



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Fall 2011

LACAAEA Celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



(L to R) John Chiang, State Controller; Mike Gin, Redondo Beach Mayor; Jackie Guevarra, LACAAEA President; and Phillip Chen, 5th District Health Deputy.

On May 19, 2011, the LACAAEA hosted its 2011 Asian Pacific American Heritage Day Celebration at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in downtown Los Angeles. The Year of the Rabbit event celebrated and recognized the countless contributions and accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Islanders in Los



William T Fujioka,
LA County CEO.

Angeles County. May was designated as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" by President George H. W. Bush in 1990. Among the many who

attended was a contingent of dignitaries. California State Controller John Chiang gave a keynote address. As the highest ranking Asian Pacific Islander (API) in California government, he spoke about his role as State Controller, of accountability, and of giving back monies owed to the constituents. William T. Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer for the County of Los Angeles, and Mike Gin, Mayor of Redondo Beach, served as guest speakers and spoke about Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and the achievements of the API community. Phillip Chen, Health Deputy to Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, Fifth District, spoke about the importance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and presented a scroll to LACAAEA President Jackie Guavarra.

Congresswoman Judy



Emcees Suzie Suh (CBS2/KCAL9) and Ted Chen (NBC4 LA).

Chu, California State Senator, Ted Lieu, and Assembly members Roger Hernandez and Mike Davis, sent their representatives, to present either a proclamation or a scroll to LACAAEA President Jackie Guavarra to congratulate and recognize the Association's contribution to Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities.

Suzie Suh (CBS2/KCAL9) and Ted Chen (NBC4 LA) served as Mistress and Master of Ceremonies, respectively, and delighted the crowd with their professionalism, quick wit and sparkling personalities. The Chinatown Service Center (CSC) and Dr. Munson Arthur Kwok were 2011 Outstanding Community Service award recipients. The awards were presented by Mike Gin to both Dr. Munson Arthur Kwok and Lawrence Lue, Chief Executive Officer of the Chinatown Services Center.

There were many performances representing numerous Asian nations by multiple ethnic groups. A Dragon Dance performed by County Department Heads, other dance performances, food trucks and approxi-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello from the LACAAEA Board to our members and your families. As 2011 comes to a close, we want to wish you and your families a festive and safe holiday season. We look back at 2011 with pride and reflection. We hosted the Officers' Installation Dinner on April 7, 2011 and welcomed new Departments Heads (Daryl Osby, Fire Chief; Dr. Mitchell Katz, DHS Director; and Ronald Brown, Public Defender, on the same night.

We also hosted the annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Day celebration on May 19th, where California State Controller, John Chiang, was our keynote speaker; the annual Fish Fry on September 17th at Mother's Beach; and the first casino turn-around fundraiser for our student scholarship fund. We will also have a year-end holiday dinner on December 9th. THANK YOU all for your continued support! In 2012, we plan to have two turn-around fundraisers (see attached flyer), a Meet and Greet dinner to honor new County Department Heads, Heritage Day 2012, and of course, the annual Fish Fry! See you all in 2012.
Sincerely,
Jackie Guevarra

16th Annual "All for the Love of Kids"



LACAAEA members pose with Mayor Michael D. Antonovich (center).

Numerous LACAAEA members, including George and Susie Yan, Jackie Guevara, Karen Tu, Tevy Sithan, Konthea Kang, Adrienne Ng, Irene Hamada, Carol Quon, Mason Fong, and Phillip Chen, attended the 16th Annual "All for the Love of Kids" fundraiser at the LA County Arboretum in Arcadia on August 4, 2011.

Once again, LA County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich and

the Department of Children and Family Services spearheaded this worthwhile event, which benefits LA County foster youth. In 1995, the Mayor initiated "All for the Love of Kids" in order to support the DCFS Families and Children's Services Trust Fund, which

goods and services for foster youth that cannot be paid for with government funding. Rob Fukizaki, KABC TV sportscaster, and Terry Campbell, a sergeant with the LA County Sheriff's Department, were awarded County scrolls by Mayor Antonovich for their respective contributions toward foster youth. A silent auction raised additional monies for the Trust Fund.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY LISTING

FOR LACAAEA MEMBERS ONLY

LACAAEA has put together a listing of job opportunities from various agencies within and outside the County that is exclusive to members ONLY. Go to the LACAAEA website at (<http://www.lacaaea.com/jobs.html>). Username: **LACAAEA**, Password: **Jobs4aaea**.

Recent postings include:

- Time Warner Cable, Manager, Media Relations (El Segundo and San Diego, CA)
- Roll Global, LLC, Director, Corporate Communications and Public Relations (LA, CA)
- Nielsen, Executive Assistant (LA, CA)
- Japanese American National Museum, President and Chief Executive Officer (LA, CA)
- The City of Beverly Hills, CA, Recreation Specialist – Publicist
- Southern California Edison, Senior Manager, Media Relations (Rosemead, CA)
- Southern California Edison, Senior Manager, Community Involvement

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mately twenty County and community organizations all contributed to a very successful event. Flags representing various API countries served as the main backdrop for the 2011 Heritage Day celebration.

The LACAAEA would like to thank everyone who supported this wonderful event. The Association would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Supervisors for their continued support of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Your commitment and support is always truly appreciated. Thank you, Supervisors!

