

# E-Newsletter of the Organization of Chinese American Women

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*(from Linda Devine, Editor)*

This is the final issue for 2016. As always, thank you very much to those who submitted material for the e-newsletter, and to my husband Ed for his photo preparation work.

I continue to encourage OCAW members to write articles for the publication if there is something you think would be of interest to the membership, and it has been heartening to see more members sending in information to share. I hope that in 2017, we will see an even greater variety of submissions.

Please feel free to send me any suggestions or recommendations that you might have for any aspects of the e-newsletter, and I will be happy to see if they work for our publication. My email address is: [devinefive@comcast.net](mailto:devinefive@comcast.net).

I hope that OCAW members are seriously considering coming to the Washington, D.C. area next spring for OCAW's 40th Anniversary Celebration Conference and Reunion. It will be a wonderful event! In the meantime, I wish you all a joyous Thanksgiving, a memorable winter holiday season, and a happy new year!

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**OCAW 40th Anniversary Celebration Conference and Reunion**

*(from Christina Chang, National President, and Donna Byler, Executive Director and 40th Anniversary Committee Chairman)*

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### **Message from the Vice President for Finance**

*(from Baiming Liu)*

As OCAW's Vice President for Finance, I have thought about some ideas with regard to fundraising and other finance-related matters.

1. Coordinate with local U.S.-China related community organizations to attend their local events; and encourage donations.
2. Organize regular events (such as holiday parties, performances, lectures, online webinars, etc.) to give exposure to OCAW, to let more people be aware of our organization and its mission; and encourage donations.
3. Set up table stands at local popular places, such as Chinese schools, Chinese senior citizen centers, etc.
4. Explore government funding opportunities.

I would like to encourage feedback on the above ideas, and I would welcome any other input or suggestions from all OCAW members. Thanks!

### **President's Trip to Hawaii**

*(from Christina Chang)*

Mahalo to the Hawaii and Kohala Hawaii Chapters for your hospitality during my recent visit.

On Sunday, September 25, I had lunch with Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock (Hawaii Chapter Vice President and President-elect), Rena Young Ochse (past president), and Sharon Pang at the US-China Peoples Friendship Association luncheon at the Happy Days Chinese Restaurant.



Steve Chang, Rena Young Ochse, Christina Chang, and Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock

After the luncheon, Queenie Mow Chee (immediate past president) drove me to high tea in the afternoon with Hawaii President Linda Young and Parliamentarian Blossom Tyau. We had a good talk.



Christina Chang, Blossom Tyau, and Linda Young at “The Veranda” at the Kahala Hotel and Resort

On Thursday, September 29, I had lunch with Chu Lan, Rena, and sisters Geraldine “Gigi” Ko and Isabella Monzon. Gigi and Isabella have led successful fundraising for the chapter each year.



Rena Young Ochse, Christina Chang, Gigi Ko, and Isabella Monzon



Two days later, on Saturday, October 1, I had lunch with Kohala Hawaii Chapter President Veronica Lani Eugenio and Advisor Puanani Woo on the Big Island of Hawaii. Both are good writers.



Veronica Lani Eugenio, Christina Chang, and Puanani Woo

I am happy to have had a chance to meet such wonderful OCAW sisters who work extra hard to make our organization better and stronger. I appreciate their dedication to OCAW and their kindness to me.

I am proud to be part of OCAW and look forward to seeing everyone at our National Conference next spring.

Christina Chang  
OCAW National President

### **News from the Virginia and Maryland Chapters**

*(from Maria Yang, Virginia Chapter President and Maryland Chapter Acting President)*

#### **Moon Festival Celebration 2016**

The OCAW Virginia and Maryland Chapters celebrated the Moon Festival on Sunday, September 11, 2016. The event was held at the Arlington Central Library in Arlington, Virginia, and about 30 members and friends participated.

The Moon Festival, also called the Mid-Autumn Festival, is a popular harvest festival celebrated by the Chinese and by people in Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and the Philippines. The festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month (August) in the Chinese lunar calendar, during a full moon. An ancient Chinese proverb says, "Spring prayers are answered in autumn." The festival is an occasion for people to express thanks for the answers to their prayers and to celebrate the harvest. In the old days, the weather on the night of the festival would be used by people to predict the weather on the day of the Lantern Festival (January 15, lunar calendar) in the following year.

