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Greetings from the President

Happy Chinese New Year, Members and Sponsors!

The Christmas Party held on Sat., Dec. 12, 2009, was an outstanding success. Over 200 members, families and friends enjoyed fellowship with one another. The food entrées and shared entrées were most delectable. Performances by our award winning Classical Dance Troupe were an artistic treat; Chinese Language School students sang linguistically sweet sounds; Santa was great.

This is the Year of the Tiger, 4708. Tigers are determined, enthusiastic and positive with a sense of superiority. They explore the potential in unlikely situations. Tigers tend to place themselves in leadership roles. Much success to Tigers!

Etiquette dictates that you bring oranges and tangerines and enclose a lai see (red envelope) when visiting family or friends anytime during Chinese New Year celebration. Tangerines with leaves intact assure that one's relationship with the other remains secure. For newlyweds, this represents the branching of the couple into a family with many children. Oranges and tangerines are symbols for abundant happiness. The candy tray arranged in either a circle or octagon is called "The Tray of Togetherness." After taking candy from the tray, adults place a red envelope on the center compartment of the tray. Each item represents some kind of good fortune. Candied melon – growth and good health; Red melon seed – dyed red to symbolize joy, happiness, truth and sincerity; Lychee nut – strong family relationships; Cumquat – prosperity; Coconut – togetherness; Peanuts – long life; Longnan – many good sons; Lotus seed – many children.

Our Chinese New Year event in Camarillo Constitution Park will be held on Sat., Feb. 13, 2010, 1-4 PM. The program includes: Lion Dance, Kung Fu demonstrations, Chinese classical dances, and Chinese classical instrument music ensemble. Many Chinese souvenirs will be for sale as well as a calligraphy booth demonstration and crafts tables for kids.

After that is the Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2010, at the Ling Ranch. We look forward to you and your family members joining us.

*I wish all of you and your family members
a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2010!*

Lloyd Ho
President 2009-2010



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.

Lena Ho
Editor

Christmas Party

by Jackie & Shaun Sittinger

The VCCAA Christmas party was held on Saturday, Dec. 12th at Camarillo Heights Elementary School. It was well attended by over 200 members and their families in spite of the wonderful rain that we received that day and night.

Great support by Lee-May Little who ordered and picked up food from Lakeview Garden Chinese Restaurant (Westlake Village). We also appreciated everyone who brought entrees to share and those who helped serve the dishes at the event.

The youth group did a wonderful job of decorating the stage and giving out the raffle tickets for the many door prizes that were donated by various families. Two special prizes were the Snow Village Collection: Lucky Dragon Restaurant and a Panda Tea Kettle. We had an exceptional number of gifts to raffle off and we wanted to thank everyone for their donations.

We definitely appreciated our announcers: Shaun Sittinger, co-chair, and our President Lloyd Ho. Our Emcees were great: Youth Group President: Hung Su and Youth Group Vice-President: Kenny Wang.

The entertainment was heart warming.

Under the direction of Mrs. Yu-Ling Lu, the Classical Dance Troupe performed "Spring Time in the Garden" by

Monica Lin, Laurel Mooney, Kelly Tebbe, and Lucy Curtis. "Jingle Bells" by Grace Coulter. "Fan Dance" by Kira Tebbe.

Chinese Language School's combined First Grade class and Kindergarten class sang "Wa Ha Ha." They were adorable!

Special trophies were presented by VCCAA President Lloyd Ho to the students who won outstanding performances in the Southern California Chinese Dance competition held on Dec. 6. They achieved "Platinum" level awards. We appreciated their hard work and dedication.

Many thanks to Shuqin Zhao and the Thousand Oaks Chinese Music Ensemble. And special thanks to Barbara Chieu who purchased and packaged gifts for Santa Claus and Vivian Goo who also helped package the fun gifts and delivered them to the event. Much appreciation to Santa Claus (Eric Plambeck) for being there to pass out gifts to one and all!

