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Greetings from the President



The Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by all, especially the children, at the Ling Ranch in Somis on Sat., Apr. 23rd. There were games, a light lunch, and eggs-galore! Thanks goes to Lesley Ling Sule, chairperson, Suzie and Leslie Jue, Youth Group, and parents.

Our next event is the combined Memorial Day Picnic and Awards & Installation event on Mon., May 30th. Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed each year to commemorate American servicemen and women who died in battle.

Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the Army's 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis (Missouri) began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (Virginia). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

Sir Walter Scott (August 15, 1771 – September 21, 1832):

Soldier, rest! Thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Dream of battled fields no more.
Days of danger, nights of waking.

Memorial Day often marks the start of the summer vacation season, and Labor Day its end.

At the Memorial Day Picnic be sure to promptly renew your membership with the application enclosed in this newsletter plus a personal check made out to the VCCAA, or cash. Most important bring your ballot to vote for next year's Officers and Board of Directors. Awards & Installation of incoming officers and board of directors will be held.

Have a great summer and be refreshed for the new fiscal year.

Lloyd Ho
President 2010-2011



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

Easter Egg Hunt

by Lesley Ling-Sule



It was a beautiful Easter Saturday afternoon at the Ling Ranch in Somis! More than 50 kids and parents came together for a beautiful day full of fun games, food and, of course, a fantastic Egg Hunt. The Youth Group and Chinese Language School students, lead by Kenny Wang, worked hard coordinating the games of the day, like the sack race and the 3-legged race, etc. This year, the piñata proved to

be worth all the extra hits (ba dum bum!).

Leslie and Suzie Jue and their family put together a wonderful BBQ feast; and the games and layout by Hillary and Stella Ling was above and beyond, 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!

A huge thank you to everyone for your help and hard work. We'll see you again next year!

Proposed Change to the VCCAA By-Laws

by Lloyd Ho, President

The Board of Directors is considering a change to a by-law concerning the consecutive terms served by the President and Vice-President.

Proposed change to the by-laws is as follows:

SECTION 3: OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These

Officers shall be elected annually by the members to serve from 1 July to 30 June of the following year. ~~The President and Vice-President shall not hold the same office more than two consecutive terms.~~

The Board of Directors ratified the above amended by-law with a majority vote at its May 16 meeting.

Upcoming Event

Combined

Memorial Day Picnic and Awards & Installation

When: **Monday, May 30, 2011, 11:00 A.M.**

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

Cost: **\$8 Adults, \$5 Children 10 years & under**

Contact: **Picnic – Leslie Jue, (805) 525-9562**

George Ng, (805) 482-2054

Awards & Installation – Vivian Goo, (805) 482-6074

Come join us for some incredible barbecue and fun in the sun! It's time for our annual Memorial Day Picnic and General Meeting that is combined with the Awards & Installation event. 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.**

We will recognize our Program Chairs for our various events, donors, sponsors and life time members. This is a time in which we can thank all of them for their generosity and hard work in support of our association.

We also welcome as many members as possible to be on one of our committees and to take an active role in supporting our club in our events and in helping to promote the mission of our Club.



When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace.
The 14th Dalai Lama (1935-)

Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.

Scott Adams (1957-); Creator of
Dilbert Comic Strip

Chinese Language School

by Irene Sy, Principal



This school year has gone by so fast and all we have left is three more weeks of school. I should say only three more classes. Looking back on the past seven months, we have had quite a few accomplishments.

Our Chinese School interactive learning website has been setup with links to separate pages of our classes. Students can now learn, communicate with their teachers and submit their homework online. Please visit our website at <https://vccls.wikispaces.com> to see our students' work and some useful Chinese learning websites.

We had our first Chinese New Year and Talent Show, four fund raisers, participated in four community services, such as the World Book Fest and the Camarillo Library Chinese New Year celebration. Our teachers had attended two teachers' professional training and three staff development meetings.

We will be having our annual Speech Competition and general knowledge contest on our last day of school – June 3, 7:00 p.m. The Speech Competition will be held in the Multi-purpose room at the Pleasant Valley Instructional Center. Please come and support our students and see how much they have accomplished in their Chinese language learning.

The field trip to the Chinese American Museum Los Angeles is postponed to May 28, 2011 (Saturday). Please contact me if you are interested to join us for the field trip at (805) 482-4765 or email vcchineseschool@aol.com.

This is the second year our students are given opportunities to visit The Peoples' Republic of China under the HANBAN Summer Bridge

Program. Six of our students will be visiting Beijing and Shanghai for two weeks, July 15-31, 2011. They will be attending a language and culture camp in Shanghai, as well as sightseeing in Beijing and Shanghai. Their trip is made possible by the sponsorship of the UCLA Confucius Institute and the Chinese HANBAN. John and Sarah Eldridge, Serena and Julian Chow, Nadira Chu and Philip Cheng are our six lucky students. Our Shu Ping-ping



Laoshi will be their chaperone this year.

Early registration for the 2011-2012 school year will begin on June 3, 2011. Please email me if you are interested to enroll your children or grandchildren in the Chinese school. We appreciate your

help in spreading the words and encourage more people to join our school. Registration form will be available for download either from the www.vccaa.org or the <https://vccls.wikispaces.com> website after May 28, 2011.

I would like to thank the support of our parents, teachers and most of all our Vice-Principal, Mr. Xiaoming Chen, to help make this a very fruitful year. All your help have made the Ventura County Chinese Language School a better place for our children to learn about their Chinese heritage as well as keeping and progressing in their learning of the Chinese language.

