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THE API CONNECTION

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JANUARY 2005

Open House!

Organization of Chinese Americans (Above Left) & DC Government Employees (Above Right) were among many people who attended OAPIA's Open House.

On Thursday, December 22, 2005, the holiday season opened its doors to residents, merchants, government workers, community based organization representatives and past volunteers for the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) annual Open House. The Open House ran concurrently with Office of Partnership and Grants, Serve DC, Boards and Commissions and Office on Veterans' Affairs open houses. The open houses were an opportunity for staffs to meet and greet with the community members and give everyone a wonderful occasion to view the different offices. All offices are located at 441 4th Street, NW near the Judiciary Square Metro Station.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious spread of authentic Asian and American cuisines prepared by OAPIA staff, paired with a wide assortment of deserts and tasty delicacies from the cooperating agencies.

Among the festivities, visitors were able to learn more about OAPIA, and the resource library containing various translated materials pertaining to all aspects of the DC community. OAPIA brochures and various publications are translated into Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. The distribution of the 2005/2006 Asian American yearbooks from www.asianamericanyearbook.com also served as a resource and referral guide for the API community. Interest in the African American Yearbook and the Hispanic Yearbook are also available through TIYM Publishing

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FYI NEWS!

JANUARY 13TH — KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY!

The United States House of Representatives recently passed a Bill designating January 13th as "Korean American Day".

On January 13, 1903, the first wave of Korean immigrants arrived in the United States.

Proponents of the Bill have lobbied for this recognition by Congress since 2003.

Source: www.tomdavis.house.gov/

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Director's Message

Greg Chen
Executive Director

Happy New Year to Everyone!

The past year has been a time of engagement, advocacy and coordination for the Asian Pacific Islander community in the District. As our residents continue to demonstrate a spirit of participation and unity, we are building a culture of mutual support, diversity and inclusiveness that strengthens our community. While this is a season when many of us reflect on our past, we also plan for the future. With a renewed vision to promote the welfare of our diverse community, our office is committed to continuing our mandated priorities, and supporting community initiatives that help API community members improve their quality of life. We look forward to working with everyone for another fruitful year! Happy New Year!

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Company.

Greg Chen, Executive Director of OAPIA, excitedly commented that, "This was a great opportunity for the community to meet with our expanded staff and enjoy good food and the holiday spirit". OAPIA would like to thank everyone who came to support the event.

Mayor's Office on Neighborhood Actions (Right)

Mayor's Toy Drive

For six years, the Executive Office of the Mayor continued its tradition of giving toys to the underprivileged children of the city. The toys drive party was held on December 12, 2005 at the Reeves Center. Together with the Mayor and his mother, many DC government staff gathered at the event along with many friends and supporters of the city. The festive evening featured many beautiful performances by local children and youth. Many local restaurants also donated food for the event.

Hundreds of toys were contributed to benefit children from various social organizations. Among the beneficiaries are three API CBOs that serve the children in DC: Asian American LEAD, Boat People SOS and Vietnamese American Community Service Center.

Women's Heart Day

OAPIA partners with Sister to Sister: Everyone Has a Heart Foundation to Encourage D.C. Area Women to Get a Heart-Health Check

Despite strides made in awareness, the majority of American women still don't know that heart disease is the number one killer of women. The good news is that in most cases, it can be prevented by making effective lifestyle changes.

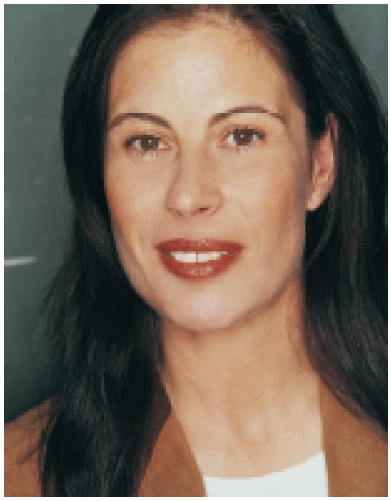
This year, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) works with Sister to Sister: Everyone Has a Heart Foundation, Inc. in their efforts to encourage women to get a heart-health check – screenings for their cholesterol, blood pressure and blood glucose levels along with their body mass index. OAPIA will be assisting in spreading the word about this important event to the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

"Women need to be advocates for their own heart health," said Dr. Roger Blumenthal, director of the Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease and Sister to Sister's special medical adviser.

"It's especially critical because more women die from heart disease than men. Also, women's symptoms are sometimes quite different than they are for men," Dr. Blumenthal explained.

