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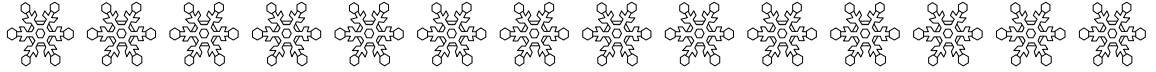
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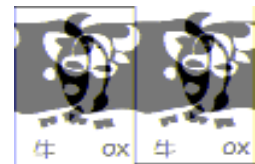
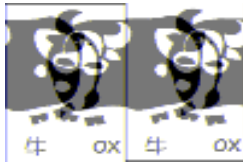
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February 2, 2009, Monday, 6:00pm

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\$50 per person (\$25 tax deductible)

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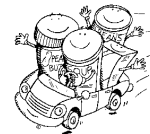
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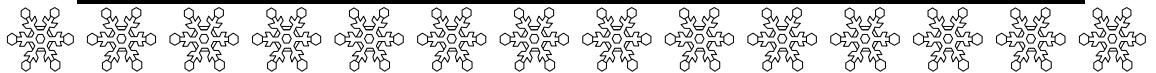
Spend a fun filled evening together with friends

All proceeds will go toward supporting our youth and scholarship programs

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS – C.A.C.A. ANNUAL TOY & FOOD DRIVE



Our Annual Food and Toy Drive will conclude on December 13, 2008. Thanks to everyone who has contributed toward this project. We have already received \$365.00. Our target is \$600.00. As in the years past, we will be purchasing Safeway gift cards with the donations and share the gifts with the less fortunate Asian families. The gifts will be distributed through the Asian Health Service Center. Please send your support toward this project ASAP if you have not done so already. Make your check out to C.A.C.A. CIF and mail to C.A.C.A. 11453 S.E. Hazel Hill Road, Happy Valley, OR, 97086.



Portland Lodge seeking to improve service at the Peace Arch border crossing in Blaine, Washington

By Helen L. Ying

Have you experienced rude treatment at the US/Canadian border crossing in Blaine, Washington? Do you know someone who has experienced discrimination due to the skin of their color at that crossing?

I have heard from friends and families over the years about ill-treatment at that crossing and have encouraged them to contact their representatives about the matter. The experience hit home in July when my husband, Stephen and I were returning home from a trip to Vancouver Island.

We were asked typical questions as normal when we drove up to the booth. At the end of the questioning, the officer slapped an orange tag on our windshield, directed us to park our car and go into the inspection office without any explanation. That totally caught me off guard. I asked the person who was at the parking lot why we were stopped; he did not give us an explanation either. I asked the same question when I entered the inspection office and the only response that someone gave was that we were crossing an international border. We looked around and noticed that about 80% of the people who were waiting were Asians. Stephen raised the issue that we were detained because we were Chinese. One of the officers and Stephen carried on a short conversation in which the officer made some rude remarks. Agriculture was finally mentioned when they saw the orange tag in Stephen's hand.

I totally understand that our government must do everything possible to keep our border safe and secure. I believe that the officers must give utmost attention in keeping drugs, terrorists, and crime out of our country. Hence, they should stop wasting our time and their time by detaining law-abiding citizens like ourselves without due cause.

I am most annoyed for the following reasons:

- There were no grounds for suspicion.
- They did not offer an explanation of why we were detained – a total lack of respect.
- The majority of people being detained were Asians – an apparent case of racial profiling.

The Portland Lodge is working on a project to stop racial profiling at this crossing and to seek civility and respect in how the officers act toward all people. We need your support in bringing this project to fruition. We are collecting stories from a wide sector of our community documenting the extent and depth of this dilemma. Please send your stories to me via email at discover2010@gmail.com.

It is imperative that our tax dollars are spent wisely and appropriately, i.e. instead of spending precious time to search folks like ourselves for prohibited agricultural items, it would be better to find other means to ensure everyone is informed by

1. Educating the public about what to do and what not to do
2. Educating staff to act with civility to all people
3. Educating staff to know what to look for and how to approach the suspicion in a non-offensive manner.

