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Message from Your CAPA Youth Committee Chair – Blaise Michelle Lou Javier

“Mabuhay!” (Welcome)...As the new youth committee chair of CAPA, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your support and warm welcome. I also want to welcome two of our new youth committee members, Jessica Domingo and James Wilson, who were both present at the Taste of Asia food tasting event.

“Taste of Asia ” was indeed a very successful event. We are so delighted and proud to be a part of this annual colorful showcase of Asian countries through dance performances, art exhibits, and of course, delicious food tasting.

Another exciting news...Coming up...this October, is our annual Statewide Asian Pacific American Leadership Summit. We look forward to seeing you there.

We would like to wish our CAPA President – Arcie Germino a speedy recovery! Sending her our healing thoughts and lots of sunshine...

SAVE THE DATE(S)

**CHINA CORPS SUMMER CAMP
FREE OF CHARGE THIS YEAR FOR
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
AUGUST 1-19, M-F, FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM
<http://www.clas.wayne.edu/unit-inner.asp?WebPageID=2277>

**AUGUST 20 – MRS. PHILIPPINES PAGEANT
TROY COMMUNITY CENTER – 6PM
SPONSORED BY FILAMCO

** ACA ANNUAL BANQUET SEPTEMBER 16, FRIDAY

AAJA NATIONAL CONVENTION - **TIME TO ENGAGE
AUGUST 10-13, 2011
DETROIT MARRIOTT AT RENAISSANCE CENTER &
COBO CENTER, DETROIT, MI

** CAREER FAIR AT THE TROY COMMUNITY CENTER
SEPTEMBER 17 SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL
INSTITUTE & CITY OF TROY

**LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - OCTOBER 2011



The Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA), in Collaboration with other Asian Pacific American Organizations, presents, Statewide Asian and Pacific American Leadership Summit.

**Informative Workshops by Experts
OCTOBER, 2011**

Leadership Summit focuses on building bridges and fostering growth within the Asian Pacific American community and other organizations to bring about a positive social change.

**Contact / Email CAPA President, Arcie Germino
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SOE 2012 Connections – What is next?

*Staying In-Touch
*2012 Theme Release**

A Three Part Sequel

CASTING CALL in OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Interested Performers

Please RSVP for the Casting Call!

2011 VIDEO IS AVAILABLE (\$10)

Contact Bob Riparip: rdriparip@sepanet.com

Shared 2011 SOE Photos

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VIP Reception - <http://capa-mi.blogs.com/photos/soe-2011-vip/>

After glow - <http://capa-mi.blogs.com/photos/soe-2011-afterglow/>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/jawa_photo/collections/72157626670497226/

2012 Splendor of the East Theme

"TRIBUTE TO MOTHER EARTH"

(PART I OF THE SEQUEL)

Next year's theme is the start of a three part sequel for 2012 - 2014

Casting Call is scheduled in **October & November (date - tbd)**

Presentations must fit into the SOE 2012 theme.

WE ARE LOOKING TO CAST NEW TALENTS!

Qualified and Committed Singer, Dancer, Instrumental Player & Actor come to the casting call

Recruitment for PRODUCTION CHOREOGRAPHER

Please submit resume to rdriparip@sepanet.com

We promote diversity and encourage cross-training between cultural groups & individual performers. Choreographers & Performers who are interested,

contact SOE Production Chair troy@capa-mi.org

Theme synopsis see the last page of Enews



Civil Rights Commission, Partners to Host Public Forum on Bullying in Benton Harbor

DETROIT – The Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC) will host on August 9, 2011 a public forum on bullying in Mendel Center at 2755 E. Napier Avenue on Lake Michigan College campus, Benton Harbor.

MCRC's partner organizations include Benton Harbor Area Schools, St. Joseph School District, Berrien County Health Dept., The Out Center, St. Joseph Police Dept., Benton Harbor Public Safety Department, Michigan State Police, Race Relations Council, Citizens Mediation Services and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor.

During this forum which will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the commission will discuss and take public comments on bullying. A number of experts on the bullying issue and related concerns will speak at the forum.

The general public, especially those who wish to provide testimony on bullying to the commission, is urged to attend the discussion.

The program will also include a performance by the Boys and Girls Clubs on bullying and its effects.

"We have taken up this issue because of the long-term, negative psychological and social impacts of bullying and harassment. People must be treated equally and fairly, whether at work, online, at school or in society in general. Working with other civil and human rights organizations, we are trying to raise public awareness about this issue," said Matthew Wesaw, MCRC chairman.

Both written and verbal testimony will be accepted. Those who intend to provide written testimony are urged to email their statements to millerj31@michigan.gov by August 5.

WMR Mexico

Mexico, PHL, other nations seek help from World Medical Relief

DETROIT -- More countries have requested the Detroit-based World Medical Relief (WMR) to donate to them much-needed medical equipment and supplies, it was learned.

This developed as WMR was preparing to ship donated medical equipment and supplies to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Philippines.

The latest country to seek donation from WMR was Mexico.

Last July 25, Mexico's Health Minister Jose Angel Cordova Villalobos met in Detroit with WMR President and Chief Executive Officer George V. Samson and formally requested assistance for his country.

Villalobos had appealed to WMR to donate medical equipment and supplies to Mexico's government hospitals.

Samson, a Filipino-American, said that WMR has drawn up a donation program for Mexico. The donations will be coursed through the Mexican consulate in Detroit.