In this year 2016, the Mid-Autumn Festival was on September 15. We had an early celebration on September 11. The program included social time, a potluck dinner, sharing Moon cakes, a presentation on the meaning of the Mid-Autumn Festival, a recital of Moon Poetry, and a prayer for the victims of 9/11.









Event organizer Maria Yang

*(All of the above photos taken by ChiHua Yang)*

One of the moon poems recited was by Su Shi (1037-1101 A.D.), a Chinese poet during the Song Dynasty. Some of the event's participants were able to sing it in Chinese. The following is the translation of the poem.

### ***Thinking of You***

***by Su Shi***

*(In the night of Mid-Autumn day, having been drinking happily over night, I am drunk and write this poem to remember my brother, Zi-you.)*

*“When will the moon be clear and bright? With a cup of wine in my hand, I asked the blue sky.*

*In the heaven tonight, I wonder what season it would be.*

*I would like to ride the wind to fly to the moon,*

*Yet I fear the crystal and jade mansions are much too high and cold for me.*

*Dancing with my moonlit shadow, it does not seem like in the human world.*

*The Moon rounds the red mansion, stoops to silk-pad door, shines upon the sleepless.*

*Bearing no grudge, why does the moon tend to be full when people are apart?*



*People have sorrow or joy, be near or far apart,*

*The moon may be dim or bright, round or crescent shaped,*

*This imperfection has been going on since the beginning of time.*

*May we all be blessed with longevity,*

*Though thousand miles apart, we are still able to share the beauty of the moon together.”*



*(Photo taken by Dottie Roberts)*

### **China Energy Fund Committee Forum and Gala Dinner**

On Sunday, September 25, 2016, some members and friends of the OCAW Virginia and Maryland Chapters attended a forum about the history and battle experiences of the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945), which was followed by a Gala dinner. The event was held in the Ballroom of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., and was sponsored by the China Energy Fund Committee headquartered in Hong Kong.

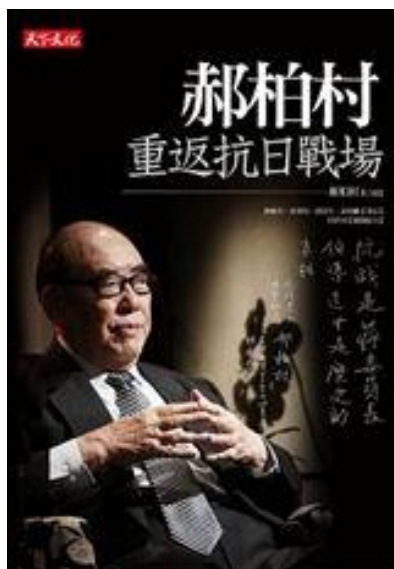
OCAW-VA was one of the ten organizations in the Metropolitan Washington D.C. area to help organize the event. As part of my volunteer work for this occasion, I participated in five preparation meetings and assisted on the day of the event from early morning to late evening. In return, I was able to invite 30 people to attend the Gala dinner for free.

The China Energy Fund Committee is a nonprofit and non-governmental global think tank, with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and is fully funded by the China Energy Company. It is committed to research into global climate change and environmental economics, international cooperation, and sustainable development. It also holds forums on world civilization to explore common ethics.

The keynote speaker of the forum in the afternoon was Hao Bo-cun, a retired politician who was the Premier of the Republic of China from 1990 to 1993 and the longest-reigning Chief of the General Staff of the ROC armed forces from 1981 to 1989. He wrote a book recently about his trip in 2014 to the battlefields of the Second Sino-Japanese War in China and the battle history of the war.

The Second Sino-Japanese War, also called “the Eight Years of Resistance against Japan” or “Anti-Fascist War” or “Anti-Japanese War,” was a military conflict fought primarily between the Republic of China and the Empire of Japan from 1937 to 1945. The war was the largest Asian war in the 20th century. It accounted for the majority of civilian and military casualties in the Pacific War, with anywhere between 10 to 25 million Chinese civilians and over 4 million Chinese and Japanese military personnel dying from war-related violence, famine, and other causes.

During the forum, Hao Bo-cun discussed conclusions from his book, Returning to the Battlefields of the Anti-Japanese War. In this work, Hao records his sentimental feelings as an old veteran who participated in the war when he returned to the battlefields in China. Hao says that 8 years of Anti-Japanese War led by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, was a complete war that halted China’s development. The war had a deep impact on politics at that time and afterward. As a “war veteran,” Hao re-examines the history of this epic war, urging the younger generation on both sides of the Taiwan Strait to remember the mass sacrifice in China, with the hope that the book will make the next generation understand the facts of the war and be alert to the misinterpretation of facts for political reasons.



