

2009 CADA Spring Newsletter from the President, Dr. Dou Alvin Zhang



Dear CADA members and friends,

This is the Chinese American Doctors Association Spring Newsletter, which I hope finds you in good health and fine spirits. With the 2009 spring coming in, it is my privilege to inform you of CADA's many updates since last year.

1. The 2009 CADA annual meeting held in February, 2009

The February CADA annual meeting marked another successful turnout. This meeting has greatly facilitated the friendship among our members and families. CADA has collected another \$1500 membership fees and donations from this event. A CADA summer picnic is in the early planning phase. CADA will forward you more information regarding this picnic once it is available.



2. CADA awarded \$24000 education grant from Maryland Health Department



CADA has been awarded \$24000 Education Grant from Maryland Health Department to promote healthcare education, healthy lifestyle and tobacco awareness in Asian communities in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. This is a small amount of money, but a huge milestone for CADA. Congratulations to all the CADA members, volunteers and partners who are involved in this grant application process. This grant will start from March 2009 and end in May 2010. Yvonne Wong, RN and I

will supervise the progress of this grant. To execute this plan, CADA needs many more assistance from our CADA members. If you have any questions or interests in helping out, please contact me directly. This grant will not be a success without your help.

3. CADA and BXSCC invited by Xiamen Maternal and Children Care Hospital (XMCCH) to their 50th anniversary on April 25th, 2009



CADA and Baltimore-Xiamen Sister City Committee (BXSCC) have been invited by Xiamen Maternal and Children Care Hospital (XMCCH) in China to their 50th anniversary in late April 2009.

All traveling expenses are covered by XMCCH.

This is a great honor for CADA and a great collaborative effort between CADA and BXSCC. CADA and BXSCC have accepted this invitation. Mr. Fontaine Bell, the Chairman of BXSCC and I will lead a medical delegation from Baltimore City to participate this event. This delegation is composed of Dr. Lei Zheng, CADA secretary, Dr. Nancy Hueppchen, Johns Hopkins OBGYN medical student clerkship director, Dr. Jessica Bienstock, Johns Hopkins OBGYN residency director, and myself. During this event, we will deliver a mini-symposium on various OBGYN related topics. This will provide a great opportunity for CADA to explore many other potential Sino-US medical exchanges in the future.

4. CADA is online



With the support from a very talented IT team, founder of yayabay.com, CADA is now online. Our web address is www.chineseamericandoctors.org. This is still a prototype and we are in the process of filling in many gaps. Please come to our website often to check CADA updates on issues in our association and our communities. In addition, CADA is currently developing a multi-lingual healthcare education website for the common clinical problems and providing a portal where the Asian American patients can refer to in seek of health related services. Dr. Bill Gai is the director for this project. Please contact Dr. Gai directly for any questions or suggestions regarding this project. The domain for this website is www.webhealthforum.org.

4. CADA Monthly Journal Club established



To hold high standards for our Professional Education Program, Dr. Lei Zheng has designed a Monthly CADA Journal Club. The long term goal is to transform this Journal Club into a CME credited education program. This journal club is scheduled to start in May 2009 at 9:30-10:30am in Miller Branch Library. A free hot breakfast will be provided. All families are welcome to the breakfast. While the families can do some fun stuff in the library, our CADA members can get the most recent update on important medical topics. Ms Mei Du will be the administrative coordinator for this project. Please contact

Dr. Zheng for more questions and suggestions.

5. BMS to sponsor a professional education seminar to CADA members in May
BMS is going to sponsor a HBV related professional education seminar to CADA members. This seminar is tentatively scheduled in May at Hunan Manor Restaurant in Columbia. You will be contacted concerning date and time.



6. Dr. Kim donates his private clinic space to Asian American Healthcare Center

We are very fortunate that Dr Kim, a retired Korean physician, has kindly donated his clinic to AAHC. This clinic is conveniently located in Dorsey Hall professional building complex in Ellicott City. All of our volunteer physicians are now covered by FTCA insurance. With these, we are very close to the opening of this volunteer clinic. In addition, UMaryland and Johns Hopkins medical students are going to volunteer and rotate in this clinic. At

beginning, there will be a total of approximately 24 clinic days for the first year. Each clinic day covers about 5-6 hours. CADA has 15 physicians who have signed up to volunteer. All of us are in a very busy profession. CADA and Asian community appreciate a great deal of the dedication and sacrifice from our volunteer physicians. To make it more manageable, I hope I can expand our volunteer physician base to more than 24 physicians, in which, all of us can share the load by volunteering once to twice a year. If you are interested in helping out and have not applied to the FTCA yet, please feel free to contact me. This clinic will not succeed without your help.

7. CCOC Charity Concert scheduled in September, 2009



To help out AAHC financially in this economic downturn, Chinese Community Outreach Committee, led by Dr Yen Li from NIH, has decided to host a major charity concert among the Chinese communities in Ellicott City. All proceeds from this concert will be donated to AAHC volunteer clinic. The target is \$8000-10000. This concert is tentatively scheduled in early

September in Howard Community College Smith Theater. The music program will be led by Dr Christopher Shih, a CADA member, an AAHC volunteer physician and an accomplished amateur pianist. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

8. CADA-Medical Chinese Curriculum project

CADA-Medical Chinese Curriculum project at University of Maryland School of Medicine is going well. I appreciate a great deal of the leadership of Dr. Mei Tang in this project and thanks to all the volunteer CADA members. If you are interested in this project, please contact Dr. Tang directly.

9. HB 237/SB 505 (Health Care Malpractice-No economic Damages) defeated



HB 237/SB 505 (Health Care Malpractice-No economic Damages) is a very doctor and community-unfriendly bill. With a well coordinated collaborative effort among CADA and other physician organizations, this bill received an unfavorable report on March 23rd by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee therefore essentially defeating this proposal. Thank you everyone for your help and petitions in defeating this bill.

10. CADA Community Service Award proposed



CADA strongly believes that sense of community service starts at young age. For this, we are proposing an Annual CADA Community Service Award to the best community service performed by our Chinese school graduates from the local Chinese American communities.

Again, CADA's success depends on support from its members, families, volunteers, local Asian communities and local government. I would like to personally invite you to join us in our efforts to promote these CADA objectives!

Thank you and best regards.

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