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# *Gala* 2005

Supporting the  
CAPA Community Education Fund

*Honoring the Past...*  
*...Paving the Way For the Future*

*Saturday, May 21, 2005*  
*Walnut Creek Marriott*  
*Walnut Creek, California*

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## **Mission**

The **Chinese American Political Association (CAPA)** is a non-partisan, non-profit, educational and political organization of the Chinese-American community in the San Francisco Bay Area. Founded in 1984, CAPA's mission is to raise the political awareness of Chinese-Americans and to encourage and promote their active in the political process of the United States.

## **Objectives**

- To assure Chinese-Americans the same inherent social privileges and constitutional rights that are provided all U.S. citizens.
- To provide an effective voice on issues and events of concern to Chinese-Americans.
- To endorse candidates for local, state and national offices.
- To support and promote local, state, and national issues which are in the best interest of Chinese-Americans.
- To oppose prejudice and discrimination against Chinese-Americans.

## ***Advancing Chinese and Asian American Leadership and Participation in Public Affairs***

The **CAPA Community Education Fund** is a tax-exempt non-profit organization. The goal is to strengthen and empower the Chinese and Asian American communities by promoting leadership, civic engagement, and cultural diversity and understanding. To this end, we offer several programs:

- **Voter Education and Civic Participation**
- **Student Internship Program**
- **Leadership Development**

CAPA Ed Fund has a dedicated board of director to focus on these activities. We invite you to join us in our mission to encourage broader civic participation, develop new leaders, and promote a better understanding and appreciation of the diversity that makes the San Francisco a unique and vibrant community.

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# *President's Message*



Thank you for joining us tonight as we celebrate over twenty years of Asian American empowerment and community service.

Your support helps fund our Internship Program as well as CAPA's other leadership development and civic engagement programs. Through our efforts to cultivate the next generation of leaders, educate our community, and provide a voice for Asian Americans, we hope to pave the way for a future in which everyone can participate in the democratic process that makes this country so great and realize their part of the American Dream.

This would not be possible, however, without the efforts of those that came before us and upon whose shoulders we stand.

Chinese Americans have long been an important part of this country's history. Chinese Americans were instrumental in building the First Transcontinental Railroad. They were involved in landmark court cases that helped shape US constitutional law for years to come. The Supreme Court cases of *Yick Wo v. Hopkins* (1886) and *US v. Wong Kim Ark* (1898), both involving Chinese Americans living in San Francisco, led to pioneering interpretations of the Fourteenth ("Equal Protection") Amendment.

From 1910 to 1940, Chinese immigrants were detained on Angel Island, which we will learn more about tonight from the Intern Class of 2005. The Chinese were the first group to be targeted for a federal immigration ban in the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Although the law was later repealed, the United States Code today still refers to the "Exclusion of Chinese," the only chapter in Title 8 that singles out a specific ethnic or nationality group.

Although we no longer live in a time when shopkeepers hang signs that read "No Dogs or Chinese" in their windows, there is still much work to be done to fully empower all segments of our society. By being here tonight, you are helping to lay the foundation for what will be a strong and vibrant community. You are paving the way, not just for tomorrow but for generations to come.

For that, we at CAPA want to thank you and offer our most heartfelt appreciation for your contributions and support.

A large, elegant handwritten signature of Emily Chang in black ink.

Emily Chang  
President

Chinese American Political Association

# Gala 2005 Chair's Message



Dear Friends,

I would like to welcome all of you to our annual Spring Gala. As we celebrate our heritage as Asian Pacific Americans this month, we developed our theme around history and a look to our future. CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund has always looked to the future by supporting our "crown jewel", the summer internship program. A great program that gives an opportunity for our young people to experience how our government works and perhaps give new insight in what they want to do in the future. At the same time, we also honor our past by looking at our history. All people of our great land come from one point or another around the world. For many Asian Americans, and especially Chinese Americans, Angel Island represents that first step onto American soil similar to the many early European immigrants regard Ellis Island as their first step on our shores.

However, the experiences are different and our interns, the Class of 2005 will showcase that this evening.

