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Chinese Community Church to present food festival Oct. 12

Church established in Sacramento nine decades ago

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

The Chinese Community Church will hold its 36th annual Fall Fellowship and Food Festival on Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This free admission event, at 5600 Gilgunn Way, will present freshly cooked Chinese food, baked goods, and activities for kids.

There will also be live entertainment, with special performances by Sac of Soul, CCC Ukulele and Hula Fellowship, ACC Pocket Pickers, and Teens Create Dreams.

A free parking and complimentary shuttle service will be available at the Belle Cooledge Community Center at 5699 South Land Park Drive. The shuttle service will be provided through ACC Senior Services.

Church began nine decades ago

Although this event is approaching its fourth decade, the church itself is much older.

The church's local roots date back to 1924, when a Chinese language school, known as Kwai Wah, opened in a converted house at 5th and P streets. The school provided education for American-born Chinese children.

Ed Wong, whose family dates back to the founding of the church, said that the school was established in a part of the city where Asians were allowed to purchase property.

"It was tantamount to a lower income district," he said. "It was not exactly a ghetto, but in those days, if you were Asian, you could not buy property in certain areas."

Wong, 93, mentioned that the church was established (at 519 N St. in 1927), sometime following the beginning of Kwai Wah.

"It was a language school first, then later on it became the church," he said.

At that time, the church was known as the Reformed Chinese Church of Christ.

Wong noted that the church originated in Holland.

"It's part of the reformation of Martin Luther," he said. "There's a group that went to Germany – the Lutherans – and a group that went to Holland. In fact, the Reformed Church was the first Protestant church to come to the United States, (in 1628). It landed in New York (City), which used to be called New Amsterdam.

"That church backed our church and it became the (Reformed Chinese Church of Christ)."

Wong, who attended Kwai Wah and was a trumpet player in the school's marching band, recalled the local church and language school's founder, the Rev. Wai Sing Kwok, who immigrated to the United States from China in 1920.

"He was a disciplinarian and he was a good speaker," he said. "He was conversant in both in English and Chinese. He was the primary teacher of the school. (He taught language classes) in one big room, and that one big room was the sanctuary.

"(Kwok) was the teacher, preacher, the janitor, the housekeeper. He was everything."

During a storm in February 1938, the church received major structural damage from a tree that fell on it.

As a result, Kwok arranged for the church's meetings and other activities to be held at the YMCA at 505 J St.

On April 26, 1941, Kwok announced that a new, $15,000 church building would replace the old church building and educational center at 519 N St.

The building project was funded through the assistance of the Reformed Church in America, and a capital cam-

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paign by members of the local church.

With the construction of the new, two-story church building – which was designed by architect Herbert E. Goodpastor – the old church building and an educational center on the same site were demolished.

The new church building's cornerstone was laid on July 9, 1941, and the structure was dedicated on Nov. 11, 1941. Features of this building included three rooms for language courses on the first floor, and an auditorium for church services and other meetings on the second floor.

Kwok and his family resided in quarters at the back of the auditorium. He had a wife named Ko Po Young Kwok, and five children: John, Andrew, Alice, Sarah and Esther.

In addition to his work with the church, the reverend also participated in community functions.

For instance, during the Sacramento Camellia Planting Drive, in 1942, he presented a Chinese proverb to the committee. It reads: "It is good luck to plant a camellia."

During World War II, Kwok was a member of the war bond committee of the Chinese division of the Fifth War Loan.

In about 1951, the Rev. Theodore M. Tang replaced Kwok as the church's pastor, and Kwok spent his retirement in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County until his death in 1959.

Another notable figure in the church's early years was Sacramento native Mary Fong Shew, a local piano teacher who was the congregation's organist for a decade and also played the organ at Chinese weddings and other activities. She died at the age of 35 in 1954.

During research for this article, the earliest reference to the church's current name was discovered in the Oct. 23, 1954 edition of The Sacramento Bee. That reference reads: "The Chinese Community Church, 519 N Street, is the only Chinese work in the Reformed Church in the American denomination."

In the same edition, it is noted that the church's pastor at that time was the Rev. Gilbert Lum. A Sunday morning service was then regularly presented in English, followed by an evening service in Cantonese.

Due to redevelopment in the area of the church's building, the congregation's current church structure on Gilgunn Way was built by the Charles F. Unger Construction Co. in the late 1950s. It was constructed with a 120-seat sanctuary and an educational unit.

A unique feature of this building is its split roof, which allows for indirect, natural lighting within its interior.

Like the 5th and N streets church, the current church was built through funding from the Reformed Church in America, and a capital campaign by members of the local church.



The Chinese Community Church's food festival will include grilled chicken, and a wide variety of other edibles.

The first services in the Gilgunn Way church structure were presented, with Lum speaking to the congregation, on Sept. 27, 1959.

Today, five generations of families have attended this church, which has maintained a consistent membership and plans to continue to progress toward its milestone centennial anniversary and beyond.

