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Service Centers News

By Shenlin Chen

2006 was a year of great achievement for all of our centers. We are thankful for all the individual, corporate and local government agencies for their funding support. We would like to also thank the many volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to make our programs a great success in the past year. As we are entering the new year, let me share with you some program highlights for the second half of last year as well as some important progress that has already been achieved for this year. We look forward to another productive year as many exciting new programs and services are ready to be launched.

2006 Summer Youth Cultural Program

With the funding support from Daimler Chrysler and Compuware, we offered a 10-week summer program at the CCC and the First Baptist Church in Plymouth this past summer. Through constructive activities we introduced Chinese Culture and its precious value to 137 youngsters of Chinese heritage from age 5 to 14. In addition, with the support of President Janny Lu of Ebinger Manufacturing, we were able to offer scholarships to counselors who provided work at the camp with professional skills and attitude. Quan Yuan, Christopher Quiambao, Qiwen Yu, Kenny Lee, Sarah Yu and Matthew Philson were selected for the Outstanding Counselor Awards and received scholarships.

Resource Advocacy

In October, we started the Resource Advocacy service at the CCC. Chinyun Chang, who has been a dedicated volunteer providing counseling service at the CCC, is in charge of this new program. This service provides culturally competent assistance for the Chinese elderly who seek help in various social services. We would like to thank the Area Agency on Aging 1B for the 3-year grant support for this much needed service. We appreciate their recognition for our efforts in improving the quality of life of the older Chinese adults. This service is available every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00AM to 3:00 PM.

Thanksgiving Volunteers Recognition Event

This year, we dedicated the Thanksgiving party to acknowledge the numerous volunteers who contributed to ACA programs in different cities. 27 volunteers were recognized and received certificates at the event. From teaching ESL, serving at the CCC front desk, organizing the library, repairing, watering flowers, preparing food, cleaning up, driving, moving furniture, providing blood pressure checks, these volunteers set up for us good examples of what a caring community should be like. They are truly the greatest gifts given to ACA and the whole community.

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Volunteers Recognized at the Thanksgiving party.

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President's Message

Dear ACA Members and Friends,

The ACA Board joins me in wishing you a Happy New Year. Hope 2007 ushers in as good a year as we just had. Our wish for our organization is that it continues to grow and to reach out to more people, to provide more services, and that our funding keeps up with our growing needs.



Since our July newsletter, we have the following to report:

- On the corporate level, Rod Gillum, Chair of GM Fund visited our CCC which culminated in a \$20,000 grant. DaimlerChrysler awarded us a very generous grant of \$107,000 toward several programs that we are currently implementing at the CCC.
- The Area Agency on Aging-IB has awarded us a \$3,000 grant for the next 3 years to conduct our Senior outreach program.
- Our own members through the "500 Club" have raised \$15,000 which will go toward the renovation and upkeep of the CCC.
- Dr. Man and his family have established a \$40,000 endowment toward a yearly scholarship for the High School Scholarship program in the name of his dearly departed wife and our great friend, Hope Man.
- As ACA President, I currently serve as a member of the United Way of South East Michigan Impact Cabinet, which is charged with modernizing and restructuring the UWSEM in order to respond more effectively to communities in need.
- We held our Annual Celebration '06 fund raising event marking the 34th anniversary of the founding of ACA at the Hyatt Dearborn on Sept. 30th. Over 300 guests attended this successful event. The theme was: "Surviving together in a flat world : adapt or be left behind." Our keynote speaker, Jason Luo, President and COO of Key Safety Systems, Inc., exemplified our theme by describing the skill set he used in order to be successful in the world of the 21st Century.
- We participated with a group of Asian leaders conducting a meeting of the candidates running for office. This was followed up by two informal sessions to educate and assist Asian voters.
- On the community front, ACA attended a 3-day New Detroit Leadership Summit on Race from Oct. 8th - 10th at the Marriott Hotel.
- Ed Sing and Marie Weng, representing ACA, attended the OCA meeting in Dallas, TX to cheer on Steve Chin, ACA member and a founding member of the CCC donors club, while he received the highest award bestowed on a GM employee, the GM Corporate Award on Oct. 20th.
- Six new board members were voted in at the general membership meeting: Sarah Bordas, Fred Ferris, Glen Dong, Cecilia Marchese, Marilyn Russell, and Ronald Wong. They will be officially inducted at the swearing in ceremony on Feb. 24, 2007 during the Chinese New Year Banquet.
- We held our 23rd Annual High School Scholarship award banquet at the Golden Harvest restaurant immediately following the General Membership Meeting on Dec. 3rd.
- ACA is collaborating with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) on the Lunar New Year classical concert on February 17, 2007. ACA will act as a ticket agent for DSO. **Please call us at 248-585-9343 for your ticket needs.** The concert will begin with a DimSum party at 3:00pm followed by the concert. Under the direction of ACA members Dr. and Mrs. Wu, the hall will be decorated in a Chinese New Year style with red lanterns and the musicians will wear red ties.
- **Don't forget to come and celebrate the Year of Boar with us at the Chinese New Year Party on February 24, 2007. See the flyer in this issue and call to reserve your tickets.**

In summary we are happy to announce to our members that we had a very successful year in 2006. Our CCC project is a great success and we are increasingly attracting more and more users and collaborators. We are becoming a "magnet" organization for the Asian community. Through the efforts and generosity of our ACA members, our "Club 500" is growing. We continue to seek more contracts and contribution to fund a variety of programs to serve our community. We are still heavily relying on volunteers to staff the center and are looking into securing more funding so that we may hire employees to better serve and staff the center.

