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## Scholarship Awards and Recognition Banquet

Our annual scholarship awards and recognition banquet

will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at

Wong's King Seafood Restaurant.



We look forward to meeting all of the scholarship applicants and essay contestants as well as their family members at the banquet. Basketball coaches and AAYLC volunteers will also be recognized at the banquet. Please mark your calendar and join us for a wonderful evening of fun and camaraderie.

**June 5, 2011, 5:30 PM**

**Wong's King Seafood Restaurant**

**8733 Southeast Division Street**

**Portland, OR 97216**

**\$10.00 per person**

**R.S.V.P. by May 29 to Betty Jean Lee (503-221-8773)**

**President's Message** by Dr. Cyrus J. Lee



As we enter Spring (and our New Year of the Rabbit), we want to highlight our accomplishments over the past year. No organization achieves success without its supporting members and dedicated board members, and I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and time.

First and foremost, U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) has communicated to our Lodge that he is pledging his support for a House Resolution or Bill of Apology to Chinese Americans for historical discrimination preceding and embodying the era the Chinese Exclusion Acts from 1882-1942. This national action is inspired by the successful 2009 passage in the California Legislature of similar resolutions. Our Lodge is taking a proactive stance in supporting Project 1882 and ensuring passage of this important Resolution. (continued on page 2)

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Our Lodge also has been central towards the establishment of a new Seattle C.A.C.A. Lodge in March. Board members Stephen and Helen Ying, Diana and Richard Davis, and Shelley Miyahara along with Grand President Carolyn Chan attended the festivities at New Star Seafood Restaurant in Seattle on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Ming Ming Tung-Edelman serves as the Seattle Lodge's first President. They also paid a visit to the annual Portland C.A.C.A.-Seattle SCAA Al Mar Invitational in Seattle that showcased our Lodge's Basketball Program.

This year also marks the first year of the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference (AAYLC) as one of our Lodge's programs. Previously, C.A.C.A.-Portland Lodge has served as a co-sponsor for this event. The transition of AAYLC from Center for New Americans to C.A.C.A.-Portland Lodge was completed this year with Board Member Helen Ying as Chair of the AAYLC Planning Committee. The conference was held Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> at Portland Community College-Sylvania College with over 500 student attendees from high schools as far away as Seattle.

Coming up we have our Annual Scholarship and Coaches Appreciation banquet in June. We also have the 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial National Convention July 27-30<sup>th</sup> in Houston Texas.

Enjoy your spring!



Seattle Lodge President Ming Ming Tung-Edelman holds a congratulatory message from the San Francisco Lodge as read aloud by Helen Ying.



Grand President Carolyn Chan and GVP John Wong congratulate the officers of the Seattle Lodge.

### Warm Welcome to Our New Members

Our lodge is excited to add new members into the Alliance family. We warmly welcome our new members: Sue Tat Suen and Chun Shain Chen. We look forward to their active engagement and involvement in the years to come.

## Chinese American Citizens Alliance Charters Seattle Lodge by Grand VP Ed Gor



The **Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.)**, came to the Pacific Northwest with the chartering of the new Seattle Lodge on March 26, 2011. Ceremonies took place at the New Star Seafood Restaurant in the heart of the city's revitalizing International Settlement, the historical home of Chinese, along with Native Americans and later Japanese, Filipinos, and lately Southeast Asians.

Serving as MC, Founding President Ming Ming Tung-Edelman convened over 80 witnesses into the jam-packed restaurant banquet room for this auspicious milestone event for the Alliance. The opening was conducted by Grand Lodge delegation: Grand Rep. Tony Chan of Albuquerque for the Pledge of Allegiance, Past GP Munson Kwok for the Purposes and Objectives, and Grand Rep. Roger Eng of Peninsula, for the Cardinal Principles. Grand President Carolyn Chan expressed her official welcome and thanked the committee group, led by Grand Executive Helen Ying and Ming Ming Tung-Edelman, in working and planning the Lodge formation for over 2 years. She forecasted the success of the new Lodge in this vibrant region, marked by its rapidly growing Asian American population and its most illustrious favorite son, the Hon. Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce and soon-to-be confirmed U.S. Ambassador to China. She briefly summarized the Alliance's current projects, preserving Chinese American heritage, pushing for Goodwin Liu's federal judgeship, and Project 1882, the Congressional expression of apology for the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act as national law, over a century ago.