A Christian church with open doors for anyone

Maybelle Whang, a longtime member of the church, noted that despite this church's name, its membership includes people who are not of Chinese descent.

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Did You Love Our Lights? Pocket neighbors gear up for a budding tradition along the canal





File photos by Stephen Crowley

Devin Lavelle and son Charlie enjoy time together at the Pocket Canal.

Last year, neighbors came together to light up the Pocket Canal for the holiday season and invite you to help do it again this year.

By Devin Lavelle

Last year in this space, I wrote to you about a dream I had. A dream of lights glistening off the water, a gentle shimmer as the water ripples from the wind. A dream of families walking hand in hand down the canal, sharing their holiday wishes. A dream of our community coming together to make it a reality, creating something of beauty for all of our neighborhood to enjoy, creating a tradition that can continue, a tradition that can grow.

It meant so much to me that, in the weeks following, so many friends and neighbors had faith in me and were willing to donate to this crazy dream. It proved what our community can do when we come together.

Last December we kicked off this wonderful holiday tradition, stringing over a mile of lights along the Pocket Canal Parkway. Nearly 20,000 lights glistened off the water, inviting friends and neighbors out to celebrate the holidays together in fun and joy, building a stronger community for us all to enjoy!

I hope you had the chance to enjoy our holiday lights! I know I did – and my boys did.

I got so much wonderful feedback. So many people came out to take in our festive canal, took the opportunity to walk in the evening air, sing carols, see familiar faces--and maybe feel a stronger connection to our great neighborhood.

But I also got one consistent complaint – why didn't the lights go farther? Why didn't it go all the way to Pocket Rd? Why didn't it go to Portuguese Park and beyond? Why didn't we decorate a tree?

The answer is: My hope, my dream is that we are just getting started! That every year this tradition can grow. That our lights can stretch from Pocket to Greenhaven, from Portuguese to Gloria to Florin and eventually on to Steamboat Way.

Can you help us make this dream a reality?

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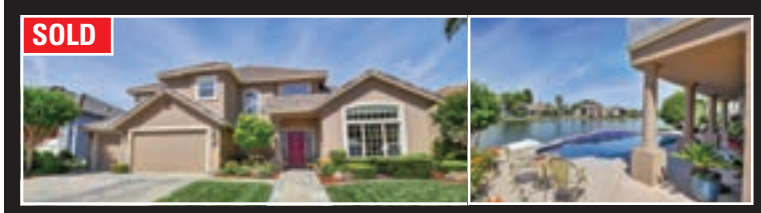

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Inclusive Communities to hold fundraising celebration on Oct. 18

With a mission to "develop and discovery opportunities which promote dignity, respect, inclusion, and meaningful contributions" in collaboration with the people they serve, local non-profit, Progressive Employment Concepts and Community & Employment Services began providing employment services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 1995. Specializing in customized employment, PEC and CES work with businesses to carve out mutually profitable roles for their clients. The organization assists their clients in finding meaningful careers and value in their community, not just jobs.

The nonprofit invites the public to a fundraising event aptly named Celebration of Inclusive Communities 2019, which will be held at the Warehouse Artists Lofts on Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

The event will include dinner, beer, wine, a variety of art vendors, an amazing raffle and silent auction, and local band According to Bazooka. The event will also honor local businesses who are investing in diversity and hiring individuals through PEC and CES. Inclusion Awards will be presented to leaders in diversity hiring as well as individuals who live inclusion every day. Last year's event helped raise funds to add new services which increase clients' access to good jobs, fair wages, and promotion opportunities. The nonprofit also invested in their dedicated staff by offering professional development opportunities.

You can purchase tickets at the door for $40, but it's recommend to pre-purchase tickets online at www.progressiveemployment.org. Tickets bought ahead of time cost $35.

CASSIDY WORKS AT CAPITAL STAGE

Progressive Employment Concepts client Cassidy McGuire is full of personality and obsessed with theater. Wicked is her favorite show and she can be found singing "Defying Gravity" at any time of day. PEC and CapStage in Midtown partnered to create the perfect job for Cassidy- costume maintenance. Cassidy belts out showtunes as she steams outfits and keeps the actors looking sharp for their shows. She says her favorite parts of the job are the people, especially Sarah (tickets and sales) Daniel (apprentice) and Katie (production manager). At the Celebration of Inclusive Communities 2018, Cassidy was able to present CapStage with an award for their excellence and commitment to inclusion and diversity in the workforce.

IAN WORKS AT FUNDERLAND

Ian Casey takes great pride in the work he does at Funderland Amusement Park in Land Park. Ian, who receives support from Community and Employment Services, has been keeping the grounds clean and safe for all patrons since 2014. Ian arrives before the park opens to ensure that everything looks good before the crowds arrive. When asked what he likes most about his work, Ian shares that "my coworkers are very nice. I like that they say good morning to me and help me get all the supplies I need to do my job." That sense of team work and cooperation can be felt while walking the grounds and is part of what makes Funderland such a unique and important feature of the Land Park community. In his spare time, Ian enjoys volunteering with the SPCA, public library, and food bank. He's also passionate about trains and enjoys visiting train museums around Northern California. We're lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic community member in Ian."



