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Message from the President

With Christmas holiday approaching, I would like to send our best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Holiday season. It is hard to believe that 2011 has come to an end and it is time for us to review all the highlights in this past year and to celebrate VCSA achievements in 2011.

After the excitement of the 20th anniversary celebration in 2010 with a great fund raising gala chaired by Kim Yen Vu and Tom Tran, VCSA continued to gain momentum in 2011. However, the economy did affect our growth. VCSA Dayton chapter was dissolved this year since all members relocated to other cities due to economic downturn in Dayton, Ohio. VCSA London chapter was also dissolved for the similar reason. VCSA is now down to 7 chapters including the Houston headquarter and 6 other chapters in Austin, Dallas, Texas; Washington DC; San Diego California; Twin cities in Minnesota, and Toronto, Canada.



Year 2011, however, demonstrated the growth of young members in the state of Texas, after camp Len Duong 2011 was delivered in Denton, Texas. Len Duong Bonfire Passion team was established by nearly a hundred of young campers who came back from the camp and wanted to involve youth in the local cities (Houston, Dallas) community services. VCSA has served as the fiscal agent for Len Duong Bonfire Passion team and we are so proud of these energetic and talented young members (mostly in their teens or early twenties) who contributed significantly to several community and charity projects in Houston, Texas. My hat off to Vinh Ngo, the president of LDBP team and his executive team. They are the testimonial of the success and impacts of Camp Len Duong to younger generations. The highlight of their most significant project is the Teen Safety Driving project led by Huy Nguyen and Phong Le. Congratulations for a job well done!

VCSA is also very grateful to establish and maintain our relationship with great corporations such as Shell Oil Company, Chevron, ExxonMobil, Texas Instruments, CenterPoint Energy, Chase Bank, El Paso, Connoco Phillip, Greatland Investment and great institutions such as University of Houston, Houston Community College System, and Houston Independent School District (HISD) and Alief ISD. It is the support from local business community keep our programs and services going throughout all of these years.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our sponsors, partnering organizations, supporters, volunteers, members and above all, our Advisory Board members and Board of Directors, who provide us with guidance and necessary support to take VCSA to the next 20 years. Your committed support has been a source of encouragement for all of us at the Executive Board. We are very excited and look forward to working with you again in the year 2012.

Message from the Board Chair



Greetings,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of VCSA, I would like to send our best wishes to you and your family for a great holiday season and a new year 2012 full of prosperity, success and happiness.

Year 2011 has been a very challenging year for VCSA with the reduction of two chapters due to the economy downturn. We have tried very hard to sustain all of our programs and services despite the fact that most funding sources are reduced or cut. VCSA had demonstrated its strength one more time through its volunteers' commitment and dedication. As the Board of Directors election is being held, we are hopeful that the next leadership team will take the organization to the new height with all of its strength and track record of community services.

Despite the difficult financial condition in Houston in 2011, VCSA is still so fortunate to be blessed with the support of many local corporations and institutions who believe in our mission. We are grateful for the partnership organizations' support as well as the financial contribution of the local corporations and businesses to assist us with our community service programs. Our sincere appreciation to Shell Oil Corporation, Texas Instruments, CenterPoint Energy, WinMagic, Thoi Bao Inc., Kim Son restaurant and several other corporations and businesses without which we would not be able to deliver an impressive volume of projects in 2011. Our sincere thanks to Houston Arts Alliance and Texas Commission on the Arts for their grants to allow us to bring Ballet Austin and Thang Dao to Houston with the wonderful production "Quiet Imprint". It was a huge success and helped to share the beauty of Vietnamese culture to the communities in Houston.

This year also marked the first time for its partnership with New Moon Foundation to provide 5 scholarships for Len Duong camp alumni to make the difference in their local communities. The impacts of the camp and the program have been tremendous. Another new program that was very successful this year is the Women Networking event in partnership with Prudential. We greatly appreciate the support from Prudential to get the program going.

