

From the Board - Yeao-Nan Hsieh 謝耀南

Dear GCSC members,

As we enter the second year of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have come a long way since its frightful start last year. We are extremely grateful that there finally is a vaccine that helps give protection and some sense of security to all the senior members of GCSC, even though the situation not back to as it was in pre-Covid-19 times.

In the last month's newsletter, I had mentioned that we will send out a survey in the later part of March. After discussing with the committee members of GCSC, we had decided that it was too early to send out the survey. But it turns out that the survey is needed due to the Alamo Women's Club's demand that we tell them the date that we are going to open and signed a contract with them by the end of March.

We had a Zoom Meeting on March 24 with the key board members, the key committee members, class teachers, and the class captains to discuss the rental contract. Each class reported their desired dates to come back and the conditions that they will come back. Together we have decided that GCSC will close until end of 2021 and we intend to open in the first quarter of 2022 and that we are not going to sign the June 1 rental contract with Alamo Women's Club.

We already have several Zoom events lined up for the next few months. If there are any special topics that you would like to discuss, please let us know.

California has announced that people over 50 can start getting Covid-19 vaccination on April 1. For some of our younger members, please try to do so. The United States and the European Union have both announced plans for digital Covid-19 Vaccine Passports. It looks like vaccination is a must for your travel plans. Please stay safe and I wish you best of luck.

Yeao-Nan

編者的話

根據本通訊頭條中心董事長的報告(英文),中心已經決定不考慮在2022年以前與房東 Alamo Women's Club (AWC) 簽訂房租契約,如果疫情提早好轉到幾乎正常狀況,再看情形與 AWC 重啟談判,簽訂新的開啟租約.中心大部分的課程將繼續無定期採用 ZOOM 方式上課,繼戲劇班恢復上課以後,易筋拍打班也將在4月6日開始在 ZOOM 上課(見本通訊第3頁課程時間表),有興趣者請與廖雪萍聯絡.除此之外4月份還有兩項特別的 ZOOM 活動.即4月1日和2日兩天由陳蕙政老師指導的"如何使用全民 PARTY 在網上唱歌"的講習會,以及4月21日由攝影班舉辦的 ZOOM 方式作品展示會(見第2頁海報).請大家踴躍參加!

Happy Birthday

四月壽星

Rachel	Chang	陳淑真
Lu-Jen	Hou	侯履真
Lily	Cheng	鄭莉莉
Rena	Wong	李達文
Linda	Wang	隋玲芝
Min Gee	Hsia	龔明祺
Angela	Lu	呂淑明
Josie	Fong	林翠芳
Michelle	Liu	劉庭嫣
Kenneth	Kay	郭應強
Cindy	Zai	趙惠文
Lily	Lee	周宇意
Tomiko	Hatsushi	張櫻晶
Nora	Koh	鄭亦青
Helen	Leng	
Sophie	Wu	吳素雲

(以上名單由 Anita Wong 吳芝音提供)

南美歷險記-信用卡騙局和美國銀行(陳恩貝)

2020年2月中旬我們乘遊輪 Coral Princess 作南美十七日遊，從 SFO 轉機飛到 Chile 的 Santiago 出了海關，看到 Princess Cruise 的迎客員，報到後告訴我們往前去 Lobby 就會有人帶我們上 Bus 送到碼頭，我們最後拿到行李出了關，不見了要上 Cruise 的那群人，在一個高舉 Princess 牌子的後面，一個掛著工作牌子的青年迎上來，說 Bus 已滿，是 Princess 安排的 Taxi (這是坐過多次 Princess 從沒有的現像) 只要付小費，囑我們跟他走，腳步很快，Betty 心急，怕跟不上，促 Frank 別再找人問了，走到停車場內，有一部 Taxi 等著，Frank 怕上當，拍了 Taxi 的車牌及那年青人的工作証，他說不必擔心(再說用了西班牙話連絡 Princess)，他上車當翻譯，車開出機場後就問我們是那個碼頭？Frank 一聽，心想可能上當了，叫他開回機場，他們當然不肯。年青人叫我們放心，車開上了高速公路後停在路邊，說換要去碼頭的車，要我們付錢，不收現金，公司規定要刷卡。那司機用 Scanner 來 Scan，Scan 了三張都說不靈，要 Frank 的 Debit Card，Frank 堅持說沒帶出來，說如果不收現金，送我們回機場。其實當時他心理很怕；如果他們將行李拿走，將我們丟在路旁，路不熟，言不通，怎麼辦？更壞的是，將我們謀了也沒人知。便鼓起勇氣，很凶的和他們理論，他們總算收了美金，由一部老舊 Honda 將我們及行李送到碼頭外幾十碼處就說到啦，在海關關外，說車不准進，我們只好拖著行李走。又累又餓，走到進口，向 Princess 的職員抱怨，一個管理員一聽，就說你們受騙了，有個乘客剛被騙了\$800，說快去進門的 Security Office 借用電話，馬上向 Credit Card Co. 報案，Chase Bank 接到電話說有兩筆可疑的 Charges，他們已經拒絕了，在處理中，說可繼續用那卡片。Citebank 收到錄音 Message，後來也拒付了兩筆 Charges。打電話給 Bank of America 按了資詢，電話中斷。上船後用船上電話再報告詳情，B of A 說；收到兩筆同數目不同組織的 Charges，那卡片的帳戶已停用，會寄新卡到家。

