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SQUARE AND CIRCLE CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

June 1, 2024 | Hilton San Francisco Financial District

(photo by Frank Jang)

Top row (l-r): Carol Fung, Caresse Shum Nguyen, Erika Shealy, Marilyn Mark, May-lee Chai, Crystal Jang, Sharon Yow, Kathy Chinn, Diane Jung, Tamiko Wong, Catherine Ko, Arlene Dea Deeley, Kaitlyn Ikeda, Dora Scott, Cindy Cheng, Louise Owling, Claudia Jeung

Middle row (l-r): Nancy Leung, Sharon Young, May Young, May Jew, Catherine Der, Kate Yuen Ikeda, Ginger Tam, Anna Q Wong, Harriet Wong, Lorraine Dong

Kneeling row (l-r): Jeannie Woo, Joyce Bantugan, Nolan-Kyle Matic Sumala

Front row (l-r): Doreen Yang, Nancy Jee, Bea Wong, Daisy Q Leong, Margaret Chan, Debbie Yee, Rachel Hum, Shirley Dere, Sophie Tom, Mary H Lee, Victoria Wong

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AN UNFORGETTABLE 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!

(photos by Frank Jang and Ed Jay)

The once-in-a-lifetime S&C 100th Birthday Party was a smashing success! What can we say? Others said it for us!



The June 1 event was dedicated to Square and Circle Club's seven founders. Pictured clockwise from top: Alice Fong (Yu), Daisy K Wong, Ann Lee (Leong), Jennie Lee, Bessie Wong (Shum), Ivy Lee (Mah), and Daisy L Wong (Chinn).

Two-hundred-sixty (260) S&C members, families, and friends found their way to their tables greeting long-lost colleagues and making new acquaintances along the way UNTIL the rhythmic drums and clashing symbols announced the entry of two magnificent lions, a golden lion and a special red dragon lion! They wound their way through the tables driving away evil spirits and ushering in good luck and blessings to S&C and attendees.



San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed declared June 1, 2024 as Square and Circle Club Day in San Francisco and Vice-President Kamala Harris sent a congratulatory letter which Co-President Jeung read aloud.



After greetings by the co-presidents, guest speaker Helen Zia gave a sterling speech titled "From Being Different to Making a Difference: Confessions of a Disobedient Daughter" – a very encouraging and inspirational talk, said many!



When lunch was finished, everyone in the ballroom was treated to a melodious guzheng performance by China's Spirit Music Ensemble with three guest percussionists, one of whom was our own Crystal Jang (pictured second from the right)!

Then Co-President Dong gave a history of S&C's community connections, giving "shout-outs" to community representatives in attendance. This was followed by Rachel Hum, who read a passionate poem she wrote, dedicated, and read to our founders 40+ years ago at a big anniversary celebration. Very touching words. Thank you, founders!



The highlight of the afternoon was the recognition of S&C members. Alon Yu, son of S&C Co-Founder Alice Fong Yu, and Gloria Shum Lee, daughter of S&C Co-Founder Bessie Wong Shum, presented 8 current and past S&C presidents with The President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award from AmeriCorps and the President of the United States.





This was followed by S&C Co-Presidents presenting special S&C gifts to our four 20-year members, two 50-year members, and eight 55+-year members. All remaining S&C members were recognized with sweet S&C golden leis.



Every Centennial attendee received a jewelry box, the content: a silver pendant of a dragon circling around a gemstone that is attached to a black corded necklace. The dragon – S&C's Centennial logo!



"Celebration" was the culminating musical piece with everyone swaying, singing, and keeping time waving purple ribbon wands to the joyous song – some forming a conga line winding around the room! What a grand finale!!!! Happy Birthday, Square and Circle Club!