Once again, we appreciated everyone who contributed. Thank you to my family who helped before and throughout the event.

A Look at Upcoming Events

Chinese New Year Celebration

When: **Saturday, February 13, 2010, 1-4 PM**

Where: **Camarillo Constitution Park
1287 Paseo Camarillo/ Carmen Dr.**

Contact: **Zeak Simmons, (805) 482-5835**

According to tales and legends, the beginning of Chinese New Year started with the fight against a mythical beast called the Nian or "Year" in Chinese. Nian would come on the first day of New Year to devour livestock, crops, and even villagers, especially children. To protect themselves, the villagers would put food in front of their doors at the beginning of every year. It was believed that after the Nian ate the food they prepared, it wouldn't attack any more people.

One time, people saw that the Nian was scared away by a little child wearing red. The villagers then understood that the Nian was afraid of the color red. Hence, every time



when the New Year was about to come, the villagers would hang red lanterns and red spring scrolls on windows and doors. People also used firecrackers to frighten away the Nian. From then on, the Nian never came to the village again.

Join us at Camarillo Constitution Park for an afternoon of family fun of children's crafts, calligraphy and entertainment. Program includes Chinese Classical Dancing, Lion Dancing, Martial Arts Demonstration, Chinese Acrobats performances, and other Chinese Musical presentations and song. See you there!

Easter Egg Hunt

When: **Saturday, April 3, 2010, 12:30 PM**

Where: **Ling Ranch
Somis**

Contact: **Lesley Ling Sule, (805) 445-9425**



Eggs, a traditional symbol of new life, are hard-boiled and dyed. Rabbits are a powerful symbol of fertility and new life, and therefore, of Easter. Held for more than 120 years, early egg rolling activities took place on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. However, under President Rutherford Hayes, 19th President, 1877-1881, the event was moved to the South Lawn of the White House.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on! Join us at the Ling Ranch for food, games and the hunt.

For each child participating, please bring an Easter basket and two dozen filled Easter eggs.

We will be providing a simple lunch for all and games for the kids. We look forward to seeing all of you then!

Chinese Language School

by Lee-May Little, Principal

First of all I would like to give a big applause to our Kindergarten class students and those students from other classes who performed the lovely Chinese song “Wa Ha Ha” at the VCCAA Christmas party event. You were so cute, you made us proud.

The school’s Fall Semester is nearing an end. Every one is trying their best to learn. Thank you to our hard-working teachers. The Spring Semester will begin Feb. 5th.

On April 30th the school will hold its annual speech contest. The speech contest is open to the public and



everyone is welcome to attend.

I also want to acknowledge the wonderful job our High School Credit Class performed at the VCCAA’s Mid-Autumn Festival. Your presentation was very meaningful.

Keep up the good work with Ms. Irene Sy.

Our Chinese school will have arts and crafts to

help the VCCAA celebrate the Year of the Tiger, 4708, at Camarillo Constitution Park on Sat., Feb. 13, 1-4 PM. Bring your families and tell your friends and neighbors. See you there.

Scholarships

by Vivian Goo

The VCCAA Scholarship Form is now available at all West Ventura County High Schools. See your scholarship or career counselor for a copy of this form.

Family members of the VCCAA are requested to get their scholarship form on-line at www.vccaa.org as you must identify your family member. If you are using a form from your school, you must identify your family member on that form. Add in the family member name yourself. The school forms do not have this requirement for the general public.

We will award a minimum of one \$500 scholarship to

the general public. We will award more scholarships to the general public, if we do not receive sufficient qualified applicants from children of association members.

All children/grandchildren of our VCCAA members who are high school seniors are firmly encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Two \$750 scholarships as well as a minimum of one \$500 scholarship will be awarded in 2010.

All scholarship applications must be postmarked on or before **March 30, 2010**. If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Goo at (805) 482-6074.

