

# Cung Chúc Tân Xuân 2008!



Vietnamese American Professional Women Association  
of Silicon Valley

VAPW Spring 2008 Newsletter

## Welcoming a New Year

The Vietnamese American Professional Women Association of Silicon Valley (VAPW) wishes you and your family a year of luck, prosperity, and most importantly, happiness.

We would like to express our gratitude for your continued support of VAPW.

Throughout 2007, VAPW has been endeavoring to lay the foundation for this organization. An organization that is dedicated to promoting professional and personal growth for Vietnamese American women of all ages and backgrounds. Our vision is to build a strong support network for one another and strengthen our community ties.

We hope to see you at future VAPW events such as the Luncheon Series and Membership Mixer. **You can help us continue our growth by sharing this newsletter to your network or by bringing a friend to our next VAPW event.**

Again, we thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting and hearing from you!

With warm wishes,

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In 2007, VAPW created its first Board of Directors and elected the inaugural Officers:

### Board of Directors:

- ◆ *Nguyet Dinh, East Side Union High School District*
- ◆ *Teresa Hung, Supervisor Pete McHugh*
- ◆ *Mynan Khuu, Office of Councilmember Madison Nguyen*
- ◆ *Maria Le, San Jose Redevelopment Agency*
- ◆ *Ann Nguyen, Robinson & Wood*
- ◆ *Kim Nguyen, Hitachi, Inc.*
- ◆ *Mai Phan, Attorney*
- ◆ *Laura Phan, Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District*
- ◆ *Evelynn Tran, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority*
- ◆ *Thu-Thuy Truong, TTI, Inc.*

### Advisory Board:

- ◆ *Honorable Jacqueline My-Le Duong*
- ◆ *Councilmember Madison Nguyen*

For more information on events and membership, please feel free to contact our officers.

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## 2007 Luncheon Series

The Luncheon Series featured discussions with leading women who are trailblazers in their respective fields.

*February 2007*

Justice Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian, Associate Justice for the Sixth Appellate Court

*May 2007*

Pat Dando, President/CEO of the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce and former Vice-Mayor of San Jose

*September 2007*

Assemblymember Wilma Chan and San Jose Councilmember Madison Nguyen

## Upcoming 2008 Events

### Tet Celebration at Mission de la Casa Nursing Home

VAPW members will be celebrating Tet with seniors at the Mission de la Casa Nursing home in San Jose. As our very first community event, VAPW hopes to continue the Vietnamese tradition of revering and honoring our elders during the festivities of Tet.

The Far East Lion Dance Company will be providing entertainment for the morning celebrations. Traditionally, the lions dances are believed to ward away evil spirits to usher in happiness and prosperity for the New Year. The Far East Lion Dance Company is a volunteer, youth-led organization in San Jose.

## About VAPW

The Vietnamese American Professional Women Association of Silicon Valley (VAPW) strives to outreach, educate, prepare and engage Vietnamese American professional women in areas of leadership and development, to provide a network of support and promote the professional growth of its members, to mentor and encourage youths in the community to enter professional careers, and to encourage community responsibility and participation.

VAPW members will commit themselves to the highest standards of ethics and professional conduct. The VAPW accomplishes its mission through a variety of activities including guest speaker luncheon series, educational forums, scholarship programs, mentorship programs and participation in other community events.

The VAPW is non-partisan and does not make political endorsements.

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