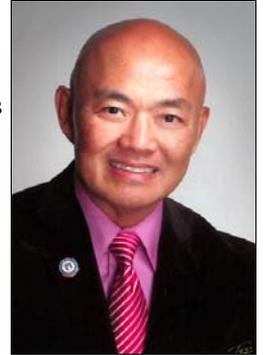




May 2016 is APA Heritage Month!

Ed Gor: Have We Already Seen the Greatest Generation of Chinese Americans?

Published almost 20 years ago, journalist and former NBC News broadcaster Tom Brokaw's book, *The Greatest Generation*, chronicles what his parents' generation—those born between 1910 and the mid-1920s—accomplished in youth and adulthood. From interviews and conversations with these women and men, he discusses the sacrifices those men and women made, the bodily harm and suffering in the war to end all wars, their remarkable diligence in building families and businesses, the courage they displayed in rehabilitating their physical and emotional war wounds, and the integrity of character and commitment to values that infused their lives. As they continued to stare down life's challenges, they never griped or complained even as their lives were mixed with courage and perseverance, tragedy and sadness, and triumphs and miracles.



Entering our 121st year of service, Chinese American Citizens Alliance continues to look ahead at how we see our role in this country by looking back at our history as an organization challenged to address society's treatment and place for Chinese in the 1890's. Our Archive Project to gather, categorize, and turn over our recorded history to the Stanford University Libraries remains a major undertaking. Just look for the stories of the Chinese who worked on the Transcontinental Railroad. You won't find many names or photographs, but you can find their stories written on walls or artwork. We believe that within our own records, there may be documentation linking many C.A.C.A. members as descendants of those very workers.

- How many of us could build anything if we didn't know the language?
- How many of us could work in mountainous terrain, scaling rocks and cliffs?
- How many of us could work in severely cold conditions?
- How many of us would light the fuse on a stick of dynamite and hope we were pulled to safety quickly enough? How many of us would dare relight a shortened fuse if it blew out?
- How many of us would work for 30% less than a non-Chinese railroad worker?
- How many of us would know what to do after we were laid off after completing the work?

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Washington D.C.: National Essay Contest Turnout

To start the new year, D.C. Lodge participated throughout the first month in the annual Chinatown parade organized by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, held its membership banquet at the Chinatown Garden Restaurant, and worked with the Smithsonian Community Museum to follow a lion team and film it making its way through Chinatown shops. This is part of a community-museum program to preserve neighbor histories. The lodge supported the "first annual" Chinese New Year celebration in Congress: Lodge President Ted Gong gave remarks on behalf of C.A.C.A. along with



Students participants at the 2016 Essay Contest at the Wah Luck House in DC Chinatown.

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President's Message: Greatest Generation of Chinese Americans (cont.)

- How many of us would continue working if we were injured laying track?
- How many of us would stand for the verbal abuse and taunting?
- How many of us have been scapegoated for causing the economic ills of a country?
- How many of us have been chased by dogs or angry mobs? And even beaten by the same?
- How many of us have been denied opening a business?
- How many of us have been denied buying a house or property in an area you wanted to live?
- How many of us would function well without your spouse or family nearby?

This generation and the subsequent ones that immediately followed come to mind as those who fit The Greatest Chinese Generation in America. Uncovering more of our own stories as C.A.C.A., we have the early pioneers and advocates like the person I call the “Father” of C.A.C.A., Walter U. Lum, and noted Los Angeles immigration attorney Y.C. Hong, a tireless fighter for the rights of citizens of Chinese ancestry. There are others who have worked around the country to facilitate the changes that need to be made so that Chinese Americans can and will enjoy those privileges whether you’re in San Francisco, CA or Quincy, MA. You have to fight to get it; you have to earn it to keep it.

In May, you, as members of C.A.C.A., will be sending 27 people representing 13 of the local lodges and the National Lodge to Washington, D.C. to meet with elected officials and their staff to discuss several topics, but specifically, that of birthright citizenship, the most fundamental principle that we rest our foundation on as citizens of the United States. But while the topic is important as a component of the ongoing conversation about our country’s immigration policy, I believe it is as important that these 27 members demonstrate their abilities as leaders representing you and your lodge when they visit the offices of your Senators and House Representatives. They are committed to do their best to take our message to the Hill and return with knowledge and actions to stimulate your communities.

