

CAPA Community Education Fund



# Gala 2002



CAPA Community Education Fund  
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Saturday, June 1, 2002  
Walnut Creek Marriott  
Walnut Creek, California

## OUR MISSION

CAPA Community Education Fund (CAPA Ed Fund) is a charitable corporation dedicated to the education of Chinese Americans in the area of public affairs. The CAPA Ed Fund shall sponsor and provide financial support for educational programs that assist and encourage Chinese and other Asian Americans toward full citizenship, active participation in the democratic process, leadership, public services, and in community improvement activities.

### The objectives of CAPA Ed Fund are:

- (a) Promoting community service and leadership;
- (b) Promoting voter registration and disseminating voter information and educational material for major elections;
- (c) Providing internship for students with local, state, and national elected public officials;
- (d) Providing scholarships and grants toward Asian studies, public policy and public affairs related studies;
- (e) Supporting community awareness and education of Asian American culture, and
- (f) Providing training and support toward achieving leadership in public, community and corporate affairs.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2001 was a tumultuous year for all Americans! Our country was shaken to its foundation by terrorists. Out of the tragedies we are emerging as a more tolerant and united country. That is the silver lining.

The past twelve months have also been eventful for CAPA Ed Fund; several of our Board Members participated in the East Bay Asian Voter Education Consortium (EBAVEC) and struggled with the redistricting efforts mandated by the 2000 Census. Despite forming a coalition with the Hispanic Americans and lobbying against the new realignments, the politics of redistricting minimized the influences of Asians and in several new districts, particularly in Alameda County.

On September 29, 2001 we participated in the Northern California Chinese American 911 Relief Fund Rally. In May several Board Members participated in the very successful Save Angel Island League (SAIL) project. CAPA Ed Fund is very proud to have played a role in these important events.

We have also sponsored a very successful "Leadership Forum" in November. About 200 Asian American Leaders in the Bay Area (and elsewhere) were invited to our Fall Forum featuring Henry Tang of the Committee of 100 and J. D. Hokoyama of the Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP). Out of this event, all participants agreed to establish a forum to coordinate our activities and to exchange information. This forum, now named Northern California Asian American Forum (NCAAF), is operational and interested parties are invited to join.

We continue to work with Citizen for a Better Community and Vision New America (our counterparts in Fremont and the Silicon Valley) to form a cooperative Internship Program. The three organizations have agreed to work together to jointly select the most qualified interns for out of the area placements.

Several of our Advisors and Board Members participated and gave important inputs to the Articles of Incorporation of the 80-20 initiative. We also applaud our members for their independent efforts in raising funds for a number of public officials. Although political fund raising is not a chartered activity of our organization, we congratulate these individuals for taking an active role.

Finally, after careful deliberations, CAPA is taking the next step. During our 18+ years of history, we have always depended on our hard working and dedicated Board to spearhead and carry out our mission and its associated events. While this strategy has been very successful and cost effective, we have grown to a point that we need the help of a staff member.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure and pride to announce that Emily Chang has agreed to be our first Executive Director. Emily has grown up in the CAPA family – she started out as an Intern and has been an upstanding Board Member for several years. She is eminently qualified with good working experience and is a graduate from both Stanford and Berkeley.

Please join me in welcoming Emily! We look for great things from her.

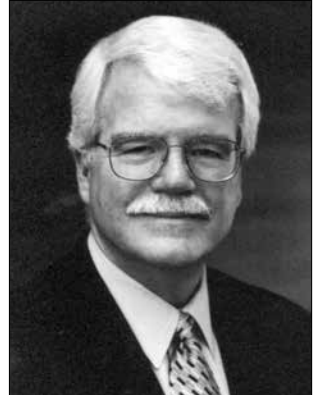
Joel Wong  
President





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GEORGE MILLER  
7TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA



Chinese American Political Association  
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Dear Mr. Wong:

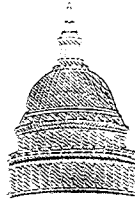
I'm proud to be a friend of CAPA and to lend my strong support to the  
CAPA Community Education Fund.

My personal best wishes as you gather for CAPA's 2002 Annual Dinner  
Gala.

