

# BERRYESSA BULLETIN

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council advocates for District 4 and the Berryessa Union School District  
Monday, April 13, 2009

**Berryessa Citizens Advisory  
Council Meeting  
April 13, 2009  
Berryessa Community Center  
3050 Berryessa Road**

Please fill out a yellow speaker's card at the sign in table and check with Mike Flaughter at the beginning of the meeting if you wish to make an announcement.

1. **7:00 Call to Order and Welcome**  
Mike Flaughter
2. **7:02 Minutes of March Meeting**  
Tyler Shewey
3. **7:05 Treasurer's Report**  
Marlou Bitcon
4. **7:08 San Jose Police Community Update**  
Foothill Division Officer
5. **7:30 Solar Power for Homes and Business**  
Solar City
6. **8:25 Announcements**  
Invitation to join BCAC  
See Marlou Bitcon
7. **8:30 Adjournment**

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
Monday, May 11, 2009, 7:00 PM  
Berryessa Community Center – 3050 Berryessa Road  
Topic: State Assemblymember Joe Coto

**Next BCAC Board Meeting**  
Monday, April 20, 2009, 7:00 PM  
BUSD Office – 1376 Piedmont Road

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## **Minutes for BCAC, March 9, 2009**

### **1. Call to Order (Mike Flaughner) – 7:16 PM**

### **2. Minutes of February Meeting (Linda Locke)**

Approved

### **3. Treasurer's Report (Marlou Bitcom)**

Approved – \$2,540.82 in account

### **4. BCAC Citizen of the Year (Marlou Bitcom)**

- a. Selection Process
- b. Introduction of Past Recipients: Frieda McKellar (1991), Cory Barfield (1992), Chuck Reed (1993), Shirley Lewis (1994), Bill Hughes (1995), Joe Cutler (1996), Bob Llewellyn (1997), Arlene Wagner (1998), Pat Barfield (1999), Bob Gross (2000), Pat Stelwagon (2001), Dale Osborn (2002), Linda Locke (2003), Rudy Nasol (2004), Mike Flaughner (2005), Richard Santos (2006), Marlou Bitcom (2007)
- c. Introduction of 2008 BCAC Citizen of the Year – Lonnie Gross
- d. Presentation by Elected Officials

### **5. Santa Alviso Program**

Recognition and Awards

### **6. Cultural/Ethnic Presentation: The Chinese (Chris Zhou)**

- a. Introduction (Bill Hughes, Chris Zhou): These cultural/ethnic presentations began in 1992.
- b. Dance presentation
- c. Ethnic Presentation (Chris Zhou):
  - i. China: Very diverse ethnically, culturally and cuisine. 29 provinces. However, all Chinese are very warm and friendly.
  - ii. San Jose: 5 Chinatowns at various times.
  - iii. Immigration: Chinese came to work as inexpensive laborers. Chinese Exclusion Act limited immigration. It was later abolished and Chinese came in vast numbers, now influencing much of San Jose's technology, industry and cuisine.
  - iv. Important community leaders of Chinese descent: Tom Chu: Established a cannery that became one of the largest exporters of canned goods in the country. Gordon Chan: Community leader who started the Chinese Cultural Project. Recently a post office was dedicated to him.

### **7. Announcements**

- a. Name tags (Bill Hughes): Put name tags in box. An orange dot indicates that you paid your dues.
- b. Great American Litter Pick Up (Marlou Bitcom): On April 12, 2008, volunteer with other concerned citizens to pick up litter throughout San Jose
  - i. Check In: 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
  - ii. Litter Pick Up: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
  - iii. Celebration Lunch: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
  - iv. In Berryessa, meet in front of Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road.
  - v. In Alviso, meet in lobby of Alviso Youth Center, 5040 N. First Street.
- c. Next week: Solar Energy (Mike Flaughner)

### **8. Adjournment – 8:33 PM**

Refreshments provided by Chris Zhou

Submitted by Tyler Shewey