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2011 San Diego Taiwanese American Heritage Week Celebration

The Taiwanese American Heritage Week of 2011 will be held from May 14th to May 21st at the San Diego Taiwanese American Community Center. This year's programs include Taiwanese folk arts & crafts exhibition, special seminars, food fair, violin concert, karaoke competition, Taiwanese movie series, etc. Please see inside pages for details.

Women for Charity



On June 27, 2010, San Diego Taiwan Center (TACC) and North America Taiwanese Women Association - Greater San Diego Chapter jointly launched a "Women for Charity" project. Twenty one volunteers gathered at the indoors plaza area of TACC. Many of them brought their sewing machines while others brought needles and threads. And, of course, they all came with abundance of enthusiasm and loving hearts. They gathered on that day to make warm blankets for children under chemotherapy.

After 6 hours of work, they made fifteen blankets which were then turned over to Joyful Foundation for their distribution to the hospitals. Joyful Foundation is a charity organization whose mission is to extend a loving hand to those in need and provide opportunities for those who would benefit from service to others. Women for Charity project has since evolved into a TACC Charity Club with regular monthly gathering for sewing blankets and knitting baby hats. The three Club leaders are Shun Shun Chen, Sally Wu and Huei-Jen Chiu. So far, the Club has made and turned over several hundreds of blankets to Joyful Foundation as well as many baby hats to local hospitals. The mission of TACC Charity Club is to help create a better community by extending caring hands to the people in need. TACC is very proud of the support we are getting from the Charity Club.

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Team Taiwan

Since November 2006, "Team Taiwan" has been a regular supporter of the San Diego Susan Komen Race for the Cure event. Our team members range from three-year-old kids, who enjoyed a ride in their strollers pushed by their loving parents, to well-over-80-year-old young women and men. They walked among several thousands of San Diegans to raise money for the breast cancer research. On November 2, 2010, when flying the banner of "Team Taiwan" our team members passed in front of the center stage, the event announcer shouted

"Here comes Team Taiwan, our annual loyal participants". Hearing the encouraging announcement, the team spirit of our members soared high into the sky!



2011 San Diego Taiwanese American Heritage Week Programs

TAHW Opening Ceremony & Violin Concert

Time: 05/15/2011, Sunday, 5:30 PM

Place: TACC Auditorium

Violinist: Shien-Ta Su; Pianist: Lina Yeh

The 2011 TACC High School Scholarships, Kuan Chen Memorial "Mother of the Year" Special Award, and Mao-Chun Memorial Fund Award will be presented at the ceremony.

Violinist Shien-ta Su started learning the violin at age five and had studied with Professors Chao-ming Cheng, Shu-te Li and Chiu-sen Chen. Having graduated from L'Ecole Normal de Musique de Paris in 1986, he received the highest degree certificate in violin performance studies: "Diplome Supcreieur de Concertist de Violin et Musique de Chambre".



Su is currently teaching violin in the Music Departments at Taipei National University of the Arts and National Taiwan Normal University. Alongside his teaching career, he is also the concertmaster at TSPO and the host of a TV show "The Enchanting World of Violin" which is very popular amongst its audiences.

Lina Yeh received her Artist Diploma from the Salzburg Mozarteum in 1975 and furthered her studies at "Musikhochschule" Hannover and the Juilliard School of Music (J. Lateiner). Yeh has performed as soloist with the Salzburg International Academy Summer Festival Orchestra (S. Soltes); Russian National Orchestra (M. Pletnev) (Micheal Ponti) and has been piano accompanist of Ruggiero Ricci and Fredell Lack. She is also very successful as a piano professor and as a writer, her essays on music and culture appearing in virtually all important publications in Taiwan.

Taiwanese Folk Arts & Crafts Exhibition

Time: 5/14/2011 - 5/29/2011

Reception: 5/14/1, Saturday, 2:00PM

Place: TACC Gallery



The items to be displayed include various cooking wares, folk arts, agricultural instruments, cultural artifacts, old abacus, rice dough molds, gift baskets, bamboo steamer, early Taiwanese scale, incense burners,

wooden clogs, shoes for women with bound feet, tops and glove puppets, etc.

