A.Lodge were Pres. Annie Yee, who spoke, Past National Pres. Munson A. Kwok, and National Historian Suellen Cheng, all giving congratulatory remarks. Of course, YC Mentor Winston Wu was present as well. [Wu with SFVYC Pres. Nichole Sun.] Although a nominal sponsorship by L.A. Lodge, the YC program has really been created by the energy and enterprise of Bro. Wu and his committee through six regions of L.A. County at one time or another. The SFV chapter is one of the more dynamic and successful due to the support of Sis. May Gu and parents. SFVYC is a joint partnership with the Mandarin Baptist Church of SFV. Dr. Yuen, one of the co-pastors, welcomed the assembled club, alumni, and visitors, noting that the program fits well into the development in self-reliance and adult leadership skills of the teens in the church and looked forward to, “another 10 years of association and continuation of the YC, and longer.”

Keynoter Gu delivered thoughts innocuously entitled, “Life in General.” Perhaps it had some elements of a commencement address. He presented an eye-catcher graphic summarizing “life by the week until 90, showing phases of a life, dramatically showing portions of life allocated to major periods of the individual. For example, college life might only represent 5-10% of a lifespan. Then he urged to the teens, “Set your priorities, you’ve got many more chances than an 85 year old!” Essentially he was advocating a strategic plan for a young life. He noted that YC has really been aimed at building strong character, singling out about six attributes. These summarized as “work ethic,” “critical thinking,” “virtue and integrity,” “your personal legacy,” “process orientation.” In the idea of integrity, he stressed the importance of relationships and their fidelity. His example for “process orientation” was the ability to make the right choices. For example in college, was the goal to just get the grade, or is the goal to learn or learn how to learn? “Process” also meant “the ability to listen.” Having gone into the financial planning profession, he left the final footnote that it was never too early to do financial planning.



YC President (and 2016 Essay Contest winner) Nichole Sun gave a quick summary of the decades’ notable projects, focusing on the most recent years. The choices and designs of what a chapter group does is solely determined by the teen members themselves. C.A.C.A. has offered opportunities for those desiring to experience them, so many have participated in the essay contests, applied (and won) the scholarships, or attended the annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) in Houston. YLC is a long-time youth project of Houston Lodge with local churches there, and the Lodge leadership and National Pres. Edmond Gor has opened spaces for national Alliance youth participants for also nearly a decade. The involvement is descended from the C.A.C.A. ASIA program first initiated by the Arizona Lodges nearly 15 years ago.

The SFV’s own agenda for community welfare work is even more astonishing. Combining emerging strong leadership skills and exceptional musical talents, the group has conducted benefit concerts throughout the years for many causes, notably hurricane relief in Asia, the local homeless, and the most recent this year, raising \$6,000 in an evening for Syrian children refugees. At the same time, the club has performed for senior citizens, served meals to the homeless, conducted playdays with kids. And most innovative lately, conducted a beach playday for special needs kids. All and more in one year.

Alumni remarks were most insightful. For some the earliest involved, such as National Treasurer Gu, their new career years are beginning as they have completed college and some graduate work. Thus the perspectives in looking back helped to bracket the impact of the program, the successes and shortcomings. To most making remarks, it was also an opportunity to pass their experiences onto the “next generation,” those teens following behind them. Sis. Melody Gu said, “The projects made me a better leader.” Tina Gu, a past president, “My current job uses skills I learned, and the work ethic.” Going on to offer advice, she said, “Never fear to put your dreams to reality, just do it!” Several alumni echoed similar sentiments. Past pres. Albert Hu mentioned, “The experience taught me to reach out. C.A.C.A. is just not for self, it is about the community using the talents of many.” Kevin Jung, from New York, “I started volunteering; it was humbling, but a good feeling to put others first.” Jason Lan, “YLC was life changing.”



[10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SFVYC event with visitors L.A. Pres. Annie Yee, PGP Munson Kwok, NT Lawrence Gu, Mentor Winston Wu and YC’s Advisor May Gu].

Related article: see Winston Wu’s “Blast from the Past.”

