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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.

Update: Link to repeater 442.70 is currently not active until further notice.

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;

Looks we all survived the 2016 tax season in one piece. Now are collectively holding our breaths as to what the Golden State Warriors are going to do in the playoffs along with the presidential race.

Public Service Announcements Intro

Of special interest to our CARC members is follows:

- Cancer Society Relay Fund Raiser - CARC member, Skip Weiss - KG6SCE is requesting volunteers to participate in the upcoming Cancer Society Relay Fund Raiser. The American Cancer Society is hosting their relay for life event this coming June 04-05, 2016. Further details provided in this newsletter.
- I like to thank all the CARC members who responded to Skip's request for volunteers at the last year's Daly City Relay Fund Raiser event.

Special Event Recap

In place of the Tech Article there will be a special Event Recap Article.

As many of know the roots of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club origins go back to the 1940's in Chinatown San Francisco, California.

Well I am very pleased to point out that at 11:00 am on Monday April 18, 2016 there was a grand opening and dedication of the new Chinese Hospital Patient Care Tower right in heart of Chinatown San Francisco, CA.

The dedication and opening of the new Chinese Hospital Patient Tower holds a very special place in my heart as some 90 years ago; I was born in the original San Francisco Chinese Hospital. The original Chinese Hospital was built in April 18, 1925 just in time for my birth in Nov 1925. If you think about it, I have managed to out last the torn down original Chinese Hospital. Now how is that for longevity, clean living and good genes!

The new Chinese Hospital Patient Tower is a state of the art medical facilities that San Francisco and the entire Asian community is very proud to have.

As a special treat to you, we have a special portion of this newsletter devoted to Chinese Hospital by our editor (R.Yee – KJ6DZI) who as present at the grand opening.

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, May 17, 2016
Tuesday 7pm, Jun 21, 2016
Tuesday 7pm, July 19, 2016

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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.

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

Upcoming events

May 2016 – Sept 2016 (TBD)

October 2016

7-9 Fleet Week Humanitarian Village; NERT Outreach/Education booth.
9:00a-3:00pm, Marina Green near Scott St.

15th: Save the Date! NERT drill

RSVP to sffdnert@sfgov.org or call 415-970-2024 to register.

Visit 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) 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.

SFPD ALERT Training

The next ALERT training classes have been scheduled for Saturday June 18, 2016. The class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow, from 8am-5pm (one hour lunch break).

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, 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 Saturday May 7, 2016 9AM – 1PM. 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, 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>

From CARC Member Skip Weiss, KG6SCE

Event: Relay for Life / Daly City - A 24 Hour Cancer Society Relay Fund Raiser

Time: Starting at 10:00 am Sat June 4, 2016 and ending at 10:00 am Sun June 5, 2016

Location: Westmoor High School Sport Stadium
131 Westmoor Ave, Daly City, CA 94015
Entrance at corner of Del Prado Dr. & Mariposa Ave

Additional Information:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?sid=128433&type=fr_informational&pg=informational&fr_id=56642

To Sign Up:

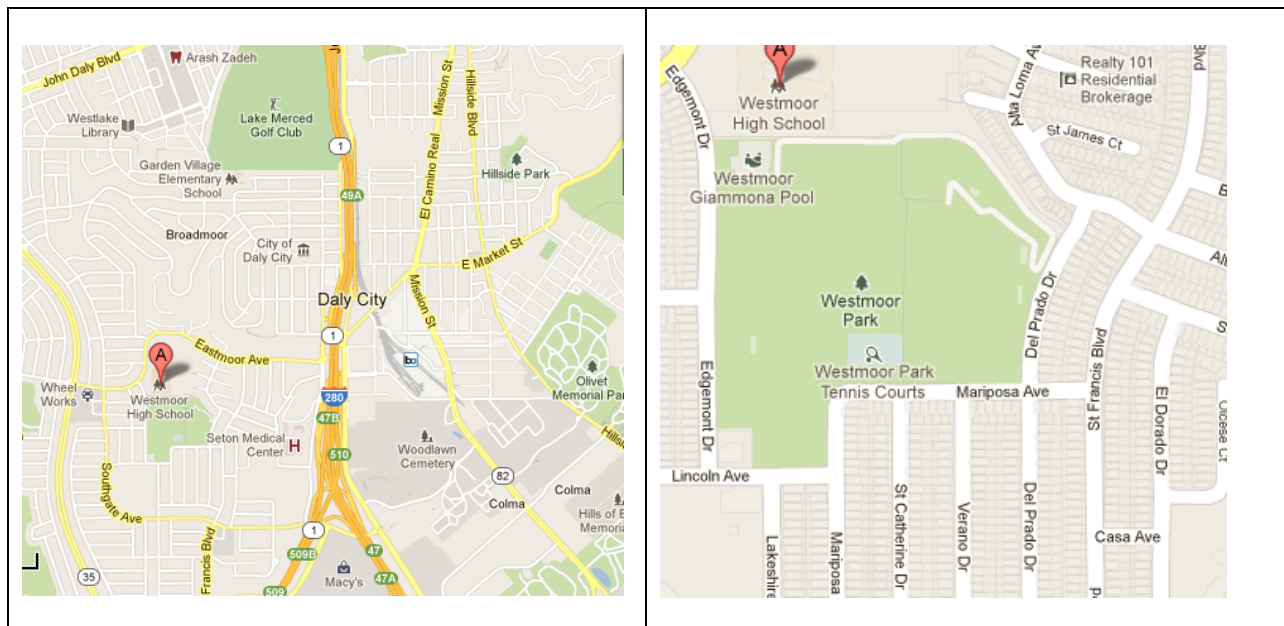
http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY14CA?pg=informational&fr_id=56642&type=fr_informational&sid=189572

