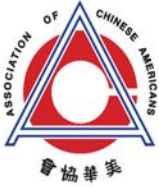


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Service Centers News

By Shenlin Chen

As we enter the thirty-sixth year of servicing the community, we would like to salute those who, past or present, believe in our vision and continue to support us. Through the services delivered daily at different locations, more and more people are realizing that ACA is truly instrumental in enhancing the quality of life in our community. 2007 was full of tangible accomplishments and great milestones such as Youth Workforce Training, Summer Cultural Camp, Weekly Senior Club, Intergenerational Education, Long-Term Care Planning, Hate Crime Awareness Education, Social Services and partnerships with community based groups that brought in multiple program choices for our clients.

Looking ahead, we challenge ourselves with ambitious goals for 2008 to enhance existing programs and add more services that target specific populations. Senior Hot Lunch, Bilingual Story Time for young children, Art Exhibits and Contest, Youth Winter Camp, After-School Latch Key Program, Martial Arts class, New Comers' Club (which aims at serving new immigrants) and Transportation for Seniors are a few examples. Whether it is for individuals, families or a specific group, our ultimate goal is to create a healthy and active community for all. In addition, we have prioritized the needs to expand on the physical capacity of the CCC. Projects identified include front entrance modification, kitchen renovations for more functions and storage area expansion. These projects will help us fulfill our commitment of providing quality services to the community.

There are numerous ways to become involved in ACA and its great mission. We are inviting you to become a volunteer to contribute in the area of your expertise, financially support our programs, or simply participate in the events held by ACA throughout the year.



Chinese Folk Dance Group at 2007 Summer Camp



Marie Weng presenting Outstanding Volunteer Award to William Yee

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**Remember to come celebrate the Year of the Rat
at Golden Harvest Restaurant on Saturday,
February 16, 2008**



President's Message

Dear ACA Members and Friends,

On behalf of the entire ACA Board and as your newly elected ACA President, I wish you and your family a Happy New Year. ACA is an organization with a strong legacy inherited from our present and past members and sponsors. Our Detroit Drop-In Center is now 18 years old, our Chinese Community Center (CCC) is over 2 years old, and we are the largest chapter in the national Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA). The goal for 2008, the Year of the Rat, is to promote our ambitious nature. This is our year to establish an infrastructure to collaborate with other organizations and to reach out to a larger community and provide more services.



(Victor Whang, Linda Forte, Marie Weng)

A major focus of our organization is to reach out to the youth of our communities. This was the theme of our 35th Anniversary Annual Celebration and Fund Raising Event, 'Light the Torch for the Next Generation.' Our keynote speaker was Linda Forte, Senior Vice President from our Comerica Platinum Level sponsor. This focus will continue our mission and create a legacy for our community's future leaders. The education of our youth with programs such as The Future Work Force Training Program funded by a grant from DaimlerChrysler will be expanded for this year. We will continue to promote cultural understanding and its impact on our communities. The grant we received from Allstate enabled us a unique opportunity to assemble and collaborate with leaders from all of our communities to offer an all-day 'Initiative Against Hate Crimes Conference' at our Chinese Community Center. A Multi-Media grant from Rod Gillum, Chair of GM Fund, will enable us to conduct future symposiums. We continue to address the needs of aging Asian American adults through seminars, workshops, and advocacy programs funded by The Detroit and the Oakland County Area Agencies on Aging.

I would also at this time like to give thanks and recognition for our past President, Marie Weng. Marie has made too many contributions to the organizations for me to list here. Her leadership and enthusiasm has set the framework for all of us to follow.

Again we have assembled an outstanding Board of Directors to implement the goals of the organization. Our Board members have committed their time and talent to accomplish these goals. I have confidence that with their passion and enthusiasm and the support of the membership, we will accomplish our goals for 2008.

With my deep appreciation for your support,
Ron Wong, 2008 ACA President



Members of Governor Granholm's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs (ACAPAA) and ACA Senior Club members.
Photo taken by Fred Ferris.

24th Annual High School Achievement Scholarships

By Roland Hwang

The ACA has operated a successful scholarship program for outstanding high school seniors for 24 years. For the sixth year, the Detroit Chinese Engineers Association (DCEA) has co-sponsored and for a consecutive year, the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) co-sponsored. The ACA awarded six scholarships, the DCEA awarded two scholarships, and CAPA awarded three.

The ACA and DCEA Scholarship Recipients were: Janice Hanlu Chen, Helen Yang, Charles Huyi, Phillip Hu, Sophia Jih, Jason Zhang, Shengnu Zhang, Albert Cheng, Margaret Hwang. CAPA's honorees were: Diana Chen, Heidi Chiu, Christy Duan, Julia Kong, Timothy Liu, and Sarah Yu.