Returning to the Battlefields of the  
Anti-Japanese War

by Hao Bo-cun

in Chinese

1st edition 2015; 2nd edition 2016

I was told that Hao Bo-cun brought 300 free copies of his book for the Forum participants in New York on Friday, Philadelphia on Saturday, and Washington, D.C. on Sunday. However, the number of participants far exceeded the number of books. People who are interested in reading the book might want to borrow it from someone who was lucky enough to receive a copy.



*(Photo taken by ChiHua Yang)*



*(Photo taken by Maria Yang)*



### **Federal Asian Pacific American Council event**

On behalf of the OCAW Virginia and Maryland Chapters, I participated in the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) 2016 installation of officers and awards ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The ceremony was held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2016.

The new President of FAPAC is Olivia Adrian, who is working at the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Vice President is Marina Milton, from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Some participants used their lunch break from work to attend the event. OCAW Maryland Chapter Treasurer Christina Wong Poy, who is the Administrative Director of the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives in Maryland, was invited as a VIP to participate in the ceremony.



*(from left) Maria Yang, Olivia Adrian, and Christina Poy*

### **News from the New Orleans Chapter**

#### **First Annual Chinese Culture Festival**

*(from Betty Butz, Immediate Past President)*

Various Chinese American communities, bonded by common cultural traditions, observed the season of the mid-autumn full moon by attending the first Annual New Orleans Chinese Culture Festival presented

September 12-18, 2016, at Lakeside Shopping Center in Metairie, Louisiana. They were joined by local merchants and visitors to the mall. The celebration was jointly organized by the New Orleans Chinese Association and the New Orleans Chinese School. OCAW New Orleans Chapter members were in attendance.

There were demonstrations in traditional Chinese medicine applications, live music, singing and dancing in costumes, fashion shows, culture exhibits, and brimming good will from everyone. The event was a refreshing diversion from suffering caused by a 1000-year flood that caused widespread damage in south Louisiana, but left New Orleans unscathed.



OCAW New Orleans Chapter Past President Lucy Chun, who is also a well-known local real estate broker, led the organization of the festival.

*(All photos taken by Dr. Si Chung)*













*(Front row, from left)* Yvonne Louie, Cynthia Lee Sheng, and Nancy Chung



*(from left)* Nancy Chung, Li Lee Chen, Mangjee Yeh, and Yvonne Louie



### **Community Service Award**

*(from Pat Ellzey, President)*

The Asian Pacific American Society of New Orleans (APAS) is awarding the Annual Frank Hara Community Service Award to Patricia Hew Ellzey, President of the OCAW New Orleans Chapter, for the Chinese Community on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the APAS Annual Fall Gala. *(Editor's Note: Congratulations, Pat!)*

### **News from the Silicon Valley Chapter**

*(from Carol Yuan, President)*

#### **City of Saratoga's 60th Anniversary Hometown Parade**

Over a dozen OCAW Silicon Valley Chapter members participated in the celebration of the City of Saratoga's 60th anniversary with a parade on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. Saratoga, California, was incorporated in 1956 to avoid being annexed to San Jose. The city was named in 1865 after Saratoga Springs, New York. Previously it sported the names of Bank Mills, Tollgate, and McCarthysville. Its current population is close to 30,000 with over 40% Asian Americans.

The parade marched along downtown Big Basin Way with floats, musical ensembles, car clubs, civic organizations, and more. No entry fee was required to join in, and the parade was open to all groups of individuals who were interested.



SVC members with lion dancers from Shaolin Kungfu who volunteered to perform in the parade





Happily parading in beautiful downtown Saratoga, holding our OCAW-SVC banner, Mid-Autumn Festival flyers, flag, and balloons

Our chapter has had a long and deep relationship with the City of Saratoga. Several of our members have been serving as Saratoga city council members and mayors, as well as on Saratoga school boards. We've also hosted and participated in various city-wide community events in the past, such as the Blossom Festival, Lunar New Year celebration, and Mid-Autumn Festival. We joined this recent celebration to show support for our local community.