Ian with his coworkers at Funderland



Cassidy in front of Cap Stage

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"We have blacks, Hispanics/Latinos, whites and Asians," she said.

Whang added that the church's name can cause confusion, since it doesn't tell people that its members are Christians.

"We are a Christian church," she said. "People have asked me: 'Is that a Buddhist church.' They can't tell by our name what religion it is."

Pastor Louis Lee retires

Wong noted that the church has had other pastors during its history.

"We've had both Caucasian ministers and Chinese ministers, and most of the Caucasian ministers that we hired were Dutch," he said. "Well, they were Americans, but their (ancestry) was Dutch."

The church's most recent pastor was the Rev. Louis Lee.

With Lee's recent retirement, the church is currently without a pastor.

Lee, who converted to Christianity when he was 12 years old, left a strong legacy with his more than 10 years of service to the church.

Adele Din, who serves on the church's board, expressed appreciation for Lee, whose parents emigrated from China.

"Pastor Louis has been a blessing," she said. "He brought so much diversity and spiritual growth to our congregation."

Wong also fondly recalled Lee's service to the church.

"Louis was a highly educated, very conversive," he said. "In fact, he's a very eloquent public speaker. He is also very outgoing, and when I was in the hospital, he would often visit me and give me strength. We would have our prayer sessions, and I really appreciated him. I like Louis. Now we have a vacant pulpit and we're searching for (his replacement)."

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Club members enjoy the camaraderie and have a lot of fun on the trips. Sitting at High Hill Ranch are, from left, Jan and Don Wigle of Modesto who came in their SLK 320, Ampy and James FoyoSpecht, Elk Grove, Katherine and Lloyd Curtis of Olivehurst.

By Charlotte Sanchez-Kosa

At the end of one of the Mercedes SLK car commercials, a woman looks into the camera and asks, "So you wanna go for a ride?" Well... Duh!

That same question was posed to me recently by Don Owen who founded Sacramento Valley SLK Enthusiasts of Sacramento in 2011. Being a sports car fan all my life and having a father who taught me about classic cars, it took me all of about two seconds to answer Owen with a resounding yes.

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Owen, who lives in the Arden area, said club members get together once every month for a rally and drive to a pre-selected locations where they will have lunch or dinner, maybe stay the night and take in some of the areas sights or activities.

Last month, the group drove to Bodega Bay and this month, Owens decided on driving to Apple Hill with a stop in Placerville for lunch.

"We've actually been down to Sausalito three times," he said. "We went to Capitola one time."

In addition, club members have driven to Placerville, Auburn, Grass Valley, other Northern California areas and some places in Oregon as well.

"There was another SLK group which is in the San Jose area," he said. "So we used to have to drive to San Jose if we ever wanted to go for a drive. So we didn't like having to drive two hours just to get there and then go on an hour and half drive. Then we'd have to drive all the way back home again. So we just said, 'Well, why don't we start our own little group right here in Sacramento?'"

That group has grown to 90 members and Owen said it grew gradually.

"We started out really small," he said. "Sometimes there were just two cars and then it seems like every month we'd add one more car and somebody else would tell somebody else."

Owen added, all trips the group takes are planned out properly.

"Most of the time, we like to do a pre-drive to make sure everything is safe, check with CalTrans and see if there is any roadwork scheduled," he said. "I usually spend two or three days planning the trips."

When the day and time for my drive arrived, I was greeted at my front door by Melinda Lincoln, who lives near Country Club Center. I had always been around boys and men who were into cars and seeing Lincoln was a pleasant surprise. I also had no idea that seeing her car would send shivers up and down my spine.

Lincoln is a rarity in the club as she doesn't own an SLK but does own a fully restored 1967 230 SL convertible.

"I don't have an SLK," she said as I got settled in the passenger seat. "My car is the grandmother to all of their cars so Don let me in the club."

She added, she purchased the car in Southern California and it had been garaged all the time but over its lifespan, various people had driven it. When Lincoln found the car, the carpet was ratty and the seats were torn. She put T-shirts on the seats because they were broken up.

"It took probably a year to restore it," she said. "This is still the original paint. I just polish it."

The car is fully restored with stock parts inside and out. It has teak wood trim and chrome accents in the

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cockpit. Lincoln did all of the detailing work on the car.

She added her love of cars came from being around her brother who is a collector and owns 18 cars.

After securing our safety belts and rolling down the windows, Lincoln turned the key and the engine rumbled to life and off we went.

Our first stop for the day was in El Dorado Hills in a parking lot where all of the day's drivers met up and chatted for a while. As the cars pulled into the parking lot, they all parked in a row because after all, it is a club and seeing all the same model of cars is impressive. One SLK even sported a set of giant women's eyelashes along the top edges of the headlights.