Once again, thank you so much for your support and we look forward to working with all of you, sponsors, volunteers, members and partners for a great year 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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Anhlan Nguyen

Quiet Imprint Project

Introducing Ballet Austin and Thang Dao to the Vietnamese communities in Houston

VCSA has been blessed to have the opportunity to introduce the world renowned Ballet Austin and Thang Dao with the Quiet Imprint production, also featuring vocalist Khanh Ly. Quiet Imprint was held at the Zhidha Hall, Hobby Performance Center, Houston, Texas on Saturday April 23, 2011. The event was supported in part by a grant from the City of Houston through Houston Arts Alliance and also by another matching grant from Texas Commission on the Arts. The event was also underwritten by Kim Son restaurant. There were two performances and the event attracted nearly 1000 guests. VCSA also launched a promotional event two weeks prior to the event date to introduce Thang Dao and Ballet Austin to the communities. The reception attracted 200 guests and was also a great success.

Performance



Promotional Event



Women Networking Events

This year, VCSA has established a new relationship with the Prudential Inc. as partner to organize 3 events. All three events were very successful and well attended. All these events were held at Kim Son restaurant – 2001 Jefferson – Houston, Texas. The first event discussed the career ladder and ceiling issue for Asian American women in the corporate world with Prof. Wendy Duong as speaker, the second event featured Chau Nguyen Todd, the first Vietnamese American woman who completed the Iron Man and used to be the anchor of KHOU. The third event speaker was Ms. Vu, Thanh Thuy, Saigon Network . These events provided a venue for Vietnamese American women to network and to support each other for personal development and growth. Our sincere thanks to Prudential for their generous support.



Camp Len Duong 2011

The 14th Annual North American Youth Leadership Camp Len Duong 2011 was delivered at Camp Copass, Denton, Texas during the Memorial Holiday weekend of May 27 – May 30, 2011 with the participation of more than 300 campers including approximately 40 campers from Canada. The keynote speaker is Colonel Dr. Mylene Tran Huynh from US Air Force, Virginia. The camp was underwritten by Texas Instruments, Shell Oil Company, Thoi Bao Inc. and WinMagic, it is also supported by several other corporations. The theme this year was “Courage, C o m p a s s i o n , Collaboration – Be the Change” – it has created significant impacts in campers after the camp. A great round of applause for Camp Master Hoang, Bao Huong and 2 Assistants to camp master: Tran, Linh Trang and Vu, Duc Liem.



HISD Asian American Career Day

VCSA partnered with HISD to deliver a parent workshop at Bellaire High School on the Asian Career Day event on November 19, 2011. Mr. Hung M. Le and prof. Truong D. Nong are the speakers for the Vietnamese parent workshop session.



Parental Assistance Workshop

The panelist include the following educators: Ms. Kim Yen Vu, Principal of Stafford Primary School, Ms. Minh Thuy Le Thai, principal of Ed White Elementary School, Ms. Linh Trang Tran, Admission Office, University of Houston, downtown campus; and prof. Truong Duy Nong, adjunct professor at University of Houston.



Chase Home Buyer Workshop

VCSA established a new relationship with Chase Bank through the organizing task of the New Home Buyer workshop. The first one was held on October 23 with more than 70 guests.



Educational Workshop

VCSA Center – hosted by Sonny Nguyen (Rice University) and the VVDV past honorees team.



Tobacco and Obesity Prevention Youth Summit

This year, another successful event of Tobacco and Obesity Prevention Summit was delivered by a team of more than 90 volunteers and with the participation of 200 Asian kids from age of 6 – 16. This was the 7th annual event and the third year that it was held at Stafford Primary School. Our sincere thanks to principal Vu, Kim Yen for arranging for the facility for this event. A big congratulation to the co-chairs: Julia Nguyen and Chris Dao. The event was also supported by the two summer interns: Jenny Nguyen and Brina Bui.



Len Duong Bonfire Passion Team

Len Duong Bonfire Passion is a youth team within Vietnamese Culture and Science Association's Houston Chapter that promotes leadership development, volunteerism and cultural awareness. Len Duong Bonfire Passion also provides young Vietnamese-Americans fundraising opportunities to attend Len Duong leadership development camp. Through its many programs, Len Duong Bonfire Passion will help "fuel up", "fire up" and "spread the passion" for positive change in the local community.

