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(from Linda Devine, Editor)

I am grateful, as always, to those who submitted material for the e-newsletter, and to my husband Ed for his photo preparation work, which was quite a bit this time. I also continue to encourage OCAW members to write articles for the publication if there is something you think would be of interest to the membership.

Along with a variety of news in this issue, there is follow-up material relating to OCAW's very successful 40th anniversary conference held this spring. In addition, there are articles pertaining to the celebration in May of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (now officially proclaimed "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month").

Please feel free to send me any suggestions or recommendations that you might have for any aspects of the e-newsletter. My email address is: devinefive@comcast.net.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break!

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New National Treasurer

(from Christina Chang, National President)

OCAW National has a new Treasurer, Chi-Hua Yang. For those who attended the 40th anniversary celebration in April, Chi-Hua was the audio-visual coordinator for the conference and the reunion dinner.

Chi-Hua's service as National Treasurer took effect on May 1. She is willing to take on the heavy load that this position requires.

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If you have any financial information, please send it to her.

Amber Yen has been our National Treasurer for many years. She has done a wonderful job, but now it is time for her to take a little break. Amber will remain our advisor on financial issues. We appreciate her many years of excellent service to OCAW. Thank you, Amber!

Visit with Pauline Tsui

(from Christina Chang)

Joanne Wang, her husband James, Chi-Hua Yang, Christina Chang, and Christina's husband Steve visited Pauline Tsui at her home on Monday, May 15, 2017. Pauline had been scheduled to be a speaker at OCAW's 40th Anniversary Conference in April and to be honored at the Reunion Dinner as OCAW's co-founder, but shortly before the event, she suffered a fall and a subsequent injury and was unable to attend.

When the group visited her, she was in very good spirits and looked great. She showed us the recent award that OCAW had presented to her. She has posted all of her awards on both sides of her hallway, one side exhibiting awards from her Federal government career and the other side awards from outside activities.

We enjoyed each other's company for two hours. Christina showed Pauline the videotape that was taken at the conference as well as the newspapers that contained coverage of our 40th anniversary celebration.

Pauline encouraged OCAW to create some meaningful projects. Then we can apply for grants from The Ruth H. Kuo and Rhoda How Memorial Foundation to fund these projects.



Chi-Hua Yang, Pauline Tsui, Christina Chang, and Joanne Wang

(Photos taken by James Wang)

Celebration of National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, 2017

(from Maria Yang, Virginia Chapter Immediate Past President)

On behalf of OCAW, Christina Chang, National President, and Maria Yang, Virginia Chapter Immediate Past President, were invited to participate in the celebration of National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by the U.S. Department of Transportation, hosted by Secretary Elaine Chao, on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

The featured speakers were:

1) The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, currently the 18th U.S. Secretary of Transportation. She is the first Asian-Pacific American woman ever to be appointed to the President's Cabinet in American history. This is Secretary Chao's second cabinet-level post. She served as the 24th U.S. Secretary of Labor from 2001 to 2009.



The Honorable Elaine L. Chao

2) Joyce Meyer, Deputy Assistant to the President in the White House Office of Legislative Affairs, with a focus on the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to her position in the White House, Meyer was deputy chief of staff to Speaker Paul Ryan.



Joyce Meyer



The Honorable Julia Chang Bloch
Co-founder of OCAW

3) The Honorable Julia Chang Bloch, the first Asian American to hold the rank of Ambassador in U.S. history. She has had an extensive career in international affairs and government service, culminating as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal in 1989.

4) The Honorable Edmund Moy, the 38th Director of the United States Mint. Under his leadership, the Mint added in excess of a \$1 billion surplus to the U.S. Treasury General Fund.



The Honorable Edmund Moy

5) Neil Chatterjee, the Commissioner Nominee to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and senior energy policy advisor to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. Chatterjee was recently named one of the 25 Most Influential People on Capitol Hill by Congressional Quarterly.



Neil Chatterjee

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated annually in the United States during the month of May. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution proclaiming the first 10 days in May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long recognition. In 1992, the month of May was officially designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by law.

The month of May was chosen because it commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. in 1843. It also marks the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 which was a work performed mostly by Chinese immigrants.

We celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages, and unique experiences, represented by more than 56 ethnic groups speaking over 100 languages from Asia and the Pacific Islands who live in the United States.

OCAW's First Online Meeting

(from Dr. Lihua Zhang, New Orleans Chapter Vice President; Baiming Liu, National Vice President for Finance; and Linda Devine)

OCAW held its first online meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2017. The speaker was Dr. Lihua Zhang, Vice President of the OCAW New Orleans Chapter, who has an M.D. degree and a Ph.D. in Nutrition. The title of her presentation was "We Are What We Eat."

Baiming Liu had been inspired by the very successful OCAW 40th Anniversary Conference held in April, and had been encouraged by the wonderful camaraderie she had witnessed among all the participants. As she was familiar with the technology of online meetings and webinars, she had thought that this could be another great mechanism for bringing OCAW members together nationwide. Baiming also thought that non-members could be invited to participate, and it might encourage new membership in the organization. She had proposed initiating a regular schedule of online meetings covering a variety of topics.

Our first attempt was the June meeting. It was a learning process, as members learned how to negotiate the steps to participate in the meeting. But with assistance, participants were able to join in on the seminar. We were also pleased to have the presence of OCAW co-founder Pauline Tsui on the call.

Baiming hosted the session as Moderator. Once all were on the call, Linda Devine introduced Dr. Zhang. The following introduction provides information on Dr. Zhang and our selection of her as our first speaker.



Dr. Lihua Zhang

“Our speaker today is Dr. Lihua Zhang. She has an M.D. degree and a Ph.D. in Nutrition and is Vice President of the OCAW New Orleans Chapter. She has pursued a medical and research career in both China and the United States. She practiced medicine in Nanjing and lectured throughout China. Dr. Zhang relocated to the U.S. in 1999, and among other positions she was a member of the Anesthesiology Department at Tulane University Hospital and has subsequently practiced independently.

Interestingly, Dr. Zhang’s interest in traditional Chinese medicine blossomed while she was in the U.S. She became licensed to practice acupuncture in Louisiana in 2013. She has taken numerous invited classes, interacting with masters of the art in various areas of practice, spanning acupuncture and other methods of traditional Chinese medicine.

Dr. Zhang was an invited speaker at OCAW's 40th anniversary conference this past April, and her presentation on "Traditional Chinese Medicine" was of *great* interest to conference participants. This is why we invited her to be OCAW's first online meeting speaker, and we are very happy that she has accepted our invitation. Thank you, Dr. Zhang."

Beginning her presentation, Dr. Zhang stated that she had covered the elements of traditional Chinese medicine in her conference presentation fairly well, so she wanted to talk this time with an eye toward Chinese medicine but with more of an emphasis on nutrition aspects as they relate to overall health.

She gave a PowerPoint presentation which followed the outline below:

We Are What We Eat

- Nutrients
 - Macronutrients
 - Micronutrients
- Midnight-Noon Ebb-Flow
- When to eat
- What to eat
- FDA food pyramid
- Correspondence between Nature and the Human Body
- Please pay attention to the labels of food you buy and eat
- Food in four seasons
- Food from different regions
- How much to eat
- Following the [diet] trends or not?

