

Stockton Sister Cities Association China Chapter's Visit to Foshan, Guangdong Province by Wilfred Lee

The Stockton Sister Cities Association made a three-day visit to its Sister City, Foshan on Oct 6 through Oct 9, 2010. The Foshan visit was preceded by a 12-day tour of several of the Minority Villages in Yunnan Province. A delegation of 27 Stocktonians made the trip. The Minority Villages tour was interesting and fascinating; seeing another side of China with its impressive sceneries, interesting cultures and peoples.

The Foshan visit was well received and productive. We were honored with local tours by the Mayor and his aides, a welcome dinner for the Sister Cities Board Members (Bob Hong, Harrie Walker and Wilfred Lee), and a farewell dinner for all of the delegation where we had a reunion with the teachers and educators that came to Stockton in 2005 and previous years.

Prior to the trip, the Board Members had worked out an Education Exchange Program with Dr. Gong, Dean of Graduate Studies and International Studies at the University of the Pacific. In a meeting with staff members of the Foshan University, the program was presented to the Foshan Education Bureau to support the development of their Middle and High Schools' English Language programs. The Pacific program allows for Foshan's teachers and educators to attend classes at Pacific, and for Pacific to send Master Teachers to Foshan to work with their teachers/educators. In the long term, Foshan's teachers and college students are invited to Pacific to further their studies. The Gaoming Education Bureau has already expressed a desire to participate in the program, which we will be working on. We're looking forward to having our sister city's scholars visiting us some time in the near future.

For more information on the Sister Cities Association, contact Bob Hong, President, 941-0932.

Calendar Events and Things of Interest

(Look for Future CCSS Events in Future Issues)

- December 11, 2010. San Francisco Parol Lantern Festival and Parade. More info: www.kularts.org/parol.php.
- Thru January 11, 2011. Pat Tseng's newest gallery exhibit, "Emblems of Ethereal Grace." Chinese Culture Center Gallery, 750 Kearny St., 3rd floor. Admission to the gallery is free. For more information, please call 415-986-1822, or email info@c-c-c.org.
- Save Our Chinatown Committee (SOCC). www.saveourchinatown.org. Preserving the History and Heritage of Chinese Americans in Riverside, CA.
- March 6, 2011. CCSS Chinese New Year Festival. More information to follow.
- Spring 2011. CCSS Spring Banquet. More information to follow.

In Memoriam

Su L. Sheng, the mother of former CCSS Board member, Jun Wang, recently passed away. A memorial service was held November 5, 2010. In honor of Jun's mother, members may make contributions to the following organizations:

Hospice of San Joaquin

3888 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95204 209.957.3888 or www.hospicesj.org/ donations_com_support/donations/ memorials_contributions.html

Jene Wah, Inc.

238 E. Church St., Stockton, CA 95203-3515 209.463.7654

The Board sends their condolences to Jun and her family at this difficult time.

THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Kevin Wong as a CCSS Board member. For personal reasons, he must step down and we have reluctantly accepted his resignation. We thank him for serving on the Board and all the hard work he has done for CCSS. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors! If you are interested in serving on the Board, contact any of the CCSS officers.

Note from the Editor

Be sure to RSVP for the CCSS Christmas party on Sunday, December 12, 2010. You'll definitely enjoy this party! The Board wishes all of you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Colleen Lee, Editor

Judy Yung Lecture

A group of about 30 CCSS members and guests attended the luncheon and lecture on Sunday, November 21, 2010. After a great lunch provided by King's House Restaurant,



Judy lectured about some of the families who immigrated through Angel Island with pictures and some of their background stories which are contained in her recent book, *Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America*.



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