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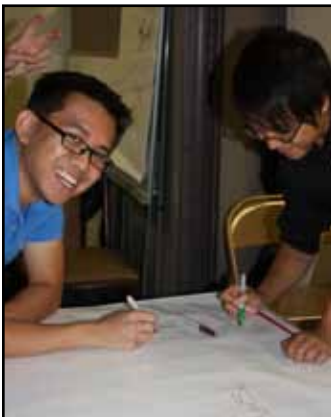


Teen Safety Driving Project

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 20 percent of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving. Of those killed in distracted-driving-related crashes 995 involved the use of a cell phone as a distraction (18% of distraction-related fatalities). Among the age groups, the under-20 age group had the highest proportion of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes (16%). The next highest level of distracted drivers was the 20-29 age group (13%). Len Duong Bonfire Passion (LDBP) proudly presents the Teen Safe Driving Educational Project. The Teen Safe Driving Educational Project's main focus is on the education of young drivers from the ages of 16-25 about safe driving on the road. Sponsored by State Farm, the project is delivered by Len Duong Bonfire Passion team in collaboration with the VCSA and various Vietnamese Student Associations in the greater Houston area, as well as high schools in the Alief ISD and Houston ISD. A great round of applause for the 2 co-coordinators: Huy Nguyen and Phong Le from LDBP team.



Congressman Al Green signed the banner to support Teen Safety Driving campaign



Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon 2011

The 15th Annual Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon was held on August 7th, 2011 at Kim Son Restaurant with a packed audience of 560. The event honored 22 Vietnamese American who graduated as Valedictorian or Salutatorian of their respective high school for the class of 2011. The event was chaired by the two past honorees: Jenny Le Hong Ngoc and Linh Tran Do along with a very strong team of approximately 25 past honorees. The keynote speaker this year is Prof. Wendy Duong, a Fullbright Scholar and former Law Professor. Great kudos to Jenny and Linh Tran.



Mid-Autumn Festival

The mid-autumn Festival was delivered successfully in partnership with the Children's Museum of Houston on September 10, 2011 for a full day packed of games, craft, activities, lion dances, performances and contests. The event attracted nearly 3000 guests and visitors to the event and there were approximately 70 volunteers from VCSA and local VSA organizations. A big congratulation to the two co-coordinators: Bao Ma and Jessica Ma (they both are Len Duong camp alumni and have joined VCSA and LDBP team this summer).



VCSA - Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter

Executive Board

Mr. Jerry Lan Dao, President

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Career Day (October 16th)



Book Signing Event (March 20th)



Coffee Night (October 22nd)



VCSA - Minnesota Chapter

Executive Board

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Book Signing Event - Uống Nước Nhớ Nguồn (April 16th)

Kennedy High School in Bloomington, MN

This is the first time VCSA-MN organized and hosted a major event since the establishment of VCSA-Minnesota chapter in October 2009. We organized and hosted this event with the main purpose of introducing ourselves, our missions, objectives, and programs to Vietnamese community in Minnesota. This program includes cultural performances, poetry recitals and contest, and special guest Nguyen Ngoc Bao, author of Chuyen Xa Gan. Even though it was a cold snowy night, the turnout was high and the guests really enjoy the meaningful book review and the poetry game.



VCSA - Minnesota Chapter

Annual Camping Trip (July 29-31)

Santara, MN

This is the second year our chapter organized a camping trip to promote networking and outdoor activities. The attendances included VCSA-MN members and member of other Vietnamese organizations. The camping trip includes team building activities and games, and a tour of the Amish community near Harmony, Minnesota. As part of our giving back objective for the camp, the campers helped de-weed and clean up a garden area near the campsite prior to packing up.

