

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

### **Carleton Zhao Received His Internship Check**

Carleton Zhao, a freshman of UC-Irvine, finally received his 2017 Internship check of \$500 for his summer project on establishing a website for our Lodge. He joined us for breakfast in DLS Café on Wednesday, March 28. Carleton



**From L to R: David Lau, John Wong, Carleton Zhao, Charles Mau and Winston Wu in DLS Cafe**

hails from Porter Ranch in San Fernando Valley and is majoring in Computer Science, looking forward to focus his study on artificial intelligence and robotics. His father is an animation specialist for the Walt Disney Company. Before going to college, he was a Youth Council member in San Fernando Valley, under the guardianship of Winston Wu. We all wish Carleton most successful in his college study!

### **GSGV Lodge Mobilizes to Help WWII Chinese American Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Campaign**

Because of the unrelenting efforts by the National Lodge, and local lodges like GSGV, OC, Washington DC and Boston, as of April 9, there are 38 Senate co-sponsors of S. 1050 and 68 House co-sponsors of H.R. 2358, both bills being introduced in May, 2017. In order to aim for passing the bills without a floor vote, we will need 67 Senate sponsors and 290 House sponsors, respectively, before the end of 2018. It is clear that we are a long way from achieving that goal.

Of the two Senators from California, Dianne Feinstein was already a cosponsor of S. 1050. Our Lodge has mobilized its members to individually send letters to Sen. Kamala Harris for her support and co-sponsorship. On the House side, California has, as of April 9, 17 representatives (out of 53 total) who have signed on to H.R. 2358. Our Lodge's contribution will be to write letters to the non-sponsoring representatives urging them to support the House Bill. Members are also encouraged to seek out friends and relatives who are constituents in districts whose representatives have yet to sign on to H.R. 2358, and ask them to send letters to these representatives. For reference, here is a list of California Representatives who already are co-sponsors: Ed Royce [R-CA-39], Ted Lieu [D-CA-33], Tony Cardenas [D-CA-29], Judy Chu [D-CA-27], Darrell Issa [R-CA-49], Barbara Lee [D-CA-13], Alan

Lowenthal [D-CA-47], Dana Rohrabacher [R-CA-48], Mimi Walters [R-CA-45], Mark Takano [D-CA-41], Paul Cook [R-CA-8], Scott Peters [D-CA-52], Ro Khanna [D-CA-17], Salud Carbajo [D-CA-24], Jimmy Gomez [D-CA-34], Jackie Speier [D-CA-14], and Luis Correa [D-CA-46]. Anyone who needs a template letter of appeal can contact Brother Charles Mau.

As suggested by PNP Ed Gor, you can also contact members of Congress directly using PopVox about both H.R. 2358 and S. 1050. Go to [www.popvox.com](http://www.popvox.com), and follow the simple instructions to set up your PopVox account, if you don't have one. Locate each bill by number and click SUPPORT of each of the bills, and add a message that you want your Representative and Senators to co-sponsor the respective bill. You will be asked to verify the e-petition in your e-mail once the submission is made—that's all you have to do!

### **Sister Lisa Yang to Represent Lodge Listed as a Golden Spike Conference Coordinating Organization**

Lodge President Charles Mau has appointed Sister Lisa Yang to represent GSGV Lodge as a coordinating organization for the Golden Spike Conference 2018 and 2019. Sister Lisa will attend this year's Golden Spike Conference to be held in Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City, UT, May 9-11. The Conference is organized by Chinese Railroad Workers Descendants Association, with Judge Michael Kwan as Event Chair, to commemorate the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory Point in Utah. For those interested in attending, please visit <http://www.goldenspike150.org> to find details.

### **Brother Charles Attends Community Cannabis Informational Workshop, April 12**

State Assemblyman Ed Chau organized an informational workshop on Cannabis (Marijuana) on April 12 at the East Los Angeles College campus. Brother Charles attended this workshop to gather information on the process of legalization of cannabis retailing at the county level as it is of grave concern to parents of school-age children, including Chinese American parents. Representatives from the County Office of Cannabis Management and the City of Monterey Park were present to give talks. The City has already passed resolutions prohibiting the retail of cannabis within city limits. However, residents are allowed to grow six cannabis plants within their properties, and all consumption of marijuana is limited to indoors. Chinese owners of rental properties are reminded to write into their lease agreements prohibiting tenants to grow cannabis plants and consume marijuana inside the premise, if they so desire.

**Our next Lodge meeting will be held on May 7, the FIRST MONDAY of the month. This is a one-time change.**

**Our Visit to an Avocado Orchard in Fillmore will be postponed to a later date to be announced.**