

OCA Rebukes LPGA's Decision to Require English

Players are being asked to speak proficient English or risk suspension

Sarah Smith | OCA Communications Manager

When news broke that the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) had issued a statement in August affirming that by 2009 they would require all players to pass an English language proficiency exam or receive suspension, OCA members immediately began criticizing this decision.

OCA immediately issued a statement to express their dismay in this decision and the national press picked up the following quotes from OCA President Ginny Gong and Executive Director Michael Lin.

"One does not need to speak English in order to play professional sports in this country," said Ginny. "We play sports to unify groups, not to divide. This would suggest that someone like Lance Armstrong needs to be proficient in French in order to participate in the Tour de France."

"It is outrageous that the LPGA would consider a decision that prohibits certain players from the chance to compete knowing all the struggles women have gone through in order to be recognized as equals in the sport," said Michael.

The LPGA proposed a policy which requires all participating golf players with at least two years seniority to be proficient in English starting in 2009. Players from countries outside of the United States have been leading tournaments in recent years, with golfers from Mexico, Korea and Taiwan winning the last five major championships. OCA and its colleagues were concerned that, while speaking English to the US press and sponsors is certainly useful for the LPGA, discrimination and intolerance lie at the root of this proposal.

In September, OCA learned that its efforts paid off and LPGA Tour Commissioner Carolyn Bivens said: "After hearing the concerns, we believe there are other ways to achieve our shared objective of supporting and enhancing the business opportunities for every tour player. We have decided to rescind those penalty provisions."

Bivens also said that she would have a revised plan by the end of the year that would not include suspensions, although fining non-English speakers remains an option. Hoping to provide additional insight into the concerns of the Asian Pacific American community, OCA and several of its Asian Pacific American colleagues met with the leadership of the LPGA to reinforce the problems the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) had with any penalty for not speaking English.

OCA and NCAPA continues to work with the LPGA and its players to improve their player development and outreach programs. ■

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Chinese American Veterans Visit OCA During WWII Combined Reunion

Michelle Bar | OCA National Center Intern

On September 19, 2008, OCA hosted a reception to honor Chinese Americans who fought in World War II. This reception was part of the Chinese American WWII Combined Reunion that included three days of programming in the Washington, DC-area. There were a range of veterans, accompanied by family members that took part in this festivity. They all came from different chapters of OCA all over the United States from California to New York. Many of the Chinese veterans were drafted right out of high school during a time where when their families were not able to attain property or a job due to discrimination in the U.S.

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The veterans were either part of the 14th Air Service Group or the 987th Signal Company. The 14th Air Service Group was formed due to a special request from General Claire Chennault and General Stilwell. They wanted a group of Chinese American soldiers who spoke Chinese and English fluently to help the American Armed Forces in Asia. Approximately 95 percent of the 260 men in this unit were from Chinese ancestry.

The 987th Signal Operations Company began in Camp Crowder, Mo. This unit was created for services within China and as a liaison between American and Chinese troops. They traveled throughout Asia ranging from places such as Burma to China. These soldiers in the 14th Air

Service Group and the 987th Signal Company were courageous men who put their lives on the line for their country and to preserve democracy.

During their stay in the nation's Capital, the veterans visited the Pentagon, Arlington Cemetery, Newseum, National Museum of the Marine Corps and ate at many local restaurants each specializing in different type of cuisine. On their final night in Washington, DC they attended a banquet highlighting their service at the China Chef restaurant.

On the second day, the veterans came to OCA. They all entered the office with matching red and blue commemorative WWII hats. George Wu, Deputy Director of OCA, welcomed the guest with a short discussion on the recent growth of OCA and its mission to advance the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans

"OCA is honored to host the Chinese American WWII Combined Reunion at our National Center." Wu said of the event. "Our veterans continue to inspire all of us to serve our nation and our communities."

After the speech the guest socialized amongst one another and with the OCA staff. The staff also took them on a tour around the OCA National Center. They were able to learn about what OCA is currently promoting and how to get better involved within their own chapters. The veterans shared stories, tea and took many pictures. They spoke about their jobs after their time in the army, about their children, grandchildren and what their own OCA chapters have accomplished in the past year. They all chatted as if they were all old friends.

The veterans and their family members all left the OCA headquarters with big smiles on their faces. They all thanked the staff and told them they had a wonderful time meeting them and touring the office. The OCA staff had a great time meeting with the veterans and hopes to see them back here soon. ■

Remembering Hiu Ling Ng

What His Death Says About Our Broken Immigration System

Michelle Bar and Sarah Smith

Hiu Ling Ng was a loving father of two sons, devoted husband and computer engineer living in New York. His death, on August 6, 2008, was not only a tragedy but a wake up call for America.

Ng, who was married to a U.S. citizen was a victim of America's deplorable detention and deportation system due to an overstayed visa years ago. He was arrested and detained, even though he was on his way to his final interview for a green card. While in detention, despite weeks of complaining of pain, Ng slowly wasted away in the custody of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) after being violently transported through jails and detention centers in three different states.

He was not granted the right to an independent medical evaluation and even was denied a wheelchair when he complained he could not stand. He was accused of lying about his back pain. Ng was dragged in shackles to from a federal lock up in New York to a Rhode Island detention center.

Ng continued to complain about his back pain, but his symptoms were ignored. He was too weak to speak to his family on the phone, meet with his lawyers and even was not able to use the toilet. By the time he was finally

sent to a hospital, his spine had fractured and cancer was throughout his body. He died two days after his 34th birthday.

All people have a basic level of dignity in this country. Are undocumented immigrants exempt? Ng was in no way a criminal or even a menace to society, yet the current immigration policy forces a negative image upon all immigrants. What should we do about people like Ng, who never received their deportation notification in the mail due to an address change? In this broken immigration system we have, how can we know if someone is being treated humanely?

Ng was not afforded the right to life. Clearly, to deprive anyone of timely medical attention when one has a debilitating disease is wrong. Hopefully, this tragic incident, and the countless others OCA continues to monitor will encourage Congress and the Administration to fix our broken immigration system, so no one has to endure the pain and suffering that Ng had to. Unfortunately, it is too late for Ng and his family.

In June 2008, OCA participated in the Night of 1,000 Conversations to give OCA members an opportunity to express their concerns regarding the raids on homes conducted by DHS, the lack of adequate medical care for individuals in detention, and the current backlog of citizenship applications. OCA believes we must continue to engage in this national dialogue. To know Hiu Ling Ng's story, and remember it, will hopefully encourage people to gain a new perspective and take a stance on what they believe is just. ■

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OCA and University of Maryland Launch “A Portrait of Chinese Americans”

OCA and the Asian American Studies Program (AASST) at University of Maryland recently presented a *Preview of “A Portrait of Chinese Americans.”*