## L.A. Lodge's 3<sup>rd</sup> Oratorical Contest

Young student Andy Chan is the winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oratorical Speech Contest, held July 30 at the Alhambra USD Board Room, in a very tight contest. He received an award of \$500. Five competitors applied to prepare and give speeches arguing a position of constitutional law selected from a choice of five. The setting was a mock high tribunal of evaluators sitting as mock justices, mostly members, convened by program directors Rick Eng and George Carney. Real time interrogation was part of the event. These issues of law were directly traceable to a passage of the U.S. Constitution, and this year's competition theme was "Defending the Indefensible." Chan chose to address "the right to bear firearms, in the 2008 case of *District of Columbia vs. Heller*."



Chan is a rising freshman bound for USC in accounting although the setting was most conducive for aspiring lawyers-to-be. The competition among all five was high caliber. *[A subsequent article will examine some of the arguments of all the participants and acknowledge the project team.]* [M. Kwok]

## AB 1726

Assembly Bill 1726, Data Collection (in Asian Pacific Islander Communities), authored by Assemblyman Bonta, proposes to add the categories Bangladeshi, Hmong, Indonesian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Thai. It will require state agencies such as UC, CSU system, community college, fair employment, industrial relations, health care, to maintain data according relevant demographic categories. In health, singled out are causes of death, pregnancies, housing numbers. In education, data include student admission, enrollment, completion, and graduation rates.

It is this specific mandate on the collection of enrollment and graduation rates which seem to alarm some quarters of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. They believe the collected and analyzed data may ultimately be used to justify admission of underrepresented populations into public institutions of higher education at the expense of students from other parts of our communities. However these fears are speculative and not borne out from the most recent APA admissions numbers data for UCs, which continue to increase annually.

The prevailing view sees the Asian American community is not a monolithic populace and many subgroups struggle to be counted. Where inequities in health, education and public safety exist within any of the underserved AAPI populations, the collection and dissemination of data will help influence policy decisions that result in a fair distribution of public funds. L.A. Citizenship Chair Henry Lo stated, "As an organization (C.A.C.A.), we need advocate to have accurate data of our diverse API community collected so that we can advocate for our fair share of public funds. Right now there is a lack of that kind of accurate data. Remember Brother Mike Eng as an Assemblymember commissioned several reports on disparities in the API community in areas such as health, education and public safety. This is a serious issue and government should have accurate data when making policy decisions." C.A.C.A. Los Angeles joins many community-based organizations and national civil rights organizations who understand the need for disaggregated data to make informed policy decisions in support of AB 1726. AB 1726 is awaiting pending Senate passage.

In the L.A. view, AB 1726 only pertains to data collection and offers nothing prescriptive. Any claims raised that the legislation would be the Trojan Horse on affirmative action in college admissions that the California Senate Constitutional Amendment 5

("SCA-5") failed to reintroduce in 2014, is completely spurious and without any basis. Rather, according to the committee and other Lodge members, college readiness was addressed during the most recent legislative session with Senate Bill 1050, which aims to help low-income students gain admissions to our public universities and college by means of K-12 programs and improved funding, regardless of ethnicity. In addition to C.A.C.A. Los Angeles on record for supporting SB 1050, the bill enjoyed bipartisan support. Passed in late May as part of the State Budget Bill, it is awaiting signature from Governor Jerry Brown. *[Henry Lo and Rick Eng]*.

## AB 2864

Assemblyman Ed Chau's AB 2864, Pupil Instruction: Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882; Chinese American Contributions to Establishment of Transcontinental Railroad, awaits the third reading in the State Senate. According to Pres. Annie Yee and Chair Henry Lo, L.A. Lodge has sent a letter of support to State Senate officials, notable Sen. Pro. Tem Kevin de Leon, State Senator for Chinatown. As presented, Section 51226.3 is amended, "The department shall incorporate into publications that provide examples of curriculum resources for teacher use those materials developed by publishers of nonfiction, trade books, and primary sources...that are age appropriate and consistent with the subject frameworks on history and social science that deal with civil rights, human rights violations, genocide, slavery and Holocaust." This bill will require the Chinese American and other topics to be considered for inclusion when the State board revises and adopts the history/social science curriculum framework on or after January 1, 2017. *[M. Kwok]*

