



September 2009
Chi Am Circle Club



Community Service in the Bay Area since 1965

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Co-Presidents' Message:

Dear Chi Am Ladies:

Everyone is busy this summer with family vacation, fashion show committees are busy meeting deadlines and models have picked up their beautiful outfit for the show and had their first cat walk practice last week. It is truly a team effort to put together the fashion show. Many of us have made friends by knowing more about each other through working together at committees. It is truly a Chi Am family spirit. Ladies, we would like to hear about your vacation. Please submit your story to our newsletter editor Marichu Scanlon at Newsletter@ChiAmCircle.org. See you all on October 3rd. It will be a wonderful show!!

Co Presidents
 Julie Ho and Sylvia Eng

2009 Chi Am Board Meeting
 Thursday, Sept 17th, 6:30pm
 Sylvia Eng's house
 188 Los Altos Avenue
 650 948 7990
 Bring a light snack for sharing
 Drinks will be provided

HARD COPIES OF CHI AM NEWSLETTERS

TO: Members who wish to get the monthly Chi Am Newsletter mailed to them via Post Office The Board has ruled a one year subscription price of \$15.00 per year. We will begin collecting this fee for Year 2010 beginning September 15, 2009. Please mail a check made out to *Chi Am Circle* for \$15.00 and mail to *Cleo Jong*, 1901 Deodara Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. For members who currently are receiving hard copies of the monthly newsletter, please send your check in no later than November 31, 2009.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

Rainbow of Hope Fashion Show
 Date: Saturday, Oct 3
 Time: 11:00 am
 Place: Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

Estate Planning and Asset Protection Seminar
 Date: Saturday, Oct 17
 Time: 8:45 am – 12 noon
 Place: Sunny View Retirement Center, 22445 Cupertino Road, Cupertino
 Speakers: EJ Hong, Sharon Wong, Ellen Lau, Janet Wan, and Julie Ho
 FREE to Chi Am family and friends. FREE breakfast is included

Silent Auction News:

Chi-Am members, we have some very exciting Silent Auction items that you will love and "Must Have". Here's a partial list so you can have a first peek at our gifts. Come early to the Fashion Show Luncheon to view and bid. Bidding will start at 11:00AM.

Silent Auction List

Tailored made Cassara Brothers suit with dressed shirt & silk tie
 Gourmet Gift Basket of sauces, condiments, baked goods, & a copy of Easy 'n Healthy Cooking
 China Stix dinner certificate
 Merlion Restaurant dinner certificate
 Two Hawaii baskets of favorite local treats
 SummitPoint Golf Club green fee for 4
 Silk Stole by Blanc de Chine
 Men's Chinese robe
 2 Trader Joe's certificate
 Max Nugus evening skirts
 Variety of purses
 Asian Inspired jacket by XIAO
 Weekend at the Hyatt Regency 2 nights & complimentary breakfasts
 Eight 10" earthenware Chinese immortals figurines
 One-covered 22K gold egg with stand
 Gold orchid pendant with gold chain
 Two cinnabar vases.
 Three diamond, pearls & jade necklaces
 Versace Rosenthal ornate porcelain bowl with cover
 Five nights at Mauna Loa Village in Kona, Hawaii
 iPod touch 8GB- latest model
 Gift Basket: Bloomingdale's Stanford Clarins Facial Certificate & Beauty Skin Care Gift Certificate:
 Bloomingdale's Stanford Beauty Bash & Girls' NightOut for 6 friends
 Ornate filigree mirror vanity set
 Opera San Jose two complimentary tickets

2 sets of 49er football tickets with 2 seats per game
 Vintage handmade Japanese doll in glass case.
 Rancho Canada Golf Club green fee for 4
 Titleist 90902 golf driver
 Tea Ceremony for 6 at Hakone Gardens, Saratoga
 Vintage Jade hair pick
 Vintage 14K brooch with coral Buddha
 VPC100 All-in-one Atom N270 1.6GHz 18.5" LCD XPH computer
 Four Southwest tickets to anywhere in US
 Custom designed silk organza jacket by Canadian Textile Art collection
 Hand painted" silk organza summer jacket by Victor East West
 Basket of items from Lifetime Networks
 Necklace with Chinese carved soapstone pendant
 Two Lladro Spanish handmade porcelain golf figurines
 100% hand-pulled serigraph 117 colors, "Dragon King's Daughter", numbered and signed by renown artist Caroline Young
 Cape Jacket
 Kitchen gift basket of utensils, accessories, & crock
 Stainless Steel Salad Bowl with Utensils & condiments & spices
 BBQ Utensil Case with accessories & cookbook
 Crystal bowl with stand
 Theater/outdoor optics lens
 Silk scarves

