



From the desk of Frank Yee, Secretary

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Gung Hay Fat Choy. As we celebrate 2006 Year of the Dog, we wish everyone good fortune, wealth, longevity and happiness. We thank all the honored guests, senior members, friends and families for making this joyous event memorable.

We are pleased to provide the members with an update to the World Yee website project. During the Second World Yee Family convention on November 15, 2004, an official website <http://www.yeefungtoy.org/world> was approved. A Web Communication Committee was formed with the founding members, Jim Yee (Canada), Fred Yee (USA), Richard Yue (Hong Kong), Yee Kai Yon (Malaysia), Worachai Aurprayoon (Thailand) and later Larry Yee (USA) and Kenneth Yu (Philippines). Their vision is to connect all Yee Family members and family associations worldwide.

Jim Yee has also taken on the task of publishing an e-newsletter, *Yee Fung Toy Global Village Voice*. This past year, a great deal of time and effort has gone into making this project what it is now. On a quarterly basis, Jim with the help of many others has provided the World Yee community with stories and images of activities from various local chapters such as Boston and New York. So make the connection and check it out, <http://www.yeefungtoy.org/world>. Also to get information about the 3rd World Yee and 22nd YFT Association US National Convention this August in Los Angeles.

On the subject of making connections, this year we want to start a Youth League membership drive. Children and those young at heart are invited to join.

As parents, we try to nurture, instill values, culture and heritage to our children as they grow up into adolescence. The hope is that, as they mature from young adults to middle age, all is not lost.

The Yee Family Association is no different. We need Yees to join the Youth League so leaders can promote Yee Family values, encourage working as a team and having a good time together at various activities.

Our forefathers took great risks going to foreign countries to provide their families with better lives. Establishing fraternity to support and help each other was a necessity. We still need to respect the function and history of the Yee organization but we also need to evolve its function to reflect today's needs. By bridging the generation gap, we can keep the memory of the original Chinese traditions and culture which the older members can provide to the younger youths.

Hopefully, when they turn middle age, they can be the future leaders of the Yee Family Association. **Members**, please give careful consideration and make the commitment to allow your child or children to join and participate in the Youth League.

The best way we can get information to everyone interested is thru e-mail. It would help greatly if you can provide one by filling out the form. You can return it today, mail it in or bring it to the association. **My best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable evening.**

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