

## Cathay January 2018

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**Mission:** The Cathay Amateur Radio Club is basically an active social club of Ham Radio Operators and their spouses. We support local community requests for HAM emergency communications. Several of us are trained in CPR/ First Aid and are involved with community disaster preparedness.

**Monday Night Net Time:** 9 PM Local Time/PST,

~~Frequencies: 146.67MHz -600KHz PL85.4 and 442.70 +5MHz PL 173.8. The repeaters are linked only during the CARC Monday night net.~~

### **QSY Change to transmission on another frequency / Repeater:**

Repeater: WB6TCS - RX 147.210, TX 147.810, Offset +0.6 MHz, CTCSS/Tone PL100 Hz

Please note: Repeater: N6MNV UHF 442.700 Mhz, Offset +5MHz, CTCSS/Tone PL 173.8 Hz in South San Francisco is cross linked every Monday Night Net at 9 p.m. to WB6TCS 2 meter repeater.

The CARC Monday night net is the best way to find out the latest club news. All check-ins are welcome.

## Message from the President: George Chong, W6BUR

Hello CARC Members and Friends;

As many you are well aware that our normal Monday Night Nets using W6BUR Repeater has been running into heavy radio interference. Denis L. Moore – WB6TCS has come to our rescue and has generously allowed the CARC club to use his repeater: WB6TCS for our Monday night nets.

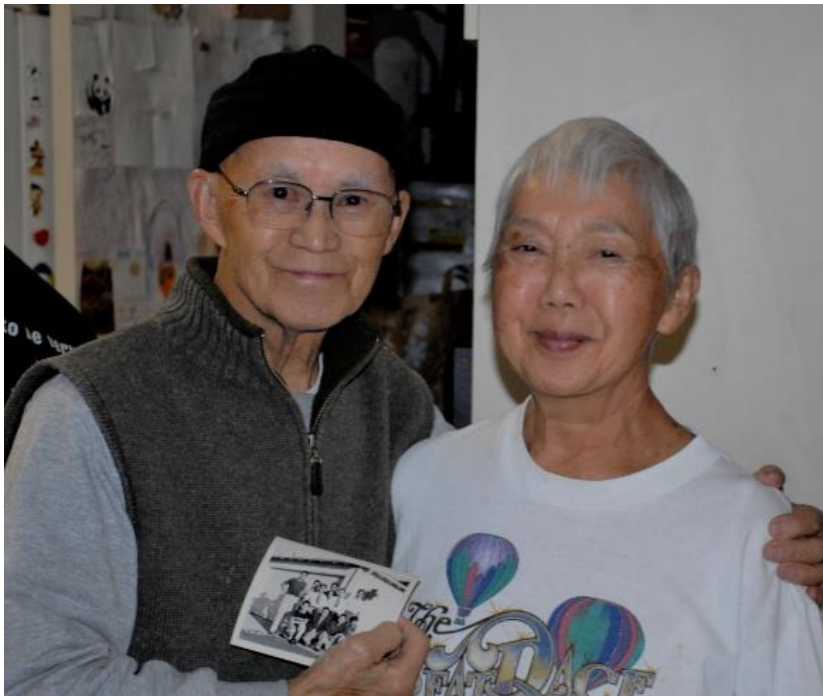
Until further notice, our Monday night nets will use Denis L. Moore's 2 meter repeater and Howard Louie's UHF cross Linked repeater.

Repeater: WB6TCS – Denis L. Moore

Location: Oakland, Oakland Hills County: Alameda State: California  
RX 147.210 TX 147.810 Offset +0.6 MHz CTCSS/Tone PL 100 Hz

Repeater: N6MNV - Howard Louie

Location: South San Francisco County: San Mateo State: California  
RX 442.700 TX 447.700 Offset +5 MHz CTCSS/Tone PL 173.8 Hz



On Christmas day, Sunday Dec 25, 2017 our family had a delicious Christmas dinner that was at our home in the Oakland hills.

