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## TIBETAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### ANNUAL REPORT 2021- 2022

#### **September 2, 2022** - Official New Board Member Handover

- New Board members officially took over the responsibilities from former TANC board members.

#### **September 2nd, 2021**- Mangtso Dhuchen (Democracy Day)

- Mangtso Dhuchen celebration was held at TANC from 5:00pm onwards, which consisted of the scarf offering ceremony, prayers, cultural performances, gorshey, and dinner.

#### **September 10th, 2021** - Molam

- Monlam held for the recent passing of Sean O'Brien, who was a supporter of TANC and Tibet. Prayers began at 5:30pm at TANC.

#### **October 1st, 2021** - National Mourning Day

- For National Mourning Day, we were joined by SF Team Tibet and various other organizations from the Bay Area. A protest was held at the San Francisco Chinese Consulate at 12:00pm

#### **October 3rd, 2021** - TANC Community Cafe

- The Parents Committee hosted this day's community cafe at TANC. The proceeds of \$3148.00 were handed over to TANC.

#### **October 9th, 2021** - Betsy Gorden/TANC Scholarship

- Scholarship applications opened at 12:00 pm on this day to the public with the deadline of October 31, 2021. We accepted applicants who were in post-graduate, undergraduate, community college, or vocational school.
- Post-graduates awarded \$3,666 each.
- Undergraduates awarded \$2,500 each
- Community college or vocational school awarded \$1,000 each.

#### **October 10th, 2021** - First West Coast Trungkar Meeting

- Principal TANC board members and TANC appointed West Coast Trungkar Committee came together for the first time to plan for West Coast Trungkar on July 1-3, 2022.

**October 17th, 2021** - 14th Anniversary of the Congressional Gold Medal

- This day marks the 14th anniversary of a historic day. U.S. Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. To commemorate this day, TANC began sangsol at 10:30am, scarf offering ceremony, cultural performances, snacks, and finally gorshey.
- Set up a TANC membership table.

**October 31st, 2021** - Deadline Betsy Gordon/TANC Scholarship

- Initial Deadline for entry for the scholarship. Deadline further extended to November 7, 2021 at 11:59pm.

**November 7th, 2021** - Betsy Gordon/TANC Scholarship

- Final deadline on Betsy Gordon/TANC Scholarship and we received 20 applicants for this year's scholarship. This year the number of applicants was lower than expected.

**November 13th, 2021** - Namchod Kyetsel Fun Fair Event

- Organized by Namchod Kyetsel Parent Committee on November 13, 2022 scheduled from 10:00 am to 7:00pm. Activities such as games, tambola, raffle, and talent show with complimentary dinner.

**December 10th, 2021** - International Human Rights Day

- On International Human Rights Day, we met at the NBC Sports Office in San Francisco to protest the broadcast of the 2022 Winter Beijing Olympics and deliver a media letter. Followed by a march to the Chinese Consulate, preceded by a rally.
- We were joined by various organizations, such as US Hongkonger Club, NorCal Hongkong Club, Students for Hong Kong, Humanitarian China joined SF Team Tibet, and International Tibet Network to name a few.

**December 10th, 2021** - 32nd Anniversary of Nobel Peace Prize (Day 1)

- Two-day programme to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Program began at 10:00am with Shutru Jelka, an exhibition of His Holiness' life long achievements. Tea and Dresil.
- Set up a TANC membership table.

**December 11th, 2021** - 32nd Anniversary of Nobel Peace Prize (Day 2)

- Two-day programme to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Program began at 11:00am until 9:00pm. The program

began with the Tibetan National Anthem, Nobel Toeyang by Namchod Kyetsel students, lighting the butter lamp. Lunch and dinner were served with cultural performances by various Tibetan artists and organizations along with tambola games, gorshey, Tashi Sowa, and ending the day with a dance party at TANC.

- Fund raised during Nobel Peace Prize celebration \$10,414.00.
- Set up a TANC membership table.

#### **December 19, 2021 - TANC Community Cafe**

- TANC Community Cafe hosted by Hunsur Rabgyaling community members and donated the proceeds of \$2,902 to TANC. Momos and salad were sold.