Sister to Sister is a national grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing free heart screenings and heart-healthy information and support to women. Sister to Sister's prevention activities culminate on the third Friday of every February on National Woman's Heart Day® with fun, interactive health fairs held in many of the largest U.S. cities.

The Washington, D.C. area health fair with free heart screenings will be held at the MCI Center, 7th and F Streets, NW, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2006.



CARING FOR YOUR LOVED ONES MEANS CARING FOR YOUR HEART.

Empowering Women Since 2000 to Know Their "Heart Health"

National Woman's Heart Day® Health Fair

Friday, February 17, 2006

Washington, D.C.

MCI Center

8 AM – 2 PM

Senior Holiday Gathering

Forty-five seniors from Chinatown Service Center, along with hundreds of other seniors from all over DC, attended the Mayor's Senior Holiday Party at DC Armory. Although they were too shy to dance, they had a great time, enjoying the food, the music, the festive atmosphere and each other's company.

Top DC Private Foundations Giving to Refugee & Immigrant Causes

According to the Foundation Center, in 2003 the top 50 foundations in the D.C. metro area awarding grants to immigrants and refugees based on the total dollar amount awarded were the following (by ranking):

Rank	Foundation Name	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
11.	The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Inc. (MD)	$2,898,000	3
22.	Public Welfare Foundation, Inc. (DC)	$1,342,500	36
24.	The Annie E. Casey Foundation (MD)	$1,244,908	21
32.	Moriah Fund (DC)	$785,000	22
35.	The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region (DC)	$637,934	24
46.	Freddie Mac Foundation (VA)	$496,000	11

For a complete listing of the ranking, please refer to the FC stats located at http://fdncenter.org/fc_stats/index.html. Other notable mentions include the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation and the Jovid Foundation. The Cafritz Foundation is the largest independent grant making foundation focused exclusively in the Washington metro area. Of the three private foundations, the Meyer Foundation has been the most consistent in awarding grants to community-based organizations that serve the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) immigrant and refugee population. A research of the Meyer Foundation website reveals that since

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2000 they have supported more than 10 community-based organizations in the DC metro area that directly serve API residents.

As each private foundation has different application processes, please consult their respective website for more detailed information.

Annie E. Casey Foundation
http://www.aecf.org/

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
http://www.cafritzfoundation.org/Applicant/app_guidelines.asp
Proposal deadlines: Mar. 1; July 1; Nov.1

The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation
http://www.meyerfoundation.org/grantmaking/grantmaking_show.htm?cat_id=490&doc_id=247404
Letter of inquiry deadlines: Feb. 10; Jun. 9; Oct. 2

The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.
http://hjweinbergfoundation.org/subPages/grantmaking.htm

The Public Welfare Foundation, Inc.
http://www.publicwelfare.org/index.asp

The Moriah Fund
http://www.moriahfund.org/

The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
http://www.cfncr.org/

The Freddie Mae Foundation
http://www.freddiemacfoundation.org/

Adult and Family Literacy Services Grant. *State Education Agency* announces funds to provide educational opportunities to adults (16 and over), to improve their literacy skills and enable them to function more effectively as citizens, parents, and workers. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is February 3, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. The RFA will be released on December 23, 2005, and may also be obtained at the University of the District of Columbia, State Education Agency, 4340 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Room 302, Washington, DC 20008; or http://www.opgd.dc.gov, under District Grants Clearinghouse. Approximately 15 awards ranging from $75,000-$100,000

are available. Applicants are encouraged to attend a pre-application conference; date, time, and place will be announced in the RFA. For further information, contact Keith Watson at kwatson@kairosmgt.com; or go to: http://www.opgd.dc.gov. GrantID: GD903

Champions for Healthy Kids. *The General Mills Foundation, the American Dietetic Association Foundation, and the President's Challenge* announce funds to support innovative programs to help children develop positive, lifelong nutrition, and physical fitness habits. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2006. Approximately 50 awards, up to $10,000 are available. For further information, go to: http://presidentschallenge.org/. GrantID: GD887

Folk & Traditional Arts Mini-Grant Program. *Commission on the Arts and Humanities* announces funds to support projects that are developed in close consultation and collaboration with the communities whose traditions are to be presented. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to use folklorists, ethnomusicologists, or other specialists for documentation, program development, interpretation of presentations, and program production. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is January 18, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. Awards up to $1,000 are available. A match is required. An application workshop will be held on January 4, 2006, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Commission's office, 410 8th Street, NW, Fifth Floor. To RSVP, contact CAH at (202)724-5613. For further information, contact Jose Dominguez or jose.dominguez@dc.gov; or go to: http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/dcarts/site/default.asp. GrantID: GD880

