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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, September 25, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
5 Durham Road
New Hyde Park, NY 11040

PROGRAM

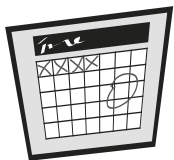
Lloyd Doppan, retired police officer with the Nassau County Police Department, will speak on "New Chinese Immigrants," focusing on his current experience working with Fukien immigrant students at BOCES.

(See page 6 for more on Doppan)

Project Independence, a program designed to help seniors maintain autonomy and independence while living in their own homes, will be presented by speakers from Supervisor Jon Kaiman's office.

Elected officials from Town of North Hempstead will speak and answer questions. Meet Legislator Judith Bosworth, Councilwoman Lee Seeman and County Clerk Maureen O'Connell.

Food & refreshments will be served.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCA Multi-Chapter Picnic
Van Saun Park, Paramus N.J.
September 13, 2009

OCA-LI Essay Contest Deadline
September 13, 2009
(See page 8 for details)

OCA-LI's 28th Anniversary Gala
Dae Dong Manor Restaurant
October 16, 2009
(See page 7 for details)

Candidates' Forum
Tentative Date: October 17, 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GLADYS YAN

Summer is still very much with us. Please get out and enjoy those hot lazy summer days before they're gone. Don't forget our OCA multi-chapter picnic on Sunday, September 13th. This year, Families with Children from China (FCC) will be hosting this event. Please come to the picnic with your family and say hello to FCC and our sister chapters.

On August 6-9, 2009, members and I attended the OCA National Convention held this year in San Francisco, CA, hosted by the OCA-San Francisco Bay chapter. I want to thank all who attended for taking time to help celebrate the 2009 National Convention entitled, "A Call to Action: Empowering Asian Pacific American Voices." Our devoted member, Merrie Huey, went with her daughter, Jackie, and met up with her brother and family, who also attended the convention. Ann & Howard Chan, Irene Wu, Gene Woo, Chester Mah, Mary Tsang, Joan Chan, Jeanne Jackson, Edward & Doris Chen also attended.



San Francisco OCA National Convention with Congresswoman Judy Chu, first Asian American woman to the House of Representatives. Front: OCA-LI President Gladys Yan, Ann Chan, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Howard Chan, Mary Tsang; Back: Gene Woo and two members from Dept. of Labor staff.

While at the Convention, we attended the Chapter of the Year Awards luncheon on August 8th, where OCA-LI won *First Place* in the 2009 Chapter Excellence Award for *Community Involvement*.

We have worked hard not just this year, but every year when it comes to helping to meet the needs of our Asian

American communities. It is a 24/7 quest, and not some occasional event or two. It is never just one thing, or just one event. By working with other community leaders, OCA-LI helps disseminate important information and education to keep our Asian American communities informed. We will continue to do as much as we can for our ever changing APA communities. This award validates OCA-LI's continuous involvement in our Asian American communities. Whether it is a press conference, candidates forum, registering new voters, annual Lunar New Year parades, hate crime education, community awareness panel discussions, advocating for all APA's, breaking down APA stereotyping, educating how or what to do in a voting booth, steering immigration matters to the right organizations, advocating for immigrant rights, networking with many other community organizations, collaborating and co-sponsoring events together, our strength lies in knowing that once the work begins, OCA-LI has to keep it going year after year. As more politicians and public officials rely on OCA-LI to come together on issues important and relevant to the APA community, it is my honor to have served you in this capacity for the past four years as President.

Looking back, I can't believe that I have spent a decade with OCA-LI: first three years as the VP of Membership, where we saw our membership grow more than double, to the next three years as Executive Vice President. Finishing off my fourth year as Chapter President, I know OCA-LI has come out stronger and in the years ahead will do likewise. The foundation has been set.

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Ellis Island Celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage



On May 29, 2009, OCA members from Long Island and New Jersey ferried to Ellis Island to view the exhibit that was organized in celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month. A special display featuring several Asian Americans was presented in the renovated immigration museum. One of the Asian Americans, whose life was chronicled, was that of Joseph Eng Young, an OCA-LI member who passed away last year. Joseph's wife Alice (seated, third from left), children, four of six grandchildren and many friends came to view the special exhibit in honor of their beloved "Joe."



Fond Memories for Jeffrey Kung

By Irene Wu

One of the original co-founders of OCA-Long Island, Jeffrey Kung, passed away in June 2009. When the news spread of Jeff's passing, I heard similar words expressed over and over about how Jeff lived life, his warmth and endless generosity, and his numerous contributions to OCA National and OCA-Long Island.