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Historical Society News

by Linda Bentz

The following essay is a preview of our upcoming book, *Hidden Voice: One Hundred Years of Chinese History in Ventura County*.

A Chinese Wife and Mother in Ventura

My first introduction to Mrs. Soo Hoo Bock occurred 17 years ago when I was studying Ventura's Chinese American history while attending UCLA. At first Mrs. Soo Hoo was rather difficult to track because she was known by many names. Her name given at birth was Yee Heung, and when she joined the Presbyterian Mission, in Santa Barbara where she was born, the missionaries gave her the American name of Minnie. She married Soo Hoo Bock in 1895, and became known as Yee Shee, the traditional name for a married Chinese woman, yet official documents referred to her as Mrs. Soo Hoo Bock. Finally, at the end of her life in 1913, she was referred to as Mrs. Charley Bock.¹ How could one woman have so many names? After many years of confusion, and thinking I was researching several women, I finally determined that Mrs. Soo Hoo Bock was known by all of the names above.

Born Yee Heung in Santa Barbara on July 5, 1878, to Yee Sing and Chin Shee, she had a sister named Yee Oi who married a merchant named Soo Hoo Leung in Los Angeles. Heung had a brother named Yee Yook who was born in San Francisco in 1875. He married a woman in China and ultimately opened a store in San Diego, California.

Both of the Yee girls were educated by missionaries in Santa Barbara and could read, write, and speak English, and they were prolific letter writers. The missionaries gave the girls American names: Heung was known as Minnie and Oi was known as Annie.

Apparently Heung was popular and held a place of importance in Santa Barbara's Chinese community, because in August 1895, her marriage was announced in the *Los Angeles Times*:

Miss Ah Heung, eldest daughter of Yee Sing, a retired merchant of Santa Barbara, departed by carriage this morning for Ventura, with the object of being united in marriage to Soo Hoo Bock, a merchant of Ventura. The high social standing of Miss Heung makes this marriage an important event in Chinese circles.²

There were very few Chinese women living in California during the nineteenth century due to exclusionary laws. Male Chinese settlers in the West had few options when it came to finding brides. They could travel to China and return with a wife, however this was a privilege accorded to Chinese merchants only. The exclusion laws and their enforcement created a social situation where merchants were primarily the only settlers who married and had families in Chinese American communities.

After their wedding in 1895, Heung and Bock resided in Ventura. We know that during their marriage they lived in Chinatown on Figueroa Street, probably behind Soo Hoo Bock's store. Although Heung was born in Santa Barbara and she was an American citizen, she forfeited her citizenship when she married a Chinese national.³

Soo Hoo Bock was born in China in July 1853, and came to the United States in 1874 according to census data reported in 1900. He listed his occupation as merchant and he could read, write, and speak English. Local sources suggest that Soo Hoo Bock, also known as Charlie Bock, arrived in Ventura around 1877, and he was very influential in the Chinese community.

Bock was a landowner and partner in Wing Tai Yuen and Company store located on Figueroa Street. The store became a strictly Chinese American social institution. Men spent their leisure time in the back room of Chinese stores where they would talk together, send and receive letters home from China, post public notices, challenge each other to chess or checkers, play musical instruments, and read newspapers. Around 1905, this store moved when Soo Hoo Bock and Tom Lim Yan bought property at the corner of Main Street and Ventura Avenue, the new Chinatown.

Between 1895 and 1905, Heung and her sister, Oi, wrote letters to each other, in English, describing their married lives, families, friends, community events, gifts, and hairstyles. Since many Chinese settlers could not speak English, or did not have leisure time to record their lives and thoughts, this personal and candid communication is rarely found in Chinese American history. The following provides a sample of their letters, and was written to Oi in Los Angeles, less than a week after her wedding. Writing from Ventura, Heung and members of the Yee family, residents of Ventura's Chinese community, attempted to

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cheer the new bride. The letter is transcribed as written.