### **Mid-Autumn Festival in the City of Saratoga**

Held on Sunday, September 18, 2016, this was the third year in a row that our chapter co-hosted the Mid-Autumn Festival with the Saratoga Historical Foundation in the City of Saratoga. We requested a grant from the City to sponsor this event and also recruited students from Saratoga High School Chinese classes to volunteer at the festival. We hoped to bring a cultural, historical, and entertaining event to the community, as well as provide community service and hands-on learning opportunities to the younger generation.

Annette Stransky, President of the Saratoga Historical Foundation, invited historian and author Connie Young Yu to give a 40-minute presentation at 1 p.m. on "Digging to Chinatown, the story of Asian exclusion." On May 4, 1887, San Jose, one of the largest Chinatowns in the West, was destroyed by arson in the furor of the anti-Chinese movement. The Chinese refused to be driven out. Their friend and ally, John Heinlen, fought opposition from an angry city to build a new Chinatown on his property. Surrounded by an eight-foot-high fence, Heinlenville was a unique community of merchants and families. It was the home base for Chinese workers throughout the valley, who came to celebrate feast days and worship at the splendid Taoist temple.

*(right)* Historian and author Connie Young Yu

*(below)* Listening to Connie Young Yu's lecture



A Japantown grew next to Heinlenville, and the two communities coexisted amicably. But with the restrictions on Chinese labor, the Chinatown finally ended in 1931. It was buried and forgotten until a redevelopment project for Japantown began in 2007. Archaeologists uncovered the brick foundations of a



pioneer village. Artifacts and testimonies of descendants have revealed that the roots of the Asian American community can be traced to Heinlen’s Chinatown.

Through historic photographs, footage of the excavation, and interviews, “Digging to Chinatown” is the story of people’s struggle against Asian exclusion, of battles lost and won that define our society and identity today.



Community members and Connie Young Yu. (from left) Lisa Huening, Cynthia Chang, Saratoga Mayor Manny Capello, Connie Young Yu, Mary-Lynne Bernald, James Lindsay, Renee Paquier, and Carol Yuan

At 2:30 p.m., the performances started with singing by the Colorful Universe Children’s Singing Troupe. This was followed by a Chinese musical instruments performance by siblings from the Liu family who are members of the California Youth Chinese Symphony, and by Chinese dance by children from The Oriental Chinese Dance Arts Institute. Saratoga High School drama teacher Sarah Thermond and students also were invited to introduce and promote their fall play “The White Snake.”

Colorful Universe Children’s Singing Troupe







Sunny, Sandee, and Salene Liu



Annette Stransky and Cynthia Chang with dancer



The Oriental Chinese Dance Arts Institute dancers

For children's activities, there were stations for storytelling, arts and crafts, moon cake tasting, a quiz and prize game, a Chinese calligraphy demonstration by the Lanting Calligraphy Club and the Huafeng Chinese Calligraphy Association, and sugar painting by Ms. Shuchen Buchko.



Chinese calligraphy demonstration

Ms. Shuchen Buchko and sugar painting







To advocate awareness of the drought situation that California has been facing, our member Nai Hsueh, board member of the Santa Clara County Water District, hosted a station with materials on current water issues, water recycling plans, The Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, and more; and Candice Huang, our Secretary, hosted a station to demonstrate drought-resistant succulent planting and provided cuttings for guests to bring home and plant. The Santa Clara Library, Saratoga branch, also hosted a station to promote its services and programs to the community.

Succulent planting demonstration

We'd like to thank Saratoga High School Chinese Class teachers Ms. Mariam Fan and Ms. Sarah Tseng for preparing the Mid-Autumn Festival-related display, for being with us all afternoon, and for encouraging their students to volunteer.

A few hundred people came to the festival that afternoon and the event ended at 4:00 p.m.



Saratoga High School Chinese Class, Exhibitors, Performers, and OCAW-SVC officers



**Fundraising Party for “Walk to End Alzheimer’s”**

We had a mahjong and karaoke fundraising party at member Alice Chiou’s house on Sunday, October 2, 2016. Over a dozen members came in and out between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. to sing, dance, talk, snack, and play mahjong. It was a relaxing fun afternoon together after months of busy activities.



*(left)* Cynthia Chang and Micheel Huang danced to the music.

*(below, from left)* Alice Chiou, Carol Yuan, Rachel Huang, and Shina Lin played mahjong.