Only history identifies a generation’s identity for its value to our country, but if we’ve already seen the greatest generation of Chinese in America, then we must learn more from it and build more of it; if we haven’t yet seen it, maybe our next 120 years can be a catalyst for The Greatest Generation of Chinese Americans. For C.A.C.A., we should be *Chinese Americans Changing America* for the betterment of all America. —Ed Gor

The Delegation to Washington, D.C.: **Albuquerque**—Carolyn Chan, Tony Chan; **Boston**—Ai Cheng, Rose Hom, Esther Lee, Wilson Lee; **Chicago**—Lily Huang; **Greater San Gabriel Valley**—Charles Mau; **Houston**—Ed Gor; **Las Vegas**—Hui-Lim Ang; **Los Angeles**—Susan Dickson, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok; **Mississippi**—Cindi Quong Lofton, Emily Jones, Joe Dan Yee; **Phoenix**—Eva Li, Les Gin; **Portland**—Helen Ying; **San Antonio**—Camille Gong, Kin Hui; **San Francisco**—Eddie Chin, Sherman Tang, Erwin Wong; and **Seattle**—Cathy Lee, Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman, Fred Yee. ■

Washington D.C. (cont.)

directors from Asian Pacific American Advocates (OCA-National) and Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA-DC).

Ted also represented the Alliance and the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia at monthly meetings of community organizations and Fairfax County police and fire agencies. Called the committee on “Communities of Trust (COT),” community leaders mostly discuss community policing issues and programs. Youth educational and young adult leadership programs are another aspect of COT.

Thanks to strengthened linkages with AALead (a youth program for Asian American new immigrants in DC metro area) and the Coordination Council of Chinese American Associations based in Maryland, the D.C. Lodge had one of the largest turnouts for the Alliance’s annual essay contest. Thirty-nine students registered. Nine did not show up because of traffic and metro issues.



U.S. Reps feed the Lion at the first annual Chinese New Year in Congress.

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Seattle: Annual Rice Drive to Benefit Seniors

Saturday, February 27, 2016, was a busy morning at the Chinese Information & Services Center (CISC). In addition to having its regular weekend activities, CISC was the location for the Annual Rice Drive organized by the C.A.C.A. Seattle Lodge.

This year, Jasmine rice and Chinese sausages were available for distribution to 120 seniors, 75 years and older. Each senior preregistered and received a coupon certificate to receive one 5 lbs. bag of rice and one package of lap-cheong sausage. Close to 40 volunteers from the Chong Wa Benevolent Association Girls Drill Team and the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP), Seattle Chapter, were on hand to repackage the rice and then distribute the rice and lap-cheong. They hand wrote Chinese New Year greeting cards that were given along with the food items. All the volunteers were wonderful ambassadors and enjoyed time with the seniors.

C.A.C.A. Seattle Lodge members were also present at the event. They were responsible for delivering the rice and sausages to CISC and working with CISC staff to set up the facility for the Annual Rice Drive. Generous supporters donated the entire cost of the 600 pounds of rice and 120 packages of lap-cheong. Seattle Lodge was pleased to host this collaborative and meaningful community service event, bringing young and old together.

This year C.A.C.A. Seattle had ten participants for the National Essay Contest, a big increase from last year. Three local judges are evaluating the writings. Winners will be announced at the C.A.C.A. Seattle 5th Annual Dinner. ■



Volunteers of the Annual Rice Drive of C.A.C.A. Seattle Lodge.

San Francisco: Host of Miss Chinatown USA

San Francisco Lodge celebrated the year of the Monkey by hosting Miss Chinatown USA, Stephanie Wong and her court at the traditional Queens Luncheon on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at Imperial Palace. The lodge was fortunate to have National President Ed Gor traveled from Houston Texas to partake in the event. Miss Rachel Lee who was sponsored by Houston sister lodge, received the traditional gum pai from Ed Gor and Davace Chin. On Saturday, February 20, lodge members and their guests enjoyed a New Year banquet and a special lion dance performance by the Wah Keung troop. Music and dancing provided a wonderful ending to the festivities. ■



Leaders at San Francisco Lodge celebrated the Year of the Monkey by hosting Miss Chinatown USA, Stephanie Wong and her court at the traditional Queens Luncheon at the Imperial Palace restaurant in San Francisco.