October 6, 1895

Dear Sister,
Mrs. S H Leung

I was very glad to received your kind and welcome letter yesterday afternoon and were very glad to hear from you both well . . . I think your husband is very kind to you, every body say he is very pretty nicely men . . . Mrs. Lun Fong told me they said your new home is very beautiful . . . You must write a little paper to let me see your home see how nice. Mrs. Lun Fong she tell me she say you got nice soft bed and beautiful bureau . . . I and Mrs. Yee Hee and Miss Emily and Yee S. Moi Yee Gow Yee Gee [Yee family in Ventura] we all sends best love to you and your husband and wish you be very happy in your new home you not be sorry now, be a big women you very kind to your husband he is very good to you too. You must write to me often I will say good-bye to you.

Your Loving
Sister Minnie⁴

Chinese wives in Ventura seldom went out. They would be seen at Chinese New Year celebrations, after the birth of their first child, and at weddings and funerals. Since the women in the Chinese community rarely left their homes, missionaries would come to the women's houses to teach them English and discuss Christianity. Nellie Yee Chung, a former resident of Ventura's Chinese community, noted that the Chinese women did beautiful sewing and embroidery, and the missionaries would shop for cloth and bring it to their homes. We know that Heaung was visited by Mrs. Bissell, the teacher for the Congregational Chinese mission in Ventura as she wrote in a report, "Chinese women have been reached in their homes – Mrs. Hing is grateful for lessons three times a week – Mrs. Bock appreciates the friendly call and occasioned shopping conferred till the teacher feels sure of an honest welcome at all times."⁵ Missionaries also taught Chinese children in Ventura.

Bock and Heaung had six children; however their third child, a girl, died in an accident. The names of the surviving children and their birth dates are, Soo Hoo Toy or Soo Hoo Toy On, (Henry) born 1896; Soo Hoo Toy Bow, (Harry) born 1898; Soo Hoo Fook, (Bennie) born 1900; Soo Hoo Gue, (Jennie) born 1902; and Soo Hoo Moy, (Nellie) born 1905. All of the children were born on Figueroa Street and Euroamerican doctors attended Heaung. When Nellie was born in 1905, her arrival was announced in the local newspaper:

Stork in Chinatown

There was happy occurrence in Chinatown last week and all the residents of that section are burning punk, beating the tom tom and in other ways rejoicing over the good fortune that has come to them. For the stork hovered over Chinatown and brought to Mrs. Soo Hoo Bock a pretty Chinese baby girl. There was a time when the Chinese parent did not hail with so much pleasure the advent of a girl in the family but girls are wanted now. The young Chinaman can not go home to China to get married and return here, and there are not many girls in this country. Consequently when one does arrive there is much happiness.

Nellie was named after Nellie Yee Chung, a dear family friend.

Soo Hoo Bock's dreams of success, prosperity, and a family life were realized, yet he would not live long to enjoy them. He passed away in Los Angeles in 1907, due to paralysis. His obituary claimed that he was influential in the Chinese community and well to do. He was a member of the Bing Kong Tong, and because of his standing in the organization, he was accorded special honors at his funeral. He left behind property and an "insurance policy in the Equitable for a large sum."⁶ In Soo Hoo Bock's will he left half of the property, purchased with Tom Lim Yan on Main Street and Ventura Avenue, to his widow and minor children. His estate did not exceed \$1000.⁷ In essence, Heaung's family inherited half of the new Chinatown.

Upon Soo Hoo Bock's death, Heaung was left with five small children to care for in Ventura's diminishing Chinese community. Somewhere along the way, all the members of Soo Hoo Bock's family became known by the name of Bock; thus losing their true surname. By 1907, the Soo Hoo family was living on Main Street and Ventura Avenue, behind the Wing Tai Yuen and Company store. Her ownership and participation in the store is noted in an oral history from Mary J. Huning, a local resident.

