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Greetings from the President

It has been an honor to serve as the president of the Ventura County Chinese American Association in the past year. With your blessing, I shall continue with this task for the coming year. The Ventura County Chinese American Association (VCCAA) marks its 37th anniversary in July. The organization was started by a handful of Chinese Americans in Camarillo and Oxnard and incorporated as the Ventura County Chinese American Club in 1976. Our board of directors is privileged to have three new members for 2013- 2014. They include Dr. Yong Ping Chen, Mr. Angus Simmons and Mr. Aaron Johnston. As we celebrate the growth of our association, we also mourn the recent loss of two members of our community, Ms. Cindy Xinya Guan and Mr. Thomas (Tommy) Yee Chung. Both Cindy and Tommy were noted restaurateurs. Cindy, together with her brother Keith, operated the Chester's Asia Restaurant in Camarillo for decades. The Guan family has been tremendously supportive of the VCCAA over the years. Tommy took over the ownership of Jimmy's Oriental Gardens in Santa Barbara from his father in 1970 until his retirement in 2006. Tommy moved to Camarillo and had been an active participant in the Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society and the VCCAA. We are greatly saddened by their deaths.

The end of summer also signals the start of a new school year. It is an exciting time for students entering kindergartens, grade schools, middle and high schools as well as colleges. As for their parents, the frenzy of preparation for the first day of school will be followed by the mundane shuttling of their children to afterschool activities. We are hopeful that the Camarillo Chinese School will be one of those stops. Our Chinese school welcomes both parents and their children in our classes to enrich their knowledge of the Chinese language and culture. Increasingly, multilingualism and multiculturalism are necessary skill sets in the twenty first century work force.

The Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society is at work on a second printing of 'Hidden Lives – a century of Chinese American History in Ventura County' by Linda Bentz and William Gow. The 2012 first printing was very well received and the second printing will allow copies to be donated to our local schools and libraries for general use. We are grateful for the scholarly work of Ms. Bentz (historian for our historical society) and Mr. Gow. Their book seamlessly weaves the story of the Chinese Diaspora with nineteenth century America and is personalized through the Chinese families that settled in Ventura County. The detailed research and oral history from those pioneer families provide a glimpse of the hardships faced by these early Chinese sojourners and their courage in overcoming racial prejudice and social injustice. Our Historical Society will soon prepare an e-edition of 'Hidden Lives' for distribution via the internet.

George Yu, MD
President 2013-2014



Memorial Day and Awards & Installation *by Lee-May Little*

The annual Memorial Day Picnic was held on Monday, May 27 at the Bob Kildee Park in Camarillo. Our Master BBQ chef Leslie Jue had a family reunion in Fresno, but luckily, Eric Plambeck agreed to act as chairman this year. With co-chef George Ng and their crew (including Aaron Johnston, Lee-May Little, Youfong Hsieh, Lysa Plembeck and Lan Hsin Chang) they cooked up a tasty and nutritious lunch. The BBQ tri-tip, teriyaki chicken, chili beans, salad and all the trimmings, it was a gourmet's extravaganza!



VCCAA
Tony Chen Scholarship
\$750



VCCAA Youth Scholarship
\$500 each

After lunch VCCAA President George Yu emceed the program, while Vivian Goo as Scholarship Chair, coordinated the scholarship presentation. The Tony Chen Scholarship (\$750) was presented to Kim Jianing Wang 王佳寧. The William Soo Hoo Memorial Scholarship (\$500) was presented to Serena Chow 周詩雅. The VCCAA Scholarship (\$500) went to Jenny Xu 徐哲元. The VCCAA Youth Service Award (\$250 each) went to John Raymond Eldridge and Sarah Eldridge. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners and best wishes for your



VCCAA
William Soo Hoo Scholarship
\$500



VCCAA Scholarship
\$500

continued success.

Incoming officers and directors for fiscal year 2013 – 2014 were announced and presented to the membership. Administrative Law Judge Kee-Choo Ling swore them in.

