



Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge's 2022 Board Officers Sworn In

At the GSGV Lodge monthly meeting on February 14, 2022 at Elite Restaurant, Monterey Park, the elected board officers were formally installed with Founding President John Wong presiding over the ceremony. The newly installed officers are:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Compliance Officer
Compliance Officer
Marshal
Sentinel
Collector
National Representative

Scott Kwong
Jason Dhing
Dean Ng
Sam W. Gee
Hollie Luong
Alex Ly
Angela Lai
Jessica Mei
Alice Mah
Stuart Chan
Valerie Lee
Paul Wong



Bro. John Wong administering oath of office to President Scott Kwong



Bro. John Wong (L) with newly installed President Scott Kwong (R) and VP Jason Dhing.



Bro. John Wong (L4) with installed officers (From left) Paul Wong, Sam Gee, Jessica Mei, Scott Kwong, Hollie Luong, Angela Lai, Jason Dhing, and Dean Ng.

C.A.C.A. Resumes Presenting Congressional Gold Medal Replicas to WWII Chinese American Veterans Families in Southern California

After two successful days of CGM presentation in Los Angeles and Simi Valley last November, the SoCal CGM Committee took a break through the holiday season. The committee picked up their work at the beginning of 2022 under the leadership of Co-Chairs Marjorie Lee and Eugene Moy. Past President Charles Mau is a Committee Member. The big sponsors are Cathay Bank and AARP. Among donors to the effort, GSGV Lodge contributed \$1000. The main task is to present CGMs to all remaining families of deceased WWII veterans who have yet to receive the CGMs on their veterans' behalf. The Committee decided to present in one of three ways as chosen by the families: (1) an in-person ceremony on the Battleship USS Iowa at San Pedro Harbor on April 16, (2) regional sessions for the families to pick up the CGMs: 3 sessions at LA Lodge in Chinatown, 1 session in San Diego, 2 sessions in Orange County, and 2 sessions in San Gabriel Valley; (3) mailing of the CGMs to families on request. From our Lodge, Bros. Dean Ng, Paul Perez and Sister Qiang Bjornbak volunteered their service at the pick-up sessions. Dean is to help out in San Diego (May 14) and San Gabriel (June 11), Qiang in Irvine (May 20), and Paul in Westminster (May 21), with Brother Charles being the coordinator. Committee Co-Chairs Marjorie Lee and Eugene Moy, and member Evelyn Lee are present in all the sessions.

The last public CGM ceremony took place on Saturday, April 16 on-board the Battleship USS Iowa Museum at San Pedro Harbor from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All 43 veteran families showed up to receive the Congressional Medal replicas on behalf of their deceased veterans. Marjorie Lee did an excellent job as Master of Ceremony, and Presentation of Colors was performed by the Arcadia/Monrovia VFW Post 4070, arranged by Ret. Major US Army Stuart Chan, himself an officer of GSGV Lodge. Edmund Gor, National Director of the Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project, opened the Ceremony by greeting the families and guests and thanking all those who contributed to the project. The keynote speaker was The Honorable Dolly M. Gee, US District Judge of Central District of California, who gave an account of her family's history of US military service. After giving brief speeches, Maj.



CGM Presenters, Sponsor Representatives, CAWWII Project Director, SoCal CGM Committee Members, and Volunteers on the USS Iowa in San Pedro Harbor, April 16, 2022.



From left: CAWW2 Project Director Ed Gor, Rear Admiral Jonathan Yuen, Maj. Generals Ted Wong, Robert Lee



Arcadia/Monrovia VFW Post 4070; Maj. Stuart Chan is on the left.

Generals US Army (Ret.) Robert G.F. Lee and M. Ted Wong, and Rear Admiral US Navy (Ret.) Jonathan A. Yuen presented the CGMs to the veteran family representatives in a solemn ceremony. The event ended with acknowledgements and closing remarks by Wayne C. Ng, President of C.A.C.A. Los Angeles Lodge.

A pictorial account of the CGM pick-up sessions where members of GSGV Lodge volunteered follows.



Bro. Dean Ng (L2) with Evelyn Lee, Susan and Eugene Moy, friend and Marjorie Lee at Chinese Community Church, San Diego, May 14.



From left: Eugene and Susan Moy, Qiang Bjornbak, Charles Mau, Marjorie Lee and Evelyn Lee at Cathay Bank, Irvine, May 20.



Bro. Charles and Sister Qiang with Steven Fong (L3) and his family, whose grandfather Carl Fong served in WWII, at Cathay Bank, Irvine, May 20.



From left: Charles Mau, Paul Perez, Mr. Moon (Church Rep.), Evelyn Lee and Marjorie Lee, at Journey Evangelical Church, Westminster, May 21.



Peter and Evelyn Joe holding the Congressional Gold Medal replica honoring his brother Joe Y. Fong's service in WWII.

Lodge Welcomes New Member Elizabeth Yang

In our May 9 Lodge meeting, we are happy to have Elizabeth Yang from Monterey Park joining our Lodge as a new member. She was sworn in by Founding President John Y. Wong. Elizabeth comes to us with very impressive credentials: CEO and Founder of Yang Law Offices, practicing law since 2007, specializing in Intellectual Property, Business and Family Laws. Prior



From left: President Scott Kwong, Elizabeth Yang, Past President Sharon Wong and VP Jason Dhing, after becoming a new Lodge member.

to her law practice, at the age of 19, she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UC-Berkeley in 2-1/2 years. She went on to work for Raytheon Company as an electrical engineer, and has interned at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. In 2016-2021, she received numerous awards for her excellence in law practice, one of which, the Lawyers of Distinction Award, recognizes her as one of the top 10% lawyers in the U.S. She is also a prolific best-selling author who has written 6 books to date. Elizabeth Yang is very active in the communities and is currently a member of the Business Improvement District Advisory Committee in Monterey Park, among many positions. Welcome on-board, Elizabeth!

