

Fundraising Fun



CALVIN WONG

Newlyweds Stephanie and Scott Ray greet friends at Sharon Heights Country Club reception, hosted by parents Wilson and Pauline Fong.

Cynthia Chow's creations are seen at boutiques nationwide and, locally, at Nordstrom stores. The Indonesia native laughs, recalling how her mother used to comment on the wild color combinations she would dress herself in while growing up. For info on Xiao's local outlets: (650) 624-8031.

Romantics Stephanie Fong and Scott Ray chose an Oahu beach at sunset for the site of their Valentine's Day wedding, but not until June were they officially introduced as Mr. and Mrs. to her parents' Silicon Valley friends. Fong and Ray narrated a slideshow sharing her years

growing up, as well as the wedding, before 150 guests at the Sharon Heights Country Club. Among the out-of-towners were brother Tony and Wendy Fong with children Elliott and Janie, along with the Harry Sins, Calvin Mars, Spencer Leongs, Bill Kimuras and Larry Looks.

If your old favorite, like mine, was Ella Fitzgerald, come to San Jose Rep's musical play about her, titled *ELLA, the First Lady of Song*. Located in a cozy theatre in downtown San Jose, with none of the hassles of San Francisco parking costs, the show runs through July 22 at 101 Paseo de San Antonio, according to marketing director Michelle Hou. For info: 408 367 7255.

Another fun musical in town is American Music Theatre's *All Shook Up*, which features Elvis songs, at San Jose's Center for the Performing Arts. According to first-nighters Ken and Sandy Joe, Nancy Mar, Pauline Lee, Muriel Kao and Sylvia Young, this was a swinging, toe-tapping show with great songs and lively dancing.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Sunnyvale's Andrea Wong has been named president and CEO of Lifetime Entertainment Services, a joint venture of The Hearst Corp. and The Walt Disney Co.. Wong will oversee operations for Lifetime Television, Lifetime Movie Network, Lifetime Real Women and Lifetime Digital.

Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Aug. 2, honoring Foothill-DeAnza Community College's trustee Paul Fong and non-profit organization Vision New America. Headquartered in Cupertino's DeAnza College, the institute's students tour historical sites of the area, including the Ng Shing Gung Museum of Chinese



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Viking River Cruises director (center) welcomes (left to right) Werner and Jeannette Yee, Gary and Pauline Lee to Volga River cruising.

American history, according to founder Michael Chang.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

To paraphrase Willie Nelson, many are taking to the air, road and sea in search of adventure. Hillsborough's Jeannette and Werner Yee, along with sister

Pauline and Gary Lee of Sun City Lincoln, sailed on a cruise along the Volga River in Russia from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Off on a fly fishing expedition in Montana went the Ronald Fong family, owners of the San Francisco Wax Museum.

Rodney Fong now manages the

popular museum and is chairing Fore Charity Golf Tournament, sponsored by his grandparents' Thomas and Eva Fong Family Foundation at Lake Merced Golf Club, a July 2nd event to benefit the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation. For info: (415) 345-0610.

On the Scene

GERRY WONG



Sunnyvale native Paul Fong has always been a behind-the-scenes guy, who enlists and encourages Asian Americans running for local office. Now it is his turn to take the stage, which he did at his first fundraising event at the Cupertino Dynasty Restaurant to announce his candidacy for California State Assembly. More than three hundred rallied their enthusiasm and checkbooks to get his campaign off the ground, including congressman Mike Honda, Pearl Cheng, Patrick Kwok, Barry Chang, Hsing Kung, Ken Fong and Anita Chan.

Democratic National Committee Vice Chair and Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Honda celebrated the sixth anniversary of his 60th birthday at a fundraiser at the Atherton home of Ta-Lin and Joyce Hsu. Among those hosting the event were Lucia Cha, Dr. Jerry Hui, Sandy Chau, Norman Hsu, Arun Ganguly, Tae Yun Kim, Scott Tse and CC Yin.

Speaking of politicians, the big news in Silicon Valley was the election of San Jose's first Chinese American city councilman, Kansan Chu. He was sworn in by California State Controller John Chiang and Superior Court Judge Erica Yew, and accompanied by beaming wife, Daisy.

SUMMER IN THE CITY

When the California fog cleared and warm weather came in, many fashion-fanciers rushed to the summer showing at Xiao's South San Francisco headquarters. TV-bargain maven Sally Sokolich has long touted Xiao's colorful linen outfits for summer, and designer



Fly Our Flag

"Take Pride in Our Heritage and Celebrate the Spirit of July 4th"

The birth of this great nation, the United States of America, was based on the idea that the people should not be ruled by kings and queens and that everyone is free to make a better life in equal competition with all others. July 4th is the day we honor this idea. By celebrating this simple but powerful idea, we remind ourselves that we, Asian Americans have the same rights and privileges as people of all ethnicities who are citizens of this land. It is not about who came here first and in the greatest numbers. It is about believing in the idea of equal opportunities for all. So please display the American flag proudly in front of your house and business to tell the world that we are all Americans.

While you are enjoying your July 4th picnic, take the opportunity to tell the stories of Asian Americans to your children and friends. Do a little research on Asian American history. You will be interested to find out how much we have contributed to this great nation. Some of this history could be your family history too for those of us who have been here a little bit longer.

The mission of the 80-20 Initiative is to make sure that the idea of equality that founded this nation benefits Asian Americans in all aspects of civic life. We have come far but there remains much to be done. Please visit our website: www.80-20initiative.net, learn about our activities and join us in our quest. Do it for yourself and your children just as our forbearers have done for us. - by Amy Wong Mok, Vice-president

HAPPY JULY 4th

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