Raffle Ticket Sales Update & Reminder:

Over \$2,000 worth of raffle tickets have been sold, thanks to all of you who have already sold and purchased raffle tickets. Please support Chi Am's Raffle Sales by selling your raffle tickets to family and friends, and purchasing some for yourself. There are over 20 great raffle prizes and there is a prize for the person who sells the most raffle tickets. Please return all checks, ticket stubs, and unsold tickets to **Jennie Hong** or **Jean Lee** by **Sept. 25th**.



RAINBOW OF HOPE ONLY A MONTH AWAY
by Gerrye Wong, Co Chairperson
for General CoChairs Muriel Kao, Pearl Lee and Sylvia Eng

It's been a long 9 months of planning, but on October 3, you'll see the completion of a lot of hard work put in by a wonderful crew of Chi Am members and community model volunteers who have worked doggedly to make this event Chi Am Circle's Crown Jewel of the year and for many years to come. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 and with your help in this final month's push, we can do it!

As of this printing, we have a few more seats to fill in the 660 patron throng of guests to our Rainbow of Hope luncheon benefit. So check with Virginia Bakken (vbakken8@yahoo.com) with any ticket requests for your friends and family if there is any more room before sending in money. Most of the fittings have been done for the beautiful special designer fashions, and excitement is rising from all of the wonderful sponsors who have donated funds in support of our worthy cause of serving the youth in our community. All proceeds from the event will go towards the Chi Am Circle Service Fund which will benefit our high school scholarship program and support a partner organization, Friends of Children with Special Needs of autism.

Vanita Yuen has amassed over 50 Silent Auction prizes listed in the newsletter so be sure to come early and put in your bids for these choice items. The auction is a win-win proposition as the winner gets wonderful gift items and the club gets additional revenue for our Service Fund. Everyone wants to travel so bid for those Southwest Airlines tickets or the Uchida Travel Agency's special travel voucher for anywhere in the world. Noted Caroline Young will be in the audience and has donated one of her most popular serigraphs, the Dragon, for art lovers who have enjoyed and coveted her work for years. Our designers have donated special designer outfits, and many, many more special gifts never before seen in an auction.

Jennie Hong and many of our members have donated choice raffle prizes so buy your raffle tickets and sell them to all your friends so they can have a chance to win these choice gifts. A special treat for all patrons will be a gift bag filled with special favors donated by Andrea Wong and Lifetime Networks TV. A special piece of jewelry will also be on the table as a special gift to all of the guests who have supported Chi Am Circle's fashion show benefit on October 3, along with a beautiful table arrangement, designed by Chi Am's talented Joanne Tanabe and Helen Kwan and their cadre of wonderful volunteer florists for everyone's pleasure. These arrangements will be on sale at each table so be sure to put your name on the "purchase" tag on each arrangement so you can be the lucky buyer and take it home.

Muriel Kao and Jennie Leung have labored many hours to put together a souvenir booklet filled with pictures and information about Chi Am Circle, its mission, its members and the show. Thank you to Bassie Lee's group of advertisers and to the members who solicited those ads to garner over \$5000 in ad revenue. Be sure to look at your book and enjoy the handiwork of these hard working ladies. Special thank you to the member models and guest models from different organizations of the community who pledged to bring in a table of friends to the show, and have shown enormous support to make the program a big success. Our August 1 date to open up reservations brought in over 25 tables that first day, as evidence of the enthusiasm growing for this upcoming event.

