Dear Chi Am members,

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Chi Am Circle started the calendar year off with a fabulous Welcome Tea at the beautiful home of Vicky Ching. Thank you, Helen Yamauchi and Zeny Seid, our Membership co-chairs, for organizing this event. Thank you, Board members, for your donations of food, beverages, furniture and time to guarantee the success of the tea. The food was plentiful and delicious. The flow of tea was endless. Conversations and peals of laughter were heard throughout. By the end of the event, we welcomed back former members and welcomed new members.

If you are a continuing member and have not yet paid your dues, be sure to pay your $45 membership dues by March 15. After March 15, dues will be $50. Dues can be paid by check and mailed to P.O. Box 2756, Cupertino, CA 95015. They can also be paid online by credit card or PayPal. If there are any changes that need to be made to your directory information, be sure to let Helen Y. or Zeny know.

Our February event will be the Legacy Gala, which will be held on Sunday, February 23, from 5:00pm – 10:30pm, at the Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel. Helen Kwan, Sandra Joe-Young, and Eva Wong are putting the finishing touches on the gala – a night of food, games and dancing to commemorate Chi Am Circle’s 55 years by honoring the founders and the Chi Am members who have been members for 30 or more years.

Applications for our signature scholarships are now being accepted online. The application deadline date was extended to March 8. Please help spread the word to anyone who is eligible to apply for a Chi Am Circle scholarship. More details can be found at https://www.chiamcircle.org/service.html. Our scholars will be feted at our annual Scholarship Dinner, which will be held on Monday, May 18, at China Stix Restaurant.

If you are interested in being a member of the Scholarship Selection Committee or the Scholarship Dinner committee, please let the Program co-chairs, Nikki Chow and Eva Wong, know. Training on reviewing applications will be offered in early March.

Warm regards,

Verna Wong & Carol Yiu

Co-Presidents

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Submitted by Verna Wong
Membership Tea Report

On the warm and sunny afternoon of January 18, 2020, fifty members and guests congregated at Vicky Ching’s spacious home for our annual Membership Tea. In addition to the traditional tea sandwiches and tea served from porcelain teapots into delicate tea cups, Chi-Am’s 2020 Board also brought a myriad of other dishes, including Juliet Sham’s mouth-watering chicken wings in kumquat sauce, Filipino savories from Zeny, a healthy and popular quinoa salad, pasta salad, prosciutto melon, as well as Keurig coffee pods from Sharon Lai! Special thanks go to Nikki Chow, Teddy Sue, Eva Wong, Verna Wong, Marichu Scanlon and others who lent us their delicate tea sets.

The success of any Membership Tea depends not only on the number of attendees, but also on the number of guests who eventually join Chi Am. Thanks to Vicky Ching, Nikki Chow, Mae Fong, Ginger Lai, Sharon Lai, Shirley Pak, Zeny Seid, Shirley Tarantino and past member Clara Lee for bringing their friends. To date, six new members have joined: Vicky Ching (returning member), Juliana Lee (Vicky’s friend), Mabel Thong (returning member), Angie Chiu (Clara’s sister-in-law), Shirley Wong (Ginger’s friend), and Tina Ma (Shirley P’s friend). Several others indicated interest and planned to join online.

Seeing how much everyone was enjoying chatting and mingling, the social portion of this gathering was extended by about thirty minutes this year. If one were to gauge success by that, our “tea party” was very successful; we had difficulty herding people into Vicky’s main dining room! Before the meeting, however, we surprised Teddy Sue with a birthday cake (and individual serving portions) which Heidi Yamauchi created for her milestone occasion.

