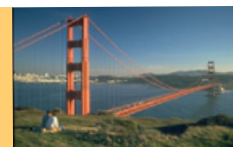




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Sawyer Camp Trail hike



Our organization's first outdoor event of the year was a hike along the Sawyer Camp Trail in San Mateo in April. We were joined by alumni of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University including their alumni association president, Leonora Doo-Lam. The view of the reservoir in spring was breath taking. We all enjoyed the gathering and lunch at China Village in Belmont after the walk.



Doris Cheung's visit

Many of us still remember alumna Doris Cheung who was the Director of Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (San Francisco) ten plus years ago. She and her husband, Jackson Ngan, stopped by San Francisco after attending the graduation ceremony of their daughter, Janice, at University of Washington in early May. Doris has changed her job twice after returning to Hong Kong. She is now the Land Registrar in the Hong Kong Government. A few of us had lunch with them at Oriental Pearl Restaurant during their San Francisco visit.



Silicon Valley alumni lunch

Did you know there is a HKU WeChat group? Through WeChat, six alumni, who did not meet before, gathered together and had dim sum at Dynasty Seafood Restaurant Cupertino in June. They had a great time in sharing their work and life experience. They hope to organize more events in the Bay area. Anyone interested in joining the chat group, please let Carey Lai or Larry Ng know. There are 69 members so far.



Family Bridges fund-raiser

Several of our board members as well as Surbrina Chow, Director of HKETO (San Francisco) were invited to attend the annual fund-raising dinner of Family Bridges Inc. a non-profit organization located in Oakland that serves new Chinese and other Asian immigrants. Larry Ng is a former board director. It was held at the Marriott Hotel Oakland City Center on May 7, 2016. A few of them did manage to win items at the silent auction.



Secretary Carrie Lam's visit

During Hong Kong Chief Secretary for Administration Carrie Lam's U.S.A. tour in June, she visited San Francisco, Washington DC, and New York. Twenty HKU alumni in Northern California were invited to attend a dinner hosted by HKETO (SF) in honor of Mrs. Lam on June 4th at ABC Restaurant in Foster City. Other invited guests included alumni from Chinese University, Polytechnic University and a few HK secondary schools. Beside Mrs. Lam, Mr. Duncan Pescod, CEO of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority also attended the dinner with over one hundred guests. Mrs. Lam gave an update on Hong Kong and outlined policies on encouraging overseas residents and their offspring to return to HK to develop their careers. It was an enjoyable gathering with alumni chatting happily with Mrs. Lam and taking pictures with her.



DAAO Visit

During his last visit to Hong Kong in late May, Larry was given the duty of discussing the possibility of inviting an officer of the University of Hong Kong to join us at our Silver Anniversary celebration. He paid a visit to the Development and Alumni Affairs Office and met with Kitty Wong, Director (development), Janet Chung, Director (alumni affairs) and Monica Wong, Assistant Director. They promised to help in the matter. Larry was given several valuable HKU souvenirs to be given out during the event. He was invited to have lunch in a new restaurant in Sheung Wan called Yum Cha where they serve very cute dim sum.



British Columbia alumni

When Larry Ng was in Vancouver in early May, he was invited to attend the board meeting of the HKUAA British Columbia at the Red Star Restaurant in Richmond. He had an informative discussion with their president, Fanella Sung, and other



board members about their anniversary celebration last year and the opportunity of holding another joint alumni function in the future.

In memory of alum Cheung

Fireman Thomas Cheung lost his life fighting a recent huge fire in Hong Kong. He was a HKU alumnus. Donation in memory of him should be addressed to Wai Lun Hall Alumni Association and sent to DAAO, Hung Hing Ying Bldg, G/F, HKU, Pofulam, Hong Kong.

Special car license plate

If you have driven around the San Francisco Bay Area especially in the South Bay Area recently, you might have noticed a car with the personalized license plate shown below. Perhaps, you have been wondering who is the owner of that plate. Is he or she a University of Hong Kong alumnus or past officer. We are proud to say that the owner is alumna Carey Lai, the secretary of our alumni association. Well done, Carey!



Future events

Members of our organization are invited to join the annual summer picnic of CUHK Alumni Association of Silicon Valley. It will be held on August 6, 2016 at 11:00 am at Linda Vista Park in Cupertino. The cost is \$15 for adult and \$10 for child. If interested, please contact Carey Lai, Kit Lau or Larry Ng to register. Our association's Silver Anniversary Banquet will be held in October/November 2016. Guest of honor will be former V.C. Lap Chee Tsui. Please watch out for future announcement.