



HOUSE OF CHINA

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Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101

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Message from President Natasha Wong



I am honored to serve as the current President of the House of China. Working along-side, past House of China President David Seid has been a pleasure to learn about our shared passion for Chinese culture and customs.

I was born and raised in San Diego, California. The House of China was a part of my childhood because in high school, I also served as one of the House of China's Princesses. I also spent time volunteering at the House of China during December Nights, back then called Christmas on the Prado, and hosting on the Sunday Open House. Having served on the board of directors for the last few years, I have learned about the wonderful programs the House of China brings to our great city. From Chinese New Year to the popular Moon Festival, the House of China helps promote and preserve our heritage for future generations. We also help promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Chinese art, language, and cuisine.

This past couple of years has been a great challenge in our community. COVID cancelled many of our beloved gatherings. We lost family members and friends to a devastating disease. We saw our fellow Asian San Diegan's targeted and abused. But I also witnessed great strength in our community as people across all races and ethnicities banded together to stand up against anti-Asian racism and discrimination. Our local government officials also took a stand and declared anti-Asian racism a crisis. We stood up for what we believe our country should be for all - putting everyone's safety, mutual respect, and health above all else.

I will work to help continue the wonderful traditional programs of the House of China. I believe these programs bring a rich diversity to San Diego. With my background in education, I also hope that we can begin school programs to educate San Diego students on Chinese culture. This project maybe expanded to school fields trip to the House of China. I hope Chinese educational programs will help spread appreciation and acceptance across young people.

There is still a lot of work to be done. We need to add more wi-fi infrastructure, implement a security system, and renovate our small cottage. We thank our generous donors, volunteers, and members for their support. I hope you will join us as we celebrate the many wonderful traditions and customs of our Chinese culture.

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(1) Sally Avery & M/M Philbert Hom



(2) Sally Avery & M/M Alan Ho



(3) Patio dining and music



(4) Marydell Chu, Alex, Milt/Lynn



(5) Hall of Nations



(6) Buffet Line



(7) Youth Care Volunteers



(8) Sharon Wang & Minge Chao



(9) Southern Sea Lion



(10) Lute Music



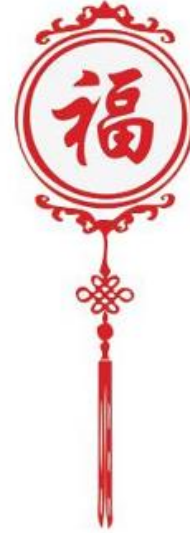
(11) UCSD Dancers

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YEAR OF THE TIGER CELEBRATION

BANQUET & ENTERTAINMENT

5:30 PM, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022



Banquet Lion Dance Entertainment Drawing and Raffle

晚宴 舞獅 娛樂節目 幸運抽獎

SD Lucky Lion Dancers Blue Ming Chinese Dance Company 青花瓷 Kung Fu Demonstration

ASIAN DRESS ENCOURAGED

\$55 Per Person Check Payable to:

CHINESE SCHOOL OF SAN DIEGO

5075 Ruffin Road, Suite A
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 565-8008

Banquet Location:

GOLDEN ISLAND RESTAURANT

10660 Camino Ruiz
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 578-8800

We are planning for an in-person event in accordance and adhering to all county regulations for gatherings and size.

Mask-wearing and proof of vaccination will be required at the door



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聖地牙哥中文學校
Chinese School of San Diego



HOUSE OF CHINA
中國城 San Diego

THE CHUNG HWA SCHOOL WAS BORN IN 1937 AND IT CHANGED THE LIVES OF GENERATIONS OF AMERICAN-BORN CHINESE *by John Lee Wong*



*Rev. Kei Tin Wong and his wife,
Edith Wong, 1937*



*The Chung Wah School
formally opened with 60 students at the
CCBA Building in Chinatown, 1937*



*The Chung Wah School
was "tuition-free" for all students
from 1937 to 1946*



*After 13 years without a Chinese school,
the Chung Wah School was reopened
in 1959 at the church*

The Chinese Mission had gone two years without Chinese language classes after Rev. C. C. Hung left the congregation in 1934.

But in February of 1937, Rev. Kei Tin Wong, who was born in China and attended the Union Theological College at Lingnan University in Guangzhou, arrived at the Chinese Mission and brought new hope. Rev. Wong and his wife, Edith, had taught Chinese in Tucson and San Francisco and were confident they could organize a successful Chinese school here. So Rev. Wong wrote the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in Chinatown to seek their financial support to launch the first Chinese school in San Diego. Just one month later, the Chung Wah School opened its doors with 20 students, and by its formal opening in August the enrollment had increased to 60. The school had its own principal, vice principal, school board and four teachers, including Rev. Wong and his wife. Classes were held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

The curriculum included translation, writing, composition, journalism, history and geography. The Chung Wah School was totally funded by local Chinese business owners and the CCBA's members. All students age 7 to 20 were welcome, tuition-free. Rev. K.T. Wong would empower a whole generation of American-born Chinese youth with high self-esteem and a firm grasp and appreciation of their native language and culture. The Chung Wah School was in continuous operation for nine years until it closed in 1946 when Rev. K. T. Wong and his wife left San Diego.

