

Chinese American Citizens Alliance Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge

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2020 GSGV Lodge Board of Officers and Associates Installed on January 13

At the January 13 Lodge meeting, the 2020 Board of Officers and Associates were sworn in to begin their term of service. The ceremony was MC'ed by Founding President John Y. Wong and the installation officer was Charles Mau, National VP of Education and Past Lodge President. The Board of Officers sworn in is as follows:

President: Sharon M. Wong Vice President: Sam W. Gee Secretary: Dean Ng Assistant Secretary: Alice Mah* Treasurer: Jason Dhing Financial Secretary: Hollie Luong Compliance Officer Shirley Hwong Compliance Officer Mary Wong Marshall: Margaret Leung Sentinel: Scott Kwong Collector: Valerie Lee National Representative: John Y. Wong

The Board of Associates installed is: Alex Ly*, Jessica Hong Mei, Angela Lai, Craig Miller*, David Lau, Pek Chan, Peter Yao, Nancy Quon, Hungzhe Zhao*, and Qiang Bjornbak*. [* Absent from ceremony]

After the ceremony, President Sharon Wong gave a report of the activities and achievements of our Lodge in 2019, and encouraged us to continue working together towards fulfilling the missions of Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge.





National VP Charles Mau installing Sister Sharon Wong (Left) and Bro. Sam Gee (Right) as President and VP, respectively.



Board of Officers, Sitting from L: John Wong, Sam Gee, Sharon Wong, Bob Gin (PP), Charles Mau (NVP); Standing from L: Margaret Leung, Hollie Luong, Jason Dhing, Dean Ng, Mary Wong, Shirley Hwong, Valerie Lee, Scott Kwong.



Board of Associates Being Sworn in, from L: Peter Yao, Nancy Kwon, David Lau, Pek Chan, Angela Lai, Jessica Mei, by Charles Mau (NVP).



Lodge members and Guests, standing from L: Pete Chin (L1), Shirley Ng (L4), Yvonne Yiu (L12), Jack Orswell (L14), Albert Young (L15), Janet Orswell (L17), Paul Perez (L18), with Board of Officers/Associates and Past Presidents.

GSGV Lodge Congratulates the Re-Chartering of Sacramento Lodge

On Friday January 3, in a very well-attended ceremony at Ming Dynasty Chinese Restaurant in Sacramento, administered by C.A.C.A. National Lodge, Sacramento Lodge was formally re-chartered and welcomed back into the family of 19 C.A.C.A. local lodges. Four members from GSGV Lodge, Charles Mau, John Wong,



GSGV Founding President and Nat. Rep. John Wong with Sacramento Lodge President Ken Sou, after handing Ken a congratulatory red envelope.

Paul and Julie Wong attended the event in person. The event was chaired by National VP Kin Hui, and the oath re-chartering of officer and installation was performed by National President Melanie Chan. Ken Ming Sou and Freeman Lee assumed the positions of the

President and Vice-President of the re-chartered Lodge, respectively. Davace Chin, immediate PNP, presented the C.A.C.A. Lodge Charter to President Sou. GSGV Lodge hereby congratulates Sacramento Lodge, and looks forward to their future success in carrying out the missions of C.A.C.A.



Attending GSGV Lodge members, from L: Charles Mau, John Wong, Julie and Paul Wong, with Sacramento Lodge banner.

Tour of California State Railroad Museum

On January 4, guests attending the Sacramento Lodge re-chartering ceremony were treated to a free tour of the California State Railroad Museum located in the Old Town of Sacramento. Lodge immediate Past President Charles Mau joined the tour together with the local

hosts, National Executive VP Helen Ying, NVP Ted Gong, and Munson and Suellen Kwok of Los Angeles Lodge. The tour was led by an experienced docent



Original Golden Spike on exhibit.

named Earl who gave a very thorough and entertaining explanation of the exhibits, focusing on the Chinese Railroad Workers' Experience exhibit, which has recently been updated. There is also a special exhibit Gallery on the Golden Spike which gives a detailed, accurate historical account the Golden Spike ceremony on May 10, 1869 at Promontory Point in Utah, which is

very educational. Members of our Lodge are encouraged to visit this Museum to learn about Chinese Railroad workers' hard work and contribution to the development of America West.



Docent Earl led C.A.C.A. group through the exhibits in California State Railroad Museum. [Recognize anyone in the photo?]



The Year 2020 started with a roar witnessed by an exceptionally well-attended Wednesday brunch by both GSGV and LA Lodge members at OK Café in Times Square, Monterey Park! [See photo above.] Also,

Happy, Healthy Lunar New Year of the Rat!

Heard from Sister Lisa Yang:

Late last year, Sister Lisa was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Chinese Model at the 70th Anniversary of the founding of People's Republic of China. This recognizes the Chinese, athome and abroad, who made exemplary contributions in the fields of economics, politics and culture among the Chinese communities throughout the world. For their achievements, all 70 awardees, including Alibaba founder Jack Ma, have had their portraits imprinted in a special issue of postage stamps in the PRC. Congratulations, Lisa!