Following Chan, Grand VP for Membership John Y. Wong led the induction of the founding charter members, who took the oath of membership and then were "pinned" with the traditional C.A.C.A. emblem. "I was excited to help get this group started," noted Wong, "They have so many projects planned already." Making official Members cleared the way for GP Chan to install the Founding Board of Officers of Seattle Lodge, led by Pres. Tung-Edelman. GP Chan then presented the Certificate of Charter and the Founding Gavel of office to the new president. In her remarks, Pres. Tung-Edelman declared that the community efforts of Portland Lodge in youth programs had been an inspiration to her and the new group and that they would be emulating the model set forth so successfully by Portland over the years. She expressed her personal gratitude to Grand Executive Ying, Regional Grand Executive Betty Jean Lee and the members of Portland Lodge, well represented, for being able to witness first-hand their activities before her move to Seattle. Sis. Tung-Edelman had been a member of the Alliance while living in Portland, even serving as president for the Portland Lodge for a number of years.

The mission focus of the Seattle Lodge will indeed be community, youth and social service for the region. Even as they were in the chartering process, the Lodge had joined in participation of the region-wide Asian American dinner organized for Japan Earthquake Relief, to be held the following night in International Settlement! Their national affiliation with the Alliance is expected to provide more influence and resources capacity for them, giving the small-but-mighty group a swift head start in their commitments.

The success of Seattle Lodge is promising in that they more than doubled their recruitment of charter members, nearing 35 as the evening drew to a close, with Grand VP Wong urging them to get to 51 to send two representatives to the upcoming 51st Convention.

Well-wishes came from Grand Lodge with a bank account starter of \$1,000. Also greetings were expressed from Albuquerque, Houston, Los Angeles, Portland, Peninsula, and San Francisco, with a magnificent members' donation of \$500 sent in by Grand Executive Susan Hum Lai and Regional Grand Executive Collin Lai. One of the most heartfelt reflections of the evening's significance was expressed by Peninsula's Dr. Eng, a Seattle native of an established family, who recounted the difficult yet illustrious progress of the Chinese and other Asian Americans in Pacific Northwest history from his personal perspective as a witness of much of it. He remembered while growing up how difficult life was and that the greatest role models had been the pioneering politician Wing Luke, first to reach the City Council against all odds, and, of course, one of the greatest nationally noted Chinese Americans, Commerce Secretary and soon-to-be Ambassador Locke.

With the audience's thoughts turned to history, President Edelman noted the presence of the former Executive Director of the Wing Luke Museum itself, Ron Chew, and past president of the Yee Association, James Yee. A bridge had been made from the past to the future, and the anticipation was declared by Past Grand Pres. Kwok, "We look for great things from Seattle Lodge, great achievements. We all are counting on you!"



## AAYLC 2011

by Helen L. Ying

"Embrace the Challenge" was the theme for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian American Leadership Conference that was held on April 29, 2011.

515 students representing 37 high schools from Oregon, Washington, and California were in attendance. One student came from Piedmont, California. Other students from outside the greater Portland metro area traveled from Corvallis and Hood River, Oregon as well as Seattle and Vancouver, Washington.

After breakfast, the students commenced the conference with an opening program that included a keynote message from a past AAYLC scholarship recipient, Melanie Ying and a film presented by May Wu from Benson High School, winner of the Film Festival. This year's scholarship winners were also recognized: Sherry Liao of Benson, Thomas Kim of Southridge, and Tanya Kang of Liberty. Following the opening program were four workshops designed according to the goals of the conference:

- To impart leadership skills
- To provide career guidance and opportunities
- To foster a strong sense of culture and self-pride

Students also enjoyed entertainment from an Asian inspired Hip-Hop group - Moon Patrol. The conference day ended with a closing program where the logo design winner, Eudora Erickson of Beaverton along with the runner ups, Danning Yao of Mountain View, and Danning Yao of Crescent Valley received their awards.