[D]own on the corner of the Avenue and Main Street there was a Mrs. Bock that had a little store down there. A general store with all these Chinese things. I'd go there with my father as a child, and she'd always give me some China nuts. One day she gave me two glass bracelets . . . And the first thing I did was drop one. I can remember crying for days about that.

Contemporary accounts report that Heaung's children went to public schools. We know that Henry and Harry Soo Hoo attended Hill Street School in Ventura where Henry was one grade ahead of Harry. Harry continued his education until the seventh grade. Nellie and Jenny also went to Hill Street School and were playmates with Euroamerican children. Ben went on to receive his high

school diploma in 1917. He was the first child of Chinese heritage to graduate from high school in Ventura and his accomplishment was reported in the *Los Angeles Times*.⁸

In 1910, Henry Soo Hoo moved to Los Angeles to work in a restaurant. Perhaps he lived with his aunt Soo Hoo Oi and her family. He made frequent trips to Ventura to visit his family, and later in life he lived part time in Los Angeles and Ventura. In 1930, he was a partner in the Chop Suey Cafe at 222 East Main Street, Ventura.

Heaung's health began to decline. In 1913, she testified for Soo Hoo Fong, who was attempting to get permission to visit China and return to the United States, and she stated that she borrowed money from Soo Hoo Fong for business expenses and for an operation she had in Los Angeles. On November 16, 1913, Mrs. Soo Hoo Bock passed away at the age of 35 years old. Tragically, a life cut short.

Chinese Mother Dies

Mrs. Bock, a Chinese woman, died Sunday morning at her late home on West Main Street, of tuberculosis. Her husband, who was a prominent member of the once flourishing Chinese colony in this city, died several years ago. Five young children survive her. The remains were buried yesterday afternoon in the Chinese plot in the city cemetery.⁹

Seven years later, on the same date, November 16, 1920, Heaung's sister Oi died in Los Angeles.

There were very few Chinese women in the West during Heaung's short 35 years. Due to their lives of seclusion, accounts of Chinese women are hard to find. After years of research, Heaung's story has finally been told. This first generation Chinese American woman's life has been documented through letters, immigration files, photographs, census data, deed records, newspaper accounts and oral histories.

Heaung's story is very important as it illuminates the struggles and challenges of a Chinese woman living in an historic ethnic community. In reading her story, the image of a woman who traveled in two worlds emerges. She interacted on a personal level with members of the host community and they praised her language skills, beauty, and generosity. She sent her children to Euroamerican schools when missionaries were available to come to her home for instruction. Yet, she lived in a segregated Chinese community where she maintained Chinese customs and rituals and strived to teach these traditions to her children. She was a woman of strong character and courage who was able to walk the slippery slope between two cultures. It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to record Heaung's story for future generations.

¹ Many Chinese settlers took American names. Euroamericans did not understand that Chinese surnames are placed before given names, so some Chinese settlers became known by the given name, thus losing their surnames. Since the names of Chinese settlers were confused, historians are presented with a dilemma when researching family stories.

² *Los Angeles Times* August 9, 1895

³ The Expatriation Act of 1907 declared that any woman who married an alien ineligible for citizenship would, herself, cease to be a citizen of the United States.

⁴ Soo Hoo Leung Collection. On file, Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles, California.

⁵ Report of Ventura Chinese Mission for 1901. Congregational Church Archive, on file Museum of Ventura County.

⁶ *Ventura Free Press* May 24, 1907

⁷ Will of Soo Hoo Bock. Ventura County Book of Deeds: Book 104 page 106.

⁸ *Los Angeles Times* June 17, 1917.

⁹ *Ventura Daily Democrat* November 18, 1913.