#### **February 3rd, 2022 - Global Day of Action**

- SF Team Tibet along with alliance nations organized a protest march rally from Golden Gate Bridge to the Chinese Consulate. The program commenced at 10:00am.
- This peaceful march took place, to voice our opposition to the Beijing Olympics in 2022.
- US Hongkonger Club, NorCal Hongkong Club, Students for Hong Kong, and Humanitarian China joined SF Team Tibet.
- The event included protest, heart warming speeches by individuals of different nationalities, and a peaceful march around the consulate.

#### **March 3rd, 2022 - Day 1 of Losar Celebration**

- Day 1 “Tsewa Chik” celebration of Tibetan New Year “Losar” held at TANC from 9:00am to 2:00pm involving morning prayers and scarf offering ceremony.
- West Coast Trungkar entrance and raffle tickets were available for purchase.
- TANC membership table set up.

#### **March 5th, 2022 - Day 3 of Losar Celebration**

- Day 3 “Tsewa Sum” celebration of Tibetan New Year “Losar” held at TANC from 9:00am to 4:00pm involving morning prayers, sangsol, cultural performances, lunch, tambola, and gorshey.
- West Coast Trungkar entrance and raffle tickets were available for purchase.
- TANC membership table set up.

#### **March 5th, 2022 - First Fundraising Party for West Coast Trungkar**

- Fundraising party held at Crown Bar in El Cerrito featuring DJ Kaley with a \$10 entrance fee.
- Raffle tickets and entrance tickets for West Coast Trungkar sold.

#### **March 9th, 2022 - Tibetan Flag Raising Ceremony**

- Tibetan Flag Raising Ceremony at Richmond City Hall at 10:00am, with the Mayor of Richmond Tom Butt.

**March 10th, 2022** - 63rd Tibetan Uprising Day

- An all day event starting with a gathering at Berkeley City Hall, protest at San Francisco City Hall, and then a march to the Chinese Consulate and Union Square, organized by TANC, San Francisco Regional Tibetan Youth Congress, and Bay Area Friends of Tibet.

**April 8th, 2022** - Monlam "Prayer"

- Monlam "prayer" was held for the 169 individuals who have self-immolated in Tibet at TANC.

**April 9th, 2022** - Second Fundraising Party for West Coast Trungkar

- Fundraising party held at Crown Bar in El Cerrito featuring DJ TJ with a \$10 entrance fee.
- Raffle tickets and entrance tickets for West Coast Trungkar sold.

**April 16th, 2022** - Holy 15th Day of Tibetan Lunar Calendar

- Special prayer gathering at TANC corresponding with the Holy 15th day of Tibetan Lunar calendar (Tsepa Cho-Nga) due to the unprecedented number of unfortunate and unexpected loss of lives among our own community members. Offer snacks, lunch, and dinner. Donations accepted.
- Balance of \$2,518.00 fund raised during this event.

**April 25th, 2022** - Birthday celebration of His Holiness the Panchen Lama

- Celebration of the 33rd birthday of His Holiness the Panchen Lama, Gedun Cho Kyi Nyima at 6pm at TANC.

**May 7th, 2022** - Namchod Kyetsel Annual Fundraising Event

- Namchod Kyetsel Annual Fundraising Event was organized by the Namchod Kyetsel at JFK High School. Performances by Yeshe Khando, students and parents.

**May 15th, 2022** - Voluntary Tibet Advocacy Group (V-TAG)

- Presentation by Dujten Kyi, Deputy Secretary, Head of Tibet Advocacy Section Department of Information and International Relations at Central Tibetan Administration with our Tibetan youth. She gave a talk on youth initiative to raise awareness of the political status of Tibet in local governments.

**May 21th, 2022** - Third Fundraising Party for West Coast Trungkar

- Fundraising party held at Crown Bar in El Cerrito featuring DJ TJ with a \$10 entrance fee.
- Raffle tickets and entrance tickets for West Coast Trungkar sold.

**May 21nd to 22rd, 2022 - Himalayan Fair**

- Two-day Himalayan Fair at Live Oak Park, veggie and non-veggie momos and tea were sold.
- Namchod Kyetsel Sunday School students performed on stage.
- West Coast Trungkar entrance and raffle tickets were available for purchase.
- A profit of \$13,671.00 was made during the two-day event.

