



## Newsletter

January 19, 2023

恭喜發財 gōng xǐ fā cái Wish you wealth and prosperity

**Natasha Wong, HOC President**

Chinese New Year is one of the most celebrated holidays throughout Asia. Also known as Lunar New Year, it marks the beginning of Springtime and arrival of a new year. Many Asian families celebrate by sweeping their homes to get rid of bad luck or bad energy. They also travel very far to reunite with their families. Special foods are prepared like fish for good fortune and noodles for long life. Many families buy new clothing and wear happy colors like red or gold. Children love lucky red envelopes which they receive in exchange for saying blessings.

On January 22, 2023, we will welcome the Year of the *Rabbit*. In the Chinese zodiac, those born during the year of the rabbit are considered to have personalities traits of modesty, calm, easy going, and are pleasant company. Rabbits are also considered artistic and have very good taste in life. Of all the twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac, the rabbit is considered the luckiest of all.

The House of China will first celebrate the Year of the Rabbit at our Fair at the International Cottages, Balboa Park on January 21 and January 22. Food, entertainment and crafts are featured. Second, we co-host our annual fundraising gala with the Chinese School of San Diego. Our gala will happen on Saturday, January 28 at San Diego's newest Chinese restaurant Diamond Palace. We have a very fun and festive program, including Lion Dancing, lucky drawings, and delicious food planned. We hope you and your family will come and join us!

We wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous Chinese New Year!

新年快樂 xīn nián kuài lè Happy New Year

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## Why Red and Firecrackers at Chinese New Year

Lin Meiying, courtesy of *Middleland Magazine*

Once upon a time in ancient China, Nian (literally meaning Year in Chinese – a ferocious beast with a lion's head and a cow's body - lived in the depths of the forest. The beast fed on animals in the mountains when it could; but during winter, when food was scarce, it ran out of the forest to attack villagers and their animals. This left them living in fear of the winter. Villagers were too scared to even mention the word, Nian.

As years went by some clever villagers noticed some of its weakness. It was afraid of the color red, as well as fire and loud noises. So, one winter, every household in the village hung a red board on the front door and kept a pile of wood burning outside of their houses. They also stayed up late at night, beating gongs and drums which made loud noises. Seeing the red doors, the burning fire, and hearing the deafening noises, Nian ran away never to return.

The next morning, people congratulated each other and called this day a *new year*. Since then, on Chinese New Year's Eve, people affix red banners to their doors, leave a pile of wood burning outside, and make loud banging sounds. These traditions were the origins of attaching couplets written on red paper and setting off firecrackers during the Chinese New Year.



## List of “Don’ts” during Chinese New Years

There is also a list of “don’ts” during the time of Chinese New Year Festivities. For instance, there is no trash dumping from the first day until the fifth day of the New Year, for fear of throwing away good luck. When sweeping, one has to start from the door and move to the inside of the room, lest the good fortune be swept outside. Needles and knives are laid aside to give women rest after a year of household chores.

Creditors should not go after debtors during the holidays. Words associated with ill omen should be avoided. People should not take medicine, scold children, quarrel, and break things.





**2023 中國館  
少青年作文比賽  
現金獎品**

初級組：如果我是一位老師。。。  
中級組：氣候變化影響到我的生活嗎？  
高級組：社交媒體對我重要嗎？  
請看網址 [www.HouseOfChinaSD.com](http://www.HouseOfChinaSD.com)

**2023 House of China  
Youth Essay Contest  
Cash Prizes**

Beginner group: If I were a teacher...  
Intermediate group: Has the climate change affected my life?  
Advanced group: Is social media important to me?