In between these events drawings were held for raffle prizes. Prizes included: a 4 pieces canister set, bottles of Paseo Robles Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon, a Bake & Take Set, Olive oil & Balsamic vinegar, a Hamilton Beach slow cooker, and a George Foreman grill for healthy cooking. Thanks to Stella Ling for buying the raffle prizes and thanks to Louise Dilger for helping present them.

I want to thank our wonderful VCCAA Youth Group for their great jobs and teamwork. And also thanks to all of you who volunteered to cook rice and helped behind the scenes. You make this picnic and this organization a success. Hope to see you all again next year!



Upcoming Events!

Chinese Language School *By Irene Sy*



It seems summer has just started not too long ago, before you know it, now it is almost time to start another school year. Our Chinese school will begin on **September 6, 2013.**

Registration form for the 2013-2014 school year can be downloaded from our website at: <https://vccls.wikispaces.com/>

This year we will continue to use the facilities of the Pleasant Valley Recreation Park District (Camarillo Community Center) at 1605 Burnley Drive in Camarillo. We had a good year last year despite of the small enrollment. Students were able to participate actively and receive more frequent feedback in class.

I am looking forward to another exciting year. Our first community event will be the 4th Annual World Book Fest organized by the Camarillo Library on Saturday, November 2nd 2013, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Camarillo Community Center. Our students will be participating in the reading program and share stories in the Chinese culture with children from the community. Please come by to help or bring your children and friends to share the experience.



Please help pass around the words, flyers or simply sharing our website with your friends and family and invite them to come and attend Chinese School and explore the language and culture in a fun way. I look forward to an increase in enrollment. As for our returning students, please visit our website above to download the registration form and mail it in before August 30 to take advantage of the early registration discount. I will see everyone on September 6, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Enjoy the last few weeks of your summer !

Mid-Autumn Festival *by Annie Wang*

When: Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 6:00pm

Where: Rancho Rosal School
3535 Village at the Park Drive
Camarillo, CA 93012

Contact: Annie Wang, (805) 377-9005

It's that time of year for the Chinese to celebrate the Mid-Autumn festival. It is so called because it is in the middle of the eighth month, which is a full moon. We used to celebrate the full moon by fruit, moon cake, and children played their lanterns with neighbors. Why should people celebrate the moon in mid-Autumn? It's because of a story happened long ago in China.

On the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar, the moon is full and it is time for the Chinese people to mark their Moon Festival, or the Mid-Autumn

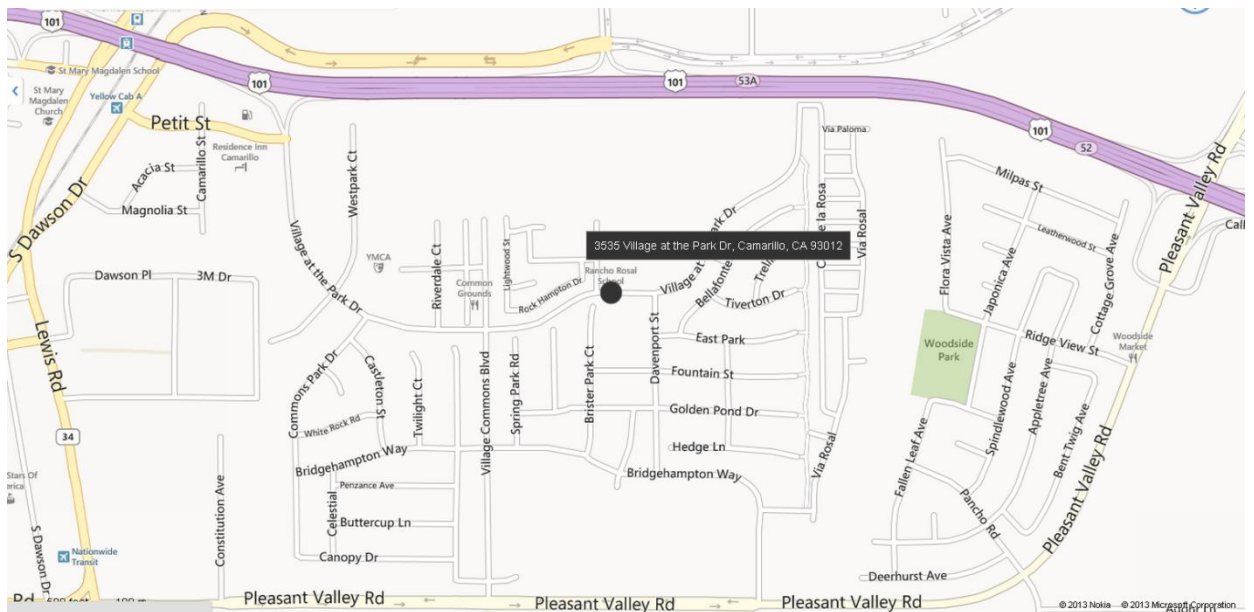
Festival. The round shape symbolizes family reunion. Therefore the day is a holiday for family members to get together and enjoy the full moon – an auspicious token of abundance, harmony and luck.