Furthermore, I hope that you will participate in the many activities that's happening right now during this important event. Our committee has worked many months gathering the elements together to make this evening enjoyable. Part of that experience is the silent auction and the raffle draw. We have many great prizes and gifts that are waiting to be handed to the highest bidder. Item range from all spectrums and I'm sure that there are items that will catch your eye (and perhaps take home if you win!) And don't forget, the interns will be around during dinner selling raffle tickets. All proceeds goes to support CAPA Community Education Fund activities including our internship program as well as other programs promoting Asian American participation in public affairs.

Again, welcome to our annual Spring Gala. I hope you will enjoy the evening and hope to see you at future functions. Thank you.

Cedric C. Cheng  
Member of the Board, CAPA Community Education Fund  
Chair, Gala 2005

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The Gala 2005 Committee discussing details for the event



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May 21, 2005

Chinese American Political Association  
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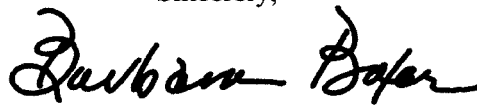
Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) and the CAPA Community Education Fund. Although I am unable to join you, please know that I am there in spirit. I hope you have a memorable and inspiring event.

For over 20 years, CAPA and the CAPA Community Education Fund have served the Chinese-American community in the San Francisco Bay Area by raising political awareness, encouraging participation in the political process and providing community education. I applaud CAPA's goal to strengthen and empower the Asian Pacific American community by promoting leadership, civic engagement, and cultural diversity and understanding.

I send my sincerest congratulations to the Student Intern Class of 2005, and to all of your Community Service Awardees.

Again, my best wishes for a great event. Keep up your good work!

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator

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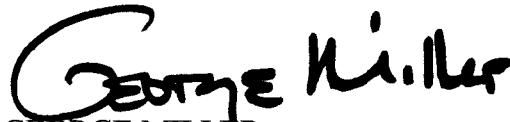


CAPA Community Education Fund  
P.O. Box 4314  
Walnut Creek, California 94596

Dear Friends:

My best wishes and congratulations for another successful year. I am proud to be a CAPA friend and supporter.

Sincerely,



GEORGE MILLER  
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May 21, 2005

CAPA Community Education Fund

2005 Spring GALA

Dear CAPA Ed Fund,

Congratulations on celebrating your 21st annual Spring GALA!

The Summer Internship Program provides young people a unique opportunity to experience the political process and more importantly, encourage active participation in their communities. Every year, you place first-rate interns in offices of Bay Area elected officials- including my own. Thank you.

CAPA Ed Fund should be commended on their countless efforts in educating and encouraging young people to be involved in the political process. The commitment and dedication you have rendered should be a role model for all other community organizations.

Again, Congratulations and may you have 21 more years of success!

Sincerely,



Richard W. Pombo  
Member of Congress  
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May 21, 2005

Dear CAPA Friends:

Congratulations to all the members of the Chinese-American Political Association on the occasion of your 21st Anniversary Celebration.

I commend CAPA for two decades of outstanding and dedicated contributions to the community. I commend you for serving as strong advocates on issues of concern not only to Chinese-Americans but for the entire community. CAPA 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 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 21st Anniversary Celebration and my sincere best wishes for many future years of continued success.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom".

Tom Torlakson







BETTY T. YEE - 余淑婷

ACTING MEMBER  
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May 21, 2005

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



Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) on the occasion of its 2005 Gala to support the CAPA Community Education Fund.

As we all continue to work in raising the political awareness and participation of the Chinese American and Asian and Pacific Islander American communities, the work of CAPA is vital to help create opportunities for policymaking, issue advocacy, voter participation, representation, networking, and mentoring by role models in both government and business.

I applaud CAPA for its accomplishments over the last two decades in strengthening the involvement of Chinese and Asian Pacific Islander Americans in public affairs. I wish CAPA continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

BETTY T. YEE  
Acting Member, First District

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P.O. Box 4314  
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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to CAPA for its exemplary service to the Asian American community in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

As an organization supporting a wide array of projects including leadership trainings, I commend CAPA for building a stronger Asian American political voice. CAPA's activities such as voter registration drives, internships connecting students with elected public officials, scholarships supporting public policy work, and Asian American cultural events, not only encourage Asian Americans to be involved in the political process, but ensures that future generations continue to advocate for issues affecting our community.

