



What's UP ?

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Our President Comments

会长致辞: Ms. Sunny Duann, President

Dear Members and Friends,

Our annual meeting, June 22 at **Grand Fortune Restaurant** was a great success.

We appreciate the participation and the support of all attendees. Welcoming speeches were delivered by **Mariban Anderson, Chair of the Mayor's Asian Advisory Committee, and President Sunny Duann**. The thrust of this year's message was the Chamber's mission to provide a platform for everyone acting as a bridge by organizing events with educational and learning content.

Retiring board members **Anne-Marie Naughton, Eric Man** and **Sue Xu** were honored with certificates of appreciation and bouquets acknowledging their dedicated service to CCCTB.

New officers and Board Members were installed including:

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President Duann also introduced the coming **CCCTB website** and a planned Facebook page for better outreach and networking among and between members and friends of CCCTB

Events of Note

Second quarter was an eventful start of Summer for the Asian Community this year. **The Tampa Bay Asian and Pacific Islander Festival** downtown on May 11 was a popular and successful weekend event.

Mayor Jane Castor opened festivities along with city officials and members of Tampa Bay area Asian civic organizations.

The entertainment was spectacular, inclusive and very colorful. Each national group offered a stage performance highlighting their individuality.

The Chinese were well represented by the **Tampa Bay Qipao Team** coached by **MC Christina Wang** and **Julia Wong**

Their dance was an elegant representation of the beauty and grace of The Ideal Chinese Woman in traditional Qipao , in harmony with lovely evocative music.



The attendance was excellent at the **Annual Meeting**, filling the room to capacity.

A trio of well recognized speakers presented fascinating and valuable information. **Chad Young, Esq**, discussed “Legal Aspects and Your Rights with Florida Property Insurance”, his wife Sophia translating. **Mr. Lei Cheng** outlined his amazing path to an international Real Estate Investment and Management Firm, and how he built it. And **Mr. John Johnson** discussed opportunities in the little-known business of buying and selling nursing home properties.

The meeting was strong on educational, legal and business information important to all Florida residents.

Afterword, a spirited party with karaoke and socializing developed. The **Grand Fortune** did a fine job keeping the tables full of delicious Asian specialties. **President Duann** closed the evening with a heartfelt thank you to all members and guests, and a

wish for a prosperous and healthy remainder of 2024.

Some brave Grand Fortune karaoke singers !



Calendar of Events

July 6 from 2pm-7pm: Tampa The Voice Singing contest by Chinese American Association of Tampa Bay (CAAT) at Grand Fortune Restaurant, Tampa.

Contact: Huimin Ren: 813-404-8455

September 9 – 14: **SACA and CAAT** are planning an annual **Autum Moon Festival**, time and place to be announced.

September 28: **CCCTB** is planning an educational seminar, time and place to be announced.

October 19: **CCCTB** is planning a social event at a surprise location, time and place to be announced.

Please email the editor or Ms. Sue Xu with future events of interest.

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