According to our schedule, Dr. Zhang spoke for 30 minutes. We then had a Q&A session for 30 minutes. Dr. Zhang's presentation was very informative and educational. She articulated her points clearly, so participants could follow along easily and understand her message.

Audience members were pleased with the meeting and offered positive comments. Carol Yuan, Silicon Valley Chapter President, and Alice Chiou, past SVC Chapter President, were on the call from California. Carol remarked that she felt that this was a wonderful means to communicate, and in the future she would encourage other Silicon Valley Chapter members to join in.

Baiming has proposed that we host our online meetings on the first day of the month, so that it will be easy for members to remember when the meetings will take place. We will inform participants when future meetings are arranged.

(from Baiming Liu)

Thank you all for participating in the first online meeting! Especially my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Zhang who did such a wonderful and informative presentation, which will be beneficial to every one of us, and to Linda who provided very thoughtful steps on how to get onto the meeting room, which allowed participants to get on smoothly.

News from the Maryland Chapter

OCAW 40th Anniversary Celebration

(from Susan Young, Secretary)

Susan's comments about the celebration:

I enjoyed seeing so many amazing ladies in OCAW. The presentations of many, including those discussing the Chinese Exclusion Laws and Traditional Chinese Medicine, were very interesting and informative. Hearing about OCAW's history and many members' wonderful achievements was also very inspiring.



OCAW Maryland Chapter attendees with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao
at the Saturday night Reunion Dinner
at the Harvest Moon Restaurant in Falls Church, Virginia

(Photo taken by Lynn Yang, AACN-TV)



Virginia and Maryland Chapter members' Fun Chorus singing a Chinese song,
"When I Hear Applause," at the Reunion Dinner

(Photo taken by Shifu Xiao Lin Lu)

Also on the subject of the 40th anniversary celebration, Christina Wong Poy submitted the following group photo:



OCAW participants and Embassy of the People's Republic of China personnel

This photo was taken at the conclusion of the guided tours of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Twin Oaks: One Photograph, Many Connections

by Kitty Hsu Dana

(Editor's Note: Kitty is a lifetime Maryland Chapter member who attended the 40th anniversary conference. As you will see in her article below, the event led to an interesting story that connects the past with the present.)

One photograph, many memories: romance, history, family, friendship, country. One photograph brought together old friends, new friends, remembrances, and inspirations.

On Friday, March 31, 2017, the eve of its 40th Anniversary Conference, OCAW arranged a tour of the Twin Oaks Estate, the residence of nine Ambassadors of the Republic of China until the U.S. changed official diplomatic relations from Taipei to Beijing in 1979. The government of Taiwan continues to own the beautiful property, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, D.C., and uses the mansion and gardens for receptions. Despite the gray, wet weather, all present were treated to a warm and fascinating tour.

Dorothy

To the delight of many present, one attendee brought a surprise. OCAW board member Dorothy Hsiao showed a stunning vintage photo from January 1, 1954 with some 300 people in it. Members of the

diplomatic community and their families gathered on the portico of the mansion, flanked by the original magnificent Twin Oaks. A five-year-old Dorothy was present with her siblings and father. Pauline Tsui, who was to later establish OCAW, was in the photo with OCAW benefactor Ruth Kuo, as was Pauline's husband, T.L. Tsui, Senior Counselor of the Embassy, plus Ruth's husband and Pauline's uncle P.W. Kuo. Another OCAW member, Kitty Hsu Dana, found her uncle and aunt, who were stationed in the U.S. at that time.



Twin Oaks Estate, January 1, 1954



Close-up of above photo. Pauline Tsui in center (dark outfit); her husband T.L. Tsui on left (face partially obscured); and Dorothy's father Dr. Hsiao Ching Yuen on right (with spotted tie).

The photograph unlocked memories and opened conversations. Dorothy's father, Dr. Hsiao Ching Yuen, was a diplomat who was China's representative to the U.S. in the Ministry of Transportation and Communication.

Previously he was Director of the Bureau of Highways in China and was responsible for building the great southwestern highway system (Burma Road). Later, he came to the United States as part of the Chinese delegation to the United Nations. President Harry Truman awarded him the Medal of Freedom for his contributions to the Allied Cause in the War Against Japan in 1946.

To Dorothy, the photo reminded her of many happy occasions at Twin Oaks, when family members were invited to celebrations of holidays (New Year's Day, Christmas, 10/10). Kids scampered about, playing on the grounds and in the basement together. The adults chatted and ate delicious Chinese food – men talking with men, and ladies with ladies – in separate rooms of that lovely mansion. These social engagements facilitated learning about and connecting with each other.



Another close-up of above. Dorothy and her siblings. Five-year-old Dorothy in bottom row, second from left with white hat.

The families at Twin Oaks were highly educated, many women and men with multiple advanced degrees from top-tier American universities. And they possessed an exceptional sense of service to the country, often turning down lucrative positions outside of government. That same sense of service translated, in Dorothy, to a life profession as a neonatologist to help children and families.

Pauline

One photo – led to other photos. There's the one of the marriage of a beautiful woman and handsome man on the portico of Twin Oaks in 1947. He was a known bachelor pursued by many women. She was a feminist

leader who had been recruited to the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency. An accident of scheduling caused them to meet. She captured his heart instantly.

The woman was Pauline Tsui. Her husband T.L. Tsui was Senior Counselor of the Chinese Embassy to the United States. He proposed three times before she accepted. They were married by Ambassador Wellington Koo on the beautiful portico of Twin Oaks, attended by 500 guests.



(above) Pauline Tsui and her uncle P.W. Kuo. Ruth Kuo, P.W.'s wife and OCAW endowment benefactor, arranging Pauline's train.

(right) Pauline and T.L. Tsui on their wedding day at Twin Oaks in 1947



Ever since she was a young woman, Pauline resolutely advanced women's equality with men. She was a pianist in China, having inherited musical talents from her mother. Pauline came to the United States in 1944, studied, and received her Master's degree in Education Administration from Columbia University in little more than a year. In need of professionals with Chinese and English language fluency, the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency recruited her. Pauline steadily progressed, becoming the Federal Women's Manager for Equal Employment Advancement. Increasingly she advanced the cause, persuading the Mapping Agency to recognize International Women's Day – later expanded to a Week, then to a Month.

With initiative and ingenuity, Pauline founded OCAW with Ambassador Julia Chang Bloch in 1977 as an independent 501(c)(3) women's organization, not an auxiliary of a men's group. They secured government funding and received a generous endowment from Ruth Kuo. Pauline established nine chapters, visiting many around the country to provide guidance and support for local leaders. Many women that could have joined OCAW did not – reticent because their husbands saw the organization as an attempt to “overturn men.”

One Photo, Many Connections

Pauline's husband certified the marriage of Dorothy's parents in the United States – three days after the occasion of the beautiful January 1, 1954 photograph that inspired this article.

Interviews with Pauline and Dorothy provided the substance for this story. In the process, girls that played together on that New Year's Day memorialized in the photo connected 60 years later: Dorothy and Lynnette, Pauline's daughter.

Pauline spoke of the “outstanding community of people, whose chief drive was to serve their country.” Here we are, 60 years later, connected and re-connected as the history of Twin Oaks brought us back together.