三月初回到家，就收到 B of A 三千元的帳單及 Security Alerts，說收到兩筆可疑的 charges，同樣的數目，不同的組織，他們拒絕了第一筆，未經我們同意，卻給了第二筆，Frank 去電話投訴，接電話的同意不是我們的錯。Frank 又去警察局要了證明，連同所有証據寄到 B of A，包括通知最高主管。過了兩個月 B of A 拒絕投訴，前後三次投訴都被拒絕，根本沒去調查，還說國外欺騙不受理，要我們自行解決，Frank 覺得無法跟 B of A 理論，寫信去 Close 帳戶並說明不會付那筆帳。近幾個月來，每隔一兩天就來一通電話來催債，雖不接也滿煩的。這次得到的教訓是去國外旅行，真必要才用信用卡(在中國 OK) 用時謹慎且要收據，最重要的是別用 B of A 的 Credit Card，一旦發生問題，他們不會護著 Credit Card Holder 的。PS：到 2021 年一月 B of A 終於決定我們這筆帳是壞帳，報告了 Credit Rating Company，要 Down Grade 我們的信用。剛接到 Credit Rating Alert，我們一向頂級信用，只是稍受影響。Frank 不服氣，準備寫信去 Credit Rating Agency 解說一切。

康鶴耆英中心攝影班 互聯網上攝影作品展示會 GCSC Camera Class on Line Photo Exhibit

日期：四月二十一日(星期三)

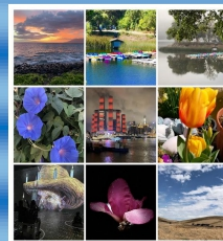
Date: April 21, 2021 (Wednesday)

時間：晚上七點半到九點半

Time: 7:30pm-9:30pm

Zoom 鏈接通知將由電郵另行發出

作品內容包括同學在疫情前旅遊、居家避疫期間由數位相機及手機所攝取的風景、花草、人物、動物、登山等精彩畫面。



手機照片



數位相機照片

康鶴耆英中心攝影班全體同學敬邀

GCSC April 2021 Zoom Classes (Schedule & Contacts)
2021 年 4 月份 ZOOM 課程時間表和聯絡人

Monday 9:30am – 11:30am Ukulele 音樂教室

*Rose Chen: rchen9706@yahoo.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Monday 3:30pm – 5:00pm Yoga 瑜珈

*Fragrance Liu: fragrance.h.liu@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Monday 7:00pm – 8:30pm Book Club 閱讀會

(2nd Monday of the month - 3/8/21)

*Fragrance Liu: fragrance.h.liu@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Tuesday 10:00am – 12:30pm Dance Workshop 舞蹈研習

*Julie Hsu: yulingchung211@hotmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Tuesday 9:00am – 12:00pm Camera Club 攝影

(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month - 3/2/21 & 3/16/21)

*Ichien Chen: Ichienchen88@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Tuesday 1:15pm – 2:45pm Chorus 合唱團

(Every other Tuesday, 4/13/21 & 4/27/21)

*Ichien Chen: ichienchen88@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Tuesday 4:00pm – 5:00pm Yi Jin Patting 易筋拍打

*Juliana Wong: julianawong21@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Tuesday 7:00pm – 8:30pm News Talk 時事座談

(1st Tuesday of the month - 4/6/21 許國衡老師講“從兩個辛丑年談起”)

*Stephen Lu: stephen.lu24@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Wednesday 10:30am – 12:00pm Sketch 素描課

(3rd Wednesday of month - 4/21/21)

*Judy Yep: judywyep@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Wednesday 7:30pm Drama 戲劇班

(1st Wednesday of month - 4/7/21)

*Anita Wong: anitawong77@hotmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Thursday 1:30pm – 3:30pm Ikebana 插花班

(Last Thursday of month - 4/29/21)

*Fengyi Young: fengyih2001@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Thursday 2:30pm – 4:00pm Brush Painting 國畫課

(3rd Thursday of month - 4/15/21)

*Maria Wang: hanmaria.w@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)

Friday 10:00am – 11:30am Committee Meeting 執行委員會月會

(First Friday of month - 4/2/21 but 7:30pm for April)

*Judy Liao: judyylliao@gmail.com (Contact person 聯絡人)