



San Gabriel Valley Chinese Cultural Association **Roar of the Dragon**

January 2019

Important Dates

- Feb 5 – Chinese New Year
- Feb 9 – L.A. Chinatown Parade
- Feb 23 – S.F. Chinatown Parade



President’s Message

Gung Hay Fat Choy and Happy New Year to All. This year will be such an exciting one with all of the activities and events that we have planned. San Francisco here we come! I always look forward to our San Francisco trips, even though we don’t get a lot of sleep, the trips are always memorable and fun. I hope everyone that can help out joins us for our three day adventure up North.

The education program, lead by Shelley Tam, is being revamped this year with an eye towards the next semester. We are looking to expand the elective programs, and are actively seeking anyone who would like to teach a culturally relevant skill or crafting technique, along with language teachers. We hope to start off the 2019 -2020 school year with a solid foundation. Feel free to reach out to education@sgvcca.org if you have any questions or think you can help.

Stay tuned for more throughout this exciting year, we have many new families to welcome, and I hope all the kiddos enjoy the upcoming performance season.

Scott Lee
President

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Education

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Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 15694 Tetley St., Hacienda Heights

The SGVCCA Chinese School is in full swing this year! We are delighted to continue the tradition of mandarin language classes and cultural enrichment. The goal of our program is to teach our students our rich Chinese heritage, customs and traditions while fostering each child's mandarin language capabilities. Most importantly, our students have the opportunity to make friends outside of their normal spheres of influence which makes learning fun and enriching.

Besides the mandarin classes, the Chinese School offers many Chinese cultural electives. So far, the students have received lessons in origami, calligraphy, kung fu, Chinese cooking and red envelope folding. We have many more electives planned including Chinese chess, ping pong and Chinese knotting.

Our school would not be able to offer such a diverse curriculum if it were not the many teachers and volunteers who contribute their time and efforts every Saturday morning. We are looking to expand our program and are in need of additional Chinese language (mandarin and cantonese) teachers, as well as Chinese cultural electives. Qualified candidates for a teaching role must have prior experience teaching Chinese language, possess the skills to effectively engage young children, and be creative in presenting Chinese language teaching through a variety of methods, including stories, games, song, etc. For electives, we are looking for passionate teachers who can share his/her passion and expertise about a particular subject (i.e. tai chi, floral arts, paper crafts, etc.) Interested parties should email a current resume to education@sgvcca.org.

Shelley Tam
Education Chair



Announcements from Social

Happy New Year!

We hope you all enjoyed your year-end festivities. The association ended 2018 with two great gatherings -- The Holiday Family Christmas party at the Gold Hibachi Buffet, and The Youth Group Nerf War at Quon Yick Noodle Factory. Thanks to all who attended. Your participation sealed the success of both events and added to the merriment and entertainment.

Karen and Shelly have worked diligently to create a slate of workshops for members and the public. Workshop topics are meant to **INFORM** participants. Students take away nuggets of knowledge, take home handcrafted items, get a good workout while **SOCIAL**izing and having lots of fun. We've seen many members showing off their crocheted scarves and hats, perfect for the cool weather. We'll be winding down the month of January with social dance classes. It's a perfect opportunity for you to get some cardio and socialize at the same time.

Upcoming workshops in February include knitting and/or origami to create either a fan or lantern from Chinese red lycee envelopes for the Chinese New Year. In March, Clay Lau, a retired radiology director and radiation safety officer at Glendale Adventist Medical Center, will discuss types of X-rays, and back by popular demand a Mexican Tamale cooking class. A pot-sticker-wrapping class is another possibility. Except for the dance classes, fees cover just the materials provided in class, as we are generously supported by instructors volunteering their time and services.

If you have any questions or are interested in holding a workshop, please contact Shelley Tam at education@sgvcca.org, or Margaret Leong / Karen Lee at social@sgvcca.org

Please place the SGVCCA annual fundraising banquet on your calendars for Saturday, April 27. Watch for the banquet reservation form. It will be coming out in February.