Congratulations, President-Elect Obama

Munson A. Kwok, Grand President

Chinese American Citizens Alliance, November 4, 2008

At this monumentally historical moment, 11:01 p.m. EST, November 4, 2008, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance congratulates Senator Barack Obama for becoming President-Elect of the United States.

His election demonstrates the heights which can be achieved by a citizen of admirable ability who uses the opportunities available under our American way of life. Further, the election results demonstrate that the American people, in its collective wisdom, will make the necessary, hard choices to affirm the highest fundamental ideals for a better Country.

Today is also a special day for all Americans to celebrate the powerful diversity which makes America strong and successful. Born in America of African heritage, shaped by a strong, white, mid-western ethic, raised in Asia, and then educated on the Pacific island of Oahu, President-Elect Obama is the very epitome and face of the rich 21st Century diversity of America. Fittingly, he is "The American President for Our Time."

The Alliance also salutes Senator John. McCain for conducting a gallant and courageous campaign in spite of ill-timed and complicated circumstances not of his making.



C.A.C.A. Scholarship Opportunities

Fred G. Lee Memorial Scholarship

For 29 years the Portland Lodge of the C.A.C.A. has sponsored the Fred G. Lee Memorial Scholarship for qualified Oregon and Clark County of Washington State graduating high school senior students. This scholarship is awarded to graduating senior students on the merits of academics, leadership, and community involvement. The winner receives a \$4000.00 scholarship and two runner-up amounts are for \$1000.00 each. Applications for this scholarship are due by April 1, 2009.

This year the Board changed the ancestry qualification for the Fred G. Lee Memorial Scholarship. Qualified scholarship applicants must meet at least one of these two requirements: 1. be at least of 50% Chinese ancestry; or 2. their parent/s are members in good standing of the Chinese American Citizen's Alliance (Portland Lodge) for at least one year prior to application*. Since one does not need to be Chinese to be a member of the C.A.C.A., the scholarship applicant no longer needs to be Chinese.

*For 2009 the one year membership requirement is waived.

Scholarship Opportunities Continued:**Essay Contest**

Each year the Grand Lodge and our local lodge sponsors an essay contest. The goal of this contest is to build leadership skills for young community leaders of tomorrow by encouraging good English writing skills and demonstrating the ability to present clear, logical thinking on an issue of current national relevance. Applicants are expected to prepare and write a 500 word English theme within two hours on a topic given at the beginning of the contest. Judging is conducted by a national board of judges organized by the Grand Lodge of the C.A.C.A. The essays are evaluated for originality, clarity of thought and expression, and correctness of grammar and spelling. This contest is open to qualified Oregon and Clark County of Washington State high school students (grades 9-12). The first place award is \$1000.00 cash.

Tiffany Wang Arts Scholarship

Two students will be selected to each receive \$500 towards a summer arts program. These arts scholarships are offered for (1) pre-college student (grades 9-12) who are interested in attending a summer arts program, (2) demonstrated financial need, and (3) talent in the fine or performing arts. This scholarship is for qualified Oregon and Clark County of Washington State high school students (grades 9-12).

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER NEWS**Zhang Jiying, University of Pennsylvania****(2007 Fred G. Lee Scholarship Memorial Scholarship Recipient)**

Dear C.A.C.A. Board

I officially started my fall semester as a sophomore here at Penn last week. After an exciting and overwhelming summer, it's nice to be settled down again and not living out of my suitcase. After finishing my first year at Penn, I headed home to Portland and began volunteering part-time for Steve Griffith and his campaign for Oregon House for the district of Lake Oswego. Steve was one of my constitution team coaches from Lincoln and a long time mentor. It was a really worthwhile experience because I got firsthand experience on the political campaigning process and was able to interact with the candidate himself on such a personal level - my office was right next to his.