**May 28th, 2022 - Sherpa Choeje Rinpoche's Long-Life Prayer**

- Sharpa Choeje Rinpoche held a dolkar wang, a long-life prayer, for the community at TANC from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

**June 5th, 2022 - Namchod Kyetsel School Annual Day Program**

- On the last day of the Spring session of Namchod Kyetsel Sunday School, students were honored with "A grade" and excellent attendance for each class and certificates distributed to the graduating class.
- Students gave presentations along with song and dance performances.

**June 17th to 19th, 2022 - Sikyong Penpa Tsering First Official Visit**

- Sikyong Penpa Tsering first official maiden visit to the Bay Area organized with the help of TANC's West Coast Trungkar Committee.
- June 17th: Sikyong arrived at SFO airport at noon and helped settle him in his hotel
- June 18th: Public talk held at JFK High School, Youth Interaction and meeting with Tibetan Dharma Centers at TANC, and concluding with Gala Dinner at JFK High School to raise funds.
- Gala dinner made a profit of \$1,255.03
- June 19th: Sikyong left for airport early in the morning

**June 23th, 2022 - Late Phil Laden's 49th Day Prayers**

- Kusho Ngawang Khenrab of Nechung Buddhist Center conducted the 49th Day Prayers for Phil Laden la at TANC, followed by a vegetarian lunch.

**June 25th, 2022 - Final Fundraising Party for West Coast Trungkar**

- Fundraising party held at Crown Bar in El Cerrito featuring DJ Kaley with a \$10 entrance fee.
- Raffle tickets and entrance tickets for West Coast Trungkar sold.

**June 30th, 2022 - Meet and Greet for West Coast Trungkar**

- Information booth set up for West Coast Trungkar at TANC.
- Raffle tickets, entrance tickets, and merchandise available to purchase.

**July 1st to 3rd, 2022 - West Coast Trungkar**

- A three-day event organized by TANC in association with the West Coast Trungkar Committee to celebrate the 87th birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Events were held at De Anza High School, Pinole Middle School, Richmond Civic Center, and TANC.
- Tibetans from all over the United States and Canada came to compete in basketball tournaments, GCM Gold Cup, talent show, and cultural competition.
- The Thundrel concert was held on July 1st and Rewa concert held on July 2nd with artists flying in from out of state: Yeshe Khando, Phurbu T. Namgyal, Tenzin Donsel, Tedd Kyap, Young Lama, Kunsu & Palden, and Odea.
- First-Aid and Health Camp set up by the TANC Health Committee, new members were recruited as well.
- Income of \$128,859.46 gained over the three days.

**July 6th, 2022 - Trungkar Prayer**

- A small celebration of the 87th Trungkar of His Holiness the Dalai Lama with a prayer and cake cutting was held at TANC from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

**July 9th, 2022 - New Board Member Election and Trungkar Celebration**

- Election of New Board Members at TANC community center.
- The 87th Trungkar of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's birthday celebration with sangsol, prayer, cultural performances, potluck, and gorshey.
- Set up a TANC membership table.

**July 12th, 2022 - Tenzin Delek Rinpoche: Medal of Courage 2922 Award Ceremony**

- Hosted alongside with San Francisco Regional Tibetan Youth Congress, Bay Area Friends of Tibet, supported by International Tibet Network and Gyuto Monastery
- Tenzin Delek Rinpoche Medal of Courage awarded on the 7th year anniversary of the passing of Tibetan spiritual leader Tenzin Delek Rinpoche.
- A prayer service for Jigme Gyatso, a senior monk and former political prisoner who died on July 2, 2022 after suffering complications linked to his maltreatment at the hands of Chinese authorities.

**July 15th - 17th, 2022 - Central Tibetan Administration's Demographic Survey**

- Volunteers from the West Coast Trungkar Committee helped to distribute and collect census at the event of the 5th North American Sakya Monlam for World Peace held at Berkeley Adult school.

### **July 23rd to 30th, 2022 - Central Tibetan Administration's Demographic Survey**

- TANC board members were stationed at the TANC office to collect the 2022 Central Tibetan Administration's census. Weekdays from 5:00pm - 7:00pm and on weekends 10:00am - 5:00pm. Deadline July 30th, 2022.

### **Month of August 2022 - Central Tibetan Administration's Demographic Survey**

- Demographic survey's deadline extended to August 31, 2022. Every day of August, incoming and outgoing TANC board members were stationed at the TANC office to collect the 2022 Central Tibetan Administration's census. Weekdays from 5:00am - 7:00pm and on weekends 10:00am - 5:00pm.

