



# Chinese Professional Club of Houston

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## *President's Message:*

*Eventful Fall 2008, successful membership drive,  
new scholarship endowment, big gala plans.*

It certainly has been an eventful past three months. On September 13, 2008, the Houston-Galveston area was struck by Hurricane Ike with a direct hit on Galveston and with the eye of the hurricane traveling up Highway 45, right through the heart of Houston. Many of us are still recovering from its aftermath. Fortunately, although the restaurant that we had originally scheduled our Eddie Fung book talk was shut down by loss of electricity, we were still able to find another venue for the event less than one week later, on September 19<sup>th</sup>, at Jade Village Restaurant. Eddie Fung and his author-wife, Judy Yung, were already in town, having come from their home in California on a speaking tour to Texas.



We had over fifty people in attendance. In October, we had Dr. Aeneid Chen talk to us about Preventive Medicine, and how to stay both fit and healthy. We learned about what it means to live a healthy lifestyle, the importance of a proper diet and the right amount of exercise. We were told that it is most preferable to be both thin and fit, and worst of all to be overweight and physically unfit. But if we cannot be both thin and fit, being thin is even more advantageous than being fit for a longer life. Also in October, we had our 19<sup>th</sup> annual CPC Asian Scramble golf tournament at Southwyck Golf Course in perfect golf weather. Everyone had a lot of fun and there were a lot of good shots made that day. In November, twenty eight of us members as well as friends went on an unforgettable trip organized by Annie Mak and Billy Kung. This trip took us to Beijing and to part of the Great Wall rarely visited by Westerners, and to the incredibly scenic Yangtze River from the Three Gorges Dam to Chong Qing as well as many sites along the way. We ended up in Guangzhou, Kai Ping, Foshan, and Hong Kong. This was a really worthwhile trip for everyone of us who went, but, if you did not make it this time, Annie is organizing another trip to China in March, 2009. Don't miss that trip.

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Since our Appreciation Dinner in April, we have had a lot of support from our membership. Our former president and CPC Scholarship Fund, Inc., board chair, Harry Gee and his wife, Antje, announced a prize to help us recruit new members. The response has been overwhelming. We have brought in some 37 new and returning members: 19 of them are new lifetime members and 18 are regular members. If you are not yet a lifetime member, now is a good time to sign up as a new lifetime member. The membership form is at the back of this newsletter. Harry and Antje have also announced that they will be setting up a permanent endowment for a CPC scholarship. We are very grateful to Harry and Antje for their generous support.

Our scholarship chair, Peter Leung, and the scholarship committee has been hard at work attracting applicants for our scholarship and are now going through the more than thirty applications to screen out the most outstanding and most deserving to be our next group of CPC Scholarship winners. Dr. Peter Chang and the gala committee has been working to organize what promises to be the best and most enjoyable Chinese New Year Scholarship Ball, our 55<sup>th</sup> annual, which will be on Saturday, February 28, 2009, celebrating the Year of the Ox. Mark your calendars and circle the date. Get your families and friends together to come to **THE BALL**. We are still in need of generous donors and sponsors to help us. If you or your company is interested in being one of our Golden Ox (\$5,000), Majestic Dragon (\$2,500), or Kung Fu Panda (\$1,500) sponsors, please let Dr. Chang know. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you have any items that you can donate for our auction, please contact Peggy Lum.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2009. Hope to see you at our next event.

*James Tang, M.D.*

President

### *Welcome to New Members*

We would like to welcome our new lifetime members who have joined since September: Gene and Hedy Lee, Dr. Daniel and Sylvia Louie, Dr. James Chuong, and Dr. Victor and Eileen Chu. Also, we would like to welcome our new regular members: Jiali Si, Greg and Andrea Ranft, and Laura Luo.

Our former president and board member, Harry Gee, Jr. and his wife Antje, have generously offered two tickets in the Partners's Suite to any CPC member who recruits the most new lifetime members, at least ten, by December 1, 2008, to a home Texans game this season. The prize was won by James and Elizabeth Tang. Our thanks to Harry and Antje.

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## Future CPC Activities

**Saturday, December 13, 2008, 7 p.m.:** Appreciation Dinner for Teresa Chang, Feng Ling Restaurant, 11010 Westheimer, \$15 per person. RSVP to Chen Sun, [chenjusun@aol.com](mailto:chenjusun@aol.com)

**Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 7 p.m.:** 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Southern Chinese Daily News, 11122 Bellaire Blvd., 77072, free admission, sponsored by CACA and ACOH

**Wednesday, December 31, 2008, 8 p.m – 2 a.m.:** New Year's Eve party sponsored by APAHA, Monarch Room, Westin Oaks Galleria, buffet dinner at 8:30 p.m., casino tables, dance competition, contact Faye Chin at [fchin89@yahoo.com](mailto:fchin89@yahoo.com), or call 713-784-1112. \$100 per person.