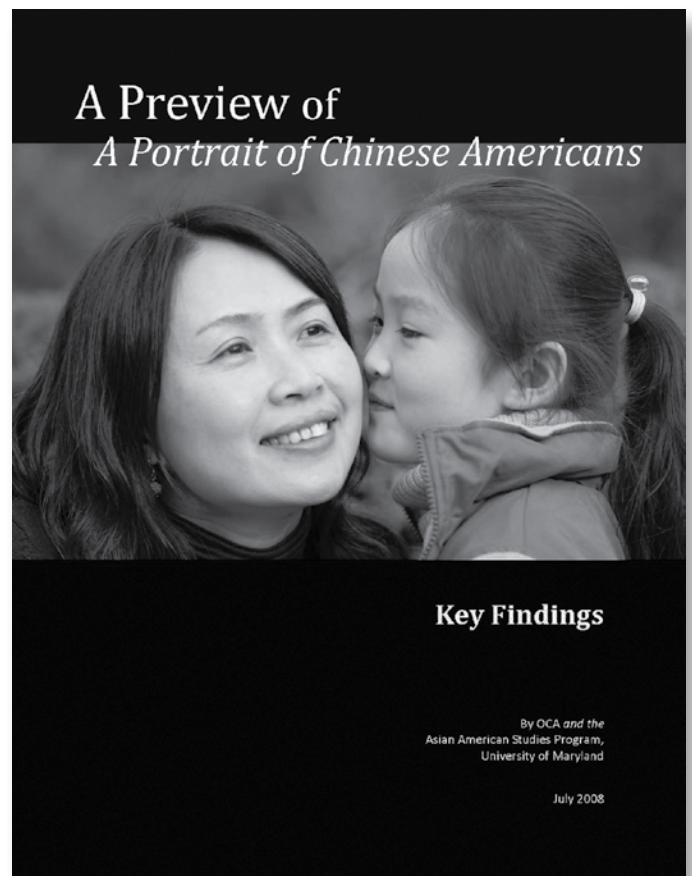
The *Preview* acquaints the reader with the key findings of A Portrait of Chinese Americans and includes information on population, residential patterns, employment, income and poverty, education, multiethnicity and multiraciality, and naturalization of Chinese Americans.

The *Portrait* is the most comprehensive national report on Chinese Americans. This report presents an analysis of the latest census data in a quick reference format with colorful statistical tables, maps and charts, and is being released in conjunction with OCA’s 35th Anniversary Celebration. Copies were distributed at the OCA National Convention, and are also currently on display at the OCA National Center.

OCA and AAST came together to address a leading issue facing the Asian Pacific American (APA) community – the lack of timely, relevant and accurate information that enables advocates, community leaders, and policy makers to effectively educate the public and advocate on behalf of the APA community.

The completed *Portrait* will be launched later this autumn. OCA thanks Dr. Larry Shinagawa, the *Portrait of Chinese Americans’* principal investigator and AAST’s director, and his staff for maintaining a high level of academic objectivity and keeping the findings accessible to the public.

To access the *Portrait*, visit the AAST web site at <http://www.aast.umd.edu/ocaportrait.html>. ■



Responding to Hate Crimes A Community Action Guide

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An educational tool for OCA chapters and all communities seeking a practical, step-by-step guide to hate crimes response.

CHINESE AMERICAN POPULATION

- Chinese Americans number at 3,497,484, constituting 1.2 percent of the entire U.S. population. Furthermore, Chinese Americans account for one in four Asian Americans (24.3%), making them the largest ethnic group among Asian Americans.
- The Chinese American population (single-ethnic Chinese) increased 28.5 percent during the period between 2000 and 2006.

CHINESE AMERICAN SUB-ETHNIC GROUPS

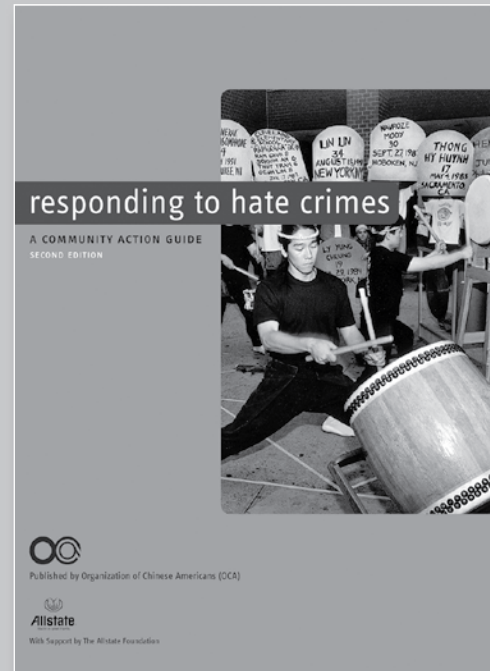
- Foreign-born Chinese Americans hail from different sub-ethnic countries of origin. Three of five (59.5%) come from mainland China; one in six from Taiwan (15.9%); one in 10 from Hong Kong (9.4%); and, one in six are members of the Chinese Diaspora; defined as all countries in the world except for mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the United States (15.3%).

U.S. BORN/FOREIGN-BORN, PLACE OF BIRTH AND GENERATION

- 29.4 percent are U.S.-born Chinese Americans. Among the U.S.-born Chinese Americans, 88.3 percent were born in 15 states. 53.8 percent were born in the states of California and New York.
- Seven in 10 (70.6%) Chinese Americans are foreign-born. Nearly all 97 percent foreign-born Chinese immigrants come from 15 countries. 85 percent originated from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.
- The Chinese American community is almost evenly divided between the less acculturated first generation (54.2%) on one hand, and the more linguistically and socially acculturated 1.5 generation and the second generation and beyond combined (45.8%).

CHINESE AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL PATTERNS

- More than half of all Chinese Americans reside in New York (53.8%). 55 percent of all Chinese Americans metropolitan regional urban areas.
- In the past 20 years, Chinese Americans have settled traditional ethnic enclaves characterized as Chinatowns. Many of the more affluent Chinese Americans now reside in suburban communities commonly known as ethnoburbs or mixed Asiatowns.



Introduction to Hate Crimes

Learn about what a hate crime or hate incident is, how they are tracked, and the importance of reporting them.

Victim Support

Provides resources for victims, including legal referrals, mental health counseling, how to apply for monetary compensation, and the role the community can play in providing assistance and advocacy.

Community Response

A guide for actions a community can take in the aftermath of a hate crime. How to organize a community, interact with the media, provide education, and build coalitions.

The guide speaks to all community members and leaders, from those who have little to no organizing experience to veteran activists. The guide also has resources for law enforcement personnel, the legal community, educators and parents, youth, and victim assistance providers.

The guide is free to the public upon request. Copies are limited.

Contact Pei-Un Yee to request a copy:
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Getting the Family Immigration Story Out

Asian American Justice Center (AAJC) Encourages Action

Tuyet G Duong | AAJC

Recently, I wrote a blog on my own family immigration story: how my mother-in-law's sister is stuck in the long line of siblings waiting patiently to immigrate to the United States. Vietnamese American siblings have to wait 10 years. Priscilla Huang of National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) wrote a kind note: "Thanks, Tuyet, for guest blogging on *Warrior Prose* and connecting the personal to the political."

How apt that phrase is – "connecting the personal to the political." That was our failure in last year's meltdown and Congress' inability to pass comprehensive immigration reform. We in the immigrant rights movement struggled to connect the personal souls and stories of the millions of immigrants around America to the very political process happening in Washington, D.C.

How do we do that next time? Will there be a next time? Which Presidential candidate will do it next time?

While these questions will remain unanswered for at least another year, national immigrant rights organizations around the nation are slowly picking themselves up, brushing off their knees, healing their bruised hearts, and beginning to renew their drumbeat for progressive immigration reform.

