

# Four-Year Overview 2019-2023

Monterey Bay Chinese Association (MBCA)

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## A. Major Events and Activities

### 2019

1. Organized in the Chinese New Year Celebration (Oldmeyer Center, Seaside) to unite the Chinese American people and showcase Chinese culture to the wider local communities.
2. Organized July 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ (El Estero Park, Monterey) to promote communal spirit and American patriotism among Chinese American families and friends.
3. Organized Chinese Cultural Festival (Monterey Historic Plaza) to present rich Chinese cultural activities and promote friendly understanding among people in the local communities.
4. Restart local Chinese School (past location: Monterey Christian School. 184 Hilby Ave, Seaside) to teach children of Chinese descendants and friends who wish to know Chinese culture.
5. Selected recipients of College Scholarship Award to encourage Chinese children becoming active/positive members of the society and engage the future generations in such line of work. Recipients: Junchen Wang and Haoxiang He/Jang Yang (2018), Jeremy Isack (2019).  
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6. Began legal procedure of receiving Drs. Peter and Grace Wang land donation and filed relevant paperwork.
7. Made a presentation to the Art Council of Monterey County about MBCA's achievement with the secured grant from the Council.
8. Timely filed MBCA's Tax Return.
9. Timely filed CA Government Registration.
10. Secured a Grant of \$3,500.00 from the Art Council of Monterey County.
11. Sponsored CLTAC Chinese Speech Contest to promote Chinese language and culture among American students with \$500 donation.
12. Participated in the Walk of Remembrance in honor of early Chinese immigrants in PG.
13. Participated in Monterey July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade to show support for local July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.
14. Participated in the Feast of Lantern Festival, Pacific Grove with performances to engage in local communities.
15. Participated in the Award Ceremony of the Art Council of Monterey County and donated money to the Council for promoting arts in Monterey County.
16. Participated in Art Show of the Asian Arts Association of Monterey, Carmel Valley.
17. Participated in the Multicultural Festival with performances in the City of Marina.
18. Participated in the Multicultural Festival with performances in the City of Salinas

### 2020 (During the Pandemic)

1. Organized the Chinese New Year Celebration (Shoreline Church, Monterey) to unite the Chinese American people and showcase Chinese culture to the wider local communities.

2. Selected recipients of College Scholarship Award to encourage Chinese children becoming active/positive members of the society and engage future generations to make positive impact in society. (Recipient: Sicheng Wang, 2020)
3. Completed the sale of the land donated by Drs. Peter and Grace Wang and filed legal paperwork accordingly.
4. Organized a solemn memorial service for Dr. Peter Wang (Virtual on ZOOM), providing the Chinese community and friends to express their condolences to Dr. Grace Wang and pay tributes to Dr. Peter Wang who had supported the Chinese community, especially to MBCA since its inception. Dr. Peter Wang was a shining example for the Chinese in America. Without the Wang's support, there wouldn't be the MBCA as of today. MBCA strives to keep their legacy alive and plans to establish a Chinese Cultural Center in honor of Drs. Peter and Grace Wang with their generous donations.
5. Timely filed the Tax Return of MBCA.
6. Timely filed the CA Government Registration of MBCA.
7. Sponsored CLTAC Chinese Speech Contest to promote Chinese language and culture among American students with \$500 donation.

**2021 (During the Pandemic)**

1. Organized Chinese culture in the Chinese New Year Celebration (Virtual on ZOOM) to unite the Chinese American people and showcase Chinese culture to the wider local communities.
2. Selected recipients of College Scholarship Award to encourage Chinese children becoming active/positive members of the society and engage future generations to make positive impact in society. (Recipient: Edwin Gao).
3. Sponsored CLTAC Chinese Speech Contest to promote Chinese language and culture among American students with \$500 donation
4. Timely filed the Tax Return of MBCA.
5. Timely filed the CA Government Registration of MBCA.

**2022 (During the Pandemic)**

1. Organized the Chinese New Year Celebration (Virtual on ZOOM) to unite the Chinese American people and showcase Chinese culture to the wider local communities.
2. Organized the July 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ (El Estero Park, Monterey) promote communal spirit and American patriotism among Chinese American families and friends. After the pandemic, this event really connected all members and Chinese community in person and making a presence the Chinese in Monterey peninsula.
3. Organized Mid-Autumn Festival event (Del Monte Beach) to celebrate Chinese traditional festival with moon cakes and snacks, a friendly get-together in person among friends.
4. Organized the Chinese Cultural Festival (Monterey Historic Plaza), Oct. 16, 2022). Hundreds of people attended the event, and the traditional dances and performances attracted masses of people. 15 booths showcased Chinese cultural artifacts, calligraphy, paintings, knitting, Chinese traditional games, etc. VIPs speeches were Vice Mayor of Monterey, Representative of Congressman Jimmy Panetta Office, Dean of MIIS, and council man from city of Pacific Grove. This event greatly enhanced the visibility of Chinese American community in Monterey.

