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Dear Guests,

Welcome to our annual Gala at the elegant Round Hill Country Club. We are always delighted and deeply appreciative of your wonderful support, without which we could not even come close to providing such stellar events and programs.

This year, our Gala’s theme is “Celebrating Our Legacy.” Tonight, we reflect back initially on our founding while we recall the twists and turns of our journey through the years. We have always endeavored to maintain a consistent message and identity that we could call our own, and I believe that we have been successful in doing so. We have been able to sustain an impeccable reputation of integrity and reliability with all the various communities and groups that we interact with, which include the public officials and other community leaders. Our organizational and operational structure for our programs, such as the summer internship, the candidates forum and voter registration, have been used as a model by other community groups at their own local areas. Thus, we can truly say that we have a unique legacy to be proud of, especially that it is still an ongoing one of building alliances through leadership and stewardship. While we may not be one of the biggest, we are full of pride to say that we are one of the best.

Thank you once again for being at our Gala. Your presence is as much a warm gesture of support as it is an affirmation that it is all worthwhile.

Sincerely,

Eric Golangco
Chair, CAPA Community Education Fund

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I once again welcome you to our annual CAPA Gala. This year our theme is “Celebrating our Legacy”.

Our legacy is a great one—the culmination of almost three decades of tireless work and dedication by our all-volunteer members, many of whom have committed most or all of their adult lives to a cause that resonates among our community of Asian Americans—the cause of inclusiveness, civic education, political participation, and most of all, freedom.

That is the essence of our legacy—the freedom to be proud and full-fledged members of the most ambitious, most diverse, and most powerful nation in the world….as we celebrate tonight, let us remember all those who have come before us, who have made the ultimate sacrifice, who have fought in battlefields abroad and at home, to ensure that freedom, our freedom, and a government “of the people, by the people and for the people…might not perish, from the Earth.”

Make no mistake, we live in divisive times. In what will perhaps one day be known as one of the most passionate and hotly contested presidential elections in American history, this coming fall, we will once again exercise our right to vote, to choose who will occupy our nation’s highest office. As we do that, our society appears to be sharply divided, among the “haves” and “have-nots”, among what has been aptly called the 99% and the 1%.

But let us not forget, no matter what place in the socio-economic spectrum we each reside, we ALL have the hard-fought privilege to vote, to participate, to choose who will lead us, onwards and upwards, into what surely will continue to be our bright, collective future. Tonight, as we celebrate that legacy, our legacy, let us continue to be fully engaged, and let us continue to shape that legacy, until we complete it, and in so doing, perfect our Union.

Very truly yours,

Stephen P. Lin, Esq.
President, Chinese American Political Association
Get more involved with CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund
Here's your chance to become a more active member and/or supporter of our programs. Sign up here if you would like to volunteer to help the board and assist with our annual signature events.

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- I would like to serve on the Board.

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- Annual Gala
- Summer Internship Program
- Fall Forum / Debates
- Holiday Activities (as scheduled)

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Please provide your contact information. A Board member will contact you at their earliest convenience.

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Send this form to: CAPA Community Education Fund, P.O. Box 4314, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0314.
Or email: EdFund@CAPAcommunity.org.
Tonight's Program

5:30 pm
Registration and Networking

Seeching Lee
Mistress of Ceremonies

6:45 pm
Dinner and Program

Welcome

Eric Golangco
Chair, CAPA Community Education Fund

Presentation of Award
United States Congressman George Miller

Stephen P. Lin
President, CAPA

Introduction of Intern Class of 2012
presented by Evelyn Lin, Internship Program Chair

Entertainment

Raffle Drawing

Dancing
August 18, 2012

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to have this opportunity to join with you tonight in recognizing the students participating in CAPA's 2012 Internship Class and express my personal appreciation for the on-going work of the Community Education Fund.

The students I have met through internships in my District Office have been, without exception, bright, talented, and eager learners. As they hone their leadership skills and with a clear focus on community service, they will truly make a difference in the world.

In supporting these students, you have provided them with the opportunity to expand their experience beyond the classroom and to see first-hand the various roles of government in our society. Tonight's celebration is a very special tribute to the students as well as the men and women of CAPA who make the program possible.