Because our system is still broken and needs to be fixed. Specifically, the family immigration system is broken. There are 4 million people caught up in the family immigration backlog and more than half are Asian American. More than 60 percent of Asian Americans immigrate through this system. It is inhumane that Filipino siblings have to wait two decades to reunite with their families and that Mexican spouses and children have to wait years to join families in America.

The messaging for family immigration seems deceptively simple: don't keep families and children and spouses apart – don't make head of households have to support to families—they contribute to our economies and communities. However, when these compelling messages encounter anti-immigrant activists, we have hit a firm, decisive, and sometimes hateful wall. There is so much more to be done.

We need to get our stories out there. We need to persuade newspapers and opinion editorial boards and congressmen who only care about business-based immigration that family-based immigration matters just as much. Public polling shows that Americans believe in immigrants' contributions to our society, but are not so much convinced about their contributions to



the economy. We need data showing how Asian American immigrants who have immigrated through the family-based system have contributed to our economy, our bottom line. I asked a researcher at the Economic Policy Institute once, "What is the Asian American immigrant slice of the GDP?"

Only then will we be able to sway the minds and pens of lawmakers and policymakers in Washington, DC. With powerful information and powerful stories and activated communities calling DC and knocking on the Congress' doors, we will have change. We will also have healthy immigrant families that can continue to build America. This is also how we can connect that "personal to the political" and ensure that the Asian American immigrants are also embodied in the human side of American immigration law. ■

OCA Makes National News in Reaction to Poor Olympic Sportsmanship

Michelle Bar | OCA National Center

This summer's Olympic Games in Beijing, China were extremely remarkable to APA's and all Americans. Audiences all over the globe felt part of the Olympics triumphs of such stars as Michael Phelps, Usain Bolt and Roger Federer. However, amid all the joy and celebration was controversy. Prior to the Olympic Games, the Olympic Spanish basketball team posed in a photograph for a publicity shoot in their official Olympic jerseys on a basketball court. Decorated on the court was an image of a Chinese dragon. Every player of the team pulled back the corner of their eyes in the all-too familiar and derogatory "slant eye" gesture.

As soon as word broke that this photo had been published, OCA National Center and other chapters were contacted for comment. Sarah Smith, communications manager at OCA National Center, told ABC News she expected more from a group of professional athletes. She continued by saying "It's something that I haven't seen since I was a kid. I can't speak for what is considered funny in Spain. I don't know if it has the same impact that it would here."

OCA's Deputy Director, George C. Wu, told the Associated Press that "as Asian Pacific Americans support the U.S. Olympic athletes, many of whom are Asian Pacific Americans, it is disturbing to OCA that Spain's basketball team would introduce such offensive and divisive imagery into the Olympics. Highly regarded NBA players like Pau Gasol and Calderon need to also understand that these gestures are

often associated with bullying and taunting in schools and are harmful to the communities that support their teams."

Others were quoted in their respected regions, like Vicki Shu Smolin (OCA-NY), who told the New York Post that the "slant-eye" gesture has a sordid history, and that while people today might think it's harmless, it goes back to a time when the

Chinese and Japanese were painted as evil and demonic.

Ironically, the Spain's Olympic team is sponsored by Li-Ning Footwear, a Chinese athletics company. The Spanish team recently signed a 4-year contract with the sport wear company. The owner, Li Ning, was the last torchbearer in the Olympic Opening Ceremony finale.



Spanish basketball player, Jose Manuel Calderon, wrote on his blog that the picture was not interpreted correctly. He claims that a sponsor asked the team "to pose with a 'wink' to our participation in Beijing." Calderon denies any sort of racism and stated that he has a "great respect for the East and its people."

Madrid is one of the candidates to host the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. This event may harm their chances of being granted this privilege. The site of the Summer Games will be announced next year.

Hopefully these actions taken by the Spanish basketball team will raise awareness and educate others not to tolerate racism. ■

OCA Chapters Highlight **Collaboration and Fun**

OCA members have brought a sense of collaboration to all their efforts during the warmer months, from the National Convention to festivals and APA Heritage Month. It was a season of camaraderie and dedication to Asian Pacific Americans all across the nation. We showcased teamwork, energy and, of course, a lot of fun!



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OCA-New England, OCA-New Jersey

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OCA-New Jersey

OCA- Pittsburgh

OCA-Pittsburgh Chapter, once again, participated in the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, consecutively for more than 40 years dating back to early 1960s, a very proud tradition. This is one of the major fundraising events for the Pittsburgh Chapter. Dancing programs were provided free by the OCA Youth Performance Ensemble and Lotus Blossom under the leadership of VP of Cultural Affairs, Chia-Pih Shaw. Cultural displays focusing on kid's workshop on Chinese crafts were also provided free under the guidance of Phanny Yang and Sarah Liu with Yue Fang Lee and Jimmy Cheng served as Ambassadors. Chinese foods and Chinese souvenirs were also on sale at the Food Booth responsible by William Liu and Sue Yeh and Marketplace by Kim Kuehn and Frances Wong. Many OCA members contributed to the success of this event, including Rae Ang, Dali Li, Tong Lee, Dorothy Lee Green, and many others.

OCA-NJ

The OCA-New Jersey Chapter celebrated Asian/Pacific American Heritage at the Majestic Restaurant & Buffet in Wayne on June 1. The 10th Annual Luncheon honored OCA-NJ Chapter Internship and Scholarship Recipients which this year included 12 high school seniors and one college student. The keynote speaker was Gin Gee Moy, retired principal of Public School 12 in New York City. Her message was inspiring as well as filled with moments of humor.

The OCA-NJ Internship this year was awarded to Mario Lu, sophomore at New York University and majoring in Finance & Accounting. Mario will be placed in the office of United States Senator Frank Lautenberg. A stipend of \$800 will be awarded at the end of the four week summer internship program.

The essay topic this year was the following:

Do you support the belief that Asian-Americans are considered a political bloc? If so, why is this diverse group so unified? If not, identify some of the differences in Asian-American voting behavior. Discuss some ways in how Asian-Americans might increase their influence in American politics.

Winner of the Robert E. Wone Memorial Scholarship was Jolene L. Wang of Piscataway High School and will be attending Yale University.

Following the awards the buffet was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all OCA members and friends who attended our luncheon this year and to all who support our Annual Holiday Ball that help fund our Internship & Scholarship Program.



OCA-Greater Los Angeles

On August 16, 2008, OCA-GLA held a special event called “Summer Relief: A Community Mixer to Benefit Ongoing Disaster Relief in China and Myanmar.” OCA-GLA brought together over 14 community organizations and over 250 activists, community leaders, professionals, and artists from throughout Southern California. The event occurred at the Morono Kiang Gallery in the historic Bradbury Building in Downtown Los Angeles and featured an art exhibit from leading Beijing artist Li Yan called “Quotidian Truths.” The event raised funds for a good cause and provided cultural awareness and entertainment for all. The event also helped community members to build alliances and exchange ideas in a fun environment, friendships that will be crucial in a crisis. The event also featured a cocktail reception, DJ, and a performance from singer/songwriter Alex Hwang.

Also, 22 members of OCA-GLA and Families with Children from China (FCC) attended Chinese American Community Night at Dodger Stadium on Aug. 20.

The FCC children watched the pre-game show of Chinese Cultural dancers, and saw OCA-GLA’s president Ed Lew and FCC’s president Jeri Floyd-Okamoto on the big jumbo screen as they were introduced on the field and OCA-GLA and FCC were honored as part of the evening’s festivities.

