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Greetings from the President

Summer was a regenerating time to recover from the stresses of the world around us. This was when we traveled to visit family, friends, or to see other interesting places in the USA or around the world. Welcome home!

The VCCAA continues to provide educational programs to enhance our proud ancient Chinese heritage of culture and tradition that dates back to 2200 BC. The new Board brings forth fresh energy and ideas for an ambitious year in the planning.

We ask your support and active participation in all the events of fiscal year 2011-2012:

Mid-Autumn Festival	Chinese New Year
Screening of "Autumn Gem"	Easter Egg Hunt
Halloween Party	Combined Memorial Day Picnic and
Christmas Party	Board Awards & Installation II

In partnership with California Lutheran University, we jointly sponsor the screening of "Autumn Gem". See page 2 for more information.

The association is grateful to Administrative Law Judge Kee Choo Ling who installed the Board Officers on Mon., May 30. We appreciate the support that Judge Ling has continued to provide over the years.

Implementation of all our programs requires funds. We ask for financial support of our members and sponsor businesses. Many of you have been faithful long-time members and I'm sure you all want to participate in the association activities, receive the quarterly newsletter, and be included in the annual directory. Renew your membership by Sept. 24. Send your renewal application along with a check (\$25) payable to the VCCAA, P.O. Box 806, Camarillo, CA 93011-0806. Better yet, become a life member, so no membership renewal is necessary for life!

In a service organization of volunteers, we need and appreciate your help and participation as no contribution is too small. We welcome everyone to pitch in to instill and propagate our proud culture and heritage.

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

Lloyd Ho
President 2011-2012



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

Memorial Day and Awards & Installation

by Lloyd Ho, President

The annual Memorial Day Picnic was held on Mon., May 30, at Pleasant Valley Park in Camarillo. Master BBQ chef Leslie Jue, co-chef George Ng, and their crew (including Larry & Jan Jue, Kim Omoto, and other members of the Jue clan) cooked up a tasty and nutritious lunch. The barbeque beef tri-tip, chicken, and sausage with all the trimmings were a gourmet's extravaganza!

After lunch, President Lloyd Ho emceed the program. Vivian Goo, Scholarship Chair, coordinated the scholarship application process and presentation. Dr. Angela Soo Hoo presented the William Soo Hoo Memorial Scholarship (\$750) to Eric Chen. Tony Chen proudly presented the Tony Chen Scholarship (\$750) to Kenny Wang. Brian Nomi presented the VCCAA Scholarship (\$500) to Jenny Zhao. Lena Ho presented the VCCAA Service Scholarship (\$500)

to Amanda Sheu.

Incoming officers and directors for fiscal year 2011-2012 were announced and presented to the membership. Administrative Law Judge Kee Choo Ling swore them in.

In between these events were the drawings for raffle prizes given to those that presented the winning tickets. Prizes included teapot and cup sets, three-cup rice pots, dried mushrooms, garlic peanuts, BBQ tri-tip, etc. Thanks to Stella Ling for buying the raffle prizes and thanks to Jackie Sittinger & Family for raffle prize donations.

I wish to thank all of you who have made this picnic and this organization a success.

The VCCAA is a voluntary organization. Its lifeblood depends on your helping hands. So please freely support the association with your time and participation.

Upcoming Events

Mid-Autumn Festival

When: **Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, 6:00 PM**

Where: **Pleasant Valley Instructional Center
2222 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo**

Contact: **Louise Dilger, (805) 981-7747**

In China and throughout many Asian countries people celebrate the Harvest Moon on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar. The date in the Western calendar changes annually. This year, the Mid-Autumn festival falls on Monday, September 12, 2011.

The Harvest Moon or Mid-Autumn Festival (Zhong Qiu Jie) is a day of family reunions. Chinese people believe that on that day, the moon is the roundest and brightest signaling a time of completeness and abundance.

During the Mid-Autumn Festival, children are delighted to stay up past midnight, parading



multi-colored lanterns into the wee hours as families take to the streets to moon-gaze.

It is also a romantic night for lovers, who sit holding hands on hilltops, riverbanks and park benches, captivated by the brightest moon of the year!

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For the potluck dinner, members are reminded to bring dishes that will serve their family plus at least ten hungry people. The association will provide drinks, rice, and other food items.

