

CACC Student Newsletter

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<p>CACC Student Council</p> <p>President <i>Charley Ma</i></p> <p>Vice Presidents <i>Jennifer Yan</i> <i>Leslie Wu</i></p> <p>Treasurer <i>Andrew Liu</i></p> <p>Secretary <i>Tracy Guo</i></p>	<p>Message from the CACC President Weiwei Guo</p> <p>Dear CACC friends:</p> <p>As the gentle spring breeze brings a brand new year closer to us, I would like to extend my warmest New Year wishes to you on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Chinese American Cooperation Council (CACC). We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous support to our work in the past year, and we wish you great health, successful career and a happy family life in the Year of the Boar!</p> <p>CACC and its Chinese School have made significant progress in many different areas over the last year. On the Chinese school front, not only did we provide close to 80 classes to accommodate 1,200+ class registrations every Sunday, but also redesigned curriculum, opened a Chinese summer camp, and moved the school to a new location. Within the CACC organization, we founded a soccer club, conducted a new round of member registration, and amended the CACC Bylaws in an effort to foster a healthy growth of the organization.</p> <p>We have also successfully held or participated in a number of cultural and recreational events, including the Fourth Tri-Valley Chinese Culture Day, Spring Family Olympic Games, Pleasanton Multi-cultural Day "Passport to Pleasanton", Tri-Valley Chinese American Immigration History Exhibition, Hiking trip, Golden Autumn BBQ, Key Volunteer Appreciation Night, and a Skiing trip.</p> <p>We are delighted to see that CACC is making big strides in providing more expansive and effective services to the Chinese community, and has received increasing recognition in the Tri-Valley area. As the world moves towards a tighter economic and cultural integration, our goal for CACC is no different. In the new year, we hope to continue improving our work and playing a positive role in bridging the Chinese community with the mainstream society.</p> <p>CACC has been in existence for four years. At its inception, we only had a simple, practical goal, which was to prevent our children from forgetting their Chinese roots and from losing their command of the Chinese language. We watched in amazement as CACC grew and expanded with such a rapid speed in four short years, and exerted an increasingly strong influence on the life of many local Chinese families. Our efforts have left indelible cultural imprints on our children, thereby preparing them for their future adventure into a world that is</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued on page 3</p>
<p>Chinese American Cooperation Council www.caccusa.org</p> <p>President <i>Weiwei Guo</i></p> <p>Vice Presidents <i>Shirley Zeng</i> <i>Andrew Wang</i></p> <p>Treasurer <i>Yu Tao</i></p> <p>Secretary General <i>Ellen Liu</i></p> <p>Board of Directors <i>Han Qu</i> <i>Lisha Kang</i> <i>D.C. Wei</i> <i>Ziliang Yuan</i></p> <p>Advisor <i>Jingjing Xu</i></p> <hr/> <p>Editor <i>Andrew Liu</i></p>	<p>Message from Student Council President</p> <p>Hi everyone and welcome to the Second Annual CACC Student Council. My name is Charley Ma and I am currently the President of this council. I am currently 17 years old and a junior at San Ramon Valley High School.</p> <p>My main goal this year for the council as a whole is to help facilitate increased teen participation primarily through various outreach activities and other fun events such as movies or bowling. I encourage all teens to join. But most of all, I want to make sure that everyone is having an enjoyable time while helping the community.</p> <p>Another one of my goals is to increase communication between the Council, its members, and the CACC organization.</p> <p>My job as President is to make sure our student council runs smoothly. This is my second year as an officer in this council, and first as President. I genuinely believe that this year's council will be a success. Our officers, Jennifer, Leslie, Andrew, and Tracy, are all quite deserving of their positions and along with their help, I expect big things to happen from this council.</p> <p>With the help of the other officers, I plan the various student council events and outings. I make sure that everyone's job gets accomplished to the best of their ability. I also make sure that you, the students, receive every possible chance to become involved in this valuable opportunity.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact the council at teens@caccusa.org or me personally at CHARLEYMA1@COMCAST.NET to join or to get more information about the council.</p> <p>Sincerely, Charley Ma</p>

School Calendar by Principal Han Qu

- March 3 - Volunteer Appreciation Party
- March 11 - Daylight savings starts
- March - Preparation for new school
- April 8 - Spring Break - No School
- April 22 - Academic competition
- End of April - registration for 2007-2008 begins
- May 27 - Memorial Day - No School
- June 3 - Last day of school & School year-end celebration

Here is the second CACC Student Council that will be working for you this entire school year, comprising of a President, two Vice Presidents, one Treasurer, and one Secretary:



It is quite an honor to serve as your CACC student council Vice President. My name is Jennifer Yan. I am 14 years old and attend Amador Valley High School. This year, we hope to accomplish much in terms of helping CACC. First of all, I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped out in CACC, whether in the office, or for the Chinese New Year Festival! We encourage and welcome new volunteers to participate in future events. There will be many fun events. We will put you on the email list. Hope you had a wonderful Chinese New Years! -Jennifer Yan

Hey everyone! I'm Leslie Wu. I am the vice president of the CACC Student Council. I am a freshman attending the Head-Royce School, and I am 14 years old. On the CACC Student Council, each officer has his/her own "special" job. Mine is social events. But what exactly are they going to be? I plan the party events: potlucks, picnics, etc. But mostly, I plan volunteer events. For all the CACC volunteers, there will be parties/rewards that you can look forward to. So no, when you join the volunteer group, you won't just "get the joy of volunteering," though that is very important! When you become a CACC teen volunteer, you will also get to have parties/get-togethers. I'm the party planner for the parties you recommend and vote. Hope to see you soon! -Leslie Wu