## **Greenbook**

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:00am to 1:00pm, TANC Greenbook Coordinator, *Rinzin Namgyal*, is in charge of collecting Greenbook contributions and renewing Greenbooks. This book has over the years in effect become the passport of the exiled Tibetans to claim their rights from the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) government in exile. Also in future it will become a base to claim Tibetan citizenship. Today, it is used for school admissions, school or university scholarships, and employment within the exiled community in India. Payment of the voluntary contribution is a condition to gain voting rights in the parliamentary elections. This year CTA launched a portal and mobile app to collect Greenbook contributions online on May 15, 2021. The project was initially launched in North America and based on the efficacy of the pilot initiative, CTA will gradually expand the reach of the Greenbook online contribution portal and apps in other regions. Therefore, we informed individuals to go online to pay their yearly due online at <http://chatrel.net/Login>. This information was provided on our TANC's social media to inform the public.

Greenbook contribution booth were set up on these major events:

- October 17th, 2021 - 14th Anniversary of the Congressional Gold Medal
- December 10th and 11th, 2021 - 32nd Anniversary of Nobel Peace Prize
- March 3rd and 5th, 2022 - Losar Celebration
- July 9th, 2022 - New Board Member Election and Trungkar Celebration

## **TANC Membership**

Additionally, TANC membership tables were set up every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:00am to 1:00pm with the Membership Coordinator, *Woesar Tenzing*. The benefits of having a TANC membership include:

- Members aged 18 and above have the right to vote for the Board of Directors
- Members aged 18 and above have the right to stand for election if he/she is a resident of Northern California

- Members aged 18 and above can participate in scholarship
- Members enjoy opportunities to participate in various activities by TANC
- Members enjoy discounted admission fees to TANC events and rentals as approved by the Board
- Seniors above the age of 65 and children below 17 are eligible for discount for various events

A brand new member fee of \$25 and an annual membership renewal fee of \$20 must be made. We also invite friends of the community to become a Friend of TANC (FoTANC). Annual FoTANC membership is \$20.

Membership booth were set up on these major events:

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### **Hired Bookkeeper**

An independent contracted Bookkeeper, *Thupten Yarphel*, was hired June 17th, 2022 to January 16, 2024 with a compensation of \$20 an hour. The bookkeeper's responsibilities include but not limited to the following: disburse payments with written approval and proper receipts, pay all the monthly payment, electronic filing of all the payment-related supporting documents to QuickBooks (QBO), record donations received, keep track of major donations and grants, especially any upcoming deadlines. Create and maintain a mailing list of donors, sync and update all transactions to QBO, create templates of income and expenses for various TANC committees when requested and provide necessary guidance, conduct monthly reconciliation. Report monthly deposit and expenses details, quarterly financial statements, prepare and keep track of the budget, forecast the cash flow, coordinate with TANC grant consultant or development team to track any under reporting requirements. At the year-end, close the books, prepare schedules of all balance sheet accounts, prepare 1099 and 1096 forms, lead and assist yearly tax form 990 and CA RRF, while working closely with the TANC Finance Committee.

### **Hired Administrative Assistant**

Contracted Administrative Assistant, *Jinpa Tharchin*, was hired April 4th, 2022 until June 30, 2022, with a compensation of \$20 an hour. This position provides administrative support to meet the growing needs of TANC and shall serve as a key member of the management team. The Administration Assistant's responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: answer phone calls and provide relevant information and appropriate guidance to the callers; make notes of the calls to report to the president and/or relevant board member(s). Monitor and manage inventory of office supplies; Process, sort, and route incoming and outgoing mail; send



acknowledgement and/or Thank you letters to donors. Monitor TANC's website and social media. Coordinate and schedule TANC board and other meetings in consultation with the president and make necessary announcements via email, phone, website, or social media; provide logistical support if needed or requested by the president. Perform administrative support tasks, including updating and sorting files, drafting and proofreading correspondence and conducting research as requested by the president. Work with the president and membership coordinator/ board members to strategize and roll out the annual membership drive. Data entry, telephone, email and social media outreach, membership card printing and logistics, organizing membership booths during TANC events, and to help provide regular updates to the president and board.