In many ways, OCAW reflects the continued advancement of women's equality in this country. Just this April at the 40th anniversary celebration, we were inspired by OCAW activist leaders from around the nation – many ran for, won, and served in public office, and still do.

Reminders of the Past, Inspirations for the Future

That was a time when what is now Taiwan was China. Now the People's Republic holds that recognition in the United States' “One-China” policy. However, OCAW members, with or without connection to Taiwan, care about what happens in the People's Republic today. We share identity as daughters of China and pride in our legacy as Chinese people. We also have a growing consciousness of our connection to other women of Asian American and Pacific Islander descent.

Asian Americans have one of the lowest levels of civic engagement and voter registration today. To remember is to acknowledge, appreciate, and advance our legacy. It is also about looking to the future: to make more friends, to strengthen connections, to build power, and to advance our community.

We conclude with a few words from Pauline: ***The most important asset that OCAW has built up is the Network of women and connections. Get to know each other. Use it!***

(Research for this article brought Dorothy Hsiao and Kitty Hsu Dana to visit with Pauline Tsui and her daughter Lynnette Lee on May 30, 2017. We welcome comments from OCAW sisters – let's continue the conversation.)

News from the Virginia Chapter

OCAW 40th Anniversary Celebration

(from Noreen Hom, Secretary)

The following are photos taken by Noreen Hom at the Twin Oaks Estate and at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, during excellent guided tours on the afternoon of Friday, March 31, 2017. These events were part of OCAW's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

(Editor's Note: I particularly would like to thank Noreen for answering my request for photos that we essentially did not have in our initial coverage of the weekend. These pictures are helpful in adding to our archival record of the anniversary celebration.)

The Twin Oaks Estate

(Editor's Note: We again would like to thank Mr. Paul (Paohan) Wang, Senior Executive Officer, Consular Division, TECRO, for arranging our tour, and Ms. Daisy (Yu-Ching) Wang, Officer, Consular Division, TECRO, for being our excellent tour guide.)









The Embassy of the People's Republic of China

(Editor's Note: We would again like to thank Ms. Yu Hong, Counselor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, for overseeing our tours, and our excellent guides Ms. Wycee Liu (English-speaking tour) and Mr. Yongxin Wu (Chinese-speaking tour).)



OCAW members gather for our tours of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.











Remembering Clara Tan

(from Cathy Roberts, Treasurer)

Clara Tan was a longtime member of the Virginia Chapter and had lifetime membership status. Her recent passing was shocking and sad news to all of us. She was from Singapore and also maintained a residence in Fairfax, Virginia.

She was a kind person who actively participated in Virginia Chapter activities when she was in Fairfax. We last saw her at the OCAW 40th anniversary conference and dinner. We are glad that she could be a part of the weekend and that we were able to share in the wonderful festivities with her.

On Tuesday, May 9, 2017, many Virginia Chapter members attended her memorial mass at St. Timothy Catholic Church. We expressed our deepest sympathies to her sister and brother who came from Singapore. We will miss Clara, and she will always remain in our memory.

News from the New Orleans Chapter

OCAW 40th Anniversary Celebration

(Editor's Note: Another photo to add to OCAW's archival record of our anniversary celebration.)



OCAW New Orleans Chapter members with Congressman John Lewis,
longstanding member of the U.S. House of Representatives

(Photo taken by Christina Wong Poy)

OCAW New Orleans members were thrilled to meet Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) during the guided tour of the U.S. Capitol, courtesy of Congresswoman Barbara Comstock's office, on Friday, March 31, 2017. The tour was one of the events of OCAW's 40th anniversary celebration.

Congressman Lewis represents Georgia's 5th district. He has served since 1987, and is the dean of the state's congressional delegation. He is noted for being an historic civil rights leader.

Art in Bloom 2017

(from Betty Butz, Past President)

Betty Butz participated in the 29th annual "Art in Bloom" exhibit at the New Orleans Museum of Art in mid-March 2017. This year's theme was "Rhythm & Blooms." "Art in Bloom" is a yearly springtime celebration of floral arrangements, educational programs, and social events.

Betty's contribution was an ikebana of the Sogetsu School. The materials consisted of: blue metal coil base, blue tall glass container, aspidistra, alstromeria, baby's breath, and purple statice.



(Photo taken by Richard Cranford)

News from the Silicon Valley Chapter

(from Carol Yuan, President)

Alzheimer's Association 11th Annual Chinese Alzheimer's Forum

The 11th Annual Chinese Alzheimer's Forum was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Intel Auditorium in Santa Clara, California.

This is the first time our chapter was involved in holding the forum. Members Ai-Chu Wang and Carol Yuan have been serving on the Alzheimer's Association Chinese Committee this year. Eight Silicon Valley members and friends, along with about ten volunteers from other organizations, volunteered at the forum. Volunteers arrived at 11 a.m. for setting up. Check-in started at 1 p.m. The event ran from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. About 400 people attended.



Peining Chang – Forum Chair; Community Outreach Manager of the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada

The conference was tailored to concerned community members, health care professionals, and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Experts in the field presented the latest information on Alzheimer's disease, research updates, self care, techniques in managing the disease, and ways to improve

communication with one's loved ones living with the disease. A family caregiver shared her journey caring for her father. More than 20 agencies participated in the onsite community resources exhibition.



Elsie Wu – Member of the Advisory Board



Hillary Han – Speaker



Dr. Dandan Liu – Speaker



Dr. Hui Qi Tong – Speaker



Dr. Xiaorong Ou – Speaker



Audience members listening to the various speakers



All volunteers and Alzheimer's Association staff



SVC members and friends. (from left) Rose Cheng, Ai-Chu Wang, Carol Yuan, Jen Tsao, Sophia Yang, Emily Chiu, Suwen Wang, and Yuhua Chen

Upcoming Event

July 30, 2017 – Annual Officer Installation and Youth Achievement Awards Presentation

News from the Hawaii Chapter

OCAW 40th Anniversary Celebration and E-Newsletter

Comments from Dr. Yeu-Tsu Margaret Lee:

Linda Devine and her D.C. area group did a great, great job not only regarding the 3-day OCAW 40th Anniversary Celebration, but also with the special [April] national OCAW E-Newsletter! The article at the end about me was but a “period marker” or “page filler.” I thank you all for your kind words, and especially Queenie Chee for the interview and the write-up.

I really enjoyed the 40th anniversary celebration (program and tours). And at the event, I was so impressed with all the activities of the other five chapters. I know Chu Lan has a newer and broader vision for our chapter, and I am sure she'll get our support.

Aloha Always,
Margaret

Dr. Margaret Lee and OCAW

Comments from Susan Louie Lee:

I remember Dr. Margaret Lee when I was working at Tripler Army Medical Center. By far, "Her Story... Yeu-Tsu Margaret Lee, M.D." [which appeared in the *April OCAW E-Newsletter*] is the most inspiring for me.

Thank you for sharing and taking the time to tell ... her story. Dr. Margaret is truly an inspiring example for anyone who desires to persist, overcome, achieve, and serve humanity humbly. And OCAW is a wonderful vehicle to bring together friendships, professionalism, and service.

Mahalo nui loa,
Susan Louie Lee

General Membership Meeting

(from Rena Young Ochse, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor)

On Sunday, May 21, 2017, a General Membership Meeting was held at the Maple Garden Restaurant in Honolulu.

