



OCA

EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF CHINESE AND ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

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Established in 1987, the OCA San Mateo Chapter is one of the four chapters in the Bay Area and one of the seven chapters in California. OCA (Organization of Chinese Americans) is a national nonprofit nonpartisan, civil rights advocacy and educational organization dedicated to embracing the hopes and aspirations and advancing the social, political and economic well being of Americans of Chinese and Asian descent.



JACL President Steve Okamoto, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma and Dr. Samuel So

23rd Annual Fundraiser and Awards Gala

By Chloe Tsang

On September 11, 2010, OCA President Martin Jung's welcoming words commenced the 23rd Annual Fundraiser and Awards Gala. This year, friends of the OCA gathered together at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster

(left to right) JACL President Steve Okamoto, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma and Dr. Samuel So

City. Here they enjoyed the humor of MC, ABC7 News personalities Kristen Sze and David Louie, entertainment provided by Project Garuda, and the honor of having guests Fiona Ma, Steve Okamoto, and Dr. Samuel So. In recognition of the three guests' efforts in promoting Asian heritage and voice, OCA presented an award to each. Dr. Samuel So, a member of the Stanford hospital who dedicated his research to eliminating hepatitis B worldwide and especially within the Asian population, received the first award. The second went to San Francisco Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, who placed numerous efforts into improving legislations dealing with topics such as education, neighborhood and environment. Lastly, JACL President Steve Okamoto received an award for his contin-

ABC channel 7 Television personalities Kristen Sze and David Louie

ual support of OCA's community events.

A full feast followed the awards presentation, as guests shared their stories and participated in the night's raffle. David Chai, Committee Chairman of the Speak and Lead Program,

Speak and Lead With Pride winner, Jennifer Kao





Chance Wen and Ivy Shen

introduced the program's mission of cultivating young Asian Pacific American students in becoming the future voices and leaders of the community. Then stepping up before a complete audience, Speak and Lead win-



Events Chair Chris Bush and OCA member Sandy Wu



Board member Franklin Kang, Adrian and Monica Arima and Wade Loo



Shannen Poon, Chloe Tsang, Angel Chen, Emily Lin, Justin Horng, Rebecca Hu, Meagan Chan, Jessica Leung



(front row) Peter and Michelle Wubbels, Josie Yu, Meagan Chan, Jenny Chan, Helen Sun and her Mom (back row) Ivy Shen, Ben Yeung, Martin Jung, Franklin Kang, Chris Bush, Ivy's Husband Greg, Jessica Leung and Justin Horng

ner of 2009 Jennifer Kao delivered a light speech about the valuable experiences she has gained. After a warm applause, followed by a live auction, the 23rd Annual Fundraiser and Award Gala came to close with the appreciation of corporate sponsors and every guest of the night.

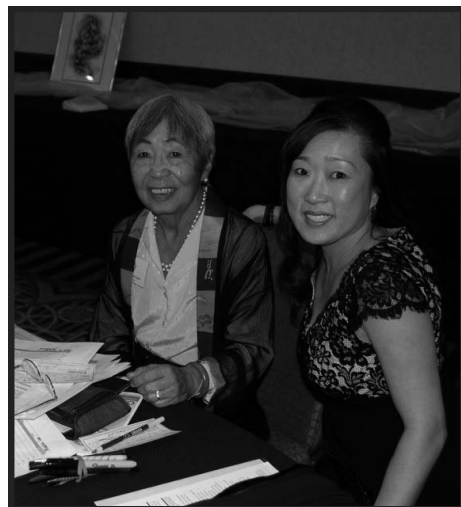
Second Harvest Food Sort

By Chloe Tsang

In preparation for one of the busiest seasons of the year, OCA members gathered together to volunteer at the San Carlos Sec-

ond Harvest Food Bank. Just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, members generously contributed their time and effort in packing foods to be delivered to struggling families. Everyone worked busily in various locations within the Food Bank warehouse. Their cheerful voices could be heard throughout. "Here's two bags of potatoes! More apples! It's twenty-

Scholarship Chair Melodie Lew and Liza Normandy, member of the South San Francisco Unified School District





Gina Papan Millbrae Council member, David Chai Speak and Lead Chair and Chris Bush Events Chair

four cans per box!" members said, as they weighed out bags of potatoes and apples, placed cans into huge, brown boxes. After three hours of diligence, the members finally accomplished their goal. Their hard work had piled up into bags and bags of food that would help the destitute, some of whom lived for that single meal. As members left the warehouse that afternoon, there was a sense of satisfaction about, a sense that three hours of labor could mean so much to those truly in need.

