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## CFC 2022 – Director’s Comments



Hello campers! It was a great 1st year at Cedar Lake Ministries and we have already developed an excellent rapport with their retreats coordinator.

We had 99 total campers come to Cedar Lake at some point during the week this year! We actually had 110 campers registered but unfortunately 11 campers ended up not being able to join us. Since 2009, only the 60th anniversary session had a larger attendance! Even more exciting is the fact we had 7 new families and 6 of these families had preteens.

We have already started the planning process for CFC 2023 and I have some lodging and heritage education announcements already. From a lodging standpoint we have secured more rooms in the Rest-A-While facility (the “hotel” facility with private restrooms in each room) and we have secured many more Cedars “cabins” with each cabin having a private restroom and some

also with kitchenettes; we will not be using the Hickory “dorm” facility for lodging next year. From a heritage education standpoint we have secured more meeting rooms in the Oaks dining facility lower level and therefore adult, teen-young adult and preteen education meeting rooms will all be adjacent to one another in that lower level without the need to walk to other buildings after breakfast/announcements/words of wisdom/morning singing.

Anyway, I hope all of you are enjoying the Fall season and staying happy and healthy. The CFC 2023 planning committee will continue to meet on Sundays and we will let you know of any other major updates for 2023!

Lawrence

## Meet your CFC Board Members!

This new column will give the greater CFC community a chance to get to know their board members better. We will be publishing 2 – 3 profiles per issue. We are kicking off the inaugural profile with [Allen Yang](#) and [Caryn Caffarelli](#):



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## Meet Allen Yang!



**Name?** Allen Yang

**Board Position?** Secretary, Information Technology, Senior Camper

### What Do You Do for the Board?

- Secretary:
  - Save all written documentation about CFC (board meetings, legal filings, letters, photos/videos)
  - Communications
- Information Technology:
  - Website content updates
  - Evaluate various cool technologies for Camp use – Zoom, Yogile, Youtube,
- Senior Camper
  - Keep the Camp spirit in mind when the board discusses issues and ideas
  - Try not to take things too seriously

### Why Are You On the Board?

I was the founding board president when CFC was reformed as a 501c3 non-profit org back in 2007 (with a major assist from Tina Tchen and some pro-bono legal work from her staff), and have served on the board since then. Wow, 15 years. I stepped down as president in 2014 and

wrote up my thoughts about that in a hard to find blog post on the CFC website (<https://chinesefamilycamp.org/allen-stepping-down-as-president-of-cfc-inc/>) and it has worked out great! I love CFC and everything about it, including planning/organizing/running and thinking of ways to keep it fresh and fun. Board members are all bringing their best ideas and enthusiasm to make Camp great, year after year.

### What have you learned about CFC during your involvement?

Our first live Camp at Cedar Lake, as well as the two Virtual Camp Sessions in 2020 and 2021 clearly showed me that Camp WILL NOT BE STOPPED! This year we had power outages on Saturday AND Sunday morning, and we kept moving and making it happen. We even held a CFC Board Meeting using flashlights and headlamps. Everyone just deals with what comes up and issues just dissolve before the combined might of dozens of campers who want to keep the fun going!

### Favorite Story or Memory about Camp?

Being involved with the Wawasee Blues Band over the years has been a total HOOT! We have just enough musician chops between Mark, Eric, Steve, and whoever shows up that we can actually do some of the traditional Chinese blues songs/lyrics, as well as research the original imperial lyrics for a variety of tunes known to the west. This year's rendition of "Yesterday" aka "CFC" with violin and cello back up was superb!

### What's Next for You at Camp?

Getting Cedar Lake up to CFC standards will be a project over the next couple years. And then



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there's a few terabytes of photos, videos, and other materials collected over the last 60+ years to organize – help!

## Meet **Caryn Caffarelli!**



**Name?** Caryn (Kai Yin) Caffarelli

**Board Position?** Board member, non-officer

**What Do You Do for the Board?** Attend meetings regularly, listen to ideas and plans, offer my ideas and feedback, help cousin Tracey Jen with pre-teen education planning, and teach pre-teen music at camp.

