

MEMORANDUM

To: **Centennial Gala Planning Committee**
Chinese American Citizens Alliance
Los Angeles Lodge

From: Rick Eng

Date: March 23, 2012

RE: **Centerpiece design idea**

Doreen Wong had a unique idea for the centerpiece of the tables at the Centennial Gala. She provided the image of the photo lantern (*right top*). We could create the piece with a balsa wood frame painted red. The images could be chosen from the archive of vintage photos belonging to the Los Angeles Lodge. Once scanned they could be modified with a sepia or even reddish tone and then printed on vellum for some translucency. To illuminate them on the table, cell-powered tea lights (*right bottom*) can be used on cheaper votive candles. As for the lucky attendee who gets to keep the lantern, the dinner committee can make the determination: 1) birthday nearest day of the event, 2) longest member of C.A.C.A., or 3) also celebrating their 100th birthday. The unit price for tea lights is about \$1.09 each and one pack of 12 pieces is \$10.89 at 100Candles.com. Please see <http://www.100candles.com/item.htm/6001/Battery-Operated-LED-Tea-Light-Candle-White-Flame-Non-Flicker>.



Here are links to another variation of Doreen's photo lantern idea: boards.weddingbee.com/topic/diy-photo-lantern-center-pieces

whiffofjoy.blogspot.com/2010/10/candle-lantern-by-tanjaak.html

Action item: creating a prototype to evaluate the ease and difficulty of manual assembly.