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HAPPY SPRING!



Save the Date

Scholarship Awards and Recognition Banquet

Our annual scholarship awards and recognition banquet will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Wong Kee Restaurant in Chinatown.

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

June 8, 2008, 5:30 PM

**Wong Kee Restaurant
28 NW 4th Ave
Portland, OR 97209-3802**

\$10.00 per person

R.S.V.P by May 31 to Betty Jean Lee (503-221-8773)

PROUD SPONSOR FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Portland Lodge is proud to continue its effort in support of the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference. The conference will be held on May 9, 2008 at Portland Community College. The theme of this year's conference is "Know our story. Create our vision." Anna Song will be the keynote speaker. Please visit its website www.AAYLC.org for more details.

VOTERS EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION DRIVE

The Portland Lodge in cooperation with the Asian Health and Service Center is preparing bilingual voter information in Chinese and English. A Voters Education and Registration Drive will be held on May 17, 2008 at the Asian Health and Service Center's relocation grand opening event. The new location of the Center is 3430 SE Powell Blvd. Portland, Oregon, 97202. Spread the word and get people out to register to vote. Your voice counts!



“YEAR OF THE RAT” CHINESE NEW YEAR FUNDRAISING DINNER CELEBRATION

On February 18, 2008, our Portland Lodge celebrated the new year by holding a fundraising dinner at the beautiful Wong’s King Restaurant. There were 240 people who participated in the gala evening and enjoyed every bite of the nine course dinner. Each table was beautifully decorated with spiral bamboo (donated by Sherry Quan) and gold “Year of the Rat” banks (donated by Portland Chinese Times). The evening ended with birthday cakes (donated by Sherry & Franklin Quan) to celebrate Portland Lodge’s 87th birthday. We want to thank all the volunteers who helped sell tickets, secured donations for the auction and raffle. Stephen and Helen Ying worked tirelessly auctioning off beautiful jewelry, art work, and vacation getaways. Without everyone’s help, it would not have been such a great success.

The support from the community will guarantee our commitment for our youth projects and scholarships. Thank you!



THE SILENT MINORITY NEEDS TO BE SILENT NO MORE

By Helen L. Ying

On February 24, 2008, the Portland Chapter of Japanese American Citizens League presented another meaningful and well attended event observing the signing of Executive Order 9066 that led to the incarceration of over 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry.

The Day of Remembrance program began with a film that recapped the experiences of those who were unjustly detained. It was an oral history of those who were investigated and subsequently incarcerated after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Seeing their faces and hearing their stories brought life to that chapter of American history. One of the people interviewed said, “They wouldn’t take us because we are citizens, maybe our mom, but we are citizens.” Contrary to what she believed, she was taken just the same. Another expressed his experience in the internment camp as being the “most desolated feeling I’ve ever had”.

I appreciate JACL’s efforts in keeping the issue of redress in the forefront of our consciousness. We should not and must not become complacent. It is our duty and responsibility to remain watchful and be involved when necessary.

Elden Rosenthal, an attorney who had made national headlines for his work as co-counsel in the landmark case of *Seraw v. Metzger* and in settling claims on behalf of Oregon attorney Brandon Mayfield against the FBI, was a keynote speaker at the Day of Remembrance event. **(Continued next page)**

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His remark, "Loving our country does not mean that we stand silent when things are not right." truly resonated with me.

The silent minority needs to be silent no more. We are proud of the leadership of our Lodge President, Stephen Ying, our Regional Grand Executive, Betty Jean Lee and the involvement of the members and friends of the Chinese community in fighting for our rights before the Portland City Council in the recent cases of its plans of adding more social service shelters in Chinatown and renaming the street that runs through Chinatown with a Hispanic hero's name. We have overcome.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVID WU FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Thursday, March 6, 2008

REP. WU HONORS CHINESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II HERO
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman David Wu passed legislation yesterday to name a United States Post Office in Beaverton, Oregon after Major Arthur Chin (少校陳瑞鈿), a Chinese American World War II fighter pilot. The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved Congressman Wu's bill, H.R. 5220.



