

CAAMS Newsletter

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The Conference room for our use



Inside the Conference room, with breakfast and all

2009 Summer Outing Mohonk Mountain Revisted

This is the 5th time we went to Mohonk for our summer outing. It seems that we are rooted to the place. Last year there were over 300 participants and 4 buses and matters got out of hand. We tried to limit the registrants this year to 200 by charging nominal fees to non-members and to collect some bus money, but eventually 288 signed up (who do you tell not to come?). Nevertheless, we managed the outing without any glitches. Only 2 buses were needed. The weather was perfect. **The event was gracefully sponsored by Health First** but the company did not send any representatives. So there were no formal gatherings, no speeches. People seemed to know what to do, where to go – hiking, rock climbing, paddle boat, miniature golf, tennis or just plain running around. Everyone had a good time.



The BBQ



Buffet line



Drs. Ko & Kwan rowing. Dr. Jerry Huo and son paddling



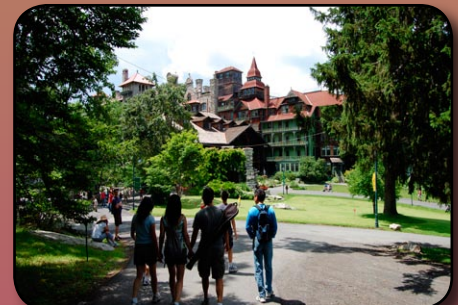
A very crowded boat dock



Dr. Danny Fong and family. Danny is holding baby Luca, 3 month old, his wife Estelle at back of him and the 3 daughters from left are Llise, 7, Joline, 4, and Cloe, 9.



Hiking path to the top



Walking towards the main house



The Smiley Tower at the top. Dr. & Mrs Stanley Ng



HH Wang and Jamie at the top of the hill. One of them came up by climbing rocks part of the way. Guess who?



Coming Events

The 2009 CAMS Annual Scientific Meeting has been scheduled to take place on November 7, 2009 at the Flick Conference Center at Citi, 388 Greenwich St, in New York NY 10013. The theme of the meeting is "Emergency Care of Chinese American Patients". Our Program Committee, co-chaired by Drs. Mary Lee-Wong and Jerry Huo, organized an impressive Program, and for the first time we have a presentation by a RN. The CAMS Scientific Award will be given to Dr. John Fung of Cleveland Clinic and his Award Lecture will be on Liver Transplant. We are also fortunate to have Dr. Benjamin Chu, President of Kaiser Permanente of Southern California as Key-note speaker and he will talk about the Impact of Healthcare Reform on Emergency Care. Other speakers and their topics are: Col. Geofery Ling, M.D., Ph.D. of the Uniformed Services, on Stroke Team, a new Paradigm; Gordon Fung, M.D.,M.P.H., Ph.D. of UCSF on Acute Myocardial Infarction, Door to Balloon Time; Paul Lee, M.D. of Cornell, on Life Threatening Pulmonary Emergencies; David Chiu, M.D. on Limb Salvage in Traumatic Amputation; Henry Chung, M.D. of NYU, on Psychiatric Emergency in Preventing Suicide; Mary Lee-Wong, M.D. of Beth Israel on Anaphylaxis to Foods; Sidney Wu, M.D. of NY Presbyterian Hospital, on Emergency Contraception; Andrew Lo, M.D. of Beth Israel on Acute Abdomen Emergencies; and finally, Amy X. Ma, NP/RN of NYU, on Barriers for Chinese American Immigrants seeking Emergency Care. **The Program is sponsored by the New York Downtown Hospital for 6.6 Category I CME credits.**

A dinner Gala will be held at the Cipriani Wall Street following the scientific meeting. At the gala, the CAMS/CAIPA Community Service Award will be given to Marie Lam, Founder of the Chinatown Health Clinic, now the Charles B. Wang Community Health Clinic.

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Press Conference:

CAMS (represented by Dr. Warren Chin), together with representatives of CAIPA, CBW Community Health Center and Chinese Community Partners for Health, had conference with reporters of Chinese newspapers on the swine flu outbreak on 4/29/09.

