



ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO
30th Lunar New Year Celebration & Asian American Conference
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February 23, 2013 * Hyatt Regency O'Hare * 9 A.M. to Midnight
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**ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO
 TO HOST 30th ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND
 ASIAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2013 AT HYATT REGENCY O'HARE

"CELEBRATING THREE DECADES OF UNIFIED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES"

**JAMES R. THOMPSON NAMED GRAND ASIAN AMERICAN SANDRA OTAKA MEMORIAL AWARDEE
 LOURDES G. MON NAMED PAN ASIAN AMERICAN PING TOM MEMORIAL AWARDEE
 AACC ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOUTH WHO EXCEL AWARDEES**

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CHICAGO, IL - - Final plans are underway for the **Asian American Coalition of Chicago's 30th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration**, "**Celebrating Three Decades of Unified Leadership and Services**" to be held **Saturday, February 23, 2013** at the **Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 West Bryn Mawr Avenue in Rosemont**. The Vietnamese American Community will, for its fourth time, host the Lunar New Year Celebration and an Asian American Conference.

AACC previously announced that this year, it will hold a full-day conference, with the goal of educating and engaging over 2,000 people who are expected to attend. The festivities kick off at 9 a.m. with a Community Health Fair, followed by an afternoon Job Fair, a Conversation with Four University Presidents, a Global Business Forum, AAPI Identity Workshops for high school students, Leadership Workshops for college students, an Interfaith Prayer Session, and will conclude with an evening black-tie optional gala. *(Program subject to change, pending final scheduling.)*

Cocktail reception begins and exhibits open at 5 p.m.; opening ceremonies are at 6 p.m., followed by dinner, entertainment and awards ceremonies until approximately 10 p.m., ending with dancing until midnight.

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An event held on this grand of a scale only once a year, Lunar New Year is traditionally the single largest organized annual event in Chicago's Asian American community. According to the 2010 Census, the Asian Pacific American population in Illinois numbers approximately 586,934, or 4.6% of the statewide population.

Tickets are available at \$800 per table of ten, on a first-funded, first-seated basis. Purchase information appears below and on the website www.aacchicago.org.

Every year a different Asian community takes turn playing host of Lunar New Year. This year it is the Vietnamese American Community, which has thrice before (1989, 1997 and 2005) held the gavel for the Asian Pacific American community's most important event of the year. Nghia Sinh International holds the leadership honors.

"The Vietnamese American community is proud to be hosting the 30th Annual Asian American Coalition of Chicago Lunar New Year Celebration for the fourth time," said Doug M. Nguyen, 2013 Chair of the Asian American Coalition of Chicago Planning Committee, in a prior statement. *"People of all ages are welcome to come for the morning health fair, business expo, job fair, educational and student workshops, or cultural extravaganza at our evening gala,"* he said.

Numerous dignitaries traditionally attend the festivities, including the Asian consular corps, elected and appointed governmental officials, political candidates, top business and corporate leaders, decision-makers and everyone who considers himself or herself a mover and shaker in and around, or for, the Asian Pacific American national movement.

"For 30 years, the mission of the Asian American Coalition has been to promote educational excellence, economic development, and increased government participation and access to all Asian Americans – this year's conference theme reflects our many proud accomplishments," said Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu, President of the AACC 2012-2013 Board of Directors, and one of its Founders, in a prior statement. (Hieu holds the distinction of being the only one founder, who has served the AACC for 30 continuous years, and has not been absent from any AACC annual event for the past three decades.)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Coalition previously announced that attorney **Aurora Abella-Austriaco**, Of Counsel, Clark Hill; current President of the Chicago Bar Association; and Past Chair (2010), Asian American Coalition of Chicago, will serve as its 2013 Keynote Speaker.

AWARDS

The Coalition plans to award its Grand Asian American Sandra Otaka Memorial Award, its prestigious Pan Asian American Ping Tom Memorial Award - its highest award, its 2013 Exemplary Community Service Awards, and its Youth Who Excels Awards that evening.

The Coalition is pleased to announce that the 2013 recipient of the Coalition's **Grand Asian American Sandra Otaka Memorial Award**, is **James R. Thompson**, the 37th Governor of the State of Illinois (1977-1991). This award is periodically presented to a non-Asian Friend of the Asian American community. The Coalition renamed its Grand Asian Award in 2010 after the late Cook County Circuit Court Judge Sandra Otaka.