The game was exciting for the OCA-GLA members as well. For many of the OCA-GLA members/Die Hard Dodger Fans, the game was a real nail-bitter. The evening didn’t end well for the Dodgers who finally lost to the Rockies 3-4.



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OCA-Sacramento

OCA-Greater Sacramento

The OCA Greater Sacramento Chapter held its Annual "Reception at the Capitol" on August 13, 2008. The event, which was held at the Capitol Rotunda, drew over 250 people who listened to various API legislators and state officials speak. The event was sponsored by Wells Fargo and State Farm. The legislators in attendance were Senator Leland Yee, Assembly Members Alan Nakanishi, Mike Eng, Mary Hayashi, Fiona Ma, Ted Lieu, Warren Furutani, and Ira Raskin, Senator Lou Correa, Assembly Elect Mariko Yamada, Dr. Judy Chu, Chair of the Board of Equalization, and Betty Yee, Board of Equalization. This year, OCA President Joyce Eng presented to Wells Fargo the 2008 "Corporate Sponsor of the Year" Award. Wells Fargo was a sponsor of OCA's Dragon Boat Festival and is an OCA Business Advisory Council Partner. Special thanks go to Mark Wilson of Wilson Vineyards and Grizelda's Catering for providing fine wines and wonderful food for this event.



OCA-Westchester & Hudson Valley

OCA-WHV is going green! In collaboration with Westchester County, and sponsored by Con Edison, OCA-WHV will organize a cross-cultural program of high school students from China and Chinese American students in Westchester to learn about energy conservation practices in the United States. The Westchester County Hilltop Hanover Farm will serve as the "hands-on classroom for the introduction of this environmental education program, providing a staff of professionals qualified to instruct our visiting Chinese students and other high school students from the County. This farm is an education center intended to promote sustainable agriculture and environmental education, making this setting perfect for such a learning exchange.

The day-long program, which will be offered on two separate days running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will convene approximately 40 high school students from

China visiting Westchester, and 40 Chinese-American students and majority students from local schools. Throughout the day, they will be engaged in group activities that entail various aspects of the environment, sustainability, and the impacts of human activity and climate change. To ensure full integration and interaction, all groups will include an equal mix of Chinese, Chinese-American, and majority students.

In May, OCA-WHV celebrated Asian Heritage Month with a day long festival with over 3000 attendees. Activities included dance from various Asian countries and many other activities, to display the rich and diverse Asian heritage. OCA-WHV had a voter's registration drive at the event. We also collected donations for the Disasters in Asia, \$1000 to Myanmar and \$4000 to China. Our disaster relief drive was well publicized in the media, many of our board members were interviewed, and this will be an on going project.

OCA-NW Arkansas

On May 17, 2008, the chapter held an "Asian Women's Health and Wellness Fair" that was open to the public. The event featured many experts who provided tailored insights into health issues relevant to Asian women. Some of the topics presented were: Colon Cancer Screening in Asian Women; Detection of Breast Cancer in Asian Women; Cervical Cancer: Incidence and Risks in Asian Women; and Gerontological Care and Aging in Asians. In addition, the Benton County Health Department set up a booth

with a couple of employees answering questions regarding county health services and distributing pamphlets.

Two of our members traveled to the nation's capital for the annual OCA National Convention in Washington, DC. Stephanie Chin and Myron Eng took advantage of the opportunity to meet up with old acquaintances and make new ones in addition to bringing back many great ideas to energize our chapter for the future

OCA-Long Island

An enthusiastic group of 39 members from OCA-Long Island went to Washington, DC to help celebrate the 35th Anniversary of OCA National at the 2008 National Convention from July 31-Aug. 3, and to congratulate our 2008 GM/OCA National Unsung Heroes Ann & Howard Chan. Both truly exemplify the true spirit of volunteerism.

The Rotary Club of Chinatown, NY honored Cammy Lee, our OCA-LI Board member for her continuous dedication and contribution to the Field of Health on June 5. Many OCA-LI members attended the Flushing Central Lions Club's 2008 Annual Gala at the Sheraton East Hotel in Flushing, NY on Aug. 29.

On June 28th, OCA-LI participated in the American Cancer Society's (ACS) first Relay for Life on the grounds of the Great Neck South High School in Great Neck, LI. As a cancer survivor in remission, OCA-LI President Gladys Yan, along with three other survivors led the first lap around the track. Many organizations, clubs, businesses, and individuals carrying their banners joined the survivors to walk and to help fund raise for the Flushing Asian Initiative Unit of ACS. The event turned out to be a huge success. Even a few heavy rain drops could not dampen OCA-LI's spirit and good will as everyone in attendance

enjoyed the dance performances, food contest, hula dancing, songs, and camaraderie amongst each other.

Working together with the Korean American Voter's Council, and the Korean American community, we supported and attended their annual scholarship dinner in Flushing, NY on June 21. OCA-LI members sat at the VIP table at the NYS Chinese Auxiliary Police Associations annual dinner in Flushing, NY with Queens's community leaders on June 22.

With a major election coming up in November, OCA-LI's goal is to increase voting registration. On June 28th at the Flushing Mall, Flushing, NY, we were ready with signs in Chinese, Korean, and English. We made sure that registration forms were in all three languages. John Tandana, OCA-LI Executive VP participated in a panel discussion on stage, to talk about OCA and why it's important for Asian American citizens to exercise their right to vote. "No Vote, No Voice, No Power," a phrase introduced by the APA Voter's Alliance, says it all.

On Sept. 20, OCA-LI will once again be at the Flushing Mall to register new voters and to educate and remind registered voters, that it is important for them to vote on Election Day in November.

OCA-Eastern Virginia

On July 30, 2008, we gathered together, all ready for the car ride up to Washington D.C. After four long hours in the car, we finally arrived at the Hilton Washington Hotel, the exact location where we would eat, sleep, and most importantly, learn.

Both the Youth Leadership Training Day and the Youth Day were fun and filled with activities that were not only entertaining, but also meaningful and educational. On the Youth Leadership Training day, there was a group of about 50 high school students. During the eight hours we spent together that day, everyone met new people from all over the country. There was no need to be anyone but yourself, because the people were all very accepting of every individual's ideas. Throughout the day, we broke up into groups several times and learned problem solving skills as well as new communication skills. These abilities that we learned are very useful in today's society and the counselors did a fantastic job of presenting it to the students. Also, we discussed the role of Asian-Americans in the American society today and watched a film about the famous Vincent Chin case.

All the activities we did made me more aware of how Asian-Americans are seen in today's society and how we can become a leader, no matter the odds.

OCA-Greater Houston

During the Summer of 2008 OCA-GH participated in the APA Heritage month of May events at the annual heritage month and Dragon Boat festivals with an outreach booth and raffle baskets and on May 9, co-hosted a talk and discussion with Irwin Tang, author of “Asian Texans” as a part of our yearlong APIA Author Book Talk Series held in coalition with other local APIA community organizations. On June 22nd, we co-sponsored a Citizenship Workshop with Boat People SOS with Vietnamese and Chinese bilingual volunteers. The chapter worked on updating editions of the 2008-2009 APIA Pro Bono Legal Resource Guide (translated into Chinese and Vietnamese) and the 2008-2009 Community Resource Guide, both projects of the OCA-GH Advocacy Center in time for distribution in the Fall. The OCA-GH Chapter has also been working on a strategic plan during the summer months and preparing for the events of the Fall/Winter.

