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Greetings from the President



There is an old adage that the only constant in life is change. We have seen economic upheaval in the past few years followed by an uneven recovery. Home owners have become renters or worse. Since the founding of the Ventura County Chinese American Club (precursor to the Ventura County Chinese American Association) in 1976, we have witnessed significant changes to the population and the economic development of this county. Our association remains one staffed by volunteers and funded through private sources. Besides our annual membership dues, sponsorship from local companies and professionals make up the bulk of our budget. At our recent board meeting, the directors passed a resolution to publicly thank our sponsors with an announcement and a poster board display of their businesses during all future events such as the Mid-Autumn moon festival, Christmas party and the Chinese New Year celebration. We encourage our members to support these businesses that fund our organization. In order to reduce expenses, the VCCAA board also voted to change the printing our new membership directory from annually to biennially. The resulting saving will be used to support our Chinese School and scholarship programs.

In this issue of the newsletter, we have included a ballot for the nomination and election of the officers and board of directors of the VCCAA for 2013-2014. Ms. Alice Ginn will retire from our board and Ms. Vivian Goo and Ms. Edna Tanita will be our directors-at-large as they will be spending more time with their grandchildren in Orange County. All of them have played an invaluable role in the success of our association through the years. To fill this void, I encourage all of you to consider taking up a leadership position in our organization in the coming year.

On a sad personal note, my mother-in-law, Roma Daniels, passed away suddenly recently. My family is grateful for the outpouring of sympathy and support from the VCCAA and the Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society. Roma was a retired middle school mathematics teacher from Peoria, Illinois. She moved to Camarillo over six years ago to spend more time with her grandchildren. Our initial worry about her adjustment to life in a new community was unfounded. She thrived as a volunteer in her local Catholic church and community. She was especially thrilled to have missed over twenty Midwestern snowstorms since moving to Southern California. She enjoyed the diversity that Ventura County offered and had attended many functions of the VCCAA and its affiliates. We shall miss her dearly.

George Yu, MD
President, 2012-2013

VCCAA Annual Scholarship Recipients *by Vivian Goo*

Congratulations to the three recipients for the 2013 VCCAA Scholarships!!

Jianing Kim Wang High School	Tony Chen Scholarship	\$750	Rio Mesa
Serena Chow High School	William Soo Hoo Scholarship	\$500	Rio Mesa
Zheyuan Xu High School	VCCAA Scholarship	\$500	Rio Mesa



They and their parents will be the guests of VCCAA at our annual Memorial Day Picnic at the Bob Kildee (old Pleasant Valley Park) located at Temple Ave. and Ponderosa Rd., Camarillo, CA. Everyone is encouraged to attend to meet and congratulate these bright, high achievers that have already been recognized in many of their endeavors by our community and the educational institutions nationwide.

Chinese New Year Celebration *by Irene Sy*



The Chinese New Year celebration held on February 2 in collaboration with the Camarillo Library drew over 400 attendees. There were craft tables where children enjoyed making lanterns, writing and coloring. Mr. Lu's and Dr. Ling's calligraphy table had many contented visitors who walked off with their Chinese names on the elegantly written red scrolls. Patrons of our Chinese souvenirs chose their favorite gifts at the table



presented by Mrs. Little. All of them welcomed and celebrated the Year of the Snake with us under the roaring drum beats and cymbals brought by the lion dancers of the Camarillo Kung Fu Club. Credit class students from Chinese schools sang Chinese New Year songs, Mrs. Lu's Chinese Folk dancers performed many graceful and elegant folk dancers in their most glamorous costumes. The year of the Snake was well ushered in under a festive atmosphere.

The celebration of the New Year was very successful. This marked the 3rd year we celebrated Chinese New Year in collaboration with the Library. A great big thank you for those who helped out in the event. We would not make this without all your help. Thank you all!



Easter Egg Hunt *by Lesley Sule*



It was a gorgeous day for a fun filled Easter Saturday afternoon at the Ling Ranch in Somis! More than 50 kids and their families 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 worked hard setting up the games and playing "Easter Bunny".



