There is strength in unity. Perhaps that is the reason we choose to be a part of this storied organization, with a legendary history dating back to 1895. The Chinese American Citizens Alliance is filled with some of the most passionate and dedicated individuals on the planet. At this year’s convention (which was my tenth!) I saw again that our national event brings out the very best in our members. And 2017 was certainly no exception. For four very busy days, the convention allowed leaders and members of all the chapters to come together, and to share their contributions and ideas for the future. It was, as always, a motivating and inspiring experience.

As I look back, there are a couple of takeaway memories:

First, after more than 90 years, the convention returned to Chicago, which last hosted the convention in 1925 (Tenth Biennial National Convention). While we were there, Chicago Lodge celebrated the momentous occasion of its 100th Anniversary, which brought out the city’s leading dignitaries, elected officials and community leaders.

A huge congratulation to the Chicago Lodge host committee, particularly to President Ivy Lam, for hosting a memorable and hugely successful convention. The members of Chicago Lodge showed us all the best of the “Windy City.” A big heartfelt thanks is extended to the many sponsors who contributed towards the success of the convention, including major sponsors AARP and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago for their extraordinary generosity. In this issue, you will see a sampling of the many highlights from the convention. Thank you to the contributors who shared the memories of their experience.

Second, youth is being served. For the first time in many decades, eight of our board members serving the 2017-2019 term are under the age of 60, including five below the age of 50. As one of those under 50, I am encouraged that my generation and the next generation are demonstrating their commitment and passion for renewing the legacy and promise of the Alliance.

The Alliance extends its gratitude and appreciation to outgoing President Ed Gor for his years of leadership and direction. Ed’s accomplishments and contributions stem not only from his two terms as President, but also to his 20 distinguished years serving on the national board.

As we continue our efforts on behalf of the Alliance, remember that even the smallest efforts can, over time, lead to great change. If we keep pushing forward, together, we’ll get there!

—Davace Chin
C.A.C.A. National President

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Houston: Summer 2017 Activities

Over 30 C.A.C.A youths, including 15 from our west coast C.A.C.A. lodges, participated in the annual Youth Leadership Conference held June 23 - 25, 2017, at Rice University in Houston. These youths came full of enthusiasm and anticipation, looking forward to self-improvement and team building development while making new friendships along the way. Houston Lodge members, like previous conferences, hosted the youths with airport transportation and the closing day getaway with an unmatched Texas BBQ dinner. The popularity of the conference was evidenced by post event reflections received from the youths. We are expecting another large group of these future leaders again next year. Bring it on.

The 47th Annual C.A.C.A. Miss Chinatown Houston Scholarship Pageant was held on July 29, 2017, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel near Galleria. There were nine contestants ages 17 to 19. Miss Janet Chen captured the Miss Chinatown Houston, her sister, Connie Chen, captured the same title 11 years ago. Miss Kelly Yang, 1st runner-up, was crowned Miss Chinese New Year Houston; second runner-up, also known as 2nd Princess, went to Miss Serena Yang and Laura Ann Gui McReynolds won Miss Talent. Miss Chinatown Houston, Janet Chen will proceed to compete in the Miss Chinatown USA in San Francisco, February 2018.

C.A.C.A. Houston co-hosted a Safety Seminar headed by Attorney at Law, Jessica Chen, at the Chinese Community Center, August 5, 2017. Topics covered legal use of a gun in self-defense; what should a person do when a crime occurs; and crime victim’s rights. Almost 500 people attended this event, including Houston Police Department Assistant Police Chief Henry Gaw.

A Jewelry Fundraising event was held on August, 19, 2017, sponsored by C.A.C.A.; hosted by Lam’s Jade & Oriental Company Ltd; in collaboration with their parent company, Tai Yick Lai Kee Co. Limited from Hong Kong. This event was held at a new 4,000-square-foot house listed by Dorothy Yee of Keller Williams, food and beverages provided by L’Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, Louisiana. A percentage of sale proceeds was donated to the C.A.C.A. Houston.

Hurricane Harvey cancelled all but one delegate and alternate delegates’ attendance from Houston to the 54th biennial National C.A.C.A. Convention in Chicago. Beverly Gor attended with husband National President Ed Gor and National Compliance Officer William Mei.

