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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY ANN CHAN

Our OCA-LI 30th anniversary gala was a perfect evening. There was much good food along with politicians, old and new friends, sponsors, and young people. It was a diverse group from all over including OCA National President Ken Lee from Georgia, as well as attendees from OCA-NY, OCA-Westchester and OCA-NJ. We also had Queens Borough President Helen Marshall honoring our seniors for their work in laying the foundations of Asian organizations for our children. William Tong from Connecticut also attended and inspired our young people to take part in politics.

Many people helped to make this event a great success. Kudos goes to Chel Dong for highlighting 30 years of the activities of our chapter in a professional power point presentation. Donna Lee and Gladys Yan deserve recognition for organizing reservations. Joe and Clara Chu and Gloria and Ted Chin did a beautiful job as raffle coordinators.

A million thanks to Albert and Cora Yim for donating the beautiful necklace for our raffles that was won by Mabelle Dong. Thanks also to Corky Lee for his donation of prize photographs; and to Chester Mah for snapping away with pictures of the gala; and to Shuet Lam for assisting guests at the door.

Special thanks to our honorees Helen Chin, Dr. Neeta Shah, and to Commander Fang Wong, who was represented so well by American Legion Kimlau Post 1291.

Finally, thanks to sponsors and supporters Peter Lau, Tom Ong, Annie Kwan, Alan Ng and Nelson Lee.

OCA-LI's 30th Anniversary Gala

On October 21, 2011, OCA-LI celebrated their 30th anniversary at Dae Dong Manor in Flushing by honoring distinguished Asian Americans:



1. **Helen Chin**, educator, cultural arts advocate, labor activist and co-president of The Chinese Center on Long Island with Ann Chan, Gene Woo, Patty Chow and Frank Shih;
2. **Dr. Neeta Shah**, VP of Women's Health Services for North Shore LIJ Health System with Victoria Yunis;
3. **Fang A. Wong**, The American Legion National Commander, represented by Frank Gee, Vice Commander, Dept of NY, with Ann Chan and Gene Woo.



Thanks to Silver Sponsors from **North Shore LIJ Foundation** and **Flushing Savings Bank** (Nelson Lee); and Bronze Sponsors of **Starside Drugs** (Bernadette Koo) and **Peter Lau** on right with Ann Chan

UPCOMING EVENT



OCA-LI Holiday Luncheon

Membership Gathering/BOD Elections

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2011
2:30PM--5:30 PM

Place: Pine Court Chinese Bistro
249-32 Horace Harding Expy
Little Neck, NY 11362
718 279-1999

Cost: \$10.00/OCA-LI member
\$16.00/non-member

RSVP by November 28, 2011 to:
Janis Woo at 516 627-8975 or
Gladys Yan at 718 445-7962

Free Parking in Rear



OCA Applauds Recent Passing of Senate Resolution 201

Washington, D.C. – OCA, a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans, applauds the Senate for unanimously passing Senate Resolution 201, a resolution that addresses the Chinese Exclusion Laws.

"The Senate's unanimous support of Resolution 201 represents a victory, not only for our community, but all groups that may have suffered in the past as a result of exclusionary policies. This reaffirms the beliefs of so many immigrants that we are a nation built on diversity, inclusion, and opportunity," said OCA National President Ken Lee.

The Chinese Exclusion Laws were a series of legislative acts that explicitly discriminated against Chinese laborers and were later expanded to all persons of Chinese descent. They were the first to restrict a group of immigrants based on race and class. The laws were later repealed in 1943 without any formal apology.

"The Chinese Exclusion Act had a profound effect on Asian Americans affecting many aspects of our society for nearly sixty years. It is a time in our history that America tried to forget but that we, as a community, have fought to have remembered. This is a great win toward that effort," said OCA Interim Executive Director, Tom Hayashi.

Support Passage of House Resolution 282

OCA is pleased with the passage of Senate Resolution 201. Now we must work to support the passage of House Resolution 282, and again, we need your help. We urge you to convince 20 OCA members and/or supporters to sign a petition in support of this monumental resolution.

Please help by following these instructions for the online petition: Go to www.1882project.org, click on "Take Action", select "Writing your representative" on the right column, then select "Electronic letter-writing campaign." "Write Congress" page will show up, then follow the menu-driven online petition. You can write a short message to urge your representative to support HR282. We thank you for your time and commitment in this important effort.

OCA National Convention in NYC



OCA-LI members attended the OCA National Convention at the Grand Hyatt in New York City from August 4-7, 2011. Honored at the Saturday night's Gala were Assistant Secretary of Veteran Affairs Tammy Duckworth; award winning actor B.D. Wong; and President of Ursinus College Dr. Bobby Wong.

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Asian Pacifically New York The Photography of Corky Lee

OCA-LI spearheaded the initiative for a solo exhibit by the photographer Corky Lee at the Queens Museum of Art in Flushing, New York. The exhibition, entitled "Asian Pacifically New York," opened from June 8--August 14, and showcased Corky Lee's photographs of the Asian American community in New York City for the last 40 years.

On August 7, there was a special *Dim Sum with Corky Lee* brunch at the Queens Museum of Art sponsored by OCA-LI, OCA-Westchester & Hudson Valley and OCA-NJ. Many attendees were OCA members from across the country who made a special trip to view this unique exhibit after the OCA National Convention, which was held in NYC this year.