**Why Are You On the Board?** I love CFC, so when I was asked if I'd be interested in being on the board, I was honored and more than happy to give back.

**What have you learned about CFC during your involvement?** There are some wonderful people working hard and volunteering their time and talent in order to make camp happen. They are open to learning new things and want to make

camp great. If you get involved in helping, you get energized by these people and camp becomes even more special because you help make it great.

**Favorite Story or Memory about Camp?** The very first year I came to camp, people found out I was a singer and could project my voice, before I knew it they handed me the bullhorn during the micro-triathlon and had me announce the races. I was thrilled and thought, wow, they know how to make someone feel included! I also love field day because no matter how old you are, you feel like a kid again.

**What's Next for You at Camp?** I would love to continue to help with pre-teen education and lead more singing with Eric. How about some songs around the camp fire?



## Graduation!

Update from the **Chao's in North Carolina**

2022 was a milestone year for Jamie. She graduated from the Univ. of North Carolina at Asheville in May with a degree in Psychology. She and Andy decided to move to the Triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill) to look for jobs. For now, they are living in the house with Jim and Meimei. Oh yes . . . Maggie the Cat is enjoying being a house cat in a large house instead of a



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small apartment. Jamie has had Maggie for a couple years.

Frank and Dorothy were able to come for the UNCA graduation, May 7, 2022



Caryn is still teaching Chinese at Hillside High School in Durham, NC. A student mentioned just this week how useful the phrase "Hen you yisi!" is, and how many of her friends who take Spanish have incorporated it into their daily conversations. #proudtteacher

Caryn's students:

## Updates from Caryn and Qihu:

Qihu is in her second year at Appalachian State in Boone, NC, home of the most amazing fall foliage. She is majoring in Psychology, minoring in Chinese, and enjoying playing Ultimate Frisbee. She loves the mountain weather and being close enough to home to do laundry.





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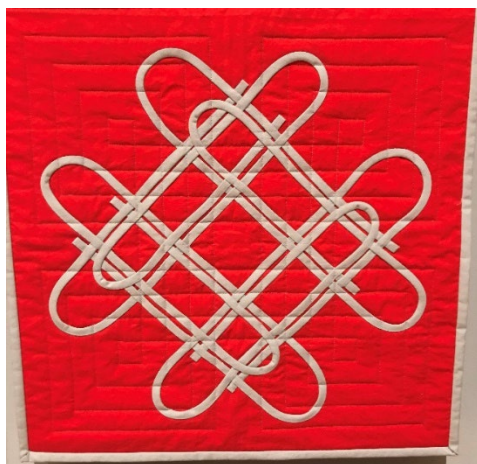
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## Updates from the Kelterborns

Joan Chao and Jeff Kelterborn had a mini-reunion with Tim Ling in Indianapolis in November:



The International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, NE purchased Joan Chao's quilt, Paperclip Pastiche, for their permanent collection. It was featured in the museum's Modern Meets Modern exhibit. Joan said it was inspired by a Chinese knot motif that reminded her of tangled paperclips.



## Updates from Desi Chuang:



大家好! My partner Zoe and I just launched the first Kindergarten Learn to Ride bikes without training wheels PE program in the Lafayette Indiana area. It has been lovely connecting our family and bikeshop with Chinese Family Camp and talking bikes with a few! My Singapore citizenship recently is confirmed and active so I will be renouncing USA citizenship and splitting time between Singapore and the Hoosier Heartland (the puppies are well @bikeshop homebase! woof woof!). The kids and I are on the way back to in the next three months to start finding a little piece of home. If anyone has connections, please send any leads on housing, I'm hoping to have access to camping on East Coast Park and close to the classic kampong Palau Ubin : ) All the best, Desi, Lucia, and Mbozsqn ([virtuouscycles@gmail.com](mailto:virtuouscycles@gmail.com) ,, [purduebike@gmail.com](mailto:purduebike@gmail.com))



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## Updates from Leslie Lee Dzik:



On Dec. 31, 2021, Lesley Lee, middle daughter of Pauline and the late Bernie Lee, married Matt Dzik at an intimate ceremony at the I-Hotel in Champaign, Illinois. Wedding attendants included Lesley's three children, Matthew, Timothy, and Jenna Purnell, and Matt's son, Elijah Riley. The couple reside at 1302 S. Western Ave. Champaign IL 61821.