The honorees are as follows:

Lesley Chan (Allen Park)	Margaret Hwang (Troy)	Alena Wu (Eisenhower)
Cheng Chen (Troy)	Christopher Jan (N. Farmington)	Chen Yan (Troy)
Diana Chen (Troy)	Angela Jiang (Troy)	Sarah Yu (Plymouth HS)
Hanlu (Janice) Chen (Troy)	Sophia Jih (Troy)	Helen Yang (Troy)
Albert Cheng (Huron)	Qingzi Kong (Novi)	Abby Zhang (Troy)
Alexandra Chin (Country Day)	Alexander Ku (Troy)	Jason Zhang (Country Day)
Heidi Chiu (Troy Athens)	Patrick Lee (Novi)	Cynthia Shengnu Zhang (Troy)
Christy Duan (Novi)	Abraham Lin (Huron)	
Yi Ling Hsiao (Troy)	Timothy Haotian Liu (Country Day)	
Phillip Hu (Troy)	Krithika Shanmugasundaram (Farmington)	
Charles Huyi (Country Day)	Eleanor E. Wong (Stevenson)	

Many thanks to the committee including Roland Hwang, Iris Shen Van Buren, Steve Peng, Simon Tung, Marie Weng, Yucong Wang and Sam Guo (DCEA), and Tai Chan (CAPA). Congratulations to the honorees of the Class of 2008!



Chinese painting is another one of my artistic aspirations. I have been learning it since the age of five. Here are a few of my artworks; I hope you enjoy them as much as I do.

- Jason Zhang



Xiajiang River Scenery (18in x 27in)
May 2006
2nd Prize in the
2006 US National Youth Art Competition



Xiajiang River View (22in x 26in)
June 2004
2nd Prize in the
2004 US National Youth Art Competition



ACA Best All Around Scholarship recipient Janice Chen (L) with Roland Hwang and Marie Weng



River Mountain (18in x 27in)
March 2002
1st Prize in the
2002 Michigan Chinese Youth Art Competition



Clouds in the Huangshan Mountain (20in x 27in)
February 2006



The Freshness after Rain (24in x 36in)
March 2006



Water Falls (36in x 24in)
April 2006



Cruising after Rain (22in x 18in)
March 2006

Welcome New Members!

Sam Ang
 Laura Hung
 Michael & Amy Lee
 Jinbiao Li
 Chuanli Lui
 Jason & Jane Pan Luo
 Peter & Nancy Moy
 Xin Ouyang
 Yun Tung
 Melody & Yar-Ming Wang
 Hua Yang
 Shuangwu Zhang
 Shu En & Shao Hua Fu Zhao

ACA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

January 1 through December 31

To join or renew your ACA membership, please complete this application form and return it with check payable to:

Association of Chinese Americans
Attn: Membership/Margaret Wong
32585 Concord Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Please check one category

Senior Citizen \$ 20 _____ Single \$ 25 _____ Family \$ 35 _____
Senior Citizen Couple \$ 30 _____ Century Club \$ 100 _____ Corpo-
rate \$ 100 _____
American Club \$ 250 _____ Life Membership \$1,000 _____

DONATION \$ _____ Please circle your program of choice:

High School Scholarship

ACA Service Programs

General Fund

Name _____ Chinese Name _____

Spouse Name _____ Chinese Name _____

Children's Name(s) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home # _____ Work # _____

Email _____ Employer _____

New Address? Yes ___ No ___ New Membership? Yes ___ No ___

Membership Renewal? Yes ___ No ___

Website _____ Scholarship _____ Fund _____ Club 500
Development _____ Fundraising _____

Newsletter _____ CCC _____ Building/
Programs _____ Renovation _____

*Interested in Volunteering? Yes ___ No ___

Please check off interested categories:

Thank you for your continued support!

*You will be contacted by an ACA representative for further details regarding your interest



Association of Chinese Americans, Inc.
OCA-Detroit Chapter



Celebrating the Year of the Rat

Date: Saturday, February 16, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Golden Harvest Restaurant

6880 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48092
(Between Van Dyke Ave. and Mound Road)

10 Course Gourmet Dinner
Live Auction, Raffle, Entertainment



(Two Northwest Airlines Roundtrip International travel tickets will be auctioned off)

Ticket Price: Patron : \$75

Regular: \$35

For tickets, please call:

ACA Service Center (313) 831-1790 or
ACA Chinese Community Center (248) 585-9343

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 16, 2008

Lunar New Year Dinner
Celebrating the Year of the Rat
6:00 p.m. Golden Harvest Restaurant
Warren, MI

Friday, April 25, 2008

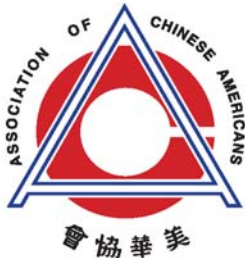
ACA Club 500 Appreciation Reception
5:30 p.m. at Great Oaks Country Club
Rochester, MI

Thursday, July 31 - Monday, August 4, 2008

OCA National Convention
Washington, D.C.

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Celebration '08
5:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency
Dearborn, MI



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