I am proud to join with CAPA in recognizing the Internship Class of 2012 and wish each student great success in the future.

Sincerely,

George Miller
Member of Congress
7th District of California

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Greetings from Congresswoman Barbara Lee

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to welcome you to the 2012 Chinese American Political Association Community Education Fund (CAPA Ed Fund) Gala. On this special occasion, we celebrate the invaluable political education and activism that CAPA continually provides to the greater Bay Area. Moreover, I would like to take a moment to recognize Eric Golangco, Chairperson of the CAPA Ed Fund Board of Directors; Stephen Lin, President of the CAPA Board of Directors; and Evelyn Lin, Chairperson of the 2012 CAPA Ed Fund Internship Program.

Since its founding in 1984, CAPA has been a powerful force of political engagement, raising awareness of the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community and promoting the APA community’s participation in the political process. In 1997, CAPA formed the CAPA Ed Fund, which supports educational programs that encourage active APIA community participation in leadership, public service, community improvement, and the democratic process. These programs include the CAPA Internship Program, CAPA Ed Fund Research Program, and Fall Forum. These programs provide immeasurable benefits to families throughout the 9th Congressional District. In fact, my Oakland District Office has had the pleasure of hosting a CAPA student intern for the last two summers.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, I would like to thank CAPA and the CAPA Ed Fund for their valued service to our communities. Also, I would like to recognize everyone here for their continued support of this vital organization. Thank you all for contributing to the success of today's event. I wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress
Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Members and Interns of the Chinese American Political Association on the Occasion of

CAPA’s Gala 2012

Celebrating the Cultural Diversity, Leadership and Civic Engagement of the Chinese and Asian American Communities

State Senator
Mark DeSaulnier
7th Senate District

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Welcome to the

Chinese American Political Association’s
Community Education Fund Annual Gala

August 18, 2012

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the CAPA’s Community Education Fund Gala! Tonight’s theme is “Celebrating our Legacy,” and as such we have much to celebrate.

CAPA has grown considerably since its inception in 1984. It is now a vibrant organization that keeps Chinese Americans throughout California informed about local and national politics. The CEF, its crowning achievement, offers young Chinese American students internships in public office and helps motivate them to pursue endeavors in community service. The Community Education Fund invests in our community’s future by furthering our children’s education, and for that they have my sincere thanks.

It is an honor to recognize this important organization, and I hope you will all join me in supporting it.

Sincerely,

Senator Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D.
California State Senate
Greetings from the California State Assembly!

It is an honor to recognize the Chinese American Political Association on the occasion of your Annual Summer Gala.

CAPA is to be commended for its exemplary leadership and dedication by strengthening and empowering Chinese Americans through political education and the promotion of civic engagement and cultural diversity. The Community Education Fund’s sponsorship of student interns and fellows for local, county, state, and federal offices in the Bay Area is to be applauded. My office has collaborated with this program, and we hope to have imparted on our participants a deeper understanding of the political process and the importance of civic participation.

If you seek any further information, contact my Chief of Staff by emailing Bob.Twomey@asm.ca.gov or calling our San Francisco Office at (415) 557-2312.

Best wishes for future success in all your endeavors.

In Peace and Friendship,

Fiona Ma, CPA
Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore
TWELFTH DISTRICT
August 18, 2012

Chinese American Political Association
Round Hill Country Club
Alamo, California

Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) for your ongoing service to the residents of the Eleventh Assembly District.

For nearly 30 years, CAPA has been a powerful partner in our community. Since its founding, CAPA has steadfastly facilitated opportunities for education and participation in the political forum. You continually demonstrate the meaning of cooperation through your internship and community outreach programs.

Thank you for your contributions on issues of leadership, civic engagement and cultural diversity. Congratulations and best wishes on a successful celebration!

Sincerely,

Susan A. Bonilla
Assemblywoman, 11th Assembly District
August 18, 2012

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Chinese American Political Association Community Education Fund on the occasion of the 2012 “Celebrating Our Legacy” Gala. My staff and I are honored to have the privilege to work with the many dedicated CAPA members and supporters in their efforts to inform and engage the Asian Pacific American community in the political process.