In May 2021, Matt Dzik, now husband of Lesley Lee Dzik, earned his bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University, 23 years after beginning his undergraduate studies in education and English. He took a hiatus from his courses to take full-time care of his wife Patricia "Pat" Riley, who was born with muscular dystrophy, and her son Elijah Riley. Pat passed away from complications related to muscular dystrophy on Sept. 28, 2014.

In August 2021, Matt Purnell graduated from Parkland College (Champaign, Ill.) with an associate degree in computer science. He now resides in Savoy, Illinois, just south of the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and works virtually as a senior software development engineer for FarmAfield, a company founded by a former neighbor from Nebraska that crowdfunds cattle raising. (his photo is on the About Us page of [farmafield.com](http://farmafield.com))

<https://www.farmafield.com/about/>

Timothy "Timmy" Purnell graduated from the University of Notre Dame summa cum laude on May 15, 2022, with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is now pursuing a year of seminary in Denver, possibly the first in 5 years of study leading to being a Dominican friar (order of preachers). He gave up his phone when he started seminary, but you can write to him as Brother Benedict, St. Dominic Priory, 2901 Grove St., Denver CO 80211 or email him at [trpurnel@gmail.com](mailto:trpurnel@gmail.com). He would love to hear from you!



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On July 8-10, 2022, a reunion of the descendants of Bernard and Pauline Lee was held in Toronto, Canada, at the home of their youngest daughter Tania Lee Osmond and her husband Paul Osmond. Uncle Bernie passed away Nov. 7, 2010, in Phoenix, Arizona. Present were Auntie Pauline, Tania and Paul, and eight of the nine Lee grandchildren. (Photo credit: Tania Lee Osmond. L to R, front row: Matthew Purnell, Joseph Wang, Tim Purnell. Second row: Gabriel Osmond, Jonathan Wang, Michael Osmond, Elijah Osmond, Pauline Lee. Back row: Paul Osmond. Missing: Josiah Wang) A second reunion will take place Nov. 5-8, 2022, in Champaign, Illinois, of those who couldn't attend the Toronto reunion. Lesley and Matt Dzik will host Auntie Pauline, Karen and David Wang, and Tania Osmond. It will be the first non-Zoom introduction of the new brother-in-law Matt Dzik and his son, and of the 9 Dzik siblings in Frankfort, Illinois, to the Lee siblings and matriarch.

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<sup>1</sup> Mark Chow

## Updates from **Ginnie Lo/ Wedding Bells:**



Maika Nicholson married her long time partner Ben Hahn in a country wedding in Graeagle, CA on July 30, 2022. Attending her wedding were many CFC family and friends including from the 'older generation': parents-of-the bride Ginnie Lo and Paul Nicholson; Bethy Lo, David Horgan, and Tai Horgan; Allen Yang and Mary Taylor; Vevan Yang who was in charge of origami bird decorations; Jane and Jerry Prey; Bethie Liao and Tim Dugan; and Maika's best friends from CFC during the 1990s Victoria Chen-Byerly and Andrea Spiker. A highlight of the wedding was Uncle Allen's performance of General Tso's Chicken<sup>1</sup> and Sweet and Sour Pork<sup>2</sup> with newlywed Ben as General Tso.

<https://youtu.be/-ZwHmifuMU4>

The happy couple enjoyed an October honeymoon bicycling in Tuscany with Ginnie and Paul. Maika and Ben reside on Lake Tahoe, CA with their dog Rubi.

