

**C.A.C.A. Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge
The Piazza – April 2018**

Brother Charles Mau Honored by MPDC

Lodge President Charles Mau was honored with a “People Who Make a Difference” Award by the Monterey Park Democratic Club in their club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22. Jeff Schwartz, MPDC President, conducted the meeting while MP Police Chief Jim Smith MC’ed the award ceremony. On the Certificate of Recognition presented by State Assemblyman Ed Chau, who had to leave early,



L to R: Larry Sullivan, Jeff Schwartz, Jim Smith, Hon. Judy Chu, Carol Sullivan, Charles Mau, Tammy Mau, and Mike Eng

the citation for Brother Charles’ award is “in honor of: Your Leadership and Community Activism, Your Dedication Serving the Community is to be Commended”.

In his acceptance speech, Brother Charles thanked his wife Tammy and past Langley Center supervisor Beth Ryan for their encouragement of his volunteering, and called on more fellow citizens to volunteer for community service.



Brother Charles speaking

The other honoree is Carol Sullivan who is a well-regarded community activist in Monterey Park, and the wife of Larry Sullivan, a one-time GSGV Lodge member. Other distinguished guests included Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senate candidate Mike Eng, MP Mayor Pro Tem Peter Chan and

AUSD Vice President Bob Gin. Many members of C.A.C.A. local lodges attended the event, including LA Lodge President Rick Eng and past NVP Winston Wu.



Front: Honorees Charles Mau (L3) and Carol Sullivan (L5), with C.A.C.A. members and friends.

**Sister Lisa Yang Hosts Women in Film Program
“Crossing Donner Summit” in MP Library**

On Sunday, March 18, Sister Lisa Yang played host to the Women in Film Program in MP Bruggemeyer Library. To start off, three women were honored for their contributions to the community: Sis. Lisa Yang, Cindy Yee and Cindy



From left: Lisa Yang, Cindy Costales, Cindy Yee and Becky Cheng

Costales, Reference Senior Librarian. Certificates of Congressional Recognition were presented by Becky Cheng from Rep. Judy Chu’s office. In Lisa’s Certificate, the citation went: In recognition of your commitment to educate the public about the history of

Chinese-Americans who came to build the first Transcontinental Railroad and made great contributions in the United States. MP Mayor Pro Tem Peter Chan briefly addressed the audience on the



Sister Lisa Yang speaking

Chinese contributions to the development of the America West. This was followed by the screening of the short documentary “Crossing Donner Summit” produced by Min Zhou, the main attraction of the event. This video pays tribute to the Chinese American railroad workers who built up

the first Transcontinental Railroad, toiling at a \$1/day wages often under extremely dangerous circumstances, and their survival stories via a Chinese immigrant family migrating in over one century. The film chillingly recounted how Jim King arrived in the US in 1855 to



Lisa Yang (front L2) with C.A.C.A. members and friends

work the mines and railroad, and how the entire Chinese settlement was driven out of Truckee, just east of Donner Summit, not long after the Chinese Exclusion Act was enacted in 1882, with Jim King disappearing and never to be found. Yet, the King family eventually settled in Sacramento and Jim’s grandson even served as a Flying Tiger pilot in China during WWII.

Then, Cindy Yee gave an interesting account of her train ride through Donner Summit on her way to participate in the 2017 Golden Spike Days Celebration at Promontory Summit in Utah.

Finally, Sister Lisa showed a video clip of her journey through the conception and pre-production stages of a film project called “Year of the Iron Horse” which, according to her, would soon enter into the production phase. The event was very well attended with standing room only, and many brothers and sisters of GSGV and LA Lodges were there to view and enjoy the films.

Lodge Welcomes Three New Members

In the February 12 Lodge meeting, two new members were sworn in by Vice President Sister Sharon Wong. Stuart Chan, who hailed from Hong Kong, was in the armed services, and now works in the Department of Defense as an engineer. His wife Shirley was born in Taiwan and now works in the real estate business. They were referred to the Lodge by Charles Mau, who met them



L to R: VP Sharon Wong, Shirley & Stuart Chan, and PP John Wong



A happy Connie Chan after swearing in.

at the MP Library History Program in January. Stuart and Shirley, welcome to our Lodge!