On September 20, 2008, the chapter hosted its annual gala honoring outstanding local APA employees & community leaders that have contributed significantly to the APA, Houston, and global communities. The 2008 honorees are Ms. Sushma Bhan (Shell Oil) and Officer Thanh Nguyen. (City of Houston Fire Department) – Two exemplary role models in both the workplace and the community. The evening will also feature the presentation of the OCA-GH Outstanding Community Achievement Award to the national APIA community leader, Daphne Kwok. This evening of service will be celebrated with an awards program reception & gala, charity casino night, and silent auction at the Westin Oaks Hotel (5011 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027).

On September 19, 2008, OCA-GH cohosted a talk and discussion with Eddie Fung, author of “The Adventures of Eddie Fung” as a part of our yearlong APIA Author Book Talk Series held in coalition with other local APIA community organizations.

On Saturday, October 11, 2008, the Chapter will be hosting its annual Advocacy & Legal Issues Conference Day focusing on Hate Crimes, Immigration, Poll Monitoring training, Human Trafficking, and an overview of other issues facing the community. Also featured that day is the Texas launch of the research publication, “A Portrait of Chinese Americans”, the first in a planned series of reports on the Asian Pacific American community published jointly by OCA and the Asian American Studies Program of the University of Maryland. The same weekend marks the kickoff of the 4th Annual Houston APIA Film Festival organized by OCA-GH. As a part of the Allstate Foundation support for Hate Crimes Awareness project, we are screening “Who Killed Vincent Chin?” and the new film “Vincent Who?” and having a community reception and discussion with the two co-directors of the films respectively, Christine Choy and Curtis Chin on that Saturday evening as an ending for the conference and the kick-off of the Film Festival.

OCA-Eastern Virginia



OCA-Fairfield Connecticut

On June 12, 2008 Governor M. Jodi Rell officially signed into law P.A. 08-166 creating an Asian Pacific American Commission in Connecticut.

Slated to become a reality July 1, 2009, the new Public Act, although historic, falls short in that the budget is only for \$25, 000.

OCA-FC, the Fairfield County Chapter of Connecticut is working with the Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC), a non-partisan group of concerned citizens who are leaders in their respective Asian communities, to prepare for the next Connecticut legislative session that starts January, 2009 to get funding increased. The Commission would work to advise the Governor, the General Assembly, state agencies, departments and commissions in developing policy initiatives, programs and effective legislation to address issues of concern to the APA community.

Representative William Tong (D-Stamford), 147th District, the first Asian elected to the Connecticut state

legislature introduced Bill No. 5321. Bill No. 5321 is an act establishing an Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission in Connecticut.

The state government already has established the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission (six full-time posts and a budget of \$571,636) and the African-American Affairs Commission (four full-time posts and a budget of \$413,436) to advise state officials on issues of concern to those groups. There is also a Native American Affairs Commission.

Also, through the generous donation of individuals and corporation, OCA-FC (Fairfield County, Connecticut) has raised a total of \$6,745 to help rebuild a school and support the students who have been affected by the earthquake.

The kickoff activity for the Sichuan Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund was at the annual Family Picnic sponsored by OCA-FC on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at Scalzi Park in Stamford.

OCA-San Mateo

The Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month began as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week in May 1979. Our Chapter's co-founder, Hayden Lee, was executive director of OCA then and was at the White House signing on Oct. 2, 1978, when President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution – public law 95-419. It became a permanent month-long event in May of 1993.

The purpose of the law was to honor the achievements of Asian/Pacific Americans and to recognize their contributions to the U.S. May was selected because of two significant events in history: on May 7, 1843, Nakahama Manjiro (a.k.a. John Mung or John Manjiro) became the first Japanese immigrant to arrive in the United States and on May 10, 1869, the transcontinental railroad

was completed in large measure by Chinese laborers.

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration was an opportunity to reach out to the young generation and the diverse ethnicities within San Mateo County. The collaborative project involved the OCA San Mateo Chapter, the Asian American Curriculum Project, Inc., Japanese American Citizens League, and the Downtown San Mateo Association (DSMA) shared the common goal to highlight the Asian Pacific American culture and promote the local San Mateo businesses. It was a fun and educational event free and open to the public. Families joined us in celebrating the achievements and history of Asians, local arts and crafts, food and drinks, and raffle prizes held on Saturday, May 10, from

10 am to 5 pm, at the at the San Mateo Central Park. Takahashi Market provided tasty food to keep hungry people content.

The sunny day began with Juliet Fernandez, Warren Slocum's office, opened with "The National Anthem." Steve Okamoto, JAACL San Mateo Co-President gave everyone a warm welcome. It was our pleasure to feature host Vicky Nguyen, television personality of NBC-11, who was wonderful with her outgoing personality. San Mateo City Council Member John Lee filled in for the honorable Carole Groom, Mayor of San Mateo. Mr. Kelly Mitter, of the Downtown San Mateo Association was next, followed by Supervisor Jerry Hill who presented OCA San Mateo Chapter President, Newsy Yan, with

OCA-Georgia

On July 12th, 2008, about 200 people attended the OCA 25th anniversary and the OCA + ACP scholarship awards banquet at Happy Valley Restaurant. Nine young scholars were awarded the scholarship. OCA also held an appreciation luncheon on August 9, 2008 for its sponsors of the OCA 25th anniversary



OCA-Georgia

OCA-Central Illinois

OCA-CIL Bruce Yamashita and Steve Okino at IWU to hear Mr. Yamashita's experiences of racial discrimination. The documentary of his experiences, produced by Mr. Okino, was integrated into the presentation. An excellent opportunity to hear the historical impact that Captain Yamashita had in a demographically shifting society. A book signing opportunity followed. A special thank you to Dr. Hiroko Furo for her support in bringing this event to the community.

OCA-CIL was an active participant in the Inaugural YWCA Racial Justice Summit. This one-day summit was designed to help participants investigate ways to more effectively dismantle racism within our respective institutions and our communities. The event was well-attended and future learning sessions are planned.

OCA-CIL partnered with two area Rotary Clubs in hosting a group of four individuals from South Korea who studied our country's institutions, economy, and culture

while observing how their own professions are practiced in the states. OCA-CIL hosted dinner that evening at Hayashi's Japanese Restaurant.

APAHM events in May included a visit by Dr. Michael Lin and Mr. William Wong at State Farm Insurance. A facilitated session challenged everyone on issues facing APAs on a national, community, and workplace level. Attendees were inspired and motivated to do their part and participate. In addition, OCA-CIL participated in Mitsubishi Motors' Asian Heritage Fair that was attended by over 200 people and included samplings of Asian food and activities.

OCA-CIL also donated a box of "Robot Stories and More Screenplays" by Greg Pak to a local university film class, several chapter members participated in a China Earthquake Relief Fund Drive and in a Unity Speaker Summer Camp.

a Proclamation. Senator Leland Yee, gave AACP, Inc. a Proclamation.

Lilian Kim of ABC-7 News was great as she guided us through the afternoon festivities. A variety of Asian talent was showcased. Kariyushi Kai – Okinawan Music was passionate, Jeff Whittier – Music from India highlighted the flute and drums, Shaolin Cultural Center – Chinese Lion Dance delighted the crowd, Karlina – Indonesian duet featuring vocalist Karlina Gunawan dazzled with her wonderful voice, Charlie Chin – Asian American Folk Music Performance gave people an appreciation for the Chinese experience, San Mateo Kendo Dojo – Kendo Demonstration impressed us with their sword fighting, and the Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band kept the emotions upbeat.