From there, San Diego went for another 13 long years without a Chinese School until the Chinese Community Church and the CCBA reopened the Chung Wah School in 1959 to meet its congregations needs at the Mission building on 645 First Avenue, a few blocks from Chinatown. (The Congregational Chinese Mission changed its name in 1950.) Harry S. Tom, the school's president and treasurer, was instrumental in recruiting all the American-born Chinese children in San Diego to attend. Students walked, took the bus or carpoled to Chinese School every day after American School from Point Loma, North Park, Hillcrest, El Cajon Blvd., Logan Heights, National City and the State College area. Students age 5 to 16 were welcome. Class was held Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a 20-minute recess. Tuition was \$12/month.

In 1960, when the Mission building on First Avenue was sold and the Chinese Community Church relocated to the new church facility on

"John Lee Wong conducted an extensive and fascinating look at Chinese Language instruction in San Diego. He was born and raised in San Diego and is a product of the Chung Wah School. Here is Part II of his report.

THE CHUNG HWA SCHOOL (continued)

47th Street while the Chinese school remained in downtown. First the Chung Wah School was relocated to the First Congregational Church at Sixth Avenue and A Street, then to the First Baptist Church at Tenth Avenue and E Street (with Principal Robert Yung, who was also a teacher along with wife, Cynthia). Then in 1961, the Chung Wah School moved to the CCBA Building in Chinatown (with Principal and teacher, Mr. Lam). The Chung Wah School remained at that location through 1962 (with Principal and teacher Yvonne Quin) and through 1963 (with Principal and teachers Wilfred Lee and his sister, Veronica Lee). However, the Chinese School was closed permanently in early 1964 due to its diminishing enrollment and relocated to the Chinese Community Church on 47th Street.

With the continued support of the CCBA, in 1964, Rev. Joseph Ma and his wife, Virginia, continued the Chung Wah School legacy at the church. However, classes were cut back to just one day a week 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays for American-born children to learn Cantonese. Rev. Ma was born in China and was a pastor in San Francisco prior to coming to San Diego. By 1966, enrollment reached 34 students. Then in 1969, before moving to Los Angeles, Rev. Ma asked Dr. Irene Cheng to consider starting a Chinese School program at the church.

In 1970, Dr. Irene Cheng founded the Chung Hwa School of San Diego, Inc. as an independent, non-profit entity that was conducted at the Chinese Community Church. The program emphasized a strong balance of the Chinese language (both Cantonese and Mandarin) and Chinese culture. The Chung Hwa School started with 43 students and grew to 93 students in 1977. The curriculum included conversation, calligraphy, reading, history, geography, music, art and drama. Students only met two days a week, Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuition was \$45 per three-month term. Dr. Cheng served as the school's primary administrator and was a full-time professor at U.C. San Diego. The Chung Hwa School of San Diego thrived for 23 years until 1993 when Dr. Cheng decided to close it due to diminishing funding.

Later that year, Sally Wong, the school's principal, would reopen the school as the Chinese School of San Diego with her personal funding, and implement her vision and ideas that would redefine the whole concept of Chinese School as we knew it.

Don't miss the conclusion of this three-part series on the history of Chinese schools in San Diego in our next Newsletter.



Between 1960 to 1961, the Chung Wah School relocated to two other churches before settling at the CCBA Building in Chinatown



In 1964, the Chung Wah School in Chinatown was closed in due to its shrinking enrollment



In 1970, Dr. Irene Cheng founded the Chung Hwa School of San Diego Inc., which thrived for 23 glorious years at the Chinese Community Church



The Chung Hwa School closed in 1993, but Sally Wong, the school's principal, reopened it with her personal funding

CHINESE NEW YEAR

FESTIVAL

新年好

2022

Year of the Tiger

祝
您
萬事
如意

祝
您
吉祥
安康

祝
您
幸福
美滿

祝
您
闔家
歡樂

風雲喜玖 农历己亥猪年

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Best wishes for the year to come!

Good luck in the year ahead!

INTERNATIONAL COTTAGES BALBOA PARK

Feb 19 (Sat)- 20 (Sun) 2022
11am - 5pm

2191 Pan American Rd W,
San Diego, CA 92101

Lion Dances 舞獅表演
Cultural Performance 文化習俗表演
Chinese Ethnic Food 中華民族食物
Crafts 工藝品
Calligraphy 書法



Tiger / 虎 (hǔ)



Security Plans, Incidents and Actions by David Seid, HOC Executive Officer

Security and safety have been big matters with the reopen of Saturday and Sunday, open house in July 2021. Paid security was initially hired to ward off potential anti-asian danger and to enforce COVID-19 safety measure. The hired staff was supplemented with volunteer youth during the Summer.