The Helping Hand (USA) for Relief and Development also sought donation of medical equipment, particularly ultrasound machines, for a clinic in Islamabad, Pakistan. The donation was needed in the effort to rebuild Pakistani areas hard hit by floods.

Samson said that more and more countries, mostly those in the Third World, are seeking donations from WMR.

Last July 29, WMR shipped hospital equipment and medical supplies to Tunisia. The donated equipment included expensive dialysis machines and pacemakers.

The donated equipment and supplies benefit poor people who could not afford to shoulder their medical expenses in private hospitals.

Several of the beneficiaries have sent to Samson letters expressing their gratitude for WMR's acts of kindness. One such letter came from a daughter of a beneficiary in Angeles City, Philippines.

The letter from Divine Dizon thanked Samson for his help to her father, Abelardo Dizon, who was confined for 47 days in a hospital in Angeles City after he suffered a stroke.

He had accumulated bills amounting to 1.4 million pesos, and the hospital was trying to collect from his family. Divine and other members of their family tried to solicit fund donations, but because of the big amount involved, they came short of it.

Samson was visiting Pampanga Bishop Aniceto when he learned of the case of Dizon. He appealed to the hospital owner, and later the hospital management waived one million pesos of the patient's bills.

Divine stated in her letter that her father had somehow recovered but could not still move his feet and legs. He had regained his memory, remembered "you, Sir George (Samson) and has one word for you, 'he's an angel.'"

Another "thank you" letter came from Eliseo Maligaya, chairman of Barangay Misili, Calamba City, Philippines. Maligaya thanked Samson for the medicines donated by WMR to his poor constituents.

Msgr. Michel Kassarji, Chaldean bishop of Beirut, also sent to Samson an email thanking WMR for



its donation of medical equipment and supplies “to be used in the Saint Michael Medical Center in Beirut where we are assisting needy people, especially Iraqi refugees.”

“We cannot thank you enough for your donation. Please know how much you have helped and how much the beneficiaries appreciated it,” the bishop’s email stated.

Clara Lee of the University of Michigan’s M-HEAL group likewise thanked Samson for WMR’s donation of medical supplies and equipment which were distributed to health centers in Nicaragua.

Asian American Community

APIA Vote gets \$25,000 for conduct of first community-needs assessment

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSM) has awarded \$25,000 to the Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote-Michigan (APIA Vote-Michigan) for the conduct of the first Asian-American community-needs assessment in Michigan.

The project, which began last June, identifies the sociopolitical needs of Asian Americans in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties -- three areas where many Asian Americans reside. CFSM is a permanent community endowment established with gifts from thousands of individuals and organizations committed to a progressive future of Southeast Michigan.

APIA Vote-Michigan is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that serves the Asian Pacific Islander American community through civic participation, advocacy and education.

“The latest Census data show that the Asian-American population in Michigan has experienced significant increase in the past decade,” said

Stephanie Chang, president of APIA Vote-Michigan.

“This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about our community members and what their highest priority needs are,” Chang also said. APIA Vote-Michigan will partner with Wayne State University’s Center for Urban Studies “to design and facilitate focus groups and administer surveys of Asian-American residents.”

The survey will look into several areas, including employment, education, citizenship/immigration and community connectivity/civic participation.

The information gathered from the surveys will form the basis for the development of a policy guide, which would allow public officials and stakeholders to gain insight into the needs of Asian-Americans.

“Our growing numbers signify that this is a critical moment to strengthen our collective voice so that policymakers must pay attention to us,” said Anika Fassia, chairperson of the public policy committee of APIA Vote-Michigan.

August 1, 2011, marks the 10-year anniversary of the Federal DREAM Act since its introduction in the U.S. Senate in 2001.

1 out of 10 DREAM eligible students are Asian American & Pacific Islander. DREAMers and supporters from around the country urge you to sign the petition to tell President Obama and ICE Director John Morton to take immediate steps to stop the deportation of all DREAM Act students throughout the country:

[Click below to sign the 10-Year Anniversary of the DREAM Act Petition](#)

<http://advancingequality.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=76be90a2b4bb71c9a773fdc8f&id=00d698afd6&e=debd1d3592>

Mailing address is:
Asian American Justice Center
1140 Connecticut Ave NW
Suite 1200
Washington, District Of Columbia

Asian Center - SE MI always offers open clinic on first Saturday every month to Asians for hepatitis B screening, vaccination, blood pressure, fasting glucose and cholesterol check.

Please help spread the words to people who can use this service. The Center location is below.

Best Wishes 😊

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2012 SPLENDOR OF THE EAST *presents*
"TRIBUTE TO MOTHER EARTH"
(Part I of the Sequel)

A compilation of the different cultural appreciation to our environment. Performances will showcase different genre depicting the symbolic meaning of the cultural animals, fire, water, rain, flowers, plants, & many more. The show will also highlight the creation of heavens and earth in 7 days with a surprise ending that will transition to the Part II of the sequel in 2013 Theme – Crossroads.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God made two great lights one to rule the day (sun) and a lesser light to rule the night (moon & stars). He gathered the waters under the heaven unto one place and dry land appeared (earth). He fills the earth with vegetation and land creatures. After the entire world was prepared, He created Man and woman last. Then, God rests on the seventh day – the final day of creation.

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