

CACAABQ SPRING NEWSLETTER

SPRING LODGE MEETING.

2025

APRIL 6, 2024 WILL BE OUR CHAPTER'S ELECTION.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE LOS ALTOS CHURCH @ 4:30PM

THIS WILL SERVE AS OUR ANNUAL MEETING. ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OUR LODGE'S NOMINATION FOR THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD THAT WOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN AUGUST IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN LOS ANGELES.

SINCE THIS IS AN OFFICIAL MEETING, NO NON-MEMBER ADULTS MAY ATTEND. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE BUSINESS PART OF THE MEETING.

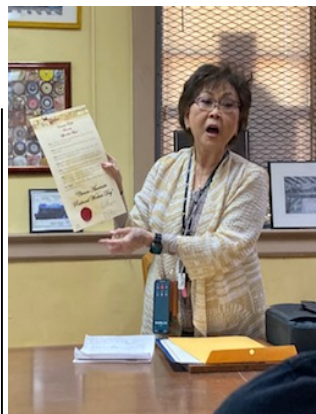
PLEASE RSVP TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIR LINDA LOUIE SO WE CAN GET AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR THE REFRESHMENTS. (505) 344-9934

ALSO YEARLY DUES ARE PAYABLE TO : CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE ABQ CHAPTER \$25 PER MEMBER. PLEASE SEND TO LINDA LOUIE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR 2212 RAVENWOOD LANE NW, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107-3130.



Our Youth Dance Troupe will be performing at the Asian Fest March 30 at the Albuquerque Academy, in the Simms Auditorium. They will have performances by some student groups as well as some adult groups. There will also be Food Trucks for refreshment. Our Chapter will have a table there to present our other projects such as the film festival we will hold in October at the South Broadway Cultural Center.

Members attended a Railroad Museum presentation arranged by Fay Yao about the completion of the 2nd Transcontinental Railroad down in Deming New Mexico. After the presentation, the Ladies Dance Troupe performed several dances. (Below L to R: Fay Yao, Dancers in Museum.)



February 4, 2025 was AANHPI Day at the State Capitol; it was coordinated by Dr. Mamie Chan and other leaders of the community, The Chinese American Citizens Alliance Albuquerque Chapter was a sponsor of the event which featured traditional dances by our Youth Dance Troupe and Dances by the Albuquerque Chinese Folk Dance Group and the Indian American Dancers as entertainment with Asian Food. The Students were recognized on the floor of the House.



February 1st, 2025 the Chinese New Year Celebration at the Chinese Cultural Center on Adams SE

Sifu Ray Tokuda and Synthia Lin presented a martial arts demonstration and Celebration of the Year of the Snake, replete with Lions and Dragon as well as Dances by the Ladies Dance Troupe



The CACAABQ's Film Festival.

The Albuquerque Chinese American Film Festival is a project of our chapter to share with the wider community the struggles and the hopes and dreams Americans of Chinese descent have had to navigate through out their immigration to the US, included the 60 odd years of Chinese Exclusion from 1882 to 1943.

The 8th Annual Film Festival ran October 2024 and was an astounding success that was attended by members of the National Board. The Board Members mingled with the film makers and film subjects. Albuquerque Chapter Organizers and youth dance troupe were also given opportunities to meet with the National Board members in attendance. Thanks to the hard working committee chair, Paul Jew, film festival founder Siu Wong, and committee members Carolyn Chan, Rusty Chan, Vivienne Affat, Fay Yao, Karen Leong, Mamie Chan, Karol Chin, Marc Anthony Liu, who assembled the slate of films that were termed “the best ever.”

Film makers Kenneth Eng and Brian Inecencio filmed additional interviews to ass to the Albuquerque Lodge footage to be included in the documentary about C.A.C.A. and all its 20 chapters.

The youth dance troupe performed at the festival for the board members, and Checks were presented to Sabina Cottrill and Alexis Limary for participating in the C.A.C.A national essay contest. Dr. Mamie Chan received the 2024 Spirit of New Mexico Award for her community service and teaching traditional Chinese Dance to the youth for more than 20 years.

At the invitation of National President Rusty Chan, the following national board members who attended the national board meeting on October 19, 2024 inAlbuquerque: Past National Presidents Munson Kwok, Nancy Gee, Melanie Chan, Carolyn Chan. Also in attendance Regional Executive Suellen Cheng, National Treasurer Sherman Tang, National Executive VP Kin Hui, National VP Communications Cathy Lee, National Executive Ken Eng, and member Lisa Yang from Greater San Gabriel Valley.

Our National lodge officers enjoyed a tour of historic sites and enjoyed typical New Mexican Cuisine at El Patron and a Chinese Dinner at Ho Lo Ma.



At Left: Past National President Carolyn Chan and National President Rusty Chan present an Essay Award to Sabina Cottrill

At Right: Members of the National Board at the Multi purpose room at the South Broadway Cultural Center.



2025 Women of Influence
Dr. Mamie Chan was one
of the honorees to this
years Women of Influence
presented by the Bizjour-
nals.

This was her acceptance
speech for the award.



