

## Community Calendar 2009.02.01

Dear Friends,

In old-style Chinese calendars, the days of both solar and lunar calendars are marked, as well as seasonal notes. February brings Li Chun, or the beginning of spring. With spring, we look towards the rest of the year, including traditional dragon boat festival, which in 2009 falls on May 28.

This year, Alliance and the San Diego Dragon Boat Team celebrate Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, May 2, at Playa Pacifica in Mission Bay Park. Recruit your teams, and celebrate with us!

1)

**Sunday, February 1, 3 pm**

SAN DIEGO THEATRES present in association  
With Mike Petite Presentations, NEW SHANGHAI CIRCUS  
China's 2000-yr-old tradition of acrobats, tumblers,  
contortionists, jugglers, cyclists, gymnasts  
at Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Ave, SD 92101

Tickets \$45, \$35, \$25  
[www.sdbalboa.org](http://www.sdbalboa.org), 619/760/858.570.1100

2)

**Mondays, February 2 – March 8, 6 pm – 8:30 pm**

MO`OLELO PERFORMING ARTS presents  
6-session Playwriting II Class  
Instructor Seema Sueko, Mo`olelo Artistic Director  
Mondays, 6 pm - 8:30 pm, February 2 - March 8, 2009  
Mo`olelo office, 7071 Convoy Court,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Rm, SD 92111 (Kearny Mesa)  
Fee: \$200 / \$175 for AASD or AEA members

Open to students who have completed  
Your Mo`olelo Playwriting Class or equivalent  
call 619-342-7395 or email [classes@moolelo.net](mailto:classes@moolelo.net)

3)

**Tuesday, February 3, 11:30 am – 1 pm**

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN, BALBOA PARK  
Traditional tea ceremony by licensed tea instructor  
Soryo Katayama Stott, assisted by Junko Kawa,  
Chizu Kakitani, & Takako Nishii  
Learn history of tea ceremony & how to serve tea in traditional way  
Free with admission to Garden  
Contact Miho Ishida 619-232-2721, [mihoi@niwa.org](mailto:mihoi@niwa.org)  
[www.niwa.org](http://www.niwa.org), [jfgsd@niwa.org](mailto:jfgsd@niwa.org)

4)

**Friday, February 6, 9 am – 12 pm**

JAPAN SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO & TIJUANA  
Senior Outreach Lunch at Kiku Gardens  
1260 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Chula Vista 91911, 619.422.4951

The JSSDT & other Japan-related organizations

offer lunch service to senior citizens residing  
in and near Kiku Gardens in Chula Vista.  
[info@japan-society.org](mailto:info@japan-society.org), [www.japan-society.org](http://www.japan-society.org)

5)

**Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8, 10 am – 5 pm**

SD CHINESE CENTER celebrates 2009 year of the ox!  
CHINESE NEW YEAR FOOD & CULTURAL FAIR  
The SD Chinese Center's 27th annual street fair  
at 3rd Ave & J St in downtown SD's  
Asian Pacific Historic District; [www.sdcny.org](http://www.sdcny.org)

FREE! Lucky Lion & Dragon dancers, Chinese acrobats,  
Asian Story Theater, music & dance, martial arts,  
Hands-on cultural exhibits, children's Lantern Parade,  
Asian cuisine, and much more!

**SD CHINESE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Celebrates Chinese New Year at the Fair with  
Exhibits on Chinese New Year customs, calligraphers;  
Find your treasure at Museum's Outside-the-Courtyard sale  
[www.sdchm.org](http://www.sdchm.org), 619.388.9888

6)

**Saturday, February 7, 1 pm & 2 pm**

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN, BALBOA PARK  
Traditional tea ceremony by tea instructors of  
Urasenke Tankokai SD Ass'n: learn history of tea ceremony  
& how to serve tea in traditional way  
Tea tickets \$3 available at the Exhibit House  
Try Japanese traditional macha green tea & dry sweet tea.

