



GSGV Lodge Celebrates 2019 Holidays Season in Dinner at La Vie French Restaurant

On December 5, 2019, GSGV Lodge hosted the annual Holidays Dinner/Party at La Vie French Restaurant in the City of Rosemead. This year we had about a total of 55 people attending, including members from the SoCal C.A.C.A. lodges (GSGV, LA, OC) and new and old friends, occupying the entire restaurant. Everbody was in a holiday celebratory mood, enjoying great cuisine and wine, and cheerful conversations. All in all, the event was another roaring success, the number of members and friends attending breaking records from the previous years.



Standing from L: John Wong, Kim Wang; Sitting from L: Fang Zhao, Friend, Harry Wang, Judi Wong, May Gee, Linda & Peter Yao, John Gee (PP), Jason Dhing (Tr.), Betty Chu.



From L: Pete Chin, Sam Gee (VP), Nena Calica, Sharon Wong (Pres.), Nancy Quon, Paul (PP) & Julie Wong, Shirley & Dean (Sec.) Ng.



From L: David Yuen (PP), Jack Orswell, Margaret Leung, David Ono, Steve Kwong & Wife, Joey Ono, Carol Sullivan, Janet Orswell, Amy Yuen.



Front Table, from L: Jessica Mei, Winston Wu, Qiang Bjornbak, Pek & Pedro Chan, Virginia Shek, Hollie Luong (Fin.Sec.).



From L: Charles Mau (PP), Lisa Yang (PP), Wayne Ng (LA Lodge Pres.), Bob Gin (PP), Munson Kwok (PNP), Suellen Cheng (NRE), Diane Gin, Hayward Ng, John Wong (PP), Albert Young, Yvonne Yiu.



The Party Ladies, from L: Hollie Luong, Yvonne Yiu, Betty Chu, Judi Wong, May Gee, Sophie Wong, Fang Zhao, Tammy Tam.



Bro. Charles with volunteering veterans in the background.



From L: Cindy Yee, Charles Mau, Grace Leo, Nancy Kwan, Friend, with "American Heroes" Float in right background.



Extraordinaire Award winning float team, led by Wilson Lee and Norman Mineta (3rd & 5th from Left).

"American Heroes" Float Won the Extraordinaire Award in Tournament of Roses Parade

This year's Tournament of Roses Parade saw the entry of the "American Heroes" Float sponsored by the Chinese American Heritage Foundation. The Foundation was started in 2018 by Wilson and Esther Lee, both of Boston Lodge, to kick start the launch of the "Harmony Through Union" Float in the 2019 Parade. This year, GSGV Lodge donated \$500 to this project while Bro. Charles and Tammy Mau together contributed a total of \$1000. Other lodge members like Jessica Mei and Cindy Yee also helped out in the preparation. Bro. Charles visited the Fiesta Parade Floats factory in Irwindale on Dec. 27, when a team of veteran volunteers from around the area were bused in to help decorate the float. There was wide coverage from the media, including TV stations and newspapers. KTLA Channel Five sent a team of reporters and commentators, including Liz Gibbons, to do interviews and prepare a script for the New Year Day broadcast. At noon, lunch was served by CAHF on the factory campus to thank the volunteering veterans for their contribution.

December 31, 2019 was the day when all the floats were inspected by a panel of judges, and award winners determined but kept secret until the next day. Bro. Charles was also there to witness the process. Standing/sitting on the float, were Norman Mineta, former Transportation Secretary and Congressman, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Nancy Kwan, movie star of Flower Drum Song fame, and 2-Star Major General Garrett Yee from the US Army.

On the day of the Parade, it was announced that "American Heroes" won the Extraordinaire Award—what an honor. Kudos to the Lee's for pulling off a fantastic float to honor the veterans, with emphasis on those from the minority groups--the Chinese, Africans, Natives, Japanese, Philipinos and other Asians!

Thanks, President Sharon Wong, for the Beautiful Scarves You Personally Made for Us!



At OK Cafe, from L: Andrew Sit, John Wong, Betty Sit, David Lau, Sharon Wong, Charles Mau, Pedro Chan, Lisa Yang, Paul Wong, Winston Wu.