Volunteers are needed to participate with this event.

Please contact Skip Weiss, KG6SC via email for further details.

- Email address: "Skip Weiss" calgrizzly@earthlink.net
- Subject Line: Relay for Life/Volunteer

Skip (KG6SCE) and his VFW are supporting this worthwhile event. Map of Westmoor High School Location is shown below (entrance located at the intersection of Mariposa Avenue & Del Prado Drive):



The Relay Event is:

- Organized, overnight community fundraising walk
- Teams of people camp out around a track
- Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie
- Family friendly environment for the entire community

The scheduled activities are:

Opening Ceremony: 10:00 am Saturday, June 4, 2016

The Opening Ceremony brings everyone together for a high-energy event kickoff to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, to inspire hope by sharing recent accomplishments and progress, and to remind everyone that while we are winning this battle, fighting cancer is a year-round priority.

Survivors & Caregivers Lap: 10:30am Saturday, June 4, 2016

During the Survivors & Caregivers Lap, upbeat music plays as all cancer survivors and caregivers at the event take the first lap around the track cheered on by the other participants who line the track, celebrating their victory over cancer and their fight to end cancer!

Luminaria Ceremony: 9:00pm Saturday, June 4, 2016

The Luminaria Ceremony is a time to remember people we have lost to cancer, to support people who currently have cancer, and to honor people who have fought cancer in the past. The power of this ceremony lies in providing an opportunity for people to work through grief and find hope.

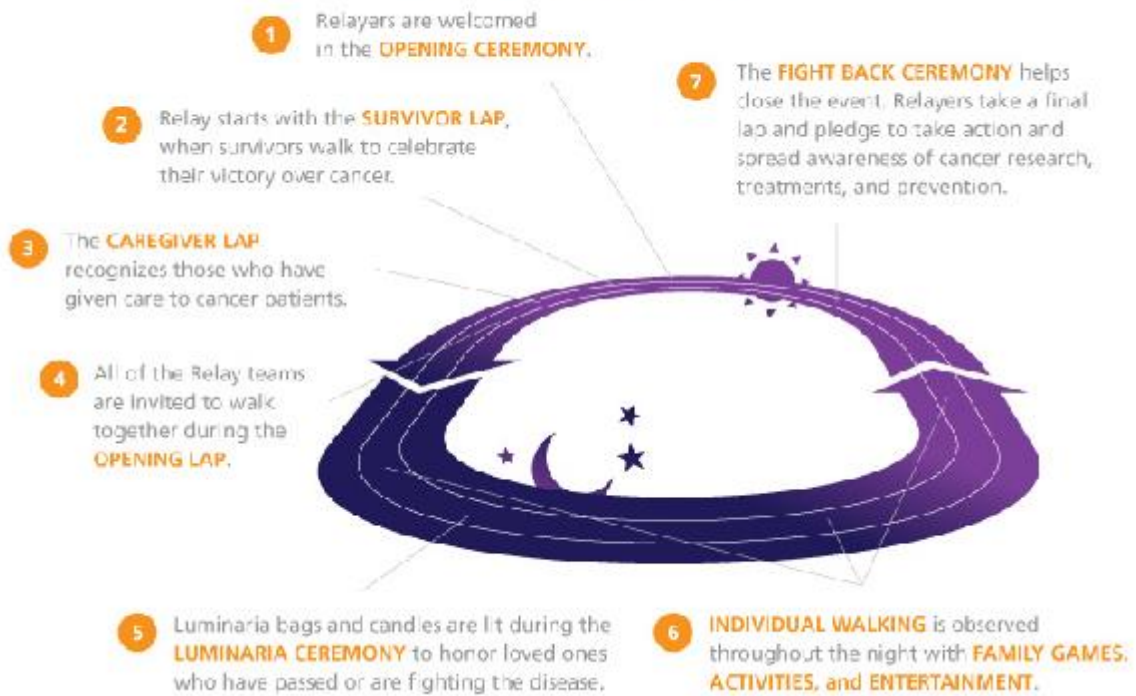
Fight Back: 9:30am (Sunday, June 5, 2016)

The Fight Back Ceremony symbolizes the emotional commitment we each make to the fight against cancer. The action we take represents what we are willing to do for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for our community to fight cancer year-round and to commit to saving lives.