Close to 150 adults including facilitators, chaperones, college/career fair exhibitors, and volunteers contributed to a meaningful and productive conference. More details about the conference are available online via the AAYLC website - [AAYLC.org](http://AAYLC.org).



## Howdy! from Houston

### Home of C.A.C.A.'s 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial National Convention

The 51<sup>st</sup> C.A.C.A. Biennial Convention will be held in Houston, Texas from July 27 to 30, 2011. Representing our lodge will be Cyrus Lee, Betty Jean Lee, Franklin Quan, and Helen Ying. Three resolutions from the Portland Lodge have been submitted for the Grand Council:

- Support for The Garden of the Surging Waves in Astoria, Oregon
- Commitment to increase the number of new lodges and promote the health of existing lodges
- Support for documenting the original Chinatown in Portland, Oregon

The convention host, Houston Lodge has already put forth the southern warm hospitality in their communication welcoming the delegates. Everyone is looking forward to a combination of focused work and lot's of fun throughout the convention.

### NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST by Betty Jean Lee

On March 05, 2011, our annual National Essay Contest was held at the Asian Health & Service Center for our Oregon high school students. There were eight students preregistered coming from Corvallis, Camas, and the metro area. Nationally, there were 130 students that participated.

The topic is kept secret until the morning of the contest. Students have two hours to write a 500 word essay on a topic sent out by Grand Lodge. This year the topic referred to the "Chinese way of parenting".

Amy Chua, a Yale University law professor and mother of two daughters, was unknown to most of the world until the Wall Street Journal published an excerpt from her now bestselling book, *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*. The excerpt was titled "Why Chinese Mothers Are Superior" and led with a list of activities and behaviors that Chua's two daughters, now teenagers, have never been allowed to do. These included "attend a sleepover," "watch television and play computer games", and "get anything less than an A". Chua believes that if she sets the bar high, her children will rise to the occasion.

Though controversial, Chua's book is getting people to discuss styles of parenting. So the essay question asked "what is your take on Amy Chua's style of parenting and why?"

Before sending our local student's essays off to Grand Lodge, I read them and was really surprised that all the students felt that "in order to be successful, you MUST study hard, and be a strong leader". Even though they agreed with Amy Chua, they did feel there was a need for some "down time". Currently, there are five judges from various parts of the nation judging the essays and two local judges judging our local entries. Winners will be announced at the annual Award Banquet, June 5<sup>th</sup>. First prize for the National level is \$1,000.

## Another Successful Season for the C.A.C.A. Basketball Program



Now that summer is finally around the corner, it's a good time to reflect back on the basketball program's two signature events.

The annual C.A.C.A. Invitational was held March 19-20 at Oregon City High School. C.A.C.A. teams played our traditional rivals from the north, teams from the Seattle Chinese Athletic Association (S.C.A.A.), as well as other teams from the Portland area. In addition, the "tournament within the tournament" pitted C.A.C.A. high school boys' teams against one another in a double-elimination format as teams vied for the much-coveted championship trophy. In this season's championship finale, the **Warriors** defeated the three-time defending champion Dragons 44-40 in a hard-fought, competitive game.

Friends and family members cheered on their favorite team and players. In an effort to raise funds for the basketball program, new t-shirts commemorating the 2011 C.A.C.A. Invitational were sold onsite for an affordable price, and the proceeds from all of the concessions sold at the Invitational will go back into the program. There are extra t-shirts available, so please let us know if you would like to purchase one.

Many, many thanks to the following C.A.C.A. members for their help and support in putting on the annual Portland Invitational: Cyrus Lee, Tournament Organizer and Coach; Randy Choy, Tournament Director; Helen Ying, Information Table; and the Davis Family, Shelley Miyahara, and Stephen Ying, Concessions.