Some drivers came from Concord while others came from Modesto, Olivehurst, Elk Grove and Sacramento. In all, about 19 had arrived and after a brief meet and greet, Owen and others gathered in a circle to discuss the upcoming route.

Arriving in Placerville for lunch at The Farm Table Restaurant, all the drivers and their passengers chatted as they ate and talked about previous driving adventures.

After lunch, we all once again got into the cars and drove up the freeway to Carson Road and then to High Hill Ranch in Apple Hill where club members shopped, ate apple themed desserts and drank cider before making the trip back to Sacramento.

But before leaving, club members spoke of what the drives mean to them.

"It's fun," one member said. "It creates camaraderie. You get to meet new people."

Others agreed.

"You go into parts of the world that aren't cemented," said James Specht, of Elk Grove. "That's the whole point...to get away from it all."

Once parked in front of my house, I stepped out of the 230 SL with my face and arms sunburned, and my short hair was a mass of tangles. I took one last look at the car and slowly turned towards my lawn. As Lincoln revved the engine, I stood in the street to watch her pull out and disappear around the corner.

My day of adventure was over but I will always remember the great people I met and the thrill of zooming around in a classic sports car.

For information on Sacramento Valley SLK Enthusiasts visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/SVSLK/.



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The St. Anthony Parish Annual Fall Festival had international food booths from cuisines of the world. There were also games for the entire family including: carnival style games, 50/50, bingo, cake spin, a country store, pull tabs, wine spin, books, and more. The event also included live entertainment and raffle prizes as well. Types of food included: Filipino, Italian, Mexican, Nigerian, Polish, Greek, American, desserts and snow cones. *see FESTIVAL page 9*









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Sure, in 1969 men walked on the moon for the first time (and a second successful visit before the end of the year) and there was the first AFL win in the Super Bowl when Joe Namath's Jets beat the Baltimore Colts. However, there were many other important events that took place that year. For example: the first flight tests of the Boeing 747 and the SST Concorde occurred; the first woman prime minister of Israel was elected and the first temporary artificial heart was implanted; the Stonewall Riots in NYC marked the start of the Gay Rights movement and the multi-day Woodstock concert attracted over 400,000 music lovers to a muddy field in upstate New York; the Beatles released their "Abbey Road" album and a half-million anti-Vietnam War protesters participated in the Washington DC Mortarium March; and in 1969 the very first nodes of computer hook-ups were established, permitting the development of the internet.

But all these historic milestones fade away when another major event is considered—the graduation of the John F. Kenney High School Class of '69! The Pocket Area educational institution was open in 1967 and has been a major community influence ever since. Built to accommodate the crush of Baby Boomers who crowded the halls of McClatchy and Burbank High Schools, the Class of '69 was instrumental in organizing the initial student government and fielding a full slate of sports teams by the brand-new campus.

A half-century has now passed and the 470 graduates have continued their individual successes in the "post-high school real world." Many have served in the fields of law, medicine, the military and education. Many spent careers keeping the government responsive to its citizenry and others have advanced research and some found success in business and the entertainment world.

A significant 50th Reunion Celebration is planned for October 19, 2019 at the California Automobile Museum. Many years in the planning, it promises to produce a wonderful and memorable event for JFK Class of '69 members. The Reunion Committee is composed of (pictured top to bottom, left to right) Lynette (Greenslate) Bell, Judy (Phillips)Lemke, Mary (Renfree) Bartron, Ruth (Trubschenck) Lundsten, Mark Carlos, Julie (McLane) Dulany, , Kim (Johnson) DeHart, Debbie Martin.

Youth-led climate strike brought out large crowd to the Capitol's west steps



Photos by Ellen Cochrane

Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Climate Strike students



Bee Payne, Climate Activist

By Ellen Cochrane

On a beautiful fall morning in Capitol Park it was hard to believe that our planet is in peril and climate change and global warming threaten our very existence. But young Sacramentans take it seriously. More than a thousand young protesters left school on Friday September 20th to gather on the west steps to participate in the worldwide School Strike for Climate.

The global movement started in 2018 when 16-year-old Swedish student, Greta Thunberg, sickened by the lack of adult action, skipped school to sit in front of the Swedish parliament building. She demanded that Sweden adhere to the Paris Climate Agreement. Her simple act led to an international movement that plans to strike every September until world leaders act to reduce fossil fuels.

During Sacramento's Climate Strike 13-year-old Syphra Patel took the mic. She called on political leaders to reduce fossil fuels. "Will you speak up and protect your constituents, or will you choose to be spineless, bowing down to corporate interests and being scolded by a 13-year-old girl?"

More than 1.5 million students in 139 countries worldwide walked out of school and here in Sacramento many adults joined them. Mayor Darrell Steinberg introduced Patel to the audience and expressed his support of the movement. "The youth is inspiring. Young people are coming together throughout the world, and in Sacramento. They are organizing and are committed to taking bold action against climate change."

