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VENTURA COUNTY CHINESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Introduction

The Ventura County Chinese-American Association (VCCAA) was organized in 1970. It was incorporated with the State of California Office of the Secretary of State in 1976. VCCAA is a non-profit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501 (c) 3 under the Internal Revenue Code.

Membership is open to all persons interested in Chinese cultural heritage, language and customs. The benefits of membership include quarterly newsletters and annual directory.

Mission

The mission of VCCAA are to preserve the Chinese cultural heritage, language and customs. It promotes participation in education, business and government as Chinese Americans, so as to foster constructive citizenship, improve general well-being and cultivate an appreciation of their dual heritage.



Board of Directors

A Board of Directors manages the affairs of VCCAA. Its officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They are supported by City Representatives (directors) from Camarillo, Oxnard/Port Hueneme, Ventura/Ojai, Santa Paula/Fillmore/Piru, and Thousand Oaks/Moorpark/Simi Valley and the Newsletter Editor. The Board meets at 7:30 PM on the third Monday of every month at the Camarillo Inn. Annual election is held at the Memorial Day Picnic.

Website

The official website of VCCAA is www.vccaa.org

Contact

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Activities and Events

VCCAA hold many activities and events during the year to celebrate both Chinese and American holidays. They benefit both its members and the community of Ventura County. To celebrate the traditional festivities of the full moon of the 15th day of the eighth month in the Chinese Lunar Year, Autumn Moon Festival is held in September or October. Halloween Party is celebrated with food and drinks with games and costume contest in late October. Families and friends gather for a potluck dinner and exchange tidings at the Christmas Party in December. In either January or February, VCCAA celebrates the Chinese New Year, the start of the lunar year based on cycles of the moon. Easter Egg Hunt for children is held in either March or April. Members enjoy a barbeque at Memorial Day Picnic in May in Pleasant Valley Park in Camarillo. In June, VCCAA installs its new officers and City Representatives and recognize volunteers for their work with award certificates.



Chinese Language School

Since 1978, the Chinese Language School of Ventura County have been offering classes in: Kindergarten, Pin Yin, and Conversation. Classes are held on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. from September to June in Camarillo. For high school students, they may earn high school credit at the same time. For more information, please contact Irene Sy at 805-482-4765.



Chinese Classical Dance Troupe

Since 1987, the young Chinese classical dancers, under the direction of Yu-Ling Lu, have won many awards throughout Southern California for their performances. Classes are held on Fridays, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Camarillo. For More information, please contact Yu-Ling Lu at 805-983-6082



Youth Group

To pass the torch of Chinese tradition, the youth are involved in the VCCAA. The Youth Group consists of the children of VCCAA members, ages 8 to 18. They participate in various exciting activities and events including Autumn Moon Festival, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Chinese New Year Party, and Memorial Day Picnic.



Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society

The Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society was formed in 2000. They meet at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month in Camarillo. The mission of the Historical Society is to perform original research, preserve, publish and teach the history and experiences of Chinese Americans in Ventura County. They have successfully completed "Courage and Contribution: The Chinese in Ventura County" documentary and the China Alley Memorial Mural in Downtown San Buenaventura. They are currently developing curriculum materials for the public schools on the history of Chinese Americans in Ventura County and writing a book "History of the Chinese in Ventura County." For more information please contact Dr. George Yu at 805-987-8937.



Scholarships

VCCAA and generous donors provide scholarships to many deserving high school seniors who are pursuing higher education.



Camarillo Kung Fu Club

Sifu Kee Choo Ling, established the Camarillo Kung Fu Club (Northern Shaolin Mi Zong Lo Han Kung Fu Association) in 1982. The students of the Camarillo Kung Fu Club are major medal winners in the numerous tournaments over the years. They have performed countless Lion Dance performances for Chinese New Year festivities and other happy occasions. For more information about classes, please contact Kee Choo Ling at 805-482-0879