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7)

**Saturday, February 7, 2:30-3:30 pm**

JAPAN SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO & TIJUANA announces  
Southbay Rugby Youth Clinic, rugby clinic for children  
hosted by Japanese & Mexican National Rugby Teams,  
Southbay YMCA, & Minato Gakuen.  
Meet players of Japanese & Mexico National Rugby Teams,  
learn to play rugby from the best players in the world,  
have fun with the entire family! Free to the public

Softball Field at Eastlake High School,  
1120 Eastlake Pkwy, Chula Vista 91915

8)

**Sunday, February 8, 2 pm – 4:30 pm**

DHARMA BUM TEMPLE offers free 5-week course  
on Diamond-Cutter Sutra, starting January 25  
The Dharma Bum Temple, 541 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Suite A, SD 92101  
Donations to instructor Jim Dey gratefully accepted

Also join UCSD Dharma Bums for meditation & peace!

Tuesday nights 7 pm – 8 pm 9 in the treehouse computer lounge  
(2<sup>nd</sup> floor old student center); [peace@thedharmabums.org](mailto:peace@thedharmabums.org)

The Meditation Initiative, 541 2nd Ave, Suite A  
SD 92101, 858.922.8811, [www.thedharmabums.org](http://www.thedharmabums.org)

9)

**Wednesday, February 11, 5 pm – 7 pm**

JAPAN SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO & TIJUANA hosts  
MEISHI MIXER to welcome

Japanese National Rugby Team on 1st visit to San Diego

Reception includes 2 drink tickets, heavy appetizers, door prizes.

At RA Sushi, 474 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

JSSDT members \$15, non-members \$30

[www.japan-society.org](http://www.japan-society.org), 858.467.1727

10)

**Wednesday, February 11, 7 pm - 11 pm**

TERRY MATSUOKA plays acoustic sets 7:30 pm & 9:15 pm,

at "Form & Funktion", PB bar/lounge Johnny Vs, 945 Garnet, PB 92109

Also live art by Mofo, Jerome DeLeon & Eric Evensen.

DJ Johnny Tran & Fashion by Ritz Boutique

11)

**Friday, February 13, 9 pm, Channel 4 San Diego**

SHADES of SAN DIEGO, hosted by Jessica Chang,

On Lunar New Year (on Cox & Time Warner cable)

[shadesofsd@coxmedia.com](mailto:shadesofsd@coxmedia.com)

<http://www.4sd.com/4sd/ssd/shades.php>

12)

**Saturday, February 14, 1 pm – 2 pm**

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN, BALBOA PARK

Kyoko Takeda performs on Japanese koto

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13)

**Saturday, February 14, 2 pm**

MO'OLELO PERFORMING ARTS Co's

5th Birthday Party & Fundraiser

2 pm performance of SINCE AFRICA

Originally produced in SD by Mo`olelo in 2006,

directed at The Old Globe by Mo`olelo's Seema Sueko

The Old Globe Copley Arena Stage

1450 El Prado, San Diego 92101

Exclusive Mo`olelo after-show reception

The Old Globe Rehearsal Hall

Catered by Viva Pasta, wine by Cosentino Winery

\$150 VIP admission: preferred seating, 3 raffle tickets,

photo; \$100 is tax deductible

\$100 general admission: includes 1 raffle ticket;

\$50 tax deductible  
Reservations 619-342-7395 or [www.moolelo.net](http://www.moolelo.net)

14)

**Saturday, February 14, 3 pm – 4:30 pm**  
MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM, ESCONDIDO  
Presents SIGHTS & SOUNDS of the SILK ROAD  
Silk Road Music & Dance Ensemble performs  
dances from Central Asia with music from  
Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan & Turkey; performers include  
Rowan Storm, vocals & percussion, Neil Siegel on t r & saz,  
Megan Rancier on kyl-kobyz, dancer Robyn Friend

Mingei International Museum, Escondido  
155 Grand Ave, Escondido 92025  
Reservations requested 760.735.3355, [www.mingei.org](http://www.mingei.org)

15)