The speaker was Will Espero, who spoke about the rail system in Honolulu. Many oppose continuing this project as it is costing more than what was planned. Unfortunately, they are taxing the citizens, and most of the elderly cannot afford to live in Hawaii, so they may choose to move to the mainland as the cost of living may be lower there.

Also at the meeting, Queenie Mow Chee's tribute to longstanding member Blossom Tyau (*see below*) was read by Gretchen Jong. Gretchen was a very close friend of Blossom and provided rides for her and took her to lunches and dinners.

Upcoming Meeting

(from Rena Young Ochse)

At the upcoming meeting on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at the Maple Garden Restaurant, our speaker will be Suzanne Chun Oakland, a 26-year veteran in Hawaii politics who will be talking about Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center. The Center provides education, health promotion, recreation, social services, and cultural activities for seniors, 60 and older. It is a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i and is funded by the State through the Department of Health/Executive Office on Aging (EOA) through contracts with EOA and the City and County of Honolulu/Elderly Affairs Division.

**Aloha Blossom Tyau
May 2017**

by Queenie Mow Chee



OCAW has lost one of its staunchest supporters: Blossom Young Tyau, a Charter Member and Founding Member of the Hawaii Chapter, lived life to the fullest to the end. She was not feeling well on a Friday night and was gone from life on earth by Saturday. Just shy of her 95th birthday, she had lamented that she was “going deaf, getting blind, couldn’t drive, and getting forgetful,” but she was very much still “in the driver’s seat,” attending functions and staying connected with the world.

Blossom was our perennial Parliamentarian, firm but diplomatic, and served the Hawaii Chapter as a Board Member and Chair of numerous committees since 1989 when we were first established. She purposely did not hold office at any time, always wanting to be at the ‘worker’ level. Her vast number of key contacts in the community, and her goodwill, enabled our club to enjoy entrée into venues that most others wished they had. For example: because of her contacts, we held a reception at the Governor of Hawaii’s official residence, the historic Washington Place, and had a private tour of Senator Hiram Fong’s Plantation in celebration of our 10th anniversary and OCAW National Convention held in Hawaii.

Because of ‘Aunty’ Blossom’s influence, major hotels in Waikiki and private country clubs produced their best for our events. The Hilton Hawaiian Village, Sheraton Waikiki, Royal Hawaiian Hotel, and the Kahala Hilton (now called The Kahala) held her in high regard, and she worked well with them for decades. She was also well-known and loved by the Waiialae Country Club and Oahu Country Club, and collaborated superbly with them as well. When she was involved with events, more often than not, the rooms were filled to capacity, be it 250 or 1,000 attendees. Top local entertainers lent their talents generously because she asked for their help. When it came to ‘opening doors’ and finding donors for our causes, she was the person who could get it done.

Blossom was always there to ‘step up to the plate’ to cover for us, whether it was a last-minute airport run to pick up Ambassador Julia Chang Bloch, or assembling, printing, and mailing flyers for an event. She donated her own beautiful jade jewelry for many of our fundraiser silent auctions, all of which were successful in bringing in the dollars for our charities. A warm and delightful Mistress of Ceremonies for many events, she brought joy to every occasion.

Always the one who wanted to do things properly, with class and beauty, she was not shy to speak out to guide us into doing things well! In the early years, she and her childhood friend and classmate, Dorothy Jim Luke, were a formidable team for this. Together, they produced well-attended and wonderful events that were much publicized and well received.

Most of us in our Chapter are aware of Blossom's Chinese society connections: the Chinese Women's Club and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Hawaii Chinese Civic Club, and even the Associated Chinese University Women, and many more. The Palolo Chinese Home recognized her with the Distinguished Volunteer Service Award for her many years of steering their Dynasty Golf Tournament, serving as a Board Director, and raising almost \$15 million for their new nursing and rehab facilities. Her talent in assembling grand table displays for Chinese major festivals (New Year, Moon Festival, weddings, and birthdays) were acknowledged as absolutely amazing.

But she was also a moving force among other groups in Hawaii, such as the Travel Women's Club, one of her favorite organizations for over 50 years. She was a respected voice in the area of Tourism. Her career in the shipping and cruise line industry brought her in contact with so many from all walks of life. Blossom was also an East-West Center Foundation Trustee, and held positions on Boards with the Bishop Museum, the Colleges of Arts & Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the Honolulu Academy of Arts (now the Honolulu Museum of Art), the Ronald McDonald House Charities, and the Kapiolani Community Culinary Arts Program. She served as an appointee to different committees for Hawaii State Governors. She was a friend and supporter of Governors John Burns and George Ariyoshi, and included Jean Ariyoshi, the First Lady, in her circle of companions. She also associated with Governor Ben Cayetano and his wife Vicky.

In her youth, Blossom grew up on Maui in a multiethnic neighborhood. There were few Chinese, and mostly Japanese, Hawaiian, Portuguese, and Filipino families back then. A 1940 graduate from Baldwin High School, she was an honor student and a swimming team champion. In her senior yearbook, classmates predicted her future as "a leader in professional circles, clubs, charitable organizations, and community volunteer arenas." She was funny, witty, and a friend to all.

Blossom told me that her parents decided to send her to Honolulu, on the island of Oahu, for a college education so she "could meet some Chinese boys!" She attended the University of Hawaii through her junior year, but left school to work with the U.S. Army Port and Service Command for defense efforts with the outbreak of World War II. Then she met and married the love of her life, Vernon Tyau. She would say as a result, she matriculated with "a Mrs. Degree from the College of Hard Knocks." Her wit and humor, coupled with her intelligence and aloha smile, charmed our community and rippled across the Pacific, well beyond our tropical shores.

Among her many accolades, the common thread was that of SERVICE. The OCAW Hawaii Chapter honored her on our 25th Chapter Anniversary with the Distinguished Service Award. What was the secret to her ability to get people to donate to a cause? Most often, individuals donate because of WHO ASKED. When BLOSSOM asked, she received! And it was never for herself, but for a worthy charity. She was respected, well-liked, trusted, fair, and generous of herself to others. Grounded in her Chinese traditions and wrapped in a genuine Aloha Spirit, Blossom Young Tyau won our hearts with her special style and humor. She will be dearly missed.

Blossom is survived by her two children, Janice Petersen and Sheldon Tyau.

(Editor's Note: Queenie Mow Chee is a Hawaii Chapter Past President.)

(Photo courtesy of Rena Young Ochse)

News from the Kohala Hawaii Chapter

May 25, 2017

Dear OCAW Sisters:

Since I am writing this during the month of May, which is the month Congress declared we acknowledge Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders *aka* AAPI, my theme is on this topic.

OCAW is alert to national trends in relation to AAPI: The 2006 OCAW Amended Bylaws added two new Purposes, c. and e., to include, roughly worded but on target anyway, "...other women's groups, and Asian Pacific Islander American groups."

This change was initiated by Virginia Cheung, Esq., OCAW's National Board's pro bono legal advisor; Josephine Lo, Esq.; Suzy Hung, Esq.; Rosetta Lai, National President; and Pauline W. Tsui, Acting Executive Director. They updated other areas in the Bylaws. The final draft was unanimously approved by the general membership in 2006, more than 10 years ago. So congratulations to OCAW for stepping forward. Keenly aware of May being AAPI month, Pauline and I worked tirelessly to have the OCAW history book that we started late in 2010, completed and ready for the book launch in May 2013. *Whew!* On Thursday, May 30, 2013, it was launched at Ambassador Julia Chang Bloch's home, with a celebratory event chaired by Rosetta Lai.