Greater New York: Public Forums, Press Conferences, Demonstrations, Survey on Chinese American Issues

The Greater New York Lodge had a good spring and summer. CACAGNY organized a well-attended public forum on Crime and Safety. Panelists included current and former members of the District Attorney’s office, the New York Police Department, and the social work profession. Chinese Americans gave riveting accounts of how they were victims of violent crime. CACAGNY held an Awards Ceremony for the winners of the CACAGNY Essay Contest. CACAGNY also held a joint press conference with the Chinatown American Legion Post to raise support for the US Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese American World War II Vets. When the graves of many Chinese Americans were vandalized in a local cemetery, CACAGNY joined several groups to denounce the vandalism and announce a reward for assistance in finding the perpetrators. CACAGNY members joined demonstrations to protest housing criminals in Chinese neighborhoods and to protest disrepair of city streets in our neighborhoods. With elections around the corner, CACAGNY cosponsored two well-attended candidate forums with candidates from both major parties, conducted a survey of many candidates on issues concerning Chinese Americans, and gave several press conferences on findings. We are also organizing CACAGNY’s Mid-Autumn Film Festival, dedicated to works by or on Chinese Americans. And thanks, Past National President Ed Gor!
San Antonio: Spring and Summer Highlights

In April, we commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the Pershing Chinese by participating in the San Antonio Fiesta Flambeau night parade with Lion & Dragon Dancers, pedi-cabs, and marchers. We won 3rd Place in the parade.

In May, National Rep Camille Gong displayed the story of the Pershing Chinese at Brooks City Base World War II Centennial Commemoration celebration.

San Antonio Lodge hosted Kenneth Eng’s film My Life in China, the emotional story of his father’s brave escape from mainland China and eventual move to the United States. Lodge Vice-President Kin Yan Hui accompanied the C.A.C.A. delegation in Washington, D.C.

In June, Lodge members volunteered and helped the Chinese School and Community Center at its annual fundraiser at Texas Folklife Festival selling Chinese food and snacks at the Chinese booth.

Eight members from San Antonio attended the 54th Biennial National Convention in Chicago. Thank you Chicago Lodge, Ivy Lam, and her team for an outstanding job hosting and providing a full agenda of valuable educational seminars and tours. Thanks to National Lodge Past President Ed Gor and Officers for their hard work. San Antonio congratulates newly-elected President Davace Chin and all the Officers.

Oakland: Celebrating 105th Anniversary and Community Partnership

This quarter, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance in Oakland cosponsored Oakland Police Department Appreciation Day where volunteers prepared and served breakfast and lunch to police officers. This event remains important to maintain rapport between community and law enforcement.

In June, the Oakland Lodge celebrated its 105th Anniversary with a banquet and fundraiser at Cinnamon Tree Restaurant in Chinatown where almost 200 guests from the community attended. In July, the Oakland Lodge hosted its annual Independence Day Senior Luncheon to promote patriotism and celebrate citizenship. The elderly in Chinatown received free lunch, entertainment, and gift bags. The Luncheon opened with a ceremony to raise the American flag and honor Chinese American veterans. This event attracted over 300 senior citizens and 50 volunteers.

In an effort to support veterans, the Oakland Lodge attended the annual Flying Tigers 14th Air Service reunion. This year, the Oakland Lodge was able to present information on the Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project.
Phoenix: Scholarship Winners and Post Convention Actions

Throughout the year, Phoenix lodge worked hard to raise funds to support its scholarship program. The lodge honored six outstanding high school seniors at its 6th Annual Scholarship Award luncheon held on May 20 at the Hong Kong Gourmet Buffet Restaurant in Phoenix. Congratulations to all the winners! As Mary Tang, chair of Phoenix Lodge’s scholarship program commented, “we love hearing about each student’s goals and dreams and are glad we can help them in their academic pursuits.” The keynote speaker for this event was Ms. Tram Mai, an Emmy award anchor and reporter for 12 News in Phoenix. Born in Saigon, Tram Mai arrived in the United States with her family when she was only a year old. She shared her inspiring story of arriving in the U.S. as a refugee and her remarkable journey that leads to a broadcasting career.

