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## TIBETAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### Annual Report 2020-2021

#### Sept 27, 2020 - New Board Handover

- On this day, The new board members took over the responsibility from former Tanc Board Members.
- Although the Pandemic delayed the handover, the process went smoothly.

#### Oct 1st, 2020 - Global Day of Action

- The Global Day of Action took place at the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco on October 1st.
- The event represented a coalition of Tibetans, HongKongers, Vietnamese, East Turkmens, Taiwanese, Uyghurs, Macanese, and Southern Mongolians – as well as Chinese democracy activists – calling for a Global Day of Action against the Chinese Communist Party on the founding anniversary of the People’s Republic of China.
- The event included protest, heart warming speeches by individuals of different nationalities, and a peaceful march around the consulate.

#### Oct 18th 2020 - Flu Shots at TANC

- Organized flu shot event took place in collaboration with Contra Costa Health services.
- More than 400 hundred members of our community received the shot.

#### Oct 2020 - Scholarship Committee Formed to hand out Scholarship to Bay Area Students

- After a rigorous application process and an interview process, 27 worthy candidates were awarded the Betsy Gordon Scholarship to members of college and vocational schools.
- The students were judged on their professionalism, essays, and their interviews.

#### Oct 24, 2020 - 13th Anniversary of His Holiness being awarded the US Congressional Gold Medal

- On this day, TANC celebrated the 13th anniversary of this event with scarf offering ceremony followed by tea and daysee.
- Due to the Pandemic, the event was minimal. Social distancing was observed.

**Nov 01, 2020 - 1st Tanc Cafe hosted by Kunjo la and Former Board Member**

- Former Board Members and Friends hosted the 1st TANC Community Cafe since the new Board Handover.
- The occasion was a huge success, raising a whopping sum of \$4056.
- All the proceeds were donated to TANC.

**Nov 14th 2020 - 2nd TANC Community Cafe hosted by Dawa Choekyi's family and friends**

- The event was a resounding success, raking in a sum of \$3690.
- All proceeds were donated to the Tibetan Association of Northern California fund.

**Dec 09,2020 - Tanc co-organized SEE Learning Workshop**

- TANC Co-Organized SEE learning workshop in Tibetan to Tibetan Educators.

**Dec 10th, 2020 - His Holiness was Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 1989**

- TANC organized an event to celebrate His Holiness' Nobel Peace Prize award.
- The Event included a Scarf Offering Ceremony, followed by Tea and Daysee.

**Dec 26th 2020 - His Holiness live teaching for North American Tibetans**

- Members from TANC were invited to ask questions to His Holiness

**Jan 1st-3rd 2021 - Preliminary Sikyong and Chithue Elections**

- Due to Covid-19 restrictions and with the exception of from the CTA Election Commissioner, TANC conducted the Sikyong and Chithue Elections on three different days at two different locations. The two locations were Gyuto and the TANC Chikhang. TANC and the Election Committee abided by all the Covid-19 regulations and made sure the event was a success. Additionally, we would like to thank volunteers for making this event possible.

**Jan 15th, 2021 - TANC Website was successfully launched**

- TANC successfully launched their website to connect better and faster with TANC members.
- The Website is updated weekly, which includes important upcoming announcements and events taking place at our Community Center.

**Feb 12th, 2021 - A Brief Losar celebration took place at TANC**

- As the pandemic worsened, TANC was forced to keep celebrations at a bare minimum.
- The event began with a Scarf offering ceremony, followed by a brief prayer and sangsol.
- The day came to an end with tea and daysee.

**Feb 12 , 2021 - Virtual Losar Celebration held**

- Tibetans celebrated Losar virtually due to the ongoing pandemic.

- Namchod Kyetsel held their Losar greetings followed by Chaksampa Performances.

### **March 8th, 2021 - #WalkAMileForTibet**

- Bay Area's very own, Tendor La, in solidarity with Tenzin Tsundue la, spearheaded the #WalkaMileforTibet campaign. The walk commenced at 10am at the TANC Chikhang and ended in San Francisco.
- The participants walked a total of 10.8 miles. Additionally, the participants were able to distribute all the flyers - which raise awareness of the current Tibetan situation - to locals in the Bay Area.

### **March 10th, 2021 - Tibetan Uprising day**

- In commemoration of the 62nd Tibetan Uprising Day, the city of Richmond declared March 10, 2021 as Tibetan Uprising day. Additionally, the city of Berkeley proclaimed March 10, 2021 as TIBET DAY.
- Additionally, the Mayor of Richmond, held a Virtual Flag Raising Ceremony.
- The Tibetan Flag flew proudly outside the Richmond City hall.
- TANC held more events outside the Berkeley City Hall and the San Francisco Civic Center.
- The event included speeches from Chief Guests, singing Tibetan National Anthem and Hymns and more protests.

### **March 10th, 2021 - 62nd National Tibetan Uprising Day (Car Rally)**

- The rally commenced at the Berkeley City Hall, and took the route from University Avenue to the Bay Bridge to SF Civic Center.
- The event was in solidarity with the Tibetan struggle against the Chinese Communist regime.

### **April 10th-11th, 2021 - Sikyong and Chithue Election 2021**

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### **April 15th , 2021- Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic at TANC (1st JAB)**

- TANC health committee and Contra Costa health services Organized Covid-19 shots event. More than 180 of our members got the Covid 19 shot on that day.

### **April 18 th 2021- 3rd TANC Community Cafe, fundraising event.**

- Raised \$4184 and all proceeds were donated to TANC.