I would also like to convey my sincere congratulations and appreciation to the members of the CAPA Summer Internship Class. Our office has participated in the CAPA internship program for the past four years. We have enjoyed meeting and working with the many enthusiastic and accomplished young people that have been assigned to our office. The ambition, passion and dedication they bring to their work has been outstanding. The willingness of these young people to serve their communities is truly valued. I hope that they will all continue to seek out such opportunities as their service is needed now, more than ever.

I wish you all the best in the coming year. Congratulations again on this wonderful event.

Sincerely,

Joan Buchanan
Assemblymember, 15th District
August 18, 2012

To my friends at CAPA,

Thank you for asking me to participate in this year's CAPA Gala, "Celebrating Our Legacy". What a pleasure it has been getting to know better the members of your organization that promotes empowerment and inspires political awareness for the Chinese-American and all Asian-Pacific Islander Americans residing within District Two.

For the past twenty-eight years CAPA has been dedicated to serving Chinese and Asian-Pacific Islander Americans residing throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, in ways that promote civic engagement, leadership, and understanding. Your commitment and success is very admirable.

It is my hope that your 2012 fundraiser, benefiting CAPA’s Community Education Fund, will be a great success. My staff and I look forward to serving your members in the near future.

Sincerely,

Candace Andersen
District 2 Supervisor
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
July 23, 2012

Mr. Eric Golangco
CAPA Community Education Fund
P.O. Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Dear CAPA Friends,

I am writing to congratulate you on the 2012 CAPA Community Education Fund event “Celebrating our Legacy.” For many years the CAPA Community Education Fund has been extremely successful and a beneficial event. I am proud to show my continued support.

I would also like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to Contra Costa County. Since 1984, CAPA’s work serving the Asian American community in the San Francisco East Bay area is to be commended, recognized and deeply appreciated. My office has both observed and received the benefits of your wonderful organization through the Student Internship Program.

Thank you again and I look forward to celebrating your continued success politically empowering Asian American students.

As always, it is an honor to serve you on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

MARY NEJEDLY PIEPHO
County Supervisor, District III

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Thank you to CAPA and all your great work!
July 26, 2012

Chinese American Political Association
P.O. Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Dear Friends:

Greetings! I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate CAPA and the CAPA Community Education Fund for celebrating over 20 years of the Student Internship Program.

Outside of my role as Mayor for the City of Dublin, I have also been a Social Studies teacher at Dublin High School for the past 14 years. Based upon my experience in the classroom, I can attest to the fact that the greatest educational opportunities for students take place when they are able to experience first-hand how government operates. Even the best lectures by the strongest teachers cannot replace the knowledge a student will gain from participating in an internship program, working directly with elected officials, staff, and community leaders.

In addition to giving participating students an invaluable educational experience, I believe that CAPA plays an important role in raising overall political awareness and participation of the Chinese American and Asian and Pacific Islander community as a whole.

I wish the CAPA Intern Class of 2012 success in all of their life’s future endeavors. It has been a pleasure working with them. I also want to thank the leadership of CAPA and the CAPA Community Education Fund for your work in making this such a success.

Best Wishes,

Tim Sbranti
Mayor, City of Dublin
Greetings CAPA,

The City of San Ramon welcomes the Chinese American Political Association. We are pleased you selected the San Ramon Valley as the venue for your 2012 Gala.

I hope you will have the opportunity to visit the City of San Ramon and enjoy the matchless quality of life that families from all over the world have come to enjoy.

We look forward to helping make your visit to the San Ramon Valley enjoyable as you participate in the “2012 Gala Supporting CAPA Community Education Fund”.

CAPA is to be lauded for encouraging broader civic participation, developing new leaders, and promoting a better understanding and appreciation of the diversity that makes the San Francisco Bay Area a unique and vibrant community.

The City of San Ramon recognizes, congratulates and thanks CAPA for strengthening and empowering the Chinese and Asian Pacific-Islander American communities by promoting leadership, civic engagement, cultural diversity and understanding. Again, welcome and enjoy your 2012 Gala celebration.

