

## What's UP ?

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### Comments by Our President



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President

Dear Members and Friends. This is the Springtime issue of “What’s Up” for the New Year. As we approach the Summer season, I would like to extend warmest wishes to all on behalf of your CCCTB

Looking forward to the New Year, 2025, we are thrilled to have welcomed new board members, and regret the loss of **Ms. Siyuan Chen**, Secretary. With our new members enthusiasm, talent, and commitment to service, we believe **CCCTB’s** future endeavors will continue to flourish, bringing benefits to all.

Our current board member **Andrew Lien’s** very professional development work on our website, [www.chinesechambertb.org](http://www.chinesechambertb.org) has opened a host of new functions and services. Notably, the website now features a payment function, up-to-date event news and registration options and a convenient members’ benefits resource.

I look forward to seeing you all at our **Annual Meeting on May 24 at the Safety Harbor Museum** on Bayshore Boulevard in downtown Safety Harbor. More information

### Farewell Ms Siyuan Chen



With gratitude and great regret, we must say good-bye to our lovely and effective former **CCCTB** Secretary, **Ms Siyuan Chen, Esq. Siyuan** and her husband have taken up new career positions and residence in California.

During her term as secretary of **CCCTB**, **Siyuan** instilled new energy and ideas into CCCTB. Among multiple, significant contributions, she developed our new Logo and her efforts brought about our popular member discount card program, which gives **CCCTB** members exclusive discounts at a growing number of quality restaurants

in and around the Tampa Bay area. **Siyuan** has the knowledge and enthusiasm to elevate any organization. We were fortunate to have her participation for the short time she was here. **Siyuan**, you will surely be missed.

### **Welcome Ms Tracy Lesh**

**Ms. Tracy Lesh**, of Clearwater has joined the **CCCTB** Board of Directors. **Tracy** brings extensive experience to our organization. She has successfully worked in international business, financial planning and educational leadership. **Tracy** is currently employed in financial planning at Phoenix Financial.

Tracy lived and worked in Shanghai, China, from 2008 to 2019. She is fluent in Mandarin, and can communicate via WeChat in Chinese.

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**Tracy** has earned the prestigious title of “**Certified Tea Specialist**” from the **World Tea Academy of Shanghai, China**. Tracy is an authoritative expert on this marvelous libation, and continues to speak at venues on the subject throughout the State.

We are honored to welcome **Ms Tracy Lesh** to become the new **CCCTB** Secretary.

### **CCCTB Board Members, 2025**

**Ms. Sunny Duann**, President  
**James Oldham**, Vice President  
**Justin Andrews**, Treasurer  
**Ms. Tracy Lesh**, Secretary  
**Mr. Andrew Lien**

**Mr. Peter Simons**  
**Dr. John Cai**  
**Ms. Lena Tan**

### **CCCTB Chinese New Year Gala**

Our recent **Year of the Snake** Celebration held at **China Buffet Restaurant, 1245 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa**, was a great success. **Mr. Baozheng Li** and his associates serenaded the celebrants with authentic Chinese melodies, while **The Tampa Bay Cheongsam Dance Team** presented authentic traditional and appropriate entertainment. The food at China Buffet is among the freshest and most flavorful in Tampa, and the bright, open design of the facility made this party a true **Happy New Year**.

NOTE: The **China Buffet Restaurant** is one of our original discount institutions.

### **Interesting Fact:**

The United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, **NOAA**, is forecasting 17 to 25 named storms, 9 to 13 hurricanes and 4 to 7 major hurricanes for the Tampa, Florida area this year. Please be sure to listen for early predictions and stay informed. There will be a higher than normal chance of a hurricane making landfall in the Tamps area. It is important to prepare as well as you can.

### **New CCCTB Development**

**CCCTB** Member **Mr. Peter Simons**, has initiated **Leadership Development Program, CCCTB**. The goal of this division of **CCCTB** is to find and develop new

community leaders with an international focus. We desire to expand the role of our CCCTB, and by extension, the Chinese—American business community in the greater Tampa area.

### Recent Events of Note

From our **Peter Simons**:

CCCTB recently hosted a specially designed tour of the **Ringling Museum of Sarasota**. This event was so successful that it included guests from as far as Miami and Orlando. Five groups accompanied by knowledgeable docents enjoyed a thorough explanation of the fabulous art and exotic gardens of this beautiful institution. The entertainment continued afterwords with a lively party and dinner at the nearby Captain Brian's restaurant. This was an extraordinary event enjoyed by all.

### Artists of Tampa Bay

**The Tampa Bay QiPao Dance Troupe** under their renowned coach, **Ms Christina Wang**, have performed at many of Tampa's finest venues. This traditional Cheongsam dance group will be performing at the **Clearwater Mall on 17 May, at the invitation of Macy's Department Store**.

### Calendar of Events

**CCCTB's Annual Meeting on May 24 at the Safety Harbor Museum** on Bayshore Boulevard in downtown Safety Harbor

### Business Member News

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Photo Galleries from Sarasota Ringling Museum Group trip on March 29



