

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

Councilman Hans Liang Discusses Cannabis Tax Proposition Idea for Monterey Park

MP City Councilman Hans Liang came to our May 7 lodge meeting to discuss the prospect of a proposition on the November 2018 ballot for a cannabis tax, allowing limited cannabis commercial operation within the city jurisdiction. This idea was piggybacked on Proposition 64 that was approved by California voters in November 2017, that effectively decriminalized cannabis and cannabis-related products in California. The present proposition, when passed, would allow, on a limited basis, the sale, manufacturing, or cultivation of cannabis products within city limits for revenue generation purposes.



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In addition to the state sales tax, the City could also impose a special local tax for such activities. Because of the far-reaching implications of this legislation upon lives of the citizens in MP, in its May 2 meeting, the City Council decided to “do community outreach and town hall meetings first to educate and get public input”. Our discussions with Councilman Liang, a GSGV Lodge member, can be considered such an activity. Bro. Hans cited his personal view by relating how his father benefited from a by-product of cannabis in

helping him maintain a good quality of life when fighting cancer. Our lodge members exhibited a cautious degree of open-mindedness in discussions with Bro. Hans and concluded that a study of how much the cannabis tax would benefit the City in terms of a revenue stream should be carried out. Bro. Hans would update us on any further progress in the future. We are also planning to invite another Council Member to educate our members on a different angle to the issue.

GSGV and Los Angeles Lodge Members Attended the MP Library Foundation “Fire and Ice” Gala

Monterey Park Library Foundation held its annual fundraising dinner on April 27 at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park, and members of GSGV and LA Lodges showed their support by occupying a table in the banquet. Bro. Bob Gin, president of the Foundation, chaired the event, State Senate candidate Mike Eng was the M.C. and Congresswoman Judy Chu presented an award to Special Honoree Janet Yu, a long-time community activist in MP. In her acceptance speech, Janet paid special tribute to Bro. Winston Wu of LA Lodge for his role in establishing the Youth Council program in San Gabriel Valley, in which she played a significant role. With great music, a rich



Sitting from L: Liz Wu, Hollie Luong, Charles Mau, Lisa Yang; Standing from L: Sheldon, Pete Chinn, Pek Chan, and Andy Sit.

raffle draw, glamorous photo taking and great food, the event was a great success. Congratulations to the MP Library Foundation for a job well done!

Sister Lisa Yang Joined the Golden Spike Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah



“The iconic image of America’s first transcontinental railroad ‘erased’ the Chinese workers key to building it. 149 years later, their descendants are in the picture”, wrote Salt Lake City Tribune.

The above picture pretty much summed up the sentiment at the 2018 Golden Spike Conference as descendants of the Chinese railroad workers converged at Promontory Point to pose for a picture with the locomotives of Jupiter and Union Pacific No. 119 in the background. Sister Lisa Yang was there to witness



Judge Mike Kwan & Lisa Yang

the 149th anniversary of the joining of the two locomotives. She also took this occasion to present her “Year of the Iron Horse” movie project at the meeting and showed a 5-minute video explaining what inspired her to make the movie. She was really impressed by the arrangements at the conference under the leadership of Judge Michael Kwan, from transportation to food, and is looking forward to next year’s 150th anniversary celebration of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Reminder: Nancy Wang Yuen, author of “Reel Inequality: Hollywood Actors and Racism” will speak in the June 11 Lodge Meeting.