Best Regards,

Bill Clarkson, Mayor
City of San Ramon
Certificate of Appreciation

Is hereby presented to:

CAPA Community Education Fund

In appreciation of their 28 years of experience in political engagement in the Contra Costa County area and beyond. The City offers this recognition with gratitude and appreciation.

August 18, 2012 – “Milestones and Beyond”

Awarded this 18th day of August 2012.

Bob Simmons, Mayor

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C.C. and Regina Yin - Yin Ranch • Moraga Library • Round Hill Country Club, Alamo, CA
Introducing our Class of 2012 Interns

**Ashley Bernardo**
School: Campolindo High School  
Office: Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff  
Career Goal: Teach  
Words I live by: "Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind" - C.S. Lewis

**Vania Chan**
School: Dougherty Valley High School  
Office: State Assemblymember Nancy Skinner  
Career Goal:  
Words I live by: Challenge yourself to take on the impossible and to make a difference in your community everyday.

**Laura de Crescenzo**
School: Campolindo High School  
Office: Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Career Goal: International Civil Service  
Words I live by: Life should be about finding the intersection of the world’s greatest need and your greatest passion.

**Alexandra Do**
School: San Ramon Valley High  
Office: City of Walnut Creek  
Career Goal: Lawyer/ English Professor  
Words I live by: "I don't know where there is, but I believe it's somewhere, and I hope it's beautiful." - John Green

**Victoria Fan**
School: Dougherty Valley High School  
Office: Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan  
Career Goal: Scientist  
Words I live by: What has never been questioned has never been proven.

**Nicholas Fong**
School: Santa Clara University  
Office: Congressman John Garamendi  
Career Goal: Engineer  
Words I live by: "Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice" - Steve Jobs

**Jacquelyn He**
School: California High School  
Office: Congressman George Miller  
Career Goal: Pediatrician  
Words I live by: Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit.

**Lauren Hiller**
School: Ygnacio Valley High School  
Office: Assemblymember Susan Bonilla  
Career Goal: Environmental Policy  
Words I live by: "Do not allow people to dim your shine because they are blinded." - Lady Gaga

**Eric Ho**
School: Campolindo High School  
Office: San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee  
Career Goal: Politician and Concert Pianist  
Words I live by: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." ~Philippians 4:13

**Rachel Hua**
School: Campolindo High School  
Office: Board of Supervisors, District 3- Supervisor Wilma Chan  
Career Goal: To make others smile  
Words I live by: "Be the change you want to see in the world." - Ghandi

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*Intern Interview Day at Moraga Library, March 18, 2012  
Intern Training Day at Roundhill Country Club, April 29, 2012  
Intern Meeting in Orinda, June 16, 2012*
Introducing our Class of 2012 Interns

**Kejare James**
*School:* UC Santa Cruz  
*Office:* Assemblywoman Fiona Ma  
*Career Goal:* Working in law and politics  
*Words I live by:* Honesty, Determination, and Individualist.

**Sydney Liu**
*School:* Campolindo High School  
*Office:* San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee  
*Career Goal:* Business, Law, Economics, Medicine, or Education  
*Words I live by:* Luck is written in pencil, skill is written in ink.

**Malina Jiang**
*School:* Dublin High School  
*Office:* Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti  
*Career Goal:* Math/Science  
*Words I live by:* "It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow." - Robert Goddard

**Everett Louie**
*School:* Northgate High school  
*Office:* State Senator Leland Yee  
*Career Goal:* Medical Field  
*Words I live by:* Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

**Tiffany Kwan**
*School:* Monte Vista High School  
*Office:* Assemblywoman Fiona Ma  
*Career Goal:* Business, international politics, or medicine  
*Words I live by:* Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear.

**Marnie Lowe**
*School:* California High School  
*Office:* Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office  
*Career Goal:* Not sure what I want to be yet  
*Words I live by:* "Be ashamed to die, until you have scored some victory for humanity." - Horace Mann

**Taylor Lee**
*School:* Monte Vista High School  
*Office:* State Senator Mark DeSaulnier  
*Career Goal:* Undecided  
*Words I live by:* It's good to make great leaps forward, just make sure you look before you jump.

