



President's Note – Shawn Wei

Now that I have an opportunity to prepare this first newsletter, I am so excited and there is so much to write about. I would mostly like to thank our very enthusiastic and hardworking members who have made the past 2007 a huge success! I'm not going to dwell on the past since our accomplishments are well acknowledged among the Chinese communities and our members. Instead, I'll use this space to summarize the past achievements since I was elected as the CCEA president on Feb. 2, 2008 and highlight some of the exciting events we have planned for the remaining of this year.

I am very much honored and privileged to preside the organization and promote the CCEA culture and tradition developed over the years by the visionary leaders and supporting members like you. On behalf of CCEA Board of Directors, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of your participation and support, and I am looking forward to continuing working with you all and being supported from you all in the future.

Chinese New Year Celebration (2/2/08)

The California Chinese Engineers Association (CCEA) and the Chang Cheng Chinese School (CCCS) jointly hosted the Chinese New Year (the Year of the Rat) Celebration on Feb. 2, 2008. The celebration party with a full stage program was organized by CCEA and CCCS, primarily by CCEA president, Jinrong Wang and CCCS principal, Cliff Li. The stage program was designed and organized by Sheila Fang. Several other sponsors were also acknowledged during the event.

Over 300 members and friends attended the party, including invited representatives from the Consulate General of China in San Francisco and local Chinese organizations such as APAPA. The party was a success based on the feedback after. During the event, Shawn Wei was elected as the new CCEA president, and Kun Hu as the new CCCS principal. Kang Chen was elected as a new and returning Board Director.

The CCEA Board held its first meeting on Feb. 28, 2008 and discussed duties among the Board Directors, as follows:

- Wei, Shawn: President
- Li, Cliff: Vice President
- Hu, Kun: CCCS Principal (Elected)

- Luo, Dongmin: Academic Event Coordinator
- Chen, Kang: Activity Coordinator
- Wang, Sherry: Treasurer
- Xiong, Jackie: Membership Coordinator
- Zha, Jinxing: Webmaster
- Zhang, Jane: Public Relations

In addition, Mr. Hu, Yiwei is continuously assigned as the CCEA Foundation treasurer.

Sacramento Celebrates Chinese New Year, "Honoring Our Homeland" (2/9/08)

The 11th annual Chinese New Year celebration in the Greater Sacramento area, organized by Chinese New Year Cultural Association (CNYCA) and sponsored by thirteen local communities, was held on Feb. 8, 2008. The event was chaired by Lian Duan, representing CCEA, and co-chaired by Cliff Li of CCCS. Prior to and during the event day, a number of CCEA representatives participated in many committee meetings and event tasks, including but not limited to: soliciting sponsorship, designing and printing program books, designing and decorating the stage, coordinating volunteers, facilities, vendor, and booths, and assisting children games.

Olympic Torch Relay in S. F. (4/9/08)

The CCEA and the China National Day Celebration Committee (CNDCC) co-organized the 2008 Olympic Torch Relay trip to San Francisco on April 9, 2008. On the event day, about three hundred supporters in five buses participated to support the Olympic spirit for 2008 Beijing Olympic event in San Francisco.

Spring Picnic (5/4/08)

Together with CCCS, CCEA organized the spring picnic as a biannual traditional event in William Land Park, open for all CCEA members, CCCS parents, students, friends, and their families. Several hundreds attended the picnic and enjoyed both adult and children's games.

SiChuan Earthquake Relief Donation Drives (5/15/08 – 6/13/08)

On May 12, 2008, a devastating 7.9-magnitude earthquake struck SiChuan Province of China. This is the worst natural disaster to hit China in the last three decades. Since then, the CCEA has organized



or participated in a number of donation events and will continue the effort. A total of \$23,320 donations have been received and transferred to the Consulate General of China in San Francisco on June 12th, 2008, with a returned receipt and "Thank You" letter from Consulate General. Here is a list of CCEA related events.