We had well over 20 family members and guests (including your CARC editor) over for dinner.

Here is both of us (George and Hetty) during the dinner party wishing that you all had a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year Holiday.

## **Annual CARC Christmas Party Recap Introduction**

Ed Fong hosted his Annual CARC Christmas Party at his house on Saturday December 16, 2017. Write up and pictures from the Christmas Party are contain toward the end of this newsletter.

## **Save The Date: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday March 3, 2018 - CARC Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon**

The CARC will host its annual Chinese New Year Luncheon at 11:00am Saturday March 3, 2018 at the KOMA Seafood Restaurant in Daly City.



**2018** is the **Year of the Dog**, which begins on Saturday, February 16, 2018.

If you were born in 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, and 2018 you are a Rooster person according to the Chinese Calendar.

Folks born in the year of the Dog are loyal and honest, amiable and kind, cautious and prudent. They have a strong sense of loyalty and sincerity. Generally they choose a career based on the principle of serving others.

Dog folks are seen as valuable employees as they put their heart and soul into their tasks. They are easy going and kind, and are always ready to alleviate the workload of others, which makes them very popular in their work circle.

The best mates for males born in the year of the Dog are: Rabbit, Rat and Tiger signs, while females are well-matched with Rabbits, Monkeys and Boar.

Yes, it is time to think about celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Dog with a CARC luncheon.

Additional luncheon details are toward the end of this CARC newsletter.

## **Other CARC News**

Several CARC members have requested that we change the CARC Monday Night Net time to an earlier time. They like an early time like 2030 Hrs. That would be a half hour sooner than the present time of 2100 Hrs.

Please email me [W6BUR@comcast.net](mailto:W6BUR@comcast.net) or when you are on the Monday night net express your thoughts as to your choice of having the CARC Monday Night Nets on either at 8:30 pm or 9:00 pm.

## **CARC Final Wrap-up News**

I wish to thank our CARC members that set aside their valuable time to participate in our Monday night's nets.

Chat sub s'em to all you CARC members! - George W6BUR.

## **Public Service Announcements**

### **HAM CRAM / HAM Licensing**

For upcoming HAM Licensing locations please refer to:  
<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

### **Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)**

The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) was organized by the San Francisco Office of Emergency Services (OES) following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake to support the communications needs of the City and County of San Francisco when responding to emergencies and special events.

The Auxiliary Communications Service holds General Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the San Francisco Emergency Operations Center, 1011 Turk Street (between Gough Street and Laguna Street), from 1900 hours to 2100 hours local time. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

The ACS Net begins at 1930 hours (7:30 p.m.) local time each Thursday evening, on the WA6GG repeater at 442.050 MHz, positive offset, tone 127.3 Hz. The purpose of this net is to practice Net Control skills, practice checking in with deployment status in a formal net, and to share information regarding upcoming ACS events. Guests are welcome to check in. ACS Members should perform Net Control duty on a regular basis. On the second Thursday of each month, the net will be conducted on the output frequency of the WA6GG repeater, 442.050 MHz no offset, tone 127.3 Hz, simplex.

For more information, please attend an ACS meeting or check in on a net, or call 415-558-2717.

Upcoming meetings:   Tuesday 7pm, Oct  17, 2017  
                                  Tuesday 7pm, Nov  21, 2017

## **Gilbert Gin (KJ6HKD)**

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In Oakland:

<http://www.oaklandnet.com/fire/core/index2.html>

CORE is a free training program for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. The underlying premise is that a major disaster will overwhelm first responders, leaving many citizens on their own for the first 72 hours or longer after the emergency.

If you have questions about the recertification process, you may contact the CORE Coordinator at 510-238-6351 or [core@oaklandnet.com](mailto:core@oaklandnet.com).