Best Doctors:

The following CAMS members were among the 1,107 physicians in New York metropolitan area listed as "Best Doctors" in the June 2009 issue of New York magazine: **Stanley Chang, M.D.** (Ophthalmology, Diabetic Eye Disease, Retinopathy, Macular Disease, Retinal/Vitreous Surgery), **David Chiu, M.D.**, (Plastic Surgery, Hand and Microvascular Surgery, Cosmetic Surgery, Face/Peripheral Nerve Surgery), **Kenneth Eng, M.D.** (Surgery, Rectal and Colon Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer and Inflammatory Bowel Disease), **Sun Hoo Foo, M.D.**, (Neurology, Stroke, Dementia, Headache, Parkinson's Disease), **Yuman Fong, M.D.** (Surgery, Pancreatic Cancer, Liver and Biliary Cancer, Gastric Cancer), **George C.K. Liu, M.D.** (Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetes), **Jeffrey Ngeow, M.D.**, (Pain Medicine, Musculoskeletal Spine and Neck Pain, Acupuncture, RSD, Neuropathic Pain), **Eric Poon, M.D.**, (Pediatrics, Asthma, Pediatric Cardiology, Developmental Disorders), **W. Douglas Wong, M.D.**, (Colon & Rectal Surgery, Sphincter Preservation, Anal disorders and Reconstruction). **Congratulations to all!**

Educational Tour:

Dr. Hsu led a large group which included 21 CAMS members to South America from March 1 to 18, 2009. The group visited the South American Medical Science and Technology Institute in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during the trip.

Newspaper Articles:

The following articles have been published in 2 Chinese newspapers in the first 7 months of 2009: Work Wellness (Jan), Cause of Chronic Rhinitis (Feb), Falls in the Elderly (Mar), Why I Should be Vaccinated for HPV (Apr), Medication Compliance (May), Radiation Therapy of Cancer (Jun) and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (Jul). These can be viewed from our website.

CAMS Members in the News

Dr. Thomas Tsang, former Medical Director of CBWCHC, is now in Washington DC working in the Ways & Means Committee/Subcommittee on Health Legislation.

Dr. Wilson Ko has been recruited by the St. Vincent Medical Center to be Director of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery as of 8/1/09. He will also be Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery at New York Medical College.

Dr. Wilson Ko was elected as Vice Chair on the Board of NCAPIP (National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians), an organization founded in 2007 to promote and advocate health care equality of the group it represents.

A Chu Chang Professorship of Radiation Oncology has been established by Columbia University to honor **Dr. Chu-Huai Chang**, Emeritus member of CAMS. The first incumbent, Dr. Clifford Chao, is also a CAMS member.



Peggy and Jim



Dr. Chu-Huai Chang, seated, standing, from left, Dr. Clifford Chao, Dr. Chang's son Eric and Mrs. Chang

Peggy Sheng attended the Chinese American Nurses Association (CANA) dinner with James Hilgendorf on 5/8/09.

CAMS members Honored

Dr. Tak Kwan, Past-President of CAMS, was honored at the St. Vincent's Medical Center Living at Home Program gala on 4/17/09. Photo at right shows Dr. Kwan receiving the award from Dr. Darryl Wu, Dr. George Liu was at his right.



Dr. Wilson Ko was honored to officiate the inauguration of officers of Philippine Chinese American Medical Association at their 15th Anniversary Dinner Dance & Scholarship Fund Drive on 6/13/09. Photo below.



Drs. Wilson Ko (for CAMS) and *George Liu* (for CAIPA) were honored by the Chinese American Planning Council at their dinner gala on 6/18/09



Present at the PCAMA gala were CAMS members from left, Drs. David Chiu, H.H.Wang, Wilson Ko, and John Wang.



Chapter News:

All 3 Chapters have been recruiting for new members, especially student members. The Capital District Chapter (Albany) now has 31 members (up from 17), the Greater Boston Chapter now has 89 (up from 63) and the Mid-Atlantic Chapter (DC) has 94 (up from 85). All held meetings in the first half of 2009:

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter met on 2/07/09 at the Guilin restaurant in Rockville for lunch and Board meeting with 40 people (including family members). Dr. Mark Li remained as Chapter President, with Dr. Lawrence Kam as Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Mo-Ping Chow in charge of Community Service and Dr. Le Le Luu for Scholarship. The meeting then moved to the home of Dr. Chow, where Dr. Chuen-Yen Lau of NIH spoke on the Update of HIV and Dr. Lawrence Kam on the Jupiter Trial (justification of the use of Statins). Dr. Warren Chin then presented some slides of the CAMS Business meeting from 11/08. (Drs. Warren Chin and H.H. Wang attended the meeting)

The Capital District Chapter held a dinner meeting at the Brown Derby Restaurant in Albany on 5/6/09 attended by about 25 people. Dr. Mina Sun was elected as the new Chapter President, replacing Dr. Kevin Lau. Dr. Steven Parnes, an otolaryngologist from Albany Medical College gave an interesting talk on Cochlear implants and on his moving charitable overseas work. (Dr. H.H. Wang attended the meeting and the photo at right shows Dr. Wang with Drs. Lau and Sun.)