Bee Payne recalled her introduction to the movement. "I was inspired by my high school biology teacher to act and I came here to fight for

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Punjab in the Pocket: Greenhaven Dr. taproom curries favor with new Indian menu



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The tandoori kebab shrimp are tender and juicy.

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Foodies in the greater Sacramento area rarely go home hungry, culinary dictates notwithstanding. Whether fast food or slow, casual or formal, dirt-cheap or dizzyingly pricy, chances are it's available in any given cuisine from Afghan to Ukrainian. It can sometimes take a bit of driving, but given the gamut of eateries within the city limits, the trip is usually manageable. The closer to the central city, the better, of course; in the Grid restaurants are so densely packed that some blocks consist of nothing but.

The food scene has been experiencing vibrant, even explosive, growth for some time now; it bears little resemblance to that found in most parts of town 20 years ago. And yet through it all some corners have remained relatively unaffected; possibly foremost among them is the Pocket/Greenhaven. It's not exactly a culinary desert; along with the obligatory fast food chains, burger joints and pizza parlors, there are American, Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, Thai, Vietnamese and seafood venues and a wee smattering of other styles. But anything outside of that limited gamut requires a road trip—which is often fine for many people, but it's not always convenient, and for some it's not even possible. Besides, one Mickey D's is much like any other. So there's variety, yes—but not by much.

Several recent arrivals have helped push that envelope a bit, such as the year-old Cacio, an Italian cafe nestled in Riverlake Village Shopping Center's little "restaurant row" that has consistently garnered rave reviews.

Another dearth the area has long suffered is that of brewpubs/taprooms, which are distinct from bars that happen to have a decent beer selection in that brewpubs emphasize the beer experience. Three months before Cacio's arrival, just a few

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doors down one such pub arrived on the scene called Hop Junction. This taproom offered a welcome assortment of microbrews and typical pub-type food choices. Then last March publican Jasdeep Purewal upped his restaurateuring game, unveiling a new, expansive menu featuring Indian cuisine.

The transformation was driven in part by Purewal's love for the foods of his homeland. "I always wanted to open a gastropub, known for some kind of food—not just for beer and burgers," he said. "In this neighborhood there's no Indian restaurant. I always wanted to come up with different cuisine, especially where I could represent my culture. I think I know Indian food because I'm from there, and I want to bring the authenticity to the neighborhood."

Customer demand also played a role. "They loved our old menu too—burgers and stuff—but they always asked me, why can't you [add a certain item].... So we started with appetizers like samosas and aloo tikki, and they loved it. There was all this support—you should do more and more."

Purewal began rolling out the appetizers in late 2018; several months later he found an Indian chef and the two collaborated on the menu conversion, which replaced all but a few of the most popular items such as the Pocket Burger. The task was to determine where his own preferences overlapped with the chef's specialties, with an eye toward providing a reasonable breadth of styles that competes with what is available at other Indian restaurants in the region. Purewal contributed some of the recipes but most were accumulated by Chef Baldev Singh during a 32-year career at Boston's Bombay Bistro and Punjabi Grill. A teenage Singh started as a dishwasher, eventually rising through the ranks. Singh uses no recipe book, relying instead on memory.

Most menu items feature the cooking styles most often found outside of India—e.g. tandoori—but other regional styles are also represented. "It's mostly northern, since I'm Punjabi—we do a lot of barbecues and marinated stuff," Purewal said. "I [offer] tandoori items—that's why we [mention] the clay oven on the menu. Tandoori [dishes are] pre-marinated and cooked in the clay oven at 635 degrees. And we have southern dishes like vindaloo."

To impart a distinctive flair, some of the Tandoori items—e.g. Haryali Tikka, Malai Tikka, Tandoori Shrimp—employ unique marinades that are formulated with precise amounts of up to a dozen spices and other ingredients. While foods of the subcontinent can be eye-wateringly spicy, here all orders are prepared mildly spiced by default. All ingredients are fresh and each dish is made to order from scratch. An organic larder stocked with locally-sourced products can be implemented once the revamped menu has a sufficient footing. The new lineup has been slow to gain traction primarily because news of the change has been spread mostly by word of mouth. It's certainly not due to a lack of quality, as evidenced by a loyal core of about a dozen customers who return frequently (up to three times each week) to partake of the new offerings. Especially popular are the chicken tikka masala, tandoori chicken tikka, lamb curry and lamb seekh kabab; the tandoori items and chicken tikka masala are Purewal's favorites.

The reviews have been glowingly positive to the point of being gushing. Among the regulars are longtime Pocket residents Anita and Jim Kassel, whose table was loaded with colorful platters of appealing victuals one recent afternoon. The Kassels, who have patronized the pub from the beginning and visit at least once each week, gave the previous menu high marks with regard to freshness and flavor but rave about the new one

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Chef Singh plates kebab shrimp straight from the tandoor.