**Brenda Mittelbuscher**
*School:* Acalanes High School  
*Office:* Martinez district attorneys office  
*Career Goal:* Not sure what I want to be yet  
*Words I live by:* "Life is far too important a thing to ever talk seriously about." - Oscar Wilde

**Stephanie Liu**
*School:* Monte Vista High School  
*Office:* San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson  
*Career Goal:* International Affairs  
*Words I live by:* "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Cynthia Meng**
*School:* Harvard College 2015  
*Office:* Senator Barbara Boxer  
*Career Goal:* General life enthusiast  
*Words I live by:* "If it is right, it happens -- the main thing is not to hurry. Nothing good gets away." - John Steinbeck

**INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE**
- Evelyn Lin *Chair*  
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- Marsha Golangco  
- Stephen Lin  
- Judy Lu  
- Kay Wang  
- Bettina Uno

**INTERVIEWERS**
- Andy Chu  
- Marianne Clark  
- Eric Golangco  
- Yuet Lee  
- Stephen Lin  
- Judy Lu  
- Bettina Uno

*Special thank you to Piedmont Mayor John Chiang (seated left), Moraga Town Councilman Ken Chew (seated right) for giving wonderful guidelines & tips on public speaking.*
Introducing our Class of 2012 Interns

Allison Pei
School: Dougherty Valley High School
Office: Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan
Career Goal: Medical Field
Words I live by: "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard." - Tim Notke

Julia Ting
School: Miramonte High School
Office: San Francisco Department of Public Works
Career Goal: Biochemist
Words I live by: "I’m a great believer in luck, and I find that the harder I work, the more I have of it." - Thomas Jefferson

Beverly Wang
School: UC Davis
Office: Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
Career Goal: Sustainable Design
Words I live by: "The greatest good we can do for others is not just to share our riches with them but to reveal theirs." - Zig Ziglar

Alyssa Wixsom
School: Acalanes High School
Office: San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee
Career Goal: Undecided
Words I live by: "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." - Winston Churchill

Justin Yu
School: Foothill High School
Office: State Senator Leland Yee
Career Goal: Business
Words I live by: "Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." - Anonymous

Roger Zou
School: Dougherty Valley High School
Office: State Senator Leland Yee
Career Goal: Computer Science
Words I live by: "I obey a manager because I have to. I follow a leader because I want to." - Steve Carey, advisor to Bill Clinton

2012 CAPA CEF Internship Program Chair
Evelyn Wei Wu Lin holds a Master of Science (M.S.) in Financial Accounting. After working several years for international corporations, she discovered her true passion was human relationships, with a focus on helping others to achieve happiness and success. Evelyn is a certified professional Life Coach and Trainer, in the field of Neuro-Linguistic Programming ("NLP").

As the Intern Chair for CAPA, Evelyn’s goal is to teach life strategies in a real work environment, helping students discover their true passion and unique identities in the course of completing their CAPA student internships.
Our Honoree

United States Congressman George Miller
Representing California's 7th District

Congressman George Miller is the Senior Democrat of the House Education and Workforce Committee and chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee, a leadership position. George is a leading advocate in Congress on education, labor, the economy, and the environment.

He has represented the 7th District of California in the East Bay of San Francisco since 1975. His district includes portions of Contra Costa and Solano counties, including Richmond, Concord, Martinez, Pittsburg, Benicia, Vallejo and Vacaville. He is a life-long Democrat and Californian.

George is a member of the Democratic Leadership, serving at House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's direction as chairman of the House Democratic Policy Committee. In that role he helps Democrats develop and articulate a wide range of policies to benefit all Americans.

Among George’s top priorities in Congress are strengthening and growing America's middle class and ensuring economic growth that creates good American jobs. He is a leader in the effort to protect Americans’ retirement and health security, to further innovation in technology, science and education, to make college more affordable, to improve child nutrition, to make k-12 public schools more successful, and to reduce global warming.

In the 111th Congress, George helped craft President Obama’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to save and create millions of jobs, invest in education and get the economy moving forward again. The law also included historic investments to spur education reform, including the Race to the Top program, which has encouraged states to modernize their schools, reward excellent teachers and use data to help increase student achievement.