Sincerely,
Marie Weng 01/06/07

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ACA Senior Club and a new GRG Funding

In October, the ACA Senior Club celebrated its first year anniversary. This group started out meeting monthly and has increased to twice a month. Shauchin Tang, who has been a volunteer of the club, is now the Senior Program Coordinator in charge of this program. From preventive health care education to socialization, this club provides a wide range of activities that build up companionship for the seniors for a healthy life. In addition to the Senior Club, we proudly announce the receipt of a 3-year cycle grant from AAA1B for the grandparents raising grandchildren educational workshop that outreaches to Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

Two New Grants supported by DaimlerChrysler

The over \$100,000 funding support we received from DaimlerChrysler Corporation is no doubt the greatest blessing for 2007. As we are entering the second year of operation of the Chinese Community Center, this funding support allows us to leverage existing resources with more flexibility and establish two new programs to carry out our mission. One of the two approved proposals establishes new services and improves existing services for seniors, while the other provides job skills training for young adults. We would like to thank Gene Yee and Ying Fan of DaimlerChrysler for their continuing support during the proposal application. We also give heartfelt thanks to Mr. Richard Chow-Wah, Vice President of Powertrain Manufacturing, for standing behind ACA for these two projects. With the implementation of these two new projects, utilization of the CCC facility will unquestionably be moved up to a new level.

Counseling Training Program

Thanks to the support of Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health, we will offer a counseling training program to serve the Chinese Americans in the Wayne County area. The training program aims to provide courses in helping community volunteers to assist others in providing first line help associated with depression, anger management, information referral and crisis intervention. Maechi Chue, a licensed professional counselor who is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in counseling, will teach the training courses. This program is available in Spring 2007.



(photos above and below)
American Veterans (AMVETS) and their families
repairing over 189 chairs for CCC.



(photo at right)
Tai Chi Fan Dancers
performing at the senior
club meeting



(photo at right)
Wayne State medical
students volunteering for
the monthly health clinic.
2nd from right: James
Lee, student coordinator.



23RD ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BANQUET A SUCCESS

By Roland Hwang

ACA has been operating a scholarship program for outstanding high school seniors for 23 years. Again this year, the High School Achievement Award Banquet was a success. It was held on December 3, 2006 at Golden Harvest Restaurant in Warren. A ten-course banquet was served to nearly 100 people.

For the fifth year, the Detroit Chinese Engineers Association (DCEA) joined as a co-sponsor. And for the first time this year, the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) joins as a co-sponsor. The ACA awarded four scholarships, the DCEA awarded three scholarships, and CAPA awarded 3.

Keynote speakers husband and wife Stephanie and Michael Chang talked about what they considered important points of consideration for new college students – such as maintaining balance in life while in college, and to enjoy the college experience. General Motors retiree David Chang added his comments by talking about what he considered important for fulfillment in life.

The honorees are as follows:

Suraj Bhamra	Henry Ford II	Elisabeth Rayos	Troy
Lynn Bryan	Royal Oak Dondero	Varun Sarna	Troy
Gerald Chang	Athens	Audrey Selburn	Regina
Lillian Cheng	Troy	Yungi (Kate) Shi	Troy
Eric Chow	Athens	Christine So	Athens
Yue Ding	Troy	Jesse Song	Troy
Temple He	Troy	Sharon Soon	Sterling Hts
Grace Kang	Troy	Hyein Christine Suh	Troy
Tiffany Kuo	Troy	Amy Tsang	Athens
Nancy Lai	Troy	June Wu	Troy
Charlie Lin	Troy	Wendy Yuan	Troy
Anna Yue Qiu	Troy	Bo Zhu	Detroit Country Day
Aniruddha Raina	Troy	Grace Zhu	Troy

There was an introduction of the Scholarship Recipients

Temple He	ACA for best all around	June Wu	Mabel Peng Memorial Scholarship for best academics
Lillian Cheng	ACA 2 nd Scholarship	Tiffany Kuo	Margaret Wong Scholarship for joie de vivre

DCEA and CAPA also recognized their scholarship recipients.

Many thanks to the committee including Roland Hwang, Iris Shen Van Buren, Steve Peng, Simon Tung, Gracia Lee, Marie Weng, Yucong Wang (DCEA), and Tai Chan (CAPA). Sarah Bordas, Ed Sing, and Kingman Yee also assisted the committee. All in all, it was a very gratifying event.



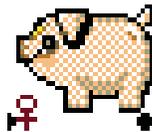
(Left photo) Roland Hwang, Marie Weng, Tiffany Kuo, and Margaret Wong



(Right photo) High School Scholarship Awardees



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Detroit Chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans



Celebrating the Year of the Boar

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2007

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



(Prizes include two Northwest Airlines Roundtrip International travel tickets)

Ticket Price: Patron \$75

ACA Member: \$35, Non-member: \$40

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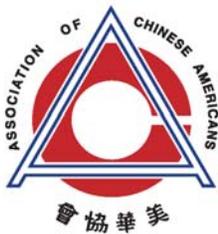
Recognition of New Members

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