**Saturday, January 17, 2009, 7 p.m.:** CPC Economic Roundtable Dinner and Discussion, Feng Ling Restaurant, \$20 per person, RSVP to Philip Sun, [ppsun@aol.com](mailto:ppsun@aol.com).

**February, 2009:** wine tasting and talk by world famous Chinese sculptor and artist, Willie Wong. Place and date to be announced.

**February, 2009:** Clinical Trials at MD Anderson Cancer Research Center. Place and date to be announced.

**Saturday, February 28, 2009:** 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese New Year Scholarship Ball, 6:30 p.m., Omni Hotel. Dr. Leroy Chiao and Shern-Min Chow, Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, 2008 Olympic silver and bronze medalist, gymnast Jonathan Horton, keynote speaker. YouTube contest, presentation of scholarship winners. Mark your calendars! \$100 per person. Contact James Tang, [jamestang@pdq.net](mailto:jamestang@pdq.net) or Peter Chang, [bluewow@aol.com](mailto:bluewow@aol.com).

**March, 2009:** CPC China trip. For more information, contact Annie Mak, at [shumak1@sbcgolbal.net](mailto:shumak1@sbcgolbal.net).

**April, 2009:** CPC Appreciation Dinner. Place and date to be announced.

## Results of the 19<sup>th</sup> CPC Asian Scramble Golf Tournament

We had fourteen teams play this year in the golf scramble tournament at Southwyck golf course. The weather was perfect for golf and the conditions on the course were good. Everyone had a lot of fun. The winning team consisted of Allan Tang, Hunter Huang, Matthew Lim, and Alice Lum. They were followed by the team of Stuart Eng, Philip Law, Andrew Chan, and Morgan Lee in second place, Morris Lim, Chris Lim, John Go, Christine Liang in third, and Jack Wong, Richard Wong, Linda Ng, and John Yoo in fourth place. The team with the highest score winning the golf towels designed by Betty Lim were Chris Wan, Mark Lee, Gordon Leung, and Humbert Chu. Long drive winners were Daniel Chen, Eric Grose, Erik Wang, and Christine Liang. Closest to pin winners were Linda Ng (x2), Peter Hsu, and Michael Huang.



Our thanks to Chris Lim and his golf committee for organizing the tournament. Those of you who missed this year's tournament be sure to play next year, which will be the 20<sup>th</sup> annual tournament. Chris is planning something special for next year.



## CPC China Trip

Leaving Houston early Tuesday morning, November 11<sup>th</sup>, a group of 28 CPC members and friends, arrived in Beijing about 20 hours later, around 5:30 p.m. Since we were traveling west the entire way, we did not encounter darkness until arrival. However, because of the time change, it was Wednesday in Beijing when we arrived at the modern and newly completed Beijing International Airport, which was only two years old. We were met by our tour guide, June, who accompanied us for almost the entire trip until we left Chong Qing for Guangzhou seven days later. She first took us to a restaurant for dinner and then to a Peking Acrobatic show before we checked into our hotel. Most of us were pretty exhausted but still managed to enjoy the amazing display of dexterity and precision of balance that the performers showed us, juggling up to eight objects at one time while tap dancing around in circle, jumping hoops, balancing and flipping four umbrellas with the balls and toes of the feet and hands while lying upside down, cycling, and throwing spinning tops across the stage. The next morning we were up early, treated to a sumptuous Chinese style and Western style breakfast, and then to the Forbidden City, home to generations of Chinese emperors. The buildings in the Forbidden City were in immaculate condition having had a fresh coat of vibrantly colored paint, obviously in preparation for the Beijing Olympics which took place only a couple of months earlier. We explored the many rooms and halls including the Imperial Palace where the Emperor had his throne. Then we went across the street to see the vastness of Tiananmen Square, which is surrounded by the Great Hall of the People's Con-



gress and Mao's mausoleum, and can hold up to a million people. A short bus ride took us to the Temple of Heaven, followed by another bus trip to the beautiful and scenic Summer Palace. There is a man made lake, Kunming Lake with an island in the middle. Most of the three days in and around Beijing we encountered blue skies and chilly but not cold weather. The third and last days we had some drizzle. Not being on our original agenda, we did not have