## L.A. Lodge Donations

The following very generous donors send contributions on the occasion of our 60<sup>th</sup> Building Anniversary celebration. Some are actually not members but good community leaders. Please extend the thanks of Los Angeles Lodge to: Drs. James Bok Wong and Betty Yeow, \$1,000; Sis. Judith Wong, \$100, Prof. Sue Fawn Chung, \$100; Rita Takenouchi, \$100, Bro. Victor Wong, \$100, and John Esaki, \$50.

Los Angeles C.A.C.A. Community Action reports for the Anniversary celebration, with thanks to all for their great generosity: Munson and Suellen Kwok, \$2,000; Saykin Foo, \$1,000; Phil and Sandy Young, \$500; Edmond Gor, \$500; Alfred Soo-Hoo, \$500; Edward Lew, \$500; Collin and Susan Lai, \$500, Elizabeth Wong, \$450; Rick Eng, \$250; Gay Yuen, \$200. In addition, Collin and Susan Lai donated \$200 to support the 2016 Summer Associates.

## 2016 Blasts from the Past [written and compiled by Winston Wu]

*[Winston Wu has done a to-date log of YC alumni.]*

**Nicki Ung**, WSGV-YC alumnae, started her own planning event business for corporate and social events. More info on [www.whimsicalday.com](http://www.whimsicalday.com). She is working from home and getting to spend quality time with her little 9-monther, Sophie!

After graduating from UCLA in 2009, **Teresa Chiao**, former EVP of WSGV-YC and a Gates Millennium Scholarship Program (MSP) Scholar, went into the field of investment banking and worked in Deutsche Bank in San Francisco and Merrill Lynch in Hong Kong for a few years. After her stint in finance, she moved back to the US to complete her MBA at Wharton. She is currently working for a promising series C start up called Boxed ([www.boxed.com](http://www.boxed.com)) in NYC.

**Calvin Wong** was the President of the WSGV-YC in 2011-12. He recently graduated as a Biology major at UCLA and is pursuing medicine. He is currently applying to medical school and hope to continue his studies in the fall of 2017. Older sister Alice will be marrying to Bronson Peng in September.

**Jessica Li**, a WSGV-YC EVP and a Gates MSP Scholar, is currently a fifth grade science teacher at KIPP Scholar Academy, a tuition-free public charter middle school in South Los Angeles. While at UC Berkeley, she studied abroad in Bordeaux, France, interned for

CAUSE, APIACS and State Department in Tunisia. She served with Teach for America in Arkansas for two years after UC Berkeley. She will begin her fourth year of teaching in Fall 2016 while completing her Master of Science in Education from Johns Hopkins University.

**Kevin Tse**, a past WSGV-YC president, is currently a third-year undergraduate at the University of Chicago, studying economics and computer science. During the school year, he does behavioral economics research at the Chicago Booth School of Business. For the summer, he worked as a software engineering intern at CME Group.

**Lilly Huang**, President of WSGV-YC two years ago, is now at CSULB, with plans to apply to CSULB School of Nursing.

After graduating from UCSD with a BA in Political Science, **Michael Dee**, Founding President of the ESGV-YC, attended Duke Law School where he received his J.D. Michael now lives in Washington, D.C. where he practices commercial litigation at the law firm DLA Piper. Outside of work, he is the Vice President of the C.A.C.A. DC Lodge and on the board of the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL), a non-profit dedicated to building leadership and public policy knowledge for AAPI's.

**Ruby Liu**, a WSGV-YC EVP and Gates MSP Scholar, married in January this year. She and her husband moved to Simi Valley. She is working full time for a non-profit dental clinic. This clinic carries the mission of providing quality comprehensive medical care to the patients especially those from underserved communities. She is mission driven to work for this clinic and glad to be able to serve the medically underprivileged population. Younger sister **Yolly Liu**, a past president of ESGV-YC, recently moved up to Northern California and now working for the regional office as an inpatient pharmacist at Kaiser Permanente in Walnut Creek. She takes care of the prescription orders that are entered by the physicians for the hospitalized patients and patients who come in through the emergency department.