In the March 12 Lodge meeting, a long-time friend of the Lodge, Connie Mayling Chan, finally decided to join us. She was sworn in by President Charles Mau. Sister Connie was born in Hong Kong, and is self-employed, oftentimes as a professional interpreter. She was introduced to the Lodge by Sister Shirley Hwong.

National Essay Contest Update

The 2018 C.A.C.A. National Essay Contest took place on Saturday, March 3. This year, the topic is “Our Chinatowns—What Will Be Their Future?” The National Essay Contest Committee consists of Charles Mau (Chair, GSGV), Ed Gor (Houston), Davace Chin (SF), Winston Wu (LA), Susan Dickson (LA), Wai Wah Chin (GNY), Fay Yao (ABQ), Kin Hui (SATX), and Helen Ying (Portland). The Committee also appointed five judges to read the essays, and unlike in the previous years, three of them are members of C.A.C.A.

A total of 169 contestants from 16 lodges participated in the yearly competition, including 14 from the LA-GSGV lodges. The Chicago Lodge has the most entries (37), with Greater New York coming in second (33). 137 contestants composed their essays with a laptop while 37 used the blue book.

GSGV Lodge Co-sponsors Screening of YP 1967-a Documentary Film on the 1967 Riot in Hong Kong

GSGV Lodge is one of the community co-sponsors of the screening of YP 1967, a documentary film by Director Can To that recounts the 1967 Leftist Riot in Hong Kong via interviews with a few of those who were arrested and imprisoned, and since released. The other sponsors are the LA Lodge of C.A.C.A., CAM and CHSSC.

Gay Yuen, Education Professor of CSULA and past CAM President, was hosting Director Can To from Hong Kong while she was on her way to a film festival in the US. Professor Yuen helped organize the screening of this film. First, there was a press conference on March 19. The screening took place at LA Lodge in Chinatown on Wednesday evening, March 21. Five members of GSGV Lodge attended, all of whom have a Hong Kong background and are naturally interested in seeing the film.



At YP1967 Press Conference, Front: Dir. Can To (L3), Prof. Yuen (L4); Back: Charles Mau (L1: GSGV), Jim Jang (L2: CAM), Prof. July Phun (R2: CSULA), Al Soohoo (R1: CAM, LA Lodge)

Director Can To, a veteran producer of current affairs programs in Hong Kong television stations, made a moving portrayal of those young prisoners (≥14 yrs. old) who got caught, innocently or not, in the 1967 conflict between the colonial government and leftist unionized workers in the backdrop of the Cultural Revolution in next-door China. Several in the audience, originally from HK, recalled how life was disrupted in those few tumultuous months in 1967 Hong Kong, like a HK Certificate of Education examination had to be postponed because of the proliferation of bombing incidents in public places. In the end, those young prisoners were released and life just moved on with them keeping silent about their experience, until after the handover of Hong Kong back to China in 1997. Director To very skillfully explored the complexity of their emotions as they recounted what they actually went through in those years. Should they just be resigned to let it go or should they seek some kind of redress from higher authorities? This is left for the audience to ponder.

Nancy Wang Yuen, Author of “Reel Inequality” to Speak in June Lodge Meeting

GSGV Lodge is happy to announce that Nancy Wang Yuen will be the featured speaker in the June 11 Lodge meeting. She will be speaking about her book “Reel Inequality: Hollywood Actors and Racism”. Quoting from Amazon.com, the book “examines the structural barriers minority actors face in Hollywood, while shedding light on how they survive in a racist industry.” Through interviews with numerous working actors, Yuen “also exposes sexist hiring and programming practices, highlighting the structural inequalities that actors of color, particularly women, continue to face in Hollywood.”

Dr. Nancy Wang Yuen is a sociologist and writer based in Los Angeles. She is an Associate Professor and Chair of Sociology at Biola University. Nancy has appeared on BBC World TV, NPR, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post and many other venues.

If you want to learn more about racism in the movie industry in Hollywood, you should not miss this lecture.

Avocado Farm Outing Planned on April 29

GSGV Lodge is planning an outing activity to an avocado farm in Fillmore, Ventura County, on Sunday, April 29. Please mark this on your calendar. All members and their families and friends are welcome. Further announcements will be made in April meeting.