## **Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In San Francisco – NERT Taught by San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD).**

<http://sf-fire.org/calendar-special-events>

Upcoming events

### **January 2018**

- 13 2MCM Ham Radio practice (repeats monthly)  
Sprekels lake in Golden Gate Park - no RSVP needed
- 20 NERT Hosted Ham Cram - get your license in 1 day!  
\$30 for exam and materials  
Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 8:00AM-5:00 PM  
Saint Mary's Cathedral  
1111 Gough Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109-6686  
Register: [http://www.baears.com/index.php?option=com\\_seminar&Itemid=60](http://www.baears.com/index.php?option=com_seminar&Itemid=60)
- 20 NERT Training Day - Third Saturday  
Feature training: Search & Rescue or Ham Radio Basics for licensed operators  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM PST at SFFD DOT\*  
Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nert-graduates-january-nert-day-tickets-41632464823>
- 26 NEN Awards  
Congratulations to NERT Advisory Board Member and Noe Valley Coordinator on receiving the NERT leadership award. RSVP for the Awards & Reception:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-nen-awards-and-reception-tickets-39754425557>

### **February 2018**

- 7 NERT Quarterly  
Registration Not Yet Open
- 10 2MCM Ham Radio practice- Details to follow

17 NERT Training Day - Third Saturday  
Registration Not Yet Open

RSVP to [sffdnert@sfgov.org](mailto:sffdnert@sfgov.org) or call 415-970-2024 to register.

**\*SFFD DOT** is the Fire Department Division of Training. All participants walking, biking or driving **enter through the driveway gate on 19th St.** between Folsom and Shotwell. Parking is allowed along the back cinderblock wall.

Visit [www.sfgov.org/sffdnert](http://www.sfgov.org/sffdnert) to learn more about the training, other locations, and register on line. Upcoming Special NERT Events.

**San Francisco Police Department: Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)**

The Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) is a citizen disaster preparedness program designed. The ALERT program is for volunteers 16 years of age or older, who live, work, or attend high school in San Francisco.

Graduates of the San Francisco Police Activities League (P.A.L) Law Enforcement Cadet Academy are also eligible to join.

ALERT volunteers will first complete the Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) ([www.sfgov.org/sfnert](http://www.sfgov.org/sfnert)) training and then graduate into an 8 hour Police Department course specifically designed for ALERT team members.

ALERT members will work closely with full-time and/or Reserve Police Officers in the event they are deployed after a disaster. The Basic ALERT volunteer will have no law enforcement powers other than those available to all citizens.

Congratulations to ALERT Senior Team Lead David Bolaffi on receiving the ALERT leadership award.

RSVP for the Awards & Reception:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-nen-awards-and-reception-tickets-39754425557>

**SFPD ALERT Training**

The next SFPD ALERT training class has been scheduled for Saturdays, **June 2, 2018**. The class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow, from 8am-5pm (one hour lunch break) on Saturday.

**\*\* Class dates indicated in red are only for new members who have not completed either SFFD NERT training or the SFPD Community Police Academy.**

**IMPORTANT-** All participants must complete the background interview process in order to be eligible to attend the ALERT training class.

Eligible ALERT participants may register for a training class by contacting the ALERT Program Coordinator, Mark Hernandez, at [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdalert@sfgov.org), or by telephone at 415-401-4615.

### **SFPD ALERT Practice/Training Drill**

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us for our next training drill, scheduled for an evening on 9:00 am – 1:00pm Saturday February 3, 2018. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.

For more information on the San Francisco Police Department ALERT Program, email us at [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdalert@sfgov.org), or call Sergeant Mark Hernandez (SFPD, Ret.), SFPD ALERT Program Coordinator, at (415) 401-4615.

For additional information on the web please refer to:

<http://sf-police.org/index.aspx?page=4019>



## **2017 Annual CARC Christmas Party Recap**

By Ed Fong – *WB6IQN*

As you know, I hosted the Cathay Radio Club Christmas party on Dec 16, 2017 at my home in Sunnyvale. The Cathay Radio Christmas Party never ceases to amaze me. We always get a crowd of about 60+ folks throughout the evening. Folks didn't probably know this but mingling in the crowd were at least 4 CEO's, several VP's and dozens of movers and shakers in the Silicon Valley.