**Casey Young**, son of Philip and Sandy and a past president of the Foothill YC, is in his last year for his Master of Divinity at BIOLA. He's interning now at SGV Chinese Baptist Church. His younger sister **Holly**, former EVP of Foothill YC, is working for *Media Storm*, an ad agency for the entertainment industry, as an assistant media planner.

**Nicole Van**, past president of Foothill YC, is entering her junior year at UC Irvine as a Nursing Science major. After volunteering at a couple hospitals and working at a UCI daycare center, she has come to realize her passion for working with children and has the aspiration to become a pediatric or neonatal nurse after graduation. Older brother **Raymond** also a past president of Foothill YC, graduated from UC Riverside in Business Administration with a concentration in Operations and Supply Chain Management. After obtaining several internships throughout his college career, he will be returning back to one of his internships for a full-time job in September at United Technology Aerospace Systems in San Diego. Older sister **Connie Van**, Founding President of Foothill YC, graduated from UCLA School of Nursing in June 2013. She is currently working as a critical care nurse at two hospitals and love what she is doing with plans for the future for a Masters in Nursing degree in either being a clinical nurse specialist or a nurse practitioner.

**Austin Situ**, former Foothill YC EVP, enters his third year at UC Berkeley as a Molecular Toxicology major. By late August, he finished his training as a labbie at the Berkeley Free Clinic where cost free and non-traditional health care services are provided to the community. He hopes to have a career as a pharmacist or as a doctor.

**Lawrence Gu**, Founding President of SFV-YC, is serving as National Treasurer for the Alliance. After graduating from UPenn, he worked for Dodge and Cox and joined SF Lodge and volunteered for their youth and education programs. He and his fiancée Georgia will be attending Harvard MBA in the fall. He is currently with the

Committee of 100 Leadership and Mentoring Program with CA Treasurer John Chiang and Anne Shen Smith, former CEO of SoCal Gas and current board of director of PG&E as his mentors. Younger sister **Melody Gu**, also a Past President of SFV-YC, interned for Brookings Institute in 2015, graduated from UC Berkeley this year and will be attending graduate school. Her core interest still focuses on urban policy and community development.

**Careese Quon**, SFV-YC alumnae, granddaughter of Wallace Quon as well as William Y.S. and Lanora Tom, graduated from UC Irvine in 2014. She is currently running her own business, CR Concepts. LLC., which specializes in social media consulting and fashion blogging @lycheestyle on Instagram.

**Godwin Leung**, former Foothill YC VP, graduated from Loyola Marymount with an Accounting degree in 2015. He will be working for California Department of Business Overnight as an Auditor.

## The L.A. Summer Associates' Youth Workshop

The C.A.C.A. Summer Associates closed out their internship with a youth workshop on Saturday, August 13. The workshop featured a panel of elected officials speaking to younger audiences to promote civic engagement and participation. The panelists included California Assemblyman *Ed Chau* of the 49th District, Los Angeles Community College District Board Member *Mike Eng*, Alhambra Unified School District Board Member *Robert L. Gin*, Garvey School District Board Member *Henry Lo*, San Gabriel City Councilman *Jason Pu*, and San Gabriel Valley MuniWater District Board President *Thomas Wong*.

The event opened with a light reception, then transitioned to the start of the panel. L.A. Vice President Al Soo-Hoo and Summer Associate Adviser George Carney made opening remarks to start off the event and welcome the panelists. Other members included Connie Vuong, Eugene Moy, Winston Wu, Collin and Susan Lai. The interns proceeded with prepared questions, then turned it over to the audience for a Q&A session. As the first event of its kind since the



inception of the internship program, there were a few bumps along the road; however we will believe that this panel serves as a great starting point for future events that may be similar in nature. Next year's summer associates will receive a guide from us about what we wish we had done differently and how they can improve upon the workshop, should they choose to do it, next year. Even though there may have been a small audience turnout, so long as we have made a difference for at least one person, then the effort was well worth it.