Once again, thank you for your amazing work. I wish CAPA much success in future years.

Sincerely,

ALICE LAI-BITKER  
Supervisor, Third District





**WARREN E. RUPF**  
Sheriff

*May 9, 2005*

*Ms. Emily Chang, President  
CAPA Community Education Fund  
P.O. Box 4314  
Walnut Creek, California 94596*



*Dear Ms. Chang,*

*Although Carole and I will not be able to attend your annual fund raising dinner on Saturday, May 21, 2005, I do want to continue to support your efforts.*

*We are both disappointed that we cannot join you, but a hard commitment out of the county will prevent us from doing so. We have always found your event to be extremely enjoyable, and one that we look forward to each year. Please convey my compliments and best wishes to all those involved in the planning and preparation.*

*With Warm Regards,*

**WARREN E. RUPF, Sheriff**

WER:mjf



May 16, 2005



Dear CAPA Friends:

Words cannot express how tremendous an honor it is for me to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to CAPA for its many years of community service, public education and political action.

As a Board Member of CAPA – and proud husband of the Board President – I have had the unique opportunity to view the inner workings of an organization that has provided more than two decades of public service to both the Chinese American community and the public at-large.

I am humbled by the hard work and dedication of CAPA members who have consistently fought for greater representation of Chinese Americans in the political arena and have sponsored countless educational forums, election-year debates and summer internships for our youth.

As a newly elected member of the Board of Education for the West Contra Costa Unified School District, I want to commend CAPA and the many supportive elected officials who have continued to provide valuable internship opportunities for our youth. This critical exposure to politics and public service will provide a launching pad for our current class of interns, and I firmly believe that this hands-on learning is the key for students to make the connection to the “real world” and incorporate such lessons for a lifetime.

Again, thanks to CAPA for its support of the community, its passion for justice and its deep commitment to the next generation. And thank you to all of the friends of CAPA who keep this critical work alive!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dave Brown".

Dave Brown

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# *Tonight's Program and Dinner Menu*

6:00 p.m.

**Registration/No-Host Cocktail Reception**

**Silent Auction**

7:30 p.m.

**Dinner**

**Welcome Message**

*Lynne Leach*

**Presentation of Awards**

*Corporate Achievement*

*Community Service*

*Community Leadership*

*Friends of CAPA*

**Introduction of the Class of 2005 Interns**

**Intern Presentation: Angel Island**

*Presented by the Class of 2005*

**Presenting "Our Heritage"**

*by Chinese Folk Dance Association*

**Dancing**

**Raffle Drawing**

## **DINNER SALAD**

### ***SPINACH SALAD***

Baby Spinach, feta cheese

Red onions and mushrooms,  
tossed in a balsamic vinaigrette

## **TONIGHT'S ENTRÉE**

### ***GRILLED BREAST OF CHICKEN***

*- and -*

### ***POTATO & HORSERADISH-CRUSTED SALMON***

Sorrel Cream Sauce

*- or -*

### ***OPEN-FACED GRILLED VEGETABLE LASAGNE***

Oven roasted tomatoes and Feta cheese

Balsamic vinegar reduction

## ***CHEF'S CHOICE ACCOMPANIMENTS***

Flatbreads, Sliced Baguettes, Breadsticks and Butter

## **DESSERT**

### ***LEMON CHEESE TART***

Kiwi coulis

Starbucks Coffee, Premium Teas and Iced Tea

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We would like to thank the following companies, individuals and organizations who supported Gala 2005 by donating auction items and raffle prizes.