As we know, we are products of our environment, and we cannot achieve our successes alone. I first want to thank my husband, Gord, who has been a stalwart supporter of me throughout our 34 year relationship. I could not be where I am today without him being the foundation for our family, and I am so very lucky to have a partner who gets it. But I also would not be who I am without my parents, Tony and Carolyn Chan, who weren't able to make it tonight because they are taking care of my brother Rusty who recently had a kidney transplant -- so I also want to take a second to also thank anyone who is an organ donor.

My parents grew up during the Great Depression in the Mississippi Delta, where racial disparity and poverty prevailed. The Chinese American children of the area were segregated to a one-room, one-teacher schoolhouse for ages K-12. After school, the children worked in their family grocery stores (with their homes in the back of the store), helping with all aspects of the store seven days a week. After encouragement from an uncle, my father applied to optometry school, and thus began his life-changing path. Afterwards, in 1959, they headed to Albuquerque where my father became the first Asian American to hold an optometry license in New Mexico. The story goes that he failed the Boards in Nevada but passed Boards in New Mexico, so I am grateful every single day that they ended up in New Mexico instead of Nevada. My parents went on to give back to their community, working hard with civic, political, and professional organizations, where my dad became the first Asian American to serve on Board of Trustee for the American Optometric Association. Both of my parents continued to break barriers throughout their entire lifetime. Their story of humble beginnings, an education to get them out of poverty, and giving back to the community has struck an enduring chord throughout all of my family's actions. I work now to not only to give our children the best education they can receive, but to give back to the community that has given so much to us. We know that we are nothing without it.

I remember 5 years ago, as I was planning to leave for yet another business trip where I volunteer for my profession, my then ten year-old daughter commented, "Why do you have to go to these meetings? Oh, I know. It's what we do." "Yes, baby," I replied. "It's what we do."

Thank you so much for the privilege of being on the stage here with so many incredible women, it is truly an honor.

In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that we've lost another treasured member of our community.

Dr. Kathy C Hsi, wife of Past Chapter President Dr. David Hsi.

Kathy departed this life peacefully on January 17, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and unyielding compassion that touched every life she encountered.

Born in 1927 in Shanghai, China, over her 97 years, Kathy witnessed major events in the history of China and, after immigrating to the US in 1949, profound changes in US society. She completed a Masters of Science at the University of Minnesota in mathematics. There she met her lifelong love, David, in a chance encounter when she performed at a piano concert. They married in 1952, eventually moving to Clovis, New Mexico. She taught math at Gattis Junior High and Clovis High School for 17 years. She loved her students and particularly sought to support young women who worked hard to learn math. They remember her dedication and teaching skills. At age 60, she set an example for the whole family about life-long learning by completing her PhD in statistics at the University of New Mexico.

She will be remembered for her hospitality, caring nature, keen intellect, resilience, unforgettable laugh, her love of her family, cooking, music, reading and learning. A devout Christian and member of First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, she now passes to the kingdom of heaven to be re-united with her son, Steven. She is survived by husband of 72 years, David, her son Andy, her daughter-in-laws Kristin and Beth, her grandchildren Anders, Andy, David and Kiersta and their spouses, and her 6 great-grandchildren who she told the world were "so cute."

A memorial service to celebrate Kathy's remarkable life will be held at 11AM on March 22, 2025 at the First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque, 215 Locust Street NE. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Kathy's honor to the Explora Science Museum and/or Cuidando de los Ninos reflecting her lifelong commitment to caring for others.

Explora Science Museum in Albuquerque

One specific notable project for early childhood learning: Brillante Early Learning Center

The general link for donations in memory of Kathy Hsi: <https://escma.explora.us/Donation.aspx?CR=KHMF>

Cuidando de los Ninos link to giving page for Kathy Hsi: <https://bit.ly/41Hq0VI>
To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).



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Chinese American Citizens Alliance

Each Member should fill out a form and pay dues.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Chinese Name (optional) If you don't have one, would you like us to translate one for you?: _____

Spouses name: _____

Names and Ages of Children: _____

New Member ☐ or Renewal ☐ ?

If a renewal, is this a new address: Yes ☐ No ☐

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Class of membership (check one)

☐ New Membership (Regular or Associate) \$25r

☐ Regular Member Renewal (Must be a U.S. Citizen) \$25/yr (per member)

☐ Associate member (Non Citizens) \$20/yr (per member)

*** We no longer offer new lifetime memberships.

Make Check Payable to: C.A.C.A – Albuquerque Lodge

Mail to: Linda Louie
Membership Chair
2212 Ravenwood Lane NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Your past support of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance ~ Albuquerque Lodge has enabled us to strengthen our voice on both a national and international level and to increase our visibility statewide and locally. Your support has also enabled us to have some fun socials too.

Nationally, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance has joined with other Asian American Coalitions, and this has improved our visibility. With your help, we will continue these efforts and also offer scholarships for our youth and send them to the national A.S.I.A. (Asian Students in Action) conference to learn more about our heritage and develop leadership skills.

The prompt payment of your dues will help the Chinese American Citizens Alliance continue its activities locally and nationally. Please share our organization by inviting someone else to join.

Thank you.

Roger Billau
Albuquerque Lodge President

Linda Louie
Membership Chair