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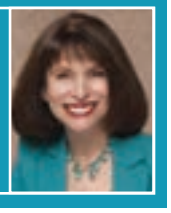

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across the board. "It's incredibly flavorful and I can order items as spicy as I like," Anita said. "The chicken is always so tender and the lamb is also very delicious. One of my favorite dishes is the tandoori shrimp. I also love the tandoori chicken malai tikka. The garlic naan is also one of my favorites and you can't go wrong with any of the wraps."

While the Kassels were hooked by the beer selection and original menu from the start, the location was the clincher. "We were excited that there was something new in this neighborhood. Hop Junction definitely fills a void here in the Pocket," Anita said. "[I]t's family friendly and just a wonderful place to be able to pop into. Jas will always greet you with a smile on his face. Even the chef has quickly stepped out of the kitchen to say hello."

Anita touched upon Hop Junction's unusual intersection of food and drink options. "This place is different because they have that extensive beer [selection] with an Indian menu. No other Indian restaurants I've been to have that combination. I also like that they have vegetarian options."

The Kassels' dinner companions, Boston transplants Darian and Ronald Giusti, who are well familiar with Indian cuisine, were similarly impressed. Darian deemed it "spectacular" while Ronald thought it merely "great." Darian had the chicken korma and found it to be excellent. "I think it's tops. We had curry all over the place [in Boston], and this is as good as that." She described her lassi (a yogurt/fruit-based drink) similarly, proclaiming it to be "the best drink I ever had."

The full 50-item menu includes 11 appetizers (six vegetarian) such as pakora and samosa; 12 curries (five veggie) such as chicken tikka masala, fish curry and lamb vindaloo; eight tandooris (one veggie) such as chicken malai tikka, chicken seekh kabab and shrimp; four wraps such as chili chicken and lamb seekh kebab; a fusion salad, a burger, two desserts and six varieties of naan. The lunch menu offers all the curry dishes and half the appetizers but no tandoori. A kids' menu lists just fries and either chicken strips or drumsticks. Diners seeking soup and/or chutney won't find them here. Expect standard market pricing or slightly lower.

While Anita Kassel favors the tandoori shrimp and garlic naan, based on her positive experiences she's not afraid to experiment. "I'm trying to order something different each time I go in," she said. "So far, every single menu item I've tried, I have loved."

Although Hop Junction is shining the spotlight on its culinary side, it must be noted that the beer selection is every bit as much an attraction as ever. About 20 taps feature a rotating lineup of microbrews (some of them from local producers) across a range of styles. Lagers, which pair well with Indian dishes, are always available on draft, and several bottled Indian labels are kept on hand. The wine list also includes selections to accompany just about anything that leaves the kitchen. The bar seating is suitable for single patrons or couples to grab a bite and a brew, and offers a pleasant atmosphere in which to imbibe and visit with Purewal and fellow tipplers or simply veg out in front of several of the flat panel TVs. The place becomes a karaoke bar on many Sat. nights for those who like that sort of thing; perhaps with enough encouragement Purewal and Chef Singh will sing a duet, as happens at venues such as Carmel's outstanding Dametra Cafe (although there it's not karaoke, but live music from Greek instruments that provides the melody).



A typical spread of tandoori dishes, naan and Pocket Burger accompanied by crisp lagers.

Hop Junction does have its busy periods, but there are still many opportunities to stop in for a pint and some pakora with a side of elbow room. This may in fact be a good time to make it a go-to venue before word gets around and it becomes one of those places Yogi Berra referenced when he said, "Nobody goes there anymore—it's too crowded." Purewal would of course love to see capacity crowds from open to close, but as important as a healthy customer base is to him, it's also in the neighborhood's best interest, as Anita Kessel pointed out. "I hope everyone will give Hop Junction a try and experience their menu. We need to support this new establishment so that it will stay in our neighborhood. Our restaurant choices here in the Pocket wouldn't be the same without Hop Junction and Jas." In fact, customers don't even have to set foot in the place, as home delivery is now available.

Located at 7600 Greenhaven Dr. #20, the pub sits between Viento's and 24 Hour Fitness at the north end of the parking area. Purewal can be contacted at 916.382.9211 and via HopJunction@yahoo.com. The Website, hop-junction.com, offers information that is often outdated so a phone call is advised. On Tue.-Sat. lunch runs 11AM-2PM and dinner 5PM-10PM, on Sun. the doors open at noon and close at 10 and on Mon. the doors don't open at all.

There is an old Hindi saying, "Boond-boond se ghara bharta hai," which roughly translates to "A pitcher is filled drop by drop." As Hop Junction's pitcher still has plenty of room to spare, Purewal and his loyal patrons are praying for rain, a drop at a time. A warm welcome surely awaits anyone who "drops in."