*As the C.A.C.A. Summer Associates, we would like to thank everyone at C.A.C.A. for helping us out with this event so much and for all of the wonderful advice that you have given us. We hope that this can become a tradition to encourage more discourse of topical issues and connect constituents directly to their elected officials, particularly within younger demographics. Thank you all so much!*  
[by Angela Yang and Sharon Lo]





Co-sponsor C.A.C.A. at CAUSE Leadership Academy graduation. Graduates and CAUSE staffers, Charles Woo, President. L.A. Lodge President Yee gave remarks.



C.A.C.A. at Prof XiaoXing Xi his talk at AAJA on scapegoating immigrants as national security threats.



(above) C.A.C.A. at MP Sisters Cities students exchange. (right) At the Oratorical Contest with Contest Team including 5 judges (seated) and contestants (standing rear).



(right) First National Photo-Day at L.A. Lodge, shaking down equipment and methods.



(left) L.A. Lodge at Ed Chau's birthday with CAM and 80-20 members. Fourth from left is Justin Lum, Bro. Al Lum's son.



## GSGV Lodge's Corner August 2016

### Reflecting on University of California Freshmen Admissions Profile for Fall 2016

In the distant aftermath of the introduction and withdrawal of State Constitution Amendment SCA-5 two years ago, in April this year, the University of California System announced its freshmen admissions statistics for the fall of 2016 which are available in its official website. Outstanding in the data released is a whopping percentage jump, 14.5%, from 2015 in the total number of freshmen admitted to all ten campuses. Of this number, the increase in freshmen admitted from California, out-of-state, and international are respectively 15.1, 13.1 and 13.2 % of the total admitted. The total freshmen enrollment will rise to 105,671 from 92,324 in fall 2015. It is more interesting for us Chinese Americans to examine the ethnic makeup of the California resident admitted class: of the 9,344 increase from 2015 in Californians admitted, Asian Americans account for 1,543, which translate to 33.7% of total in-state admitted as opposed to 36.3%, a net fractional drop. In contrast, the corresponding numbers for Latinos and African Americans (the other two major ethnic groups) are respectively 4,720 and 811 that translate to 29.6% to 32.3% and 4.3% to 4.9%. This conspicuous jump in freshmen admissions and its ethnic makeup is the result of bargaining and compromise between UC President Janet Napolitano and Governor Jerry Brown to trade increased enrollment in exchange for restored funding to higher education since the great recession of 2007-2008. In the agreement, UC also promised to proportionately slow down non-resident admission, which had been increased to make up for lost state funding. The latter feat was reflected in the two top-tiered campuses, Berkeley and UCLA, where an 8.3% drop in 2015-2016 and 8.0% drop in 2014-2015 were respectively recorded. These two campuses also saw lower levels of admission increases compared to the other campuses. The biggest gains in this reshuffle have been in the Latino and African American groups who witness record increases in admissions both in numbers and percentages. White admissions on all campuses have been kept at more or less the same level. Missing in the available data are the admission rates among the various ethnic groups in individual campuses. Until those data are released, it is premature at this point to determine if Asian Americans have been short-changed or held to a higher admission standard compared to other ethnic groups.

Recall in the days when SCA-5 was the topic of fierce debate about 2-3 years ago, our Lodge Brother Alan Clayton co-wrote a prescient position paper with Saeed Ali, presently Chief of Staff to LA City Councilmember Richard Alarcon. In this paper, they advocated "... the state should restore funding to allow qualified Californian's high school graduates a fair chance to be admitted at a UC or CSU (California State University). ...in return for increased and stable funding, UC should admit the top 11%, instead of the current 9%, of each California's high school graduating class (provided the student meets the 'A-G' requirements).....UC must stop its current practice of admitting out of state and international students at a much higher rate than its historical rate." The paper also stated in its conclusion that "SCA-5 has set off a debate, unusually divisive in a time when we need unity of purpose, based on data that does not

support SCA-5's intent." It further stated that "While there is always need for improvement in the diversity of the freshmen class, this goal can be best accomplished not by the use of race or ethnicity but by using the '11% admission' rule and by increasing the number of freshman seats for the eligible applicant pool in California." It is then not difficult to imagine that this position paper, which purportedly reached UC President Napolitano's hands via the state minority caucuses, might have a pivotal impact in the present changes in UC freshmen admission policies.

