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June 2011

Chi Am Circle Club



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Upcoming Events

NASA Tour

Date: Thu, June 16, 1-4pm
Location: NASA Mountain View

New Member Pot Luck

Date: July 9
Location: Saratoga Library

Poker Fun Night

Date: August 20
Location: TBD

Health and Nutrition on graceful aging

Date: October
Location: TBD

Cookie Exchange

Date: November
Location: West Hope Presbyterian Church, Saratoga

President's message

Dear Chi Am Sisters,

We've wrapped up another very successful scholarship dinner and awards presentation!

Congratulations to dinner committee co-chairs Violet Lee and Marichu Scanlon and their team for organizing all the logistics surrounding the dinner from the delicious menu selection to personalized name badges to dinner seating to a smooth registration.

The student award presentation segment was the best yet thanks to co-chairs Lisa Liu and Monica Eng, and to their committee for selecting such deserving students. Big thanks to auctioneer, Gerrye Wong, for securing four Southwest Airline tickets and to Paulette Curby for donating her luxury Mazatlan vacation home. And of course, this program would not exist without our generous sponsors. Thanks to all!!

It was 4 years ago since I joined Chi Am Circle.

I recall minimally participating in events during my first year. In my second year, I joined the board and chaired the scholarship selection committee. I am so glad I was brought into the "fold" of our Club. The experience of working closely with special groups of ladies toward common goals has been very rewarding. Also, the bond that develops with many members is gratifying and lasting. If you are a new member or have joined recently, please consider taking an active role in Chi Am Circle. This is truly a social, community service group, and the experience is stimulating and fun.

Best regards,

Rose Tokugawa & Bev Harada

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2011 Board Meeting on June 21, at 6:30pm
Location TBD

Summary of the Progressive Lunch

—**Saturday, April 30** :Chi-Am’s Progressive Lunch started with an elaborate assortment of delicious cold and hot appetizers with crabmeat dips, a baked crabmeat appetizer, hot cheese nuggets, beef kebabs, Mabel’s Roasted Peanuts, nuts, sangria, and a demo on shrimp toast, all recipes from Diana’s Easy ‘n Healthy Cooking. Since I was behind schedule, I took a short cut and did not take out the pâté from the food processor to add garlic powder and season to taste before spreading it on the bread. The biggest blooper was forgetting to spray the shrimp toast with canola oil. This low calorie recipe avoids deep frying in oil but it needs a little oil spray to achieve the right taste. The recipe in the cookbook is quite clear and you will get a much tastier shrimp toast. So that’s the inside scoop.



We then went to Antonia Tu’s house for entrées. Mabel Lai and her able assistants prepared a feast with delectable Imperial Crabmeat Soufflé, Roasted Spring Vegetables, Southeast Asian Curry Chicken, and Steamed Organic 3-Treasure Rice from Thailand. Mabel, Jenny, and Jeannie went through extraordinary effort, cutting, preparing, and transporting all the foods, equivalent to a professional catering !

We then progressed to Helen Kwan’s house where she did her demo of the Apricot Tart, like a TV chef with minute precision from start to finish popping out the tart from the pan. What a delightful ending to a progressive lunch highlighted with gourmet desserts from Helen’s kitchen: Coconut Cream Cake, Apricot Tart, Coffee Toffee Mocha Dots, Walnut Tarts, and Diana’s kitchen: Butter Rum Cake, Apple Torte, Biscotti, accented with fresh strawberries and fruit from Costco.

This event could only take place with the exceptional talent and efforts of Mabel Lai and her assistants, Jeannie Wu and Jenny Ha for entrées, Helen Kwan and her assistants, Ellen Lau, Rose Tsai for desserts,

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ers to the chefs and to Antonia Tu for graciously opening her beautiful home for the event.

Everyone who participated in the Progressive Lunch enjoyed the socializing and feasting on gourmet delicacies in beautiful settings on a spectacular Saturday afternoon. This is one of many Chi-Am programs where members enjoy and take home new ideas that they could try at home.

by Diana Chan

**New Member Potluck & Ikebana Floral
Arrangement Demonstration ***
Saturday, July 9 @ 11:30am,



Mark Saturday, July 9 on your calendars – it's the date for the Members' Potluck Luncheon.

In addition to fun and food, an Ikebana demo will be provided by May-shine Hwang. And YOU might be one of the lucky ladies taking home a beautiful, original arrangement! Members are encouraged to bring guests. - its time for making new friends.

The event will take place in the Community Room at the Saratoga Library (corner of Fruitvale and Saratoga avenue in Saratoga) on Saturday, July 9th from 11:30 am - 3:00pm. in observance of the Library's request for "light finger food," please bring ready-made dishes to share (for 8-10 people). A microwave is available on the premises.

Ginger Lai



NASA Tour – June 16th 1-4PM

Thanks to strong interest, all the NASA tours are booked.

Let Wendy know if you would like to be added to the waiting list in case there are any cancellations. We may schedule another tour later this year.

Chairperson: Wendy Fong (wendy_fong@msn.com)

A note from Violet Lee

Dear Chi Am Members,

I hope you find the food at New Port Restaurant tasty and plentiful; I hope you find the table assigned to you satisfactory

I arrived at the restaurant at 4:15 P.M. because the restaurant wanted to know if the table set up was adequate. We had 2 tables of 12, 4 tables of 11 and 11 tables of 10 totaled 178 people. One waiter worked diligently with me deciding where to put those 6 tables of 12 and 11 conveniently and comfortably for everyone. However, I had difficulty with the 11 tables of 10; because after placing the tables of 12 and 11, the sitting chart we made was no longer applicable. Time was running short and hard working Marichu couldn't be there to help me decide. I tipped the helpful waiter and asked him to put the table stands for the 11 tables anywhere he chooses. I jokingly told him if the members are dissatisfied with their tables, we can always blame him.

