



# DVCCA News

## The President's Message



Greetings and welcome. I hope that your summer has been good so far. I hope that you're enjoying the sunshine and generally good weather. Because, you'll be able to enjoy it at our upcoming picnic at Old Borges Ranch in Walnut Creek on July 21st. There will be food, games, and fun so bring

your family and friends. This is a CAN'T MISS EVENT!

We begin our new term by stating that we are an organization that is evolving. To meet our community's needs, we'll need to work together to achieve those goals. But what are they? In the beginning, the goals were to promote our culture and heritage. It's still relevant today. Our other goals were to provide a Chinese language school and a place to teach our kids about their heritage. In a lot of ways that's true as well but in some ways, it's a bit outdated.

Many of you know that DVCCA had one of the first and strongest Chinese language schools in the area. The purpose was simple, as I said above, to provide our children with exposure and awareness of their heritage and of course to be able to speak their ancestral tongue. Today, the language school is more of a memory than a reality. With resources tightened,

busy schedules and competing, and well organized, Chinese schools in the area, DVCCA just can't compete on such a level. We could provide something on a smaller scale but how effective and how committed can we really be to put on such an endeavor.

Now I know that some of you are wondering why I'm saying this and perhaps some of you are angered by what I'm saying. But for the last few years since I've been on this board, we have worked diligently to do this and make it work but to no avail.

What can we do now? For the last few months, I've been casually thinking of some ways to replace the language school with something more practical and useful that DVCCA can not only support but also promote as one of it's own. A scholarship program. One project that I will be working on will be to establish a scholarship program aimed at awareness of our community. With that, I want to have our children and grandchildren look within themselves and search out their Chinese roots and their experiences as Chinese Americans. This program will take time and effort but I believe that this program will succeed. If you're interested in working with me to establish this or at least to investigate it, by all means, contact me.

This is just one of many programs that I will be working on to make DVCCA a vibrant, relevant organization that's not only a contributor to our community but also a voice for Chinese and Chinese Americans in the Diablo Valley area.

On a lighter note, your membership dues are due (including mine.) Please submit them to Linda Joo. Thanks.

Cedric C. Cheng  
President 2001-2002

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## Membership Renewals

by Linda Joo

Our new fiscal year officially began right after the installation dinner on June 21st at Mariposa Restaurant. Quite a few members already handed me their renewal checks that night. They are - Sophia Sue, Karen Jew, Rudy Lai, Raymond Chan, Ellen Osmundson, Betty Chan, Mary Wu and a new business member-owner of Mariposa Cher Wang & Peter Hu. Thank you so much.

May I remind you that it is time to send in for your membership renewals. A lot of new and exciting programs are in the works for this up coming year. Spread the words to your friends and ask them to join our club too. We have activities for all ages. Our program director Ellen Osmundson is hard at work on coming up with new ideas constantly.

This past year, we've had very good membership participation on many events. It was an interesting year and I am hoping next year will be even better. So, once again, don't forget to send in your renewals.

Sincere Thanks, Linda Joo

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## Favorite Recipes


### Crispy Duck Home Style



Ingredients:


1 Duck (about 4 lbs)  
2 tablespoons Sichuan Peppercorns  
2 tablespoons Salt  
2 Spring onions  
3 slices Ginger  
1 tablespoon Wine  
3 tablespoons Soy sauce  
1/2 cup Flour  
8 cups Peanut oil  
2 teaspoons Flavoured peppercorn salt (see below)  
Fry the Sichuan peppercorn over low heat in dry wok for 2 minutes, when it is brown and smells aromatic add salt, fry 1 more minute. Place in a bowl and leave to cool.  
Clean and wipe the duck. Rub the outside and inside of duck with fried peppercorn and salt. Let stand for 6 hours or overnight.  
Place the duck in a bowl in boiling steamer to steam over high heat for 3 hours, until very tender.  
Remove the duck from steamer, let cool a few minutes, brush soy sauce all over the duck, powder with flour, deep fry in heated oil over high heat about 3 minutes, until brown and crispy. (Much better to fry twice).  
Lay the fried duck on platter breast side up. Put 1 teaspoon of peppercorn salt on each side of platter and serve with the steamed flower-shape bun. (Sliced bread or spring roll skin may be substituted). Separate the duck with chopsticks and place duck meat inside of bun.  
\*Flavoured peppercorn salt\*  
1 tablespoon ground Sichuan peppercorns  
1 tablespoon: salt  
Stir and mix over a low heat in a dry wok for about 1 minute, until the salt is brown and pepper corn is dark and smells good. Let cool, then grind very, very fine and sift with a very fine sieve. This keeps well in a tightly covered bottle and can be used in fried and roasted dishes.

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## Tennis Anyone:

Anyone interested in playing tennis?? A few of us been playing in Concord's Cowell Park for many many years. Mostly on weekend mornings. We welcome anyone who's interested to join us. Beginners or advance players are both needed. Please contact Bill Joo @ 686-9311 or e-mail jobl@pacbell.net or Felicia Lee(mandarin speaking). Come join the fun. Hope to hear from you.

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## Installation Dinner Ushers In A New Board

By Cedric C. Cheng

On Thursday, June 21, DVCCA formally made the transition to a new board. Our installation dinner was held at Mariposa in Walnut Creek. Our hosts provided us with a special dinner to celebrate the transition. In addition, Mariposa is a new business level member.

In a lot of ways, the composition of the board as it is will be changed this year as the constitution will be updated and changed. However, this doesn't mean that our work is not over and that we can rest on our laurels. We must continue to progress forward and reshape DVCCA into an organization that everyone can talk about and be proud of. I would like to introduce our board for 2001-2002

President: Cedric C. Cheng

Vice President: Ellen Osmundson

Treasurer: Mary Fong

Secretary: Jason Yao

Editor of Newsletter: Mae L. Schoenig

Membership Chair: Linda Joo

Program Chair: Ellen Osmundson

Sunshine Hostess: Mery Mazzei

I will be looking at two positions which will be filled hopefully soon. One is for the Ways and Means Chair which will be important for this year and also a Community Relations Chair. I will contact those who I believe will be qualified and most helpful in either position.

Once again, as we open a new term in DVCCA, our work has only begun.