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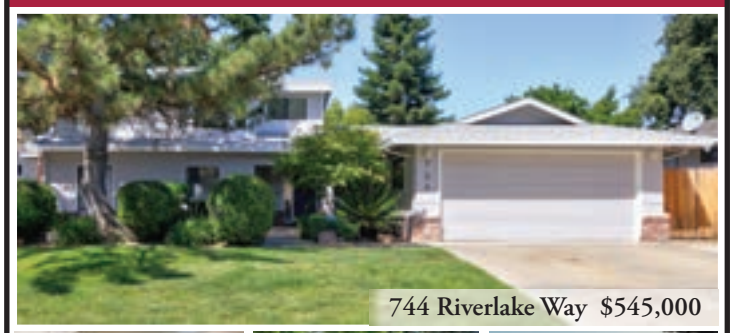

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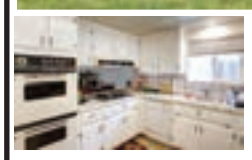

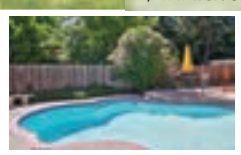

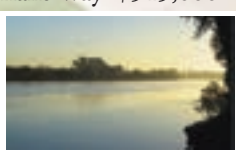

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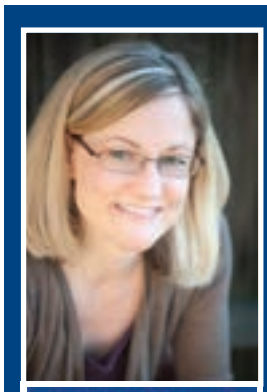

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Come inside through the formal entry, and you will discover a spacious floorplan featuring a large living room with vaulted ceilings and a cozy fireplace. The living room and adjacent formal dining room look through a sunlit bank of windows to an expansive deck that truly integrate interior living space with the serene exterior. Updated kitchen offers something for everyone with gorgeous views of the outside, eat-in nook, lots of counter prep room and lots of cabinet space. The lower level features dual master suites, each with an ensuite bathroom and an abundance of closet space. All this with ample community amenities such as a pool and spa, and access to the American River and parkway.

Elks 6's 2013 MVS receives $24,000 scholarship



In 2013 Christina Fang received a $4,000 scholarship from the Elks National Foundation (ENF) as one of Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6.'s Most Valuable Scholars (MVS). This past summer she was selected by ENF to receive a Gunther and Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship for $24,000 to use for her first year of medical school at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine. At UC Irvine she is studying to become a primary care physician, and she is one of only four recipients of this year's Weigel Scholarships.

Upon receiving her Weigel Scholarship Christina said, "I grew up in Taiwan. When may father lost his job, my family moved to Sacramento in the hopes of pursuing better opportunities. I insisted on trying new things. Out of this spirit, I volunteered at my local Elks Lodge frequently. The Lodge played a pivotal role in shaping my character and molding me into an open-minded, sincere individual." At that time Christina was a student volunteer at Elk 6's Sunday Breakfasts under the direction of the late Marilyn Facha.

The year Christina was graduating from West Campus High School, the Elks National Foundation for the first time was pleased to offer an exclusive scholarship opportunity just for Elks scholars pursuing a medical degree. The Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarships were established through the generosity of Lee Weigel, widow of Gunther Weigel. Lee lost her husband of 51 years in November of 2009. Gunther was a longtime member of Miami, Florida, Elks Lodge No. 948. He was passionate about the Foundation's scholarship programs. His wife, Lee, established these scholarships to help Elks scholars pursue a career in medicine. To be eligible for the Weigel Scholarship, the student must first be one of ENFs' most valuable students.

In 2013 Christina was one of 480 students to receive a $4,000 scholarship from ENF. The Pocket News in reporting about the May 10, 2013, Elk 6's annual scholarship/awards program noted Elk's scholarship chair introduced Christina by stating, "She assists in the UC Davis Medical Center Trauma Department by performing basic patient care and completing clerical duties. As a true leader, she is also humble and listens to other's input." She was selected by Elks 6 on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

As a senior at West Campus, besides being a most valuable Elks' scholar, she was also one of only 80 winners from across the country to receive a $10,000 scholarship from Nordstroms. To qualify for the Nordstrom scholarship students had to demonstrate community involvement, financial need, and strong academics. Besides all of her accomplishments, Christina is the first student sponsored by Elks Lodge No. 6 to receive the distinguished Gunther and Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship. Sacramento Elks Lodge hopes that other students planning to pursue a medical degree will be inspired by Christina's example and apply for one of the ENF's Most Valuable scholarships ranging from $4,000 to $50,000 for undergraduate work and then be eligible to apply for the Weigel Medical School Scholarship. They can apply for the MVS at enf.elks.org/mvs. The application deadline is November 5, 2019. Students must have taken either the ACT or SAT on or before October 5, 2019.





What's happening Pocket/Greenhaven?