This year we got several new comers and they were pleasantly surprised at the quality and quantity of the potluck food. Let me tell you, the food cannot be any better. What you see in the included pictures is a just a snapshot of the food at a particular time. Throughout the evening with each attending guest, the potluck dishes keep coming – both in the main dish table and the desert table.

Here is a funny follow up story, just a few weeks prior to the CARC Christmas Party, we had just finished our board meeting for the Foothill Amateur Radio in Los Altos and the discussion was the annual banquet at Michael's in Mountain View for January 2018. Michael's is famous for their prime rib (\$56 per person). One board member asked "What about the Paul and Bobbie Unenten famous BBQ ribs at your upcoming CARC Christmas party that you had at last year's party?" I responded; "Yep, I will assure you there will be those delicious BBQ ribs. You will have to come and see." To his amazement and delight, when he came to the party there was the delicious BBQ ribs awaiting for him and it was free (generously prepared and provided by Paul Unenten and his wife Bobbie – forget his call sign). You have to ask yourself: "How can BBQ ribs be in competition with Prime Rib?" I counted over 40 dishes (including deserts). All the dishes were prepared and done to perfection.

Here is a partial list of other main course dishes that I could remember:

- Sharadon's famous barbecue meat balls
- 10 lbs of lasagna
- Paul and Bobbie Unenten's famous BBQ Ribs
- All kinds of Indian dishes
- At least 6 different salads
- At least 4 Middle Eastern dishes – I love that stuff
- Chinese beef garlic noodles (I had it the next day)
- 3-4 various Chinese dishes
- Also some very interesting vegetarian dishes masqueraded as meat. I bet you most folks didn't even know that one of the meat ball dishes was made from mock veggie meatballs from Trader Joes. These were provided by Mike and Debbie Lambert. They were delicious.

In the desert category –

- Several folks made deserts they could not be bought at the stores.

- Bobbie and Paul Unenten also made a tasty Hawaiian Pineapple “very light” cake. Never tasted anything like it.
- Keiko Synder (xyl of Keith) made this super-duper cake that was gone before I had a sample.
- Then there were the numerous apple pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, etc.

Many thank you to all that folks that attended the Christmas Party, bring all the lovely variety of ethnic food, and interesting friendly conversation to make this such a memorable evening.

In the raffle department here are the winners.

- Brooke Schriever won the grand prize, Baofeng’s UV25 x4 new Triband Mobile 25 watt transceiver. Since Brooke is not yet a licensed HAM, she decide to go for the the cash option of accepting \$75 in lieu of the transceiver.
- Joy Robins KY6IFL - Baofeng UV5R dual band HT
- UCO - flashlight/ lantern Eric Eathon KI6IML
- ProLux – supper bright 2 D flashlight - Bill Chan AI6LL
- Digital Multimeter - Dr. Steve Stearns K6OIL
- 36 AA Ray-O-Vac batteries - Andy Korsack KR6DD

Thanks again to all the guests that made this Christmas party a huge success!



Just a portion of the food counter that people refilling with food that was brought to the potluck Christmas Party.



Desert table that never seem to run out as guest brought additional deserts to the party.



Left to right: John Woodman-KF6YXN, George Martin-WA6UUJ, June Martin, Jim Walker<sup>[R1]</sup>, and Wolfgang Polak-AI6SL





Left to right: David Cooper -K6WA, Nick Casarino (standing), Keith Snyder KI6DBR, Bob Vallio - W6RGG, Dave Cooper – W6WA (with beard), Paul Lazar, John Scheffel, Diana Scheffel, and Juko Snyder.