Bigsumo Asian T-shirts, Kay Woo ceramics, Kayoko Designs Yuzen-Shi Jewelry, Patricia Jeong handmade crafts, and Pomegranate Designs Michele Yamaguma's creative art were the Exhibits displayed. We were happy to have Rosemary Gong, author of Good Luck Life, Oliver Chin author of Year of the Rat and Julie Black Belt, Hazuki Kataoka Kaishibai versions of Peach Boy and Moon Princess share their books. The San Mateo Police Cadets made sure everyone behaved themselves.

Vicky Nguyen stated, "It was a pleasure for me to co-emcee the festival with Steve. I was really impressed with the program. The exhibitors and the performers were excellent, and represented the diverse cultures that make up the Asian American community. I really enjoyed

interacting with the presenters at the booths indoors and outdoors. I loved seeing all the young people there-- from the Boy Scouts who sold raffle tickets to the scholarship winner who performed part of his speech for the audience. Keeping our culture alive, celebrating our diversity, and inspiring young Asian Americans to make a difference by getting involved--it was a great day in the San Mateo community and the perfect way to celebrate Asian Heritage Month." Lilian Kim shared, "Neither too large, nor too small. It was a perfect, personable event to connect with our culture." Saichi Kawahara, Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band added, "Thank you for having us perform and awarding us every courtesy. We enjoyed ourselves. Mahalo a nui loa."

OCA-South Florida

OCA-South Florida Chapter celebrated the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month for the tenth year with cultural programs at libraries, with special performances by the Indigenous Peoples of Taiwan dance troupe -- "Memories of the Mountain, Calling of the Sea." Co-organized with United Chinese Association of Florida, OCA-SFL held a successful second annual Miss Florida Asia on July 12, 2008 with over 600 spectators. After an exciting evening of Pre-Pageant Interview, National Costume, Swimsuit, Talent, Evening Gown and on-stage Q&A, Miss Florida Asia 2008 went to May Igawa. Tia Vo was crowned First Princess, and Kayla Chin Nuke Second Princess. In June, Winnie Tang, President of OCA-SFL, became the first Chinese American to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Florida Commission on the Status of Women for her dedication and tireless community advocacy work; she was recognized as a potent force in making significant contributions to her local community.

Winnie helps immigrants become citizens through ongoing citizenship drives in the Asian community, and organizes job fairs and workshops in areas such as legal, welfare, health, education, and civil rights. Working closely and effectively with minority communities and mainstream media, she works tirelessly to organize programs such as the annual Chinese New Year Festivals, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration, Miss Florida Asia.

Historically, Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) have not participated actively in our democratic process. Voter

turnout in our community lags behind that of whites, African-Americans and Latinos. The percentage of the Asian American population registered to vote remains among the lowest of all ethnic groups. As the fastest growing minority group in the United States, and as a group with an increasing number of community-specific social and political challenges, it is increasingly important that APAs play an active role in American politics and government.

APAs are 2.2 percent of the total population of Florida (18 millions). APAs have increased to nearly 400,000 in Florida – five fold since Census 2000 – but too few APAs vote.

The 2008 United States presidential election is about to become one of the most significant elections in decades.

The outcome of many difficult issues – from the war in Iraq to the economic recession to immigration policy – could depend on who wins the White House this November.

This election of many "firsts" raises numerous questions for Asian-Americans and Asian-American issues. What is the place of the Asian-American in Election 2008? What bearing will Election 2008 have on Asian-American issues such as immigration, breaking APA stereotypes and the glass ceiling?

OCA-SFL co-sponsored a very successful "Meet the Candidates" event in August, organized by Asian Pacific American Bar Association of South Florida, with over 50 candidates and 100 plus Asian American and other community members.

NANAY, Inc. and OCA-South Florida Chapter are joining forces to organize a "Candidates Forum" on September 14, 2008. Presidential and congressional candidates have been invited to the Forum. The purpose of this Forum is to give candidates an opportunity to address a wide range of issues that affect community sustainability and livability in our community and country. At the Forum, APAs will hear the candidate's positions and make informed decisions before voting.

The November election includes a ballot item affecting the APA community. After 5 years of working closely with Florida State Senator Joe Geller, State Representative Ronald Brise and former St. Rep. Phillip Brutus, OCA-SFL is happy to report that the 2007 Legislature successfully passed the joint resolution to repeal the so-called Alien Land Law from the Florida State Constitution during the last week of the Legislative session. Throughout these years,

OCA-SFL has built an extensive coalition with various organizations in the Florida community, many of whom expressed strong support to strengthen OCA's effort in getting rid of this discriminatory language. Now, the new challenge is to spread the message across the State of Florida to vote "YES" on the amendment in the November election.

With the important Presidential election and Florida amendment 1 ballot, OCA-SFL will actively register new voters and promote Get-Out-The-Vote before the November election.

OCA Interns

Where Are They Now?

Brian Redondo was an OCA Intern in 2004 where he was placed at the NAACP. Brian graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2005 and now works at the Asian American Legal Defense Education Fund in New York City.

How did you get involved with OCA?

I found out about OCA through former interns who also went to the University of Pennsylvania and through the Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH). Former alumni always did good outreach and encouraged students to apply for the OCA Internship

At the time, I was just beginning to formulate a strong political consciousness. I was interested in seeing how change is brought about outside the campus level and what that means in a professional sense. I wanted that exposure that only a place like Washington, DC offered. I also didn't understand the government too well. The OCA internship definitely met and exceeded those expectations.

What motivated you to get involved with APA issues and other social justice issues?

I've always been aware of my "otherness" growing up in a predominately white New Jersey suburb. Through relationships formed during high school and also within the Filipino community as well, I constantly questioned social relationships and tried to understand the root of how people acted in situations. That type of curiosity and social structures coupled with community service and trips abroad gave me a broader perspective on the type of issues that I'm passionate for now.

In college, this is when it came all together. I was heavily active with the Asian Pacific Student Coalition, an umbrella group on campus. The coalition was aligned with other students of color. It enlightened my social and political awareness and helped me understand what institutional change

was and how's it possible. One of the most salient things I was involved in during college was with the East Coast Asian American Student Conference. I attended my first conference at Duke in 2002 and then helped with the Georgetown conference. In 2005, I chaired the 2005 ECAASU Conference at the University of Pennsylvania.

What were some of your highlights of the OCA internship?

I met a plethora of APA student activists that really inspired me and even today still serve as my network through professional and social relationships. The networking was great and also gave me a lot of affirmation of what other students were facing and validated my experiences as well.

The brownbag sessions were very important and connected us to other interns and taught us different skills that were applicable. I also observed a lot at my placement at the NAACP and learned how work was done in Washington, DC.

Through the networking at the time and since it was an election year, there were a lot of opportunities to attend some partisan events. I was able to attend the Democratic National Convention in Boston, MA that year, which one of the highlights was seeing John Kerry speak. It was such a huge spectacle and it was a great opportunity of me.

What do you do professionally?