Taiwanese Food Fair

Time: 5/14/2011, Saturday, 3:30PM

Place: TACC Parking Lot

The Taiwanese Culture Association presents "Taiwanese Culture & Food Fair". The fair features selections from traditional Taiwanese cuisines. Good music, performance and information for the young and old alike will add to the food fair fun.

Taiwanese Movie Series

Time: 5/14/2011, Saturday, 6:00PM

Movie Title: The Sandwichman (兒子的大玩偶)

Matthew Lien "Once Upon an Island: Sounds from Taiwan"

Time : 5/15/2011, Sunday, 2:00 PM

Place : Conrad Prebys Concert Hall at UCSD

Admission: \$10

A resident of Canada's Yukon Territory, Lien has been composing, recording and producing music for most of his life. Singing traditional German and American folk songs as a child with his family, he graduated to the guitar and piano by the age of 10. With formal music lessons leaving him uninspired, he abandoned them after a few weeks and proceeded to teach himself piano and music theory, drawing inspiration and knowledge from friends and family. He has achieved phenomenal success in Southeast Asia, primarily in Taiwan.

Matthew Lien will be performing with Chou Yi-chien, Huang Yin-zhong and Siki Safi.

TAHW Special Seminar

Time: 05/21/2011, Saturday, 3:00 PM

Topic: Food and Imagined Community

Speaker: Prof. Ping-Hui Liao



Imagined community is a term used by Benedict Anderson to talk about a people becoming national when they read newspapers or novels in the same language to cultivate brotherhood or comradeship. Professor Liao will discuss national cuisine mostly, especially how food generates feeling, emotion, and memory in relation to the motherland--Mom's favorite dishes.

Ping-hui Liao was born and raised in Er-lun, Yun-lin County, Taiwan. He received his BA in English from Tunghai University (1976) and MA in English and American Literature from National Taiwan University (1982). Under a scholarship invitation by Professor William Tay, he came to UCSD in 1983 and earned a PhD degree in comparative literature in 1987 with distinction, winning the Michel de Certeau Award of the Best Dissertation of the Year. He then joined National Tsinghua University, Taiwan, and was charged with the responsibility of setting up the Graduate Institute of Literature with the goal of bringing Chinese-Western literary and critical studies into dialogue and served as its director (1992-1994), making it a crucial site for trans-regional and trans-cultural studies in Asia.

Before joining UCSD, Professor Liao also held a position as Director General of the Humanities and Social Sciences Department at the National Science Council in Taiwan, where it is a major funding agency to promote excellence in research.

TACC Youth Karaoke Competition

Time: 5/20/11, Friday, 7:00PM Place: TACC Auditorium

Come share your vocal talent, have fun and win prizes at TACC Karaoke Competition. To sign up, please contact Taiwan Center at 858-560-8884.

TACC Senior Karaoke Competition & Taiwanese Traditional Dresses Showcase

Time: 5/21/11, Saturday, 5:30PM Place: TACC Auditorium

Registration fee: \$5.00

First annual senior Karaoke competition! Come share your vocal talent, have fun and win prizes. Cheer your friends and dress in traditional Taiwanese clothing. Lots of prizes to give away. To sign up, please contact Taiwan Center at 858-560-8884.

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Special Health Seminar Series

Time: 06/04/2011, Sunday, 2PM

Topic: Down syndrome and selected pediatric genetic disorders: recent advances

Speaker: Harold Chen M.D.

Down syndrome is the most common cause of mental retardation and one of the few aneuploidies compatible with post-natal survival. The frequency is estimated to be 1 in 800 live births. Clinical features, malformations, chromosome analysis, genetic counseling (recurrence risks), prenatal screening/diagnosis and recent technical advances will be discussed.

Using my own cases, I will show:

How does a dysmorphologist (clinical geneticist) work-

up a child (family) with dysmorphic features and/or multiple congenital anomalies?