Los Angeles: 105th Anniversary Gala

On Friday, October 20, 2017, C.A.C.A. Los Angeles celebrated its 105th Anniversary in existence and 60th Anniversary of the official dedication of L.A. Lodge in Chinatown. More than 200 members and guests gathered a Monterey Park restaurant to honor the tireless efforts of Building Committee members Gordon Hom and Eugene Moy and to hear Tennyson Kwok’s engaging tales of the Lodge during the late 1950s and early 1960s. The National C.A.C.A. Spirit of America Award was officially presented to this year’s recipient Past Lodge President Collin Lai. A ceremony of Initiation confirmed 15 members present at the dinner with membership pins. Allied community groups joining in the celebration included the American Legion Post 628, Eng Family Benevolent Association and C.A.C.A. Greater San Gabriel Valley. Out-of-town guests included the newly-elected C.A.C.A. National President Davace Chin (San Francisco), immediate Past National President Ed Gor (Houston) and Chris Kwok, secretary of C.A.C.A. Greater New York.
Special Report: 54th National Convention Review

This is an abridged reprint of an article written by C.A.C.A. Past National President Munson A. Kwok for the C.A.C.A. Times of Southern California, which appeared in the October 2017 edition.

At the Chicago 54th Grand Council attended by an unprecedented 17 Lodges, Davace Chin and Melanie Chan, both of San Francisco Lodge, were elected National President and National Executive Vice President, respectively, in contested races. There was significant turnover in the other key officer positions of the Board of National Officers in trends toward lowering average Board age and reaching more regions outside the Bay Area. Some of the turnover was driven by the mandated six-year term limits in elected officers. After nearly a generation, Chinese American Citizens Alliance has reached another turning point in returning the top leadership to San Francisco after nearly 20 years with the youngest National President under 50 since Bro. Nowland Hong.

Presidential selection took place with a rare “primary” because three candidates filed. Chin’s opposition included GSGV’s John Wong and Portland’s Helen Ying. In the downsélection, Wong edged Ying. Then ensued the “final” or “runoff” of the top two. This Grand Council witnessed the unprecedented occurrence of a second contested election, for EVP, between Chan and Ying.

Key resolutions passed included “Oppose Government Actions that Discriminate against Bona Fide Immigrants and Nonimmigrants…”, submitted by L.A. and Oakland Lodges did pass. It is a strong statement opposing recent declared restrictive policies based on religion, race, ethnicity, or national origin. L.A. ‘s support of “Human Rights”, in respect of the diversity of groups including gender also was approved by the Council. Two important anniversaries will be nationally and locally observed. They are the 150th year marking the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in Utah and the 75th year of major turning point in the history of Exclusion in the 1943 Repeal of the 1882 law and subsequent oppressive acts. For the operations of the Alliance, a Constitutional Amendment was passed to amend Article X to enable the National Board to commit to loans, such as refinesances, on its real estate portfolio without Grand Council approval. In this modern era, the fiscal and fiducial responsibilities belong to the Board, and any required Council approval would either be delayed up to two years or require the rare convening of a Special Grand Council. Other proposed resolutions from Southland Lodges did not fair as well. L.A.’s proposal on “Public Safety” was tabled. Orange County Lodge’s proposal seeking an apology from Japan for the comfort women atrocity at this historical time did not pass. Some believed it inappropriate because Japan’s cooperation was needed to deal with North Korea’s aggression. A proposed name change to eliminate a negative connotation in the acronym was rejected, reflecting a pride in the Alliance’s 122 year heritage in spite of foreign languages such as Spanish: “it is what it is!” This mood was greatly bolstered in a featured talk by Alan Spears of the National Parks Conservation Association, who pronounced emphatically, “Knowing your heritage is a matter of civil rights.”

The idea of dual Local memberships was judged too complex without prepared Constitutional amendments, ready to be voted on, and so also was tabled. A GSGV proposal to move the convention to even-numbered years was directed to the new National Board for study. Thinking is that Alliance issue positions would gain more attention in Presidential and House election years; on the other hand, some feel that the Alliance will meet increased competition for visibility and attention instead. The GSGV proposition “improving” the H visa favoring accomplished Asians did pass. Over 30 resolutions were considered.