I work at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF). I started off as the Voting Rights Public Education Coordinator and helped to coordinate the 2006 Election Protection project. It involved

poll monitoring and protecting the Asian American vote in several states across the country. After the 2006 elections, I moved within the organization to be the Program Associate for the Educational Equity and Youth Rights Project. I coordinated the National Asian American Education Advocates Network. We organized our first summit in April 2008 in New York City and it was huge success. One of my important projects was writing a report on No Child Left Behind and its effects on Asian American students.

What issues would you encourage readers to get involved in?

I definitely believe public education is an area that the Asian American community is left out of the debate, especially because of the model minority myth. It's something our community should take more seriously. Recognize the diversity of experiences and to close the achievement gaps in not just a problem in our community but everywhere. The public education system is falling apart and it's something that we need to address. Students and teachers should be the ones who are put first when reform is being talked about. Using business principles in the public education system is not working and is having a detrimental effect on the system.



Getting to Know Our Partners

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

Stacy Lavilla | AAPCHO

The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) is a national not-for-profit association of community-based organizations dedicated to improving the health status and access of medically underserved Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) in the United States, its freely associated states and territories.

The organization was created in 1987 by visionary AAPI advocates who hoped to not only improve the health of poor, limited English proficient and uninsured AAPIs who were overlooked by mainstream health programs and federal initiatives, but to create an organization that would advocate for that subset of safety net providers, Community Health Centers (CHCs), that serve them. These advocates found that while much was said about the health disparities of communities of color, AAPIs were omitted from those discussions due to misconceptions that the population was of higher socio-economic status and not affected by the diseases impacting other minority communities.

This group of individuals created AAPCHO to disprove these misconceptions and raise awareness of the many health disparities (e.g. tuberculosis, hepatitis B, and thalassemia) facing AAPIs and the many socio-economic myths that were held about this community. AAPIs did have notable uninsurance rates, many were not educated and armed with advanced degrees, English was not a first language for many individuals, and many were struggling to get by in extremely low-paying jobs. As a part of its charge, AAPCHO advocates on behalf of those health care providers that deliver health care to these individuals: CHCs, which provide services to all regardless of an individual's insurance status or ability to pay. In advocating for the CHC model, AAPCHO also advocates that AAPIs are best served by programs that are sensitive to the individual's culture and in the language spoken by these individuals.

Today, AAPCHO is comprised of 25 member community-based organizations, many of which are community health centers that provide comprehensive primary health care services in over 25 different languages to over 300,000 patients nationwide. AAPCHO's members are located in California, Hawaii, Washington, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, Massachusetts, Florida, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

AAPCHO's advocacy and programmatic efforts continue to support the original organizational goals and objectives set forth by its founders. AAPCHO's existing priorities center around increasing the availability of data and research on medically underserved AAPIs and community health centers; raising awareness about health disparities for AAPIs such as hepatitis B; assisting newer organizations in their efforts to provide health care services to AAPIs; and strengthening the capacity of existing AAPI-serving community health centers to continue providing quality care to this population. ■

For more information about AAPCHO, visit www.aapcho.org or call us at (510) 272-9536.

Getting to Know Our Partners

Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)

Mona Bormet | APIAF

The Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, or “Health Forum,” is in its 22nd year of serving as a national advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AA and PI) communities through policy, programs, and research. Founded in 1986, APIAHF advocates on health issues that impact AA and PI communities, provides community-based technical assistance and training to address chronic diseases, HIV/AIDS, and domestic violence in AA and PI communities, and convenes regional and national conferences on AA and PI health.

Health care reform, or expanding access to health care for uninsured and underinsured Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, is one of five major policy priorities for the Health Forum. But, even with health coverage, disparities in health and health care persist in our communities. Some of the unique factors that make it difficult for Asian Americans (AAs) and Pacific Islanders to access quality health care are disparities in health coverage due to poverty and a significant percentage who work in or own small businesses as well as barriers due to language and culture. Among uninsured Asian American & NHPI subgroups, other Asian (58 percent) and Chinese Americans (55 percent) are most likely to not have visited the doctor in the past year. Liver cancer among AAPI men is 6 times higher for Chinese American men and breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Chinese American women.

Some of our recent and ongoing work includes:

APA Heritage Month Activities

Since Congress has designated May as “APA Heritage Month,” the Health Forum attempts to draw attention to our communities in the halls of Congress. This past May, APIAHF in partnership with the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) hosted a health advocacy day. We identified key states and Congressional districts and invited AA & NHPI partners from those states to travel to DC to participate in training and advocate for their communities in Congress. APIAHF also hosted a Congressional briefing to draw attention to the glaring disparities in health care of the AA & PI communities.

Congressional Tri-Caucus Summit 2008

APIAHF was the lead sponsor for the Sixth Annual Congressional Tri-Caucus Minority Health Summit which brought together local communities, health experts, and policymakers to learn about regional and local experiences that could inform national health policies and programs. More than two hundred people attended the Summit, including members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), to build consensus on policies that address health disparities, develop strategies for advocacy at the federal level, and engage communities of color in legislative action and outreach.

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VOICES on the Hill and in the White House 2009

Our bi-annual conference, VOICES, will occur in mid-2009 to advance an AA and NHPI policy agenda with the new Administration and Congress through advocacy and action, increase visibility of AA and NHPI leadership, and to develop and promote leadership within AA and NHPI communities.

As a national advocacy organization, APIAHF continues to work with OCA and other partners to visit members of Congress to share the stories and data of the health care disparities facing our communities. We are excited to expand on our work; training partners and communities to advocate on the local, state and national levels and to continue our national advocacy efforts in the halls of Congress, via Administrative offices, and in the community at large. For more information about APIAHF, we invite you to visit our website at www.apiahf.org and encourage you to become advocates for your community! Please join our “Healthinfo” listserv for the latest on AA & NHPI health issues: http://apiahfelist.org/mailman/listinfo/healthinfo_apiahfelist.org.

We look forward to hearing from you! ■

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Invest in Our Future

The Internship Fund Needs You!

One of OCA's missions is to nurture youth leadership. Since the establishment of the Internship Program in 1988, the OCA Internship Program has become the largest of its kind.

Every summer, OCA places more than 20 interns in Congressional offices, federal agencies, non-profit organizations and the OCA National Center. Each year, we receive applications from motivated college students across the nation. In order to provide the "experience of a lifetime" for as many students as possible, it is imperative that OCA's Internship Fund is adequately funded. The goal of the Internship Fund is a formidable political network to make our presence known and our voice heard.

Past interns are already making an impact as OCA full-time staff, OCA Chapter Presidents, Members of OCA Executive Council, Civil Service Commissioner in San Francisco, Executive Director of Common Cause in California, and Executive Director of the Congressional APA Caucus.

To continue this commitment into the future, we need your generous donation—your investment in the future of our next generation and our community. During the last three years, OCA has focused fundraising efforts on the building campaign. We need to replenish the Internship Fund quickly to meet the demand of this summer and continue its legacy.

For a donation of \$4,000 or more, you can name the internship after your chapter, in memory of your loved one or anyone you wish. However, any amount is most welcome and equally important!