Sincerely,

  
George Miller  
Member of Congress





HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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ELLEN O. TAUSCHER  
10TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA



May 20, 2002

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

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on your 2002 Dinner Gala. Thank you to everyone who has come out to support the CAPA Community Education Fund Internship Program.

I have had the opportunity to work with CAPA interns and have found them to be hard working, dedicated individuals who are interested in community involvement. I look forward to working with more of these dynamic young people in the future.

Again, my best wishes for a successful and exciting evening.

Sincerely,

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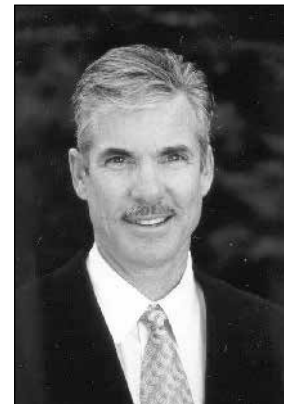
Ellen O. Tauscher  
Member of Congress

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Dear CAPA Friends:

Congratulations to all the members of the Chinese-American Political Association on the occasion of your 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

I commend CAPA members for your outstanding and dedicated contributions to the community as well-respected leaders and as strong advocates on issues of concern to Chinese-Americans and the entire community. CAPA certainly serves as an excellent model and an inspiration for other organizations.

In particular, I applaud CAPA for your exemplary program to assist local students through scholarships and internships. My staff and I look forward to another opportunity to participate in CAPA's summer student internship program this coming summer.

I deeply appreciate your organization's support and look forward to our continued close association. I cherish my close friendship with many CAPA members and look forward to getting to know many more of you. Please call me if I can assist in any way.

Again, I extend my heartiest congratulations on your 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and my sincere best wishes for many future years of continued success.

Your friend,

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Tom Torlakson

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June 1, 2002

Chinese American Political Association  
Annual Dinner  
P.O. Box 4314  
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Dear CAPA Friends,

It is with great honor and pleasure that I offer my congratulations to CAPA for another year of activism and service to our community. This is the seventh year that my husband Bob and I have had the opportunity to attend your annual dinner, and it is one of our favorites.

CAPA is one of our community's great institutions and I am grateful for your continued support not only of me but of the political process. The success of our government heavily relies on the active role of its citizens such as those of your membership. CAPA has been a tireless leader in encouraging its members involvement in the political process.

As lifetime members, Bob and I appreciate the commitment CAPA has made to its members, youth, and our community. I applaud your dedication and efforts for your many successes on this front.

On behalf of the State Assembly, I want to thank you for the exemplary service you have rendered to our community. Congratulations again on another successful year!

With Much Friendship and Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne C. Leach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynne C. Leach  
Assemblywoman, 15<sup>th</sup> District



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May 3, 2002

CAPA Community Education Fund  
P.O. Box 4314  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0314

Dear CAPA Community Education Fund:

Congratulations on your 2002 Annual Dinner Gala!

California is most fortunate to have the CAPA Community Education Fund. CAPA plays a vital role in promoting community interests and developing leaders. I thank you for your efforts to promote leadership and political involvement, particularly in our region. CAPA's legislative internship program and voter education efforts are crucial services in helping us create an elected body that reflects our area's invaluable diversity.

I commend CAPA Education Fund for its exceptional contributions through your programs and for your continued dedication.

I offer my best wishes for a wonderful celebratory annual dinner.

Sincerely,

Dion S. Aroner







**Alice Lai-Bitker**, SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT  
ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**COMMITTEES:**

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Unincorporated Services

June 1, 2002



Dear Friends:

I want to extend my heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the annual Gala 2002 Fundraiser Dinner for the CAPA Education Fund.

I applaud CAPA's continued investment in young people by establishing a program that provides an opportunity for high school seniors and college student to learn firsthand about the democratic process. I am particularly excited that my office will participate in the summer internship program to offer the hands-on training that includes unique leadership and public policy experience. Previous CAPA interns have brought much energy and creativity to the office.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful event! I look forward to continuing our work together for many years to come.

Sincerely,

ALICE LAI-BITKER  
Supervisor  
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June 1, 2002

Mr. Joel Wong, President  
Chinese American Political Association  
P.O. Box 4314  
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Dear President Wong and CAPA Members,

I am so pleased to be able to join you for your 2002 Annual Gala and to help you salute the CAPA Community Education Fund Internship Program.