The published agenda already looked daunting before the unexpected time-consuming elections, much less two of them. For the first time, delegate time in informative panels, issues presentations, and tours would far exceed Grand Council business time shoehorned into a tight four-day framework. Included also was the ceremonial observance and luncheon of the Centennial of Chicago. Added to this set of unplanned conditions was the impact of Hurricane Harvey, which trapped the incumbent National President, Ed Gor, in Houston for the first two days of the proceedings also unprecedented, especially since he had the session script in his back pocket. The combination of consequences seemed to auger a great disaster for the 54th. Four Past National Presidents and EVP Chin cobbled together a successful Opening Session following the Chicago Centennial Lunch, taking all nominations and conducting a primary election in the allotted time before night recess and even getting in some of the officers’ reports. Meanwhile, National Pres. Gor and his wife rebooked flight several times and heroically managed to drive 160 miles to Austin to fly to Chicago, arriving just in time on Thursday night around midnight to a boisterous delegates’ welcome. The Opening Gala was held at a plush downtown facility of Loyola University Law School. Featured keynoter was Paula Madison discoursing on personal family history as a means of finding personal identity as part of acquiring the civil rights and equal treatment every citizen should enjoy.

Hospitality and programming by Chicago Lodge was exceptional and memorable. Chicago Chinatown is now alive and well. Rising like the proverbial phoenix from around a nadir 2,000 at the Millennium to a remarkable 27,000, there was a lot to see and learn by Alliance delegates and visitors since local residents are trying to manage their revitalized historical 7x7 block community, actually one of three Chinese neighborhoods. Chicago Lodge has an office there, at 215 23rd St., across from the Chicago Chinese American Museum.

For the first time, the convention had a national Sponsor, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The institution provided several panels, on elder care challenges and personal ID protection, and talks by AARP Vice Pres. Daphne Kwok. After a rough first day caused by natural disaster, the gathering ended its four-day stint on a happy, mostly satisfied note, with adherents dancing away the evening at the New Furama, looking toward Boston for 2019.
Special Report: 54th National Convention Photo Gallery

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Seattle: Leading and Continuing the Strong Community Partnership

C.A.C.A. Seattle had a full calendar this spring and summer. May was full of activities for Asian Pacific Heritage Month. The Seattle Lodge cosponsored a screening and follow-on discussion of *Who Killed Vincent Chin*, held at the Wing Luke Asian Museum. Members and friends raised funds and enjoyed an evening at the Mariners Baseball Asian Pacific Heritage Night. We held our Annual Award dinner on May 21, attended by about 80 members, friends, and community leaders. Local winners of the National Essay Contest, Liz Song, Nathaniel Yee and Brennan Chang, received cash awards. Three distinguished members of our community, Harry Shum of Microsoft, renowned fashion designer Luly Yang, and the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Seattle Chapter were presented with the 2017 Citizens Awards. Keynote speaker was the State Assistant Attorney General Marsha Chien, who worked on the first lawsuit challenging the executive immigration order.

In June, Seattle Lodge members participated as a team in the 2017 Walk for Rice and raised a total of over $255,000 for the Asian food bank. In August, we hosted Mahjong Night at Kin On Health Center, providing prizes and treats. Over fifty Kin On supporters played friendly mahjong games with residents and friends. Lodge members Ming-Ming Tung Edelman, Cathy Lee, Phyllis Lee, Karman Cheung and Fred Yee participated in the event.

The Seattle Lodge continued its efforts in advocating for the repeal of a 1909 discriminatory Washington State law that prohibits non-resident parents from suing for wrongful death of their children. This law came into light when a Duck Boat Ride vehicle had a fatal accident in 2015 that resulted in the death of a foreign student from South Korea. Seattle Lodge president Ming-Ming, with members Fred, Cathy and Augustine Lo who is an attorney, met with JACL Seattle in July to review and discuss collaborative efforts moving forward to advocate for the repeal of law. Recently, a bill to repeal the discriminatory language was introduced in the Washington State Legislature.