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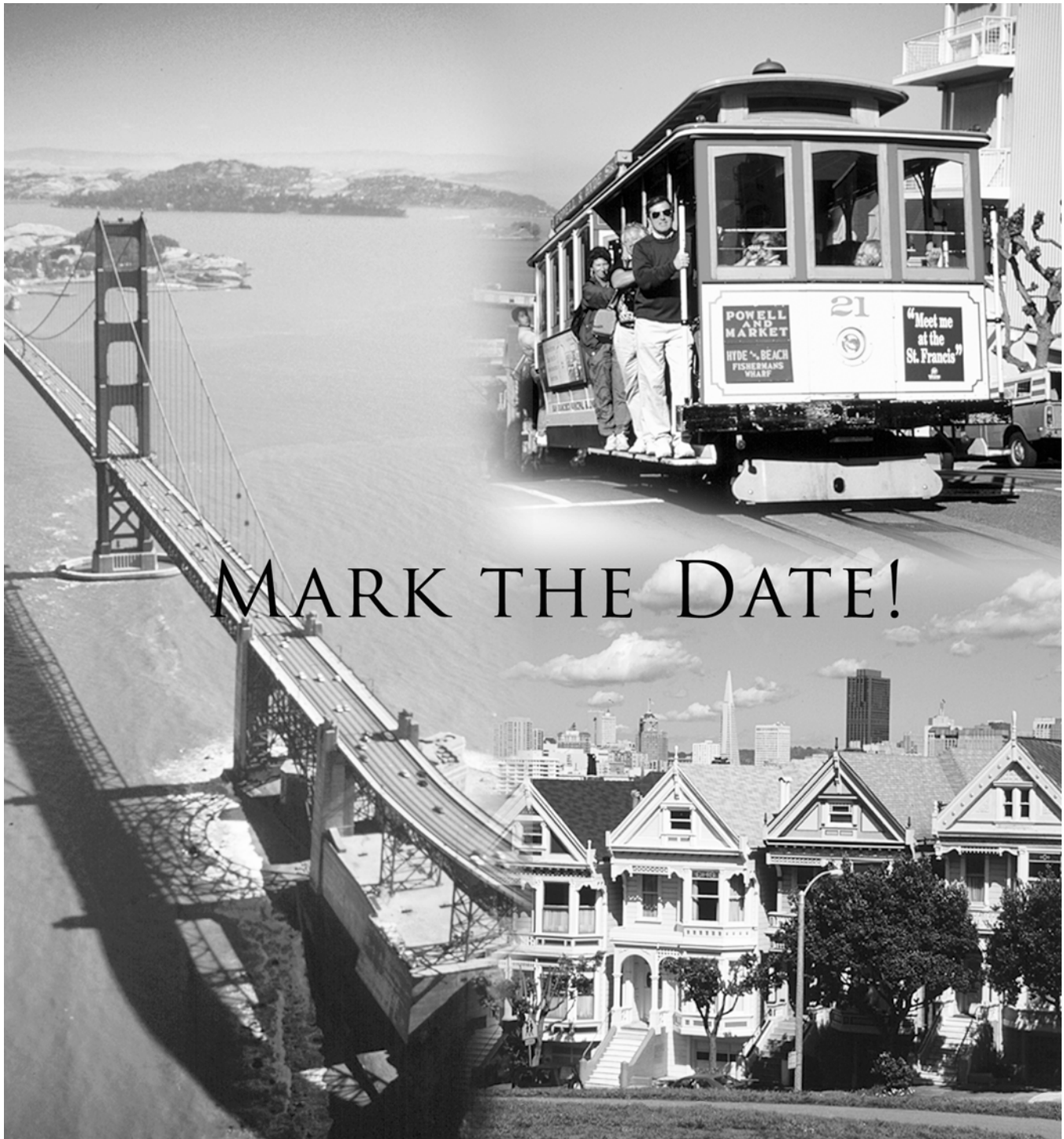
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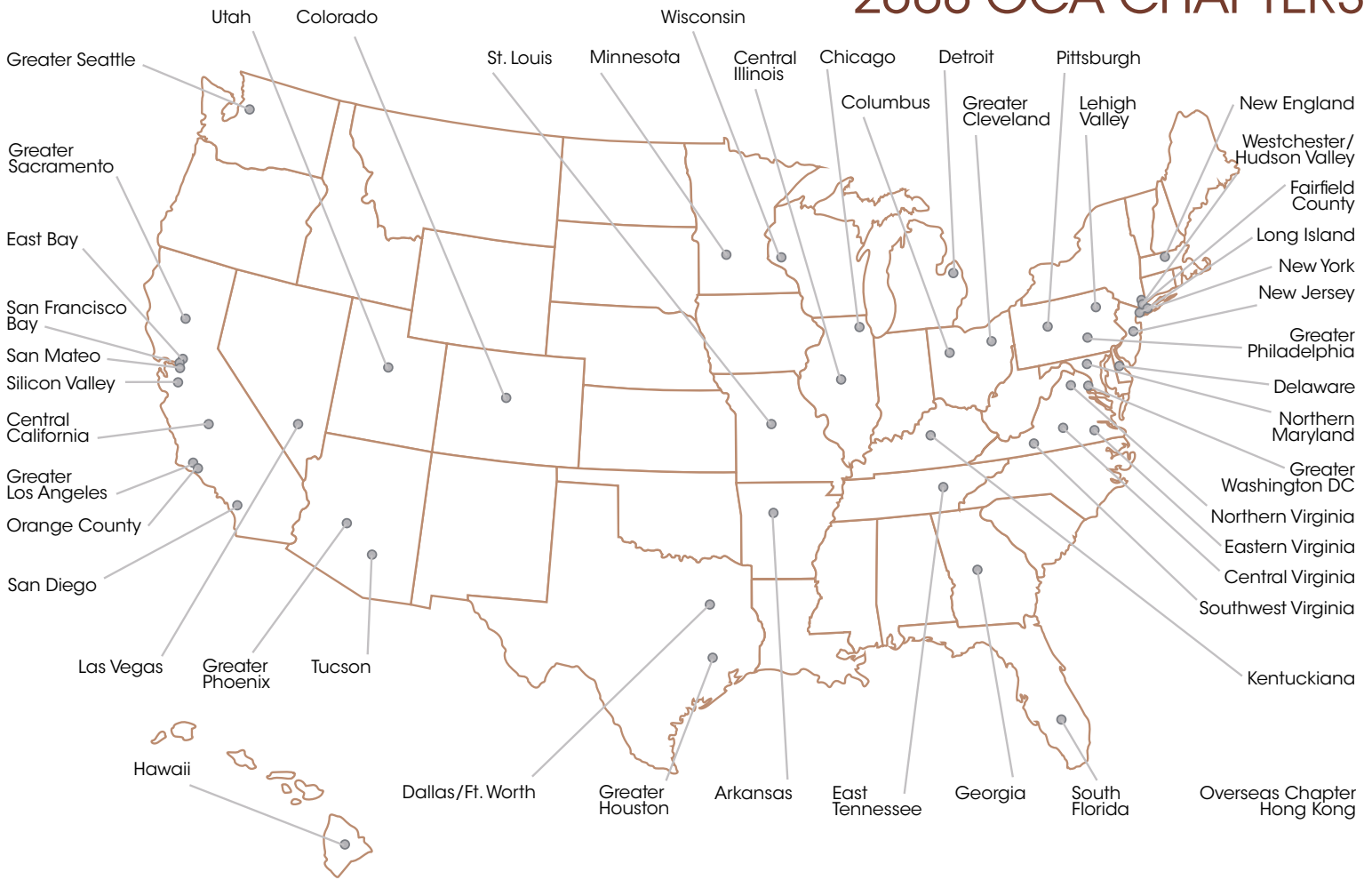


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