<sup>2</sup> Allen Yang



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## Update from **Joe Lee**:



Meredith, Emmy, Madelyn at Animal Kingdom at Walt Disney World. Meredith is finishing her nurse practitioner degree in North Carolina, Emmy is almost 2 1/2, and Madelyn just started residency at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.



## Next CFC Board Meeting:

The next CFC board meeting is set for January 15, 2023 at 7pm CT. Below is the new CFC meeting link.

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7086696556>

All are welcome to attend!

## Please visit the CFC Website:

Tons of interesting reading and additional fun things!

<https://chinesefamilycamp.org>





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## Wedding bells!

Marriage of **Abby Nielsen** and Les Long,  
10/22/22.



Pictured above are left to right: Willow, 3;  
Khaleesi, 6; Asher 10 months. The little girls  
are from his first marriage and Asher is theirs.

## More Wedding Bells!

Camper **Alana Warenberg** got married to Jordan Ankrom on October 21, 2022. Jordan and Alana met at church in September of 2020 and worked together for 9 months before they made their relationship official. They got married in beautiful Arcadia Valley, Missouri surrounded by many family and friends. They went on their honeymoon to Greece. Why Greece? Mainly the food. :)





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Update from **Ramon and Victoria Lim:**



Chinese Family Camp and Victoria Lim

From 1974 to 1978, our family made a yearly trip to Lake Wawasee, Indiana to attend one week of Chinese Family Camp, sponsored by CSAS (Chinese Student and Alumni Services). The camp was organized in the 50's by a group of Chinese intellectuals who were stranded in the United States when the communists took over Chinese mainland in 1949. It created an opportunity for Chinese families to get together and shared collective experiences. By the time we joined, the camp was well established. All the parents were highly educated. We joined the camp because that was the time when being Chinese was a big disadvantage, and we wanted our children to know that there were other Chinese in America, and for one week each year, they were the majority.

Going to the family camp was inspiring and rewarding, but it was hard work too. Generally, each family rented a cottage and spent day time at the lodge or outdoor. The lodge was a large covered open space filled with more than ten sets of long wooden picnic style tables and benches, and it was connected to an expansive kitchen with oven, stove and refrigerator. It was very impressive that, for an entire week, over a hundred people, adults and children, all came to the lodge, on time, for three meals a day plus an evening snack. All meals were prepared by camp members rotating through the kitchen.



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Amazingly, we were environmentally conscious and did not use disposable table wares.

There were many sports activities on the camp ground, and every day we taught classes related to Chinese culture and history to different age groups of children. On Friday nights, we always had an excellent program: skits were written and acted, piano, violin and flute were played, and the orchestra (camp children of different ages practiced together for less than a week under the direction of uncle Lee C Teng, a Fermi Institute physicist) rendered their performance. It was also the night that the organizers gave out prizes. I remember Auntie Dorothy Yang, in her animated voice, hilariously gave out prizes to the person who caught the biggest fish, the smallest fish, the greatest and the least number of fish.

One year, my husband Uncle Ramon Lim was the camp director. We were swamped and apprehensive preparing for the big job. CSAS also published a newsletter, and we edited one issue of that magazine. I remember our whole family enthusiastically designed the cover and wrote pieces. 1978 was the last time we attended the camp, and that happened to be the camp's 20th anniversary. Our son Wendell and my husband Ramon designed a T shirt for that occasion. Years later, we thought about going back, but were unable to find that strong urge.

Currently, Ramon and I are retired from the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa.

Jennifer, our eldest daughter is chair of Pediatric Radiology at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago. Wendell is chair of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology at the University of California in San Francisco. He is also a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. Caroline, our younger daughter works for Trimble, a high-tech industrial technology company in Denver.

We have nine grandchildren, seven granddaughters and two grandsons. Granddaughter #1 is a fellow in Immunology at Stanford Medical Center, #2 works in a large law firm in New York, #3 works in a factory in Denver, #4 graduated from Stanford and is in the process of applying to medical school, #5 studies at Yale, #6 studies at the University of Chicago, #7 studies in high school. Grandson #1 graduated from Williams College and is now working at High-Link, a technical sales and marketing firm in Chicago, #2 studies in middle school.