This has been a joint venture not seen before in Silicon Valley's Asian American community -- and Chi Am members, you will be a part of its success. We have one more month to go --- so don't just sit back. There are a lot more raffles to sell ---- and we happily will receive and delight in taking in more sponsorship donations right up to the day of the event. We have received over \$40,000 in donations from wonderful generous donors

among you and your solicitations, but our goal is \$50K. Can you help us achieve that goal? It's the greatest cause we have ever raised funding for -- everyone in the community wants to help -- it just takes asking them for a donation, as small as \$100 to \$5000 to join our Sponsorship Levels. If you members have gotten your clunker rebate or your State IOU, what better place to put it than into Chi Am Circle's Service Fund!! General Co Chairpersons in charge of donors Pearl Lee and Gerrye Wong, assisted by Julie Ho, will be ecstatic if you call us with new donors and sponsors. frank.pearl@sbcglobal.net; gerryewong@comcast.net is our willing email boxes to hear from you - okay>?

Until then-- keep working for the Chi Am cause. President Sylvia Eng is working diligently with hotel arrangements to make this a smooth running event to everyone's pleasure. Help us by coming early as 11:00 with your friends and guests to have time to see all of the silent auction items, buy your raffle tickets from Helen Chew's battalion of hostesses, and visit with long lost friends of Chi Am. Thanks for being a part of this gigantic effort -- and see you October 3.

NEXT FASHION SHOW MEETING: Saturday morning, September 26th 9:30 at Sylvia Eng's house

Chi Am Financial Seminar

October 17th, 2009

Sunnyview Retirement Center, Community Room
22445 Cupertino Road, Cupertino

8:45 am to 12:00 pm

Chi Am members, family and friends are invited to

Estate Planning and Asset Protection

8:45- 9:15 Complimentary breakfast

9:15- 9:35 Real Estate Investment - *Julie Ho*

9:35-10:00 Asset Protection when Coping with Death and Injury - *Janet Wan*

10:00-10:10 Break

10:10-10:35 Long Term Care, Life Insurance Restructuring, Portfolio Insurance,
Creditor Protection for Retirement Assets - *Ellen Lau*

10:35-11:00 Formation of LLC for Real Estate Holding, Corporation for Operation
of Business - *Sharon Wong*

11:00-11:25 Asset Protection for Families, ABC Trust Funding, Special Needs Trust,
Charitable Trust, Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust - *EJ Hong*

For reservation please email: FinancialWorkshop@ChiAmCircle.org or call Julie at 408-323-1766.
Space is limited to 50 people. Thank you.

Chi Am Team Building Challenge:

Chi Am's Team Building Challenge scheduled Sunday, August 30, 2009 delivered on its promise to provide fun for all. Teams were challenged to devise a package to safely house 2 eggs using materials provided. They were asked to create a company name and deliver a presentation to market their product to judges. Then their package was put to the test and dropped 14 feet off the ground to see if their eggs survived the fall.

Team Miracle Egg-Spress won the challenge with both eggs intact. Teams Egg-a-Go-Go and CABLE each had one surviving egg. The challenge details follows below and the day in pictures follows on the next page. To view the photo album of the event, go to <http://rakaphotos.shutterfly.com/>

Federal Egg-Spress Challenge



Scenario: You and your teammates have formed an egg shipping company to transport crates of eggs to feed the hungry in a mountainous and desolate region of China. Your packaged eggs will be dropped via parachute, then transported by donkey cart over rugged terrain.

Objective: Your company is in the beta testing stage of packaging the eggs. Using any of the materials provided, package 2 raw eggs to survive an 14' free fall to the ground. If your eggs can survive the drop, it will surely survive the treacherous trip to its final destination.

Your Company and Employees

Design & Engineering Department

- Design and build the packaging for your eggs.
- Using some or all of the materials provided, build a device which securely holds the eggs.

Marketing Department

- Create a name for your company.
- Develop a campaign to promote it (Attributes, function or aesthetics of your design, a cheer, slogan, logo, or anything else to convince potential customers to use your product.)
- Your marketing strategy will be judged based on product information, originality, creativity, humor , etc.
- Your presentation may be given by any number of department members.
- A poster board and markers are provided for your presentation, and you may use any of your other materials as well.

Timing: You will have a minimum of 30 minutes to prepare your package and presentation. After the first team is ready, all other teams will be given an additional 10 minutes to finish.



Scoring: 15 maximum points

Presentation:

A judge(s) will score each presentation .5 to 5 points awarded

Testing:

Package dropped from 14' off the ground

1 egg intact 5 points

2 eggs intact 10 points

Prize: The company with the highest point total wins a special grand prize for each employee.