### **April 25th 2021 - Panchen Rinpoche's Birthday**

- The event was celebrated at the TANC Chikhang.
- The event began with prayers and ended with a Cake Cutting Ceremony for Panchen Lama's birthday.

**April 30, 2021 - Tibetan Calligraphy DAY**

- Tanc Observed the day as International Tibetan Calligraphy day to promote Tibetan language and culture to our community members.
- Many people showed up and learnt about calligraphy that day.
- The event was huge success lasting for many hours,

**May 01,02 2021 - Donation Drive for PM Cares FUND**

- As Covid-19 surged astronomically in India, TANC and its members set up a donation drive for PM Cares FUND.
- TANC Members donated generously in the amount US \$8950.00 to the relief work in India to save the lives of people who are suffering due to covid 19.

**May - 2021- Weekly Prayers are being held at TANC**

- Prayer sessions were being held every Sunday from 10-12pm for 2 months.

**May 02, 2021 - First Youth Committee Meeting held**

- Youth Committee was formed to include and allow the youth to participate in the Tibetan Community.
- More than 15 members of the youth in the East Bay came together and laid out the foundation for the Youth Committee.
- In the future, the committee will allow for youth engagement with the broader Tibetan community here in the Bay Area.

**May 15th, 2021 - 1st TANC General Body Meeting**

- An eventful meeting took place, where the community members were told all the things happening within TANC.
- That day, many problems within TANC were solved. Audience members asked questions, and the TANC Board Members answered their concerns.

**May 16th, 2021 - 2nd Covid-19 Clinic at TANC**

- The 2nd Covid-19 Vaccine dose was given out to our community members. We are extremely grateful to the TANC Health Committee in partnership with Contra Costa Health Services for making this happen.

**May 17th, 2021 - Demonstration for the Abduction of Panchen Lama**

- Marks 26th year since the abduction of the Panchen Lama. There was a demonstration at the Chinese Consulate from 12:30PM-2PM led by board member Tenpa Jamyang la. Additionally, SF Team Tibet and TANC organized a Monlam and Chomey at the TANC Chickhang from 5:30 PM onwards.

**June 6th, 2021 - Special TANC Community Cafe (Medical Mission to India)**

- The Community Cafe and the Donation Drive hosted by TANC Health Committee raised \$10306 and donated all of its proceeds to the Medical Mission to India.
- The Medical Mission to India helped fund the medical supplies and the medical team consisting of nurses combating the virus in India.

#### **June 13th, 2021 - TANC Community Clean Up**

- On this day, volunteers helped clean up the TANC vicinity.
- Clean up included weeding, garbage pick-up, road side cleansing and paint chip removal from the TANC building.

#### **June 23rd, 2021 - Boycott Beijing Olympics protest**

- SF Team Tibet organized a peaceful march from Golden Gate Bridge, View Vista Point, Sausalito to the San Francisco Chinese Consulate on June 23rd, 2021. The walk began at 10:00AM.
- This peaceful march took place, to voice our opposition to the Beijing Olympics in 2022.

#### **July 6th, 2021 - Trungkar Nyimo celebrations**

- On July 6th, we held a brief event at the TANC Chikhang. The Trungkar event began at 9AM and concluded at 12PM. To commemorate this day, TANC set up a special scarf offering event at the TANC hall followed by Prayer and Sangsol. The event ended with tea and daysee.

#### **July 6th, 2021 - Education and Health Talk by Dr. Tenzin Namdul**

- The event was organised by the TANC Youth Committee.
- The main focus of the event was on the youth understanding of Tibetan Medicine.

#### **July 10th, 2021 - Trungkar Dhuchen Celebrations**

- Activities include Sangsol, Prayer, Cultural Performances, Potluck, Raffle Tickets, Open Mic Performances, Gorshey and games.

#### **July 10th, 2021 - New Board Member Elections**

- We are excited to inform you that we will be formally electing our new Board Members on July 10, 2021 on Trungkar celebration at TANC community center.

#### **August 29th, 2021 - New Board Member Handover**

- This day officially marks the first day of the incoming board members. TANC is proud to announce 6 new members. Furthermore we are overjoyed to have 3 new female members in the Board. We would like to thank our outgoing members and wish them success in their future endeavors. Also, this day marks the official change of presidency

within the board. Outgoing president, Dhondup Tsering , handed over his presidency to our newly elected president Kunga Gaton . T

### **Brief details about Namchod Kyetsal during the Pandemic**

- With the changes that affected the global community with Covid-19 pandemic, Namchod Kyetsel( Tibetan language and Culture class) of Tibetan Association of Northern California continued to offer the classes virtually through Zoom. We appreciate the efforts made, challenges braced, and adjustments made by Namchod Kyetsel principal, teachers, students and parents to keep the education and learning moving forward. This year, Namchod Kyetsel parents association stepped forward in creating an opportunity for the students to showcase their Tibetan language strengths and to inspire each other to gain confidence as they take the steps into owning back a Language that roots who they are. Students are provided a virtual platform to present their skills and talents in Tibetan languages in any forms they choose : written, recitation, music, singing, dance or any creative ideas and this is aired once a week on every Wednesday coinciding with Lhakar celebration. This virtual presentation is open to all the youngsters. Below is one of the virtual presentations made by the students of Namchod Kyetsel on Tibetan Traditional Dance Gorshay. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the parents Association for heading this program and thank you to all who participated.