Jeff was born in Chungking, China in 1939. As a young child, he moved with his parents to India, then back to Shanghai during WWII. Later his family eventually moved to Hong Kong and Taiwan, where Jeff was to receive his Bachelor degree from National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan. In 1963, Jeff married his college sweetheart, Lily S. Go, and emigrated to the United States. While working as an engineer in the daytime, Jeff went to school at night to earn his Bachelor and Master degrees in Engineering from City College of New York, and Master of Business Administration from Long Island University. Jeff worked more than 30 years in the electrical engineering field including 24 years with the Harris Corporation in Long Island and Florida. At Harris, Jeff was in charge of a systems engineering department of 40 engineers, responsible for the design and development of the computer controlled automatic test systems for the U.S. Navy, Air Force and Army.

I enjoyed working with Jeff as his "protégé" on many events. A very active and dedicated member of OCA-LI, Jeff served as Chairman of the Board and President. On a national scale, what immediately stands out are his outstanding accomplishments in developing five chapters during his tenure as Vice President of Chapter Development for OCA National.

Jeff raised a wonderful family with his loving wife, Lily Kung. They have two daughters, Lisa and Lucy, and three grandchildren. We will be featuring a *Memory Page* for Jeff in the journal for our 2009 Gala Banquet. If you would like to make a donation for the *Memory Page*, please contact Irene Wu at mahjongfun8@aol.com by September 10, 2009.

We miss you Jeff.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Trinity Lutheran Church — June 12, 2009



Guest speakers: Supervisor of North Hempstead Jon Kaiman & President of CCBA Justin Yu

Councilman Wayne Wink

Councilwoman Maria Poons

County Clerk Maureen O'Connell

Receiver of Taxes Rocco Iannerelli

Representing Town Clerk Leslie Gross, Carol Teta



Certificates of Congressional Recognition from Congressman Ackerman were awarded to: Mary Tsang, Janis Woo, Alice Eng Young, Gladys Yan & Carol Teta

Pastor Riebau of Trinity Lutheran

Jimmy Chue Director, CAREA

Richard DeMartino of State Bank

OCA-LI Chairman Gene Woo with Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Kaiman



Board members and speakers at general meeting: Debbie Leong, John Tandana, Mary Chu, Mary Tsang, Ann Chan, Maureen O'Connell, Gladys Yan, Gene & Janis Woo, Justin Yu, Jimmy Chue, Joseph Chu, Donna Lee



Executive VP Ann Chan, Linda Joe with mother Alice Young accepting award, & OCA-LI President Gladys Yan



Jon Kaiman & Maria Poons presented Certificates of Recognition to: Nelson Lee, Richard DeMartino, Cynthia Lee, Peter Gong (Irene Gong accepted award for Peter), Merry Huey and Gladys Yan



OCA-LI members listening at general meeting



Evergreen Chou, Green Party Congressional candidate for District 20, with wife Daystar at meeting



VP of Asia Business Center Vivian Wu (1st row far right) attended meeting, which attracted over 70 members

OCA NATIONAL CONVENTION San Francisco, CA—August 6-9, 2009 Photos by Chester Mah



Convention co-chairs: Sherman Tang, San Francisco Bay chapter president, and Claudine Cheng, past national president



Ken Lee, OCA national president, greets guests at the Welcome Reception



Major General Eldon P. Regua was a keynote speaker at Welcome Reception



Dr. Arthur Chen, Chief Medical Officer & Medical Director in Alameda, was a keynote speaker



Congresswoman Judy Chu was a keynote speaker



The local American Legion was honored at the Welcome Reception



OCA-LI won the first place Chapter Excellence award for Community Involvement. Left to right: Mary Tsang, Irene Wu, Gene Woo, Gladys Yan, Ann Chan, and Howard Chan



Top: Congresswoman Judy Chu, first Asian American woman elected to the House of Representatives, and Mayor of San Francisco, Gavin Newsom, address OCA members at City Hall.

Right: OCA members from across the United States attended the reception at City Hall featuring elected and appointed APA officials.

Below: APA elected and appointed officials who serve under Mayor Newsom pose on steps of City Hall with OCA members.