Your organization's record of community involvement and activism is well known throughout Contra Costa County. You are providing a valuable service to the community, particularly to the youth of the community, through your efforts to educate and involve citizens in the political process. I am grateful that your organization realizes the impact that each individual can have on our government, and has made the effort to help others realize it as well.

You are to be congratulated on your success in raising the awareness and increasing the involvement of our citizens in issues that are important to each and every one of us.

Thank you for extending your gracious invitation to me so that I might join you in acknowledging all your hard work on this special occasion.

Sincerely,

  
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Walnut Creek

May 15, 2002

Chinese American Political Association  
P.O. Box 4314  
Walnut Creek, California 94596-0314

Dear Members of the Chinese-American Political Association:

It is my pleasure to once again congratulate you on the occasion of CAPA's annual fund raising gala. The role you play in raising the awareness of our political processes and in the education of the young people of our County is extraordinary. We are all the beneficiaries of your efforts.

Having worked with your interns in past years, I have come to appreciate the high standards and exceptional qualifications of those who serve in your program. Keep up the good work.

My best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark DeSaulnier".

Mark DeSaulnier



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Contra Costa County  
Board of Supervisors

**DONNA GERBER**  
District III Supervisor

May 17, 2002

Joel Wong, President  
CAPA Community Education Fund  
Post Office Box 4314  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0314

Dear President Wong:

Congratulations to those students who will benefit from this year's CAPA fund raising event. The students should be very proud of their accomplishments, which have qualified them for this recognition.

I would also like to acknowledge CAPA for it's wonderful Intern Program and their success of promoting civic involvement and participation in the political process.

My compliments and praise to everyone involved in this worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Donna Gerber  
District III Supervisor

DG/jr



County of Contra Costa  
**Office of the Sheriff**

Warren E. Rupf  
Sheriff

June 1, 2002

Chinese American Political Association  
P.O. Box 4314  
Walnut Creek, California 94596-0314

Congratulations to the C.A.P.A. membership and their efforts to benefit the C.A.P.A. Community Education Fund Internship Program. The offering of experience in a government or public setting is an invaluable tool to the young people of our community. I believe it fosters a strong sense of government and community along with preparing them for their roles as our leaders of the future.

I offer my sincere appreciation to those who work so diligently to make this program such a tremendous success, and to those recipients of this program who will benefit from your efforts.

Sincerely,



WARREN E. RUPF, Sheriff

WER:mjf

June 1, 2002

Joel Wong, President  
CAPA Community Education Fund  
P.O. Box 4314  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596



Dear Mr. Wong,

Congratulations on your 2002 Annual Dinner Gala. The CAPA Community Education Fund continues to be an integral part of the Chinese community by promoting civic participation and leadership development.

As a former Supervisor for the City and County of San Francisco, I have had the pleasure of working with students from the CAPA internship program and know firsthand the importance your organization plays in empowering our future leaders. The CAPA program is more than just a mentoring program. It is an opportunity to engage youth in the democratic process.

Thank you to CAPA's Board of Directors for guiding the organization throughout these years. Your commitment is commendable and inspiring. I am honored to be part of your celebration and once again look forward to working with CAPA.

Sincerely,

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Mabel Teng





## OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA



Mike Honda was recently named “High Tech Legislator of the Year” by the American Electronics Association for his effective leadership in support the New Economy. But his life story began far from political power and the high-tech world of Silicon Valley that he now represents.

Mike Honda was born in California, but spent his early childhood with his family in an internment camp in Colorado during World War II. His family returned to California in 1953, becoming strawberry sharecroppers in Blossom Valley in South San Jose.

In 1965, Mike interrupted his college studies to answer President Kennedy’s call for volunteer service. He served two years in the Peace Corps building schools and health clinics in El Salvador. Mike returned from the Peace Corps fluent in Spanish with a passion for teaching.

Mike went on to earn a degree in Biological Sciences, a BA in Spanish and a Masters in Education. He became a science teacher in Sunnyvale and conducted educational research at Stanford. Mike became a principal of two public schools while, marrying and raising his family in what is now called Silicon Valley.