The annual Al Mar Invitational, sponsored by SCAA, was held the following weekend in Seattle, C.A.C.A. teams made the trip for this important basketball tournament that always creates new and fond memories for all of the players, coaches, and families involved. The teams stayed once again at the Marriott Hotel near the Sea-Tac Airport, a tradition that dates back many years.

We appreciate all of the support provided by the volunteer coaches, family members, and of course players who make our basketball program possible. If you know anyone who would like to volunteer in any capacity with our basketball program during the 2011-12 season, please contact Cyrus Lee, Basketball Program Coordinator, at [cyrusjlee@gmail.com](mailto:cyrusjlee@gmail.com).

## May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month asianpacificheritage.gov

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month - a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Like most commemorative months, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In June 1977, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

## Beginnings by Kimberly Young, 2009 Fred G. Lee Memorial Scholarship recipient

Freshman year at the University of Oregon (UO) marked the beginning of a new stage in my life. From living in a new environment to taking tougher classes, my first year in college opened doors to grow both as a scholar and a leader.

As a freshman in the Robert D. Clark Honors College, the program requires that I complete the Literature and History sequences prior to advancing into colloquium courses later. Consequently, I spent the year taking eight credits of Honors College Literature and twelve credits of Honors College History. These courses were unique due to their smaller class sizes and dedicated professors who sincerely cared about my education. Although there was a challenging workload, I felt academically stimulated and challenged by my fellow peers and professors during in-class discussions. I am truly grateful to the scholarly environment found in the Clark Honors College, which forces me to improve my analytical thinking, writing, and speaking skills. Through this challenging program, I feel that I can develop as a scholar, having all the benefits of a large university's resources, while simultaneously enjoying the privileges of a small college, engaging on a more personal level with faculty.

Contrary to my initial plans and preconceptions of the field, college has really opened my eyes to a number of different possibilities. While taking classes at the general university level, I began to take interest in the business field. Thus, in addition to the honors college classes, I worked hard to complete the prerequisites for the Lundquist College of Business. These courses were completely different in nature and style from those of the honors college. I was exposed to varied teaching styles and opinions, which broadened my horizons. Through classes such as BA 101, I finally was able to get a glimpse of what the business field entailed. I am now declared as a Pre-Business Administration major. This coming year, I will complete the last two courses of the business prerequisites, officially applying for the Lundquist College of Business during the winter term of 2010.

Along with my academics, I found that the University of Oregon offered many leadership opportunities for me as well. Even though I was a freshman, through some fortunate networking and the benefits of my past experiences in high school, I was offered a leadership position in the Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA) as the Fundraising Chairman. I found myself challenged with the increased responsibilities at a college student group level. The funding that the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) offered the program allowed for greater venues and opportunities, and trained me on how to be fiscally responsible for the group. As fundraising chairman, I organized fundraising events and applied for school grants for our group activities. Whether it was selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts or selling chocolate roses on Valentine's Day, these experiences were not only memorable, but also allowed me to develop leadership skills and team work.



(cont. from previous page) At the beginning of the spring term, due to my high GPA standings at the university, I was given the privilege to join a national honor society called, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). Our organization emphasizes three key principles of scholarship, service, and leadership. Not only have I engaged in scholarship (academics), but I have also begun to plug myself into this group, working on service and further leadership skills. This past spring, I helped organize volunteer events, such as creating a garden for an elderly home. It was rewarding to see how our efforts could bring a bit of joy to the senior community. More importantly, I applied as the treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year position, and am now working on budgeting with the national office for the UO chapter's new year. We are excited with what this new year has to bring. With a new executive committee, we plan on offering more volunteer opportunities to our members, such as the Operation Write Home project and the Any Hero project. This is a project that aims to encourage soldiers overseas to write home, and also encourages them with our notes and letters to them addressed as "heroes." I look forward to what this new year will bring.

I will be keeping busy this new school year, beginning a few colloquium courses in the honors college and taking accounting through the business school. I plan to continue my involvement with student groups, and learning the ropes for the treasurer position in both HKSA and NSCS. Thank you for all your support of my education, and I hope that my actions will not disappoint your faith in me as a student.

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