We certainly missed Carol Yiu (our ‘senior’ co-president down with the flu), but Verna Wong (our ‘junior’ co-president) did a great job leading this meeting. This year’s Program co-chairs (Eva Wong and Nikki Chow) presented all the upcoming events and fun activities which they have planned for us. Helen Kwan reminded people that there were only a few seats left for our much-anticipated Gala celebrating 55 years of Chi Am camaraderie and honoring long-standing members. New member Juliana Lee stepped up with an offer for a Gala prize of 2 nights/3 days at her condo in Las Vegas! Many were intrigued by a summer cross-cultural event featuring a fun-filled afternoon of Filipino food and dance. Each member is expected to sign up on a committee for at least one event per year.

Not only did Vicky re-join Chi Am, but she also signed up for a couple of committees and offered her home for some committee meetings! She was impressed with the beautiful orchid arrangement which Sharon, Eva, and Nikki presented her; this artistic trio may have a future in the floral industry… Heartfelt thanks go to Benny Lai (Sharon’s husband) for taking pictures for our 2020 Membership Directory, and to Trevor (Sharon and Benny’s grand-nephew) for helping at our registration table. Special thanks go to Debbie Gong-Guy and Eva Wong for making sure the hot water and tea were brewed properly! Thank-you, 2020 Board, for all the time and muscle power it took to do the set-up and breakdown of tables and chairs, food preparation, clean-up, and making sure that every detail was in place. Kudos to everyone who worked to make this such a success!

Helen Yamauchi & Zeny Seid
VP Membership co-chairs

P.S. A special acknowledgement goes to Gloria Hom for introducing Vicky (and her home) to Chi Am members almost a decade ago. In looking back at our records, this is the fifth time Vicky has offered her home to us: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2019, and 2020 – impressive!
Membership Tea 1.18.20

Submitted by Linda Chew Toda via Chi Am Circle FB Group
Come early to the Legacy Gala!  
The celebration begins at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 23, 2020, The Year of the Mouse  
Sheraton, Palo Alto

Put on your glitzy, glamorous dresses, and come ready to celebrate!

Honor our Revered Founders and 30-55 Year Members!  
Revel in casino games and mahjong!  
Dance like no one's watching!  
Buy raffle tickets: 1-$5, 5 for $20, 12 for $40!

Raffle Prizes:
$750 Gift Certificate to Half Moon Bay Golf Links
Ski Package - $200 Cash and 2 -night stay at the Hilton in Salt Lake City
2 Night stay in Juliana Lee’s gorgeous home in Las Vegas. 20 min. from the Strip
$250 gift certificate for Michelin star restaurant, The Plumed Horse, Saratoga
Many other gift certificates to retailers and restaurants

*Note: Honorees, please check in before 5 p.m. Honorees Group Photo: 5:00 p.m. sharp

Submitted by Rebecca Feng
PRINTABLE INVITATION TO THE LEGACY GALA

A LEGACY Gala

RSVP Form

COST
$125/pp by Dec. 21, 2019
$135/pp by Dec. 22 - Feb. 1, 2020

PAYMENT
• Pay online at www.chiamcircle.org under Legacy Gala tab or
• Send checks to CHI AM CIRCLE with this RSVP FORM to:
  Chi Am Circle
  PO Box 2756
  Cupertino, CA 95015

# of attendees _______ @$125 _______ @$135 (after 12/21/19) _______ TOTAL $ _______

NAME OF ATTENDEES (Please circle menu selection for each guest)

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Depending on when we receive your check, we will try to fulfill any seating requests.
First come, first served.

# of guests playing: Poker _____ Blackjack _____ Craps _____ Mahjong _____

After Feb. 2, contact sharon.lai@chiamcircle.org for available seats
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LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 11AM - 3PM
HAKONE ESTATE AND GARDENS
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THE YEAR OF 鼠 THE RAT

Triple Lion Dance at Noon by Far East Dragon Lion Dance
Sponsored by Ms. Fang Pei
Magic Show by Master Magician Dan Chan
Sponsored by Saratoga Lions Club
Yang Yang Dance . Martial Arts . Tai Chi Performance
Dim Sum lunch for purchase and More!