In early July, I headed over to Seoul, Korea for the first time in my life and began interning for Orion PDP, a plasma display panel company. I joined their marketing team and helped to perform a market analysis for one of the company's new products. I spent a whole month in Korea and during that time, I was able to form tight bonds with my co-workers and I learned a lot of valuable lessons about how successful marketing works. I know that these lessons will become very useful for me in the future when I will be advocating for clean energy and the likes. After two months of serious work I headed over to Beijing in early August to join a few friends for the Olympic Games. I got to see gymnastics, rowing, archery, ping pong, and soccer. The highlight might have been when I discovered that Kobe Bryant was sitting just few rows ahead of me during the Brazil vs. China game. Finally, I flew down to Chengdu to visit my family and friends middle of August before heading back to the states.

Basketball Program to Begin New Season

Cyrus J. Lee, CACA Basketball Program Coordinator

The CACA Basketball Program has a long and rich history. 2008-09 will mark the program's 35th year. Last season saw nine teams participate in the Basketball Program. There was one high school girls team, one 6-7th grade boys team, one 9th/10th boys team, one 11th grade boys team, and four 11th/12th grade boys teams. All were returning teams from the previous season. Approximately 16 volunteers served as head coaches and/or assistant coaches for 73 players registered in the Basketball Program.

The mission of the Basketball is to help develop the participants into leaders and outstanding citizens within the community. We provide the opportunity for the players to interact and have fun with fellow players and adult volunteers and to follow the CACA Basketball Program Code of Conduct. Indeed, many of our new assistant coaches are just a few years removed from having played in the program themselves and are now giving back to the program by coaching and teaching current participants.

The program participates in the Portland Parks and Recreational District Saturday Youth Basketball League (SYBL). The SYBL consists of 5th through 12th grade boys and girls teams. The games and practices are held at Portland Public Schools middle and grade schools. There are a total of ten games played on Saturdays in January through March, with no playoffs. The games follow the official National Federation of State High School Association rules, with modifications for 6th grade and under. Practices start in late November and end in mid-March. At the end of the regular season, the CACA Basketball Tournament was held for the five high school boys teams. The week after, CACA participated in the SCAA Al Mar Invitational, which was held in mid March, in Seattle. Competition between Portland and Seattle has created over 30 years of long lasting friendships.



Basketball Continued:

This year, we welcome back the following coaches with the following teams: Rex Wong (8th Grade Boys, Wildboyz), Thomas Phuong (High School Girls, Illicit), Thomas Phuong (9th/10th Grade Boys, Rebels), Doan Huynh (11th/12th Grade Boys, Jagz), and Cyrus Lee (11th-12th Boys, Dragons). We also welcome the following new head coaches: Stephan Tran (11th-12th Boys, Elite), Anh Tran (11th/12th Boys, Ronins). Both new coaches played in CACA as high school students and have experience as assistant coaches in the program. Stephan Tran has assisted Thomas Phuong with his long running Rebels teams, who are now entering their 13th consecutive season in CACA. Anh Tran assisted Cyrus Lee with last year's championship Dragons, who are now entering their 12th consecutive season in CACA. His team, the Ronins, was formed when 14 players showed up for a player evaluation clinic for backfilling 5 open roster spots on the returning Dragons team.

Randall Choy and Cyrus Lee will coordinate the program for this season and continue to evaluate the program and look for opportunities to add value to all stakeholders: our coaches and other volunteers, CACA Portland Lodge and the surrounding community, and the youth participants themselves. This is truly an exciting time to be a part of the basketball program!

If you would like to participate in the program as a volunteer, or know anyone who would like to participate as a volunteer or player, please contact CACA at basketball@cacaportland.org. Players can either register individually or as a team. The cost for high school players averages to be around \$65.00 (fees are assessed to an entire team at the rate of \$620.00), and for middle school and younger players around \$50.00. Practices started in late November.



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