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

CHINESE COMMUNITY CHURCH 36TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL: The Chinese Community Church 36th Annual Fall Festival is on Saturday, October 12 from 11 am to 6 pm at 5600 Gilgunn Way, Sacramento. The festival will feature freshly cooked Chinese food, live entertainment, baked goods and activities for children. Special performances include Sac of Soul, CCC Ukulele and Hula Fellowship, ACC Pocket Pickers, and Teens Create Dreams. ACC Senior Services will provide free parking and shuttle service from Belle Cooledge Library.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

'YOGA FLOW' FITNESS CLASS FOR CHARITY: First Annual Infinite Giving 916 Charity Event! This year's theme is 'Yoga Flow.' All fitness levels are welcome. Free with item donation. All fitness levels are welcome! Yoga Flow will be held from 9am-10:15am (the class starts with a morning stretch, proceeded with a modified sun salutation flow). Please bring your own fitness/yoga mat. Free entry into the class with a charitable contribution from the list below. Donations will be given to the Oak Park Community Center Senior Program and Maryhouse of Sacramento. ¿A beautiful Infinite Giving Art Piece will be Auctioned at the event with half the proceeds going to our Charities (Art piece will be displayed on October 18th on our instagram page @infinitegiving916). The following items are needed: Used adult tennis shoes, blankets, adult diapers, washcloths, robes (new and gently used), women's new underwear, women's jeans (new and lightly used), bras/sports bras (new and lightly used), size 5 and 6 diapers and pull-ups, new tooth brush and tooth paste, board games, new soap and lotion, back packs (new and used), eyeglass readers (new and gently used). Any items that you're willing to give. Donations are accepted from 8 a.m. to noon. Location: Jazzercise/M Mobile Gym, 7485 Rush River Drive Ste 630, Sacramento, CA 95831

ONGOING

ACC FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Are you caring for a loved one? We understand that caregiving comes with the joy of giving back but many challenges as well. Please join us in our support group meeting and share informational/emotional support and guidance with other caregivers and staff. Meetings are held on the second Wednesdays from 12:00p-1:30p and the 4th Thursdays from 6:30p-8:00p at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, please contact Soojin Yoo, MSW at (916) 393-9026 ext 336 or www.syoo@accsv.org. .accsv.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF POCKET-GREENHAVEN MEETINGS: You're invited! Come join the Rotary Club of Pocket-Greenhaven on Thursday mornings, 7:30 at Aviator's Restaurant at Executive Airport. You are welcome as our guest to learn more about our leadership organization and meet with business, civic, and professional leaders who are making a difference in our neighborhood! Contact Bob Smith, at 916-215-1332 or visit https://pgr.rocks/ to find out more.

PARKINSON ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA South Sacramento Support Group: Every second Thursday of the month from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Location: Asian Community Center (ACC), 7334 Park City Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831. This support group is free to those who are living with Parkinson's Disease, their family and caregivers. The group shares information to help each other and provide guest speakers who can assist with physical and mental challenges in daily living.

SIRS BRANCH 93 meets every third Monday of each month. Lunch is at 11:30 in the Elks Club, 6446 Riverside Blvd.
If you are retired or close to retirement and looking to join a men's group, we are Sons In Retirement. A group of men with a wide variety of backgrounds that love to socialize, play golf, bowl, pinochle, hike, bike ride or maybe you would like to form an activity that you are interested in, join us. The first lunch is on the group. Give Jack a call, there is always room at our meetings. Interesting speakers and a great buffet are included at each meeting. Jack Reefer 916-424-1303 or email me: jreefer@sbcglobal.net

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP: The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library hosts an English Conversation Group every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: Is your friend or family member in a domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking situation? This free, drop-in group is for you. Learn how to support your loved one, and receive some support yourself among people who are in the same situation. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

#METOO SUPPORT GROUP: Every third Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: This drop-in support group is free, confidential, open to all genders, and available to sexual assault survivors at any point in their healing. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

MUSIC AND MOTION AT BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER: Rowena Alverto brings exercise classes for seniors with a combination of yoga, tai chi, zumba, for seniors on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. $3. 5699 South Land Park Drive.

LOW-COST VACCINATION CLINICS AT THE SSPCA: Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for vaccines; no appointments necessary. Vaccines include:
1) DAPP vaccine ($20) — DAPP stands for Distemper, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus. While important for dogs of every age, puppies are susceptible to the Parovirus.
2) Bordetella ($20) -- often referred to as the kennel cough vaccine, this helps protect against a strain of bacteria that can cause kennel cough. Many boarding kennels and groomers require this vaccine for services,
3) FVRCP vaccination ($20) prevents three potentially deadly airborne viruses: rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia in cats,
4) Rabies shot ($6) -- this vaccine is required by animal control or to license your dog. The first vaccine is valid for one year, subsequent vaccines if given on time will last 3 years.
If you are 65 or older, vaccinations are free!
The Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is located at 6201 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER: This class is designed for beginner or students with limited or no experience with computer. Learn about computer hardware, system components, software and more. Pre-payment of $30 and pre-registration required. Class will start from January 16 thru 25, 2018 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.orgs.

ARTISTS' AND CRAFTERS' GROUP – Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, this meet-up was started to allow participants from past and current "In Creative Company" classes to continue meeting. Any artists or crafters who are interested in this social group are welcome--just bring whatever you're working on and join us! 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

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