



Los Angeles City Employees
Asian American Association



Newsletter -- Third Quarter, 2003

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President's

Message: *Your enthusiastic support of the Association is greatly appreciated and your suggestions are always welcome. You are encouraged to attend any of the Board meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of every month. Please contact any Board member to confirm the time and location.*

Future Association Events – 2003:

Family Picnic – October 5, 2003
Training Workshops – November
Holiday Mixer – December

Other Upcoming Events

- Sept. 11th – Oct 19th
East West Players “PASSION”
David Henry Wang Theater
120 Judge John Aiso St., Los Angeles, CA
90012 Ph 213-625-7000
www.eastwestplayers.org
LACEAAA Members: \$5 discount
- Oct. 4th
Japanese Fall Festival (Akimaturi)
E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community
Center : 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina
Ph 626-960-2566
- Oct. 26st
Autumn in the Japanese Garden
6100 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys 10am-3pm,
\$5 818-756-8000
- Nov. 9th
**Asian Business League Annual
Awards Dinner** at Westin Bonaventure
Call 213-624-9975
- Dec. 19th
**Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Networking Mixer**, Empress Pavillion
5pm 213-617-0396
- Jan. 3rd
Miss LA Chinatown Fashion Show
Biltmore Hotel, 12 noon 213-617-0396
- Jan. 22nd
Asian New Year (Chinese: Year
of Monkey – 4702)

Congratulations to One of Our Own



Special recognition and congratulations go out to LACEAAA member **Gary Lee Moore [PW/ENG]** who was recently appointed as City Engineer. Gary is a longtime member and his wife Kate [DOT, retired] is a former Association Vice President. We wish Gary great success in his new role.

Welcome New LECEAAA Members:

SAMAR DESAI (LADBS) TERESA KYU (CTR)
LORALIE ROXAS (LAHD) YUPADEE TAY (LAHD)
SANDRA TANAKA (DWP) EMILIA TSO (CLERK)
CECELIA WELDON (DWP)

Did You See It??

KSCI, Channel 18, recently aired a short documentary focusing our association Treasurer, Joe Quan [ITA]. In the segment briefly discusses his involvement in various charitable events and causes. Joe volunteers his time primarily to expose his two boys to community and cultural diversities. Joe takes a lead role in the Pasadena Cherry Blossom Festival, Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific's Autumn Festival and East West Players, the oldest Asian theatrical group in the U. S. and the Chinese American Museum. If you were at this year's Nisei Week parade, you may have even seen him chauffeuring Mayor Hahn and the Deputy Mayor of Nagoya, Japan.

Were You There??

APAHM Luncheon – 2003

Place - Empress Pavillion

Date - June 5, 2003

Despite holding the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) luncheon during the traditional month of May, the postponement did not hamper more than 90 people from attending.

LACEAAA's honoree and guest speaker was DWP's Commissioner, Mr. Leland Wong [subsequently, Mr. Wong has been re-appointed to the Airport Commission]. Mr. Wong spoke to guests on the importance of Asian-Pacific Islanders pressing for more promotional opportunities in the Civil Service sector. Mr. Wong emphasized the importance of this pursuit and how we as a collective group need to make our elected representatives more accountable to the API workforce.



(Leland Wong)

The LACEAAA Board took this occasion to survey members on what types of activities that they most want to see the Association to host. The three most frequent responses include:

- Training (leadership skills)

- Guest speaker and round table discussions
- Networking and mixer events

Thanks to all the members who made this luncheon such an outstanding event. This year's event planning was spearheaded by Mei Ong [PW/San].

Koreatown L.A. -- A Happening Place

by Member C. M. Jones [PW/ENG]

For residents and visitors to the area just west of downtown Los Angeles, Koreatown provides a diverse and stimulating residential and commercial environment with super shopping, flavor-filled restaurants, and comfortable residential neighborhoods. K-town, as it is sometimes called, is a lively and colorful portion of the midtown centered around the Pico to Vermont, Olympic to Eighth Street nucleus, though it's much larger *in toto* than this core area, extending to the east and west, north and south sometimes for a considerable distance, with Olympic boulevard providing a *camino central* for this exciting part of the City.

