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Chapter President Melodie Lew and ABC7 channel news television personality David Louie

Words from the President

Happy New Year! I look forward to the upcoming year with much anticipation and excitement. First, San Mateo OCA is deeply indebted to Past President Martin Jung for so ably and capably leading the Chapter for the last three years. Thank you so much Martin for your time, leadership, and energy. You have continued to keep San Mateo OCA at the forefront of Asian American issues in the County with your work on the Asian American Heritage Celebrations in Downtown San Mateo, hosting Asian American authors at library events, partici-

pating in voter education, co-sponsoring Lunar New Year celebrations, Hep B campaigns, and so many more events. Under Martin's leadership, the youth programs have grown and become very active. The Speak and Lead Program applicant pool has doubled with Dr. David Chai as Chair; YOCA con-

tinues to be quite active, and community and service oriented under Monica Arima's guidance; the Chapter continues to offer deserving graduating high school seniors several one thousand dollar scholarships annually. Likewise, the Chapter's Galas and fundraisers have been become very successful with Chris Bush as Chair. Again, a deep thank you Martin.

San Mateo OCA welcomes back Liza Normandy to the Board of Directors in 2012 and began the new year with an exciting half day retreat of the Board which re-energized the entire group. The Directors embraced several new goals and chose to revamp others. 2012 will be a big election year so we look forward to working

with other groups to promote and sponsor voter education and registration efforts. In addition, the Chapter will work on increasing its membership and bringing more members into the San Mateo OCA Chapter. While not very interesting, but so very necessary, we will review and update procedures and processes for how we run our Chapter and programs. The mission of OCA is still necessary and vital, so the Board re-dedicated itself to promoting social justice and education.

In 2012, our Chapter will continue to host many activities, including a Lunar New Year dinner on the 11 February, Speak & Lead's final speech competition, scholarship awards luncheon, annual summer picnic, and its 25th annual Fundraiser and Gala. Several other events are being discussed at this time and will be announced via email and on our website. I look forward to working with a great group of Directors and meeting you at our forthcoming events. This will be an exciting year for San Mateo's OCA Chapter! ☐

Relay for Life

By Michelle Guan

Because I had many friends and family who died of cancer, Relay for Life was a wonderful opportunity for me to honor and commemorate all of them. The American Cancer Society is an excellent organization that helps cancer patients during their times of struggles. Out of the many cancer survivors that I know, many of them received funding and support from the American Cancer Society. Fund-raising for the American Cancer Society was then very meaningful because I know that the money I raised will help save many lives. ☐



Top: YOCA co-Vice President Michelle Guan
 Bottom: (left to right) Austin Lee and Aaron Arima

Perfect Picnic

By Ashley Kwak

Our Annual Picnic turned out to be a warm and fun get together at Central Park in San Mateo. With the barbeque going and plenty of fruits and other foods available, everyone had a great time. OCA

San Mateo City Councilmember David Lim



interns, Ashley Kwak and Richard Wong, and former intern Emily Lin welcomed the guests as they entered the picnic area. San Mateo High School student Rebecca Tien and friends enjoyed origami and other arts and crafts with the kids while the adults



mingled. Some of the guests were Gina Papan of the Millbrae City Council, David Lim of the San Mateo City Council, San Mateo Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Lee, Union Bank Branch Manager June Uyenoyama, San Mateo Foster City School Board candidate Audrey Ng, John McCollum and Lynda Davidson of the Boy Scouts, Author Jeannie Davis,

YOCA Advisor Monica Yeung Arima, and OCA Board members Chris Bush, David Chai, Ivy Shen, Ben Yeung, and Martin Jung. By the end of the picnic, everyone was able to reconnect with old acquaintances and make new ones. ☐

24th Annual OCA San Mateo Awards Gala

By Franklin Kang

On September 17, 2011, OCA San Mateo County Chapter convened its 24th Annual Fundraiser and Awards Gala at the South San Francisco Conference Center, celebrating The Empowerment of Asian American Women. Emmy Award winning news reporter David Louie of ABC7 News and Jana Katsuyama of KTVU Channel 2 News emceed the event with great humor and

Treasurer Jacob Chu, Honoree Elizabeth Lee, Board member Franklin Kang and Events Chair Chris Bush



Interns Ashley Kwak, Richard Wong and former OCA Intern Emily Lin

energy, helping the Chapter raise critical funds to support a variety of community programs, including the Speak and Lead with Pride Program, designed to train San Mateo County high school students for public speaking and leadership roles. In celebration of this year's theme, Chapter President Martin Jung presented achievement awards to San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Lee,

General Manager of the Asian American

Curriculum Project Florence Hongo, and Redwood Shores Elementary School Principal Cherie Ho. Through their acceptance speeches, the hon-

orees shared inspirational stories of their respective journeys, guided by their commitments to serve the community, and a refusal to follow stereotypes. California Assembly member Jerry Hill joined us for the evening, and presented certificates recognizing the achievements of the three awardees.

Past Chapter President Franklin Kang conveyed certificates of recognition from U.S. Representative Jackie Speier



Karen Clancy, Education Consultant to the C-100 and Honoree Florence Hongo

and California Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Fiona Ma, as the staff representatives of San Mateo County Supervisors Adrienne Tissier and Dave Pine participated in the presentation of certificates on behalf of their principals. Continuing the new tradition of having our Speak and Lead competition winner address the members and guests, high school student Raymond Tong delivered a powerful speech to remind us about the importance of our support and

guidance of youth.