Senses of Autumn Concert – Thu Âm Hương Đồi (October 15th)

Jeanne D’Arc Auditorium – St. Catherine University in Saint Paul, MN

This is a concert VCSA-MN organized as a fundraiser for the upcoming Len Duong Camp 2012 in Maple Lake, MN. The program featured musician Nguyen Duc Dat and MC by Anh Lan Nguyen. It was a very successful event with many positive feedbacks from over 200 guests and helped raised over \$7,000 toward Camp Len Duong 2012.



Eggroll Sale at Wal-Mart (August 13-14th)

Shakopee, MN

This is our chapter first independent fundraising event. We rolled and sold over 900 eggrolls. It was a lot of work but with the participation of 13 members, we raised over \$400 for general fund.



Helping Others

Members of VCSA-MN in 2011 also volunteered at the public libraries. Some members shared their stories of coming to America as Boat People. Other Volunteers help with many other Vietnamese as well as American’s communities events. Some of which included the Springrolls Fundraiser for children of Vietnam, the Vietnamese Community Festival, and Feed My Starving Children food programs.



VCSA - San Diego Chapter

Executive Board

Binh Nhung Tran, President
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A distinctive Tet celebration was organized by the VCSEA – San Diego at the Lucky Star Restaurant on January 16, 2011. The theme of the event was “Tong Cuu Nghinh Tan” or “Out with 2010 and In with 2011”. This first event held outside of the private homes was emceed by Mrs. Tram Oanh, chair of the entertainment committee. A large number of members and friends came, with some flying in from San Jose, Northern California.

Meeting and Tet Celebration

The first Meeting of the VCSEA-San Diego took place at Mr. and Mrs. Tho & Hai Nguyen’s home on February 12, 2011 on the occasion of the Tet Tan Mao Vietnamese New Year.



Hepatitis Free San Diego Activities

Ms. Binh Nhung Tran also participated at health fairs and outreaches for Hepatitis B screening that were organized by the Asian Pacific Health Foundation with the collaboration of the UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy. The works performed are within the scope of activities of the Hepatitis Free-San Diego campaign, which is being implemented at the moment. VCSEA members are invited to join the Hep Free San Diego and screen community members for Hepatitis B.

Infrastructure Bridge Projects



VCSA - San Diego Chapter

Humanitarian Projects in Vietnam

This year continued to be a very successful year with the big contribution from Rock Revival company to support the building of the infrastructures in rural areas of South Vietnam. The humanitarian project led by Ms. Viet Ly Bui has helped to build several hundreds of clean water wells, six bridges (two of which supported by Catherine Tran Charity Fund from Canada, three of which supported by Rock Revival company and another supported by our members). Ms. Viet Ly and Dr. Mark Nguyen also delivered a Humanitarian Relief effort in Japan when the earthquake hit this country. In November this year, Mr. Tan Nguyen & Mrs. Ngoc Anh Nguyen completed a meaningful relief work in the three regions in Vietnam: Ha Giang in the northern part of Vietnam November 11, Da Nang, central Vietnam, November 16, Quang Tri, and then Ca Mau in southern Vietnam on November 15.

Clean Water Well Projects



Other Humanitarian Projects



The Ha Giang Relief Effort



VCSA - Toronto Chapter

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 Pham Minh Thi, Webmaster & Technical Coordinator
 Khang Nguyen, Volunteer Coordinator

VCSA Events Throughout the Past Year: **Góp Một Bàn Tay Charity Dinner for Flood Victims in Vietnam**

In response to the recent floods in Vietnam caused by the Nesat Typhoon, VCSA Toronto Chapter in collaboration with Tu Tam Foundation and a number of other Vietnamese organizations in the local area spearheaded a charity banquet in mid November 2011. This fundraising event raised a net profit of approximately \$37, 000 and 100% of the proceeds are being utilized to provide food, clothing, supplies, and medical help to the flood victims in Vietnam.



3rd Annual Classical Concert - Love in Western Arts Music

With the assistance of Regina Lam, professional trained pianist and a candidate for a Masters in Ethnomusicology at York University, 2011 VCSA Toronto hosted an educational concert in mid September to further the development of musical appreciation in the local Vietnamese-Canadian community. Musicians professionally trained in Western classical music in Vietnam, Poland, Russia, and Canada performed a selection of masterworks of the Romantic era.