Panelists at one of numerous workshops



Congressman Mike Honda received Outstanding Achievement Award



Philip P. Choy, retired architect and author of *Canton Footprints*, was honored with an Outstanding Citizen Achievement Award



Widow of Him Mark Lai accepted a posthumous award for her husband, who pioneered 1st college course on the Chinese in America



Steven Chen, co-founder of YouTube, received the OCA Pioneer Award



Anna Sui, famed fashion designer, received the OCA Pioneer Award



George Wu, OCA Executive Director welcomed guests to Gala



Representatives from State Farm had a booth at the convention. State Farm was the platinum sponsor of the Gala Banquet; UPS was the gold sponsor; and bronze sponsors were Kraft, US Postal Service, Comcast, & Harrah's Foundation.



Celebrities David Louie and Thuy Vu, Master and Mistress of Ceremonies at Banquet Gala



At the Gala Banquet Standing: Irene Wu, Mary Tsang, Alison Lee, OCA president Ken Lee, Gene Woo, Doris & Edward Chen Seated: OCA-LI president Gladys Yan, OCA-Phoenix chapter members Astria Wong and husband Tony.



Mary Tsang arrives at Angel Island



A men's choir sang a cappella at City Hall



Call to Action: In Pursuit of Healthcare Reform



OCA Summer Internship Program recruited 29 college interns who were introduced at Youth Recognition Luncheon.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Judy Chu becomes first Chinese American woman elected to Congress



Washington, DC—On July 14, California State Board of Equalization member Dr. Judy Chu made history by becoming the first Chinese American congresswoman in the United States .

She won a special election -- with nearly 62% of the vote -- to succeed longtime ally Hilda Solis, now President Obama's labor secretary, in the 32nd Congressional District.

Judy May Chu was born July 7, 1953, in Los Angeles, the second of four children of Judson Chu, a native Californian, and his wife, May, whom he brought from China under the War Brides Act. Judy Chu's paternal grandfather ran a Chinese res-

taurant in Watts and the family lived in South Los Angeles until moving to the Bay Area when Judy was in junior high. Her father worked as an electrical technician for Pacific Bell and her mother was a cannery worker and a member of the Teamsters.

It was while she was a student at UCLA that Chu met her future husband, attorney Mike Eng. The couple married in 1978. Chu, who holds a doctorate in psychology, continued teaching at Los Angeles City College, then at East Los Angeles College, and Eng practiced immigration law.

Chu is a long-time member of the OCA-Greater Los Angeles Chapter. She has recently said her priority in Congress will be the economy. But she said she also will push forward immigration reform.

Meet guest speaker Lloyd Doppman at general meeting



Lloyd Doppman had a career with the Nassau County Police Department, where he distinguished himself by studying the Chinese language and utilizing this knowledge to serve the Asian population until his retirement in 2003. During his term of employment, he acted as a Chinese translator for many law enforcement agencies.

As he began doing translation work in 1980, he also joined the NYC Asian Jade Society as the first non-Asian member. In 1984, he was appointed Historian for the Society and was given all documents dealing with its formation. In 1995, he was asked by members of the Supreme Council of Asians in Law Enforcement (SCALE) to create an Asian Jade Society on Long Island. Consequently, the Nassau County Police Department Asian Jade Society was incorporated on August 2, 1995 with 15 members. Lloyd was elected President, and served for five years. To date,

Lloyd remains the only non-Asian to hold the office of President in any Asian Jade Society throughout the country. In the following year, he was appointed second vice president of SCALE, and was elected Secretary of National Asian Peace Officers' Association headquartered in California.

As a SCALE member, Lloyd was invited to participate in conferences dealing with immigration issues in the Mayor of New York City's office from 1997 to 1998. In 1998, he was invited by the People's Republic of China's government to participate in National Day celebrations held in The Great Hall of the People. In 2003, Lloyd was honored for his career achievement by the NYC Department of Corrections Asian Jade Society.

Upon retirement, Lloyd began working with learning disabled and language challenged Chinese children and their families through The New York State Department of Education's Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), and remains an active employee.

President's Message, (Continued from page 1)

On doctor's orders, I will be taking a long deserved rest and will take a leave of absence to rest and heal. Please continue to support OCA-LI, and confirm my belief that together we stand, and divided, we fall. We have overcome much this past two years; however, with your support, and trust from our APA community, we have prevailed. Good will always overpower the bad. Remember that. We have persevered and remain true to our OCA-LI by-laws and OCA's mission.

If you ever have a chance to look over the donor's list in any of the Image magazines that are sent to you by OCA National, you will be proud to see that over 40 of our members are on that list. And, if you look at the list of OCA-LI members who are Life members, you will be smiling too. The largest donation to our OCA National building came from our chapter life member, Mr. Andrew Wong. And, our chapter was one of the leading chapters to give a good size donation too, and many members continue to do so.