There is this story about the moon-cake.

During the Yuan dynasty (A.D. 1280-1368) China was ruled by the Mongolian people. Leaders from the preceding Sung dynasty (A.D. 960-1280) were unhappy at submitting to the foreign rule, and set out to coordinate the rebellion without being discovered. The leaders of the rebellion, knowing that the Moon Festival was drawing near, ordered the making of special cakes. Imbedded in each moon cake was a message with the outline of the attack. On the night of the Moon Festival, the rebels successfully attacked and overthrew the government. Today, moon cakes are eaten to commemorate this legend.

Please bring a dish to be shared sufficient for your family and ten plus extra people. Beverages will be provided by the VCCA.

Please note **New Location: 3535 Village at the Park Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012!!**

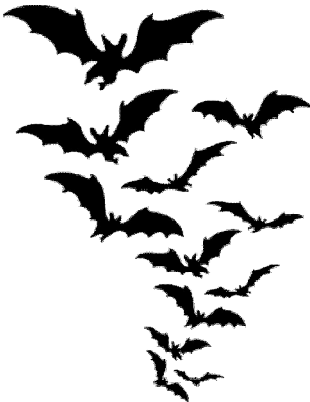


Halloween Party *by Jenny Fung*



When: Saturday, October 26, 2013
from 5:00-8:00pm

Where: Rancho Rosal School
3535 Village at the Park Drive
Camarillo, CA 93012



Hi everyone!

VCCAA will be having its annual Halloween Party on October 26, 2013 from 5PM-8PM. The party will be held at the Rancho Rosa School (3535 Village at the Park Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012). As always, games and prizes will be available for all children. Kids will also have the chance to participate in a Halloween costume contest. Additionally, food will be served to everyone. Bring your friends and family for a spectacular night of fun! I hope to see you there!



Please note we have a **New Location this year 3535 Village at the Park Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012!!**

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We are looking to hire an individual to act as a worker/translator, in English and Chinese(Mandarin), for the 2 Chinese only speaking trainees, who are also interested in working in a manufacturing setting.

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如有興趣者, 請直接洽訊:

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Sandy Hernandez / Reception

e-mail: reception@titanmf.com

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Thank you all who came out and enjoyed the Memorial Day BBQ and Installation!

We are encouraging the members to submit pictures or even articles to be included in upcoming newsletters. If you would like to advertise an upcoming issue and help support the VCCAA in spreading and promoting Chinese Culture activities, please feel free to send an email to:

VCCAAnewsletter@gmail.com



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Dance Troupe

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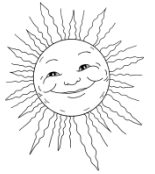
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Upcoming Events



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