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**Welcome New and Renewing Members October thru December 2022**

Lin Tong & Isabella G; Yingli H & Huiping D; Rose H; Mary Lou H; Jeff & Amy H; Jasmine W; Nancy L & John ;; Beimar; Hubert & Beverley W; Grant & Lila Y; Anthony & Anna L; Hwa & Carol K; B. Mather family; John T; Cynthia T; William L; Rosemary T; Anthony T & Kengi T; Willy T; Shan Y; Daphne G; Milton & Lynn L; Mitz & Jeff L; Helen L; Martin & Nancy C; Jiaming C; Kevin & Kyler C & Natasha W; Stephen & Roslynn H; Wiley & Priscilla Yip; Jeff & Chrysanne R; Bursam & Bonnie D; Lena C; Patrick C; Sylvia H; Kenneth & Chi-an Y; Shirley M; Yudan W; James & Pearl S. Fund; Daniel & Lucy W

Life Members: Jenny & Kevin Benson; Bruce and Devin Chin-Lee; Wendy Zhuang; Hoan Troung

**Join the House of China with your membership!**

Please consider renewing or joining the HOC by completing the membership form. We love to have you be part of the HOC and to help us continue our Mission of presenting, promoting and preserving Chinese culture and friendship. Members receive discount for social events, receive latest news, and are entitled to vote at meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Membership Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, 1 PM**

Chinese Community Church, Fellowship Hall

4998 Via Valarta, San Diego, CA 92124

Approve By-law changes   Election of Directors   Finances

新年快樂 Happy New Year of the Rabbit !



## CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR

Fun, Food, Entertainment

January 21 and 22, 2023

11 am to 5 pm

House of China, Balboa Park

[www.ChineseNewYearFair.com](http://www.ChineseNewYearFair.com)



## CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER SHOW

Diamond Palace Restaurant  
3993 54<sup>th</sup> Street, San Diego  
\$65 per person/\$600 table of Ten

January 28, 2023 5:30 PM

Reservation required: 858 858-8008

Co-hosted by House of China &  
Chinese School of San Diego



Buy \$5  
each or  
5 tix for  
\$20



House of China

Non-Profit Public Benefit

## 4721 兔年新春團拜 “Year of the Rabbit” Raffle Drawing

Saturday, January 28, 2023

新春幸運抽獎

Grand Prize: \$1,000 Cash

Plus Many Great Prizes

Make check payable to:

Chinese School Of SD

5075 Ruffin Rd., Ste. A

Proceeds to benefit: House of China, Chinese School of San Diego

Winner need not be present to win

## HOUSE OF CHINA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

HOC is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon in Balboa Park. Seasonal programs and events are held at Chinese New Year, Moon Festival, Annual Essay Contest and other occasions.

Please join hundreds of other dedicated friends like you to become a member of HOC. Please visit our website site [www.HouseofChinaSD.com](http://www.HouseofChinaSD.com), or email [contact@houseofchinasd.com](mailto:contact@houseofchinasd.com) or phone (858) 699-1900.

### 中國館會員申請表

中國館于一九三五年設立至今，宗旨在促進和保存中國文化，及支援友誼，促進文化交流了解，一同和平相處，中國館是一個不謀利的 501(c)(3) 公民機構。中國館既無政府基金支持也沒任何捐款。

中國館位於聖地牙哥的 Balboa 公園太平洋聯合會的國際村。本館提供各種中華文化節目活動，包括參與市中心的節目，學校運動，還有和華人社區各會合作，招待外地來的貴賓。

中國館及國際村于每週星期六和日下午都開放參觀，中國館的陳設和節目包括：中國文化，新年，端午，中秋節等。其它特別節日時本館也有活動，請注意我館定期寄出的訊息查看有關華人社區的活動節目表。歡迎大家成為中國館會員。請到關注我館網頁 [www.HouseofChinaSD.com](http://www.HouseofChinaSD.com)，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, 徐惠寶-司庫, 連廣佳, Edward Park, Bud Swartz, Diana Marjip, 薛顯榮-Exec. Officer

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DONATIONS

To join the House of China, please complete the form below and provide payment payable to HOC.

Please send your application and payments/donations to: David Seid, 12002 Rue Des Amis, San Diego, CA 92131.

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

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|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| <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 \_\_\_\_\_

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