### Sabrina Sy, Essay Contest Winner



Sabrina Sy, a promising sophomore from Mark Keppel High, came to the Lodge meeting on August 8 to receive her essay contest award presented by President John Wong. She was accompanied by her father Philip (?) Sy. Sabrina wrote the award-winning essay thoughtfully articulating her opposition to college admission policies based on affirmative action. Below are some notable excerpts:

*"As a first generation American-born Chinese, my parents have thoroughly embedded their philosophies of education throughout my everyday life. This is the case for many other American-born Chinese youth, whose parents believe that a good education and hard work is the perfect formula for success. The most recent arguments heard by the Supreme Court concerning whether universities could take race into consideration when making college admissions decisions will affect not only me, but thousands and thousands of other students in the future as well. Although many people may claim that taking race into consideration "remedies" a long history of discrimination against minorities and preserves diversity in colleges, the practice is racist and discriminatory because certain minority groups, especially Asian-Americans, are placed at a disadvantage due to racial quotas." "Living with the fact that I could not get into a university just because I was Chinese and there were already too many Chinese students would be the most heart-breaking thing for me." "My parents did not come to this country to see their children get shut out of colleges due to the color of their skin and their ancestry. They came to America to give me the best opportunities that were not available to them in their countries of birth, and that to me is something that should be respected not only by academic institutions across the U.S., but by the courts and governments as well."*

Sabrina's powerful words should motivate all of us to be vigilant of any attempt to revive a race-based university admission policy in whatever shape or form in California.

## Lodge Pledged Support for “Comfort Women” Memorial in San Francisco



Front: Betty Chu (L1), Lillian Sing (L3), Julie Tang (L4), Ed Royce (L5), Young Kim (6), Phyllis Kim, KAFC (R1); Back : Charles Mau (L1), David Yuen (L2) and John Gee (L3)

On July 30, Bros. John Gee, David Yuen, Charles Mau and Sis. Betty Chu attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of H.Res. 121 and a fundraiser to support “Comfort Women” Memorial in San Francisco, organized by Korean American Forum of California (KAFC). House Resolution 121 was introduced nine years ago by Rep. Mike Honda (D-CA) and passed unanimously by the House to call on the Government of Japan to clearly and unambiguously apologize for their Imperial Army’s subjugation of women into forced sexual servitude during WWII and to immediately pay reparations to the victims of those crimes. On Sept. 11, 2015, the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco and the County of San Francisco voted to establish a memorial for “Comfort Women” and to educate the Community about stopping global human trafficking of women and girls. Judges Lillian Sing and Julie Tang, two prominent civil rights advocates from the Bay Area, were keynote speakers at the Fundraiser. They played an instrumental role getting the resolution passed. Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) and Young Kim (R-CA) were present to show strong support for the cause. Notwithstanding a sham agreement signed in December, 2015 between the Republic of Korea and the Government of Japan under intense political pressure, this issue has now taken on a more international flavor as more than 400,000 Korean, Chinese and other Southeast Asian women were victimized by the Japanese army during the Pacific War. In support of this cause to redress the wrongs committed by the Japanese Government, and in honor of the tireless work done by Phyllis Kim of KAFC and by the Rape of Nanjing Redress Coalition/Comfort Women Justice Coalition (RNRC/CWJC), our four Lodge attendees together pledged a donation of \$800 to the minimum budget of \$350,000 for the memorial project. We appeal to our members to contribute to this project. Those interested should contact any one of our Lodge attendees listed above.