*(Front row, from left) Candice Huang, Wendy Chang, Sophia Yang, Cynthia Ho, Cynthia Chang, and Alice Chiou  
(Back row, from left) Carol Yuan, Ping Li, and Amy Shiau*

### **San Jose Walk to End Alzheimer's**

This is the second year our chapter formed a team and participated in this event. We've raised \$1500 as a team. Twelve members, friends, and family members joined the walk on Saturday, October 8, 2016. This walk in San Jose, California, has 339 teams and 3852 participants, and it has raised over \$1,270,000 so far.

The check-in started at 8 a.m., the ceremony started at 9 a.m., and the walk started at 10 a.m. The 3-mile walk in downtown San Jose went by new office buildings, boutique stores, the Tech Museum of Innovation, and Christmas in the Park, and through the campus of San Jose State University. It was a refreshing way to explore the city. We walked with the "Stand By You" team whose captain was Peining Chang, Community Outreach Manager, Alzheimer's Association, Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter.

We all had a great time for the good cause, and we may try the San Francisco walk next year for the experience that different scenery would bring.





Group picture with “Stand By You” team



(Front row, from left) Sophia Yang, Ai-Chu Wang, Carol Yuan, and Amy Shiao  
(Back row, from left) Jen Tsao, Norman Chu, Grace Liu, Leeland Wong, Ching Kuo,  
Suwen Wang, and Nai Hsueh



(from left) Suwen Wang, Jen Tsao, Peining Chang, and Amy Shiau

(from left) Amy Shiau, Grace Liu, Nai Hsueh, and Chung Chi Huang



(from left) Leeland Wong, Carol Yuan, Ching Kuo, and Suwen Wang





(from left) Amy Shiau, Grace Liu, Ai-Chu Wang, Sophia Yang, and Norman Chu

### **Upcoming Event**

January/February 2016 – Member holiday social

Please go to our website, <http://www.ocaw-svc.org/>, for updates on our chapter.

### **News from the Hawaii Chapter**

#### **Moon Cake and Tea Pairing in Honolulu, Hawaii**

(from Linda Young, President)

In celebration of the Moon Festival, several OCAW Hawaii members decided to participate in our Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's Moon Festival Fundraiser at the Empress Restaurant in the Cultural Plaza in Chinatown in Honolulu. This was their 2nd annual celebration and was attended by about 200 people. This was a fun event that ran from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, September 10, 2016. The price for the tickets was set at \$25.00 per person or \$200.00 for the table.

Those of us who attended had a wonderful time, sharing the time with family and friends and tasting the different types of moon cake and tea.

There was a pairing of samples of 5 different kinds of moon cake with 5 different kinds of tea. We were even lucky enough to taste the pineapple moon cake from Taiwan!

While we enjoyed samples of both, the narrators explained the different types of moon cake pieces that were on our individual plates, and each kind of tea was also explained. In the end, we were also served 5 different kinds of dim sum.

I feel that this was a fun event that I would attend again! It was a wonderful event that others may want to duplicate as a fundraiser!

Note: For the longest time, Hawaii brought in their moon cakes from San Francisco, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Hawaii now has places that make fresh moon cake, and those were also sold at the event!

### **Double Ten Celebration**

*(from Rena Young Ochse, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor)*

Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, Vice President of the Hawaii Chapter and President-elect, was the emcee for this event which was held on Sunday, October 9, 2016, at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza in Honolulu.

Over 39 organizations and societies participated in this celebration with a mini parade followed by a reception given by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.







**2017 Hawaii Chapter Officers**

*(from Rena Young Ochse)*

The following Hawaii Chapter officers will be installed for 2017:

- President – Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock
- Vice President – Dr. Lei Ahu Isa
- Treasurer – Rena Young Ochse
- Recording Secretary – vacant



*(from left)* Rena Young Ochse, Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, and Dr. Lei Ahu Isa

## Election Meeting

We enjoyed our Election meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at the Maple Garden Restaurant in Honolulu.

The OCAW Hawaii Chapter had had its big “Viva Las Vegas” event in July, followed by our general membership meeting on August 21. The nominating committee searched for positions which were open for 2017. Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock was our President-elect and there were two positions open – Vice President and Secretary. Dr. Lei Ahu Isa, former President of OCAW, stepped up to the plate and volunteered to be accepted as the Vice President. Rena Young Ochse, three-time former president and current Treasurer, will remain in the same position for a 2nd term. The October 30th meeting presented the slate to the membership for a vote. It was unanimously voted to accept the three nominees as the 2017 officers.