In 1971, Mike was appointed by then-Mayor Norm Mineta to the San Jose City Planning Commission. In 1981, Mike was elected to the San Jose Unified School Board. In 1990, Mike became the first and only Asian Pacific American to serve on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Mike was elected to the California Assembly in 1996 and was reelected in 1998 with over 75% of the vote. In over 20 years of public service, Mike Honda has never lost an election.

On the Education Committee in the California State Assembly, Mike worked with Governor Davis to draft landmark education reforms - including smaller class size and increases in teachers’ benefits. California’s teachers have always supported Mike for his proven dedication to fighting for California’s public schools. As Chair of the Assembly Public Safety Committee Mike worked to pass sensible gun safety legislation to keep guns out of the hands of juveniles and voted to ban assault weapons.

As a newly elected Member of Congress from Silicon Valley, Mr. Honda is taking a leading role in bringing Democrats and Republicans together to better understand technology issues. In this vein, Honda is forming a bipartisan Task Force on Mobile Commerce to enable Congress to better understand and support innovative companies that are bringing us the next generation of technology in the wireless industry.

Mike serves on the House Budget Committee; on the Transportation Committee, including its subcommittees on Aviation, Highway & Transit, and Water Resources & Environment; and on the Science Committee, including its subcommittee on Research.

Mike’s wife, Jeanne, is a teacher at Baldwin Elementary School in San Jose. They have two grown children, Mark, an aerospace engineer, and Michelle who recently earned her Masters in public health.

## GALA 2002 MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES, KRISTEN SZE



Kristen Sze is the weekday co-anchor for the ABC7 Midday News and a general assignment reporter for the ABC7 News at 5 and 6. She previously anchored the station’s weekday morning show, weekend 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts, and the ABC7 Sunday morning news.

Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Ms. Sze was assigned to cover the devastating 1999 earthquake in Taiwan, her birthplace. She provided on-site reports of the tragedy and was the only reporter representing Bay Area television stations. Since joining ABC7, Ms. Sze won a 1999 Emmy Award for best children and youth segment for “Spin-Out School,” a story about a unique driving school targeting teenagers.

A Bay Area resident since the age of eight, Ms. Sze received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley. She is member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. A scholarship from the Asian American Journalists Association enabled Ms. Sze to study at Oxford University in England. She later became the scholarship coordinator for that organization.

Ms. Sze has volunteered her time to a number of community organizations, among them Self Help for the Elderly and the Chinese Historical Society in San Francisco. She has also worked with the

Oakland Chamber of Commerce and with both the San Mateo County Women’s Hall of Fame and the Crisis Center where she has been a crisis counselor.

Kristen covers the transportation, fire and emergency services beat in the Bay Area.



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World Journal

Sing Tao Daily News

Minuteman Press

ABC 7 KGO-TV

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## 2002 GALA COMMITTEE



## INTRODUCING OUR 2002 INTERNS

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*Contra Costa District Attorney Gary Yancey*

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*Monte Vista High School*

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*Assemblywoman Lynne Leach*

**Jessica Chen**

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# PROGRAM

6:00 p.m.  
Registration/No-Host Cocktail

7:00 p.m.  
Dinner

Welcome Message

Presentation of Awards

Keynote Speaker  
United States Congressman Mike Honda

Introduction of Year 2002 Interns

Live Auction & Entertainment

Dancing  
Music Provided by The Joe Agro Sextet and  
singing by Chuck Campagnet

First Raffle Drawing

Second Raffle Drawing



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# DINNER MENU

## DINNER SALAD

Baby Spinach, Sweet Onions, Cherry Tomatoes  
Gorgonzola Cheese, Toasted Walnuts  
Honey Lemon Vinaigrette

## COMBINATION ENTRÉE

**Grilled Chicken**

*Smoked Shrimp Sauce*

**Grilled Filet of Salmon**

*Lemon Grass Beurre Blanc*

**Fresh Seasonal Vegetables**

**Flatbreads, Sliced Baguettes, Breadsticks and Butter**

## DESSERT

**New York Style Cheesecake**

*Shaved Chocolate and Chopped Pistachios*

*Mango and Raspberry Coulis*

**Starbucks Coffee, Hot Herbal Teas and Iced Tea**



## OUR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER



Chinese for  
Affirmative  
Action  
**CAA**



May 7, 2002

Mr. Joel Wong  
President  
CAPA Community Education Fund  
P. O. Box 4314  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0314