Closing Ceremony: 10:00am (Sunday, June 5, 2016)

The Closing Ceremony is a time to remember the lives of those lost and to Celebrate that each of us has committed, through our participation in a Relay event, to fight back against this disease over the next year.

What is Relay for Life?



Chinese Hospital Patient Tower Grand Opening

By Rodney Yee, KJ6DZI

May 1, 2016

On Monday April 18, 2016 at 11am there was a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the Chinese Hospital Patient Tower, an 8 story 100,000 square feet building. Construction of the 180 Million dollar building took place 3 years ago on the site of the original Chinese Hospital.

The new Chinese Hospital Patient Tower adjoins the Chinese Hospital Annex building at 845 Jackson Street, San Francisco, CA. The two Chinese Hospital building are connected to each other with corridors.

From a prepared stage setup on Jackson Street in front of the Chinese Hospital, the dedication had speeches by San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, Former Mayor Willie Brown, Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Chinese Hospital CEO Brenda Yee, and other dignitaries.

Under sunny skies, the festivities lasted close to 2 hours with Buddhist and Catholic blessings, dedication speeches, Beach Blanket Babylon performance, Lion Dancing, fire crackers, ribbon cutting ceremony and the unveiling of Rose Pak way.

After the dedication there were limited public tours of the new Chinese Hospital Patient Tower.



Left to right: Former San Francisco mayor Willie Brown explains Chinese Hospital's importance to the community, as Linda Yee (Emcee), and San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee share a laugh. (Photo credit: Osman Chao)



Left to right: James Ho (President, Chinese Hospital Association Board of Trustees), Linda Yee (Emcee), Arron Peskin (SF Supervisor, District 3), Dr. Edward A. Chow (President, San Francisco Health Commission), Dr. Collin Quock (Former Chief of Staff, Chinese Hospital), and Mr. Mel Lee (Chinese Hospital Association Board of Trustees Member). Several of the folks announced that they were born in the original Chinese Hospital. (Photo credit: R.Yee - KJ6DZI)



Blanket Babylon Performer Tammy Nelson sings a welcoming song during the Chinese Hospital dedication. (Photo credit: R.yee – KJ6DZI)



A mosaic tile Dragon image adores the front of the new Chinese Hospital Tower. Names of private contributors individually engraved on each of the tiles. Over 1/3 of the cost of the hospital (180 millions dollars) was raised by community donations and large private contributors. Another 1/3 raised by hospital funds and the remaining 1/3 by bond issuance.



Left to right: James Ho (President, Chinese Hospital Association Board of Trustees), Brenda Yee (Chinese Hospital CEO) and Scott Wiener (SF Supervisor, District 8) (Photo credit: R. Yee – KJ6DZI)



Chinese Hospital ribbon cutting group photo

A police presence kept the festivities both relaxed and orderly.



Left to right: Chief Suhr, unknown, Commander Robert O'Sullivan. Officer Ryan Jones and Officer Vanessa Johnson.



Captain David Lazar, Deputy Chief Garret Tom and Commander Robert Moser.



Left to right: New Chinatown Hospital Patient tower and the current Chinese Hospital



*Chinese Lion dancing to commemorate the new Chinatown Hospital Patient Tower opening.
(Photo credit: R. Yee – KJ6DZI)*



*Chinese Hospital staff in front of new Chinese Hospital proudly pointing out where they were standing in front of the original Chinese Hospital before it was replaced.
Left to right Jennifer Hong(Registered Nurse), Simmy Lee (Respiratory Therapist) and Tasha Yuen(Unit Clerk)
(Photo credit: R.Yee – KJ6DZI)*



*Buddhist blessings for the new Chinese Hospital Patient Towers.
(Photo credit: R.Yee – KJ6DZI)*

Tours of the New Chinese Hospital were provided to public on a limited basis;



Chinese Hospital Public Tour Announcement and schedule

One of 500 coveted Chinese Hospital tour ticket



*Unveiling of Rose Pak's Way next to the new Chinese Hospital Patient Tower.
(Photo credit: R. Yee – KJ6DZI)*

A Chance Encounter



Left to right: Leland Wong (A well-known respected SF local artist), Raymond Wong (VFW Post 4618 Commander, Chinese Hospital Contributor) and Edmund Wong (Engineer and Chinese Hospital Contributor). These three longtime friends grew up in San Francisco and are very active within the Chinese Community

CARC Editor R.Yee – KJ6DZI had a chance encounter with these wonderful folks during the new Chinese Hospital Patient Tower dedication. We discovered that we knew a lot of the same folks while growing up in Chinatown.

(Photo credit: R.Yee – KJ6DZI)

- Rodney Yee