The tropical theme of the event included music by the Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band, and the highlight of evening's fundraising effort was a live auction conducted by David Louie and Jana Katsuyama for newsroom tours. The proceeds of the Awards Gala, including the silent auction and other donations, are used to support a variety of programs including the Chapter's college scholarships, high school internships, and community outreach events. ☐



Top: (left to right) Monster Cable staff Patrick Lin, Leo Lin, Jon Chen, Anna Lee, Cammy Mau, Michelle Lutsky, Janet Ho, Linda Kastilani, Jennifer MacIntosh
 Middle: Anne Ho and Honoree Cherie Ho
 Bottom: YOCA members Aaron Wong, Han Li, Intern Ashley Kwak, former Intern Emily Lin and Speak and Lead winner Raymond Tong



Join YOCA!
 Youth Association of Chinese Americans

MISSION STATEMENT

As Chinese teenagers growing up in the United States, we hope to extend the influence of our culture and heritage to everyone around us. In addition, we hope to rise the power of the rising Asian American generation by using our talents and skills to serve our community and our world, especially those less fortunate areas that deserves for attention and aid.

PAST EVENTS

- Celebrated Chinese New Year at the Redwood City fair and managed our own booth.
- Raised money for Japan Tsunami Relief fund by selling over 2000 postcards. Proceed of \$3132 went to the American Red Cross Japan Relief fund. Proceed of \$5450 went to FCCNC.
- Easter Egg Hunt with the Shelter Home children.
- Volunteered at the Immigration day at the San Mateo County Museum.

YOCA.



Left: Intern Richard Wong Right: volunteers TehShan Lee, Nancy Lee and YOCA co-President Kayla Chun

Second Harvest Food Bank

By Kayla Chun

On an early Saturday morning the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Carlos started to fill with volunteers for the annual food sort. With a late start, about forty volunteers were given a briefing on what to do for the next three hours. The majority of volunteers formed assembly lines filling bags with different types of canned and dried foods to be sent to families in need of food, while others processed produce and covered food bank barrels. For two and a half hours straight the assembly lines moved continually at a fast pace with runners helping to keep those who were filling the bags with a continual supply of food. In the end, we packaged an impressive three thousand bags of food in less time than the allotted three-hour shift we had planned to work. Overall, it was a worthwhile experience, spending a little time on a Saturday, to make a huge difference for families in need. ☐



Gayle and Eric Chan, grandson Liam, and friend

Holiday Day

By Sean Lu

On December 4, 2011, OCA hosted a holiday party at Hokkaido Seafood Buffet in Bridgepointe, San Mateo. The event was rather casual since there was no formal introduction to start the occasion or speech to close the celebration. OCA members simply gathered together joyously for a time of celebration and catching up. The atmosphere was pleasantly warm and friendly as everyone conversed openly. ☐



Board member Ivy Shen and Events Chair Chris Bush

Where Are They Now?



"Hi, my name is Thomas Wang. After interning with OCA during my Junior year in high school, I attended UCSD where I graduated with a political science/public law degree. I am currently a first year law student at the California Western School of Law. Interning with OCA gave me an opportunity to be in a professional setting, which played a big part in my decision to go to law school. For a first generation immigrant such as myself, the experience was truly life changing."

-Thomas Wang

Since graduating from Mills High School, I have moved south to the University of California, at San Diego as a pre-medical student majoring in human biology. In the hopes of attending graduate school and pursuing my dreams of pediatric medicine, I have engaged myself in student organizations and volunteer work. As a member of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), I have surrounded myself with other pre-medical, undergraduate students who help guide each another in achieving their aspirations in the medical field. Since being apart of the OCA San Mateo, I have been enticed to continue my work with non-profit organizations in San Diego. Through the AMSA, I was introduced to a non-profit organization called the Bridge of Hope Thailand Charity. As the group's new outreach leader, I have been given the task of recruiting new members and spreading the mission to promote awareness of the growing HIV and AIDS epidemic and to raise money for orphaned children living with HIV and AIDS in the Camillian Social Center in Thailand. By next summer, I will have successfully completed my first academic year at UCSD and have planned a journey to Thailand with members of the Bridge of Hope Thailand Charity to volunteer at the Camillian Social Center.



-Megan Chan



I am a recent graduate (June, 2011) from University of California, San Diego with a degree in Linguistics: Language Studies with emphasis on American Sign Language. I am currently taking the year off to spend some time with family and prepare for graduate school. I hope to start graduate school the following year.

-Ariel Chu

In 2007 and 2008, I was the Technology intern of the Organization of Chinese Americans. I'm a third year Animal Biology student at the University of California, Davis. I am interested in veterinary parasitology, animal diseases, and zoonotic diseases. I want to get into veterinary school, however I am open to doing research. I currently intern at a nematology lab on campus studying *Toxocara canis* (dog roundworms).

-Stephanie Kurniawan



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I am unable to attend but please accept my tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$ _____
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For questions regarding the event, please contact Whitney Wood at 650-312-1623 or wwood@smcma.org

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and the Fil-Am Group of St. Robert's Church
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A free seminar - resource fair
on caring for elders
and building healthier family relationships

April 28, 2012, Saturday
1:00 pm — 3:30 pm
St. Robert's Church Hennessey Hall
1380 Crystal Springs Road, San Bruno, CA 94066

- Family & health service providers will be present to address questions
- Free blood pressure and body mass index check by Kaiser Permanente FilAm Association
- Free raffle drawing
- Free refreshments will be served

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Chris Rodriguez, Manager, San Mateo County Adult Protective Services
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