



Golden Lotus Foundation
2017 Best of Colorado Springs Award



December 26, 2017

Dear GLF Members, Family & Friends,

I believe things happen for good reasons. I believe we are all blessed every day going about our business, but rarely do we actually experience and appreciate being in the moment of the blessing. As I was drying my hands in the Powder Room of my neighborhood McDonald's, I was approached by a young lady who proceeded to hand me a folded piece of paper. At the moment, the afternoon of December 23, 2017, we were the only two people in the ladies room. As I unfolded the piece of paper I realized I was given a \$100 bill. She told me she saw me enter McDonald's and knew the gift was meant for me. Looking down at the crisp \$100 bill, the only words that I spoke was to tell her about the gift benefiting the Golden Lotus Foundation. She said Jesus told her to give me this gift, to help many more people than she could. She told me her name is Sierra. Thanking her profusely, she left, as I was still in the ladies room holding a \$100 bill! As I walked out of McDonald's, Sierra waved to me from her car and disappeared into traffic. THIS IS a blessing given from the heart, and I wish I could remember and been able to learn more about Sierra. I am constantly reminded of our many generous donors providing needed dollars to support Golden Lotus Foundation. To all the Sierras out there, thank you! Truly we are all BLESSED and grateful through these selfless acts of sharing our love and kindness.

Susan Huang, inaugural member of the Golden Lotus Foundation, and Board of Directors since 2011, passed away on November 30, 2017. Susan is admired for her many talents, her hard work pursuing partnership with Kaohsiung, Taiwan for a traditional Chinese Tea House, and steadfast commitment for engaging our youth and young adults to give back to their communities. Susan was 68 years old, and she left us too soon with a lot of work to live up to her legacy. Susan is truly missed today and all the days going forward. Susan's sons David and Sam have provided a website for Susan <https://sites.google.com/view/Shiuming> and donations are accepted In Memory of Susan or to the Susan and Chi Huang Charitable Trust at <https://goldenlotusfoundation.org/non-profit-volunteer-opportunities/>.

The Board of Directors is offering many ways for you to join us approaching our seventh year of sharing Asian culture. Please consider joining or renewing your **2018 Membership** on-line at www.GoldenLotusFoundation.org, or request a membership form by leaving a message at (719) 540-5338 or info@GoldenLotusFoundation.org. In addition to receiving a 100% cotton tea towel for paid membership for yourself or family or friends, a fabulous prize drawing worth

well over \$500.00 will be drawn at the **Membership Tea, on Sunday January 21, 2018, Silver Pond Chinese Restaurant**. Veronica Newhoff, professional photographer and GLF member, is offering one lucky winner a biographical or event video with the final product available in format of your choice (mp4, DVD, etc.). This offer consists of digitizing up to 75 photographs, videos, limited Photoshop, music and voice over description. This heirloom keepsake holds memories that can be passed on to the next generation.

Fundraising: Purchases help fund GLF worthy mission. To request order forms leave message at (719) 540-5338, info@GoldenLotusFoundation.org.

Golden Lotus Teas offers variety of eight blossom teas and five loose leaf teas for direct purchase. Please inquire about accessories available for purchase: glass teapots (800 ml) with infuser, glass teapots (500 ml) with infuser, teapot warmers, tea lights, and porcelain tea cups. Teas are individually packaged units or variety packaged. Tea sells for \$6.00 each, plus shipping with all proceeds to benefit Golden Lotus Foundation programs.

\$5 FUNdraiser Merchant Cards, 3 different Merchant Cards to choose from, each card offers 5 Colorado Springs businesses. Each card is valid for one year. Incentives are provided for large volume purchase.

GLF invites you to join us for the upcoming Community Events for your pleasure.

2018 GLF Membership Tea

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Place: Silver Pond Chinese Restaurant, 6523 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Cost: Open to the public, please RSVP. Complimentary for GLF members, \$20.00 guests (fee can be applied to 2018 GLF Membership)

Information: www.GoldenLotusFoundation.org Enjoy 4 different brews of blossom teas, assorted Asian foods. Purchase LUCKY LOTUS BUCKS for \$1 for chances to win gift cards, merchandise, attractions worth \$25-\$150. GLF membership drawing. Golden Lotus Teas for sale. Cash, Check and Credit Cards.

Contact: Cynthia Aki 719 540-5338, 719 271-5050 mobile cynthia.chung@juno.com

ASIAN CUISINE – Cooking Classes

January – October 2018, last SUNDAY of each month

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Place: Private residence of Mei Chung, 2985 Shoreham Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Cost: \$35 per class, sign up for 10 classes and receive the 10th class free. GLF members receive \$2 off each class.

Information: Classes are arranged and taught by Mei Chung, GLF Board of Director, chef and owner of Hunan Springs Chinese Restaurant. Each class limited to 12 participants, recipes,

hands on participation, includes dining. All participants need to register, RSVP, classes must be prepaid. No refund or make-up class for unattended classes. Please register early. Class schedule and Registration Form provided on request or visit www.GoldenLotusFoundation.org. Contact: Cynthia Aki 719 540-5338, 719 271-5050 mobile cynthia.chung@juno.com; Mei Chung 719 527-7063, 719 337-0643 mobile meichung007@gmail.com

Mochitsuki (Rice Cake Pounding Event)

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Place: Casa Verde Common House, 1355 Lindenwood Grove, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Cost: **MUST BE JASSC MEMBER** to participate (not open to public)

Information: www.JapanAmerica.org New Year's Event of the Japan-America Society of Southern Colorado (JASSC). Pound rice, make and eat Japanese mocha for longevity and prosperity in the New Year, drink green tea. JASSC members of all ages welcome to participate. An outdoor event, in case of inclement weather, we will move indoors. NOTE: Street parking on Corona, San Miguel, Columbia, Royer and other surrounding streets.

Contact: Kathy Budney, Membership, 719 495-3617 kbudney1@hotmail.com

Save the Date:

GLF Annual Chinese New Year Dinner – Year of the Dog

Thursday, February 15, 2018

China Town Restaurant, 326 S Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

GLF Needs Your Help - Volunteers Needed:

Territorial Days, Saturday May 26, Sunday May 27 and Monday May 28, 2018, Old Colorado City, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Contact: Michael Reyes, GLF Board of Director, tenozbar@aol.com 719 473-6132, 719 651-4639 mobile

Here is wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

Best regards,

Cynthia

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President & CEO