Screening of "Autumn Gem"

When: **Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011, 7:30-9:00 PM**

Where: **California Lutheran University
Preus-Brandt Forum Building
60 West Olsen Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

Contact: **Irene Sy, (805) 482-4765**

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“With all my heart I beseech and beg my two hundred million female compatriots to assume their responsibility as citizens. Arise! Arise! Chinese women, arise!”

- Qiu Jin

Meet the “Chinese Joan of Arc” Qiu Jin (1875-1907), a radical women’s rights activist who defied tradition to become the leader of a revolutionary army. Qiu Jin boldly challenged conventional gender roles and demanded equal rights and opportunities for women. She was the first woman to lead an armed uprising against the corrupt Qing Dynasty, for which she was captured and executed. She became the first female martyr for China’s 1911 Revolution and is celebrated as a national heroine today.

While Qiu Jin is a familiar figure in China, she is largely unknown outside of the country. Autumn Gem is the first documentary feature on Qiu Jin in the U.S. Using scholar interviews, archival materials, and dramatic recreation scenes based on her original writings, Autumn Gem brings the story of Qiu Jin to life.

The hour-long film was produced and directed by two San Francisco Bay Area Chinese

American filmmakers, Rae Chang and Adam Tow. It stars former China National martial arts champion and Hollywood stunt actress Li Jing. The project’s partners include the San Francisco Chinese Culture Center, the San Diego Chinese Historical Society, and the Official Qiu Jin Museum in Shaoxing, China.

Autumn Gem has screened at over ninety venues worldwide, including Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, Princeton, Brown, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts Boston, Pacific Asia Museum, and Tribeca Film Center in New York. It was featured at the Tenth International Women in Asia Conference at Australia National University in September 2010.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution that ended imperial rule in China. It is especially important to acknowledge the immense impact of Qiu Jin, the first female martyr in the country’s transition to a modern nation. Autumn Gem sheds light on this remarkable figure who continues to be an inspiration to Chinese women today.

Hal l oween Par t y

When: **Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, 5:30 PM**
Where: **Pleasant Valley Instructional Center**
2222 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo
Contact: **Edna Tanita, (805) 482-3356**

During the eighth century Halloween was first celebrated by the ancient Celts. It was a festival to celebrate that year’s harvest that marked the end of summer and the start of winter. It was believed that on October 31st the souls of the dead come back to earth, trying to return to the homes where they formerly lived. Halloween came to America with early Irish and Scottish immigrants.

It is believed that if the children wear scary

costumes and visit their neighbors’ houses, then evil spirits will be scared and they won’t come to their houses. As thanks to the children, the neighbors are supposed to give candy to the children. If their neighbors don’t give them any candy, the children will play a trick on them.

Sooo, ghoulist light food and drink will be served, followed by games and costume contests. Mark your calendar for this fun-filled event



Chinese Language School

by Irene Sy, Principal



It seems summer has just started not too long ago, before you know it, now it is time to start another school year.

Time really flies! Our Chinese school will begin on Sept. 9, 2011. For

those who have not sent in their early registration, please do so to take advantage of our early registration discount. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website



at <https://vccls.wikispaces.com>. We have a wonderful and exciting program planned for the coming school year.

This year marks the second year that our students were given opportunities to visit China and learn more on Chinese culture and language. The Chinese Bridge Summer Camp is an elite two-week intensive Mandarin language and Chinese culture training program for high school students. The camp is organized and sponsored by the Hanban (Office of Chinese Language Council International), a government office of the People's Republic of China that promotes the teaching of Chinese language and culture worldwide.

During the two-week program, students have the opportunity to develop their language skills by attending a variety of classes, interacting with Chinese students, and participating in field trips and sightseeing activities.

Six of our students – Serena Chow, Julian Chow, Nadira Chu, Philip Cheng, Sarah Eldridge and John Eldridge – spent four days in Beijing and visited the Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Great Wall of China and other famous landmarks.

In their 10 days in Shanghai, they learned the Chinese language and culture as well as experiencing the traditional Chinese daily life by spending time with their Chinese host families.

You can contact me for further information if you are interested in the program. Please visit our website to see our students' special moments in China at:

<https://vccls.wikispaces.com/Pictures+->

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Our first program for the semester is a video screening of a documentary on China's first feminist: "Autumn Gem, 秋瑾." The film maker, director, writer and co-producer, Ms. Rae Chang generously offered this free screening to our school and the VCCAA.