5. Timely filed the Tax Return of MBCA.
6. Timely filed the CA Government Registration of MBCA.
7. Selected College Scholarship Award to encourage Chinese children becoming active/positive members of the society and engage the future generations in such line of work. (Recipients: Daniel Q. Cheng).
8. Sponsored CLTAC Chinese Speech Contest to promote Chinese language and culture among American students with \$500 donation.
9. Actively organized and participated in the Walk of Remembrance in honor of early Chinese immigrants in PG.
10. Actively Participated in the Multicultural Festival with performances in the City of Salinas

### **2023**

1. Organized the Chinese New Year Celebration on Jan. 22, 2023 (Oldemeyer Center, Seaside) to unite the Chinese American people and showcase Chinese culture to the wider local communities.
2. Restarted the in person Chinese School, opened Jan. 29, 2023, provides a rare opportunity for Chinese children to learn their language and culture and promotes Chinese language and culture among all children at large. Location: First Baptist Church of Monterey, 600 Hawthorne Street, Monterey, CA
3. Sponsored CLTAC Chinese Speech Contest to promote Chinese language and culture among American students with \$500 donation.
4. Active participation in the Multicultural Festival, Pacific Grove (PG)
5. April 8<sup>th</sup> 2023, MBCA Board Member Election (to be held)  
Location: First Baptist Church of Monterey, 600 Hawthorne Street, Monterey, CA 993940 (12 am to 2 pm).
6. College Scholarship Award (to be awarded)
7. Mid-Autumn Festival (scheduled on September 30, 2023)
8. Chinese Cultural Festival (scheduled on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023)
9. Tax Return (to be completed)
10. CA Government Registration (to be completed)
11. Will actively participate in the Walk of Remembrance in honor of early Chinese immigrants, PG.
12. Will actively participate in Monterey July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade
13. Will actively participate in the Multicultural Festival in the City of Marina
14. Will actively participate in the Multicultural Festival in the City of Salinas

### **B. Tax Return**

In the years 2019, 2020, 2021 tax returned were filed on time before April 15 each year. (Many thanks to Mr. Charles Cha who helped file MBCA's tax returns free of charge)

### **C. CA Government Registration**

Each year, non-profit organizations must file annual registration by May 15 with tax return forms and registration forms. 2019, 2020 were in paper forms. 2021 was in E-form. Each year's registration was done timely.

#### **D. Finance.**

1. The land Drs. Peter and Grace Wang donated in Oct. 2019 was sold right before the pandemic in early 2020. The sale amounts to \$453,991.67. This amount was set aside by the board of directors as future fund to purchase a property so as to establish a Drs. Peter and Grace Wang Chinese Culture Center which will also serve as the administration site for the Monterey Bay Chinese Association.
2. The house Drs. Peter and Grace Wang donated has been renting out. The rent collected is used for the daily operation cost of events/activities of MBCA. Right now MBCA account has a balance around \$25,000.00(not exact). The MBCA finance is managed by a team headed by a vice president.
3. Many thanks to Jane and Victor Shaw's annual donation, and to Bamboo Yu and Sun Yongling's donations.

- E. **MBCA By-Laws Revision:** In 2019, the Board of Directors selected the By-Law Revision Committee which was headed by Dr. Danni Lu as Chair, and Charles Fuller, Zhenlin Qiao, Qian Xian as members. The committee completed the draft in late 2019. But due to the Pandemic, the Board of Directors only began to work on the By-Laws in March 2022 and after rounds of meetings, the board finalized and passed the revised By-Laws on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The revised By-Laws is expected to be submitted to CA Government before May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the time when MBCA registration is done or at a time set by the CA government as there appears to be an extension about it.

#### **F. Membership**

Even though there was the Pandemic from 2020-2023, the Monterey Bay Chinese Association has been growing fast from 2019 to 2023. Up till now MBCA has just over 100 lifetime members and a dozen annual members. This evidently indicates that the association is very welcomed by the Chinese community and the larger community. MBCA is doing a great job in making impacts in Monterey Peninsula. MBCA membership is managed by a specific board member.

#### **G. Chinese School**

The Chinese School operated in 2019 full year, the school director was Minghua Wong laoshi. The school paused its operation in 2020, 2021, 2022, and resumed its operation in Jan. 2023. Current school's director is Huang Shanshan laoshi. Current school location: First Baptist Church of Monterey, 600 Hawthorne Street, Monterey.

**A thousand thanks to members and friends who supported and contributed to MBCA!  
Special thanks to Drs. Peter and Grace Wang who have been giving MBCA the continuing  
advice and support!**

**We look forward to seeing you more in person in the coming years!**

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**April 5, 2023**