- Together with CCCS, CCEA organized the donation drives in CCCS site, and collected donations of \$10654.88 on 5/17/08, and \$2102 on 5/31/08, and some more on later days;
- Participated on 5/18/08 in the 2008 Pacific Rim Street Festival in Old Sacramento and collected \$3483.14;
- Organized by Board Director, Dongmin Luo, and his colleagues in CalEPA on 5/19/08 and 5/20/08 and collected \$6,544.32;
- Organized by CCEA in Caltrans on 5/22/08 and collected \$3530 even though the event was later cancelled due to some legal reasons;
- Participated in the Sichuan Earthquake Relief Fund Committee meetings organized by CNYCA on 5/14/08 and 5/29/08;
- Assisted Gold Dragon Restaurant on 6/1/08 and collected \$6586.45;
- Participated in the event organized by the Red Shoe Performing Center on 6/1/08 in CSUS;
- Participated in the event organized by Jinan-Sacramento Sister City Corporation on 6/8/08 in Natomas Charter School Benvenuti Performing Arts Center;
- Participated in the "SiChuan (China) Earthquake Relief Event" organized by Yin Family, World Journal, and the DaZuPu Association on 6/15/08 in Yin Ranch, Vacaville. CCEA donated \$200 to this event.

2008 CCEAF Scholarship (6/7/2008)

The RMHC/ASIA Scholarship Program is sponsored by Ronald McDonald House Charities. RMHC/ASIA considers, recognizes, and awards high school seniors who show academic achievement, leadership, commitment to community service, and financial need or other hardships.

The CCEA Foundation has been one of the co-sponsors since 2004. As a co-sponsor, CCEAF is entitled to select the award recipients it co-sponsors. A committee consisting of CCEA member volunteers, led by Dongmin Luo, is formed every year to develop the program guidelines and

candidate selection process. A total of 24 students, children of our members, have been awarded since 2004. This year, **John Liu** (son of Jifei Li) of Folsom High School and **Jane Li** (daughter of Chen Li) of Rio Americano High School were selected to be the recipients. John will attend Duke University this fall while Jane will enroll in UC Berkeley. Both recipients were honored at the June 7, 2008 celebration event.

Treasurer's Report (12/28/07 - 6/10/08):

Beginning Balance as 12/28/2007:	\$9802.72
Inflows:	\$2503.65
Membership Fee:	\$1650.00
From CCEAF (New Year Party 2008 and music equipment):	\$841.12
Bank Interest:	\$12.53
Outflows:	\$2940.37
2008 CCEA/CCCS Chinese New Year Party:	\$228.90
Music Equipment:	\$612.22
2008 Spring Picnic:	\$564.94
Donation (Sichuan Earthquake):	\$1000.00
Sichuan Earthquake relief events:	\$360.00
Other Events:	\$35.00
CCEA Management (Basketball fee, Mail box, etc):	\$90.00
2007 Fall Picnic:	\$49.31
Current Balance:	\$9366.00

Welcome New CCEA Members in 2008

William Bi, Ningyu Gao, Sandy Kwong, Elaine Lum, Yuchen Tang, Jay Wang, Jian Wang, Jing Wang, Jun Wang, Zhenlei Wang, Zhong Xiong, Xiaomin Yang, Alan Zhang, Sheng Zhong, and Zhijing Zhou

Coming Up Events

- **"One Night, One World."** Sacramento Celebrates Diversity with the Beijing Summer Olympics, on 8/8/08 in Cal Expo, 5:30 PM – 11 PM, open to the public with free admission
- **CCCS Summer Camping**, at Emigrant Group Campground in Tahoe NF, between 8/15/08 afternoon and 8/17/08 morning, open to all CCCS and CCEA families
- **China National Day Celebration**, on 10/4/08, with detailed arrangement to be decided.
- **CCEA Website Update (www.ccea.org)**