C.A.C.A. National President Ed Gor (left) and National Executive Vice President Davace Chin flank Rachel Lee of Houston at the traditional Queens Luncheon at the Imperial Palace restaurant in San Francisco.

San Antonio: Chinese Food Fund-raiser at Asian Festival

The San Antonio Lodge held its annual Christmas banquet December 13 and announced the 2016 Officers at the banquet. The Lodge was honored to have National President Ed Gor and his wife attend the event. Members and guests enjoyed a Chinese style banquet at Pearl Inn Restaurant as well as having a good time socializing and winning door prizes.

The Lodge held its annual fundraiser selling Chinese food at the Asian Festival held at the Institute of Texan Cultures on February 13, 2016. Members worked together to cook fried rice, egg rolls, krab rangoons, shrimp chips and sesame balls. The weather was great and they sold out of food early.

Four high school students participated in the National Essay contest held at the Chinese School on March 5, 2016, with hopes of winning one of the cash prizes offered by National Lodge.

Some Lodge members participated in the San Antonio rally for NYPD probationary Officer Peter Liang on February 20, 2016, along with more than 200 people from the Chinese community. The peaceful rally and march started at downtown's Main Plaza and ended at the Alamo. This was part of a nationwide rally and protest of over 40 cities concerning the case of former police officer Peter Liang who was convicted of second-degree manslaughter among other charges. The San Antonio rally was organized by San Antonio For Justice, an organization comprised of several entities and created for the purpose of organizing the rally. ■



Lodge Vice President Kin Yan and his wife Mari Hui cooking up fried rice at the Asian Festival.

Washington, D.C. (cont.)

D.C. Lodge held several monthly Talk Story Events at the Chinatown Community Cultural Center and the Chinese Community Church. Topics were Lion Dancing, Chinese Food in the U.S., and Eating Wildly. Other scheduled events include an April Talk Story on Asian American Authors, *Finding Jake Lee* for a May event, and a screening-community discussion on *Through Chinatown Eyes: April 1968* for the Smithsonian Community Museum in Anacostia. There have been many meetings with different agencies as the lodge prepares for the 1882 Symposium in May and Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Heritage Month activities. ■



Top: National President Ed Gor with 2016 San Antonio Lodge Officers at its Christmas Banquet. Bottom: San Antonio rally/march for NYPD officer Peter Liang.



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Portland: Promoting Chinese American History through Education

Portland Lodge celebrated its 95th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration and Fundraiser to a sold out venue. Greg Kantor, a longtime supporter of the community was presented the Citizens Award. The event also raised funds to support Portland Lodge's Basketball program, Annual Scholarships, 1882 Project Celebration, and the 2016 Asian American Youth Leadership Conference.

C.A.C.A. has worked alongside its allies to get Congress to apologize for passing the Chinese Exclusion laws. Since then, Portland Lodge and its sister lodges have held various events to educate the public about this neglected chapter of the U.S. history. Portland Lodge met with Senator Roblan and Senator Hass to educate them about the efforts and sought support in adding the Chinese American history into the Oregon curriculum. Along with the



Portland Lodge's 2015 President Gloria Lee with 2016 President Kent Lee, present the Citizens Award to Greg Kantor at the 95th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration.



Oregon Historical Society's *Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland's Historic Chinatowns*

Oregon Commission on Asian Pacific Islanders

Affairs, Portland Lodge presented this subject at a Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development hearing in January 2014. Andrea Morgan of OSU advised that the main missing links are lack of ready to use curriculum and professional development. Portland Lodge have been working on a plan to compile/organize/write curriculum on the subject matter. Together with a team of supporters, Portland Lodge met with Deputy Superintendent Salaam Noor in December 2015 to further the movement.

Portland and Seattle lodges partnered with Oregon Historical Society to bring the Chinese American Exclusion/Inclusion exhibit from New York to promote preserving historical stories for our community and youth. Also, the Oregon Historical Society is also exhibiting *Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland's Historic Chinatowns*, featuring stories and artifacts from Portland Lodge members. A statewide traveling Oregon Chinese Speakers Series features Portland Lodge's Board of Director and National VP Helen

Ying. Her series is called *The Untold Story: Chinese American History in Oregon*. ■

Phoenix: Partnership with Phoenix Chinese Week to Celebrate 4713



Phoenix Lodge and Phoenix Chinese Week volunteers helped students celebrate the Year of the Monkey.