Nancy Kwan and the Women's International Film Festival Proceeds to Chi Am Service Fund

<h1>TheWIFTS</h1> <p>Nov. 30-Dec 4 2009 The New Beverly Cinema The Andaz Penthouse Venue West Hollywood</p> <p>THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FILM & TELEVISION SHOWCASE</p> <p>NANCY KWAN to receive</p> <p>THEWIFTS LIFETIME TRIBUTE AWARD FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD OF CINEMA</p> <p>AN EXCLUSIVE FUNDRAISER SCREENING & MEET NANCY KWAN COCKTAIL RECEPTION</p> <p>OPENING NIGHT FILM MONDAY 30TH NOV 2009 EXCLUSIVE SCREENING OF REDWIND PRODUCTION'S</p> <p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN KA SHEN'S JOURNEY A FILM BY BRIAN JAMIESON A compelling and poignant story of a woman's journey</p> <hr/> <p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN KA SHEN'S JOURNEY SCREENING: 6:00 PM - THE NEW BEVERLY CINEMA</p> <p>NANCY KWAN LIFETIME TRIBUTE COCKTAIL & HORS D'OEUVRES RECEPTION 8:30 pm - BUDDHA'S BELLY</p> <p>Meet Nancy Kwan Screening & Cocktail Reception Tickets \$200.00 To Reserve: Tel:1-323-935-8228 or Fax:1-323-8229 CLOSING DATE FOR RESERVATIONS OCTOBER 10TH 2009 RESERVE DIRECTLY ONLINE @ HTTP://WWW.THEWIFTS.COM/OPENING_NIGHT.PHP</p> <p>THEWIFTS - NOV 30 - DEC 4 - 2009 A COLLECTION OF 16 FILMS & DOCUMENTARIES THAT SHOWCASE THE TALENT & ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN IN THE FILM & TELEVISION INDUSTRY WORLDWIDE.</p> <p>Screenings@The New Beverly Cinema • Home of TheWIFTS 2009 - Visit • www.thewiffts.com • www.newbevcinema.com</p> <p>PROCEEDS BENEFIT NANCY KWAN'S CHOSEN CHARITY - A RAINBOW OF HOPE WWW.CHIAMCIRCLE.ORG & CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY THEWIFTS FOUNDATION TAX ID 26-40-27921</p>
<p>The Women's International Film & Television Showcase • TheWIFTS Foundation • 4221 Wilshire Blvd • Suite 170 4 Los Angeles • CA 90010 • Tel:1 323 935 8228 • Fax 1323 935 8229 • http://www.thewiffts.com</p>

Clothes Drive for Career Closet & Princess Project:

Once again, our Chi Am ladies generously donated their clothes. We collected over 70 pieces of clothing, shoes, and purses! Quite a few of them are brand new. All items collected will be donated to Career Closet in Chi Am's name.

Our next collection is at the **Cookie Exchange & Holiday Craft in November** (date to be decided). At this event we will be collecting for Career Closet and for the first time, Princess Project . Look through your daughter's closet for those prom dresses that she won't be wearing anymore.

Donation Guidelines from Princess Project:

We have established firm donation guidelines in an effort to streamline our organizational efforts and solicit goods that will reflect our core values and best serve our constituents.

1. Dresses **MUST** be from 2002 to present.
2. Dresses **MUST** be dry-cleaned and on hangers.
3. Dresses **MUST** be prom dresses, formal gowns, or fancy party dresses.
4. Accessories **MUST** be stylish, clean, and in excellent condition.

To learn more about Career Closet and Princess Project, please go to <http://www.Careercloset.org> and <http://www.PrincessProject.org>.

Upcoming Collection Schedule:

Cookie Exchange & Holiday Craft	November
Installation Lunch	December 5

Chair: Jenny Leung; Committee Members: Elizabeth Chan, Jennie Hong, Susan L. Lee, Michelle Ma, Helen Yamauchi, Melissa Yau.

Submitted by Jenny Leung



*******LOST: A Cutco Pie and Cake Server*****

A Cutco pie and cake server was misplaced at the June New Member potluck. It has a dark brown handle and one serrated edge. If you have it or know where it is, please contact Lisa Liu at lisagliu@yahoo.com.

Thank you.