That same year, George authored and passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, at that time the largest expansion of federal financial aid for college since the GI Bill. The bill was passed by Congress and signed by President Bush. The law cut interest rates for Stafford Loans in half, increased Pell grants, and provided loan forgiveness to qualified public service employees with student loan debt – without increasing the deficit.

George is an expert and leader in Congress on California water issues and national environmental policy. In 1992, he passed and enacted into law under Republican President George H. W. Bush the historic California water reform law known as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. He also co-authored with Senator Dianne Feinstein the 1994 California Desert Protection Act. George has a long history of other legislative achievements on a wide range of education, labor, and environmental issues.

George was born in Richmond, CA, on May 17, 1945 and lives in Martinez. He graduated from Diablo Valley Community College, San Francisco State University, and earned his law degree from the University of California, Davis, Law School. He served on the staff of then-State Senate Majority Leader George Moscone in Sacramento. He is married to Cynthia Caccavo Miller, a life-long resident of Contra Costa County. They have two sons, George and Stephen, and six grandchildren.

Mistress of Ceremonies

Seechung Lee

Seechung Lee started with CAPA as an intern in 1999 working for then San Francisco Supervisor Mabel Teng. Following her internship, she continued to volunteer with CAPA for several years. In 2005, she joined CAPA Community Education Fund as a Board Member, serving in multiple capacities, including Webmaster, Gala Chair, and Vice Chair. Though no longer serving on the Board, she still works closely with CAPA to maintain their website.

Outside of CAPA, Seechung works at Zuora, a technology start up in Redwood City. Having experienced the unexpected encounters of disgruntled constituents during her internship, she believes that the opportunities offered by CAPA has helped her flourish in her role as a Client Services Manager.

Seechung graduated from Barnard College at Columbia University in 2004, majoring in Economics, with a minor in Dance.
Celebrating Our Legacy

2011 Intern Felicia Zhang with Congressman Miller

Gala 1985
SB Woo, our Keynote Speaker

2004 Service Award

Class of 2009 CAPA-CEF Interns

1986... The first three CAPA Presidents (l to r) Carl Chen, TM Yang, Cheng Liao

1984... The first Newsletter

Elected Officials at CAPA and CAPA CEF events

2001 Board of Directors

2008 Election Forum in Walnut Creek

Current and former CAPA Presidents in 2002
APAPA Asian American Heritage Month Celebration in SF

SF Mayor Ed Lee dinner in Oakland, April 2012

US Congressmen George Miller & Barney Frank, May 2012

Mayor of San Ramon, Bill Clarkson inauguration, December 2011

Governor Jerry Brown in Sacramento, April 2012

CA State Controller John Chiang at State Capital, Sacramento

Oakland Mayor Jean Quan support dinner in Oakland, March 2012

CA State Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Fiona Ma birthday in SF, March 2012

CA State Assemblymember Joan Buchanan in Albany, March 2012

CA State Assemblymember Susan Bonilla in Sacramento

Walnut Creek Mayor Bob Simmons, January 2012
CAPA in Action!
Intern Training Day
Yin Ranch in Vacaville
July 8, 2012
Educational Forum in San Ramon

Safety and Security in our Schools and Communities

Published in World Journal, November 7, 2011, written by Qiaolun Chen

The CAPA (Chinese American Political Association) Community Education Fund hosted an education forum at San Ramon Community Center on November 6, 2011. Among the guest speakers were County district attorney, judge, sheriff, fire official and school district commissioner. In their analysis of bullying in schools and community emergency response systems, these speakers examined the existing circumstances in our communities and provided their professional opinions in coping with these issues. Over 120 Asian and non-Asian residents attended the forum that went on with active participation and dynamic interaction.

With respect to the rising number of bullying incidents in schools, former San Ramon Unified School District Trustee Bill Clarkson stated that in addition to educating students about the meaning of bullying, teaching staff should keep a watchful eye on how well students relate to each other, and establish a communication channel for the effective delivery of anti-bullying messages and for victims to report incidents of bullying. Clarkson pointed out that bullying could take on many forms and go beyond the verbal ridicule and provocation or the physical assault and coercion. He suggested that parents should communicate with their children openly about bullying and allow them to freely express their emotions and share their experiences. In order to prevent cyber bullying as well as other potential forms of bullying behavior from happening, parents should always keep an eye out on children’s use of text messaging on cell phone and other exchanges in the social media.