With the co-sponsorship from the California Lutheran University (CLU), the free documentary screening will be held on Sept. 24, 2011



(Saturday) in the Preus-Brandt Forum building at CLU, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. CLU's address is 60 West Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks.

All students of the Chinese Language School will be attending this free documentary screening instead of coming to school at the Pleasant Valley Instructional Center School Site on Sept. 23. (No Chinese School on 9/23/2011.) I hope to see everyone at the screening. Please bring along your family and friends to enjoy this free documentary and meet the directors, Ms. Rae Chang and Mr. Adam Tow.

Lastly, see you all again at Chinese School on Friday, Sept. 9th, at the same location:

Pleasant Valley Instructional Center
2222 Ventura Blvd./Elm Dr., Camarillo
7:00 p.m.

Scholarships

by Vivian Goo, Chairperson



Scholarship applications for children of the VCCAA members will be on our website at www.vccaa.org after January 8, 2012. Applications for all students attending West Ventura County schools will be in the respective school scholarship offices after January 8, 2012.

Don't miss an opportunity to secure scholarship funds. For family members



At Newbury Park High School on Senior Scholarship Night, Amanda, left, was presented the VCCAA Service Scholarship by Mrs. Lena Ho.

of the VCCAA, go to the website, download an application, fill out the application, submit the application by the due date. All other West Ventura County students who are NOT VCCAA members must get their application from their respective schools.

Youth Group

by David Li, President



Hello Everyone!

My name is David Li and I am the Youth Group president for 2011-2012. I am a senior attending Adolfo Camarillo High School. There I am a founding member and co-president of the Chinese Culture Club (CCC).

The CCC was founded to promote Chinese culture within our community, a goal that is very similar to that of the VCCAA. I hope for the growth of a strong relationship between the two organizations as we share a mutual goal and cooperation which will greatly promote our causes.

To assist me in the as forementioned endeavors are my officers – Kim Wang, Vice President; Serena Chow, Treasurer; Jenny Xu, Secretary.

My officers and I look forward to supporting the VCCAA events, such as the Mid-Autumn Festival, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, and other scheduled events. I strongly encourage all members to support and participate in all of these events.

It is a great honor and privilege to lead the Youth Group this year.

With kind regards,
David Li

Membership

It's definitely 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, then future renewals not required! However, whatever your commitment, you must renew no later than 24 Sept.

Please welcome these new members. Make pen and pencil entries in your directory.

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

Quotable Quotes

If you never did you should. These things are fun and fun is good. *Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel (1904-1991)*

There is overwhelming evidence that the higher the level of self-esteem, the more likely one will be to treat others with respect, kindness, and generosity. *Nathaniel Branden*

The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.

Mitch Albom (1958); author, screenwriter

There are those whose lives affect all others around them. Quietly touching one heart, who in turn, touches another. Reaching out to ends further than they would ever know.

William Bradford

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. *Albert Pike (1809-1891); Attorney, Writer*

If you want your children to improve, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others. *Haim Ginott*

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. *Albert Einstein (1879-1955)*

The best day of your life is the one on which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift of life is yours; it is an amazing journey; and you alone are responsible for the quality of it. *Dan Zadra; Businessman; Inspirational writer*

The path to our destination is not always a straight one. We go down the wrong road, we get lost, we turn back. Maybe it doesn't matter which road we embark on. Maybe what matters is that we embark. *Barbara Hall(1961-); Writer*

Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets. *Yogi Berra (1925-) Major League Baseball Player and Manager*



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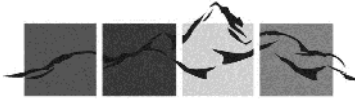
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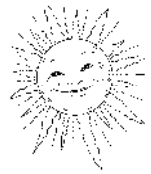
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Upcoming Events



WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	Point of Contact
Mid-Autumn Festival	Sept. 17, 2011 Saturday, 6:00 PM	Pleasant Valley Instructional Ctr. 2222 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo	Louise Dilger
Screening of "Autumn Gem"	Sept. 24, 2011 Saturday, 7:30 PM	California Lutheran University Preus-Brandt Forum Building 60 West Olsen Rd. Thousand Oaks	Irene Sy
Hal l o w e e n P a r t y	Oct. 22, 2011 Saturday, 5:30 PM	Pleasant Valley Instructional Ctr. 2222 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo	Edna Tanita Youth Group



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