Dear Joel:

I am deeply honored to receive the Community Leadership Award from the CAPA Community Education Fund. On behalf of Chinese for Affirmative (CAA), I am proud to have worked with an organization that has helped empower Chinese Americans throughout the Bay Area for so many years. Your work in promoting civic participation, particularly among youths and immigrants, provides models of how our communities can play a greater role in government and policymaking. CAPA has helped make Asian American issues more visible to policymakers and legislators, ultimately increasing their accountability to our communities. As CAA's statewide programs continue to grow and develop, I look forward to our continued joint efforts in pursuing policies to empower Asian Americans

Thank you again for this honor.

Sincerely,

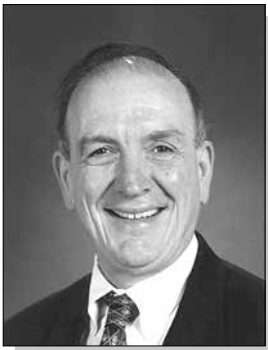
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Theodore Wang  
Policy Director





# OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER



Dear CAPA Members,

It is a distinct pleasure to accept CAPA's Community Service Award on behalf of the East Bay Community Foundation. The Foundation has a long and productive relationship with CAPA and it is especially gratifying to be recognized by an association that is performing vital work in our community.

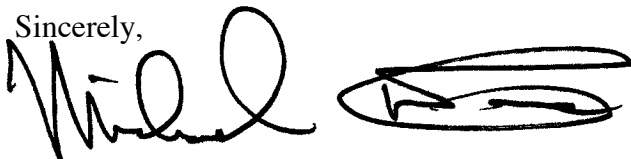
We see our Foundation as a bridge between good intentions and positive results. As the East Bay's prime philanthropic organization, we help donors realize their charitable goals, help nonprofit organizations fulfill their potential to realize positive change in people's lives, and help individuals, organizations and community leaders come together to find new ways to solve existing and emerging community challenges.

We serve by connecting donors to nonprofits; by giving area nonprofits funding, support and counsel; by providing a forum in our conference center for donors, nonprofits and others to meet and partner for a better East Bay; and by providing new ways for East Bay residents to become engaged in giving back to their chosen communities.

The Foundation is prospering and lending increasing support to area nonprofits as a result of the wisdom and dedication of our trustees. And I am happy to say that the Chair of our Board of Trustees, Helen Troxel, is also a trustee of CAPA. Helen has done a remarkable job of working with our board and staff to position the Foundation for future growth and service to Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

With the guidance of our Trustees and the remarkable dedication of our staff, we look forward to increasing our capacity to serve East Bay communities in the future. We take the Community Service Award as an indicator that we're on the right track. Thank you again for this wonderful acknowledgment.

Sincerely,



Michael Howe  
President



## OUR CORPORATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

# Bank of America



### Some 75 years have gone by since Bank of America opened its first banking centers in the San Francisco and Oakland Chinatown communities

What Bank of America began almost eight decades ago continues today. In the 1920s, Bank of America was offering financial services that have evolved significantly over the decades. Where the bank offered basic checking and savings accounts in its first Chinatown banking centers opened in the late 1920s, today the bank serves customers through far more service options, such as ATMs, online banking and telephone banking services. In addition, the bank offers a range of investment services as well as a more recent innovation, the Photo Security Check Card and Photo Security Credit Card.

Last month Bank of America launched its new brand and product advertising targeted specifically to Asians in the U.S. The new ads - in Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean - feature the brand platform "Tangibly committed to the success and growth of all Americans" and illustrate how Bank of America provides products and services that help Asian Americans achieve their dreams. The campaign seeks to directly embrace Asian-American customers - including new immigrants - as an important part of the American mosaic. The new ads are part of the company's increased investment in multicultural resources.

Bank of America is proud to support Asian Americans in the Greater Bay. On Lok, Asian Youth Center, Chinese Newcomers Association, Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong Association of Northern California and The Chinese American Voters Education Committee are just some of the many community organizations the bank supports.