Golf Programs for Youth and the Disabled. *The United States Golf Association Foundation* supports organizations that introduce the game to people who would otherwise not have the opportunity, specifically economically disadvantaged youth and individuals with disabilities. Grants are directed to instructional programs, caddie or other work-based curriculums, and the construction of facilities that make the game more affordable and accessible. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts,

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Health. *Quality Health Foundation* is seeking applications from organizations located in the District that work to improve health care for individuals and communities through measurable outcome improvement projects. Eligible projects include: improved treatment through the use of "best practices"; improved access to healthcare services; and improved communication of health knowledge. Eligible applicants include city or institutions of higher education, and individuals. The deadline for applications is March 13, 2006. For further information, go to: http://www.aamc.org/about/awards/cfc.htm. GrantID: GD881

Homeless Outreach Projects and Evaluation (HOPE). *Social Security Administration* announces funds to demonstrate methods to improve the quality of assistance that medical and social service providers give to homeless individuals who file claims for Social Security benefits. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations that have been awarded the HOPE grant, having a current budget period end date of April 30, 2006. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2006. Approximately 34 awards ranging from $68,583-$100,000 are available. A match is required. For further information, contact Gary Stammer at (410) 965-9501 or gary.stammer@ssa.gov; or go to: http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/SSA/OAG/OPDR/SSA-OAG-06-1/listing.html. GrantID: GD897

HOPE II. *Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.* announces funds to establish subgrantee sites in urban, high crime areas across the U.S. Subawards will be used to: (1) increase the number of crime victims served in the target community; (2) increase training opportunities for service providers assisting victims of crime; and/or (3) increase the ability of agencies providing services to crime victims to collaborate and form networks with victim service agencies. Eligible applicants include faith-based and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2006. Approximately 48 awards of up to $50,000 are available. A match is required. For further information, contact Natalie Sarfin at (301) 952-0063 or natalie@mdcrimevictims.org; or go to: http://www.mdcrimevictims.org/. GrantID: GD871

Learning Circle to Improve the Achievement Gap of Young Men of Color. *DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation (Trust)* announces funds to support the participation of out-of-school time programs that focus on young males of color in activities developed in conjunction with the Cross-Cities Learning Circle on Improving the Educational Achievement of Young Males of Color. Programs should serve young men of color between the ages of 12-18 (middle, junior and high school students) and provide holistic services that incorporate youth development principles and academic enrichment components. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is January 5, 2006. Awards up to $10,000 are available. The Trust will host a Bidder's Conference on December 14, 2005, 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., at 1616 P Street, NW, 7th floor, Washington, DC. For further information, contact the Trust at (202) 347-4441; or go to: http://www.cyitc.org/cyitc/. GrantID: GD872

OVW FY 2006 Training Grants to Stop Abuse and Sexual Assault Against Older Individuals or Individuals with Disabilities Program. *Department of Justice* announces funds to provide training to assist law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and relevant officers of Federal, State, tribal, and local courts in recognizing, addressing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence against individuals with disabilities, including domestic violence and sexual assault, against older or disabled individuals. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is February 16, 2006. Approximately 8-10 awards ranging up to $450,000 are available. For further information, contact GMS Helpdesk at (888) 549-9901 or helpdesk@ojp.usdoj.gov; or go to: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm#OVW. GrantID: GD901

Toolbox for Education. *Lowe's Foundation* announces funds to empower parents and encourage their involvement in their children's schools, through school improvement projects initiated by parents. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and parent-teacher groups. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2006. Approximately 1,000 award of up to $5,000 are available. For further information, contact the Foundation at (800) 644-3561 or info@toolboxforeducation.com; or go to: http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/Community. GrantID: GD875

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Happy Holidays!

May you and your family have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!
~ From the OAPIA Staff

我們衷心祝願您和您的家人度過
一個美滿的節假日， 祝新年快樂！
~ 華盛頓市長亞太裔事務辦公室的全體員工

댁내에 평안과 행복이 가득하시길 바랍니다!
~ 워싱턴 시 아태계주민 담당실 직원 일동

KÍNH CHÚC QUÝ VỊ CÙNG GIA ĐÌNH MỘT DỊP LỄ VUI VẺ VÀ MỘT NĂM MỚI HẠNH PHÚC!
~ Nhân viên Văn phòng Á Châu Thái Bình Dương

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AGENCY MISSION

The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) was created in 1987 as part of Executive Office of the Mayor to address the needs of the District's Asian & Pacific Islander (API) residents. In October 2001, OAPIA became a financially independent agency. OAPIA's mission is to ensure that the full range of health, education, employment, social services and business information, programs and services is accessible to the District's API community.

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