Five Seattle members, Ming-Ming, Cathy, Fred, Bettie Luke and Jean Chen, attended the National Convention Aug 30 - Sept 2. The Chicago Lodge were great hosts. Convention delegates and attendees were treated with wonderful food, interesting visits to local sites and museums, and enjoyable and educational presentations. Further, Cathy, Seattle Lodge Treasurer, was elected as National Executive. We are proud of Cathy’s election and look forward to her representation of Seattle Lodge on the National Board.

After months of planning and preparation, Seattle Lodge successfully hosted the Finding Cleveland Experience on Sept 9, and welcomed a crowd of over 200 at the Seattle Chinese Baptist Church (SCBC). Producer Baldwin Chiu, his wife, and performer Larissa Lam, presented a wonderful program of music, film and discussion. Thanks to SCBC Pastor Ming Lee for his support, the offer of youth volunteers, and great food. Members of the Seattle Lodge helped at the C.A.C.A. Seattle table, passing out information about the Chinese American WWII Veterans Gold Medal effort and signing up new members. The event was cosponsored with the financial support of OCA-Seattle, 4 Culture, Swedish Medical and the Wing Luke Asian Museum.
Congratulations to Kyle Kinnie of Phoenix, recipient of the C.A.C.A Walter U. Lum National Scholarship award for students in the college division. The scholarship is awarded biennially and this year, winners were announced at the 54th Biennial National Convention in Chicago to a deserving college or university students nominated by C.A.C.A. local lodges.

The Albuquerque lodge had its Memorial Day Membership Picnic with a big attendance, good weather and plenty of food. There was a short program recognizing and congratulating our essay contest recipients—all pictured at left (Faith Koh – 1st, Christopher Koh - 2nd, and Andrew Chen – 3rd) and our scholarship winner (Maya Stephenson). We also announced an exploratory committee to create a parallel 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to seek grant funding and provide tax-deductions to donors and sponsors of local Lodge projects.

At the 54th Biennial C.A.C.A. Convention, Bro. Dr. Tony Chan (pictured at right) received the prestigious Spirit of America Award for “his exemplary life of civic, educational, and philanthropic contributions and achievements.”

The Lodge contacted the New Mexico Congressional delegation to cosponsor the Legislation for the Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese WWII Veterans. We are happy to report that three New Mexico Representatives have signed-on and we await the Senators’ cosponsorship.

The $275,000 monument to the landmark Chinese American civil rights case Territory of NM v. Yee Shun (1882) is moving forward. The Committee is under the aegis of Bernalillo County Public Arts Department. The artist’s RFP received 65 bids nationwide with three finalists selected who presented their designs to the Albuquerque community on October 3, 2017. The artist-sculptor will be selected immediately after, and the unveiling of the monument will be in early 2018.

Members of C.A.C.A. Portland attended the September 15, 2017, plaque commemoration of Portland’s original Chinatown and the contributions of the early Chinese settlers. Kneeling in the front row is Helen Ying next to plaque designer Suenn Ho and Betty Lee (standing in red jacket).

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**Washington, D.C.: Talk Story Events Lead Series of Exciting Activities**

Since the March 2017 report, DC lodge hosted a series of events: five Talk Story Events, a community discussion on “Assisting Second Language Learners” from a Chinatown retrospective, film screenings and community discussion on the 135th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act, and an Open Mic: Stand-Up Storytelling.” We also hosted a talk on “From Hanford Chinatown to Kovno Ghetto,” and an author presentation and panel discussion on “Water Tossing Boulders” about the Gong Lum vs. Rice case in Mississippi.

DC Lodge also supported the first annual Chinese American Film Seminar at the Alexandria Black History Museum and the fifth annual 1882 Symposium at the Ronald Reagan Building (visit1882foundation.org for on-line summary). We coordinated public presentations about lion dancing, nine-man volleyball and immigration at the Smithsonian’s annual Folklife Festival on the Mall, and joined with APAPA for its conference in Congress. This year, we held our annual family picnic at a Maryland petting farm. We are excited to start a weekly Asian American book club at the new office where we also jointly hosted with the Jewish Historical Society, briefings about Chinatown to Georgetown University students and OCA summer interns.

We also exchanged ideas with the MLK Library on public outreach and book exchange programs, and started hosting monthly meetings of city, school and museum entities on events for next year’s commemoration of the 1968 DC Riots. We are finalizing plans with Mayor’s office for the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival.