Chinese paper dragons designed by Diana Ho, First Vice President and Cultural Outreach Chair of Phoenix Chinese Week. They also enjoyed sampling Chinese food for lunch and learning to use chopsticks. In addition, lodge members Helen Yee, Elaine Wong, and John Tang read stories and enthralled students with enchanting Chinese folk tales.

One of the cultural outreach highlights of C.A.C.A. Phoenix Lodge is to celebrate Chinese New Year (4713, according to the Chinese calendar) with students from the Richard E. Miller School. Lodge member Helen Yee, a former teacher at the school, started the cultural outreach program at the school 15 years ago. Phoenix Lodge partners with Phoenix Chinese Week to sponsor an exciting cultural event for the students. This year, kindergarten and second grade students learned about the Year of the Monkey and had fun making colorful

Phoenix Lodge has a strong history of partnership with Phoenix Chinese Week given that many members are actively involved in

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Phoenix Lodge members Frank Ong, Roberta Yee, Elaine Wong, Richard Yee, George Ong, and Rudy Yee volunteering at the Phoenix Chinese Week Festival.

both organizations. Thanks to the leadership of current Phoenix Lodge President Eva Li, who also served as President for the 2016 Phoenix Chinese Week Festival, this 26th annual event was a big success drawing thousands of visitors. A new feature of the festival this year was the Beer Garden manned by Phoenix Lodge volunteers. Phoenix Lodge officers Elaine Wong and Eva Li were instrumental in securing the license and sponsor for the Beer Garden, an added attraction to attendees. ■

Oakland: Active in the Community

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance in Oakland continues its involvement in the local community. As part of a Chinatown Coalition which meets every third Monday of the month, Oakland Lodge works with local community leaders to advocate that city development plans take into consideration the needs and preservation of the community. The Oakland Lodge's building remains under construction. After some delays, renovation of the first floor is expected to be completed shortly.

On January 22, 2016, Oakland Lodge members attended a VIP reception to vote for the artist who will build the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial. This memorial will recognize the historic contribution of Chinese laborers in America and pay tribute to the thousands of lives lost.



Left: Lodge Member Jacqueline Lam and Lodge President Edward Yu, with an award from the Alameda County Asian Voters Advisory Cmte for his work in voter registration/education.

Bottom Right: On March 9, 2016, the Oakland Lodge cosponsored Oakland Police Department Appreciation Day

by serving breakfast and lunch to law enforcement officers. ■



On January 29, 2016, Oakland Lodge members attended the Flying Tigers reunion celebrating 70 years since the Sino-Japanese War.



On February 20, 2016, Oakland Lodge members participated in the Peter Liang protest in San Francisco.



Mississippi: New Year Events

The Mississippi Lodge started the Year of the Monkey in great form, initiating and supporting activities representative of the Mission of C.A.C.A. In January, MS Lodge joined members of the Mississippi Delta Chinese Heritage Museum (MDCHM) and participated in the Mississippi Chinese Association's Spring Festival in Jackson, Mississippi. Members enthusiastically worked booths, helped with registration (Allison & Louisa Huang), and some (Dana Li, Jing Rosella, and Yiyang Liu) even danced and sang in the gala! Thanks to Helen Hong for securing complimentary booths!

Other events include:

- Shirley Kwan's presentation of a Plaque of Appreciation to Betty Lynn Camerson, who worked tirelessly with MS Lodge in putting together the Dragon Boat Races in Greenville.
- A February membership meeting welcoming returning member, Hong Chow. Program guests, Kim Dowdy and Debbie Hough shared information about "Delta Cotton Belles", a non-profit breast cancer awareness organization.
- Attendance and support of *Finding Cleveland*, a documentary by Baldwin Chui and Larissa Lam at the MDCHM sponsored screening held at Delta State University.
- Participation of MS Lodge members Emily Jones, Cindi Lofton, and Joe Dan Yee in the upcoming Legislative Educational Trip to Washington, D.C.
- Worship at the Chinese Mission Church Services, Greenville, recently revived! ■



Hong Chow receives his C.A.C.A. pin from President Cindi Q. Lofton.



Betty Lynn Camerson receives Plaque of Appreciation.