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<b>Ames Seminars</b>	<b>Wen and Susan Hsu</b>
<b>Aquarium of the Bay</b>	<b>Jeremiah Pick's Coffee</b>
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<b>Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge</b>	<b>Little Footprintz</b>
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<b>CAPA</b>	<b>Meritage Photography</b>
<b>Castlewood Country Club</b>	<b>New Lim's Restaurant</b>
<b>Maxine Chan</b>	<b>Oakland Museum</b>
<b>Bob Chen</b>	<b>Restaurant Peony</b>
<b>Derek Chu &amp; Wendy Tagonan</b>	<b>Congressman Richard Pombo</b>
<b>China Paradise Restaurant</b>	<b>Piedra Creek Winery</b>
<b>Richard Coffman/Fmr Raider Fred Biletnikoff</b>	<b>Rocco's Pizzeria</b>
<b>The Container Store</b>	<b>Scott's Seafood Walnut Creek</b>
<b>Curves (Concord)</b>	<b>Shanghai Gourmet</b>
<b>Discovery Bay Country Club</b>	<b>Sugar Bowl Ski Resort</b>
<b>Donn's Florist - Danville</b>	<b>Super Station Car Wash Concord</b>
<b>Encore Gymnastics Dance Rockclimbing</b>	<b>Three Seasons Restaurant</b>
<b>Miguel Funtanilla</b>	<b>Tommy Toy's</b>
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# *Tonight's Speakers*

*Welcome*

**Lynne Leach**

*Former Member, California State Assembly*



Lynne has been a businesswoman and involved in sales all of her adult life. In 1978, she started her own business, Applied Business Communications, Inc. The firm specialized in sales, customer service and communications training. In 2003, she launched Lynne Leach Presents... offering informative, inspirational speeches and practical, common sense programs on sales – customer service, communications and leadership to the business and political communities.

In 1996, Lynne was elected to the State Assembly and became the first woman ever to represent the combined Alameda/Contra Costa Counties 15th Assembly District. She was reelected in 1998 and 2000 by a commanding margin and term limited in 2002.

## *Gala 2005 Mistress of Ceremonies*

**Christine Han**

*CAPA CEF Intern Class '04*



A profound leader for his community, Malcolm X once told us that 'the future belongs to those who prepare for it today.' CAPA Community Education Fund has continually helped young leaders, entrepreneurs, and scholars prepare for their future, and I am no exception. As a former intern, I have had the privilege of participating in CAPA's noble endeavors and have been asked to serve as a mistress of ceremonies for this year's Gala.

After graduating from Monte Vista High School come June, I will enter the University of California, Berkeley come fall. At Berkeley, I will pursue my passion for international relations and political science. CAPA has taught me leadership through service, not self-promotion and as I continue to grow I hope to unlearn the world's pattern with its stress on status and privilege.

It has been a pleasure working with CAPA and I look forward to contributing more towards the organization whose goal is to increase political involvement and achievement within the Asian-American community. Thank you for all of your support and investment in the future.

## *Community Leadership Award Winner*

*Given to an individual who exhibits dedication and leadership  
in the advancement of Pan-Asian-American welfare*

### **DR. NORMAN HUI, DDS**

CHAIR, COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN AFFAIRS



Dr. Norman Hui, DDS, has served his community for many years prior to his appointment to the Commission of Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs. Dr. Hui served on the boards of the North East Medical Services, a full service clinic in San Francisco, as well as serving on the board of CAPA, including a stint as president in 1996. In addition, he is active with the Organization of Chinese Americans, East Bay as well as the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, SF Chinatown Lions Club and various local community groups. Dr. Hui has been an active fundraiser for many candidates for public office as well as serving the American Dental Association Advocates as Team Member of their political arm. Dr. Hui graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in Biological Sciences and received his DDS from the University of the Pacific.

## *Community Service Award Winner*

*Given to a non-profit organization which has promoted Asian-American public affairs*



### **CITIZENS FOR BETTER COMMUNITY**

Citizens for Better Community or CBC is an non-profit organization founded in 1992 and located in the Tri-Cities area. It draws its membership from the South Bay region and its Board of Directors meets on a monthly basis.

Citizens for Better Community exists for the betterment of Chinese Americans and the community at large by sponsoring or participating in activities that fall within the scope of CBC's mission statement. CBC raises its operating funds through its annual Spring Celebration fundraising event. A portion of the funds raised is returned immediately to the community leaving CBC what it needs to conduct its business. Those that support CBC through their generous donations, support the notion that it is important to give back to the community.