San Francisco Assistant District Attorney Mike Menesini reminded residents that majority of thefts and robberies were committed by opportunistic criminals who exploited the vulnerability of the unprepared. When using their cell phones, many people fail to stay alert and aware of their surroundings and therefore they become easy targets of criminals. To combat identity theft, people should shred all documents containing sensitive personal information. When a crime occurs, one should report to the police immediately and keep a record of it.

San Ramon Valley Fire Chief Richard Price encouraged people to learn how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), a life saving skill. It becomes most useful when someone’s life is on the line and a medical personnel is not nearby in an emergency.

(Caption for the photo: San Ramon Fire Chief Richard Price advocates the importance of learning CPR and illustrates the steps of downloading rescue application, providing immediate and timely relief to others.)

「美華」教育講座 教亞裔反霸凌

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美華教育基金（CAPA Community Education Fund）6日在聖拉蒙社區中心舉辦公開教育講座，邀請聖曲柯士達縣警長、地檢處檢察官、消防官員、學區主管等，針對學校霸凌、社區緊急應變系統等議題，分析康縣現況及提出專業見解。逾120位亞裔居民出席，現場互動氣氛熱烈。

針對目前層出不窮的校園霸凌事件，前聖拉蒙學區董事克拉克森（Bill Clarkson）表示，除教導學生了解霸凌的含意，教職員也必須注意學生間相處情形，並建立通報管道。克拉克森指出，霸凌不再只是言語上的嘲笑和挑釁、暴力行為等，他建議家長要和子女做好溝通，讓子女可以放心表達自己的感受，更要注意子女使用手機簡訊、社交媒體等管道的情形，以防止潛在的霸凌行為發生。

舊金山地檢處助理檢察官曼西尼（Mike Menesini）提醒居民，大多數竊盜、強劫罪犯是機會主義者，趁民眾無防備時下手。許多民眾使用手機時常忽略周遭環境，最容易成為歹徒下手目標。印有個人資料的文件，也必須使用碎紙機處理才能丟棄。

當罪案發生時，一定要馬上報警，留下記錄。聖拉蒙消防局長布萊斯（Richard Price）鼓勵民眾學習心肺復甦術（CPR），在旁人性命危急時刻可以派上用場。美華教育基金主席林比正表示，今年的座談活動由美亞公共事務聯盟（APAPA）灣區分部協助。美華教育基金自1984年創立，長期在康曲柯士達縣舉辦社區論壇、政見辯論會等，推動華人參政教育，鼓勵亞裔融入公共事務。
Our Evening's Entertainment

Singers: Melody Wang 王淼 & Remona Ji 纪沉
Piano Accompanist: Tzu-Fang Wang 王子方

Melody Wang is a senior program manager at Cisco, and her daughter Remona Ji, a UC Berkeley graduate, also works at Cisco and is the president of US China Cultural Exchange Group. Both Melody and Remona grew up learning piano and share a profound love of classical music and opera, and started singing together 5 years ago. Through their vocal duets they wish to share their love of music with others. In the past few years, in charity fundraising events and choir performances, they have shared their harmony and mixed repertoire in the Bay Area. Some of their concerts include Music of the Heart at Le Petit Trianon Theater in San Jose as well as a concert at Peking University in Beijing, China.

王淼是Cisco公司的资深项目经理, 十年ago)女儿Remona Ji (纪沉)毕业于加州大学伯克利分校, 也在中国Cisco 公司工作。她们母女二人还兼任美中文化交流协会主席，副主席。母女俩酷爱古典音乐和歌剧, 擅长以优美的二重唱与喜爱音乐的朋友们共同分享对音乐的热爱。在过去的几年间, 她们在许多社区和募捐义演出中, 以自然朴实而且训练有素的合声技巧, 向湾区听众们展示了她们的女生二重唱。
她们近几年在圣荷西Le Petit Trianon 剧院的《心之声》音乐会和在中国北京大学的《乡思情》专场音乐会上的演出获得了观众的热烈欢迎。
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