Los Angeles: C.A.C.A. Foundation Scholarships

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance Foundation of Los Angeles Lodge is please to announce that scholarship applications for 2016 will be accepted starting May 1, 2016. Up to eleven \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to university students of Chinese descent. Application forms may be downloaded, beginning May 1 from the Foundation website at www.cacafoundation.org.

Students of Chinese descent studying at a recognized institution of college or university in California are welcome to apply. Students must be presently a sophomore and will be a junior in the fall, 2016. The scholarships are awarded primarily based on scholastic achievements. Additional consideration is given to community involvement and extracurricular activities. **Applications must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2016.** Also, applicants must be available for an in-person interview in Los Angeles, tentatively scheduled on July 30, 2016. Questions concerning the application process may be directed to cacafoundation@gmail.com.

C.A.C.A. Los Angeles Recognizes Exemplary Student Exhibits at History Day L.A.

Under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LAOCE), History Day L.A. was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Azusa Pacific University. History Day L.A. provides opportunities for students, grades 4-12, to create posters, exhibits, papers, websites, performances, and documentary presentations on

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this year's theme, *Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History!* Participation contributes to the improvement of academic achievement and the development of important skills to prepare student for college, career, and civic life.

For the second year, C.A.C.A. Los Angeles participated in judging exhibits in the Senior and Junior Division, Group and Individual, for its specially-created award as part of the Chapter's ongoing expanding youth and education programs. Last year, C.A.C.A. awarded two plaques that "best illustrated the Asian Experience in America." This year, many exhibits addressing the Asian-American experience were observed during judging. And the selection of the winning exhibits was based on those exhibits that were judged to have celebrated the enduring qualities of American Democracy.



Presentation of these awards to honorees was made by C.A.C.A. Los Angeles member George Carney (*pictured above*) at the awards assembly at the close of day.

Bighani Lometillo and Christina Gonsalves were honored with the Senior Division plaque for "Loving for All: Legalization of Interracial Marriage," demonstrating that a hallmark of a democratic society is striving toward equality for its citizenry.

"Loyalty and Suspicion: the 442nd" by Kenneth Nosaka, Jerran Sumimoto and Jared Wong earned the C.A.C.A. award in the Junior Division for its recognition of the U.S. Armed Forces' most highly decorated unit in its history. ■

Las Vegas: Lodge Reawakening

Two thousand and fifteen was inspiring for the 14-year-old C.A.C.A. Las Vegas Lodge. In April 2015, Las Vegas Lodge Founder Benson Lee and two of the remaining members, Bobby Lum and Hui-Lim Ang made the decision to reactivate, revitalize, and relaunch the Lodge as it had been dormant for several years. Since then, Las Vegas Lodge has been actively promoting, selecting, and recruiting viable members (both Regular and Associate). To date, the lodge is pleased to share that it has 34 regular members, seven associate members, and nine new pending membership applications. The goal is to reach 50 members by the end of May.

The major goal of Las Vegas Lodge is to re-establish and strengthen the visibility and value of the Chinese Community by sharing and educating mainstream America about the Chinese Heritage, culture, productivity and the ability to contribute to the well-being of the community at large.

With that in mind, on September 27, 2015, Las Vegas Lodge took to task to launch an Inaugural event, the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Art competition. This event was organized to share the first of the three legends that brought about the celebration of this festival throughout many parts of the world. It is the lodge's hope and intent that the school youth will learn about Chinese history, culture and heritage through the creative interpretation of each legendary story into art. The purpose is to promote and encourage better understanding and appreciation of each cultural diversity.

The event (*pictured below*) brought in over 200 art entries from many schools. Several elected officials were involved as Judges. Awards for the best creative interpretation of the story were given and certificates of participation were also presented by Congressman Joe Heck. Asian cultural dances were also presented. The event was successfully attended by over 200 attendees.



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Las Vegas: Honored at Chinese New Year Celebration



On February 12, 2016, Centaur Art Gallery, one of the oldest Galleries in town held a spectacular Wine and Hors d'oeuvres reception to introduce a renown Chinese Artist, Hu Jundi and to honor C.A.C.A. Las Vegas Lodge. Specifically, the lodge was honored for its leadership and advocacy against racial discrimination, its effort to consistently defend civil rights, to oppose anti-immigrant movements, and to suppress and overcome the attempted eradication of our culture caused by stereotyping and hate crimes.