Left to right: Alon Yu - WA6GTY and Ron Quan – KI6AB



Left to right: Bobbi and Paul Unenten



Left to right: Bill Chin - AI6LL winner of the prolux flashlight and Ed Fong – WB6IQN



Left to right: friend of Ed Fong



Left to right: Leonard Tom – NX6E and Patrick



Dr. Fardes Sharvar holding his young daughter.





Left to right: Wolfgang Polak-AI6SL, Joy Robins KY6IFL, Ron Quan – KI6AB, and Jim Fahy N6WKY



Ed Fong – Displaying the new Baofeng UV5 just before the raffle.

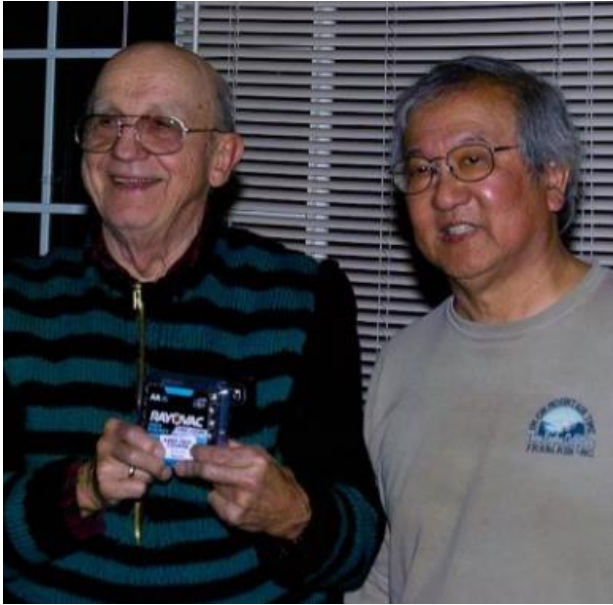


Left to right: friends of Ed Fong



Left to right: Ed Fong - *WB6/QN* presenting the grand prize of \$75 to a very happy and surprised Brook Schriever. Notice how tightly Brook is holding the money...LOL!





Left to right: Andy Korsack holding 36 AA batteries and Ed Fong – WB6IQN

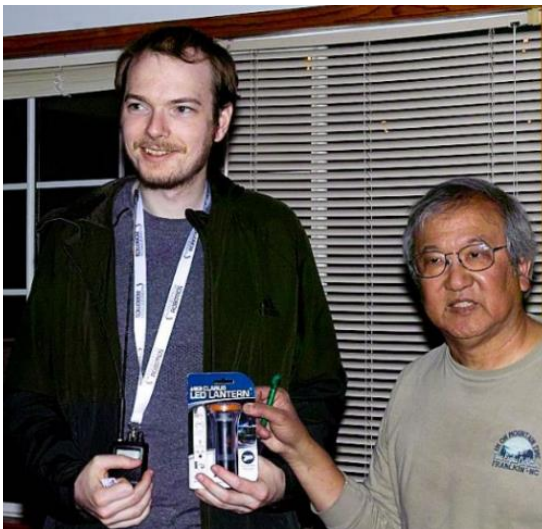


Left to Right: Steve Stearns holding his digital multi-meter, Ed Fong - WB6IQN



Left to right: Debbie and Mike Langberg and Ed Fong – WB6IQN





Left to right: Eric Eaton KI6IML with his UCO LED Lantern and Ed Fong - WB6IQN



Left to right: Joy Robins KY6IFL holding her new Baofeng UV5 and Ed Fong - WB6IQN



Left to right: Patrick and Nick Casarino



YiRen Fang



Left to right: xyl and Andy Korsack



Left to right: Carol - KI6PUX and Todd Eyring - KJ6WBK



Keith Snyder - KI6DBR



Left to right: Teresa Schlinder and Colleen Vandervol



Left to right: Andy Korsack and Lloyd De Vaughns- D6FJI



Debbi Langberg



Left to right: John Scheffel, Diane Scheffel and Juko Synder.





Mei-lin Fong – KI6QXM, Ed's daughter just back from college and in time for dinner.