Immediate Past President Queenie Chee spoke about Chinese Culture and the history of Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

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## **CHINA’S OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS**

### *A Short Talk on What They Are and Their History and Significance*

*by Queenie Chee*

*Final 2016 General Membership Meeting  
OCAW Hawaii Chapter  
October 30, 2016*

Many of us ‘local Chinese’ are confused by, or even unaware of, the big celebrations in China and Taiwan every October.

October 1st is National Day of the People’s Republic of China. This was designated the official day of celebration of China’s independence by the PRC since 1949, with a celebration in TienAnMen Square. Today, it is coupled with what is known as ‘Golden Week’ – several additional days to make it a longer celebration which allows many workers time off to return home for visits or to travel.

October 10th, or *Double Ten*, is the National Day of Taiwan, the Republic of China. It commemorates the start of the WuChang Uprising of October 10, 1911, which led to the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in China and the establishment of a Republic of China on January 1, 1912.

Because of the Chinese Civil War, the governing Republic of China (ROC) lost control of mainland China and relocated to Taiwan in December 1949. Taiwan was once called Formosa, and had been under Japanese occupation from 1895 until the end of World War II. After that war, Taiwan was placed under the control of the ROC.

Recalling how the downfall of the Qing Dynasty came about, after thousands of years of rule by emperors and kings in China, one must see how several factors all came to contribute to this. By the late 19th century, China’s emperors could not stop rebellions, with inroads by various foreign powers building railroads and businesses without permission. Railroads were built by England, France, Germany, Russia, and Japan in various parts of China. The foreigners introduced Christianity and exported labor to their countries. Overseas Chinese who became successful and independent learned of a different way of governance.

Among them, a lad named Sun Yat Sen had a Christian education at Iolani School in the Territory of Hawaii. He became the mastermind and chief fundraiser in support of a Chinese Republic. Thus, both the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China recognize Dr. Sun as the 'Father of Modern China.' This year, 2016, on November 12, we will celebrate his 150th Birthday.

His chief collaborator, the Eight-Fingered General, who carried out the actual fighting in many of the major battles with the Qing army, was Huang Xing, or in Cantonese, Mr. Hing Wong. It was he who led the WuChang Uprising, and before that, the Second Guangzhou Uprising, or Yellow Flower Mound Uprising. It was at this uprising where he lost fingers through gunshot wounds, when he led inspired youths in an attempt to overthrow the Qing Viceroy of GuangDong and GuangXi. These revolutionaries numbered less than a hundred, were vastly outnumbered, and were comprised of former students, teachers, journalists, and overseas Chinese youths from various social backgrounds. Their suicide mission was a passionate message to China that it was time to reform and change. It inspired and galvanized the nation.

(Today is the eve of Huang Xing's death 100 years ago. He died at age 42 on October 31, 1916.)

At the end of the Yellow Flower Mound Uprising, only 86 bodies were recovered, and only 72 were identified. These young revolutionaries were buried together in a Mausoleum of the Yellow Flower Mound in Guangzhou.

It is interesting to note that the Mausoleum is topped with a replica of the Statue of Liberty. This is a reminder of where the concept of self-governance and democracy originated from that sparked Dr. Sun's inspiration for his country.

So, remember these two dates: October 1 and October 10.

Remember the National Day for China and the uprising in 1911 that led China to become a republic.

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Plans are now progressing to have our annual Christmas/Installation luncheon at the Oahu Country Club on December 4. Queenie Chee will chair this event.





## FINDING KUKAN

(from Rena Young Ochse)

Rena shares information about the premieres of this film by Hawaii Chapter member Robin Lung.



### Hawaii Premieres

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016

Time: 5:45pm

Location: Dole Cannery Theater

Date: Friday, November 11, 2016 (Veterans Day)

Time: 3:45pm

Location: Dole Cannery Theater

*FINDING KUKAN* investigates the story of Chinese Hawaii-born Li Ling-Ai, the un-credited female producer of *KUKAN*, a 1941 Academy Award-winning color documentary about World War II China that has been lost for decades.

In the late 1930s, China is in dire straits. The country will collapse under Japan's military onslaught if it doesn't receive outside help. Firebrand Li Ling-Ai wants to jolt Americans into action with a new medium – a 16mm Kodachrome color film. She hires *Honolulu Advertiser* photojournalist Rey Scott to travel to China and capture a citizen's perspective of the war-torn country. Their landmark color film *KUKAN* screens for President Roosevelt at the White House, is called "awesome" by *The New York Times*, and receives one of the first Academy Awards for a feature documentary in 1942.