Children’s Costume Parade
Sponsored by Cathay Bank
REGISTRATION at ENTRANCE by NOON
For children 12 & under wearing Festive Costumes

MANY THANKS to
Chi-Am Circle, City of Saratoga, Flourishing Gardens Restaurant,
Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, Saratoga Library, performers, exhibitors and volunteers
HAKONE ESTATE AND GARDENS . 21000 BIG BASIN WAY, SARATOGA
www.HAKONE.com

Submitted by Bev Harada
ODB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Monday, March 16, 2020
9am - 12:30pm
St. Thomas Episcopal Church Dining Hall
231 Sunset Avenue, Sunnyvale

Our Daily Bread (ODB) serves free hot meals three days a week to hungry people without qualification or restriction. Participation in the program is the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

ourdailybread-sunnyvale.org

Lend a Helping Hand
Please come join us in this community service project!

We will have an AM session from 9am to 11am. At this time you can help with setting up, food prep, etc. The PM group is from 11am-12:30pm. We will mainly serve the meal and a bit of clean up. ODB will provide apron or if you have a favorite one with pockets bring it along. Casual clothing (Chi Am red polo shirt if you have one), covered toe shoes, hair pulled back if long. No picture taken with diners in it.

Monetary donations are welcome from everyone! We will collect your donation and present it to ODB on the day of our service. Please make check payable to Our Daily Bread and mail it to Chi Am Circle, PO Box 2756, Cupertino, CA 95015 or donate online at https://www.chiamcircle.org/events.html#ODB

Please contact Jenny Leung if you are interested in signing up or have any questions.
Applications for the Chi Am Circle 2020 High School Scholarship and the 2020 Outreach High School Scholarship for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Students are now! Due to a delay in the availability of the application, the deadline has been extended to **March 8, 2020**. Students will access and complete the applications entirely online through the Going Merry website.

**2020 Chi Am Circle High School Scholarship**
(The application webpage is: [https://app.goingmerry.com/awards/5037](https://app.goingmerry.com/awards/5037))

The scholarship program is very competitive. To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a high school senior in the Class of 2020
- Have a minimum 3.3 **unweighted** cumulative GPA in high school
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Reside and go to school in Santa Clara County, California or be the child or grandchild of an active Chi Am member
- Be of Asian descent as defined by the California Department of Education, [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/dc/es/refaq.asp#q9](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/dc/es/refaq.asp#q9)
- Be college-bound and be able to show proof of acceptance and enrollment to an accredited two or four-year college (Exception: Special needs students, as defined by Sec. 504 of the Ed Code, may attend vocational training.)

**2020 Chi Am Circle Scholarship for Outreach High School for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Students**
(The application webpage is: [https://app.goingmerry.com/awards/5038](https://app.goingmerry.com/awards/5038))

To be considered for an Outreach scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a graduating high school student in 2020 with ASD and be on the Diploma or Certificate of Completion path
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Reside and go to school in Santa Clara County, California or be the child or grandchild of an active Chi Am member
- Be of Asian descent as defined by the California Department of Education, [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/dc/es/refaq.asp#q9](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/dc/es/refaq.asp#q9)

The deadline for both scholarships is **March 8, 2020**. All scholarship recipients must attend the scholarship dinner to receive the award. The dinner will be held on **Monday, May 18, 2020** at China Stix Restaurant in Santa Clara. Please encourage any high school seniors you know and who meet the above requirements to apply. If you have any questions, please email [scholarships@chiamcircle.org](mailto:scholarships@chiamcircle.org).

Submitted by Carol Yiu
2020 Chi Am Circle Scholarship
Selection Committee

Calling for Volunteers!
Serving on Chi Am’s Scholarship Selection Committee is one of the most rewarding activities of the club. There are a variety of activities you can help with such as reading applications, selecting the awardees, writing student bios, and helping with the dinner program. You will make good friends and contribute to this valuable community service that is an important legacy of the club.

Please note: the timeline of various key dates has changed. See timetable listed.