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**Greater San Gabriel Valley: Major Supporting for Chinese American WWII Veterans Medal**

The Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge strongly supports the WWII Chinese American Veterans Recognition Project with the joint GSGV (John Wong, Sophie Wong) and Orange County (John Gee, Betty Chu) Team.

At the request of this team, Council Member Mitchell Ing of Monterey Park introduced a Resolution “urging all elected officials of the US Congress to cosponsor the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act” in the June 7, 2017, Council meeting. Bro. John Wong made a compelling case for passing the Resolution, citing an overwhelming percentage of Chinese Americans, 40% of whom were not even citizens, joined the services to prove their dedication and patriotism, in spite of decades of discriminatory treatment under the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 that resulted in devastation of the Chinese communities. He also commented on the urgency of passing the congressional bills in time as that generation of veterans is rapidly passing. He also gave credit to Sister Betty for drafting the entire Resolution text with meticulous dedication.

Council Member Ing recalled how his grandfather also made sacrifices serving in the military and how he felt indebted to this country for the good life he enjoyed as a result. Following further comments from the rest of the Council, the Resolution passed unanimously.

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Front row, L to R: Councilman Mitchelll Ing, Shirley Hwong, Betty Chu, Mayor Teresa Sebastian, Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Lam, John Gee; Back row: Lodge President Charles Mau with Councilmembers Peter Chan and Hans Liang.
San Francisco: Highlights of 54th Biennial National Convention

Eighteen delegates from the San Francisco Lodge attended the 54th Biennial National Convention, hosted by the Chicago Lodge. On the first day, highlights included celebrating Chicago Lodge’s 100th Anniversary at the New Furama Restaurant, then followed by a business session and ending with an opening reception and dinner at Loyola University. The keynote speaker, journalist Paula Madison spoke of her and her brother’s journey to discover their heritage by searching for clues about their long lost Chinese grandfather, Samuel Lowe.

The next day, Thursday, we visited the Heritage Museum of Asian Art and the Chinese American Museum of Chicago. In the evening, a river and lake tour provided a unique perspective of Chicago’s famous skyline from Lake Michigan.

Friday’s activities included workshops discussing on Cultural and Heritage Preservation, Mental Health Awareness, Fraud Prevention and Senior Scams, Caregiving, Asian American Advocacy to preserve and defend the individual rights and liberties, how to connect with other like organization, and archiving records.

The business sessions on Saturday included adoption of resolutions to address discrimination, immigration and cultural and heritage preservation. Elections were also held to elect the new National Board of Directors.

San Francisco Lodge held a few events in the last few months including the July 4 lunch and dance, Hot August Night, dinner dance and Hawaii Night in September, which included a Hawaiian dance performance. On September 30, 2017, we cosponsored a fundraising event to benefit the Chinese Hospital Auxiliary for the new future Women’s Clinic.

Mississippi: Mississippi Delta Chinese Heritage Museum Reunion

The Mississippi Lodge has been active! Several of our members viewed The Chinese Exclusion Act trailer and provided feedback on this important piece of educational work, what a great undertaking! The film by documentarians Ric Burns and Li-Shin Yu is also co-produced by the Center for Asian American Media. Our participation in the Essay contest yielded a local winner, Miss Asia Harden. Asia was awarded the Micala Kwan memorial scholarship by Richard and Shirley Kwan. In other news, Lodge President Jing Rosella recognized Mrs. Hong (Elaine) Chow for her U.S. Citizenship attainment. What a tremendous achievement!

We were delighted to have member and Mississippi Delta Chinese Heritage Museum (MDCHM) Archivist Emily Jones join the annual D.C. legislative educational trip to garner support from congressional representatives for a World War II Chinese Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Honor. Impress progress was made, but more support is needed! Late last month, Mississippi Lodge and National C.A.C.A. took part in the Mississippi Delta Chinese Heritage Museum’s second Reunion on October 27 and 28 on the Delta State University (DSU) Campus in Cleveland, with tabling presence. C.A.C.A. Mississippi Lodge member Dana Li Gao led a group in Tai Chi on the DSU quadrangle Saturday morning. Surely a “first” for the Delta!
## Congratulations on the Election of C.A.C.A. National Board of Officers 2017-2019

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