One of the world's leading financial services companies, Bank of America is committed to making financial services work for customers like it never has before. Through innovative technologies and the ingenuity of its people, Bank of America provides individuals, small businesses and commercial, corporate and institutional clients across the United States and around the world new and better ways to manage their financial lives.

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### Raquel Gonzalez

Senior Vice President/ Market Executive  
East Bay Market President

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Ms. Gonzalez, who joined Bank of America in 1977 as a teller at the Union City Banking Center, progressed through a number of assignments in banking centers. In 1992, she was appointed service manager and later served as sales manager for San Francisco.

Ms. Gonzalez resides in the East Bay and serves on the board of Central Contra Costa County Junior Achievement.

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Ms. Riley joined Bank of America in 1969 and has held a variety of positions in operations and consumer banking. Since 1996, she served as senior vice president and consumer region executive for the Bank's Special Markets Region in Northern California.

An active member of the community, Ms. Riley is past president of the Chinese Newcomer's Service Center, the Chinese American Women's Business League, the Park Presidio Lions Club and the Hong Kong Association of Northern California. She is co-chair of the San Francisco Taipei Sister City Committee and she serves on the board of directors of the Association of Asian American Bankers, Wu Yee Children's Services and the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2001

## GALA 2001



▲ The Intern Class of 2001



▲ Jean and Arnie Fong with Alameda Co. Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker



▲ Everyone is a winner



▲ Judy Chen, Mabel Teng and Chia-Chia Chien



▲ Linda Shiao-Ling Chuan entertains the crowd



▲ Conversing with Rep. George Miller



▲ Eric Golangco, Joel Wong and Emily Chang with MC, KTVU's John Sasaki

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2001

## BAY AREA LEADERSHIP FORUM



▲ Joel Wong and Wen Hsu with Committee 100 Chair, Henry Tang



▲ small group discussions ▼



▲ Bringing together Asian Pacific American leaders



▲ Over 30 organizations participated



▲ Henry Tang speaks to the participants during the Bay Area Leadership Forum



▲ J.D. Hokoyama speaks ...and teaches





# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2001

## INTERNSHIP CLASS OF 2001



▲ The new interns during the orientation session



▲ Cheng Liao giving instruction and pointers



▲ Former interns going over their experiences with the new class



▲ Cindy Chin along with the interns at the 2001 Bay Area Leadership Forum

## 9/11 RELIEF



▲ CAPA Community Ed. Fund showing its support



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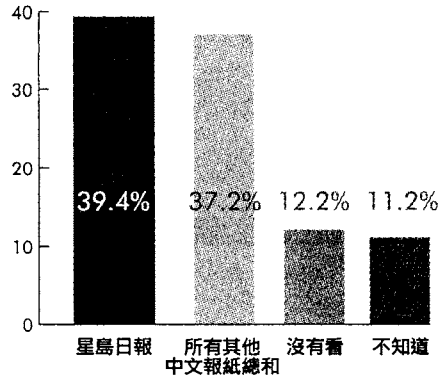
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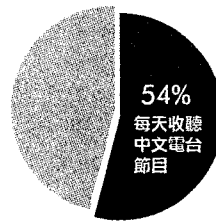
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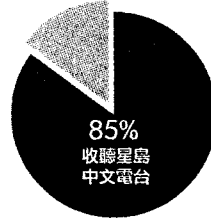


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# Great food is a family affair

■ Look to Three Brothers From China for dishes piled high with delicious entrees

By Nicholas Boer  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

I knew Three Brothers From China was going to be good the moment we walked in the door. It was early on a Sunday night and both of the medium-sized dining rooms were already full.

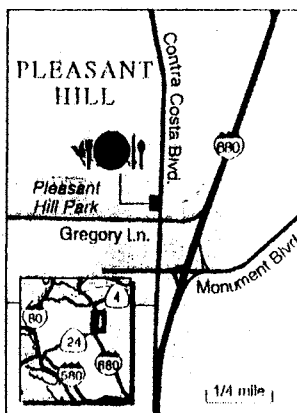
As we were led to our table, we passed large and small family groups happily chatting and eating from plates piled high with seafood. The servers moved with a purpose, giving the dining room a sense of ordered chaos — like the energy of a busy street corner.

