



Chinese Cultural Society of Stockton

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PO Box 692035 Stockton CA 95269-2035

April 2012



****Sunday, April 29, 2012****

CCSS Spring Banquet

5:30pm

China Palace Restaurant

\$30 per person

Honoring: Francis Lau, Citizen of the Year; Scholarship Recipients; Installation of New Board Members

See the enclosed flyer for more details

RSVP by Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Maxine Hong Kingston
Saturday, April 14, 2012
(Sponsored in part by CCSS)

Tickets are available for the San Joaquin Writers Workshop on Saturday, April 14, 9am to 4pm at San Joaquin Delta College. The workshop features acclaimed author and Stockton native, Maxine Hong Kingston in the morning. Workshop participants will be able to write with Kingston from 10am to 11am in the West Forum and have their books signed afterward. Tickets cost \$35 general or \$20 for students with ID and include coffee and pastries in the morning and a box lunch. A ticket also allows access to Kingston's author talk in the Tillie Lewis Theater at 1pm. For the author's talk only, tickets are \$15 general or \$5 for students with ID. Tickets are available at the Delta College Box Office, Locke Center, 5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton. For information, call 209.954.5110 or contact Paul Sheil at 209.298.2078 or psheil@deltacollege.edu.

Night of China
Saturday, May 5, 2012
7 - 8:30pm
Atherton Auditorium
Delta College
(Sponsored in part by CCSS)

San Joaquin Delta College's Cultural Awareness Programs presents this fusion of performing arts from China's inner Mongolia and Hollywood in celebration of Asian History month. Tickets are available at Delta Center for the Arts Box Office, 209.954.5110. Reserved seating: \$10-\$50. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

Additional sponsorships are also being sought to help with funding for the program. Advertising opportunities are also available. See the enclosed form or contact Jun Wang: jwang@deltacollege.edu for more information.

Calendar Events and Things of Interest

(Look for Future CCSS Events in Future Issues)

- **Saturday, April 14, 2012.** Maxine Hong Kingston/San Joaquin Writers Workshop. 9am to 4pm. Delta College.
- **Saturday, April 14, 2012.** Chinese Benevolent Association Spring Banquet (Fundraiser). 5pm. China Palace Restaurant, Stockton. Contact CBA 209.462.6442.
- **Sunday, April 29, 2012.** CCSS Spring Banquet honoring the Citizen of the Year and CCSS scholarship recipients. Installation of new Board members.
- **Saturday, May 5, 2012.** Chinese Benevolent Association Scholarship Award Luncheon. 1pm. King's House, Stockton. Contact CBA 209.462.6442.
- **Saturday, May 5, 2012.** Night of China. 7 to 8:30pm. Delta College. Contact Jun Wang, jwang@deltacollege.edu
- **Saturday, May 19, 2012.** Living History Day in Fiddletown. For more info, www.fiddletown.info or contact Alice Kaiser 209.245.6042.

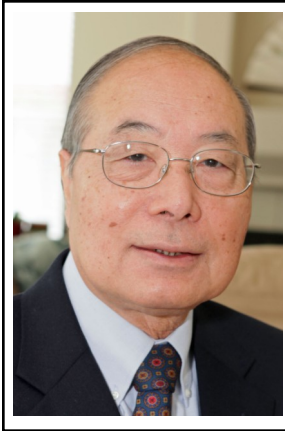
**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
WHO HELPED WITH THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION PARADE AND FESTIVAL!!
IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!**

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For more pictures and highlights, go to www.stocktoncnyc.org, select "Media," then select "Photo Gallery," and then select "2012 Photo Album."

Francis Lau, 2012 Citizen of the Year



Francis was born in China in 1941. He moved to Hong Kong in 1953 and completed elementary and high school in Hong Kong. He immigrated to the United States in 1964 and lived in Stockton, California. After attending Delta College and graduating in 1968, he transferred to State University of California, Sacramento, majored in Civil Engineering and graduated in 1970. He met and married his wife, Fee Hom, in Sacramento in 1972. During his professional career, Francis worked for a Civil Engineering Consultant Company in Fremont for 3 years, then with the City of Gilroy for another 4 years. In 1977, he moved back to Stockton to be close to family and joined the San Joaquin County Public Works Department as a civil engineer. After 28 years of service, Francis retired in 2004 from the County.