A Glimpse on the History of China

The Opium War, 1839-42

During the eighteenth century, the market in Europe and America for tea, a new drink in the West, expanded greatly. Additionally, there was a continuing demand for Chinese silk and porcelain. But China, still in its preindustrial stage, wanted little that the West had to offer, causing the Westerners, mostly British, to incur an unfavorable balance of trade. To remedy the situation, the foreigners developed a third-party trade, exchanging their merchandise in India and Southeast Asia for raw materials and semiprocessed goods, which found a ready market in Guangzhou. By the early nineteenth century, raw cotton and opium from India had become the staple British imports into China, in spite of the fact that opium was prohibited entry by imperial decree. The opium traffic was

made possible through the connivance of profit-seeking merchants and a corrupt bureaucracy.

In 1839 the Qing government, after a decade of unsuccessful anti-opium campaigns, adopted drastic prohibitory laws against the opium trade. The emperor dispatched a commissioner, Lin Zexu (1785-1850), to Guangzhou to suppress illicit opium traffic. Lin seized illegal stocks of opium owned by Chinese dealers and then detained the entire foreign community and confiscated and destroyed some 20,000 chests of illicit British opium. The British retaliated with a punitive expedition, thus initiating the first Anglo-Chinese war, better known as the Opium War (1839-42). Unprepared for war and grossly underestimating the capabilities of the enemy, the Chinese were disastrously defeated, and their image of their own

imperial power was tarnished beyond repair. The Treaty of Nanjing (1842), signed on board a British warship by two Manchu imperial commissioners and the British plenipotentiary, was the first of a series of agreements with the Western trading nations later called by the Chinese the "unequal treaties." Under the Treaty of Nanjing, China ceded the island of Hong Kong (Xianggang) to the British; abolished the licensed monopoly system of trade; opened 5 ports to British residence and foreign trade; limited the tariff on trade to 5 percent ad valorem; granted British nationals extraterritoriality (exemption from Chinese laws);

and paid a large indemnity. In addition, Britain was to have most-favored-nation treatment, that is, it would receive whatever trading concessions the Chinese granted other powers then or later. The Treaty of Nanjing set the scope and character of an unequal relationship for the ensuing century of what the Chinese would call "national humiliations." The treaty was followed by other incursions, wars, and treaties that granted new concessions and added new privileges for the foreigners.

Source: <http://www-chaos.umd.edu/history/modern.html>

Quotable Quotes

Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!

Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel (1904-1991); Writer, Cartoonist

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.

Dr. Michael Pritchard; Keynote Speaker

The best part of life is not just surviving, but thriving with passion and compassion and humor and style and generosity and kindness.

Maya Angelou (1928-); Poet

I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing.

Agatha Christie (1890-1976); Writer

Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

John Wooden (1910-); American Basketball Coach

When you're in jail, a good friend will be trying to bail you out. A best friend will be in the cell next to you saying, 'Damn, that was fun.'

Unknown

VCCAA Chinese Classical Dance Troupe



Left-right: Kelly Tebbe, Lucy Curtis, Emily Meschke, Laurel Mooney, Monica Lin, Kira Tebbe

On Dec. 6, 2010, the Dance Troupe participated in the Southern California Chinese Dance Competition. The top three award levels were Platinum, Gold, and Silver, where Platinum was for the highest achievement.

Through hard work, long hours, and dedication, these high achievers competed amongst their peers and earned Platinum! We recognize their accomplishment and applaud

them for a job well done.

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Dancers must be at least 5 years of age. No experience is needed. All dancers welcome.

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For more information, please contact Mrs. Yu-Ling Lu, (805) 983-6082 or (805) 990-3866

Upcoming Events

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	Point of Contact
Chinese New Year Celebration	Feb. 13, 2010 Saturday, 1-4 PM	Camarillo Constitution Park 1287 Paseo Camarillo / Carmen Dr., Camarillo	Zeak Simmons
Easter Egg Hunt	April 3, 2010 Saturday, 12:30 PM	Ling Ranch Somis	Leslie Ling Sule
Memorial Day Picnic	May 31, 2010 Monday, 11:00 AM	Pleasant Valley Park Temple Ave. & Ponderosa Rd. Camarillo	Leslie Jue George Ng



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