The Yellow Whistle campaign was launched and continues today with the distribution of whistles to vulnerable populations to ward off potential attacks and to draw attention to incidents. The HOC shared whistles with sister Israel, Korea, Philippines, India and Chamorro cottages.

Unfortunately, the HOC suffered four damaging incidents. The first incident on July 11 was either a hate or vandalism broken lawn window. The second incident September 18, was an attempted break-in at the back of the HOC cottage. The third incident in October 11, was 2 broken windows on the street side of the cottage. The fourth incident December 3 was damaged display room door.

The incidents were reported to the City of San Diego Parks Dept. and San Diego Police Dept. Testimony was made at the advisory Balboa Park Committee Meeting for better security. The City of San Diego repaired the windows in a timely fashion. The Police Dept. did a walk through of the International Cottages and made safety recommendations. The Police also reached out and attended our Moon Festival Party Sept. 19 and had an information booth at our Oct. 3, Autumn Festival. The City made repairs in a timely manner.

HOC director Hoan Troung installed a Waze brand security system and camera inside the cottage, after overcoming Wi-Fi issues.

HOC President Natasha Wong launched the Safe-Haven program in La Jolla. The program is one several found in several San Diego business communities. Simply put, a business places a decal in their window to tell shoppers that can take haven in the business if they feel a physical threat. The decal also tells shoppers that they are welcome and can report a treat.

Advancements in varied areas by HOC

- HOC By-laws are under review with the aim to improve HOC governance
- Mikayla Accounting Services has been retained for bookkeeping, financial reports, and payroll services
- HOC investigation of kitchen improvements and costs estimated at \$17,000 continues
- In preparation for future food fundraisers, the following folks received Food Safety Training: M. & O. Wong, S. Poon, H. Troung, B. Swartz, J. Liu, D. Seid and Phil L.
- Thanks to November donors: L. Tong, J. & C. DaMetz, A. DaMetz, J. & A. Hom, K. & C. Yan, and Beimar (J. Wen)
- Thanks to Taste of December and Open House volunteers: C. DaMetz, M. Chu, Kristin and Josh, J. Wang
- Save the dates of Feb.12 and 13, 2022 for the CCBA Chinese New Year Street Fair at 3rd and Island Streets. Legendary HOC member and past HOC President **Tom Hom** is expected to be recognized for his contributions with a honorary naming of street in his name.

HOUSE OF CHINA MEMBERSHIP FORM

The House of China (HOC) was organized in 1935 to present, promote, and preserve Chinese culture, friendship and understanding. HOC provides civic functions through cultural open houses, sponsorships, school presentations, and cooperation with Chinese American community and guests.

Every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, our cultural open house is held in Balboa Park. Seasonal programs and events are Chinese New Year, Annual Essay Contest, Moon Festival and other occasions.

If you are interested in supporting the HOC, we welcome you to join. Please visit our website site www.HouseofChinaSD.com or email contact@houseofchinasd.com or phone (858) 699-1900.

中國館

中國館是在一九三五年設立至今，它的任務是促進和保存中國文化及支援友誼和使大家彼此了解，一同和平相處，[是一個不謀利的 501\(c\)\(3\) 公民機構](#)。既無城市基金支持也沒任何捐款。

它是在聖地牙哥的 Balboa 公園，太平洋聯合會的國際村的會員之一。中國館提供各種各樣的中國文化節目活動，它有參與市中心的節目，學校運動，還有和華人社區各會合作，招待外地來的貴賓。

每個星期六和日下午，國際村都開放給大家參觀，歡迎參觀中國館的陳設和節目包括：中國文化，新年，端午，中秋節等，在其它特別節日我們也會有活動，我們經常也寄出中國館有關華人社區的活動節目表。歡迎大家成為中國館會員。請到我們的網頁 www.HouseofChinaSD.com 去看，電話 (858) 699 - 1900。

董事會董事：黃如真- 會長，周麗君-副會長，Hoan Troung -副會長，羅黔輝-秘書，徐惠寶-司庫，連廣佳，Edward Park, 余人順，Bud Swartz, 薛顯榮-Exec. Officer

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DONATIONS

To join the House of China, complete the form and provide payment payable to House of China. Please mail your application and payment/donation to: David Seid, 12002 Rue Des Amis, San Diego, CA 92131. Please make check payable to House of China.

We currently accept the following payment methods: Check, [Credit Card @ www.houseofchinasd.com](http://www.houseofchinasd.com)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Membership	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friend of HOC	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporter of HOC	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron of the HOC	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime Member	\$1000

English Name _____ Chinese Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

請寄到：薛顯榮 David Seid, 12002 Rue Des Amis, San Diego, CA 92131.

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