When filmmaker Robin Lung learns that Li Ling-Ai is only listed as a Technical Advisor in *KUKAN*'s credits and that the Oscar for *KUKAN* went to Rey Scott, she suspects that Li Ling-Ai deserved more credit than she received. So she embarks on a 7-year quest to learn the truth and uncovers what might be the only surviving complete print of *KUKAN* along with a stash of articles and documents about the film.

As the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences struggles to restore the badly damaged 16mm print of *KUKAN*, the film becomes a detective story. Lung pieces together clues that emerge in her meticulous research, including tracking down Li Ling-Ai's true involvement in the film, her relationship with Rey Scott, and the amazing story of how the film was shot during one of the most devastating bombing raids of the war. The film also explores the challenges that Li went through as a Chinese American woman from Hawaii and the gender inequity of the time.

Set against war-torn China, just prior to the December 7, 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor, *FINDING KUKAN* uses rare archival footage and innovative historical re-enactments to create an unforgettable portrait of a female filmmaking pioneer.

### **News from the Kohala Hawaii Chapter**

*(from Puanani Woo, Advisor)*

November 1, 2016

*Dear OCAW Sisters:*

We seven members of the OCAW KOHALA HAWAII CHAPTER are in hibernation. We've not planned group activities for the past couple of months and will continue in this mode for the rest of this 2016 year. As the year-end holidays approach, we wish for all of you and yours a continuing prosperous, joyful, and healthful life.

Lani, our president, is very busy working to get her husband, Jeff Coakley, elected to our State House of Representatives of the 7th District, which is where we all reside. We're for him and are keeping our fingers crossed that he will be elected on Wednesday, November 8.

Lani and I were pleased to have had a friendly business meeting with Christina Chang, our National President, here at my favorite restaurant, CAFÉ PESTO, in Kawaihae. It was a pleasure also to meet her husband Steve and their friends, three other couples. Christina explained the importance and ease of applying to be recognized as a not-for-profit entity. I was into it months ago, then put that task aside. I plan to work on it at least within the first quarter of 2017.

One of our members and her family is traveling on the mainland. There was a death in the family of a member. I plan to attend OCAW's 40th Anniversary celebration and look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

*Aloha to all,  
Puanani Woo  
Advisor*

### **From and About Our Members**

#### **From Grace Sams, Virginia Chapter member**

*(Editor's note: Proud grandmother Grace Sams would like to share some information about her granddaughter Anna Gray, who is a writer and fashion model.)*

Anna Z. Gray lives in New York City. She went to New York to attend college at the Eugene Lang College of The New School University. She graduated with a B.A. in English Literature and after college worked for the Paley Center and then as an Editor for Home Polish, an online Interior Decorating Service.

Anna was a Contributing Editor to “Girls I Know,” a website started by a friend designed as a platform that featured many different women’s stories through intimate conversations, before launching her own newsletter, “Things I Would Buy If I Didn’t Have To Pay Rent.” This newsletter has allowed Anna to combine her love of fashion, travel, and art into a unique entertaining platform that entertains her over 800 followers. Anna is a frequent contributing writer to several fashion and travel blogs, and she models freelance for several different fashion houses and labels.

See the following links for photos and information:

<http://www.garancedore.com/2016/10/17/the-edit-no-5-part-3-manteau-militaire/>

“Things I Would Buy If I Didn’t Have To Pay Rent”

[annazgray.com/Things-I-Would-Buy](http://annazgray.com/Things-I-Would-Buy)

### **From Faith Breen, Past OCAW National President**

*(Editor’s Note: Faith would like to share useful information that appeared in the October 2016 AARP Bulletin.)*

#### **ID FRAUD ARMOR**

**Credit monitoring** doesn’t have to cost \$300 a year – or anything at all. CreditKarma.com and CreditSesame.com keep an eye on your TransUnion credit report for free. You can monitor black market dealings involving your Social Security number and up to three credit cards at TrustedID.com/idsafe/identity-protection.

### **From Mimi Hom, National Vice President for Programs**

Mimi Hom would like to inform members that there will be a **free concert at The Mansion at Strathmore** on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 11 a.m. It is located at 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852.

