



NEWSLETTER

February 2025

GONG HAY FAT CHOY!

By Natasha Wong, President

This is one of the best times of the year. As many Asians around the world will look forward to their Lunar New Year celebration with their loved ones, San Diego is no exception. We have many Lunar New Year celebrations and traditions throughout the city.

You will notice around the town, especially in areas with Asian businesses that the store fronts and entry ways will be decorated with red and gold colors. These colors are symbolic of happiness and prosperity. Some families will also hang couplets on their entry way with words of blessings for their home and family. Many will also buy new clothes, and some will clean their home to sweep the bad luck away.

A favorite are the special foods eaten during the New Year – like shrimp for happiness and dumplings for wealth. The Chinese word for shrimp sounds like laughter. Chinese dumplings look like Chinese gold ingots. We also love to eat many dried fruits and nuts. Families will have these special sweets laid out on tables in red lacquer bowls. One of our family favorites include *lien go* which is a cake made from rice flour. We love to fry it with an egg wash, which makes it warm, crispy outside and gooey inside. It's a sticky and chewy sweet treat that we only eat during the holidays.

And children love the special red envelopes called *hong bao* that their family and friends give them for good luck. When you give children a *hong bao*, the children will say a special blessing and wish you a happy new year! You will hear children say, "Gong Hay Fat Choy" (Cantonese for May You Be Happy and Prosperous) or "*Sun Leen Fai Lok*" (Cantonese for Happy New Year). Lunar New Year is full of symbolism and optimism for a new beginning.

Here in San Diego, the House of China will celebrate with our annual two-day festival on February 15-16, 2025. We have musicians, folk dancing, singing, and the very popular lion dancing to scare away all the bad spirits. We also have many local vendors selling craft items and delicious food. Please come and bring your family and friends!

We hope you will find a festive way to celebrate and enjoy the Year of the Snake. From all of us at the House of China, we wish you and your family will be blessed with love, happiness, good health and great prosperity in 2025.

Please note here is a New Mailing Address for House of China: 12052 Rue Des Amis, San Diego, CA 92131

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CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE WITH THE
BALBOA PARK
CHINESE NEW YEAR
FAIR

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
FROM 11AM - 5PM **FEB 15-16, 2025**

LOCATED AT: INTERNATIONAL COTTAGES BALBOA PARK
2191 PAN AMERICAN ROAD W, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

LION DANCES 舞獅表演

CHINESE ETHNIC FOOD 中華民族食物

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE 文化習俗表演

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR WITH YOU! • CHINESENEWYEARFAIR.COM

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CNY FAIR ENTERTAINMENT AND VENDOR LIST*

The Year of the Snake Fair, Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16, 2025, at the International Cottages, Balboa Park will have something for everyone. Come for food, entertainment, activities and exhibits.

Following is a list of food, merchandise, craft vendors and entertainment. Visit www.chinesenewyearfair.com for updates and volunteer sign-up or scan the QR code below.

*Subject to change

FOOD, MERCHANDISE, CRAFTS

All Things Ube Desserts
Angie's shop
Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School
Calacas Eyewear and Cork Hats
California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation
E & Drink
Fusion Eats
Gabina's Cuisine
Gift of ANIME by JJJZ Merchandise and toys
Global Energy Services
Gourd Carvers
HappyYoyoStudio
House of Bao
House of China - Merchandise
House of China - Food
Lady L Crochet
Lincoln's Station
MOCHINATICS
Papas Polvoron
Paper Art Creations
Pomptilius
Registrar of Voters
Riverview International Academy
San Diego Police Department Recruitment
San Diego Go Club
San Diego Chinese Historical Museum
Sofia's Precious Boutique
Something Jewelry
Summer Creations
Sumosize

ENTERTAINMENT

Allison Mahj, songs
Asian Story Theater
AYM Models
Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School
CCBA Lucky Lions
Changing Faces
Cici Dance Studio
CYD Dragon Boat Madrigals
Evonne Fangao, songs
Fan Danced Academy
Jing Institute
Legendary Lion
Lulu Pipa
Norah Lu, songs
Naruwan Taiko
Riverview International Academy
Rhythmical Miracles, violin
San Diego Wushu Center
Southern Sea Dragon and Lion Assoc.
Xianjian Dance Studio
Youth of We Chinese



YEAR OF THE SNAKE CHARACTERISTICS

The Year of the Snake in the Chinese zodiac symbolizes wisdom, intuition, and transformation.