**Saturday, February 14, 3 pm lecture, 6:30 pm dinner**  
SAN DIEGO INDIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY'S  
Silver Jubilee Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture 3 pm  
By Professor Raj Mohan Gandhi, a grandson of Mahatma Gandhi  
& professor, University of Illinois, Urbana on non-violence,  
politics of South India, Hindu-Muslim & Indian-Pakistani relations;  
Event chaired by Dr. Arun Gandhi, another Gandhi grandson  
Peace activist & Director, Institute for Total Non-Violence  
Calit2 Auditorium, Atkinson Hall, UC San Diego

6.30PM Silver Jubilee Gala Dinner  
With honored guest Ambassador Ronen Sen  
<http://sdias.org/>

16)

**Saturday, February 14, 5:30 pm**  
SD CHINESE HISTORICAL MUSEUM celebrates  
Chinese New Year at its 13th Annual Banquet  
Pearl Chinese Cuisine, 11666 Avena Place,  
SD 92128 (Rancho Bernardo), 858.487.3388

10-course Chinese banquet, musical entertainment,  
silent auction of antiques from Genghis Khan Furniture  
Tickets \$50 each, front-row sponsor tickets \$100 each  
[www.sdchm.org](http://www.sdchm.org), 619.338.9888

17)

**Sunday, February 15, 11:30 am**  
FANHS SD (FILIPINO AMERICAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY)  
Invites other FANHS chapters to No-Host Breakfast  
At Manila Fast Food Restaurant & Desserts  
8979 Mira Mesa Blvd, SD 92126, 858.578.0968

Meet local & out-of-town FANHS members  
Eloisa Borah from UCLA will be among visitors:  
Borah has written articles on Filipinos landing in CA in 1587

18)

**Sunday, February 15, 6 pm – 9 pm**

SD CHINESE WOMEN'S ASS'N invites you to  
Celebrate the Year of the Ox 2009/ 4707 at its  
SCHOLARSHIP PHILANTHROPY FUNDRAISING DINNER  
Jasmine Restaurant, 4609 Convoy St, SD 92111

\$45 per person: evening includes  
Cultural education, Lucky Lion Dancers  
Silent auction, baskets & raffle prizes  
Prize at each table, [www.sdcwa.net](http://www.sdcwa.net)

19)

**Thursday, February 19, 5 pm**

KOREAN AMERICAN BAR ASS'N of SD (KABA-SD) &  
PAN ASIAN LAWYERS of SD (PALSD) co-present  
"Beyond the Bamboo Ceiling"  
At the San Diego County Bar Association,  
1333 Seventh Ave, SD 92101 (Broderick Room)

Speakers:

**PALMA CESAR HOOPER**, president SCAPAL  
**LEE ANN KIM**, founder & executive director, SD Asian Film Festival  
**JERRILYN MALANA**, president SDCBA (SD County Bar Ass'n)  
**PETER QUON**, co-chair AG's state-wide API Employee Advisory Committee

Hear how Asian Americans can use their strengths  
to penetrate the so-called "Bamboo Ceiling."  
5:00 pm Networking (refreshments will be provided)  
5:30 pm Panel discussion on strategies for overcoming cultural barriers

MCLE Elimination of Bias Credit

Free to paid KABA-SD & PALSD members, \$10 non-members  
RSVP by February 17, 2009 to [kabasd@gmail.com](mailto:kabasd@gmail.com).

20)

**Thursday, February 19, 6:30 pm & 8:30 pm, free reception 8 pm**

SD ASIAN FILM FOUNDATION presents  
Wayne Wong's "A Thousand Years of Good Prayers"  
SDAFF's first Quarterly Screening of the new year

UltraStar Mission Valley at Hazard Center  
7510 Hazard Center Dr, SD 92108, 619.574.8684

Tickets online (\$1.50 fee per ticket): \$9 general admission  
Phone 858.565.1264 (no fees): \$9 general admission, \$5 members  
Box office (no fees): \$9 general admission; \$7 student/military/seniors;  
\$5 members