The concert will feature Millicent Scarlett, fine soprano, performing opera and art songs, and Jazz singer Karla Chisholm performing standards from the Great American Songbook and several holiday favorites. Collaborating with them will be Frank Conlon, Pianist, and Steve Hom, Guitarist.

Come early. Seating is limited to 100.



## New Civil Rights Movement for Asian Americans

by Camilla Ng

*(Editor's Note: Camilla is a Maryland Chapter member.)*

Through the network of Chinese American advocacy groups, I responded to a call to support a peaceful open-carry protest against the Rapper YG's concert on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at The Fillmore in Silver Spring, Maryland. Organized by the New Civil Rights Alliance (NCRA), a new nonprofit entity, this was one of a series of protests against Rapper YG's video "Meet the Flockers," which contains lyrics that incite and glorify violence, and promote house invasion and robberies which target Chinese American families and their businesses.

YG cannot dodge the responsibility for his lyrics as the right to freedom of speech. There has been a rise in violence against Asian Americans that could be tied to the lyrics and a cultural attitude that Asian Americans are easy victims. These crimes are not just in the inner cities but are committed in the suburbs. Often the victims are profiled by criminals if they have limited English language skills, counting on the fact that they would not report the crime. Crimes against Asian Americans have been going up in places where crime in general is going down. It is disturbing that these crimes are not classified as hate crimes when it is obvious that Asian Americans are being racially profiled and singled out.

Following the protest in Silver Spring, MD, other protests were also held by the NCRA in Philadelphia, New York City, and Boston. The Asian American advocacy groups are now organizing to bring awareness to communities and to raise the issues with local politicians and law enforcement.



Camilla Ng (front row, third from the left)

**Excerpts from the NCRA Press Release:**

**Join Us on October 12, 2016 at a Protest Rally in the DC Area**

Washington, D.C., September 29, 2016 (Newswire.com) – The **New Civil Rights Alliance (NCRA) condemns the cultural form of violence (Cultural Violence) represented by the MV, “Meet the Flockers.”** The racist video, produced by rapper YG (aka Keenon Daequan Ray Jackson), bluntly incites violence – home invasions which target Asian Americans and their businesses. The wording and tone of the video blatantly glorifies criminal acts against Asian Americans.

Entertainment pieces such as “Meet the Flockers” represent the Cultural Violence (seen in a variant of hip hop culture) that has become a root cause of Direct Violence. Historically, Hitler’s promotion of cultural violence against Jews caused the direct violence leading to the Holocaust. Today in America, Cultural Violence desensitizes the devastating effects of hateful behaviors. It motivates the commitment of heinous actions through entertainment for commercial profit, which, in turn, have directly contributed to the high crime rates in this great Nation.

After 50 years of the Civil Rights movement, discrimination is prohibited by law. However, it failed to build a true equality for all individuals and true respect for each other at the cultural level. It also did not alleviate poverty in the inner city that is the breeding ground for problems such as crime. We did not address the cultural violence explicitly that continues to plague our society. **A new civil rights movement is needed to build a new culture of civility, respect, and personal responsibility.** Every individual should be treated with respect and not be discriminated against, patronized, pandered to, or taken advantage of for political gain. Every individual should also be held accountable, while being respected, for their actions, regardless of their racial background. We should embrace great cultural values from all diverse racial groups but strongly denounce the ugly side of the cultural aspects that promote crime and heinous bias against each other.

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Below are links to YG’s “Meet the Flockers” video and lyrics, further information, and recent news of crimes targeting Asian Americans in different parts of the country. Included also is a video of an actual invasion of the home of a Chinese restaurateur in Georgia by three armed thugs. The video was captured by the home security cameras. In this case, the Chinese lady of the house was fortunately armed. She was able to defend herself and repelled the attacks. One of the thugs ran through a glass door and died of his injuries in her driveway. Please be warned of the violent nature of the videos.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IhSv1yf4d9s>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Yw3Lq7daKEo>

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/ban-song-meet-flockers-public-media-and-investigate-legal-responsibilities-yg>

<http://www.weareresonate.com/2016/10/robbers-targeting-asian-women-south-seattle/>

[Pols, NYPD to discuss hate-crimes against Asian-Americans](#)



Sacramento Police Warn Thieves Targeting Asians Who Don't Speak English

<http://www.abc10.com/news/local/sacramento/20-people-arrested-in-crimes-targeting-the-asian-american-community/329696113>

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/crime/article105272756.html>