

## **Millbrae Cultural Committee 2019 Annual Report**

Millbrae Cultural Committee (AKA MCC) was founded on January 6, 2019 as a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization. The mission of MCC is to build a stronger community with cultural diversity and to foster open forums and activities for Millbrae. MCC would like 1) To encourage and facilitate the free flow of information in an open forum which will affect the Millbrae Community. 2) To ensure the diversified culture of Millbrae is celebrated and preserved for all.

The founding board members were Marian Kong (President), John Chang (Vice President), Nienhwa Cheng (Treasurer) and Warren Young (Secretary), Margaret Fung, Alice Kuang, Wayne Lee. After the first special event in March. John Muniz, Vivian Li and Lisa Liu joined the board.

### **Accomplishments of Special Events**

#### **1. Lunar New Year Festival and Parade on March 2, 2019**

The City of Millbrae and Millbrae Cultural Committee sponsored Lunar New Year Festival to celebrate the Lunar New Year 4717, the Year of Golden Boar on March 2, 2019. There was a Lucky Golden Boar Parade. The parade drove down to the heart of Broadway business area and ended at the Millbrae Civic Center Plaza. The festivities continued throughout the afternoon to explore different parts of Chinese culture with an Outdoor Performance Program, Golden Boar Fair and Wheel of Happy Golden Boar Children's Activities. There were fifty-six vendors at Millbrae Civic Center Plaza. Thousands of participants had attended the event. Congresswoman Jackie Spier, Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Kevin Mullin, San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine, Millbrae City Councilmembers, Daly City Mayor Ray Buenaventura came to attend the parade.

#### **2. Millbrae Community Outreach Dinner on March 28, 2019**

To serve MCC's mission to encourage and facilitate the free flow of information in an open forum for our residents, MCC hosted a community outreach dinner at Tai Wu Restaurant on Thursday evening, March 28. There were approximately 320 participants. Not only for residents to meet with the neighbors, but also to have an opportunity to meet with Mr. Tom William, Millbrae City Manager, who gave updates of the Millbrae Downtown Improvement/Beautification plan; Chief Kunkel, San Mateo County Sheriff Office who shared the tips of safety of Downtown Area; and Vahn A. Phaypraset, Superintendent of Millbrae School District, who presented the update of Millbrae School District. Moderator of the presentation was Mayor Wayne Lee. Participants had asked many questions to the panels. It was a successful event. We would like to thank those sponsors who made donations to this dinner.

#### **3. Standardize Millbrae City Chinese name**

Many people had voiced the opinion to MCC that the translated Chinese names of Millbrae were not easy to pronounce and did not represent the meaning of "Millbrae", moreover there were various translations appeared in Chinese media and Millbrae City government publications, and



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suggested to have one standard Chinese name for "Millbrae" - one that is meaningful, easy to remember, and closer to the English pronunciation.

On May 14, 2019 MCC Board members went to City Council meeting to request the Council to agree to consider updating and standardizing the Chinese name for Millbrae. MCC assisted in the process of collecting suggestions for a new standard translation. By end of May, we had collected 122 submittals and gave the data to the Mayor.

#### **4. Neighborhood Watch**

Due to many residents had concern about the safety in Millbrae Downtown, MCC suggested City Manager Tom Williams and Chief Kunkel to promote Neighborhood Watch Program. MCC participated in the Neighborhood Watch kick off event sponsored by Sun's Market in Millbrae Central Park on August 25, 2019. MCC also assisted the City in promoting the Neighborhood Watch to Chinese community.

#### **5. Mid-Autumn Night Market Festival on Sept. 2, 2019**

Thousands of people came to Millbrae Downtown Broadway between Taylor Blvd and La Cruz on Labor Day, Sept 2 to celebrate mid-Autumn Festival. While world famous cookbook author, Chef Martin Yan from the Yan Can Cook TV show had demonstrated the art of Chinese cooking, attendees enjoyed dancing, gourmet food booths, the Lion dance team and kids play area. Songs and music were provided by Ideaband and Ocean Band. There were fifty-two vendors and community agencies shared information.

#### **6. Millbrae Disaster Preparedness Day on November 16, 2019**

MCC participated in Disaster Preparedness Day to provide translation service and supported the event at Millbrae Library Parking Lot.

**\*Details of financial report is available upon request.**

**Following is the current organization structure as of December 31, 2019:**

President	Nienhwa Cheng
Vice President	Wayne Lee
Secretary	John Muniz (Acting)
Treasurer	Vivian Li
Members	John Chang, Margaret Fung, Marian Kong, Alice Kuang, Lisa Liu, Warren Young (Five Openings)

#### **Acknowledgement:**

We would like to use this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed his/her precious time, expertise, and money to help MCC accomplish our first year's mission and run many successful special events. We would not have been able to achieve this goal if we did not have your support.