My favorite wise idea that I live by is "when drinking water remember the Source." Maria Yang created a banner for our Chapter for OCAW's 40th Anniversary with those words written in Chinese. This idea is really generic wisdom instinctively known by all cultures all over the world, each in their own tongue.

I loved my Apo who came from Wai Chow district, East River, Kwangtung district. Thin as bamboo, illiterate, with natural big feet, of peasant class, I thought her to be very smart and wise as I listened to her broken English. "When you get good stuff no foget who givum you." "You go school you listen teachers they learn smart people." So I loved school. Teacher's pet at Pauoa Elementary School in Honolulu, and I skipped the 7th grade going from grade 6 to grade 8 with two smart Japanese girls at Waimanalo School. This school met the needs of the Japanese and Filipino immigrants hired by the Waimanalo Sugar Plantation from the 1930s through the mid-1950s.

This school also met the needs of the growing population of Hawaiians, *that's me*, settling in on the state's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Waimanalo residential subdivision with 99-year leases at a cost of \$1.00 a year. These leases were and still are awarded to Hawaiians with at least one-half Hawaiian blood quantum. My father was 100% Hawaiian. We moved to Waimanalo Hawaiian homestead in 1941.

My 82-year-old brother and his family still live on our homestead. When he inherited our father's lease, his lease started a new 99-year term at \$1.00 a year.

From my professional experiences with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Kamehameha Schools, my colleagues and I guess that about half of the families living on long-term leasehold Hawaiian homestead land on the islands of Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Oahu are part Chinese. The marriage of Chinese with Hawaiians is legendary in the state of Hawaii. The reasons for this union have been studied by historians and social scientists at the University of Hawaii and demographers in Hawaii.

"What's to study?" said my friend Kekoa. "Us, Chinese/Hawaiians, and vice versa...If CAN, CAN. If NO CAN, NO CAN." Shorting one's speech is a generic adaption people do in large and small communities all over the world.

Irma Tam Soong, first Executive Director of the Hawaii Chinese History Center in Honolulu, established in 1970, compiled a list of 90 **HAWAIIAN-CHINESE SURNAMES** from *Abing* to *Ah Yun*.

This list is noted in Appendix 6 on page 377 of the sold-out book, CHINESE PIONEER FAMILIES of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai, edited by Yee, Ken and Nancy Wong and daughter Sylvia Mei-Ling Yee, 2009, Hawaii Chinese History Center, University of Hawaii Press, 6x9, 400 pages soft cover. Hawaii's public libraries may have this book available. I have two books in my personal library and I'll be happy to make copies of the 90 **HAWAIIAN-CHINESE SURNAMES** for anyone who'd like it. All data in this book is in the public domain.

To conclude, four members of our Kohala Chapter have shown interest in their Chinese roots. They are discovering the Chinese writing of their Chinese surname or surnames. This is a clue to our Chinese roots. All six of us are *hapa*, mixed, multiethnic.

The National Archives and Records, Administration Site, San Bruno, California has all the interview files of the Chinese traveling to and from the United States from 1898 to the late 1940s available for viewing.

---The general web address is: <http://www.archives.gov>

---The web address for San Bruno information is:

<http://www.archives.gov/pacific/archives/san-francisco/contacts.html>

---A searchable index is: www.uscis.gov/genealogy

Best,

Puanani Woo
Advisor, Kohala Chapter

From and About Our Members

About Christina Chang, National President

(from Christina Chang)

Christina Chang received a Community Service Leadership Award from the Asian American Chamber of Commerce on Friday, May 12, 2017. The award was presented at the 7th Annual Jewels of Asia Gala, held at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia.

The organization seeks to build bridges between Asian American businesses to businesses throughout the Greater Washington area to achieve strength of unity that promotes economic growth, harmony, and opportunity for all.

The following is Christina's acceptance speech:

“I feel honored to be considered a Community Service Leader. I never expected to be noticed for stepping up when I learned something needed to be done.

I feel blessed to live in this country and just wanted to give back to the community.

I thank my husband Steve, my family, and my friends for helping me when I bit off more than I could chew. And I thank the Asian American Chamber of Commerce for noticing when we do what we can with what we have.”



Christina Chang (in white gown)



(Photos courtesy of the Washington Chinese Daily News)

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA, 11th District) rose to recognize the Asian American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) and the recipients of the 2017 Excellence Awards during the 115th Congress, 1st Session in Washington, D.C. The names of all of the award recipients were entered into the *Congressional Record*.

Christina is certain that being a member of OCAW and serving as President caught the eye of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce. She also feels that she would not have received this award without the help of her OCAW sisters. And she thanks OCAW sisters who have given her their congratulations.

The following is the link to the article on the award ceremony that appeared in the *Washington Chinese Daily News* on Saturday, May 20, 2017. It is in Chinese.

<http://www.washingtonchinesedailynews.com/images/file/paper/2017/WCN0520B02.pdf>

(Editor's Note: All of OCAW joins in congratulating Christina!)

D.C. Dragon Boat Racing

(from Camilla Ng, OCAW-MD Past President)

OCAW-MD member Camilla Ng and friends participated in the 16th Washington, D.C. Dragon Boat Festival which was organized by the Taiwan-U.S. Cultural Association (TUSCA) to promote Taiwanese culture in the Washington, D.C. area through the sport of dragon boat racing. The festival also included cultural exhibitions and craft demonstrations. It was held on the Potomac River on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, 2017.



The Dragon Boat Festival is the traditional festival of Duan Wu Jie.



In past years, lion dancers opened the ceremony of the festival. This year the event organizers invited an amazing Taiwanese band with traditional Chinese instruments, the Formosa Melody Music Center, to begin the ceremony.

The lead instrument is the Ko chhoe. According to Dr. Akey Hung, this is a trumpet that is played in many celebrations in Taiwan.

The Ko chhoe player initially stood with his back to the river and the dragon boats, then walked to his band who wore white masks and black costumes. The awakening sound of the brass instrument was stirring and celebratory.

Formosa Melody Music Center



Zhongzi provided by the Chinese Youth Club (CYC)



Kickoff first heat: The government teams. Asians United, a Joint TECRO, Chinese Youth Club, and D.C. Mayor's Office co-sponsored team, is in the No. 3 boat. Boats were lined up waiting for Festival VIPs to do the "eye dotting" ceremony. Key Bridge is in the background.



In this heat, the Phoenix team is in the lead. The team includes Stephen Roberts, son of Cathy Roberts, OCAW National Vice President for Membership.

Camilla invited colleagues from her workplace to paddle in the race with her. They all had a great time!



(from left) Lara Santiago, Astrid Rapp, Camilla Ng, and Seth Dickson

The Maryland Governor's Office of Community Initiatives: Work in Progress

by Christina Wong Poy

(Editor's Note: Christina is Treasurer of the OCAW Maryland Chapter.)