VCSA - Toronto Chapter

2nd Annual Fundraising Poker Tournament

Continuing in the success of VCSA Toronto's first fundraising poker tournament, our second fundraising poker tournament was held at the start of April to raise funds for Len Duong Camp 2011 and other VCSA Toronto programs.



Wheel of Knowledge Game at Hoi Cho Tet

Initially created by VCSA London, the Wheel of Knowledge was adapted and further developed by VCSA Toronto. At Hoi Cho Tet 2011, audience members and participants alike were entertained and educated while children tested their knowledge about Vietnamese History & People, Culture, Language, and Vietnamese Geography.



Other

Other events in which VCSA Toronto partook in or hosted include Tet Trung Thu held in September 2011, Len Duong Camp 2011 held in Dallas, Texas, and our annual Christmas party held in December 2010.



VCSA - Houston Chapter

Tet Celebration



Guitar Lover Club



In Memory of Mr. Tony Toan Nguyen

In July 2011, VCSA family was devastated by the sudden departure of Mr. Tony Toan Nguyen, Ms. Kim Yen Vu's husband due to Pancreatic Cancer. A group of Tony's friends has formed a team of 16 bikers to participate in the LIVESTRONG event in October to raise funds for Cancer Support Program. The team was led by Mr. Gerald Thai and Nguyen Le and helped to raise more than \$20,000 for LIVESTRONG foundation. Continuing with that tradition, another team from VCSA was formed in November to participate in the 5K Purple Stride 2011 in Houston to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer Action network. The team recruited approximately 50 walkers and helped raising \$2,620 for PANCAN. VCSA also established the Tony Toan Nguyen Memorial Scholarship fund to continue to remember Tony and honor his commitment to education and volunteer work in years to come. Tony might not be here physically with us, but his spirit and his dedication will continue to be an inspiration to us all.



Congratulations

VCSA family is blessed with so many new babies arrival in the year of 2011.

Second baby boy Tran Huu Khang with proud parents Tran, Duc & Vivian Ly arrived in July 2011. Congrats to Duc & Vivian!

Third baby girl Lam Nhi Alex Do arrived in July 2011 with proud parents Quoc Anh Do and Quynh Nhu from DFW chapter – Congratulations to Quoc Anh and Quynh Nhu!

First baby Thanh May Le arrived in August 2011 with proud parents Dr. Danh Le and Huyen Thanh Luu from Houston chapter – Big congrats to both Danh and Thanh for this little bundle of joy!

First baby Emily Thoai Vy Cao arrived in September 2011 with proud parents Hieu Cao and Linh Tu from Houston chapter – Congratulations on the arrival of your very first princess.

First baby Anh Thu Wortczek also arrived in September 2011 in Alabama with proud parents Thuy Khanh Connie Nguyen and Ted Wortczek, Big congrats to our remote members in Alabama.

Second baby girl Katherine Le arrived in September 2011 with proud parents Le Mong Huy and Thao Lam from Seattle, Washington.

A big congratulation to John Truong (VP of VCSA-MN chapter) and Lana Vu for the arrival of their very first **baby girl, Quynh Anh Truong** in early November 2011.

VCSA family is also blessed with the following weddings of our members:

Le Nhu Y & Brian Luu tied the knot on August 6th in Houston, Texas

Nguyen, Nhu Y & Nguyen, Phi Long tied the knot on September 3rd in Houston, Texas

Annie Nguyen & Ian Sandoval tied the knot on November 5th in Houston, Texas

Thuy An Nguyen & Quan Pham tied the knot on November 26th in Dallas, Texas.

Congratulations to all the newly weds and may you be blessed with a lifetime marriage!

VCSA - Staff and Volunteers Recognition

Please join us to congratulate the following members who have served as Project Coordinators for VCSA projects in the year of 2011 and delivered them all successfully.