I hope to see everyone again in the fall for the new 2011-2012 school year.

Have a great, enjoyable, sunshine, and safe summer!

暑假快乐!



Scholarships

by Vivian Goo



The association is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2011 VCCAA Scholarships:

Eric Chen	Adolfo Camarillo High School	William Soo Hoo Scholarship	\$750
Kenneth Wang	Adolfo Camarillo High School	Tony Chen Scholarship	\$750
Jennifer Zhao	Adolfo Camarillo High School	VCCAA Scholarship	\$500
Amanda Sheu	Newbury Park High School	VCCAA Service Scholarship	\$500

We look forward to congratulating them at our 30th, at Pleasant Valley Park in Camarillo.
annual Memorial Day Picnic on Monday, May

Youth Group

by Kenny Wang, President



Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the month of May! First off, I would love to thank all of the volunteers who helped out last month at our annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Ling Family for once again hosting their wonderful home for us. And for all of those who went, I hope you had a wonderful time and enjoyed our delicious BBQ.

Furthermore, I would like to remind everyone that at the end of this month, May 30th, we will be having our Memorial Day Picnic as well as our last event of the year at Pleasant Valley Park. Please come and show your support! Till then!

With kind regards and wishes,
Kenneth Wang

Membership

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again. Out with the old and in with the new...that is, officers and board of directors. Bring your ballots to the Memorial Day Picnic. Plus time to renew your membership. Don't allow it to elapse and don't miss out on the quarterly newsletter and inclusion in the annual directory. Better, yet, do yourself a favor and become a life member; renewal actions not required!

Appreciation

We, the Board of Directors and Officers of VCCAA, would like to thank all our sponsors and donors for their continuous support of our organization. We especially would like to thank Mrs. Donna Jue, a long time member, for her years of support and her recent generous donation to the Club.

We are also appreciative that our long time members, Tony Chen and Angela Soo Hoo, have personally donated to our scholarship fund so that our youths of tomorrow can continue their education.

The association would like to recognize the life time members: Julie Hiraishi, John Hsu, Alice Lee, S.K. Leong, Hillary Ling, Al Lowe, Patricia Lowe, Brian Nomi, Howard Smith, W. Lee Wan.

In Memoriam

Ka Quok Ling

We were saddened to learn that Dr. Ling's mother, Ka Quok Ling, has recently passed away. Condolences to Dr. Hillary and Mrs. Stella Ling and their family. We wish them well.

Harry P. Lee

Life member Harry Pei Djun Lee passed on Mar. 2, 2011. He was born on Aug. 2, 1943 in Chefoo, China. He moved with his family to Menlo Park, CA in 1957 and attended Galileo High School. He graduated high school in 1961 and then attended San Francisco City College before transferring to the University of California Berkeley. Harry earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in Sept. 1967.

On Nov. 6, 1971, Harry married Chih Mei Huang. While working as an electronics engineer for the Pacific Missile Range at Point Mugu, Harry earned his Master in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara in June 1974.

Harry enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and tending to his gardens. Harry was a warm person to be around and he always kept a positive outlook on life. He will be greatly

missed.

Harry is survived by his wife (Chih Mei Lee), daughter and son-in-law (Sherri and Lance Mokua), son and daughter-in-law (Michael and

Tracy Lee), three grand-children (Fenton and Keegan Lee, Lia Mokau), father (Thomas W.T. Lee), and siblings (Diane Lee, Linda Chan, David Lee).

For membership information and/or suggestions, please send an email to Lloyd Ho at brt2eyes@yahoo.com.

Quotable Quotes

It is generally agreed that "Hello" is an appropriate greeting because if you entered a room and said "Goodbye," it could confuse a lot of people. Dolph Sharp

Desire is the key to motivation, but it's [sic] determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal – a commitment to excellence – that will enable you to attain the success you seek. Mario Andretti (1940-); Italian-American World Champion Racing Driver

Have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity. W. Clement Stone (1902-2002); Author, Businessman

Do not resent growing older — many are denied the privilege. Unknown

The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller (1880-1968); Author, Lecturer, Activist

Forgiveness is the answer to the child's dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is made clean again. Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961); Swedish Political Leader, Secretary-General of the United Nations

The world is not interested in what we do for a living. What they are interested in is what we have to offer freely — hope, strength, love and the power to make a difference! Sasha Azevedo (1978-); Entertainer

No one knows what he can do till he tries. Publilius Syrus, circa 1st Century BC

For a limited time the video of the VCCAA Chinese New Year event recently held at Camarillo Constitution Park is available for only \$15.00 per copy. If you are interested, email us at info@vccaa.org concerning your interest and contact information.



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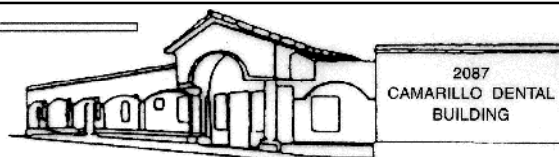
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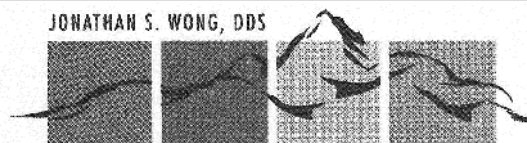
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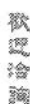
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