The Greater Boston Chapter held a dinner meeting on 5/19/09 at the Jumbo Seafood Restaurant in Newton with about 70 people attending, many were newly recruited student members. Dr. Rong J. Guan will continue as Chapter President and Dr. Dominic Foo, Secretary Treasurer. Dr. Timothy Wu of Tuft's gave a presentation on "Improving Lung Volumes and Improving Exercise Endurance Time in COPD." (Dr. H. H. Wang attended the meeting.)

On Memoriam...

We mourn the passing of *Pei-Fei Lee, M.D.* of Sarasota FL on 5/13/09. He was 83. He moved to Florida from the Albany area after his retirement. Dr. Lee was an internationally known ophthalmologist who helped pioneer the use of the laser technology in medicine and established the Glaucoma Service and the Experimental Ophthalmic Microsurgery Lab at Albany Medical College. He was also Past-President of CAMS Capital District Chapter. He will be missed by us all.

New Members

The following new members have been approved by the Board of Directors at their meetings in February, April and July, 2009: **Life Members:** Ted T. Du, M.D., Wen Ray Hsu, M.D., Pamela Htay-Sha, M.D., Chin Tang, M.D., Vivian S. Yee, M.D. **Regular Members:** Alfonso Yu Chan, M.D., David Y. Chan, M.D., Yu Zhang Chen, M.D., Cheung Tiu Cheung, M.D., Wen Ray Hsu, M.D., James Huang, M.D., William M. Huang, M.D., Charles Jin, M.D., Yehuda E. Kleinman, M.D., Raymond Lau, D.O., Hung Sam Le, D.O., Jonathan Leung, D.O., Michael Liu, M.D., Shao Yue Tan, M.D., Rui Er Teng, M.D. **Resident Members:** Dione Chua M.D., David S. Yee, M.D., MPH.

Associate Members: Cheng Xing Lu, Ph.D., Jonat Lok, D.P.M., Jiaming Yao, M.S.N., Ting Zhang, D.P.M. **Student Members:** Yumi Ando, Elizabeth Au, Nadia Chan, Katie Yuhang Chen, Lucy Chen, Michael Chen, Timothy Cheng, Floria Chi, Ka wing Cho, Cindy Fei, Nancy Hoo, Derek Huang, Kevin Koo, Terrance Lee, Allison Kwong, May Lai, Darren Kwong, Jean Lee, Karen Li, Zhixi Li, Samuel Phang, David Jung Seto, Jeff Y. Shao, Charles Tang, Eric Tang, Brian Toy, Qing Wang, Zi Wang, Ray Wu, David Zhang, Nassen Zhang, Xiaolong Zhou.

Job Opportunities

- **TzuChi Foundation** is seeking a full time salaried medical director and a part time salaried internist for a community clinic in Flushing, NY. Also retired physicians are welcome to volunteer part time.
- **A Retired urologist** is looking for a young urologist to take over his practice in Albany, NY
- **New York Downtown Hospital** is looking for a Chief of Medicine.
- **Texas A & M Health Science Rangel College of Pharmacy** has a faculty position in Physiology and in Molecular and Cellular Biology.
- **The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine** is looking for a Chair and also an Associate or Full Professor.
- **The University of New Mexico School of Medicine** has the following positions open: a Geriatrician, an Occupational and Environmental Medicine physician,, a Sleep Medicine physician, an Assistant/Associate Professor in Family Medicine and an academic Director of Emergency Medicine.

- **UC Davis School of Medicine** Division of Nephrology is looking for an Assistant/Associate Professor.
- **The following Postdoctoral positions are available:** at Wyne State, in Neural Control of Circulation, at the University of Nebraska, in Cardiovascular/Respiratory research, at NIH, in Microvascular Electrophysiology, at Penn State, Cardiac ischemia-reperfusion studies, at Emory, in basic research in Cardiology.

Contact Dr. H. H. Wang for details of the above opportunities: tel. 201-833-1506, e-mail: hw5@columbia.edu

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