Congratulations Daphne Kwok!

By Franklin M. Kang

After signing an executive order

restoring the White House Initiative and President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders on October 14, 2009, President Obama announced the appointment of OCA San Mateo member Daphne Kwok to serve as



Daphne Kwok

Chair of the Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

ers on July 26,

2010.

For decades, Daphne has set the benchmark, and exemplified the spirit of service to the Asian Pacific American Community.

Prior to receiving this appointment, Daphne served as the Executive Director of OCA, the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, and the Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California, and previously served as the Chair of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans.

We are fortunate to have leaders such as Daphne within our community. Congratulations Daphne!

Scholarship in Memory of Newsy Yan (1965-2009)



Newsy Yan

By Franklin M. Kang

Following the sudden loss of our colleague and friend, the Board of Directors (Board) for the OCA San Mateo Chapter authorized a new Scholarship in memory of Newsy, and many of our members responded generously. On January 8, 2011, the Board authorized the continuation of this Scholarship for a second year.

The Board of Directors conveys its special gratitude to the following early donors: Daphne Kwok, David Louie, Liza Normandy, Wade Loo, Nancy Lee, Ben Yeung, Franklin M. Kang, and OCA Northern Virginia Chapter members Bill Hoo Fat and Camilla Ng. If you wish to contribute to the continuation of this newly created scholarship, please send your donations to OCA San Mateo County Chapter, P.O. Box 218, San Mateo, CA 94402, payable to OCA, with a note referencing this scholarship.

President's Message, January 2011



President Martin Jung

Happy New Year. Best wishes for good luck and prosperity. Last year just flew by as we greet the Year of the Rabbit. Re-

turning will be Vice President Ben Yeung, Vice President/Treasurer Jacob Chu and Secretary Melodie Lew. As we move forward, we have continuity as a group working together to explore new opportunities.

As the economy makes a slow recovery, we are presented a challenge as our Chapter plans annual events for the upcoming year. Businesses and Companies were put in position where they cut back funding that was due to a fixed budget and as a result, less money was given out to local non-profit organizations. We are fortunate to continue with our signature programs and give back to the community that consists of our Speak & Lead with Pride led by Dr. David Chai, a program designed to improve local high school students' public speaking skills, Scholarship Program under the guidance of Melodie Lew, Internships, and YOCA as Monica Yeung Arima coordinates with our high school students.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you at future events!

"Where Are They Now?"

Interns:

"I am currently in my last quarter at UC Irvine, where I will be graduating as a Literary Journalism and Art History double major. I'm excited to graduate and pursue a career in fashion. In addition to showing my designs at UCI's Fashion Interest Group's annual fashion shows and serving as Director of Design, I have also interned with



BCBG and am currently interning for LA Vintage and Los Angeles-based label Leyendecker."

-Louise Lao, Intern 2007

"I am currently attending Columbia University, and am studying economics, with a concentration in computer science.

College life has been really fulfilling so far, as I am learning a lot in class, and am

surrounded by amazing, intelligent people and great friends. I'm involved in multiple organizations on campus as well, some with leadership roles."

-Charles Zhang, Intern 2008

"I am a third-year International Studies major at UC San Diego. I am highly involved in our student life through being the Legislative Liaison for the Associated Students, which is



our student government. I plan on graduating this spring and look forward to embarking on a career path in politics.”



-Ruby Chu, Intern 2008

“I am currently attending UCSC and majoring in Bioinformatics. College is definitely a very unique experience that allows me to mature and to experience life away from home. It allows me to meet a lot of new people from different backgrounds and be apart of a close-knit community.”



