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Greetings from the President

Hello to all of our members and sponsors. It's Spring time again! Isn't it the most beautiful season in California? On April 11, 2009, we had a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt at the Ling Ranch. Thanks to the Ling family for the generosity and leadership! Thanks to the Jue family for the delicious food! Thanks to the Youth Group for their game coordination! It was truly an enjoyable time for everyone. We have some new members who just joined our association. Welcome to this big family! Also, we have sold all of Chester's gift certificates. Thank you all for your support!



For the Chinese Language School students, there will be a speech contest on May 1st. Please get ready and put on your best performance.

Our next event is the Memorial Day BBQ to be held at 11 AM on May 25th at Pleasant Valley Park. On that day, we will award the scholarship winners for this year. Please join us at the Memorial Day BBQ and raffle.

Our annual installation and awards luncheon will be on June 20th at City Buffet in Oxnard. New officers and board members for 2009-2010 will be installed.

The VCCAA is always looking to welcome new members to join us and participate in our activities. My best regards to you and your family members!



Juliet Sun
President 2008-2009

Newsletter Inputs Are Welcome!

The *VCCAA Newsletter* welcomes the submission of articles, constructive comments, suggestions, or personal experiences that you want to share with the other members. Please write to *VCCAA Newsletter*, P.O. Box 806, Camarillo, CA 93011-0806; e-mail to me at brt2eyes@yahoo.com.

Lloyd Ho
Acting Editor

Easter Egg Hunt

by Lesley Ling-Sule

It was a Happy Easter Saturday at the Ling Ranch in Somis!

About 50 kids and adults came together for a beautiful day full of fun games, food and, of course, a fantastic Egg Hunt. The youth group worked hard coordinating the games of the day, like the sack race and the egg toss, etc.

Hillary and Stella Ling showcased their birds for all the

kids to see and Les and Suzie Jue put together a wonderful BBQ meal, as usual.

Everyone worked so hard and it showed as the kids walked off with their Easter baskets full of loot and smiles to show it! Thank you everyone for their help and hard work. We hope to see you again next year!

A Look at Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Picnic and General Meeting

When: **Monday, May 25, 2009, 11:00 AM**

Where: **Pleasant Valley Park
Temple Ave. & Ponderosa Rd.
Camarillo**

Cost: **\$8 Adults, \$5 Children 10 yrs. and under**

Contact: **Lesley Jue, (805) 525-9562
George Ng, (805) 482-2054**



Come join us for some fantastic barbecue and fun in the sun! It's time for our annual Memorial Day Picnic and General Meeting. Be sure to come and participate in the annual election of the new VCCAA Officers and Board of

Directors, renew your annual membership, and enjoy the infamous BBQ team of Leslie Jue and George Ng.

Be sure to bring your ballots to the picnic.

Awards & Installation Luncheon

When: **Saturday, June 20, 2009, 12:30 PM**

Where: **City Buffet
1600 Ives Ave., Oxnard**

Contact: **Vivian Goo, (805) 482-6074**

All Officers and Directors, Program Chairs, Event Chairs and Sponsors will be guests of the Association.

Members of the association and their guests are encouraged to attend at \$10/person. We appreciate all the hard work of our officers, directors, program and event chairs throughout the year. We also would like to thank all

our sponsors. Because of their support of our association, we were able to have our events for all our members to enjoy. We would like to encourage our members to take an active role in helping to make our club a success.

Please call (805) 482-6074 if you are planning to attend the installation luncheon.

Chinese Language School

by Lee-May Little, Principal

We can't believe that it is only six weeks to the end of the semester. I am grateful to have had a smooth year. Thanks so much to our dedicated teachers and hard studying students.

On May 1st, the Chinese school will hold its annual speech and poem recitation program. Every student is working hard to prepare and participate.

Next year is the year of the Tiger 虎年 in the Chinese Zodiac calendar. The VCCAA annual directory needs a

tiger art design for the cover (徵畫). Chinese school students are encouraged to submit entries. The VCCAA also invites the talented children of all our members to join in this challenge. Winner will receive an award of \$50.00. Entries are due no later than Sept. 15, 2009. Submit a digital file of your original artwork to Lesley Sule at lesleysule@gmail.com.

Summer is approaching and the Chinese school plans to have a few fun classes for all VCCAA members' children

to participate in. For the older kids we will have lessons on how to play stone flute (陶笛), and for the younger kids we plan to teach some Chinese children songs and a few easy dance steps (唱歌和跳舞). The classes are free, except for the cost of the flutes, which is estimated at about \$10.00. More details in June. Those interested in the programs, please give Mrs. Little a call at 484-5222.

Congratulations to all of our graduating students and best wishes for your future endeavors.