The three brothers from China — Steve, Allan and Ivan Li — have been in the United States for some 10 years. Their Pleasant Hill restaurant has been open since 1992; they opened another in San Ramon in 1994, and, by the look of the crowds, the Valley could easily support another.

The decor in the Pleasant Hill restaurant is uncluttered and well-worn. There are bright pink napkins, some large and small paintings and a quiet bar area, but the real focus is on the food — evidenced by the

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bank of live crabs and lobsters built into a back wall.

There are two menus: a large plastic-coated one with more than 100 traditional-style dishes, and a smaller (only 60 choices) one that emphasizes seafood, steamed dishes and simple combinations. Both menus offer complete dinners, but the smaller one has three truly unusual dinners composed of eight or nine courses for one set price (\$48, \$68, \$98). We ordered the seafood-laden \$68 menu and, while it took

some time to get started, dinner soon moved into high gear.

The first course brought a gigantic terrine of soup loaded with imitation crab, silken tofu, green onions and beef tripe. Even after the five of us had second cups, there was still nearly a quart of the sesame-infused soup to take home.

The next course of braised scallops and baby bok choy was, with its lightly sweetened, cornstarch-thickened sauce, the closest dish to typical American-Chinese food we had.

But the generous portion of plump scallops, fork-tender bok choy and exotic mushrooms made it both unique and outstanding.

The table becomes crowded quickly, so be sure to save a space near you for the dry sautéed prawns — they are truly remarkable. Completely greaseless, encased in what seems like an impossibly thin tempura batter, the medium-sized shrimp arrive in their shell with the head on. The shrimp are so fresh and delicate that the entire thing is edible.

As the courses continued to arrive, we began to feel like royalty at a wedding banquet.

There was a quick and furious stir-fry of peppers, onions and meaty beef strips. A liberal dose of black pepper made this dish particularly well-suited to steamed rice.

A whole cracked crab was next, cooked live and coated in a light sauce infused with ginger and scallions. Much of the fun of this meal came from so many dishes that are cooked whole and allow you to eat with your hands. Licking your fingers and searching for hidden jewels creates a feeling of relaxed celebration.

Peking-style pork comes on the bone in the form of tender braised thin chops. They eat like Chinese

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## Brothers

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spareribs, with a sauce that is sweet but not cloying.

A large half-chicken is also served on the bone: It's crisply deep-fried and cut into manageable-sized pieces. The deep-frying keeps the flesh steamy-moist, and a side dish of sea salt and pepper lets you season it on the spot, bringing out the poultry's true flavor.

The brothers travel to San Francisco's Chinatown (so you don't have to) almost every day, where they purchase all their produce, meat and seafood. That explains how they can offer both high quality and quantity at such reasonable prices.

The final savory course was also the flashiest: a whole deep-fried cod-

fish. There was more bone than meat, but the flesh was sweet, moist and flavorful from a light sauce perfumed with cilantro and ginger.

The restaurants' success is partly due to the brothers' willingness to listen. Steve and Allan work the front of the house, talk to the customers and use the feedback to refine their recipes.

If the myriad choices aren't adequate, they are happy to cook it your way — whatever way that may be. Ivan, who is the oldest, oversees the kitchen and demonstrates both talent and commitment.

It was hard for me to get excited about dessert — a warm, gray and intensely sweet tapioca soup — but by that point even a fortune cookie looked intimidating.

It may have taken me too long to find this restaurant, but I'm already scheming to make up for lost time.

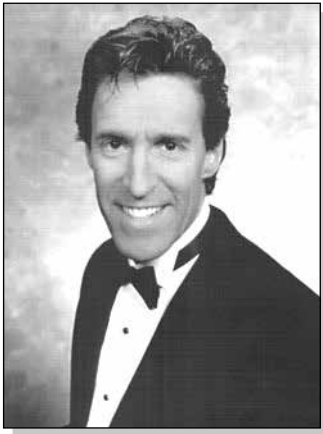
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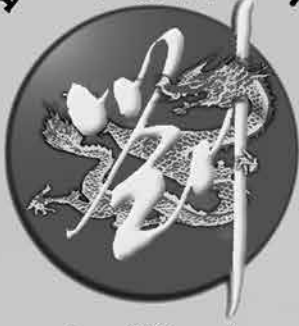
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