The Asian American Coalition of Chicago is pleased to announce that **Lourdes G. Mon**, Principal, St. Anastasia Catholic School, located in Waukegan, Illinois, and an educator, public servant and community activist, has been named the **2013 Pan Asian American Ping Tom Memorial Awardee**. The Coalition renamed its Pan Asian Award in 1996 after the late legendary Chicago civic leader Ping Tom. Ping Tom was also one of the original founders of the Asian American Coalition.

Among numerous community and civic service affiliations, Mon has been a school principal for 29 years and an educator for 49 years. She is also a Melvin Jones fellow in the Lions Club International Foundation. She was a member of former Illinois Governor George Ryan's Transition Team on Education and the Workforce and a former Chair of Illinois Governor Jim Edgar's Asian American Advisory Council.

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Mon previously served as President of the Board of the Asian Human Services of Chicago (AHS). Mon served as President of the Chicago Philippine Lions Club. She was also a Volunteer Commissioner in the Appearance Commission of the Village of Skokie, Illinois and held the position of Deputy Central Committeeman of the 9th District of the Republican State Central Committee.

Lourdes Mon also served as a three-time Chair (1986, 1994 and 2002) of the Board of the Asian American Coalition of Chicago Lunar New Year Celebration. In her spare time, she works as Host of the Asian Chronicle USA TV cable television, which appears on public access cable through Comcast Studios in Skokie, Illinois. Every November, Asian Chronicle TV USA holds an awards ceremony to honor exemplary Asians, philanthropic or humanitarians, who have paved the way or have made significant contributions for the betterment of the lives of the less fortunate, the impoverished and the underserved.

The Coalition announces its 2013 Exemplary Community Service Award recipients as follows:

1. **(Mr.) Benny Wong**, Police Officer (1994 - Present), City of Chicago Police Department (18th District); President, Illinois Chinese American Law Enforcement Association; and Founder and Director, Viscounts Youth Group (1966 – 2007), **Chinese American Community Awardee**;
2. **(Mr.) Expedito “Expo” Pacaldo Taghap**, Executive Assistant to Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White; Membership Chair, Ateneans USA and Board Member, JustKidney, **Filipino American Community Awardee**;
3. **(Ms.) Mohina Ahluwalia**, Former Commissioner, Illinois Economic Recovery Commission; Past Chairperson (2010), Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago; Founding Director and Secretary, Indo-American Center in Chicago, **Indian American Community Awardee**;
4. **(Ms.) Anna Herdiana Prabowo**, Staff Associate, UIC College of Nursing; Member, Board of Executives, Indonesian American Community of Illinois, **Indonesian American Community Awardee**;
5. **(Mr.) Stanley Yoshiro Fukai**, Volunteer Bilingual Instructor, Driver Safety Programs, Office of the Secretary of State of Illinois and AARP; Volunteer, Japanese American Service Committee, **Japanese American Community Awardee**;
6. **(Dr.) Sunny Kim (Ph.D.)**, President, iProperties & Assets, Glenview, Illinois; Vice President, Korean American Association of Chicago; and Board Member, Korean American Women’s Association of Chicago, **Korean American Community Awardee**;
7. **(Mr.) Mir Ali**, President and CEO, Midwest Brass & Marble; Member, Pakistan Independence Day Planning Committee, **Pakistani American Community Awardee**;
8. **(Ms.) Oranee Kalayanamit**, Former Registered Nurse, Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Member, Thai American Association and Former Board Member, Thai Nurses Association, Thai American Community Awardee; and
9. **(Mr.) Tuan Le Bui**, Associate Director of Global Clinical Science for Astellas Pharma, Inc.; Member, Vietnamese Truc Lam Buddhist Temple, **Vietnamese American Community Awardee**.

The Coalition announces its 2013 Youth Who Excels Award recipients as follows:

1. **(Ms.) Carmen Jia-Min Yang**, 16, Junior, Thomas Kelly High School, Chicago, Illinois, **Chinese American Community Awardee**;
2. **(Ms.) Danielle Elise Austriaco**, 16, Junior, Maine South High School, Park Ridge, Illinois, **Filipino American Community Awardee**;

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3. **(Ms.) Isha Jog**, 18, Senior, Hoffman Estates High School, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, **Indian American Community Awardee**;
4. **(Mr.) Timothy Satrio Folkers**, 16, Junior, Plainfield East High School, Plainfield, Illinois, **Indonesian American Community Awardee**;
5. **(Ms.) Stephanie Yi**, 18, Senior, Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills, Illinois, **Korean American Community Awardee**;
6. **(Ms.) Anusha Ali**, 20, Junior, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, **Pakistani American Community Awardee**;
7. **(Mr.) Ted Bhumnugky**, 18, Senior, Neuqua Valley High School, Naperville, Illinois, **Thai American Community Awardee**; and
8. **(Ms.) Stephanie Lee**, 22, First Year Dental Student, University of Illinois at Chicago, **Vietnamese American Community Awardee**.