"The story of our country is the story of ordinary people rising to extraordinary circumstances," Congressman Wu said. "Courageously answering a call to duty and eventually becoming a World War II fighter ace, Major Arthur Chin was a true Chinese American hero. I am proud to honor Major Chin's life and his service to our country."

Arthur Chin was born in Portland, Oregon in 1913. Chin helped organize the Portland Chinese Aero Club and started taking flying lessons while still in high school. Angered by the Japanese invasion of northeastern China in 1931, Chin and several other Chinese American flyers from Portland sailed for China in 1932 to volunteer for the Chinese Air Force. Chin was eventually accepted as a probationary warrant officer in the Chinese Air Force and was sent to Germany to receive advanced fighter training, as was routine for the Chinese military at the time.

Upon his return to China in 1937, Chin was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and was reassigned as the vice commander of the 28th Squadron, 5th Group. In August 1937, Chin saw his first aerial combat against Japanese aviators. Nearly always outnumbered, Chin fought valiantly and was shot down and wounded three times. By mid-1939, Chin was promoted to the rank of captain, and was officially credited with having shot down five and a half enemy aircraft. This made him one of the first American fighter aces of World War II. Chin's heroism, however, was not without its costs.

In 1939, Chin, by then a major, was severely burned when his Gloster Gladiator was hit by enemy fire and exploded. After numerous surgeries to heal his extensive injuries, Chin was eventually reinstated to flight status and returned to service. He ended his flying service in an American uniform, ferrying supplies from India to China over the Himalayas on what was known as the "Hump" air route. For his bravery and service, Chin received numerous medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. In 1949, Chin returned to Portland where he worked in the U.S. Postal Service. He died in September 1997. One month later, Chin was honored posthumously as one of the first American aviators inducted into the American Combat Airmen's Hall of Fame.

Congressman Wu introduced H.R. 5220 on January 29, 2008. Next the U.S. Senate will consider the legislation.

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(Arthur Chin is a former Portland Lodge Veterans Receptions guest and C.A.C.A.'s Veterans Project participant)

BASKETBALL PROGRAM CROWNS 2008 CHAMPIONS

Cyrus J. Lee, C.A.C.A. Basketball Program Coordinator

On Saturday, March 22nd, the C.A.C.A. Dragons won the 2008 C.A.C.A. High School Tournament held at Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) Athletic Center in Beaverton. The Dragons featured a mix of players from freshmen through seniors and are coached by Cyrus Lee with assistant coaches Anh Tran and Dennis Truong.

The Dragons entered the Tournament as the lowest seed, having the lowest winning percentage in the Portland Parks Saturday Youth Basketball League. They beat the number two seed C.A.C.A. Jagz (HS Juniors) in their first round game 72-50. In the second round the Dragons faced the HS Senior team, C.A.C.A. Triple Threat, coached by Keith Lee. Triple Threat entered the Tournament as the number one seed, having gone undefeated in league play. In an intense and physical game, the Dragons finally pulled ahead in the fourth quarter and prevailed 56-49. The championship game featured the third seed C.A.C.A. Elite and the Dragons. The Elite commanded the game from the beginning, sprinting out to a ten point lead. The Dragons trailed until the final quarter, when they finally pulled ahead and won 56-51, claiming the 2008 C.A.C.A. Championship.



Other games were played at the event. Rex Wong's 6th/7th grade C.A.C.A. Wolverines defeated Cyrus Lee's THPRD Junior Dragons team 33-27. And Thomas Phuong's C.A.C.A. Illicit (High School Girls) played a couple games against Native American Youth Association (NAYA) Girls teams.

Additionally, a game was held between C.A.C.A. Rebels alumni players and C.A.C.A. Dragons alumni players to mark their long-standing presence in the Basketball Program. The Rebels are currently in their 12th consecutive season with Thanh Phuong as coach, and the Dragons currently are in their 11th consecutive season. Many of the participants in the alumni game currently are C.A.C.A. coaches and/or assistant coaches.