#### ***Mission Statement***

To initiate, sponsor and promote community events, which will affect the well being of Chinese Americans with an emphasis on education, health, business and community involvement.

#### ***Vision Statement***

CBC will be a model of excellence in community service by facilitation and motivating Chinese American involvement in the community.

#### ***Core Values (Not in priority order)***

- Family and Friendships
- Financial stability
- Education
- Our Businesses and Professions
- Community Service
- Health and Longevity
- Open Mindedness
- Efforts and Contribution
- Mutual Respect and Harmony
- Selflessness

## *Corporate Achievement Award Winner*

***Given to a corporation which exemplifies the commitment of a corporate partner to supporting the Asian-American community***



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- More than 45,800 miles of natural gas pipelines.
- 4.9 million electric customer accounts.
- 3.9 million gas customer accounts

## *Friends of CAPA Award*

***Given to an individual or individuals who have been long time friends and supporters of CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund***



Regional Director,  
US Department of Housing & Urban Development  
**RICHARD RAINEY**

&

Walnut Creek City Councilwoman  
**SUE MCNULTY RAINEY**

# Introducing our 2005 Interns

**Victoria Chiang**  
Monte Vista

**Tiffany Su**  
Monte Vista

**Lauren Fong**  
Northgate

**Tiffany Sun**  
Monte Vista

**Jason Lai**  
Northgate

**Anisha Thomas**  
Castro Valley High

**Grace Lee**  
Monte Vista

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Northgate

**Jasmine Lee**  
California High

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Monte Vista

**Christine Lei**  
Northgate

**Nicole Yee**  
Carondelet High School

**Felicia Liang**  
Monte Vista

**Kevin Zhou**  
Monte Vista

**Irene Ma**  
Monte Vista



*Class of 2005 at work on their Gala presentation*

## Internship Committee

<b>Cynthia Chin, Chair</b>	Marianne Clark
Cedric C. Cheng	Wen Hsu
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*Striking a pose at the annual picnic. (l to r) Christine Han, Melanie Lew, Wesley Golangco, Elaine Ng, Alexis Wong, Elizabeth Yuen, Kenny Chung, Patrick Shao, Vivian Chang and Caroline Kan*



*Some of the Class of 2004 at last year's Gala with Intern Chair, Cindy Chin.*

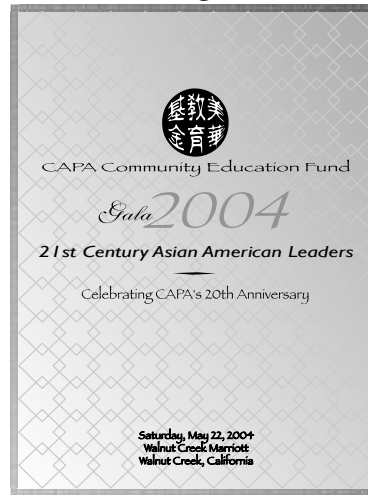
# Highlights: Gala 2004 - 20th Anniversary



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State BTH Secretary Sunne McPeak



CC Yin of APAPA presents a framed memento



The award winners



Past and present CAPA and CAPA CEF Presidents



*The Fashion Show  
presented at the  
Gala 2004*



## Highlights

### •Internship Program

We placed 15 interns in the offices of elected officials and governmental agencies in the summer of 2004. This has been our flagship program running for more than ten years. The 2004 interns put together an outstanding presentation at the Gala celebrating the 20th Anniversary of CAPA.

### •Voter Registration Activities

Thanks to the generous grant from SBC Communications, Inc., CAPA Community Education Fund through the East Bay Asian Voter Education Consortium continues to work on voter registration with a focus on senior citizen registration.



## • Debate Forum 2004

CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund's had a very successful Fall Debate Forum showcasing races from congressional to the city council level.

•Co-host for the Asian Pacific Fund's 10th Anniversary of their essay contest "Growing Up Asian in America" by coordinating the event in the East Bay region held at Civic Park in Walnut Creek.