Left to right: Paul Lazar, Diane Scheffel, and Juko Snyder. Keiko is selecting the winning raffle ticket from Ed Fong handling the raffle ticket jar.



Left to right foreground: John Woodman-KF6YXN and xyl, George and June.



Left to right: Jeff Hutchins - WB6BVD, Wolfgang Polak AI6SL, Amanda, Thomas Leibold- KK6FPP, Ed Fong - WB6/QN, and Brook Schriever



Left to right: Bob Vallio - W6RGG and Alon Yu - WA6GTU



Alexander Hutchins



Left to right: Debbi Langberg, Dave Viere, and Ed Fong – WB6IQN



Left to right: Bob Vallio - W6RGG and peeking in the right corner is: Carol Eyring KI6PUX



Left to right: Sharadon Fong hugging her daughter Mei-lin Fong – KI6QXM just back from college, Katherine Hutchins in the background, and Jeff Hutchins - WB6BVD.



# **2018 CARC Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon**

As for those of you that were able to attend the CARC luncheon last year, we enjoyed seeing each other and “yakking” it up. As word spread about our successful CARC luncheon get together, those who did not make it told us “We will be there for the next one”. This year it will also be a great opportunity to meet up with our newest club members and to renew our old friendships.

The time and date: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Saturday March 3, 2018

Location: KOME Japanese Seafood and Grill  
1901 Junipero Serra Blvd.,#A  
Daly City, CA 94104  
650-992-8600

Parking: There is free parking in the adjacent five story garage structure.

Cost: Special CARC Adult cost will be \$24.00 per adult.

Seniors over age 60 pay \$23.00

Children Pricing:

Age under 3: Free

Age 3-5: \$10.90

Age 6-8: \$13.38

Age 9-11: \$15.88

These Saturday prices includes: tax (9%), 15% tip, and reserved seating. As you know the cost of everything seems to goes up in price. So this year KOME Restaurant raised the prices slightly from last year and charges for all beverages except water.

Beverage prices other than water, not included with the luncheon price:

Soda .....\$1.99 – free refill

Hot tea ....\$1.25 – free refill

Juice.....\$2.25

Sake.....\$7 – \$9, Hot Sake: \$4:30 – \$6:30

Beer.....\$4.99 – 6.99

**Please note that any beverage other than water not included with the price of the luncheon. If you order beverages not covered, you are responsible for paying the additional charges. At the end of the luncheon, using the honor system, we will collect any beverages monies previously not collected.**

For more info please see: [www.komebuffet.com](http://www.komebuffet.com)

**Luncheon money and optional beverage money will be collected at the start of the luncheon, so please have exact change ready! Please put on the CARC name**

tags that will be provided. We need it to identify who has paid and for head count to satisfy the restaurant.

Please email your CARC Editor: Rodney Yee ([rodyee2000@yahoo.com](mailto:rodyee2000@yahoo.com)) by February 23, 2018 if you are planning to attend the luncheon. We need your name with call sign and the names of your guests (with call sign if available) to create the necessary names tags that you will be requested to wear during the luncheon. The name tags help identify you for the pictures we put into our newsletter. Plus it helps us with money collection of who has paid up.