Les and Suzie Jue and their family and Hillary and Stella Ling helped put together a wonderful multicultural feast with Irish Corned beef and cabbage, delicious Chinese Zongzi, and All American hotdogs. all of the hard work that went into the location, activities, and the food were 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 for it! A huge thank you to everyone for your help and hard work. We'll see you again next year!

Upcoming Events!

Memorial Day Picnic *by Vivian Goo*



Our VCCAA Memorial Day Picnic will be held on Monday, May 27, 2013 from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Bob Kildee Park Picnic Area #1(the picnic table area) located at the corner of Temple Ave. and Ponderosa Dr., Camarillo, CA.(next to the Boys and Girls Club).The cost will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5 for children 10 years old and under. Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. There will be drawings for door prizes . We will be introducing our scholarship recipients and their parents at this event and listen to their plans for the future.

This is a very important event as we will also be recognizing our sponsors and life members for the year, electing and installing our new officers and officers for the youth group for the club. Members will be able to renew their memberships or others may join our club at the picnic. We would like everyone who is renewing their membership to give us a separate check or cash payment for the membership for the year which is \$25/family. Cash payments will receive a receipt for their dues renewal payment.

Hope many of you can attend our Memorial Day Picnic as it is a time to relax and get to see and meet many of our club members and their families and friends.



Chinese School Summer Camp *by Irene Sy*



With the goal to help increase school enrollment and provide a place for children to learn the Chinese culture, VCCAA has agreed to sponsor a Chinese summer camp which will be held from June 17th to June 28th. This summer camp will run from Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. It will provide a place to

enrich the Chinese language with cultural activities such as calligraphy, painting, arts and crafts and more. Cost for the summer camp is \$225 per week. More information on details of enrollment and location will be finalized in the next 2 weeks. Please visit the VCCAA(vccaa.org) or the VCCLS (vccls.wikispaces.com) website for latest information. We look forward to your participation and enrollment.



Membership

You and your family have been a member in good standing and the association wishes to continue with this positive relationship. With an active status you will continue to receive the quarterly newsletter and be included in the biennial directory.

If you are unsure about your current membership status, please feel free to give our membership coordinator, Lee-May Little, a call at [\(805\)484-5222](tel:8054845222) or email her at leemay93012@yahoo.com

If you need to renew your membership, please kindly submit a check payable to the VCCAA in the amount of \$25 to:

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Camarillo, CA 93011-0806
Thank you all for your support over the years.

More Pictures from the Chinese New Year Celebration 2013 - Thank you all for participating!



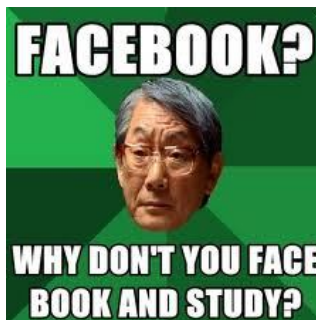


More Pictures from the Easter Egg Hunt 2013 - Thank you all for participating!



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 VCCA in spreading and promoting Chinese Culture activities, please feel free to send an email to:

VCCAnewsletter@gmail.com



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Are you harboring a fugitive?	Hu Yu Hai Ding
See me ASAP	Kum Hia Nao
Stupid Man	Dum Fuk
Small Horse	Tai Ni Po Ni
Did you go to the beach?	Wai Yu So Tan
I bumped into a coffee table	Ai Bang Mai Fu Kin Ni
I think you need a face lift	Chin Tu Fat
It's very dark in here	Wai So Dim
I thought you were on a diet	Wai Yu Mun Ching
This is a tow away zone	No Pah King
Our meeting is scheduled for next week	Wai Yu Kum Nao
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Friday	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm (Advanced)

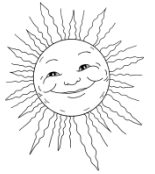
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For more information, please contact
Mrs. Yu-Ling Lu at (805) 983-6082 or 990-3866

Upcoming Events



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