Francis has been married to his wife, Fee, a registered nurse with St. Joseph's Hospital, for 39 years. They have three children: son, Patrick Lau and two daughters, Jenifer Lau and Amy Lau. They are all working professionals. His 91 year old mother, Yin Kin Lau and two sisters, Anita Lau, Peggy Lau and sister-in-law, Nancy Lee Lau live close by.

Chinese Cultural Society of Stockton (CCSS): Francis started out as festival volunteer in the late 1980's, working his way up from helping with decorations, to being stage manager and eventually joining the Board in 1996. Francis has served as President, Vice President and other official positions until his retirement from the Board in 2010. He has been an active participant in all phases of CCSS activities. His most gratifying projects are the CCSS Dragon Boat Team, now in its sixth year and bringing some of the cultural performances to the Stockton community including award-winning professional lion dance groups.

Jene Wah Senior Center: Francis became involved with this organization because there was a need for his bilingual skills. He started with volunteer work in 1986 helping where ever he was needed and finally joining the Board as board member in 1998. Francis has served as President, Vice President and other officer positions until leaving the board in 2009. He has been an active participant in a majority of the programs of the senior center. His most gratifying projects were the construction of the commercial kitchen at Jene Wah's current location at 238 E. Church Street. He was involved with the fund raising efforts and oversaw the construction of the kitchen which was completed in 2003. Prior to the completion of the kitchen, food was delivered from outside restaurants. Now, fresh, hot meals are cooked in the beautiful commercial kitchen for the seniors.

Chinese Benevolent Association: With this organization, Francis started as representative of CCSS to the CBA Board in 1997. He served as a Board member for several terms and as the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee from 1998 to 2009. His most gratifying project was overseeing the funding and construction of the many improvement projects at the cemetery which included the new gate and new road around the cemetery.

Chinese Youth Club of Stockton: Francis joined the social club in 1980 and is currently president of the 55 year old Club.

Francis is also a member of the following association and organization: Long Kong Family Association and Stockton Cathay Club.

CCSS is proud to give Francis the recognition he so deserves, the Grand Marshal of the Parade and CCSS Citizen of the Year Award for 2012.

by Jeri Wong

**Chinese Benevolent Association
Spring Banquet (Fundraiser)
Saturday, April 14, 2012**

5:00PM

China Palace Restaurant
5052 West Ln.

\$50 per person

Contact:

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LIMITED SEATING

RSVP by April 7, 2012

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
CCSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2012-2014**

It's time to vote for new officers and Board members. A ballot listing the slate of officers and Board members for 2012-2014 is enclosed with this newsletter. Please vote by marking the ballot as indicated.

**Please return your ballot no later than
Friday, April 20, 2012.**



Letter from the Editor

Thank you to all of you who helped with the Parade and Festival! It was great seeing you there! I hope that you were able to enjoy the Parade and Festival if you had a chance! Volunteers like you are what really make it a good event for all!

I hope you didn't miss receiving a newsletter in February and March. With the Parade and Festival, a lot of work before and after had to be done. Plans are under way for the Sunday, March 3, 2013 event. If you'd like to help in the planning, contact me via email.

Be sure to vote for your new officers and Board members! Come to the Spring Banquet on Sunday, April 29, 2012 to recognize our Citizen of the Year, Francis Lau, our scholarship recipients and for the installation of the new officers and Board members.

If you know of anyone interested in the Chinese culture, please feel free to forward this newsletter to them.

Lastly, **THANK YOU** for renewing your dues! If you haven't, do so now with the form below.

Make This Your Newsletter!

If you have any articles (100 words or less), personal stories, accomplishments of other members to share, pictures or topics of interest you would like published (subject to the Editor's and/or the CCSS Board's approval), the submission deadline is the **15th** of each month. Submit via email **ccs4you@att.net** or to the PO Box, ATTN: Editor.

CCSS Membership Application 2012

NAME _____ Phone _____

ADDRESS _____ New

CITY/ZIP _____ Renewal

Email Address: _____

Individual \$15 Family or Organization \$25 Student \$10

I would like to help with: Education Scholarship Committee

Events Telephoning New Year Festival

Other _____

Make out check to CCSS and send to: Spencer Chu
CCSS Membership Director
PO Box 692035, Stockton CA 95269-2035

DATE _____

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