Also, thank you to everyone who signed up for Disney Volunteering Points of Light Program for LA Chinatown parade. We met our goal and reached 75 participants!

We wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous Lunar New Year, Year of the Pig. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Karen Lee and Margaret Leong
Social Chairs

Your Social Calendar

We have a lot of exciting events and fun activities planned for the year 2019. We hope that many of you will take advantage of these projects that are meant to entertain as well as inform.

We are preparing Saturday workshops this year that will include diverse subjects to interest a variety of members both young and old. We are in search of instructors for Cooking, Paper Crafting, Chinese Knot Tying, Knitting, Crocheting, Flower Arranging, Calligraphy, Painting, Chinese History, Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Chinese Chess, Mahjong, Ping Pong, and Women's Self-Defense. If you'd like to see other activities scheduled, please contact Karen Lee / Margaret Leong at social@sgvcca.org

February

Feb. 2: Origami Pig lanterns out of lycee envelopes, Shelley Tam, \$5 per person

Feb. 9: LA Chinatown Parade

Feb. 16: Chinese New Year Luncheon at St. Thomas

Feb. 23: San Francisco Parade

March 2019

March 2: Public/health workshop: "XRays: Types and Effects," presenter Clay Lau

March 9: Cooking: Mexican Tamales, Christine Wynia, costs TBD

March 16:

March 23:

March 30:

April 2019

April 6:

April 13:

April 20:

April 27: **Spring Banquet**

Spring Banquet (Save the Date)

Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 5:00pm

Lobster Bay Restaurant

18888 Labin Ct.

Rowland Heights, CA 91748

Cost: TBD

May 2019

Chinese Knot-tying: TBD

May 4:

May 11:

May 18:

May 25:

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NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL FORM FOR JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019

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Spouse Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ CA Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone:(____) _____
E-mail Address: _____
Children's Names & (Ages): _____

Membership Donation: Family\$25.00 _____
Individual (18 yrs or older)..... \$15.00 _____

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I, the undersigned, hereby give permission to SGVCCA to use pictures or photographs taken of me or my family for use on its website:
www.sgvcca.org for publication.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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SGVCCA – Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 155
West Covina, CA 91790

For the latest information on Association Activities check out:
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Editor's Notes

Hello SGVCCA!

It's the year of the PIG!! According to one myth, the Pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals because the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. Pig was late because he overslept. Another story says that a wolf destroyed his house. He had to rebuild his home before he could set off. When he arrived, he was the last one and could only take twelfth place. In my opinion, who cares if the Pig is last, in Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth.

Pigs might not stand out in a crowd, but they are very realistic. Others may be all talk and no action, but Pigs are the opposite. Though not wasteful spenders, they will let themselves enjoy life. They love entertainment and will occasionally treat themselves. They need to hold solid objects in their hands to feel secure, which is their strong motivation to work hard. They are energetic and are always enthusiastic in all situations.

Pigs are most compatible with Tigers (my mom is a pig and I am a tiger...I guess you would say we are compatible 😊) The Rabbit will be attracted by the Pig's intelligence and warmth. The Goat will share common interests and topics with the Pig.

Pigs are least compatible with Snakes due to their clashing personalities. They have biases against each other and can't compromise (my dad is a snake...explains a lot). Pigs also don't get along with Monkeys as well, the relationship is typically full of tension (hmm...my husband is a Monkey...I wonder if I should be concerned)

Anyways, if you have stories or ideas you would like to share, please contact me via laurie.truong@gmail.com! And you can always find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/SGVCCA](https://www.facebook.com/SGVCCA)

Laurie Truong
Newsletter

(Btw, did anyone see the piggy made out of red envelopes on SGVCCA Facebook? Go check it out! So cute!)



新年快乐

The **San Gabriel Valley Chinese Cultural Association** was organized in 1968 to encourage and promote the enrichment of the Chinese language and culture and to share these interests with the community-at-large. By charter, the SGVCCA is non-political and non-sectarian and is incorporated as a non-profit, tax exempt organization, supported and maintained by the contributions and donations of its members and friends to help defray the cost of promoting the cultural and language programs.



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