

What's UP ?

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Our President Comments

会长致辞: Ms. Sunny Duann, President

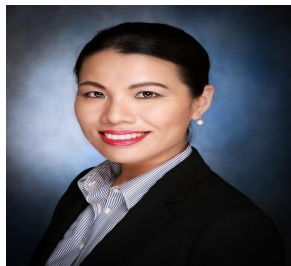
Dear members and friends:

Spring has returned and everything is renewed! Beautiful azalea flowers surround us with the cheerful sounds of songbirds in the air.

I wish all a prosperous first quarter of this new year. However, the business climate in the U.S. is influenced by many factors such as economic indicators, global events, technological advancements and more. It remains essential to stay updated with the latest news and analysis from reputable sources to navigate the current and projected business environment this election year of 2024.

The CCCTB will conduct a membership drive in combination with our annual meeting on 22 June, 2024. Please stay tuned for the event announcement and the information.

In Memoriam



Mrs. Laura Ying Gao, Esq. passed away on February 28, 2024, at the age of 44 years. She is survived by her husband, Matt.

Laura was a vivid, bright young attorney who practiced elder law since 2017. She helped many clients and families with estate planning and settlements.

As a valued member of the CCCTB she was actively involved and helped plan our popular "Business Education and Member Network" event at the Stetson School of Law of June 24, 2023. She was instrumental in forming the following educational workshop in October of the same year. Laura also liaised with the local Tampa Chinese School this January for a student delegation to visit the Hillsborough County Courthouse as a field trip for students and parents to better understand how our judicial system works.

Laura's contributions to the community and Chinese Chamber of Commerce are truly appreciated. We love her and miss her dearly. Rest well in heaven, Dear Laura.

Calendar of Events

April 13: **2024 SACA Pickle Ball Tournament** 10 Am to 1 PM Fossil Park Pickleball Court 6635 Dr. MLK Jr. St. N, St. Petersburg, Fl

May 11: **Asian Pacific Islander Festival**
Curtis Hixson Park, Tampa 12 Noon to
10 PM www.tampa.gov/asianpacificfestival

June 22: **Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Tampa Bay Annual Meeting & Celebration.**
Time and location to be announced

Items of Interest

The **CCCTB** celebrated **Lunar New Year** seasonally with a festive air and a spectacular Lion Dance complete with fireworks. The activity included local singers and musicians, and highlighted the introduction of new members by our President, **Sunny Duann**.

The **ABC Chinese Cuisine Restaurant, St. Petersburg**, provided a great venue and plenty of delicious seafood and Chinese specialties.

From **Ms. Sue Xu**, CCCTB Board Secretary, some interesting demographic information for the State of Florida: Ethnic Chinese make up the third largest component of Florida's AAPI population at .64 % The total Chinese population in the U.S.A. is 1.58 % "Small but Mighty"

The Greater **Tampa Qi Poa Dance Troup** will perform at the May 11 Tampa AAPI Festival. A shout out to **Ms. Julia Wang** and **Ms. Christina Wang**, the coaches of this delightful presentation.

The new **YH Asian supermarket** will be opened in May. 1204 E. Busch Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612 #813-539-9956.

Member News

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Dr. Amanda Wu, MD has joined the Chamber. Dr. Wu is a meticulous physician and surgeon with a popular family practice in Oldsmar, FL. Dr. Wu accepts Medicare, 813-814-9088, 4028 Tampa Rd, Oldsmar, FL 34677

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