-Chris Wong, Intern 2010

2010 Scholarships:

“I have successfully completed my first semester with a 4.0 GPA as a Petroleum Engineering major and Spanish minor at the University of Oklahoma. The best part about college life



campus, I have realized anyone can make an impact.”

-Marissa Mercado

“I am currently majoring in biomedical engineering at UC Berkeley. College has been a refreshing experience for me, as it offers quite a different dynamic than high school. We are given the opportunity to mature and grow as individuals, and I have embraced my time so far as a freshman.”



-Brendan Mok

and I absolutely love it here. I am part of the UCLA Bruin Marching Band, which is one of the best decisions I've made because I've met some great people while continuing my passion for music. I look forward to all the other things UCLA has to offer me!”

-Derek Wun

“I am currently attending UC Berkeley, undeclared. Although I had applied as a pre-business major, I have also been exploring the different opportunities and taking classes in other subjects. Everyday is a new adventure, living in dorms and venturing out with my new freedom. So far, college life has been amazing!”



-Jennifer Tu

“I am currently studying Mechanical Engineering at UCLA



“I am currently pursuing a major in Molecular and Cell Biology at UC Berkeley.”



Berkeley has challenged me in many ways academically and socially, whether it be preparing for exams differently than I did in high school or adapting to the dorm life. Despite these challenges, my first semester at Berkeley has been a rewarding experience, changing my outlook on future semesters at Berkeley to take advantage of all the resources available to help me succeed.”

- Priscilla Cheung

Our Interns, 2010-2011

Emily Lin

Public Relations



Two years ago, I had the chance to come to the United States. I was impressed with the many opportunities in the United States. I could not wait to become a volunteer to help people. My sophomore year, I enrolled in Speak and Lead With Pride. I was shy and quiet in the beginning since English is my second language, but I grew more confident as teachers encouraged me to voice my opinion and give a speech.

I am interested in education, journalism and volunteer work. I enjoy tutoring kids in Math, writing articles for OCA and Asian American Curriculum Project, and volunteering in the community. As an OCA Intern, I met a lot of people and learned about other organizations. This summer, I was involved with an internship for the San Francisco City Hall, helping Assemblywoman Fiona Ma and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors member Carmen Chu. I feel that it is important to

be involved in society and to make other people's lives better by improving the education system, working with children, and helping new immigrants with the language barrier. As the president of my high school Math Club, I am also proud to have initiated a program that provides free tutoring to students from low-income families because I could use my talents to help others and contribute to our community.

Ray Yang

Technology



My sister and I moved here from Taiwan three years ago. Although I initially struggled in this new environment, I gradually overcame the language barrier and other hardships, now happy to be here. I am currently a junior at Hillsdale High School in San Mateo and was recently hired as an intern for Congresswoman Jackie Speier. I am really excited to become more involved in my community as a member of OCA.

I am also the Asian Club President and Key Club (Kiwanis Club for High School students) Organizer. This year my classes include: AP Biology, Physics, English, U.S. History, Pre Calculus and Health.

Chloe Tsang
Publications



My name is Chloe Tsang. I am currently a senior at Mills High School. I grew up in Millbrae, but attended elementary and middle school in San Francisco. Although I was born in America, I come from a rather traditional Chinese background, which has shaped my appreciation and embracement of the Chinese culture, language, and tradition. I enjoy writing Chinese calligraphy, speaking Cantonese and Mandarin, and participating as captain of the Mills Dragon Team. Aside from school, I am also passionate about music, painting, reading, running, volunteering, baking, tutoring...almost everything! Since I have always found science to be a fascinating subject, I hope to become a dentist in the future. My interest in language, however, is what has brought me to this position as OCA's publication intern. As a voice for OCA, I have been gaining valuable experiences through meeting various people, participating in social events, and writing about such. OCA has also provided me with an opportunity to better understand and further embrace the Asian Pacific community. I hope that through working with OCA, I may develop stronger skills while contributing to the betterment of society.

OCA San Mateo would like to extend their wishes for a happy & prosperous New Year!

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