



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Fall 2010

Outgoing President's Message



Irene Ng-Hamada

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President over the past two years. As the 2010 election results are finalized, I say farewell to all of you. It has been an amazing adventure, for which I am truly appreciative of each and every one of you for your continued support.

We have grown over the past two years. Our Meet & Greet Dinner Receptions and Annual Fish Fry picnics both increased in attendance. We also celebrated two wonderful County Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Days attended by state and local elected leaders, community leaders, and celebrity news anchors. During my tenure, we participated in many City, County and Asian community organization events. We also represent the public sector in an Asian Pacific Islander affinity group. However, the greatest accomplishment during my term was getting LACAEEA its own payroll deduction code, a goal 40-years in the making.

While I may be leaving office, I will remain active with LACAEEA as the friendships developed (as well as the Association) will always remain close to my heart.

Outgoing Board Officers



The outgoing 2008-2010 LACAEEA Board Officers, representing many County Departments, were sworn in at the Installation and Awards Dinner on July 31, 2008, and posed with Bill Fujioka, LA County Chief Executive Officer, and emcee Janice Fukai, Alternate Public Defender. (L to R) Jeremy Li (Auditor-Controller), Web Master; Steve Kawamura (CEO), Vice President Operations; Connie Yee (Auditor-Controller), Treasurer; Akiko Tagawa (Public Health), Correspondence Secretary; Bill Fujioka; Jackie Guevara (Auditor-Controller), Vice President Programs/Events; Janice Fukai; Irene Ng-Hamada (Superior Court), President; Brian Lew (CEO), Vice President Public Relations; Borina Nou (Children & Family Services), Recording Secretary; and Mason Fong (Public Health), Editor-in-Chief.

Incoming Board Officers

President - Jackie Guevarra, Auditor-Controller
Vice President Operations - Tevy Sithan, Child Support Services
Vice President Public Relations - Michelle Chen Kim, Alternate Public Defender
Vice President Programs/Events - George Yan, Probation
Treasurer - Meav Ear, Assessor
Correspondence Secretary - Armando Garcia, Child Support Services
Recording Secretary - Dulce Maycumber, Auditor-Controller
Newsletter Editor-in-Chief - Mason Fong, Public Health
Webmaster - Jeremy Li, Auditor-Controller

Editor's Note: Board Officers' photos and biographical information are scheduled to appear in the next newsletter and on the LACAEEA website.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

Meet & Greet, April 1, 2010

The Reception featured three new Department heads (Richard J. Bruckner—Regional Planning, Richard Sanchez—Chief Information Office, and Andrea Sheridan Ordin—County Counsel), and a keynote address by Assembly Member Mike Eng. The festivities were held at the Empress Pavilion restaurant in Chinatown and was emceed by Maria Chong-Castillo, 3rd Supervisorial Board Deputy.



(L to R) Kimberly Jo (CIO), Maria Chong-Castillo, Steven Mar (Regional Planning), Richard J. Bruckner, Richard Sanchez, Andrea Sheridan Ordin, Patrick Wu (County Counsel), and Irene Ng-Hamada. Kimberly, Steven, and Patrick introduced their respective Department heads.

Keynote Speaker, Assembly Member Mike Eng.

API Heritage Day Celebration May 20, 2010

The Heritage Day Celebration's co-emcees were newscasters Ginger Chan (KTLA) and Ted Chen (KNBC). Many dignitaries appeared at the Celebration, which was held outside the Hall of Administration, and discussed Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and recognized the LACAAEA for its efforts in assisting its membership and the broader Southern California Asian community. The LACAAEA also recognized the contributions of some noteworthy individuals, including Leyna Nguyen (KCBS/KCAL newscaster), who was the recipient of the 2010 Outstanding Community Service Award, and the emcee of the 2009 LACAAEA Heritage Day Celebration.



(L to R) Ted Chen, Leyna Nguyen, and Ginger Chan.

Meet & Greet November 18, 2010

The November 18, 2010 Meet and Greet at Empress Pavilion restaurant in Chinatown featured new Department heads, Donald H. Blevins (Chief Probation Officer) and Lisa M. Garrett (Director of Personnel), and was emceed by Mike Gin, 4th Supervisorial District Deputy.

Outgoing LACAAEA President Irene Ng-Hamada began her tenure on April 1, 2008 after the County retirement of former President Henry Yee. Irene delivered a farewell address about the organization during her leadership.

Fish Fry, September 11, 2010



LACAAEA volunteers at the Fish Fry pose for a group photo.

The turnout at the annual Fish Fry was greater than ever, despite a lingering cloud cover and cool weather at Mother's Beach. Three outstanding students were awarded LACAAEA scholarships: Lori Li (USC) - Shirley Bolinger Four-Year Undergraduate; Charles Li (UCLA) - Ed Lee Continuing Undergraduate; and Kelly Christine Jew (UCLA) - Howard Takata Trade and Vocational.

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Editor's Notes

Please visit our website for complete write ups of these and other events. Newsletter comments, suggestions, and/or submissions may be submitted to Mason Fong at mb_fong@yahoo.com.



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