



# Chinese Professional Club of Houston

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## *President's Message:*

*Continuing a tradition of service, leadership, and goals with your support*

It is an honor to be your president. As many of you know, CPC has a long tradition as one of the oldest and most respected Chinese American organizations in Houston. The list of past presidents of CPC is an impressive list, a who's who in the Houston Chinese Community. They are all great leaders, active in serving the community. William and Eleanor Der Bing and C.C. and Elsie Huang have had both the husband and wife serve. Elsie Huang, in 1956 and 1963, Cecil Fong, in 1982 and 1995, and Daisy Wong, in 1996 and 2005, each served two terms as president. John Loh served two consecutive years from 2003 to 2004 and my predecessor, Philip Sung, just completed two years from 2005 to 2007. I truly feel like I am standing on the shoulders of these giants of our community.

The CPC Scholarship Fund started in 1977 when Charles Chien was president, and in 1978 the fund had \$13,100. The first scholarship was awarded to a Rickey Leung in 1979 for \$500. Through the hard work and generosity of many CPC members and friends, the fund grew each year. Ten years later, in 1988, we had about \$95,000 in the fund. In 1998, approximately \$259,000. At the end of 2007, we had \$459,000. The CPC Scholarship program is the envy and the example of many Houston area scholarship programs that have since developed. Since 1979, there has been about 302 Houston area Chinese students who have benefited from our scholarships. Including the \$20,500 awarded in scholarships this year, we have given \$295,800 in scholarships. These scholarship winners have attended 40 different schools across the United States. Rice, here in Houston, has had the most scholarship winners 50, followed by UT Austin with 48. 40 chose Stanford, 38 Harvard, 11 MIT and 9 each to Princeton and Yale. What an outstanding group of students. *(continued on page 2)*

*President's Message ( continued)*

I would like to ask all of you for your continued support of CPC this coming year. Without the support and help of each and all of you, we cannot be successful in making CPC a stronger club. Peter Leung is our new scholarship committee chair. Please let him know if you are interested in serving on the scholarship committee. Let Dr. Peter Chang know if you are interested in helping with the gala committee. If you are interested in tennis or golf, Allan Tang, is in charge of the recreation committee. If there is some program you would like to see happen, let me know. Let's all pitch in and help CPC to grow. I would like to continue the fine programs that Philip Sun has started which have generated so much enthusiasm such as the book talks by Jean Pfaelzer and John Jung, and the health care talk that Philip himself delivered in June. Thanks to Annie Mak, we will be having a CPC China trip in November which is still open. I would like to broaden our membership, especially among the young people and the former scholarship winners who live in the Houston area. Let's get all those you know who live here to come back and support our organization. Let's all help make this coming New Year's Scholarship Ball the most successful ever. With your help and support I hope to achieve all three goals. Thank you for the honor of serving as your president. I look forward to seeing you at our events.

*James Tang, M.D.*

### Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome our new lifetime members who have joined since our Appreciation Dinner in April: **Gina and Jarvis Cheung, Peter Leung, Ting Ling Sha, Cynthia and Allan Tang, Lera and Russell Wong, Lolin Bennett, and Sue and Martin Scheid.** Also, we would like to welcome our new regular members: **Dorothy and Lonnie Liu, May and Dr. Aeneid Chen, Betty and Dan Goon, Dr. Leroy Chiao, Melanie and Bill Wong, and Lijian Tan and Wenyan Hu.**

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. Please invite your family and friends to join. A membership application is at the back of this newsletter or is available at our website,

[www.cpchouston.com](http://www.cpchouston.com). Don't let those nice seats go unclaimed!

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## Future CPC Activities

**Friday, September 19, 2008:** “The Adventures of Eddie Fung” book talk, 6:30 p.m. at Golden Palace Restaurant, 8520 Bellaire Blvd., \$20 per person, contact [jamestang@pdq.net](mailto:jamestang@pdq.net) to reserve.

**Friday, October 24, 2008:** “Preventive Medicine: How to stay healthy and out of hospitals”, by Dr. Aeneid Chen, FACOG, 7:00 p.m. at Lakes of Fondren clubhouse, \$15 per person, contact [jamestang@pdq.net](mailto:jamestang@pdq.net) to reserve.

**Saturday, October 25, 2008:** CPC Asian Golf Scramble, 12:30 p.m. check-in, Southwyck Golf Course, \$55 per person, contact Chris Lim at 713-215-4312. Entry form on CPC website, [www.cpchouston.com](http://www.cpchouston.com).

**December, 2008, or January, 2009:** wine tasting and talk by world famous Chinese sculptor and artist, Willie Wong. 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!

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

## CPC Lifetime Member and Harris County District Clerk Theresa Chang Running for her unexpired term in the November 4, 2008, general election



Theresa Chang, CPC lifetime member and wife of our current Vice-President and Gala Chair, Dr. Peter Chang, was unanimously chosen by 59 District court Judges to be Harris County District Clerk, in September, 2007, when Charles Bacarisse resigned from that position. Since then, she won the Republican Primary election in April with over 61% of the vote. This coming November 4, 2008, she has a Democratic opponent in the general election.