Lee-May Little
Principal

The Chinese School Credit Class had visited the Pasadena Pacific Asian Museum on March 22, 2009. We had an opportunity to see some antique Chinese ceramic, artifacts, unique Chinese historical vessels, as well as playing with some musical instrument from West Asia found along the Silk Road. All students are required to

write a report on one of the items which interest them most. We had a good dim-sum lunch in Chinatown after the trip, and everyone had a great time venturing into Chinatown and visited the Dr. Sun-Yat San monument.

We are very proud to be selected as one of the StarTalk 2009 foreign language program school site for the second year. Classes will be offered free of charge to students from 6th to 12th grades for the 2009-2010 academic year at Rio Mesa High School in Oxnard. Five foreign language credits will be awarded upon completion of each session. Classes will begin on June 22, please register online at www.teachingchinese.org/student A.S.A.P. if you are interested, or visit our site at www.vccaa.org/school for info.

Irene Sy
Credit Class Instructor
StarTalk Site Manager

Scholarships

by Vivian Goo

The VCCAA received many applications for the 2009 scholarships. The applicants were not only scholars, but many were very active in their extra curricular participation in music, sports, academic societies and community service. Many of the applicants also received a multitude of academic honors both at the local and national levels. This year's recipients of the VCCAA scholarships are:

Liesel Plambeck – Buena High School
William Soo Hoo Memorial Scholarship – \$750

Michelle Lu – Rio Mesa High School
Tony Chen Scholarship – \$750

Amy Nguyen – Rio Mesa High School
VCCAA Scholarship – \$500

Justin Sy – Adolfo Camarillo High School
VCCAA Youth Group Service Scholarship – \$500

Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients. We will be inviting them as our guest at our annual Memorial Day Picnic at which time they will be recognized for their accomplishments.

Membership

by Lesley Ling Sule

We know we have hidden artists in our midst! If you are interested in designing the cover artwork for our upcoming directory, please submit a digital file of your original artwork to lesleysule@gmail.com no later than September 15, 2009.

It's time for the annual membership renewals. Included with this newsletter, please find your personalized

membership renewal forms. Please review them for accuracy.

Since our last Newsletter, we have four new members who have joined our association. Please help us welcome the new members as we all look forward to seeing them at our future events. Please make pen-and-pencil entries in your directory.

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Historical Society News

by George Yu, MD

Ms. Selia Tan, program manager of the Public Memory Project, visited Ventura County in February. The Public Memory Project is sponsored by the Chinese National Archives for the preservation of historical records pertaining to overseas Chinese and their families in China.

Ms. Tan met members of the Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society and presented several scrolls of Chinese calligraphy to the Society to celebrate the occasion. Selia has assisted Linda Bentz, historian for the Society, in the research on the ancestral villages in Linda's upcoming book, "Hidden Voices: One hundred years of Chinese History in Ventura County."

The Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society meets in the home of Marie Louie at the second Tuesday of each month at 6 PM. We shall begin our tenth anniversary at the end of this year. We are grateful to Marie for her hospitality and gourmet dessert in the past decade. We welcome everyone who is interested in the



history of the Chinese in America.

VCCAA Youth Group

by Justin Sy

I am very proud to say that I have been the President of the VCCAA Youth Group for the 2008-2009 term. Throughout the year, the VCCAA Youth Group has helped in many events, such as the Mid-Autumn Festival, Halloween Party, and most recently, the Easter Egg Hunt at the Ling Ranch. Throughout the year, the Youth Group has helped set up, maintain, and clean up after each event, without failure. In addition, I have prepared each member for a leadership role – I have had each member of the Youth Group take charge of an event, such as the Halloween Costume Contest.

Over the course of the year, the Youth Group has grown

closer together, and we have all become good, trustworthy, friends. It has been a tremendous honor to head this talented group of individuals. I hope the next incoming cabinet and members will make the Youth Group a fun group to be in, and a memorable one in their lives. To all members and my cabinet members, thank you for your hard work, co-operation and most of all, the wonderful memories you have shared with me.

Justin Sy
Youth Group President
2008/2009

Quotable Quotes

Procrastinate: Something you do when you don't.

Joe Heuer

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pope John XXIII

You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.

Bob Hope

The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.

Michelangelo

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.

Denis Waitley

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学习

朱恩求
(Leo Chu)



老师问问题，
同学背唐诗，
我知道李白，
我喜欢老师。

中文

鍾天賜

(Steven Chung)

中文学不好，
但是我努力，
我天天学习，
他日定成功。

狗在那里？

明慧

(Ming Hui Brown)

回家问妈妈，
言我狗那儿去，
只在此山中，
草多不知处。

万圣节

施华耀 (Justin Sy)

今年的万圣节，我想我已见怪不怪，因为小孩子的服装都不可怕。虽然他们都打扮成鬼怪，有些人会被吓到，他们应该打扮成天使去看一些贫病的人。

我有一个主意，我们可以募款来帮助穷人。当然我们也可以纪念孔夫子，打扮成他一样。小明说：「原来如此，我明白了。」



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by Collin Lee



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Upcoming Events

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