*Join us at our
28th Anniversary Gala on
October 16th!*

We've won many national awards for the past eight years straight. We've been Chapter of the Year, 2nd & 3rd place; and in 2005, OCA-LI was named First Place Chapter of the Year. We believed what we did for our APA community was important, and we just kept on doing what we've always done. Serving all of Long Island, wherever the need was, we did our best to help. We've co-sponsored over 16 Hate Crime Workshops at the Stony Brook University's Wang Center with our VP of Education, Dr. Gary Mar, at the helm. We didn't just do the talk. More importantly, we did the walk. Won't you all come and continue on this journey

with OCA-LI.

Soon after our premier Gala on October 16th, OCA-LI will be holding a Candidates' Forum for all the party candidates for the November 3rd election for District 20 and District 19 in Queens. More information will be forthcoming.

We will have an Open House General Meeting at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Friday, September 25th. Look forward to seeing you on then. Bring your friends and family. Food and refreshments will be served.



OCA Long Island Chapter
28th Anniversary Gala

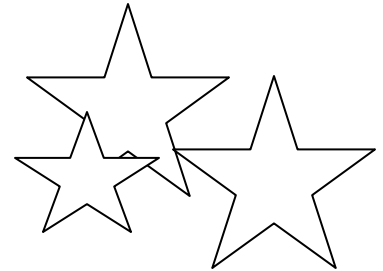


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Honoring

Courageous Social Justice Award
Justin Yu, President
Chinese Benevolent Association



Distinguished Community Advocacy Award
Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

Lifetime Asian Community Service Award
Lloyd Doppman



Keynote Speaker
Congresswoman Judy Chu
First Asian American Woman in House of Representatives



Honoring Top Local Asian Americans in Business
Peter Koo, CEO & President, Starside Drugs
Jimmy Cheong Hang Tsang, #1 Senior Partner, NY Life
Mary Bik Yau Tsang, CEO, Mary Financial Services Co.

Dae Dong Manor Ballroom, 2nd floor
150-24 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY

Cocktail Reception Hour

Sit Down Dinner/Dance

Early Dancing in Main Ballroom
7 PM – 8 PM

Friday, October 16, 2009
7 PM – 12 Midnight

8:00 PM – 12 Midnight

Ticket Price: \$100/Person

Music: **DJ** by *Angela*

Attire: Black Tie

Tear off, fill out and include with Check Payable To: OCA-LI	
Mail to: Gladys Yan, 42-05 147 St., Flushing, NY 11354 Email: gladysyan@aol.com	
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Important! Please reserve early! LIMITED SEATING! All tickets must be prepaid. RSVP by September 30, 2009.
For information: Gladys Yan (718)445-7962; Lily Lee (917)848-9324; Joseph Chu (516)987-2296; Donna Lee (718)423-9654; Ann Chan (516)775-4614.
Please list additional names on back or attach separate sheet.

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ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST**

In 2009, the OCA-Long Island Scholarship Award will be given to deserving Asian American high school seniors, who have demonstrated qualities of scholarship, citizenship, leadership, and submit an essay as described below:

Application Process:

- 1) Please submit:
 - A) resume (include name, address, phone, email and photo)
 - B) official transcript sent by the school
 - C) letter of recommendation sent by a teacher or counselor
- 2) Please respond to the essay question below. Your response should be typed with a minimum of 500 words.

Essay Question:

The Angel Island Immigration Station was the primary port of entry into the United States for Asian immigrants from 1910-1940, and so 2010 marks its centenary. Unlike New York's Ellis Island, Angel Island was not a place of welcome, but for many Asian immigrants, a place of detention, a legacy of the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. The Chinese poems carved into the barrack walls in protest tell us something about the lives and experiences of these Chinese immigrants.

Although the Chinese immigrants were the largest group to be interned on Angel Island, recent research shows that Angel Island was also an international Pacific gateway for American immigration. How does the Angel Island immigration experience shed light on what your grandparents or great-grandparents might have gone through to make a life for themselves and their families in America?

Mailing:

All entries must be mailed by September 13, 2009. An official transcript and a letter of recommendation are to be sent by the school. All documents and essay may be emailed to gjmwoo@juno.com AND garyronald-mar@gmail.com OR mailed to : The OCA-LI Scholarship Essay Competition
PO Box 2052, Garden City, NY 11531-2052

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Open to all Asian Americans who are current high school seniors
- 2) Minimum GPA: 3.0
- 3) Demonstrate community service and/or leadership activities
- 4) Must be present at the OCA-LI Gala on October 16, 2009 at Dae Dong Manor in Flushing to accept the award.



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