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WELCOME BACK!

Hello VHIO! We hope your semester has been off to a good start. We want to thank you for the valuable feedback from the surveys, and we will definitely keep your suggestions in mind. Please let us know anytime you have ideas for VHIO! Meanwhile, we have been recruiting volunteers for the Spanish Department and accepting officer applications. This semester, expect to look forward to new volunteering opportunities to gain clinical experience: we have sent out information for the Center for Elderly Independence (CEI), and we will soon be setting up Satellite Housing clinics as well. Lastly, we are hosting 3 mandatory workshops this semester that you are required to go to. Not only will you learn a lot and improve your health care interpretation skills; you get to enjoy free food and hang out with your VHIO friends :) See you all on February 26th!

OFFICER UPDATES

1. **Cantonese and Korean Volunteers have a great new opportunity to volunteer at CEI clinics.** CEI stands for Center for Elderly Independence. True to their name, they try to help seniors by providing them with some assistance, such as clinics for their health. They are interested in partnering with us, so please sign up. If you can't find the message, feel free to email us for more information. This is a great clinical experience for volunteers. Though it is on the weekday, they are willing to work around our busy schedules.
2. Vietnamese Volunteers just went to a Tet Festival last weekend. Though not too much health was involved, the Vietnamese Volunteers still did a great job of promoting what VHIO does. Great job guys!

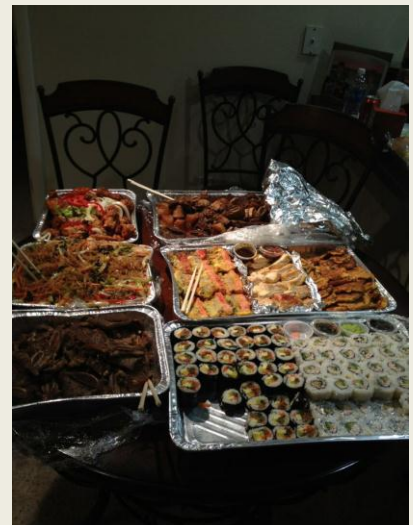
- Taman Hoang

Mammogram clinic continues to have full list of patients coming in. Also, one of the patients was a reporter from Korea Times wishing to experience the process of mammogram. Please see the following link for the article about the clinic: <http://sf.koreatimes.com/article/709836>

- Anita Lee

THANKS JUDY LIM FOR
KINDLY LENDING HER
PLACE AND ORDERING
DELICIOUS KOREAN FOOD
FOR THE OFFICER DINNER!!
GOOD TIMES!

- VHIO BOARD



Spring Workshops

We will have 3 MANDATORY spring semester training workshops to maintain your top-notch health care interpretation skills. We will review and clarify interpretation details, as well as explore new topics such as interpretation laws and cultural diversity. You can also look forward to guest speakers! Please mark your calendars!

Workshop 1: February 26th

Workshop 2: March 18th

Workshop 3: April 8th



Upcoming Events

Saturday February 11th [All languages] Chinatown Public Health Center Hep B Clinic

Friday February 24th [Korean] KCHS Mammogram Clinic

Sunday February 26th 10-1pm 219 Dwinelle [All languages] Spring Workshop 1



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: KENNY SEE

Hi! First of all, for those of you who don't know who I am, let me introduce myself. My name is Kenny See and together with Julia, Yingchao, Jennifer and Betty, I was one of the co-coordinators for the CPHC clinic from 2008 to 2010. I joined VHIO (former SFHBC) during my junior year at Berkeley. I then graduated in 2009 from chemical biology, worked two years at a start-up biotech-vaccine company in San Jose, and also, as an ED scribe at the Alameda Hospital before I applied to medical schools in 2010 Fall. Last year, I was fortunate enough to get in UC Davis and I am now a first-year medical student. Life as a first-year medical student is basically like undergrad! (i.e. going to lectures, labs, studying for exams, volunteering at clinics and health-fairs but what's different is that there are a lot of school-based social events you need to participate...some you may need to drink a little bit... and some you don't...). Recently, I have been volunteering at a primary care clinic in Sacramento called the Paul Hom Asian Clinic, which is the oldest existing Asian clinic in the United States established in the year of 1971. The clinic reminds me a lot of the precious moments I have had at CPHC with all you lovely friends. Thanks VHIO, which has prepared me well in learning medical Chinese and Cantonese, I have now become brave enough to provide medical care, at least at the Asian clinic, to most patients in the language they prefer. Usually, patients would appreciate it even if you can't speak it perfectly. In my opinion, language is magical. So guys, please cherish the time you are at VHIO, you probably can't imagine how much it has trained you until you find it out later on in life! For those of you who are interested in knowing more about UC Davis in particular or questions with regard to medical school application in general, please feel free to send me a email @ kaiyin728@gmail.com or add me as a friend on Facebook! I haven't been to any VHIO event for a while so I would love to make some new friends and know more about each of you! Thank you for reading! ^_^

- Kenny