The State of Maryland Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs was originally established on June 25, 1992 by Executive Order 01.01.1992.14, and later elevated to the Executive Department and housed within the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) on September 17, 2007 by Executive Order 01.01.2007.19. The purpose: "The Commission and the Office shall work together to maintain effective liaison and outreach to individuals, organizations, businesses, and government agencies to share information concerning programs that will benefit both the Asian Pacific American community, and society at large." The Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs was formed in 2012 to reflect the increasing population of South Asian Americans in Maryland. Previously, South Asian American commissioners served on the Governor's Commission on APA Affairs.

As a staff member of GOCI, I enjoy working to ensure equal access for all Marylanders to the state's abundant resources. Within our office sits the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV),

Volunteer Maryland, community affairs and engagement within the executive branch of Maryland government, faith-based outreach, and the governor's eight ethnic and cultural commissions. There are 21 commissioners of Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Indonesian, Cambodian, Japanese, and Filipino descent who serve on the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, and 18 commissioners of Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, and Nepali descent on the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs. As the administrative director of these two commissions, I work directly with the commissioners to enhance and improve the business and educational opportunities of these growing communities, and to ensure that their voices are heard. GOCI encourages cross-cultural engagement and collaboration amongst the ethnic commissions, GOSV, and faith-based outreach through initiatives such as the multitude of "Maryland Day to Serve" projects held from September 11th to October 10th. Doing so allows us to work outside of our comfort zones and to learn how to address common challenges across different racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds.

The commissioners and I are especially busy from January through March with Lunar New Year's festivities and in May with the many Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations and activities. It is important for us to be recognizable and approachable within the communities so that residents, and those who want to do business in Maryland, feel comfortable letting us know they want us to help connect them to state resources. The commissioners are volunteers appointed by the governor based on their community and/or business leadership and service within their respective Diasporas.

As a state employee appointed by the governor, I also have the privilege of representing Governor Larry Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan at community and business events throughout Maryland and in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

One of my current position's responsibilities – that I happen to enjoy greatly – is getting out into the community, providing greetings on behalf of the Governor and First Lady, and connecting them with the APA community. Mrs. Hogan is the first Asian First Lady in Maryland history and the first Korean-American First Lady in U.S. history. An accomplished artist and adjunct professor at Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), the First Lady has also been especially supportive of the arts community and in the activities of the APA Diaspora. She was recently awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) in recognition of her accomplishments in leadership and inspired service to the state and nation. I often accompany her at community events or attend when she is unavailable.

Last year, Maryland celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) in Annapolis with Jeanie Jew as our keynote speaker and remarks from First Lady Hogan, who recalled her own childhood growing up on a chicken farm outside of Seoul and later immigrating to the United States. Unavailable to attend in person this year, she provided a "greetings" video for the three APAHM celebrations organized by our commissioners in Cecil, Frederick, and Montgomery Counties. She also graciously agreed to our request to display one of her paintings as the cover art for GOCI's inaugural APAHM Commemorative Book, which was spearheaded by Commissioner Elizabeth Chung of the Governor's Commission on APA Affairs (Elizabeth is an OCAW-MD lifetime member).

And speaking of Elizabeth, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that she was recently recognized with NBC4's "Working 4 the Community Award" for establishing the Asian American Center of Frederick. AACF provides programs to assist lower-income, minority, or immigrant groups reach their full potential through access to health insurance enrollment, interpreter/translation services, ESL and Citizenship classes, mentoring, housing, education, employment, and business development services. Other awardees included former OCA-DC President Bel Leong-Hong (President and CEO of Knowledge Advantage Inc. and Chair of the Democratic National Committee's AAPI Caucus), Becky Lee (founder of Becky's Fund), and Commissioner Mayur Mody of the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs (founder of

American Diversity Group, which aims to build and sustain healthy community through integrated medical practice, education, and awareness). NBC4's annual APAHM event was hosted this year by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea at the Korean Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. It was particularly meaningful to GOCI to have two of our commissioners and their organizations acknowledged for the difference they make in the community. In fact, the commissioners voted to postpone our quarterly scheduled APA Affairs Commission meeting on the same night just so that they, along with Elizabeth's and Mayur's families, staff/board members, and I could attend this event precisely in the communities that we're serving. Again, congratulations to our OCAW sister Elizabeth, who is a shining example of a Maryland commissioner "Working 4 the Community"!

Catch it here:

[Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month: Elizabeth Chung](#)

[Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month: Mayur Mody](#)

[NBC4 Celebrates APAHM](#)

For more information about Day to Serve, go to: <http://www.daytoserve.org/>.

* In December of 2016, the chairs of the Virginia Governor's APA Advisory Board, the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission on APA Affairs, and I organized the first "*Mid-Atlantic AAPI State Advisory Boards and Commissions Leadership Convening*" of Gubernatorial- and Mayoral-appointed State and City Asian Pacific American Advisory Boards and Commissions to participate in an open discussion of AAPI issues and best practices. The Commissioners of the Maryland Governor's Commissions on APA and SAA Affairs, members of the Philadelphia Mayor's Committee on APIA Affairs, the Virginia Governor's APA Advisory Board, the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission on APA Affairs, and the Washington, D.C. Mayor's commissioners participated in roundtable dialogue at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. We would like to expand this effort nationally. So if you know of any groups in your state, county, or city which has a similar APA/SAA commission or board, please let me know the name and how to contact them.

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Here are some highlights of Asian American events that Christina participated in during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. These are occasions that she attended, and/or for which she provided remarks, and/or at which she presented the Governor's Proclamation designating May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Celebrating 2017 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Montgomery College

May 1, 2017

This was a facilitated group discussion on Cross Cultural Adjustment within the Asian American Pacific Islander Community with a Licensed Certified Social Worker Clinical (LCSW-C). The discussion covered the following topics:

■ Coping with cultural differences between family generations ■ Coping with parental expectations and family stressors ■ Coping with dating and relationship stressors ■ Common emotional/mental health concerns in the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and ways to seek culturally competent help

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Recognition and Reception by the Montgomery County Council

May 2, 2017

Governor's National Day of Prayer Breakfast

May 4, 2017

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, when all faiths come together to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration in Cecil County

May 4, 2017

Administrative Director Christina Poy presented the Governor's Proclamation for May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

School Visits with the Tbulan Children's Choir of Taiwan

May 5, 2017

The Tbulan Children's Choir of Taiwan performed, engaged in language and cultural exchanges with American students, and toured Rising Sun Middle School and West Nottingham Academy in Cecil County.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Festival in Frederick County

May 6, 2017

This official GOCI event was organized by AACF/Commissioner **Elizabeth Chung (OCAW-MD)** and the Arts, Culture, and Interfaith Subcommittee of the Governor's Commission on APA Affairs with support by GOCI, to celebrate the accomplishments and share the unique traditional customs, food, music, arts, and languages of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Maryland.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in Montgomery County

May 6, 2017

Administrative Director Christina Poy presented the Governor's Proclamation for May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's Annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

May 8, 2017

This event also marked the 30th Anniversary of the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs.

Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs Commission Meeting

May 10, 2017

K-Cinema Reception and Screening of DongJu: The Portrait of A Poet

May 11, 2017

Korean Cultural Center

Taiwan Culture Center Concert and Presentation of Taiwanese American Community Scholarship Awards (TACSA)

May 13, 2017

The Greater Washington Taiwanese American Choir (**including Maria Yang, OCAW-VA Immediate Past President**) performed songs, followed by five Juilliard-trained musicians featured in this concert: Pianist Dr. Ching-Wen Hsiao of West Virginia University, Dr. Joseph Yungen of Frostburg State University, Dr. Erh-Ren Lee with the Washington Ballet, cellist Steven Honigberg of the National Symphony Orchestra, and Dave Taylor.

2017 National AAPI Business Summit

May 16, 2017

U.S. Department of Commerce – Minority Business Development Agency

The 2017 National Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Business Summit was organized by the Minority Business Development Agency in collaboration with the National Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship (National ACE). The purpose of the Summit was to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander business success and address issues facing AAPI businesses across the nation in the areas of access to contracts, capital, and global markets.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebrating Baltimore’s Asian Communities

May 16, 2017

This event was hosted by Exelon’s Asian American Resource Group (AARG), Baltimore-Xiamen Sister City Committee, Baltimore-Kawasaki Sister City Committee, and the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs, and featured cultural performances and Asian cuisine.

FAPAC (Federal Asian Pacific American Council) National Leadership Training Conference

May 16-18, 2017

The FAPAC annual National Leadership Training Program is a premier training destination for federal employees including D.C. government and military personnel. It is designed to provide training in leadership, diversity, and inclusion/EEO, and career advancement and management. The conference is open to all federal employees.



Administrative Director Christina Poy with Congresswoman Amata Coleman Radewagen at the FAPAC Gala. The latter is the Delegate for the U.S. House of Representatives from American Samoa.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Congressional Reception

May 17, 2017

The U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

The APAHM Congressional Reception was hosted by the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS).

Christina Poy dined with **The Honorable Ruby Moy, former President of OCAW National.**

2017 CAPAC Congressional Ceremony for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May 17, 2017

The U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Congressional Auditorium

Members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

NCAPA (National Council of Asian Pacific Americans) Discussion on Civil Rights and Immigration

May 17, 2017

The U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Congressional Auditorium

NCAPA, founded in 1996, is a coalition of 34 national Asian Pacific American organizations around the country. Based in Washington, D.C., NCAPA serves to represent the interests of the greater Asian American (AA) and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities and to provide a national voice for AA and NHPI issues.

Committee of 100 (C100) APAHM Reception

May 17, 2017

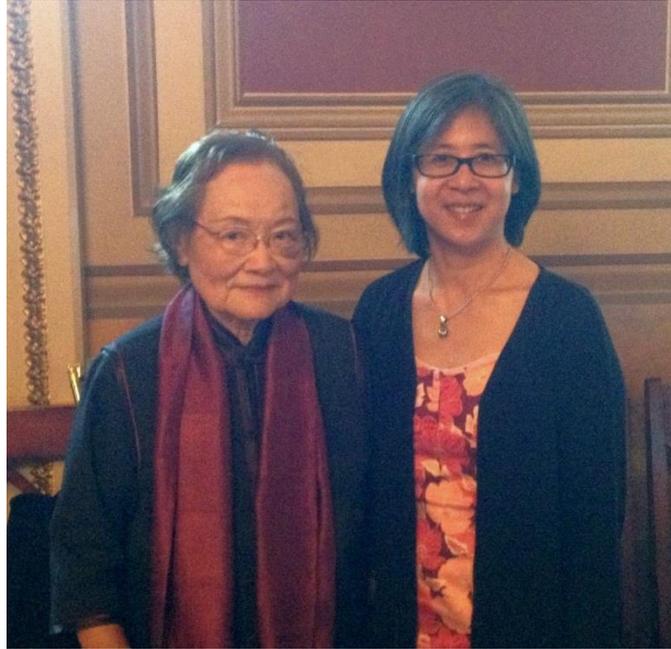
The U.S. Capitol Building, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Room

Members of the Committee are leading U.S. citizens of Chinese descent who leverage their collective resources to advance the Committee's missions. The founders determined that the Committee would not be politically driven, but at the same time not shy away from taking a stance in the political arena. Many of the issues addressed by the Committee have strong public policy implications, including foreign relations, trade policy, civil rights, and social justice. As a nonpartisan organization, the Committee's stance on these issues is independent and does not align with any political party in the United States or with any government in Asia.

Administrative Director Christina Poy attended, as did **The Honorable Lily Lee Chen (former President of OCAW National)** and **Ambassador Linda Tsao Yang (former OCAW National Advisory Board member)**.



During the reception, Martin Gold, longtime U.S. Senate staff member and author of [Forbidden Citizens: Chinese Exclusion and the U.S. Congress: A Legislative History](#), provided a history lesson and tour of LBJ's reception room.



The Honorable Linda Tsao Yang, C100 member. She was former U.S. Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank, and also formerly served on the OCAW National Advisory Board. With Christina Poy.

Committee of 100 (C100) Annual Conference Summit

May 19, 2017

The JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.

The C100 Annual Conference is the premier forum on U.S.-China relations and Chinese American advancement. Speakers explored the global impact of the U.S. and China on economic, environmental, political, and socio-cultural developments. Conference participants included leaders from top multinational corporations, senior government officials, and illustrious representatives from the art and entertainment world.

Former OCAW-MD Presidents Christina Poy and Camilla Ng attended, as did **The Honorable Lily Lee Chen (former President of OCAW National)** and **Ambassador Julia Chang Bloch (Co-founder of OCAW)**.

Pictured below:

The Honorable Lily Lee Chen, former Mayor of Monterey Park, California, became the first Chinese American woman mayor of an American city in 1983. She served as OCAW National President from 1983 to 1984. She is a Founding Board Member of the Committee of 100.

Ambassador Julia Chang Bloch is the Founder and President of the US-China Education Trust (USCET). She was the Co-founder of OCAW.

David Yao is special advisor of the US-China Education Trust in charge of staff matters as well as general operations.



Christina Poy, The Honorable Lily Lee Chen, Ambassador Julia Chang Bloch,
and David Yao at the C100 Conference

“Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China”

by Camilla Ng

(Editor’s Note: Camilla is Past President of the Maryland Chapter.)

I attended a documentary screening of “Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China” (2014) at the African American Museum in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The screening was part of the annual 1882 Foundation program.