Special food discounts at Applebee's & Sansai,  
free giveaways, prizes, & more; [www.sdchm.org](http://www.sdchm.org), 858.565.1264

21)

**Saturday, February 21, 10 am – 12 noon**

FANHS SD (FILIPINO AMERICAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY)  
Hosts "Community Day for Collecting Pictures"  
Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road

Chula Vista CA 91910, room location: TBA

Select pictures from your albums & archives  
to contribute to FAHNS' book project; contact family, friends  
in the Filipino American community of SD to contribute their photos as well

22)

**Saturday, February 21, 11 am – 2 pm**

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN, BALBOA PARK

JFGSD's first Mochi Tsuki event: pound sticky rice & make mochi!

Free with admission, purchase mochi \$3

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23)

**Saturday, February 21. 8 am – 3 pm**

JAPAN SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO & TIJUANA

J-CAP 2009 (Japanese Culture & Academic Proficiency):

teams of students test knowledge of facts & communication skills  
in quiz-show format & manga composition contest;

Japanese cultural presentations for students, teachers, parents;

J-CAP professional development workshops for

teachers, administrators, & other educators;

Japanese language educators roundtable

on state of Japanese language instruction in So. California

at San Diego State University

Fee (includes obento, t-shirt, cultural activities/supplies)

Registration required; [www.japan-society.org](http://www.japan-society.org)

24)

**Saturday, February 21, 9 pm, Channel 4 San Diego**

SHADES of SAN DIEGO, hosted by Jessica Chang,

International Dances, Part 1 (on Cox & Time Warner cable)

[shadesofsd@coxmedia.com](mailto:shadesofsd@coxmedia.com)

<http://www.4sd.com/4sd/ssd/shades.php>

25)

**Saturday, February 28**

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN, BALBOA PARK

Make basic California rolls; bring small knife & cutting board

Instructor Mayumi Masubuchi

Fee \$20 members, \$25 non-members

To register, call Miho Ishida 619-232-2721,

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26)

**Saturday, February 28, 12:30 pm**

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE presents free film

"Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story",

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive, SD 92123

RSVP 619.230.0314 if you plan to attend

NOTES from the COMMUNITY:

1)

**Congratulations, LEE ANN KIM!**

Lee Ann Kim, award-winning KGTV news anchor/reporter, founder & executive director, SD Asian Film Foundation, honored with 3 major awards for work with SD Asian Film Foundation:

- San Diego Magazine's Top 50 People to Watch in 2009
- Director of Excellence Award, by the International Film Festival Summit
- Korean Community Service Award, by KTSD Television

Kim will be featured in the January issue of San Diego Magazine, available on local newsstands

2)

**Congratulations, ERIKA HIRAMATSU!**

Congratulations to Erika Hiramatsu, appointed by US Senator Barbara Boxer to serve on the federal Judicial Nominations Commission to help choose the next US Attorney for the Southern District of California.

3)

**SAN DIEGO MUSEUM of ART** presents

"Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form" nearly 100 works of art, many encoded with cultural & social meanings, from South Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Polynesia, Micronesia, & even Taiwan: through January 3, 2010

4)

**Monday, February 9, 10 am – 4 pm**

**CALIFORNIA VOTERS FIRST REDISTRICTING INITIATIVE**

1<sup>ST</sup> San Diego meeting for all persons interested

in the implementation of the Voters First Act

which calls for selection of a Citizens Redistricting Commission that will draw new boundary lines for State Assembly, State Senate, and State Board of Equalization districts.

Reps from CA Bureau of State Audits will conduct public meetings to solicit comments about the processes that should be established for individuals to apply to become members of the Commission & for the selection of an Applicant Review Panel to assess the applicants & create an applicant pool of 60 qualified members

Location Caltrans Building, 4050 Taylor St, SD 92110

Questions? Contact Jeanne Brown at [jbrown@commoncause.org](mailto:jbrown@commoncause.org) or call 619.857.1807

Thank you, as always, for your warm support of our Asian Pacific Islander communities!

Sincerely,  
Linda

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