Hi, I am Andrew Liu, the CACC Student Council Treasurer. I have just turned 13 and attend Windemere Ranch Middle School. I think that the most important things that the Council and I, with your help, need to accomplish this year are to establish more effective communication and involve teen participation. I am also the editor of this newsletter, and I figured that a newsletter would help us communicate with you as well as notify you about CACC events and volunteer opportunities. I hope that you will become more actively involved in CACC if you know what is on the road ahead. The Council is always open to suggestions! -Andrew Liu

Hi, my name is Tracy Guo, and I am your new CACC Student Council secretary. I'm in 8th grade at Windemere Ranch Middle School as well as at CACC Chinese School. I'm not only glad, but also proud to be working with Charley, Andrew, Jennifer, and Leslie. My job as the student body secretary is to take notes on what we talk about in meetings, and talk with everyone else on the council about our plans for the future and what not. My other "special" job is to basically be in charge of the classroom check-up system and make sure that the classrooms are clean. If anyone has questions, don't hesitate to ask me or anyone on the council. Please, have a nice day! ☺ -Tracy Guo

The 4th Tri-Valley Chinese Culture Day

Andrew Liu



As the closing of Chinese New Year approached, many of us would have liked to be in China, celebrating the Year of the Boar with close relatives and a celebrating country.

But at CACC's 4th Chinese Culture Day, held in Pleasanton, CA, not only did Chinese Americans get to spend time with their fellow community, but they also got to participate in a carnival full of fun games, a grandiose show put together by talented CACC volunteers and performers, and an intense and fun dumpling making contest among 100 families.

Making dumplings, or "jiao-zi", is a traditional part of celebrating the Chinese New Year, but instead of celebrating it with family, attendees celebrated it with fellow community members. 10 teams gathered around tables to race - to make the most jiao-zi in a matter of ten minutes.

Jiao-zi making begins with making dough out of flour, and then rolling it out into a small, flat pancake. A small amount of a mixture of meat and vegetables is then plopped into the center of the pancake, and it is wrapped up. Finally, the jiao-zi is dropped into boiling water and cooked to produce the final product. At the New Year event, making jiao-zi was fun, good team work. It was one of the highlights that made the celebration so successful.

During the stage show, there were performers that ranged from CACC Orchestra band, to elegant Er-hu (Chinese violin) players and amazing acrobats. As put by Xin Chen, a CACC member, there was a "professional performance, talented MC, creative stage art and a real theatrical atmosphere." Every performer made audience applaud with much enthusiasm. Among them were Yongping Tian on his Er-hu, playing "The Second Spring" and "Gallop Horses", and Weiguang Dang singing "The Rivers" and "My Motherland". The extraordinary performances included Xiaopai He Gelb's dance, "Butterfly in Heaven" and the San Francisco School of Circus Arts' "Love Chair" acrobatics.

Representatives from five major cities in the Tri-Valley attended this event. This included Mayor Abram Wilson from San Ramon, Superintendent John Casey from Pleasanton Unified School, Councilmember Jerry Thorne from Pleasanton, Mayor Michael Shimansky from Danville, Vice Mayor John Marchand from Livermore, Dublin Sister City Association Director James Kohnen. The VIPs also includes 7-time Emmy award winning composer and producer Gary Malkin, praising the whole event was

Message from the CACC President (*contd.*)

constantly reshaped by the force of globalization.

CACC has been operated by a large group of enthusiastic volunteers from the day it was created. Over the years, countless people, including many of you, have made tremendous contributions to its growth. So, on behalf of all the board members, let me extend our deepest gratitude to you all. Thank you! I sincerely hope that we can count on your continuous support in the future. Let us work together to make our community an even better one!

At last, I want to wish everyone much happiness and prosperity in this wonderful Year of the Golden Boar!

Upcoming Teen Volunteer Opportunity!

CACC has a certain number of students from non-Chinese speaking families. It takes a great deal of courage and enthusiasm for them to decide to study Chinese, but sometimes they can find it quite difficult to learn the language. The Student Council would like to create a tutoring program to help these students. Any teen with Chinese-speaking background is encouraged to participate as a tutor. Teens will be able to receive volunteer credit and will volunteer on Sundays that they sign up. Please email to charleyma1@comcast.net if you are interested in tutoring.

First Issue of the CACC Newsletter

This is the first issue of the CACC Newsletter, which will allow the community to broadcast concerns and opinions about the CACC Chinese school, CACC, or just about anything. Receiving this newsletter ensures that you not only receive information about the latest events and happenings, but also that you are notified of upcoming ones. You can also submit articles that you want to be published to teens@caccusa.org. The CACC Newsletter will be published regularly to you on cacc@caccusa.org. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

"truly extraordinary" and "never seen anyone who has put together such an incredible program in a high school gym!" The event diamond sponsor Mill Creek Academy director Cheri Sabraw called the event "a splendid day and evening celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year".

It just comes to show that we can celebrate anything we want anywhere. So while many of us did not get to celebrate the New Year with other close relatives in China, we certainly were able to celebrate with our "other relatives" here.