



NEWSLETTER Fall 2025



Natasha Wong seated with community legends Irwin Jacob & Ernest Rady at Burhan Institute for Community Advancement gathering, August 26, 2025

NATASHA WONG TO BE HONORED AT MOON FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 5

Natasha Wong will be honored for her service as HOC President during the Moon Festival Party on October 5, at 5:30 PM. She has stepped down from the presidency to have more time with her husband Kevin Chen and their son Kyler. However, Natasha's advice and discernment continue as an HOC Advisor.

Some notable accomplishments during Natasha's presidency have been to elevate HOC visibility and reputation. Vast improvements in HOC's governance through the retention of professional bookkeeping services and legal services have been made. All this has taken place during the difficult Covid 19 shut down and reopen, the implementation of two days a week from the previous one day a week open house, and the Cottage floor, sink and furnishing renovations.

It is no wonder others seek her out to serve on their boards including: Governance Chair of UC Berkeley's College, Vice Chair of Cambridge University's Stephen Hawking Chair, Commissioner of the San Diego City's Commission on the Status of Women, and Member of San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria's Asian Advisory Board.

Please see the attached Moon Festival Party flyer to reserve seating for the recognition event.

INTRODUCING THE ROYAL COURT 2025-2026:

Coronation Ceremony, Nov. 9, 5:30 pm Prado Restaurant, Balboa Park

The Queen and Princesses and the Emperor of the House of China serve as friendship, culture and service ambassador at all House of China functions. Members have opportunities to serve the greater community and develop leadership skills. The following are short introductions to the Royal Court.

The Coronation of all International House Royal Courts will be Sunday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 pm at the Prado Restaurant in Balboa Park. Tickets are \$65 with a deadline of Nov. 1.

Text 858 699-1900 to reserve tickets.



Grace Yao is the current Queen of the House of China and Queen of Queens/President of the HPR Queens Executive Board. She has been a part of Queens and HOC for five years now and loves to contribute to the House of China's annual festivals, such as performing cultural Chinese songs on violin. She is a senior at The Bishop's School and is passionate about the intersection of artificial intelligence and healthcare. Grace is excited for another meaningful year with HOC!



Afina Liang is an Honorary Queen of the House of China. She has been involved with HOC since her junior year and is proud to support the organization's mission through community outreach and fundraising. Afina has also helped share Chinese culture through creative mediums such as podcasts and helping with HOC's annual essay contests. She is currently a senior at Canyon Crest Academy, a nationally ranked debater, and an intern for her local Congressman. Afina is excited to continue giving back and supporting the HOC community this year!



Emily Liu is a princess at the House of China, who has been involved in HPR Queens for three years. She loves expressing Chinese traditions through modeling, especially with traditional outfits. She is also eager to help host and plan the events alongside HOC's royal court. Emily is a sophomore at Canyon Crest Academy, and is currently most interested in molecular biology, while actively exploring which areas within the field she's most passionate about. Emily can't wait to celebrate her culture and support HOC this year.



Olivia Li currently serves as the Princess of the House of China, a role she is honored to hold. She has been an active member of HOC for the past two and a half years, where she has dedicated her time and energy to promoting multicultural awareness and strengthening community connections. Olivia is an 8th grader at The Bishop's School, where she pursues her academic interests with passion. Outside of the classroom, she is deeply involved in both the arts and water polo. She is excited to celebrate diversity and foster unity within her community.



Jessica Qiu is a 7th grade student at Mesa Verde Middle school. She is thrilled to be joining the House of China! With a strong passion for Chinese culture, Jessica has participated in Chinese-language dramas and served as a host for several cultural events celebrating traditions and heritage. She enjoys sharing her love for culture through creative expression and community engagement. Outside of her cultural interests, Jessica is a creative spirit who also loves dancing, painting and baking in her free time. She is excited to contribute to HOC's mission and connect with others who share her enthusiasm for culture and community!



Carolyn Xie is delighted to be able to participate and devote to the House of China as a princess this year. She has a fondness for expressing Chinese culture through folkloric dance and traditional art. Carolyn is eager to continue the spread of Chinese cultures and ideas by helping and contributing to the HOC royal court's events. She is currently an 8th grader at Carmel Valley Middle School. During her leisure time, she loves to relax, sketch, or find herself wandering in nature. Carolyn is looking forward to taking part and supporting HOC's commissions as well as introducing others to her culture.



Felix Yang is the current Emperor of the House of China (HOC) and has been involved with the community for the past five years. He has supported open houses, cultural essay contests, and fundraising initiatives, and has served as an emcee for major cultural events such as the Chinese Spring Festival fairs. He is currently a junior at Canyon Crest Academy with a strong interest in biomedical research/science and scientific writing. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, and horticulture. Felix is eager to continue promoting and sharing Chinese culture and to support future HOC events.

PICTURES FROM THE HOUSE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS 90TH CELEBRATION SEPT. 6 & 7, 2026



90th Dance



Group assembled for Parada



*Sam Poom bearing
HOC flag*



90th volunteers

The House of China family, more than 40 strong, marched down the Prado to the Organ Pavilion in the Parade of Nations, during the opening ceremony of the 90th House of Pacific Relations celebration held September 6 and 7, 2026

The House of China contributed a Chinese model group, Chinese Yo-Yo, Scarf Dance and Pipa Entertainment - both days. Refreshments included cotton candy, dumplings and boba tea.

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MOON FESTIVAL

October 5, 2025
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SILENT AUCTION

Viejas 2 Nile Stay, dinner & Spa;
Lush Bar, Timeless Laser and more

BUFFET

Martial Arts, High Pole Lion
Dance, Awards, Moon Cakes & more



Ticket Prices by	9/29	9/30
Members / Volunteers	\$35	\$45
Non Members	\$50	\$60

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Payment Methods

Cash - Check - Online

RSVP: Call/Text: (858) 699-1900 www.HouseOfChinaSD.com



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。

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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](http://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 _____

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