The New Port owner Mr. Lee was magnanimous and charged us for 170 people instead of 178 saving us \$196.00. Afterward on the way home, some members suggested we buy the restaurant 2 boxes of See's candies. However, originally the restaurant had asked us to purchase 25 table stands for them. The order would take over 10 days to arrive and had to be cancelled. Marichu and I bought 18 table stands to use that night. The restaurant is interested in buying them from us. We thought we could buy a few more which the restaurant would need and give them the table stands instead of candies.

The dinner committee made a profit of \$285: New Port billed us \$196 less; dinner costs \$24.50 and we charged \$25=\$89; totaled \$196 +\$89= \$285. The dinner committee used our surplus of \$285 to pay the following expenses; printing the evening's program; table stands for New Port; the speaker's and photographer's dinners. That still leaves us a surplus of \$83.10 which was returned to Chi Am's Service Fund.

I gratefully thank the scholarship dinner committee for their aplomb and efficiency in discharging their duties enabling the night's dinner to flow smoothly. I must add the scholarship selection committee's performance was superb!

On behalf of the dinner committee, I thank the Chi Am members for the phone calls, emails and in person congratulating us for a job well done. We couldn't have done it without you; but we do thank you for boosting our egos.

A note from Marichu Scanlon

Dear Chi Am Sisters,

This was my first shot at co-chairing a committee. I enjoyed meeting and working with a lot of the committee members who I don't often meet. I am glad for the opportunity to work with you all.

Scholarship Awards in the News

Excerpted from Bay Area News, On the Scene: May 31, 2011

By Gerrye Wong



Chi Am Circle, for the past three decades have honored high school graduates with scholastic honorariums at an annual MayScholarship Dinner. This year 23 students emerged as happy campers when Chi Am Circle and its sponsor members awarded \$46,100 in awards. Applicants of Asian American ancestry are invited from all the high schools in Santa Clara County to compete for these awards. Congratulations to the following recipients, who were judged on merit, need, community service, essay composition, and SAT scores: Angela Gu, Brian Yin, Belicia Ding, Valerie Shih, Thuy-Anh Nguyen, Trixy Joy Manansala, Cindy Nguyen, Yuka Ogino, Khanh Bui, Jacqueline Tran, Clara Luu, Anthony Phan, Lucia Lin, Daniel Wong, Tina Truong, Gregory Hori, Helen Pun, Annabel Liu, Allen Nguyen, Cynthia Ho, Adam Oshiro, Alexander Mark and Stephanie Chew.



Homestead HS winner Daniel Wong with his sponsors CHCP Pres. Anita Kwock and Gerrye Wong. Photo by Tom Hong



I'd like to commend the Chi Am Circle and the 100 plus members of this Asian American women's club for its program of honoring high school graduates. Listening to the winners' speeches made the 180 people in the audience realize what bright young people we have emerging into our colleges today. One student proudly proclaimed that coming from a humble household, he will be the first in his family to graduate from high school and enter college. Another not only thanked the club, his individual sponsor, but ended his speech with "Thanks Mom, I love you"; which I'm sure, brought a tear or two to the audience.

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Scholarship Awards in the News (continuation)

This program continues with the active support of Chi Am Circle members and friends, whom I'd like to pay tribute to. Individual sponsors of awards were the Gordon and Anita Chan Foundation, Jeff and Susan Lee, Norman and Antonia Tu, Alan Eustace and Kathy Kwan, Gilbert and Mae Fong, Judson and May Chu, Dean and Wilma Chu, Roger and Sylvia Eng, Anne Chow Memorial Fund, George Ow, Jr., Dr. David Shen, Frank and Pearl Lee, Harold and Gwen Wong, John and Muriel Kao, Gene and Violet Lee, Beverly Harada, Rose Tokugawa and Bruce Low, Peter and Cleo Jong, Chinese Historical and Cultural Project, Chinatown Opti-Ms Club, Calvin and Gerrye Wong Family.

Special kudos to Scholarship Selection Committee Chairwomen Lisa Liu & Monica Eng; Scholarship Dinner Chairwomen Violet Lee and Marichu Scanlon; Sponsorship Chairwoman Paulette Curby; and Corporate Sponsor Southwest Airlines.

Good job everyone!



Chi Am E-Waste Fundraiser



To help build Chi Am's General Funds and to be environmentally conscious, we will be doing an E-Waste Project in the community. What does this mean? If you have old electronics you want gone such as TV's, Microwave Ovens, Computer Monitors, old stereos, cell phones, game consoles, and any other electronic equipment, please consider giving them to Chi Am Circle's E-Waste Project. The E-Waste Company will give Chi Am a dollar amount based on the total weight of electronics we bring in.



We are currently looking for a venue to host our fundraiser such as at a local church, school, retail parking lot or other location that would best park 2 moving van size trucks and vehicle access so people can quickly drop off their donated electronics. Please contact Paulette Curby at (408)507-4909 or at pcurby@sbcglobal.net if you can recommend and/or find a location to host our E-Waste project trucks.



I'm sure many of you have items you have stored in your home, garage that is taking up space. Having an accessible location to drop of your electronics will be very helpful in making this project a success. Your neighbors will thank you, too when you share this project with them. Your help is appreciated.



Submitted by: Paulette Curby