- Down syndrome
- Down syndrome/achondroplasia

How was a causative gene discovered for a syndrome?

- Trismus-pseudocamptodactyly

How was a syndrome named after?

- Chen syndrome

Dr. Chen was born in the City of I-Lan, Taiwan and a graduate from National Taiwan University School of Medicine (1960). He is currently Professor of Pediatrics, OB/GYN, and Pathology and Chief of Genetic Laboratory Services at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LA. Dr. Chen is a fellow in American Academy of Pediatrics and American College of Medical Genetics (Clinical Geneticist and Clinical Cytogeneticist).

Book Club

Date: April 3, 2011, Sunday, 2PM
Place: TACC Large Classroom
Book: IDEAS: A History of Thought and Invention, from Fire to Freud
Author: Peter Watson
Speaker: Ching-Chih Chen

This gigantic book of 800 pages deals with important ideas that have marked the development of mankind from the stone ages to 1900. Watson tells us about the early man with fire, stone tools and clothing, the rise of languages, the concept of deity, of cities, the domestication of plants and animals, the law, mathematics, science, the university, the factory, romanticism, nationalism and imperialism. He also sheds some different perspectives on the thoughts and writings of Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Copernicus, Locke, Jefferson, Adam Smith, Darwin, Marx, Freud and others.

Peter Watson was educated at the universities of Durham, London and Rome. He has been a senior editor at the London Sunday Times. He has also written regularly for New York Times. He is the author of 13 books, including The Modern Mind: An Intellectual History of the Twentieth Century. Since 1998 he has been a Research Associate at the McDonald Institute for Archeological Research at the University of Cambridge.

<May's Book Club has been canceled.>

Date: June 12, 2011, Sunday, 2:30PM
Place: TACC Large Classroom
Book: Long Walk To Freedom
Author: Nelson Mandela
Speaker: Chong-maw Chen

This national bestseller book is a truly wonderful autobiography, as emotionally involved as it is informative. It tells the extraordinary story of Nelson Mandela's life, an epic of struggle, setback, renewed hope, and ultimate triumph. Mandela is an international hero whose life-long dedication to the fight against racial oppression in South Africa won him the Nobel Peace Prize and the presidency of his country. Since his triumphant release in 1990 from 27 years of imprisonment, Mandela has been at the center of the most inspiring political drama in the world.

Date: July 24, 2011, Sunday, 2:30PM
Place: TACC Large Classroom
Book: Formosa and Its Inhabitants
Author: Joseph Beal Steere
Translated by: Lin Hong-Shuen (林弘宣譯)
Speaker: Jau-Fang Wu

Joseph Beal Steere (1842-1940) was an outstanding botanist who graduated from University of Michigan. He explored, investigated, and collected specimens in many regions throughout the American continents and East Asia. He made contributions in the fields of archaeology, botany, anthropology, ethnology, linguistics, paleontology, and zoology.

Exploring Taiwan in 1873, Mr. Steere visited various groups of people, including Pin-pu, Holo, Haka, and some indigenous groups of the mountainous regions. He accurately recorded the existing conditions of the people he observed in late 19th century. His report has been an invaluable reference source for the study of history, anthropology and botany of Taiwan before the Japanese take-over of Taiwan in 1895.

Hiking Club

Date: 04/01/2011 Friday 9AM
Place: Oceanside Beach
Gathering place: Rotary Park in front of the MacDonald's.

Date: 04/16/2011 Saturday 9AM
Place: Lake Hodges
Gathering place: Sunset Dr. Parking Lot

Date: 05/06/2011 Friday 8AM
Place: Torrey Pine State Reserve
Gathering place: State Park road side Parking Lot

Date: 05/21/2011, Saturday, 8AM
Place: Carlsbad Beach
Meet at Carlsbad Beach Parking Lot

Date: 06/03/2011, Friday, 8AM
Place: Escondido's Daley Ranch
Meet at Barns and Noble Book Store parking area by Tulip Street

Date: 06/18/2011, Saturday, 8AM
Place: Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (East Approach)
Meet at Canyonside Community Park & Recreation Center