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The 16th Annual Fashion Show is on December 10, 2011



The 16th Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Fashion Show will be held on December 10 at Exchange LA.

Chinese Chamber hosts an annual community charity fashion show to benefit various non-profit organizations. This Fashion Show luncheon is organized by Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Court. The event will feature the contestants of 2012 Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Pageant modeling clothing from casual wear to evening gowns sponsored by established and upcoming designers.

For sponsorship or ticket information, please visit www.lachinesechamber.org or contact the Chamber office at 213 617 0396 for details.

2012 Little King & Queen Contest

2012 Little King & Queen Contest will be held on Dec 3, 2011 at CCBA.

The Little King and Queen Contest is one of the most entertaining events for children. Children of Chinese heritage between the age of five and six are welcome to participate in this contest.

The Little King and Queen, in addition to the Little Prince and Princess, will represent the Chinese community in the Golden Dragon Parade and various cultural events.

This year, we have two very special prizes to Little King & Queen contest winners. The prize is donated by our Board of Director Mr. Tappan Zee. The special prizes are Powerwheel Escalade for Little King and Barbie Jeep for Little Queen.

The application is still open. If you know of anyone that fits, get them in as soon as possible. Don't miss the chance. Please contact the Chamber office at 213 617 0396 for details.



Chamber Event Calendar

December 3, 2011 Little King and Queen Contest
December 10, 2011 Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Fashion Show

January 23, 2012 Chinese New Year – Year of Dragon

January 14, 2012
January 23, 2012
January 28, 2012
January 28, 2012
February 24, 2012

Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Pageant
Chinese New Year, Year of Dragon
113th Golden Dragon Parade
113th Golden Dragon Festival
Chinese New Year Banquet



*Schedule for 2012 are tentative

Moon Festival

By Alysha Chan

September 17, 2011

On September 17, Chinatown was transformed once again for the Moon Festival. As with Chinatown Summer Nights, Central Plaza was adorned with beautiful lit lanterns, and there was music, dancing, food trucks, a multitude of performers, and food demonstrations. In celebration of the mid autumn harvest, there was a demonstration on how to make mooncakes, and attendees enjoyed samples of yummy lotus seed and red bean mooncakes. Queen Shirley, First Princess Bing, and Fourth Princess Alysha had fun wearing historical Chinese outfits for the occasion. Shirley was dressed as an emperor's bride, Bing wore the clothing of a Mongolian princess, and Alysha was a noble woman of the Qing Imperial Court. The court enjoyed participating in the Moon Festival activities, such as storytelling about mooncakes, meeting attendees, and learning more about their Chinese heritage.



CSC Dinner

By Shirley Zhang

September 23, 2011

The Chinatown Service Center is a crucial community organization which helps the Chinese and Chinese American community with basic services such as education and healthcare by making these services affordable and accessible by removing cultural and language barriers. The Miss LA Chinatown Court including Queen and Miss Friendship Shirley Zhang, 2nd Princess Jane Sha, and 4th Princess Alysha Chan were guests at the 40th Anniversary Gala to celebrate with the community the successes of the CSC. The event was a beautiful affair at the San Gabriel Hilton with many local officials present including County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.



Koreatown Parade

By Shirley Zhang

September 24, 2011

The Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Queen and Court, including Queen and Miss Friendship Xiayi Shirley Zhang, Second Princess Jane Sha, and Fourth Princess Alysha Chan, were honored to be included in the 2011 Korean Festival Parade. The Court had the special honor of riding in a horse-drawn stagecoach provided by Wells-Fargo. The Parade also featured the Courts of Miss Nisei Week, Miss Asia USA, as well as Miss Korea Southern California. The weather on the day of the parade was an especially beautiful Los Angeles autumn day, not too warm, not too cold, with blue skies and sunshine. The parade route was lined with joyous smiling crowds and the parade itself featured the aforementioned young ladies as well as various marching bands, taekwondo exhibitions, and other visiting dignitaries.



Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageant Summer Camp

By Shirley Zhang

This past August, I had the distinct honor of participating in the Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageant Summer Camp. From this Summer Training, 18 Semi-Finalists would be selected, and from the 18, 12 Finalists will be selected to walk the MCCP stage. Although I did not have the fortune to be selected as a Semi-Finalist, my 10 days at the camp left me with incredible memories and experiences and was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The Summer Camp was held at the Dragon Lake Princess Hotel and Resort in Guangzhou, China. The Princess Hotel was, as befitting its name, fit for a princess. The 5-star hotel had all the amenities of a top resort here in the United States. Initially, I was worried that being in China, away from home, I would have many things to get used to. However, I found out that I couldn't be more wrong and the accommodations were fantastic, from the comfortable beds, to the western-style bathrooms, even the in-room Wi-Fi, were all above and beyond my expectations. This definitely put my mind at ease during the stay so that I may focus on the more important tasks at hand, the training itself.



mock press conference, staged a debate, and also produced a skit based around the theme of "Dreams." In a few, short, days, the girls worked around the clock present their best, and each others' best, on stage. Some girls exhibited their talents by weaving them into their skits, we saw singers, dancers, musicians, artists, even a girl that was fluent in sign language. Since I play the viola, I contributed to our skit by providing a live soundtrack to heighten the drama and emotions of our story. As each group gave their performances, the touching stories about Dreams, broken dreams, realized dreams, and dreams worth fighting for, moved the audience to tears. We all have dreams, some of us are unable to reach them, some of us are already living them, and some of us are, everyday or our lives, striving for them.