The reception was well- attended and among the honored guests were Judge Kalani Hoo, Judge Melissa Saragosa, both of whom had recently become members of C.A.C.A. and Congressional District Candidate, Danny Tarkanian whose father is the late UNLV Basketball Coach—the legendary Jerry Tarkanian. ■

Houston: San Francisco-based Children's Book Author Welcomed

The new year began with a bang when San Francisco children's author Oliver Chin came to talk to six schools in the Greater Houston area. Oliver met with elementary school children and ESL adult students to share his Zodiac animal book series. The students were particularly interested in *The Year of the Monkey* which is written in English and Chinese. As coordinated by Houston Lodge and covered by local media, Mr. Chin's visit to several schools in the local school districts was received with wonderful enthusiasm by the students and administrators. The Lodge also donated the two sets of Oliver Chin's children's books on the Chinese zodiac animals to the Taipei Economic Cultural Center (TECO) library. Houston Lodge would like to thank Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) as a co-sponsor of the Oliver Chin events at the local public schools and at the media event.

Albuquerque: New Mexico Chinese Speaker Series Launched

Presented monthly and opened to all, the speaker series engages and invigorates membership base to follow their desire for lifelong learning, strengthens the community through fellowship and involvement, celebrates achievements and passion, recognizes role models, and promotes and shares cultural traditions.



Organizer of the New Mexico Speaker Series Fay Yao

It creates unprecedented opportunity for New Mexico Chinese American community to showcase their heritage and talents, and not least – to entertain. The Series was launched in August 2015 and is widely received by audiences from lodge members to multi communities surrounding Albuquerque. Topics presented ranged from advanced technology to civil rights, travelogue to EB-5 immigration option, and health and life styles. Upcoming presentations will feature human migration, an exchange student's account of his experience in China, world petroglyph, Chinese mask-changing performance, and regional cooking. The program encompasses diverse topics. The most rewarding results of the project has been the rush of new memberships, several of which are renewals after years away from the Lodge. ■

Several days later, Houston Lodge held its installation of 2016 officers at Kim Son Restaurant (pictured right).

Officers inducted were: Shelley Ding, president; Henry

Chan, vice president; Grace Lynn, secretary; Jewelry Lim, asst. secretary; Alice Hung, treasurer; Susan Gee, financial secretary; Francis Ding and Dr. Kuo Eng, auditors; Calvin Yep, marshal; Amos Fung, sentinel; Irene Joe, collector; and Dorothy Chow, national representative. The Induction of officers was conducted by National President Ed Gor.

In March, Houston Lodge hosted the C.A.C.A. National Essay contest at the Chinese Community Center. The event was well attended by high school students from the Greater Houston area. ■



Greater San Gabriel Valley: Remembering War Victims and Heroes, and a Past National President

On March 5, 2016, Greater San Gabriel Valley (GSGV) Lodge played host to the Association for Preserving Historical Accuracy in Foreign Invasions in China (APHAFIC) from San Diego, with a full day's activities organized by Lodge President John Wong and past Monterey Park Mayor Sister Betty Chu. In the morning, lodge members met the San Diego group, consisting of 23 and led by Nancy Lo, at Glendale Central Park to view the Comfort Women statue erected in memory of the women forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II. Everyone was very moved when David Monkawa (a Japanese American from Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress) described the long and difficult process of getting the monument erected, an effort led by the Korean American Forum of California.



At the Comfort Women Statue in Glendale Central Park; Nancy Lo, leader of APHAFIC, is standing behind chair.

Born in Japan, David is a strong advocate of defending the rights of the comfort women to demand a truly sincere apology and compensation from the Japanese Government. GSGV Lodge Vice President Charles Mau introduced guests to the missions of C.A.C.A. as a Chinese American civic organization, and reiterated GSGV Lodge's solidarity with the Korean community on the comfort women issue, as many Chinese and Asian women were also victimized during the war. Sister Betty then described the Lodge's effort in beating back SCA-5, state legislation that would have limited admission of Asians into universities and colleges.

