

Annual Report of NATMA Northern California Chapter for Academic Year 2008 - 2009

(1) February, 2009 NATMA-2G teamed up with TAFNC to organize a "SF Bay Area 2009 Taiwanese American Lunar New Year Celebration" in Newark, CA. It was well attended. The San Francisco Bay Area's 2009 Lunar New Year Celebration is a yearly event drawing together over a thousand members of our community.

(2) April 19, 2009 NATMA-NCC presented "Scrutinizing the inclusion of Taiwan for W.H.O." at Taiwan American Center in San Jose, Ca.

(3) May 24, 2009 NATMA-NCC & NATMA2G held an annual regional conference in William Walker Recreation Center, 650 Shell Blvd, Foster City, CA. No political turmoil in Taiwan, no global recession, and no economic bailout will prevent our organization from continuing its quest to strengthen and solidify in the coming year ahead. On the contrary, I believe that it is actually in the midst of political turmoil, natural calamities, and economic downturns that our resolve can best be tested and tried. Moreover, we are constantly reminded of the dictum that "what does not destroy us can only make us strong".

With this in mind, this year 2009 promises to be an opportunity to rise above the challenges of the times. Let us encourage ourselves to stay focused with our mission and renew our heartfelt commitment to the organization. NATMA-NCC welcomes 2009 with our Annual meeting, more mini lectures, and various social events for members and members' spouses.

As a matter of fact, there was a NATMA Regional Meeting on May 24 (Sunday), 2009 from 3:00pm-5:30pm at the Lagoon Room of the Foster City Recreation Center. This year's meeting included special guests and four short lectures from our 1G and 2G members.

- "Formosa Betrayed" presented by Director/Producer Will Tiao
- Special Guest: Assemblyman Ted Lieu (CA)
- "Emergency Contraception, Tampons and Asian-Americans" presented by Sophia Yen, MD
- "Cardiac Arrhythmia Update" presented by Sam Wang, MD
- "What is Plastic Surgery" presented by Alex Lin, MD
- "Asians and Glaucoma" presented by Shan Lin, MD
- Guest Speaker: "Progressive Multifocal Lenkoencephalopathy (PML)" .presented by Samuel Chou, MD, PhD



Immediately following the meeting, from 5:30pm-8:00pm, was a sumptuous dinner at the ABC Seafood Restaurant which was right across the street from the Recreation Center within a few minutes walk. Finally, we said goodbye to a year that has challenged not only Taiwan but also the entire world community in terms of global economy and social unrest. We now looked at the horizon with much hope that 2009 will bring us all unity, peace, strength and prosperity.

(4) June, 2009 NATMA-NCC & NATMA2G announced the new president for 2009-2011.

After a long recruitment conversation, it was with much joy and excitement that I announced the appointment of Dr. George Hsieh as the new President of the Northern California Chapter of NATMA. Born in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Dr. Hsieh migrated to the United States at the age of 12 and became very fluent in Taiwanese, Mandarin, and English. He brings to the position a BA degree in Molecular and Cell Biology graduating with honors from UC Berkeley as well as a Medical Degree from George Washington University. He spent his residency at UC Davis Medical Center and obtained his board certification from the American Board of Dermatology.

Dr. Hsieh is no stranger to Northern California having spent most of his formative years and professional training in this part of the state which is why both the first generation and 2nd generation members of the local chapter know George by face and by name. Finally, accompanying Dr. Hsieh's training and experience is a strong passion to move the organization into new heights. There is no doubt that our NATMA Northern California Chapter will continue to prosper and grow as our newly appointed president guide its future with a vision that is bright, hopeful, and dynamic.

*Reported and submitted from the desk of the President of NATMA-NCC on Oct 25, 2009"

Best Regards,

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