Here are some other things that the Year of the Snake may mean:

- **Letting go of the old:** The snake's ability to shed its skin symbolizes the process of embracing the new and letting go of the past.
- **Strategic thinking:** This year may be good for strategic thinking and communication skills.
- **Career:** New opportunities and challenges may arise in the workplace.
- **Relationships:** The snake's influence may lead to more passion and romance, but also potential conflicts.
- **Global economy:** The Year of the Snake may usher in a period of economic transformation, with a focus on sustainability and innovation.

The snake is the sixth animal in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac. In Chinese culture, the snake is also a symbol of elegance and mystery.

JANUARY 25, 2025 NEW YEAR GALA @ DIAMOND PALACE



HOC President Natasha Wong greets guests



Chinese School Principal Cassandra Wong



HOC Royal Court Princess Olivia Li and Honorary Queen Emily Lu, Pee Wee Princess Luna Lu Rodgers and Rey Su Webber



Entertainment by UCSD Dance Assoc.



Mayor Todd Gloria greeting Sally Avery and guests.



Happy Prize winner Grace Liu

**Channel 8 TV Appearance 1-27-25
promoting CNY Fair 2-15 & 2-16**

Changing Faces artist Chase Zhang, Lily Zhou, Eric Kahnert and Eat and Drink friends Simeng Zeng and Karen Yu



**The City Council of San Diego issue
Lunar New Year Week in San Diego
January 28, 2025**



**SDPD Lunar New Year Reception
January 29 hosted by PanAsian Police**

David Seid, Lt. Al Ambito, Pres. Natasha Wong, Capt. Tai, Chief Scott Wahl, Cassandra Wong, Councilman Kent Lee.



Thanks to our contributors:

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE
HOUSE OF CHINA**

Election of Directors and other business matters
Sunday, March 2, 2025. 1 PM*
Chinese Community Church Fellowship Hall
4989 Via Valarta, San Diego, CA 92131

Slate of Directors (Even Year 2 Year Terms)

Natasha Wong
David Seid
Bud Swartz
Hoan Troung
Jennifer Chunyuan Fei

Text 858-699-1900 to RSVP

*Light lunch @ 12:30 pm

Proxy available by texting 858 699-1900

30th ANNIVERSARY ESSAY CONTEST REMEMBERS VIRGINIA HOM FUNG

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 14th 12:00 noon

*Search underway to find past winners and judges and to learn their stories since participating.
Spread the word and text 858 6599-1900 with stories*



**2025 中國館
青少年作文比賽
現金獎品**

30th ANNIVERSARY

30th 週年紀念

初級組：電子遊戲如何影響了我的人際交流
中級組：人工智能的影響
高級組：禁止購買武器有妨害個人自由嗎
請看網址 www.HouseOfChinaSD.com

**2025 House of China
Youth Essay Contest
Cash Prizes**

Beginner group: How Video Games Have Affected Our Social Time
Intermediate group: AI Effect
Advanced group: Does Banning Of Arms Purchases Hinder Our Personal Freedom

Visit: www.HouseOfChinaSD.com

JOIN PANDA EXCLUSIVE TOUR FOR CHINESE COMMUNITY

by Lily Zhou

We are thrilled to invite you to an exclusive Panda VIP Tour on April 16, 2025, tailored just for our Chinese community.

The tour will start at 8:15 AM and end at 9:30 AM, followed by a full day of free zoo exploration. This unique opportunity will not only offer a memorable experience but also support out the cause of panda preservation.

The suggested donation is \$100 per person. Spaces are limited.

We look forward to sharing this special day with you.

Please make checks payable to:

PandaNme

3315 2nd Av., San Diego, CA 92103



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, Hoan Troung-副會長, 徐惠寶-司庫, 連廣佳, Edward Park, Bud Swartz, Sam Poon, 費春媛, 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, 12052 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](#)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular Member | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Membership | \$30 |
| <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 _____

Office Use: Date _____ Check No/On-Line _____

請寄到: 薛顯榮 David Seid, 12052 Rue Des Amis, San Diego, CA 92131. House of China is a non-profit organization 501(c)(3) - 27-4357629