She has a B.S. in chemical engineering from National Taiwan University, an M.S. from Texas A&I University, and a J. D. from South Texas College of Law. She worked in the Harris County Attorney's office as Assistant County Attorney from 1997-2007, serving as Division Chief in the Revenue Division and then in the Compliance Division. She has been active serving locally, statewide, and nationally as president of the Chinese Business Women Association, Asian Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Lodge of the CACA, the Houston Chapter President and National Vice President of the OCA. She has been on the boards of the Chinese Community Center, the Houston, Grand Opera, the Houston Area Urban League, the Strake Foundation, the Asian American Bar Association as well as the State Bar of Texas. She has been on the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System and on the Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Piney Point where she and her family lives.

In less than one year as Harris County District Clerk, Theresa has cut the eFiling time in our courts by 83%, returned more than \$700,000 taxpayers money to the county's general fund, made all families and businesses safer by assisting federal authorities with access to secured records, resulting in deporting criminal aliens, and improved service to citizens in our state and county courts by adding clerical staff to courts without increasing cost to taxpayers. According to a recent qualification poll conducted by the Houston Bar Association, Theresa was rated more qualified to serve as district clerk than her opponent by a margin of 4 to 1.

Donations to her campaign can be made through the Theresa Chang Campaign, 3100 Timmons Lane, #555, Houston, TX 77027. Her name will appear on the general election ballot on the last or next to last page.

## CPC Scholarship Committee Now Accepting Applications

The CPC Scholarship Committee, chaired by Peter Leung, is accepting applications from Houston area high school seniors of Chinese descent who will be graduating in June, 2009. There is one award for applicants who are interested in a career in teaching elementary or secondary schools. There will be at least one award for applicants with demonstrated financial need. Also, there will be at least one award designated with preference to CPC members' children or grandchildren. Last year, we awarded a record amount of \$20,500 to eighteen students. Please encourage qualified students to apply. Applications can be obtained through the CPC website at [www.cpchouston.com](http://www.cpchouston.com) or by contacting Peter Leung at [cyl091781@hotmail.com](mailto:cyl091781@hotmail.com). Note that the deadline for applying is November 1, 2008. The scholarship committee members this year are **Peter Leung, Irene Joe, Virginia Wong, Lisa Chow, Lijian Tan, Gina Cheung, and Amy Chen.**

## Tickets still available on CPC China Trip leaving November 11, 2008

Annie Mak has arranged what will be an fabulous trip to China for CPC members and friends through Dragon Bayou, Inc., leaving Houston on November 11, 2008, bound for Beijing, Wuhan, Three Gorges, Chongqing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong. Some members of our group are also planning on side trips to Toishan. Our vacation begins in the capital and Olympic city of Beijing. We will visit the Great Wall at Mutianyu, the less visited and perhaps the most scenic part of the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven, and the brand new Olympic Village site of the “Bird’s Nest” stadium and the beautiful Water Cube. We will then fly to Wuhan the most populous city in central China and major transportation hub. We will board our luxury cruise ship at Yi Chang, a city with more than 4,000 years of history and begin our unforgettable Yangtze River cruise. Annie even arranged for an upgrade at no extra charge to the usual already luxurious cruise ship to take us on that river trip. We will see the construction of the Three Gorges Dam, the largest hydroelectric project in the world, due for completion in 2009, and sail through the Xiling Gorge. Along the way, we will enjoy the Captain’s Welcome party, buffet dining at its best, and musical dance performances. Other gorges along the way are the Wu Gorge and the Qutang Gorge. Twelve Peaks rising thousands of feet into the sky line the Wu Gorge. Finally, we will arrive either at the town of Fengdu, also known as “Ghost City”, or at the Jade Snow Cave. Then the group will go to the mountain city of Chongqing and to Eling Park to see the giant pandas. From there some of the group will go on to the village of Toishan, or to the great southern city of Guangzhou, or to Hong Kong. As of printing, there are still vacancies on this trip but do not delay. More information can be obtained by contacting Annie Mak at [shumak1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shumak1@sbcglobal.net).



## “Ping Pong Playa” coming to Houston on September 12, 2008

“Ping Pong Playa” is an independent film directed by Jessica Yu and written, co-produced, and starring Houston native and Chinese Community Center a comedy with Christopher “C-dub” Wang swagger, waxes political on all things Asian being another Yao Ming. Blaming genetics at home, works at dead-end jobs, and wal-Michael, a doctor and table tennis cham-voted to all things ping pong and his mom community Center, their whole world revolves time playing video games and daydreaming best friend JP Money. Reality kicks in when accident, leaving his father to watch over mom’s ping pong lessons. C-dub starts to he starts using the class to make some extra



one of his students who happens to have a beautiful older sister. When the family livelihood is threatened by a rival ping pong player’s attempts to lure the kids away, C-dub begins to take things more seriously. With the National Golden Cock Tournament coming up and his brother unable to defend his title, C-dub must become the player that he has pretended to be and defend his family’s ping pong dynasty. It will be showing one day only in Houston on Friday, September 12, 2008, at the First Colony AMC located at 3301 Town Centre Blvd., South in Sugar Land. You can call 281-319-4262 for showtimes.

Chinese School alumnus, Jimmy Tsai. It is as a suburban guy who sports an urban American, and clings to pipe dreams of for his failure to make the NBA, he lives lows in the shadow of his older brother, pion. Since the family runs a store de-who teaches it at the local Chinese Com-around the sport. But C-dub spends his about the next get rich scheme with his his mom and brother are hurt in a car the store and C-dub to take over his appreciate the benefits of ping pong when money on the side and starts befriending

### Chinese Professional Club Membership Application/Renewal

\$100 Lifetime Single

\$200 Lifetime Family

\$10 Single Annual

\$20 Family Annual

Renewal

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