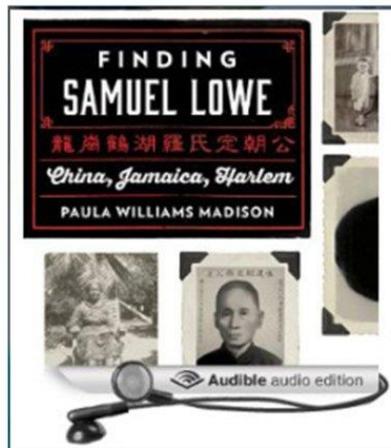
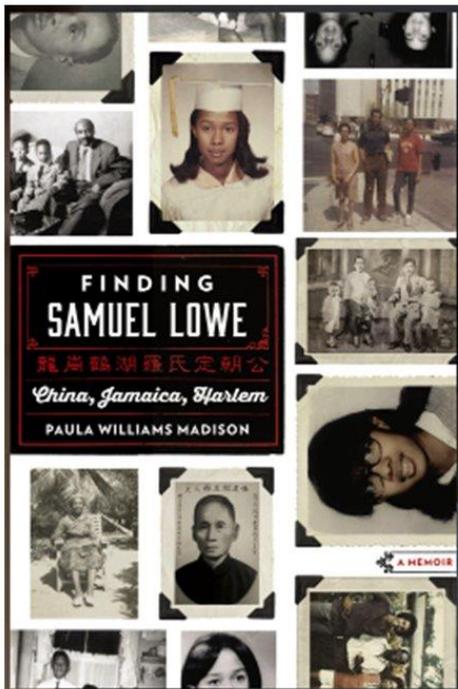
This is the story of Afro-Jamaican Paula Williams Madison, a retired NBC Universal executive, and her two brothers’ search for their Chinese roots. Paula and her siblings were raised in Harlem, New York, by their half-Jamaican, half-Chinese mother Nell Vera Lowe. Nell taught her children to be high academic achievers to the best of their ability, which led them to actualize the American dream, and they rose from welfare to become successful business entrepreneurs. Nell was separated from her father when she was 3 years old in 1920. When she was 15, she went to look for him but discovered that he had left Jamaica in 1933 with his Chinese wife and children to return to China. Nell passed away in 2006.

To fulfill their mother’s desire to find her father (their grandfather), Paula and her brothers embarked on an emotional journey in search of Samuel Lowe. This journey took them to Jamaica, Toronto, and China. They discovered hundreds of descendants of Samuel Lowe in China, who embraced them as a family after 91 years of separation.

The Chinese Jamaicans who went to Jamaica in the mid-19th to early 20th century were mostly the Hakka, from Guangdong, China. They were imported by the British Parliament as indentured servants on the sugar

plantations to replace the outlawed black slavery system in the Caribbean Islands. This indentured immigration was outlawed in 1917. Many of the Chinese immigrants became dry goods storekeepers and owners of supermarkets. Samuel Lowe, Nell's Chinese father, was one of these immigrants who had a humble beginning, but became quite successful as a storekeeper. There was great anti-Chinese sentiment in the 1900s, culminating in the first massive anti-Chinese riot in 1918. It was against this backdrop that Nell was forever separated from her Chinese father.

I highly recommend this documentary film. It is an emotional powerhouse, profound and genuinely honest in the treatment of race, familial ties, the unexpected discovery of one's heritage, and the heartwarming embrace of family that transcends races. It is also a story of the Chinese diaspora that is repeated over and over again. "Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China," directed by Jeanette Kong, is available as a DVD on Amazon. It is also a book written by Paula Williams Madison.



<http://findingsamuellowe.com/video/paula-williams-madison-discusses-finding-samuel-lowe>

Hung Yi's "Fancy Animal Carnival" Exhibition

by Lishan Chang and Linda Devine

(Editor's Note: I was delighted to work with Ms. Lishan Chang, Deputy Director, Press Division, of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the U.S., on the following article. When Lishan learned that OCAW members had visited the Twin Oaks Estate in March in connection with our 40th anniversary celebration, she invited us back to view sculptures that had been put on display since that time.

Lishan originally sent me photos of a few of the artworks. I thought they were appealing and might interest

OCAW members, so she graciously went to Twin Oaks and photographed all of the pieces along with their descriptions. I very much enjoyed meeting Lishan and valued our collaboration on this project.)

Acclaimed Taiwanese contemporary artist Hung Yi's "Fancy Animal Carnival" exhibition is currently on display in Washington, D.C. Taiwan Academy of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) welcomes audiences to view Hung's colorful, vibrant, and festive animal sculptures.

Hung Yi was born in 1970 in central Taiwan. These painted sculptures were all created by him based on his own experience and observations of people's daily lives. They represent joy and happiness by employing child-like designs, bright colors, patterns, and symbols of folk culture or religion. Because of the interactive nature and colorful characteristics of the pieces, audiences always enjoy the exhibit.

Sculptures are on display at the Twin Oaks Estate, and one is situated in front of the TECRO office building on Wisconsin Avenue.



Giraffe Fortune

Baked Enamel on Steel Plate, Granite

In Giraffe Fortune, the giraffe's neck is extremely long, resembling a bamboo stalk. In Taiwanese culture, bamboo has many symbolic meanings, among them strength and commitment to continuous growth. The sculpture not only symbolizes the idea of strength and commitment to grow and achieve one's dreams, but specifically Hung Yi's lofty ambitions.

Giraffe Fortune is located outside of the TECRO office building at 4201 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.

Inside the Twin Oaks mansion:



Rhinoceros

Baked Enamel on Steel Plate

A rhinoceros imparts the impression of a steady force that moves forward courageously. It exactly reflects the projection of the artist himself.

Wealthy Horse

Baked Enamel on Steel Plate

A gold sycee (on the horse's back) represents wealth. Hung Yi also uses Mandarin words as symbols of fortune, and implied is a successful, rich, and bright future.





The Circus

Titanium plated on Stainless Steel, Bronze

The circus standing on the rock is expressing the feeling of the artist. Hung Yi wishes he could be the Ambassador of Taiwan and introduce his homeland to the world.



Diamond on the Horse

Titanium plated on
Stainless Steel

The diamond on the horse
symbolizes the nature of
human beings to pursue
wealth.

On the grounds of the Twin Oaks Estate:

Round Dragon (black)

Baked Enamel on Steel Plate



In 'Dynamic' Round Dragon, Hung Yi uses metallic tones – grays, blacks, silvers – to represent post-industrial civilization. His sculptures, made of baked enamel on steel plate, are representative of a new age, made possible with modern technology. The Dynamic Round Dragon represents what is possible with modern technology.



Round Dragon (color)

Baked Enamel on Steel Plate

‘Fortunate’ Round Dragon features the Dragon King of the East, symbolizing honor, harmony, luck, and power. The painting on the sculpture shows Hung Yi’s extraordinary artistic technique with fine and smooth brush strokes, along with intricate, varied patterns and colors. Round Dragon’s red and gold horns express its authority, and its body is covered in plum blossoms, lotus flowers, and peonies, to add a happy, cheerful atmosphere.



Ox

Baked Enamel on Steel Plate, Granite

Hung Yi anthropomorphizes the Ox to symbolize the hardworking Taiwanese people of generations past. Through this sculpture, he wants to invite people to find the inspiration and courage to face their futures with the work ethic of the Ox.

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In addition to the above sculptures, “American Eagle and Buffalo,” “Dragon Horse,” “Auspicious Triple Sheep,” “Dromedary Camel,” and “Bactrian Camel” are on display in downtown D.C. at locations such as CityCenterDC, Herald Square, and Chinatown Park.

This exhibition is jointly supported by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of China (Taiwan), TECRO, CityCenterDC, and the DowntownDC Business Improvement District (BID).

It will be on display through October 15, 2017.

Please feel free to read more detailed information in the press release at the following link:

http://www.roc-taiwan.org/us_en/post/6258.html

For those OCAW members who participated in the guided tour of the Twin Oaks Estate during the 40th Anniversary Celebration, Lishan would like to encourage you to visit again to view the sculptures in person. On behalf of TECRO, she welcomes all interested individuals back to the estate. If you would like to visit, feel free to contact TECRO and let them know of your interest.

(All photos taken by Lishan Chang)

(Editor's Note: My great thanks to Lishan for making this wonderful article possible!)