•The **Summer Picnic and BBQ** continues to bring CAPA members, supporters, friends, interns (both current and former) and members of the board together for a day in the sun including competing in the "CAPAlympics."

## Highlights: Debate Forum 2004



*Candidates for Concord City Council*



*A full house of concerned voters watched as the candidate debate*



*Candidates for Danville Town Council*



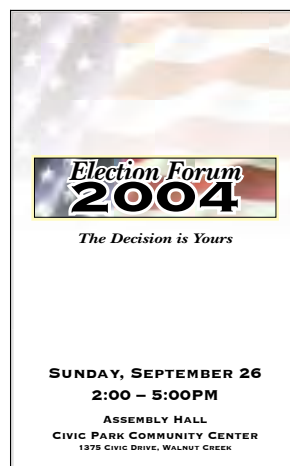
*Candidates for the Mt. Diablo Hospital Board*



*Candidates for Pleasant Hill City Council*



*Assemblyman Guy Houston and challenger Elaine Shaw*



*Supervisor Millie Greenberg and challenger Mary Nejedly Piepho in the very competitive District 3 Supervisors race*

# Highlights: Picnic and BBQ at San Pablo Reservoir



The group photo of both past and current interns from the Class of 2004. All helped to setup early in the morning. Vivian Chang coordinated the CAPAlympics.



Emily Chin, Class of 2002 serving once again as "righthand woman" to picnic organizer Cedric Cheng



Grilled corn, chicken and other mouthwatering dishes were served at the 3rd Annual CAPA CEF Picnic and BBQ



Cathy Liao, Mary Wu, and Susan Hsu brave the early morning cold unpacking the picnic goods.



The Class of 2004 keeping warm in the early morning

## • Annual Intern Holiday Party

The holidays are filled with fun and laughter and bringing together past interns during this time is no exception. A sort of annual reunion where former interns re-connect with CAPA.

• **Appreciation Reception** to thank companies, organizations and individuals for their continued support of CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund activities. This was held at Prima in downtown Walnut Creek. This was also a formal changeover of the CAPA President from outgoing President, Jonathan Wen Hsu to new President, Emily Chang.



Kenny Chung and Melanie Lew are awarded Gold "Medals" for their heroic performance at the "CAPAlympics."



The sun came out and the day was beautiful at San Pablo Reservoir as the Class of 2004 pose with the lake in the background



Dedicated and early risers, Dave Brown and Wen Hsu converse EARLY in the morning



## *Highlights: Appreciation Reception held at Prima*



*CAPA thanked its supporters by holding a reception at Prima's in downtown Walnut Creek.*



## *Highlights: Intern Holiday Party*



## *Highlights: Asian Pacific Fund event*



*CAPA co-hosted this event and pictured are members of CAPA along with some of the board members of the Asian Pacific Fund*



*Intern Holiday Party at the Woodranch Clubhouse in Danville*



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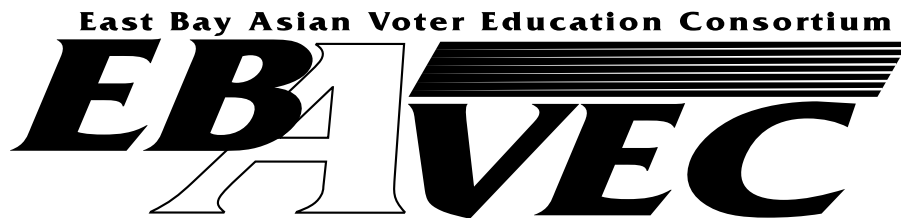
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# Great food is a family affair

■ 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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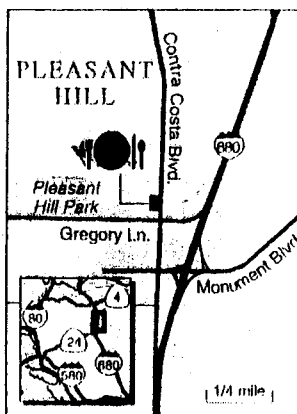
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■ **AMBIENCE/SERVICE:** B



lank 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.

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