As the camp drew to an end and the names of the 18 lucky girls were announced, I knew that this part of my dream had come to an end. However, just because the dream ended does not mean that it wasn't a good dream. I will always remember these 10 Days, the lessons learned, the friendships forged and, as one dream ends and others begin, I will continue to dream.



During our 10 days, we had lessons in all matters from etiquette to dance, techniques for public speaking from interview to speech to debate, team building exercises, makeup and poise, even a lesson from the official jewelry sponsor regarding how to properly examine and grade diamonds. The day to day schedule was tough, usually packed from 8am to 10pm as all our meals, classes, and daily activities were lined up one after the other. As the entire training was conducted in Chinese, I experienced a certain amount of difficulty understanding all the material that was presented. Several of our instructors were professors from top universities in China, and they presented material at a much higher level than any Chinese education I had ever received here at Saturday Chinese school in the US. It was a great opportunity for me to hone my communication skills in Chinese.

At the end of our training, we had three group projects to showcase ourselves. In small groups, we put on a



Summer Nights

By Jane Sha

August 27, 2011 & September 10, 2011



If you think Los Angeles Chinatown is beautiful during the day, it is even more magical at night. The main plaza was filled with lit-up lanterns that were draped across beautiful architecture, creating a Hollywood-like version of Shanghai for Chinatown Summer Nights on August 27 and September 10. Second Princess Jane and Fourth Princess Alysha were excited to not only see familiar faces but also many visitors that came to show support and enthusiasm for our little side of town. There were plenty of things to do, including munching on food from popular food trucks, watching performers juggle fire, Chinese chefs perform cooking demonstrations, as well as dancing under the stars.

2012 Miss LA Chinatown Pageant Update

2012 Miss LA Chinatown application has been closed. The preliminary interview was conducted on October 1st, 2011. 18 contestants were selected to participate in the Pageant event. We have already started our rehearsal on October 8, 2011. There will be a total of about 12 rehearsals before the Pageant event. A press conference will be scheduled soon to introduce 2012 Miss Chinatown contestants to the media. This year's Pageant event will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 in Universal Hilton. The 18 contestants are:

<u>Contestant Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
1	Qin, Tian 秦天一	Student
2	Wong, Tammy 黄秀菁	Accounting
3	Ao, Lin (Juliett) 敖林	Student
4	Law, Vivian 羅慧詩	Sales Associate
5	Chen, Chaochun (Ruby) 陳超純	Student
6	Yam, Elisa 任嘉欣	Clinical Coordinator
7	Yan, Jie (Charlene) 閻婕	Beauty Advisor
8	Chhay, Diana 蔡美智	Office Manager
9	Kwan, Eileen 閔愛蓮	Training and Development
10	Linarte, Celine 林思敏	Student
11	Teng, Ai (Aimee) 滕愛	Sales Associate
12	Shao, Grace 邵馨馨	Retail
13	Yap, Jane 葉芷燕	Student
14	Li, Man (Mandy) 李曼	Student
15	Liu, Wendy 劉惠	Clerk
16	Weinberger, Lauren 周慧倫	Production Assistant
17	Cheung, Stacey 張文忻	Customer Service Manager
18	Szeto, Pamela 司徒慧瑩	Tutor

Business Today

By Edwin Sun

In the latest partisan fight over how the federal government approaches the unemployment situation, the Senate rejected President Barack Obama's comprehensive jobs package Oct. 11th. The original jobs bill encompassed a broad array of measures, including extensions of unemployment insurance and the payroll tax cut, infrastructure projects, and aid to local governments to prevent layoffs. With the president's plan stalled in the Senate, the White House's efforts to breathe life into the employment market will likely come piecemeal as Congress weighs individual elements of the plan separately.

Among the provisions of Obama's original bill, none has managed to attract as much bipartisan support as the extension of his payroll tax cut. Although Republicans have derided the president's proposals as a second failed stimulus, the party is reluctant to oppose the popular tax holiday, which would expire at the end of this year if Congress fails to act. The White House forecasts that its proposed one-year extension and 50% expansion of the payroll tax deduction agreed to last year would cut taxes by an average of \$1,500 for every working American, including 7.6 million Asian American workers who will see their payroll taxes fall as a result of the plan. Many conservatives in the party remain unlikely to accede to Obama's request. However, Republicans leaders in Congress have expressed willingness to work with Obama Administration on this issue.

House Speaker John Boehner has also signaled that his chamber may move to fund highway and aviation infrastructure programs that had fallen along the wayside during its summer budget battles with the Democratic White House. How much the program reauthorizations will cost and to what extent the Republican plan will incorporate the president's infrastructure blueprint remain unclear, but the last highway bill alone cost \$286 billion.

After the Senate voted down the entire Jobs Act, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood pressed lawmakers to fund a \$10 billion infrastructure bank and to salvage the administration's request for \$50 billion in other transportation projects. He acknowledged that Republican opposition to an infrastructure bank might be insurmountable, but said that the weak economy might spur Congress to cut a deal on an infrastructure bill.

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