## “Scientists and Not Spies” Campaign Stop in Los Angeles



VP Charles Mau and Brother Paul Perez were present at the AAAJ (Asian American Advancing Justice) event on August 17 in downtown Los Angeles. As an outgrowth of the recent string of false spy accusations on a number of China-born American scientists by the FBI, the “Scientists and Not Spies” campaign was established to advocate for the rights of due process for scientists who may have been falsely accused. This gathering organized by AAAJ served as a stop for this campaign to promote awareness among the Asian American communities as many members are employed in the industrial and academic research arenas. Granted that there were a few recent cases of prosecuted spying activities mostly committed by Chinese and foreign nationals, the meeting provided useful information about “Know Your Rights” in case you were confronted with FBI agents or police officers questioning your work. Professor Xiaoxing Xi, to whom false charges have been dropped recently, was the keynote speaker who described his ordeal in personal details. Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27) also spoke in support of the campaign and reported on recent advances in discussion with the Dept. of Justice to establish measures to minimize incidences like Professor Xi’s experience. For details and ways to support, you may visit [scientistsnotspies.org](http://scientistsnotspies.org) and sign a petition.

### We heard from our Lodge members:

**Sister Lisa Yang** just launched an official website on her movie project “The Year of the Iron Horse” whose storyline is based on the history of Chinese railroad workers in the West during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Lisa is the executive producer of the movie, and for those interested in the project, please visit <http://yearoftheironhorsemovie.com> to see more details. Lisa just came back from a film festival on the Island of Ischia, just off the coast from Naples, Italy, where she successfully showcased her project to the film industry. **Sister Angela Lai**, a Lodge Board member and an accomplished dancer by profession, was selected as one of the judges in the recent Miss Taiwanese America Beauty Pageant here in Southern California. Congratulations to both Sisters!

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## Lodges & L. A. Community Calendar

- **Los Angeles Lodge Meet and CACA Foundation Scholarship Awards**, 1st Sat. Sept 3, 2016. 3p. Meet @ Lodge. Then 6:00 pm. *Golden Dragon*. 960 N. Broadway, Chinatown. Annie Yee, [wishbone168@hotmail.com](mailto:wishbone168@hotmail.com). Al Soo-Hoo [alsoohoo@msn.com](mailto:alsoohoo@msn.com), \$15.
- **National C.A.C.A. Board Meeting**. Sat. Sep. 17, 10a. At Stanford University Libraries. A visit to the National Archives new home. Inquire with Munson, [munsonak@aol.com](mailto:munsonak@aol.com).
- **GSGV Monthly Meeting/Dinner**. 2d Mon. Sep. 12, 6 p *Empress Harbor*. 111 N. Atlantic, #305, Monterey Park. John Y. Wong, [jw@jwcommercial.com](mailto:jw@jwcommercial.com); Charles Mau, [takmau888@gmail.com](mailto:takmau888@gmail.com). \$18 ea. All Lodges, all Members friends welcome.
- **WSGV-YC UC Application Insight Essay Prompts Workshop**. Sunday, Sept. 11, 2 p *Monterey Park Library*, Free.
- So. CA. Times Bulletin night. 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 4<sup>th</sup>) Wed. Sep. 14. Items due Sunday, Sep. 13, 12N. To Kwok, Winston Wu, or Philip Young. Next dates Sep. 14, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 21. [pyoung90012@gmail.com](mailto:pyoung90012@gmail.com), [wuwins@gmail.com](mailto:wuwins@gmail.com).

☐ **Chinese American Museum (CAM)**. Tues.-Sun. 10a-3p. Free. *El Pueblo Monument* 425 N. Los Angeles St. (entrance on Sanchez St.) Pop up events: at <http://camla.org>. Til Oct: *Tales of the Distant Past: Story of the Hong Kong and Chinese Diaspora (to North America)*. A Tribute to the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals of Hong Kong.