Quiet Imprint: **Ann Tran & Vincent Pham**
Len Duong Camp 2011: **Bao Huong Hoang (Camp Master)**
Linh Trang Tran & Liem Vu (Assistants to Camp Master)

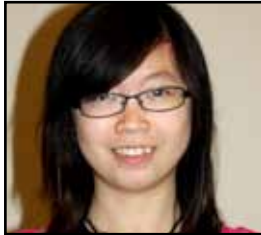
Tobacco & Obesity Prevention Youth Summit: **Chris Dao & Julia Nguyen**
VCSA 15th Annual Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon: **Jenny Le & Linh Tran Quy Do**

Mid-Autumn Festival: **Bao Ma & Jessica Ma**
Teen Safety Driving Project: **Huy Nguyen & Phong Le**

VCSA is blessed with 2 summer interns: Brina Bui and Jenny Nguyen who were instrumental to help implementing the summer projects. Besides, we also have the following student interns: Huy Nguyen, Mai Quyen Le, and Hoang Gia Van.



Bao Huong Hoang



Bao Ma



Briana Bui



Chris Dao



Hoang Gia Van



Huy Nguyen



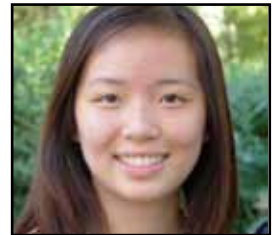
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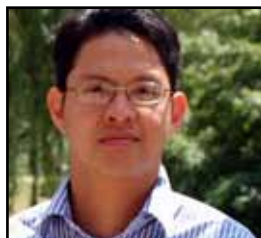
Jessica Ma



Julia Nguyen



Linh-Tran Do



Liem Vu



Linh Trang Tran



Vincent Pham



Ann Tran



Clean Up Team



Len Duong Passion Team Executive Board

Be the Change New Moon Foundation Scholarships

This is the first year VCSA partners with New Moon Foundation to grant 5 scholarships, \$1000 each to those Len Duong camper alumni who want to implement what they learn from the camp to serve the local communities. Please join VCSA to congratulate the following 5 winners of the 2011 Be The change – New Moon Foundation Scholarship.



Tho Pham, VCSA-Toronto chapter, with the “First Step” camp for youth project to be delivered in Toronto, Canada. This camp is to provide high school students something to look forward to at the end of the summer. It

offers an opportunity to make new friends, share experiences and learn more about themselves. Not only will there be workshops to learn new skills and obtain knowledge from talented individuals but exciting, adventurous games and activities that will take the stress of everyday life away for the four days at camp. By the end of the camp, the campers will be instilled a sense of camaraderie and belonging, a feeling of achievement and satisfaction and a yearning of wanting to learn more and come back the following year as a camper or staff. Tho said “We want to build leaders and enthusiasts who will become role models for their younger brothers and sisters, young adults who are full of passion, wanting to help others and participate in community events in any capacity.”



Quynh Anh Nguyen, VCSA-DFW chapter, with the “Len Duong Pendulum Minicamp” project to converting potential Energy to Actual Energy - One day to be inspired, one day to be recharged, one day to be empowered!

She was planning to have 3 events after each to build more momentum for camp Len Duong 2012: Career Day – College presentation – Coffee Night – Mini camp Len Duong. The mini camp Len Duong will be held in the Dallas/Fort Worth Area in the Feb-March time frame to promote for camp Len Duong 2012 in Minnesota.



Phong Le, VCSA-Houston, with the “Teen Safety Driving Project”



Cindy Dinh, VCSA-Houston, with the “Voter’s Registration and Voter’s Education Outreach in the Vietnamese communities in Houston” – the main purpose of the project is to increase Vietnamese American participation in the upcoming election in

2012 and to ensure to remove all language barriers throughout the election process by providing bi-lingual translation whenever needed.



Jenny Le, Harvard University, Vietnamese Student Association, with the “Vietnamese parents/students educational workshop” organized for the Vietnamese community in Dorchester, MA area. The main objectives for this project are as following:

Educating Vietnamese parents and students about the value of a college education and how to apply to college: admissions process, financial aid, essays, recommendations, etc.; Encouraging students to challenge themselves in school and give back to their community when applying for IVSA’s Dreams Scholarship; Helping parents guide their children in making better school related decisions by bridging the language barrier and improving the understanding between parents and children about this topic of Career planning.