a visit to the Olympic Village, but the bus driver managed to stop on the feeder of the highway next to the village for a glimpse of the Bird's Nest stadium, the top of the Water Cube and a view of the majestic Putau Hotel, Beijing's six star hotel. We even managed a little shopping at the jade store and a department store where some members of the group were fitted for some Chinese dresses and jackets. The next day took us to the Ming Tombs where thirteen of the Ming emperors were buried. So far, only one tomb has been opened to tourists. It is that of Zhu Yijun considered to be the least important of the Ming emperors. The next stop is a long bus ride to a part of the Great Wall that is less often visited, Mutianyu, about 75 miles northwest of Beijing. Interestingly, some of us

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rode in a cable car that was inscribed with a sticker that said President Clinton took that particular car down from the Great Wall in June, 1998. It almost seemed that our group had the wall to explore for ourselves that day. The views were fantastic. We got to learn about herbal medicine and did some shopping in a government run souvenir store.

Early the third morning of our trip, we took a two hour plane ride to Wuhan, a large city in Hubei Province which is on the Yangtze River. Our main stop there was at the Yellow Crane Tower and its surrounding garden, the site where many famous poets lived and wrote their poetry. A four hour bus ride west led us to the city of Yi Chang, where we visited a beautiful embroidery shop. Many beautiful silk screens and hand embroidered artworks were picked up by our group there.



Close by was the dock where we boarded the Victoria Rose cruise ship for our Yangtze River cruise. It accommodates about 120 guests and 100 crew. The program director was especially knowledgeable as he described all the sites along our four day cruise, taught us elementary Chinese, and how to play Mah Jong. We had demonstrations of Tai Chi and acupuncture. There was good entertainment each night with native tribal dancing and singing.



We had excursions at many stops along the way, first to see the almost completed Three Gorges Dam, which is over a mile long, near the first of the three gorges, the Qiling Gorge. The other gorges we passed through are the Wu Gorge, about 23 miles long, and the shorter but most scenic Qutang Gorge, which is pictured on the reverse side of the Chinese 10 yuen bill. Because the height difference in the water level between the lower part of river and the higher part is over 100 meters, the ship had to go through a series of five locks, taking a total of three and half hours, around the side of the dam. This dam is the largest hydroelectric project in the world, started in 1994, to be completed in 2009. Already its 24

generators are producing 3% of China's electricity. The main purposes of the dam was for flood control as well as electricity production, but it caused the relocation of 1.5 million people, and loss of a lot of ancient cities and site. Another scenic excursion took us up a tributary of the Yangtze River, called the Da Ning River, where we saw the Lesser Gorges, and several hanging coffins.

These were coffins made out of very durable wood for burying the leaders of an ancient tribe called the Ba people that lived in the area 2,000 years ago. At one time hundreds of these coffins were in the sides of mountains and cliffs where there were natural caves large enough to hold them. It is still a mystery as to how these ancient people could get these coffins into the caves high up on the sides of the cliffs. Another stop was in the town of Feng Du, also called Ghost Town, where there were temples housing statues of demons and ghosts that date from the Tang dynasty (618-907). Our final stop and where we disembarked was Chong Qing, China's version of San Francisco, with all its hills. Not a place for bicyclists. A visit to the Chong Qing zoo brought us to see its collection of six giant pandas, many giving us quite a show of eating bamboo, their favorite food. We also saw a Siberian tiger and Bengal tiger, as well as people practicing their Tai Chi in the park and visited a nice art studio.



From the modern airport at Chong Qing we boarded another plane and two hours later landed in the southern city of Guangzhou. Here I was able to arrange a dinner together with some relative living in Guangzhou and enjoyed the type of Chinese cooking that most of us from southern China were more accustomed. Before checking into the Dong Fang Hotel for the night, we enjoyed a scenic night cruise on the Pearl River, which was all lighted up with neon lights on the waterfront and

on the set of five bridges that our boat passed under. Reminded many of us of Las Vegas strip but on water. Most of the rest of the group continued from there to the village of Kai Ping and the city of Foshan. I had to cut short my trip with a one day stay in Hong Kong and back to the U.S. In Hong Kong I had a chance to catch up with lunch with a set of doctor friends I had met 1975 when I was doing a summer externship there at Nethersole Hospital, and dinner in the evening with a college friend and roommate. It was truly a memorable trip. There is so much to see and do in China. For those of you who missed this China trip, Annie Mak is planning another one in March, 2009. For more information about that trip, you can contact her at [shumak1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shumak1@sbcglobal.net).



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