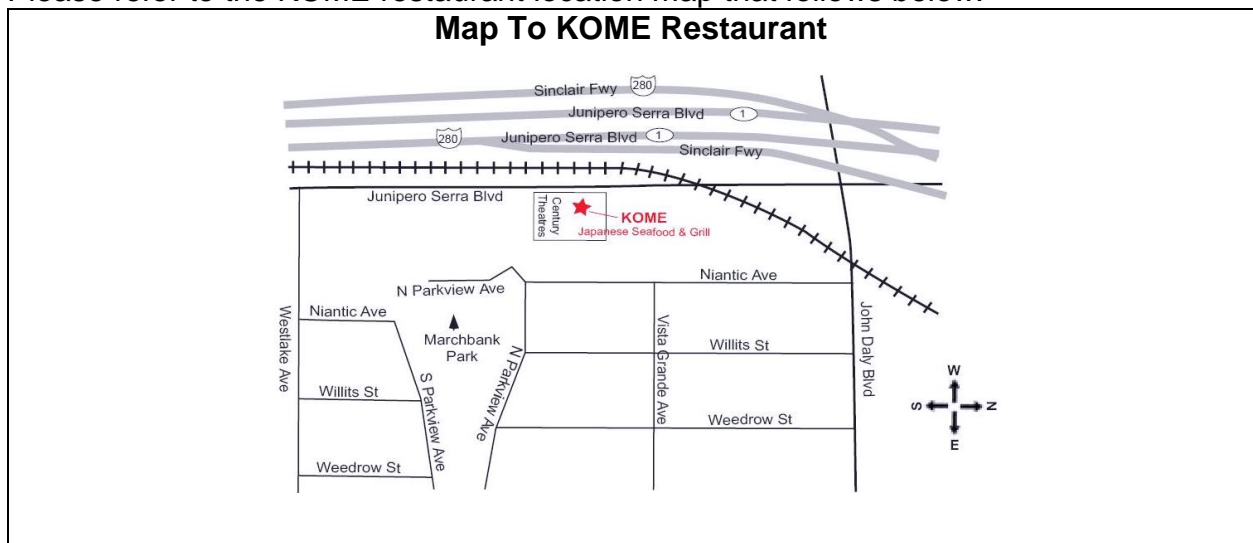
#### Driving Directions:

\* If coming from Hwy 280 Northbound, take the John Daly Blvd/Junipero Serra Blvd exit and continue north on Junipero Serra Blvd and side drive past the Century Theater ticket office.

After a series of small restaurants on the right hand side there is a 5 story parking garage, the entrance will be about 50 feet past KOME restaurant entrance doors.

\* If coming from Hwy 280 Southbound, take the John Daly Blvd/Junipero Serra Blvd exit. After crossing the traffic signal light intersection, in about 500 feet, turn left into the 5 story parking garage structure entrance.

Please refer to the KOME restaurant location map that follows below:



We have reserved the back area room at the KOME restaurant for use of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club. **At the restaurant door please identify yourself as being with the CARC and a KOME hostess will escort you to the back room.** Please check in with both Vince Chinn aka Mingie W6EE and Hetty WB6SHU so they can check your name off the attendee list and collect the money to pay the restaurant bill. Hetty WB6SHU will make sure those senior citizens will get their dollar discount. Be



aware that the early bird gets the worm, no feeding after 1PM; I hope we won't have to be booted out, hah-hah!

KOME restaurant is an all you can eat Asian buffet style dining offering a large choice of foods. KOME restaurant is where we held our previous Cathay Radio Club Chinese New Year Luncheon and it was a big hit with all the attendees. There is free parking at the adjacent 5 story parking structure. The Daly City Bart train stop is 2 blocks away.

Please arrive early; **the luncheon time (11:00 am-1pm) will quickly slip away while you are getting caught up with the latest news among our fellow club members, plus you don't want to miss the raffling of fabulous prizes.** The back room is fairly large is able to accommodate 150 guest. I doubt that our CARC members and friends would completely fill it, so feel free to invite additional guests.

The dining tables as I seem to recall were sort of like outdoor picnic types with individual chairs for seating. One other hint: If you are a great eater and love food, try not to choose any tables where the opposite end is against a wall. I found that it was really hard to maneuver quickly for more goodies!

**Now the part of the newsletter you all have been waiting for: The Raffle Prizes.** At this time Ed Fong - *WB6/QN* is still in the process of gathering up several top notch raffle prizes that will be listed in next month's newsletter. Based upon Ed's choices of past raffle prizes, I can assure you that you will not be disappointed. Of course you need to attend and be present to scope up your winning raffle prizes!

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