At the luncheon, Past Lodge President John Gee briefly narrated GSGV Lodge's effort to fight for and get a declaration of apology from the State Legislature for its past discriminatory laws enacted against the Chinese immigrants, and a pledge to help seek that apology from Congress. In the afternoon, the group made two more stops: (1) Los Angeles Memorial Hall of American Heroes During the Nanking Massacre, located in nearby El Monte, and (2) American and Chinese WWII Memorial in front of the Monterey Park City Hall. Before their departure, guests expressed their appreciation for learning a great deal about the local activities relating to Chinese Americans and World War II history. GSGA Lodge happily look forward to future exchanges with them.



Members of both C.A.C.A. GSGV and Los Angeles Chapters At YC Hong Exhibit, Huntington Library, with curator Li Wei Yang (third from right).

On a different note, GSGV Lodge organized a visit to the Y.C. Hong Exhibit in Huntington Library in San Marino on March 11. For the group of five, this tour is primarily to pay respect to Y.C. Hong, a former C.A.C.A. National President, for his tireless work as an immigration attorney to help Chinese immigrants, many of them "paper sons," with the interview process to land on American soil. The exhibit, first viewed by National President Ed Gor and local Lodge officers last December, consisted of original documents and photos donated by the Hong family, plus valuable pictures of early Chinese railroad workers from the Huntington Library collection. Lodge members learned that it was Y.C. who gave testimony in Congress to win the right of spouses to join their Chinese immigrant husbands in America. The photo that most impressed the group shows Y.C. and C.A.C.A. members standing on the steps of the Grand Lodge in the 1920s. The exhibit gave everyone a rare and vivid glimpse into how Chinese immigrants struggled in this country early last century. ■

Boston: Prospective C.A.C.A. Members in New Jersey and New York

At the 53rd C.A.C.A. National Convention last August in Seattle, National President Ed Gor mandated the establishment of two new lodges a top priority before the 2017 National Convention in Chicago. Boston Lodge brothers and sisters have taken this challenge seriously and devoted much time, energy and resources toward this goal. They have been actively encouraging friends and local community leaders to attend introduction to C.A.C.A. meetings in the tri-state area. After many months of meeting with prospective members individually and in small groups, the hard work finally gained critical mass and Boston Lodge held four large gatherings in Springfield, New Jersey, and New York City Chinatown in February and March.



Second meeting with prospective members in New York



National Essay Contest participants in New York

At the February meetings, it was agreed that Boston Lodge would hold the C.A.C.A. National Essay Contest not just in Boston (eight participants), but also in New Jersey (12 participants) and New York (19 participants). The contest would be proctored by C.A.C.A. Boston members and assisted by prospective New Jersey and New York C.A.C.A. members. C.A.C.A.



First meeting with prospective members in New Jersey

gained much news coverage in these two areas. A number of parents and students expressed interest in learning more about C.A.C.A. and in attending future meetings. Boston Lodge will be promoting two events, the Youth Leadership Conference to be held at Rice University in June 24-26, 2016, and the 2017 National Art Contest. The accidental shooting of Akai Gurley by former New York Police officer Peter Liang was a hot topic of discussions at both locals. Prospective C.A.C.A. members are looking forward to the official visit by National President Ed Gor and National Vice President for Membership Helen Ying.

Boston Lodge: Installation of New Officers

C.A.C.A. Boston Lodge held its new officers' installation luncheon on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at the Empire Garden Restaurant. The inauguration ceremony was officiated by Former Vice Mayor and current City Councilor Suzanne Lee Chan of Fremont, California. Suzanne's husband, Dr. Steven D. Chan, the newly elected President of the American College of Dentists brought a huge shopping bag full of surprise gifts for the 12 officers. Suzanne and Steven provided much fun, excitement, and laughter to the festivities. Further, Boston Lodge also inducted eight new members to its C.A.C.A. family. We look forward to promoting and sharing the Alliance's visions and missions with New England. ■



Standing from left: Mimi Chiu, Brandon Lau, Blythe Schulte, Christine Page, Stella Xiao, Jeremy Yeung, Joe Wong, Stephan Ng, Sherry Dong, Henry Liang, Gilbert Ho, Ken Chia, Wingkay Leung, Evangeline Wong, Kirklin Lee and Jewel Chin. Sitting from left: Raymond Chin, Hung Goon, David Murphy, Wilson Lee, Esther Lee, Former Vice Mayor of Fremont, California Suzanne Lee Chan, Nina Liang, Colette Yeung, Rose Hom and Robert Leung



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