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## Recipe Corner

Courtesy of Joe Lee, a classic Chinese dish

Lion's Head (Shizitou) About 4 servings

10 dried black mushrooms	dash of pepper
1 pound ground pork	1 Tbsp sherry
1 can diced bamboo shoots	1 tsp sesame oil
2 scallion stalks	2 Tbsp soy sauce
2 slices fresh ginger root	1 head nappa cabbage
1 egg, beaten	2 tsp minced garlic
1 1/2 tsp cornstarch	2 Tbsp vegetable oil
1 tsp sugar	1 cup chicken stock

1. Soak mushrooms.
2. Mix pork, bamboo shoots, scallions, ginger, and soaked mushrooms cut into small pieces.
3. Blend in egg, salt, pepper, sugar, cornstarch, sherry, sesame oil, soy sauce.
4. Divide into 4 parts and form each into a large meatball. (Easier if using wet hands)
5. Separate leaves of nappa and cut into 3-4 inch sections.
6. Heat oil and stir-fry nappa until softened (about 2 minutes). Transfer to a large skillet.
7. Heat stock in large pan. Add porkballs and bring to boil. Simmer, covered for 60 minutes..
8. Add balls to skillet, cover, simmer 30 minutes more.
9. Arrange nappa on a serving platter with porkballs in the middle.
10. Enjoy!





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## In Memoriam:



**Flora C. Lee**, 104, a long time Indiana resident, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2022, in South Bend, IN. Flora was born in Hankow, China on April 6, 1918. In 1939, in Chungking, China, she married James K. Lee who preceded her in death. She is survived by 4 children, Charles (Dora) Lee, PhD of Golden Valley, MN, Julia (Hsin-hsin) Chou, MS of Woodbury, MN, Nancy (Guang) Fang, PhD of W. Windsor, NJ, and Joseph (Kristine) Lee, MD of South Bend, IN. Also surviving are 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren who she loved and cherished.



**Lee Chang-Li Teng**, a theoretical physicist who contributed to and designed many particle-accelerator-based projects around the globe passed away peacefully in hospice care on Friday morning 24th of June 2022. He was 95.

He was born in Beijing, China on the 5th of September 1926. He is the beloved husband of Nancy Lai-Shen (nee Huang) since their marriage in Chicago on the 21st of September 1961. He is the loving father of Dr. Michael Teng, loving father-in-law of Kim (nee Tran) Teng, and the loving grandfather of Isabella Teng. He is the loving uncle, cousin, colleague and friend to many.



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## **SOPHIE AY-FUNG LOH CHIEN**

1932-2021

On Monday, April 26th, 2021, Sophie Ay-fung Loh Chien passed away in Laguna Niguel, California at age 89. She lived a triumphant life and we will miss her greatly. Sophie was a “tour de force” throughout her remarkable life. She was and will always be an inspiration to us all in her courage, optimism, generosity, perseverance and entrepreneurship. A loving wife and mother, she was also a devoted friend to many.

Sophie was born in Shanghai, China and fled the Communist regime as a teen. She earned a B.A. in Economics at National Taiwan University.

After completing her MBA at the University of Minnesota on scholarship, she met and married the love of her life, Robert T. Chien in 1957. They started a family in New York where Robert worked at IBM’s Thomas J. Watson Research Center. She raised four children with Robert, who was later Professor and Director of the Coordinated Science Lab at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Sophie leaves a rich legacy of friends and family and is survived by: Emily Chien Mahoney, an IBM executive; Tony Chien, an executive and business owner; Andrew Chien, a technologist and professor at the University of Chicago; and Steve Chien, a computer scientist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She also leaves six grandchildren: Grace Mahoney, Jennifer Chien, Elizabeth Mahoney, Athena Chien, Robert Chien, and Isabella Chien..