Attendees were enthralled by Corky's power point presentation, which included many of his historic photos. Most interesting was Corky's commentary on how each photo came to be, what he observed, and what it symbolizes. For 40 years, Corky has captured faces of Asian Americans in their everyday lives. His creativity and photographs ensure that the Asian American experience will have a place in American history.



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At a special screening of Corky's exhibit in June at the Queens Museum of Art, NYC Comptroller John Liu presented Corky Lee with a Commendation for his service to the Asian American community. OCA members John Tandanana and Frank Shih are pictured with Corky Lee, John Liu and Fred Fu.





30TH ANNIVERSARY

Long Island Chapter

October 21, 2011

Photography by Chester Mah



Frank Shih, Ph.D.
OCA-LI Executive VP
Master of Ceremonies



Ann Elizabeth Chan
OCA-LI President



Ken Lee
OCA National President



Victoria Schneps Yunis,
Publisher of Queens
Courier, introduced Dr.
Neeta Shah.



Neeta Shah, MD was
honored with OCA-LI
Distinguished Public
Service Award.



Grace Meng
Assemblywoman
22nd District
Queens



Peter Koo
Councilman
20th District
Queens



Jon Kaiman
Supervisor, Town
of N. Hempstead



George Maragos
Comptroller
Nassau County



Lee Tu, OCA-LI
VP of Program-
ming, announced
raffle winners.



Donna Lee, OCA-
LI VP of Member-
ship, invited guests
to join the chapter.



Kimberly Go accepting posthumous
Citation for past OCA-LI president
Jeff Kung from Ann Chan.



Ann Chan accepting Commendation
to OCA-LI from Crystal Feng repre-
senting NYC Comptroller John Liu.



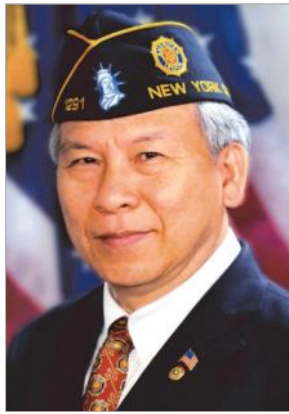
Edward Kang received a Certificate of
Appreciation from Helen Marshall
pictured here with Gladys Yan.



Elaine Chu accepted
Certificate of Apprecia-
tion from Helen Marshall.



Frank Gee, Vice Commander, Dept of NY, American Legion, introduced Fang A. Wong.



Fang A. Wong, American Legion's National Commander, received OCA-LI's Distinguished Leadership Award.



Patty Chow, Co-Vice Chairman of Chinese Center on LI, introduced Helen Chin.



Helen Chin received OCA-LI's Distinguished Community Service Award.



Dr. Jean Lau Chin introduced sponsors of OCA-LI's scholarship awards and recipients.



Member Chow & Karen, daughter of State Farm Insurance sponsored college scholarship awards.



Allison Yang, First Place OCA-LI Scholarship Winner, with parents James & Winnie Yang.



Angela Lee, First Runner Up OCA-LI Scholarship Winner, with parents David & Leslie Lee and siblings Jason & Fawn.



Irene Wu received a Certificate of Appreciation from Helen Marshall.



Irene Wu accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from Helen Marshall pictured here with Mangin Lee.



Ruby Louie accepted Certificate of Appreciation from Helen Marshall pictured here with Dr. Fai Chu.



Helen Marshall, Queens Borough President, presents a Declaration of Honor to OCA-LI Chairman Gene Woo.

OCA-LI's 30th Anniversary!





JOIN US TODAY!**OCA-Long Island Chapter**

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E Mail: _____

Check one of the following membership terms & rates.

- Individual: 1 yr (\$40)
- Individual: 2 yrs (\$70) Individual: 5 yrs (\$140)
- Student: up to full time undergraduate (\$10)
- Family-2 adults & 2 children under 18: 1 yr (\$50)
- Family: 2 yrs (\$90) Family: 5 yrs (\$180)
- Senior 65+: 1 yr (\$20)
- Senior: 2 yrs (\$30) Senior: 5 yrs (\$60)
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Please make check payable to: OCA-Long Island**Mail to:** Donna Lee, VP Membership
P. O. Box 2052, Garden City, NY 11531**Email:** birdhead50@hotmail.com**Karen Zhou Receives Citation**

Nassau County Legislator Judith Bosworth presents a Citation to photographer Karen Zhou for her contributions to the Asian American community. Held at the US Merchant Marine Academy on August 3, OCA-LI president Ann Chan and Rear Admiral Greene extend congratulations to Karen at the presentation.

Welcome New Members

OCA-LI is delighted to welcome new members to our chapter. They are Jeffrey and Anna Chan, Lois Chin, Francis Chin, Dr. Fai and Betsy Mak Chu, Chen Li, Fred Fu and Hubert Wong.

New members receive a copy of the OCA-LI newsletter, *Sunrise*, as well as the OCA National magazine, *Image*, which is published bi-annually. They will be informed of important issues, resolutions and events involving the Asian Pacific American community along with opportunities to network with Asian Americans from 80 OCA chapters and affiliates from across the United States.