- **Historykeepers: Traversing L.A.** ends Aug. 27. 10-3, 9-4 weekends. *El Pueblo El Tranquillo Gallery*, enter off Olvera St. CA. Hist. Soc., LA Subject Historical roads and rails of L.A., including a never before seen view of Old Chinatown on Apalasa St.
- **Getty Research Institute: Cave Temples of Dunhuang**. Ends Sep. 4. Once in a lifetime exhibit. Free but \$20 for park. [www.getty.edu](http://www.getty.edu)
- **Undiscovered Chinatown Series**. Series. 1st Sat. Aug. 3. 10:30 am. Guided walking tours BID version. \$20. 213-680-0243. [www.chinatownla.com](http://www.chinatownla.com)
- **EW Players: "One Night Only" Benefit**. Sat. Aug. 20 5:30 pm dinner and live performance. \$100-250. For tix (213) 625-7000, Monika Ramnath.
- **Yale St Improvements Ribbon Cutting**. Mon. Aug. 22 10:30 am Hosted by Councilman Cedillo in front of Castelar on Yale St.
- **LAMP Optimist Friends of Youth Dinner**. Sat. Aug. 25 6 p *Empress Harbor*. 111 N. Atlantic, #305, MP. \$50 Contact W. Wu. [wuwins@gmail.com](mailto:wuwins@gmail.com)
- **CHSSC Golden Spike Awards & Fundraiser**. Sat. Aug. 27, 11:30a. San Gabriel Hilton, 225 W. Valley Bl., SG. \$75. Rick. [Rickeng562@gmail.com](mailto:Rickeng562@gmail.com)
- **L.A. City's 235<sup>th</sup> Birthday**. Sat. Aug. 27, 9a SG walk. 10a. programs, exhibits. *El Pueblo Monument*. 424 N. Main. "Gateway to Nature" previews.
- **Mike Eng's Birthday for SGV History**. Sat. Aug. 28, 4-6p. *An Alhambra historic site; buy to know*. Kickoff for St. Senate. \$1000 up. [zamorajoy@aol.com](mailto:zamorajoy@aol.com)
- **AADAP's "Showtime" Benefit**. Sat. Sep. 10, 7p. *Holden Performing Arts Center*, 4718 W. Washington, LA. "Abbey Road". Hip! [www.aadapinc.org](http://www.aadapinc.org)
- **Chinatown Service Center 45<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser**. Fri. Sep. 9, 5:30p. *Bonaventure*, 404 S. Figueroa. \$250. Brenda at [kcheng@cscla.org](mailto:kcheng@cscla.org)
- **CAM's 20<sup>th</sup> Historymakers**. Thu, Sep. 15, 5p. *Bonaventure*. Kent Wong, Esther Woo, Evans Lam., \$3000 table /\$350 ea. [Historymakers@camla.org](mailto:Historymakers@camla.org)
- **Moon Festival Night**. 3d Sat., Sep. 17, 5-12mid to *Central and West Plazas*, LA Chinatown. Performers, DJ, Foodtrucks. Free. *KCRW, LA Weekly*.
- **Rep. Judy Chu's Dinner**. Mon. Sep. 19, 6p. *Ocean Star Restaurant*, 145 N. Atlantic. MP. \$150. C.A.C.A. table #2? Munson: [munsonak@aol.com](mailto:munsonak@aol.com)
- **CVOC (Co. Voter Outreach) Meet**. Wed. Sep. 28, 1:00-3:30p. *County Registrar*, 12400 Imperial Hwy, Norwalk. 7<sup>th</sup> Flr boardroom.
- **Films: Finding Cleveland (MS), Finding Samuel Lowe**. FC: 8/19 6:45p Bread of Life Church 9780 Lomita Blvd, Torrance. FSL: 8/22 7p Cerritos Lib. Cerritos Library 18025 Bloomfield Ave, Cerritos. FC is history of Mississippi Chinese. FSL is Jamaican-born retired NBC VP Paula Madison's search for Chinese ancestor.
- **Chinese Family History Group (CFHGSC)**. Hiatus till 9/24. @ 10a. Normally @ *L.A. Lodge*. Free; join us [www.chinesefamilyhistory.org](http://www.chinesefamilyhistory.org).
- **GSGV Presents Film "Honor and Duty"**. Sun. Oct. 2. 2p. MP Bruggemeyer Library. Watch for the notice. Charles, [takmau888@gmail.com](mailto:takmau888@gmail.com)