The C.A.C.A. teams also participated in the Al Mar Invitational held Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30th, at Franklin High School in Seattle, Washington hosted by the Seattle Chinese Athletic Association. This competition between Portland and Seattle has created over 30 years of long lasting friendships.



IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

By Stephen Ying

Portland Lodge President, Stephen Ying, spoke at a rally representing minority communities on March 1, 2008 urging everyone to exercise their right to vote.

How many times have you heard the word "vote" in the past? The question is, are you aware of the importance of registering to vote? Most people forget that you can vote only when registered. You might think that your vote doesn't count, that no one cares about what you think, or that you just simply did not have the time to register. Each one of those reasons is really an excuse. The fact of the matter is that you do have a responsibility, to yourself and your loved ones, to register and then actually go to the polls because your vote is important.

We all have different issues that we want addressed, and the best way to address these issues is to vote to elect people, both locally and nationally, who fits our needs best, whether we are fighting for health care, the environment, minority issues, education, jobs -- anything and everything you can think of.

It does not matter whether you live in Oregon, in Washington or any other state. Your vote is important because ultimately we decide how we want our country, United States of America, to move forward.

If you are not registered to vote, then you will have no say and will end up with the leaders that other people chose for you, all because they took the pain to register as a voter and you did not.

Your vote, our vote, will shape a whole society. So why not vote? That is like asking yourself, why not eat? It's something we have to do. Irrespective of who you end up voting for, the most important thing is for you to play a part in the selection process. It is our country and it is up to us to make it into what we want it to be.

Together we make the difference!!!



**BETTY JEAN LEE, REGIONAL GRAND EXECUTIVE, CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE
PRESENTED THIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

Mayor Potter and Commissioners:

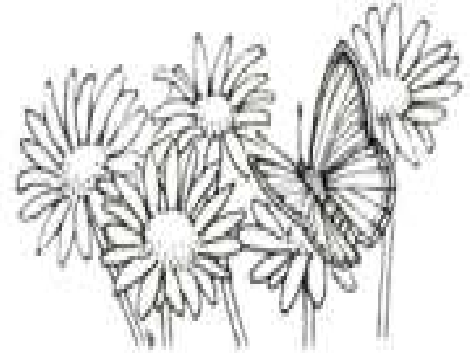
The Chinese American Citizens Alliance is a 113 year old national civil rights organization (predating the NAACP) to protect the Chinese immigrants from discrimination and other injustice in the U.S. Our own Portland Lodge will celebrate its 87th birthday on February 14th. We are certainly supportive of the homeless and what Blanchet House, TPI, and other social service agencies have done in Chinatown. Many of our Chinese community grew up, lived and worked in the neighborhood, my husband's family with seven boys being one. These are our roots. We more than understand the difficulties of living without secure food and shelter. OTCT has also been the home of many other disadvantaged immigrant communities. Our concern is to have a balanced neighborhood in which people from all walks of life can thrive. We are looking for a diverse neighborhood in which economic prosperity, quality housing and employment opportunities are available to all income levels. **(Continued next page)**



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In the past we have been known as the “silent minority”. We are now speaking out and demand adherence to transparent public processes and policies regarding land use and development so that everyone in the community can understand their options and a consensus can be reached. We must support Chinatown, located between NW 3rd and NW 4th from Burnside to Glisan with strong anchor revenue generating businesses that reach out to all of Portland, rather than siting a resource access center. Enhancement of existing human service agencies is fine, but we oppose any new siting of services whether they are contracted with an existing agency in OTCT or not. It is our sincere feeling that Block 25 is not large enough to accommodate the needs of both Blanchet House of Hospitality and TPI.

Members of our Chinese community worked 2 years with Brian McCarl when he built Pacific Tower; we worked 2 years on the 3rd & 4th Avenue 5 Million dollar project. More recently, we worked on the North OT Chinatown Study. Many of us are board members of the “jewel” of Chinatown, Portland Classical Chinese Gardens. Help us make this a diverse neighborhood, and one with economic prosperity. Let there be more bilingual communication with the city decision –makers so that we don’t feel that the city is not being transparent in the public process.



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