Your time and dedication are invaluable to the club!

If you have any questions or are interested, please complete send email to Carol Yiu or Lisa Liu @ scholarselect@chiamcircle.org
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<td>Organize and set up a fun Easter Egg Hunt &amp; Spring craft activities</td>
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<td>Chi Am premier event highlighting the accomplishments of Asian American high school students with scholarships sponsored by Chi Am and individual club members</td>
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<td>Cultural/Educational</td>
<td>Fun afternoon over special lunch, performance, and activities</td>
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<td>Join the camaderie - purchase, assemble and fill backpacks with classroom supplies to be donated to underserved school</td>
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<td>Experience the joy that comes from learning Ikebana</td>
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<td>Cooking Demo &amp; Dine</td>
<td>Educational</td>
<td>Learn exotic cooking method and ingredients Come socialize and be fed!</td>
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<td>Nov 8</td>
<td>LifeMoves &amp; Gen Meeting @Los Altos</td>
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<td>Bedding drive to donate to LifeMoves, a temporary shelter that helps families return to self-sufficiency</td>
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<td>Installation Luncheon @China Stix Restaurant Santa Clara</td>
<td>Traditional</td>
<td>Ceremonial function where the outgoing Board is honored and the new Board is introduced</td>
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NOTE: Chi Am members must attend at least 1 General Meeting, and are encouraged to sign up for 1-2 events per year. To join an event, contact Program co-chairs Nikki Chow & Eva Wong (nikki.chow@chiamcircle.org, eva.wong@chiamcircle.org).
We will miss these Chi Am Circle members...... Please Never forget the ones who came before you young leaders of chi am

And led the way.

BETTY YOUNG
(one of the 7 original Founders of Chi Am Circle)

Betty Young was the lady who invited a small group of new friends she had just met when moving to San Jose from Salinas with her three children in the early 1960s. From that first get together each was told by Betty to bring a new friend to the next get together.

From that group came the suggestion to start an actual formal club and meet regularly once a month with Betty as our driving force. Our agenda each meeting was to make a household item craft. Betty was a woman with many good art project suggestions and her high energy infectious personality was the cornerstone for Chi Am Circle’s true beginning.

Unfortunately for Chi Am Circle Betty returned to Salinas and moved her family there about five years later but luckily the club carried on during the year 1968. And is still thriving half a century later.

Submitted by Gerrye Wong

VIRGINIA (GINI) LEE

Virginia (Gini) Lee was born in British Columbia, Canada and spent six years of her youth in China. She worked as a dress designer before becoming a stewardess, flying to Japan and Hong Kong. Gini and her husband Bob married in 1955 and had three daughters, Kary, Roberta and Wendy.

Her extensive Asian costume collection has been used in Chi-Am’s fundraising fashion shows. Gini was also an active member of CACL, took newcomers under her wing, taught cooking, traveled extensively and pursued painting, languages, skiing and piano in midlife. A lively personality, she enjoyed hosting guests and loved her family.

Submitted by Kary Lee Cochrane
Congratulations to our 30-55 years faithful members for your dedicated service to our local community. We are honoring YOU at the Legacy Gala!

**Founders**

| Ruby Fong | Muriel Kao | Frances Quon | Gerrye Wong |

**Members with 30 to 50+ years**

| Virginia Bakken | Carol Fong | Valerie Jeung | Pearl Lee | Joanne Tanabe |
| Anita Chan | Pauline Fong | Cleo Jong | Susan L. Lee | Lillian Timm |
| Diana Chan | Evelyn Gate | Carolyn Jow | Violet Lee | Barbara Why |
| Elizabeth Chan | Coleen Gee | Helen C. Kwan | Aimee Leung | Mary Ann Wong |
| Helen Chew | Gloria Hom | Mabel Lai | Patricia J. Lum | Vanita Yuen |
| Sylvia Eng | Jennie Hong | Alice Lee | Mary Ann Sing |