EMCEES

The Coalition announces that the evening ceremonies will be hosted by the following co-emcees:

- * **Mai Martinez**, Weekend Anchor/Reporter, CBS 2 Chicago News;
- * **Lily Kim**, Managing Partner and Host of Ascene Chicago; Director of Business Development of Channel 22 (Chicago);
- * **Doug M. Nguyen**, Deputy Regional Communications Director for U.S. Social Security Administration's (SSA) six-state Chicago Region and 2013 Chair, Asian American Coalition of Chicago Lunar New Year Celebration; and
- * **Expedito "Expo" Pacaldo Taghap**, Executive Assistant to Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White; Membership Chair, Ateneans USA and Board Member, JustKidney, and Singer

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The Asian American Coalition of Chicago welcomes its generous major sponsors, which include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, a Pan Asian Sponsor and Official Corporate Sponsor of the Community Health Fair at \$7,500; American Family Insurance and CNA Foundation as \$5,000 Continental Sponsors; and Horseshoe Casino Hammond at \$3,000; Popular Community Bank and R.M. Chin & Associates as \$1,500 Coalition Sponsors, among others.

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The Asian American Coalition of Chicago welcomes its program partners, which include Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's Asian American Advisory Council (Partner on Community Health Fair); the White House Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) (Partners on Global Business Forum); the Asian American Institute (Partner on Youth Workshops) and the Council on a Parliament for the World's Religions (Partner on Interfaith Forum).

TICKETS

For ticket reservations, please contact tickets@aacchicago.org with a copy to aacc.chicago@gmail.com. Advance purchase is required. **Tickets are \$800 per table of ten.** They are being distributed through community outlets as well as directly from the Coalition. They are **first-funded, first-seated.**

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Sponsorship rates and packages are priced as follows: \$25,000 and Up, Presenting Sponsor; \$10,000 Global Sponsor; \$7,000 Pan-Asian Sponsor; \$5,000 Continental Sponsor; \$3,000 Community Sponsor and \$1,500 Coalition Sponsor. To inquire about or to reserve sponsorships, please contact info@aacchicago.org, with a copy to aacc.chicago@gmail.com.

ADVERTISEMENTS

In addition, advertisement space reservations in the Souvenir Program Book are available at \$500 for a full page (size 8-1/2" x 11") and \$300 for a half-page (8-1/2" x 5-1/2"). Non-profit full-page ads (8-1/2" x 11") are available at a discounted rate of \$300. Checks, insertion orders, and camera-ready black and white artwork creative for 2013 ads are due no later than **January 31, 2013 (extended deadline)**. **Ads must be funded by the deadline in order to run.**

AACC... WHO WE ARE

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the Asian Pacific American population in Illinois numbers approximately 586,934, or 4.6% of the statewide population. Approximately 92,304 Asian Pacific Americans reside in DuPage County, comprising 10.1% of DuPage County's population, with the bulk of the other 322,672 residents of Cook County, comprising 6.2% of Cook County's population. The 2010 Census shows that Asian Pacific Americans reside in Chicago in communities including West Rogers Park, Albany Park, Uptown, Armour Square and Bridgeport; in suburban Cook County in communities including Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Skokie, Niles and Morton Grove; and in suburban DuPage County in communities like Oak Brook and Naperville.

In 10 years, the Asian population in Illinois jumped 38.6 percent. In the Northwest suburbs, Asians now make up 12.7 percent of the population. They make up 10.1 percent of the population in DuPage County, and 6.3 percent of the population in Lake County. These are the 10 Illinois suburbs with the biggest percentage Asian population: South Barrington: 26.6%; Oak Brook: 23.2%; Hoffman Estates: 22.7%; Glendale Heights: 22.1%; Schaumburg: 19.8%; Vernon Hills: 19.3%; Buffalo Grove: 16.0%; Hanover Park: 15.2%; Streamwood: 15.0% and Naperville: 14.9%. (Source: U.S. 2010 Census).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The full program schedule is available on the website www.aacchicago.org. For ticket availability, to make a donation, or for general inquiries, please contact info@aacchicago.org, with a copy to aacc.chicago@gmail.com (*e-mail preferred*).

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