Wes Hallman is our First Speaker in the Lodge Speaker Series

Wesley Hallman, a primary candidate for House Representative of the 28th District in California, is an invited speaker at our May 9 Lodge meeting at NBC Seafood Restaurant in Monterey Park. In his speech, he said he ran for Congress because he truly believed our country is on the wrong track, and the District, which includes West San Gabriel Valley, is not well represented. Wes has had an



Wes Hallman Speaking

illustrious career in the Air Force serving our Nation for 27 years as a fighter pilot and later as a squadron commander. He also took up staff positions working with lawmakers in Washington DC. Presently he is focused on his election campaign for US Representative in CA 28th District. His campaign platform includes public safety, low taxes and investing in our future. He was born in Arcadia, grew up and now resides in Glendora.



Wes Hallman with GSGV Lodge members at monthly dinner on May 9, 2022.

VP Jason Dhing Announced His Run for Monterey Park City Council District One

Brother Jason Dhing, our present VP and past Treasurer, announced his candidacy for Monterey Park City Councilmember of District One. Bro. Jason has been very active in our community for over 20 years. He presently serves as a Trustee on the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Board and President of the Monterey Park Lions Club. He had also served as the President and Treasurer of the Mark Keppel High School PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association). He was born and raised in Kuching, Sarawak,



C.A.C.A. members attending Bro. Jason's kickoff campaign fundraiser; from left: Alex Ly, Charles Mau, John Wong, Jason Dhing, Shirley Hwong, Diana Davis, Hollie Luong and Sharon Wong.

Malaysia, and came to the US in 1990 to pursue an electrical engineering degree in Southern Illinois University. After graduating, he worked for many Fortune 500 companies which eventually brought him to Southern California. Presently, he is self-employed and runs a computer consulting company. Brother Jason, we all wish you a successful campaign!

Attending the 153rd "Golden Spike Festival" for Chinese Railway Workers [by Jessica Mei]

This year, Utah's Golden Spike National Historical Park celebrated the 153rd anniversary of the completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad with its first two-day celebration, Family Day on May 7 and Official



In front of the Chinese Arch, inside Golden Spike National Historical Park; Jessica Mei stands at 5th from the right.

Celebration Day on May 10. O.C. Lee and I attended the two-day celebration. On May 7, we went to the Chinese Arch after participating in the Golden Spike Festival with the Chinese Railroad Workers Descendants



Joining of the two engines from east and west at Promontory Point in Utah, May 10, 2022.

Association and the Utah Chinese Occupational Union to pay tribute to Corky Lee and Michael Kwan who passed away during the epidemic. They both played pivotal roles in organizing the 150th Golden Spike commemorative event that took place in 2019. On May 10, all three C.A.C.A. members from Southern California, Lisa Yang, O.C. and myself attended the Golden Spike Festival together.



O.C. Lee (L1), Jessica Mei (L2) and Lisa Yang (R3) at the site where the last spike was struck 153 years ago.

Former Congressman Ed Royce Presented with "Congressional Gold Medal"

Sometime in April, a few days before the CGM event on the USS Iowa, Maj. General Bob Lee was finally able to present the Congressional Gold Medal of appreciation to Hon. Ed Royce, in Washington DC.

Ed, who has always been friendly to GSGV Lodge, is now the Policy Director at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, a powerful law and lobbying firm in Washington DC, making full use of his network of friends in the Capitol.



Hon. Ed Royce Holding the Gold Medal replica presented to him by Maj. General Bob Lee, outside his DC office

In Munson Kwok's own words, "this is another one of the closures for this CAWW2 Project. As Ed Gor knows, Rep. Royce was truly the champion to get the bill passed both houses of Congress by unanimous consent (no mean feat), getting it through the House in the 11th hour of his career and being patient with our group and the many changing developments through that whole process, and getting it done within one session (less than 2 years)."

Sudden Passing of Sister Alice Mah Miller

Brothers and Sisters of GSGV Lodge were saddened and shocked hearing the news that Alice Mah Miller passed away April 11th, 2022 surrounded by family when she was removed from life support following a severe stroke on April 6th, 2022. It was all so sudden.

Born in China in 1944, Alice's family emigrated from Hong Kong to the US when she was 12. She grew up in New York City where she met and married Herbert Buck-Hing Ott. While raising her two sons, she furthered her education and received two Masters Degrees which she was very proud of.

Her family then moved to California, where she became a lifetime credentialed teacher. For over 30 years she enjoyed educating children, and adults.

During Alice's retirement years she and her second husband, Craig, enjoyed dancing and traveling all over the world. Her last trip was to the Antarctica, the last continent she wanted to visit.



Alice has always given of herself and has been active in community:

National Smooth Dancers – 2019 Queen

Foothill Unity Center Food Bank

C.A.C.A. GSGV Lodge – Vice President 2012-2013

Chinese American Education Association – President 2008-2010

Mar Family Association, Los Angeles – Vice President 2014

She is survived by husband Craig, sons Lawrence and Michael, and four younger siblings.

Sister Alice, you will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all of us here in Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge. May you rest in peace. Our deepest condolences to Brother Craig and all family members.