Art buffs can sightsee at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art permanent Chinese and Korean exhibit at the museum and at the Korean Cultural Center's museum and library on west Wilshire Boulevard. Numerous Korean and English language magazines and newspapers flourish, including the KoreAmjournal, which recently incorporated the Culture Center's Korean Culture magazine. These can be accessed, or back issues ordered on CD, online at www.koreamjournal.com and www.kccla.org. Movie nights are scheduled at the Cultural Center, and music and language lessons given, as well as opportunities to participate in *Dado*, the traditional Korean tea ceremony.

The annual fall Koreatown Festival is filled with fun and dance, performances and exhibits, as well as a food fair and martial arts demonstrations. This year the 30th Annual Los Angeles Korean Festival will attract people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds from all parts of Los Angeles County to join in the celebration. It will be held September 18-21, centered in Seoul International Park in K-town at 3250 San Marino Street in Los Angeles. Information can be found at www.lakoreanfestival.com or by calling 213-487-9696 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Residents of Korea town join in the political life of the City and country in active political and professional organizations such as the Korean American Coalition (KAC), headed by Executive Director Charles Kim. The KAC has worked hard to channel Korean Americans into elected and appointive governmental positions to join Americans from all parts of the world in guiding the most diverse country in the world in its path. Political questions of labor and immigration law, and local representation, are being addressed in several forums by local organizations.

However much of the joy of Korea town is *being there*, exploring stores, restaurants, coffeehouses and bookstores, hunting bargains or hard-to-find items, or trying the many varieties of great local eateries. Touring Koreatown, spending time looking around and enjoying the sights and attractions, is time well-spent anytime the opportunity occurs.

Are You More Prepared??

Interview Workshops

Date- July 23rd, 2003

Date – July 31st, 2003

An average of 40 of participants attended each of the two sessions. The interview

workshops were sponsored by LACEAAA and conducted by retired Senior Personnel Analyst and former Association Board member, Bob Cutler. Bob is an excellent speaker and motivator. He spoke about being prepared for the interview. The first way to prepare is to read the job bulletin carefully. Bob also recommends anticipating questions and preparing written responses that might be expected. Finally practice your responses (even if it is in front of a mirror).

Bob now runs his own interview preparation consulting firm: Employment Strategies. For more information contact Bob at (323) 664-5609 or BC510@aol.com.

Special thanks to Eva Yuan-McDaniel [PLNG], Kenneth Heinsius [DOT], Carol Takafuji [ITA, retired] and Phyllis Yogi [PERS] for helping to plan and produce these seminars!

Due to their success and impact, we will be having more events like these in the future.

Asian Ethnic Restaurants & Communities

Over the next year and a half, the Association will be presenting articles on different Los Angeles cultures. We will be sampling the culture and foods of some of our Asian cousins. Below is a listing of upcoming Association newsletter 'samplings.'

Hawaiian	Japanese	Vietnamese
Indian	Burmese	Chinese
Filipino	Thai	Malaysian

This month's stop is ... KOREATOWN!!! Please let us know if there are other cultures and foods you would like to hear about.

We also want to hear from you about your Asian culture and foods. Do you have a recommendation on where to experience fine ethnic culture or cuisine?

A Perfect Day for a Parade:

Sunday, August 10, 2003 was a good day at Little Tokyo, a key Los Angeles commercial area for the Japanese community. The annual Nisei Week Parade began at First and Central streets and wound its way around nearby streets. A host of dignitaries including Parade Grand Marshall Jesse James, Parade Marshall Rob Fukuzaki, Mayor James Hahn and Nagoya, Japan's Deputy Mayor Yoshio Inden, City Council members Alex Padilla and Antonio Villaraigosa and various community representatives drew large crowds to the 63rd Nisei Week Grand Parade. The Parade Chairperson was LACEAAA's own James Okazaki [DOT].



(Mayor Hahn & Nagoya's Deputy Mayor)

This year, like many others, LACEAAA participated through its members and friends volunteering to help out in the parade. Some members drove convertible cars in the parade, some drove shuttle vans for the VIPs and others provided refreshments at distribution tables. It was an exciting experience for many that joined the fun. Participating members included:

Alexander Kim [Mayor], Kenneth Heinsius [DOT], Joe Quan [ITA], Phyllis Yogi [PERS], Irene Sae Koo [DOT], Jayson Joseph [LACEAAA Webmaster], Jannette Allen [DOT], Peggy Yang [LAPD] and Carol Takafuji [Retired] and Jaime Truong [DBS]. Come out and discover (or rediscover) Nisei Week next year.

Your LACEAAA Cabinet Consists of:

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We Would Like to Hear From You...



Spooky!