2011 Fish Fry



Early arrivals who assisted in varying capacities to help make the Fish Fry a reality pose for a group photo at Mother's Beach.

The 28th annual Fish Fry was held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Mother's Beach in Marina del Rey. The lingering marina layer helped keep the morning temperatures at a comfortable level while many LACAAEA members and Board officers arrived early to help with the set up and food preparations. A number of these early arrivals ventured out for a Paul Wong-led first ever Fish Fry 5K walk to the Venice canals and back.

The day featured bright sunshine that burned through the marina layer shortly before noon and continued throughout the day. The beautiful California

weather contributed to a very festive environment. Overall, nearly 150 people--LACAAEA members, family, and friends--enjoyed a great day at Mother's Beach!

Ed Jewik, Richard Jewik, Vicky Gutierrez, Connie Diep and Darlene Hoang helped serve the food. Dulce Maycumber shopped for the many raffles prizes and other items handed out to eager attendees. The registration table was covered by Sam Men, Jung Son, and Linda Quon. The set-up crew included Danny Young, Wayne Watts, George Yan, Mary Lam, Judy Wong, Khristyne Fong, Cannice Chen, and Kont-hea Kang.

Susan Kudo-Lee was in charge of the crafts table, while Lorraine Sunday-Brown brought the music, DJ equipment, and oversaw the kids' relay races. Isaura Capell prepared several pictures boards that featured the 2011 Asian Pacific American Heritage Day celebration and Officers' Installation Dinner. A number of organizations were also in attendance to provide information to those present: Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF), Local SEIU, Asian Youth Center (AYC), Robert Half International, and State Farm.



Long time Fish Fry chefs Phillip Ow (front row: L1) and Henry Yee (back row: L2), passed the cooking baton to the next generation of Fish Fry chefs, including (L to R) Kenji Mayeda, Karen Tu, Susie Yan, Marc Limon, and Borina Nou.

Janice Fukai Garner's ASPA's Dykstra Award



Janice Fukai poses with Robert Meneses, after he presented her with the Clarence A. Dykstra Award for Excellence in Government.

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Southern California Chapter, held its Annual Awards and Installation Banquet on July 21, 2011 at the CA Endowment in downtown LA. A contingent of current and former LACAAEA Board members attended the event, including Mason Fong, Jackie Guevarra, Irene Hamada, Brian Lew, and Wendy Watanabe. LACAAEA member Janice Fukai, Alternate Public Defender, garnered the Clarence A. Dykstra Award for Excellence in Government. The award was presented to Janice by LACAAEA member Robert Meneses, Administrative Deputy for the Alternate Public Defender's Office.

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LACAAEA members pose with KABC sportscaster Rob Fukazaki (center).

CALENDAR of EVENTS

LACAAEA 2011

Holiday Dinner

Friday, December 9, 2011, 6:00 p.m. welcome, 7:00 p.m. dinner.

The Barkley Restaurant & Bar
1400 Huntington Dr.
South Pasadena
(626) 799-0758

www.thebarkleyrestaurant.com/

The cost is \$20 per person (prepayment required). If you have any questions or want to RSVP, contact Karen Tu at lacaaea2011@yahoo.com by November 30, 2011. Mail payments to (payable to LACAAEA):

LACAAEA
PO Box 86334
LA, CA 90086
Attn: Holiday Dinner Committee

Reservations and payments MUST be received by November 30, 2011. Space is limited and seating will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information on LACAAEA past and future events, visit our website at www.lacaaea.com.
E-mail: aaea@lacaaea.com
Phone: (213) 243-8113

Asian American Professionals Association General Session

January 30, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Southern California Edison
2244 Walnut Grove Ave
Rosemead, CA 91770

(Visit www.aapamentoring.com for additional information)

Asian Pacific American Heritage Day Celebration

May 2012, Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
LA, CA 90012

(Additional details to follow)

LACAAEA Viejas Turnaround Fundraising

February 25, 2012 (See attached flyer for details)

Los Angeles County Management Council Education Seminar

(You must be a member of Management Council to participate)

January 2, 2012—Health and Wellness

February 2012—Personal Financial Planning

March 2012—Management Fundamentals 104: Human Resources for Non-HR Personnel

April 20, 2012—Management Fundamentals 201: Civil Service Practicum Place

(Visit the LACMC website at <http://managementcouncil.co.la.ca.us/> for training locations)

LACAAEA COLLARED SHIRTS FOR SALE!

\$15—short sleeve

\$20—long sleeve

Go to [http://](http://www.lacaaea.com/AAEAPDF/2011/T-Shirt%20for%20Sales.pdf)

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[Shirt for Sales.pdf](http://www.lacaaea.com/AAEAPDF/2011/T-Shirt%20for%20Sales.pdf) to view photos of the shirts and the order form.

EDITOR'S NOTES

CORRECTION:

The "April 7, 2011 Meet & Greet Reception / 2011—2012 Installation Dinner" article in the Spring 2011 LACAAEA newsletter incorrectly stated that it was by George Yan, Vice President, Events and Programs, Probation. The article was written by Jeremy Li (Webmaster), and edited by George Yan and Ma-son Fong.

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