Sponsors Appreciation

In 2011, VCSA continues to be blessed with new and old sponsors who believe in our mission and programs. We are so fortunate to continue to strengthen our relationship with major corporations such as Shell Oil Company, Texas Instruments and VNTI, CenterPoint Energy, WinMagic, Thoi Bao Canada and US, Kim Son restaurant, ExxonMobil, and El Paso. We also had the opportunity to establish new relationship with the following foundation and corporations

New Moon Foundation, based in Hawaii, the foundation promotes the GRACE values (Gratefulness, Respect, Accountability, Courage and Engagement). The foundation provided 5 seed grants, each in the amount of \$1000 for 5 Len Duong camp alumni who wanted to start some community projects at their local cities. The foundation will continue to support a multi-year funding option if the outcome of these 5 scholarships meet their expectation. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Thuy Fujimoto who has worked closely with VCSA to establish this new "post Len Duong camp" program and we look forward to working with New Moon Foundation in years to come.

Rock Revival company has provided a total amount of \$40,000 in year 2011 to support several infrastructure projects in Vietnam. It also supports VCSA 15th annual youth leadership camp in 2012. The company is committed to supporting charitable and relief programs in rural areas in Vietnam. Mr. & Mrs. Tan Nguyen from VCSA-San Diego chapter have been instrumental in establishing this new relationship and we look forward to working with Rock Revival for several more humanitarian projects in Vietnam in years to come.

Houston Arts Alliance is also a new funder for VCSA this year through the Quiet Imprint program. VCSA received a special grant from City of Houston administered by Houston Arts Alliance. VCSA is blessed with this new relationship and look forward to working with the Alliance in our future arts projects in Houston, Texas. Texas Commission on the Arts also provided VCSA with a matching grant for the Ballet Austin performing at Quiet Imprint event on April 23. We greatly appreciate TCA's support and look forward to working with the Texas Commission on other art projects as well.

Prudential Insurance company is also a new partnering corporation in year 2011. Ms. Catherine Simpson and Ms. Marina Ayay helped VCSA to set up the quarterly women networking events and these events have been great success with very strong participation in our community.

Chase Bank is also a new sponsor this year after a few years break. VCSA looks forward to continue our relationship in 2012 with a series of financial educational workshops that are so much needed in the Vietnamese community.

VCSA would like to show our profound gratitude toward all of the support of new and old sponsors, without which, it would not be where it is today. Our sincere thanks to all sponsors.

New Elected Board of Directors - Term 2012-2014

Please join us to congratulate the following members who will serve as the members of Board of Director of the term 2012-2014 for VCSA

Mr. Doan, Dac Khoa
Dr. Ngo, Quang Dieu Rick
Mr. Phung, Duc Hung
Mr. Watkins, Jeff

Ms. Huynh, Sophia Tieu Muoi
Ms. Nguyen, P. Anhlan
Mr. Truong, Huynh Duy Anh

Mr. Le, Mong Hung
Mr. Nguyen, Tuong Vu
Ms. Vu, Kim Yen

Congratulations and we look forward to a great year of 2012 under the new leadership team.

LEN DUONG 2012



The Vietnamese Culture and Science Association presents 15th Annual Youth Leadership Development Program

WHEN: Friday, May 25, 2012
Monday, May 28, 2012

WHERE: Camp Courage
8046 83rd Street NW
Maple Lake, MN 55358

WHO: Post-Secondary students (18 yrs or older) & young professionals

FEE: \$155/ person before early bird deadline
\$165/ person after early bird
\$10 discount for full-time students

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- To increase the sense of community ownership and responsibility among young people
- To encourage young community activists to sharpen their leadership skills through leadership education and hands-on experiences.
- To allow participants to network with their peers and share their experiences over the years of community involvement.
- To build cultural heritage awareness to bridge the generation gap in the Vietnamese-North American community.



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