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(BUSINESS CONNECTIONS)

APACC PM INFORMAL NETWORKING EVENT

HOST: MGM GRAND DETROIT
FEBRUARY 29, 2012, 6PM-8PM
RSVP CALL 248-844-4100

APACC EAST-WEST BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

CAPITALIZING YOUR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN MICHIGAN & ASIA

MARCH 22, 2012 1PM TO 9PM
CONTACT: DENISE YEE GRIM 248-844-4100
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Contact: sarah@apacc.net

2nd Annual International Women's Day Networking Gala

For more information, call (313) 363-4075.
March 8, 2012 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield, MI 48034

SOE 2012 Connections - What is next?

Staying In-Touch

2012 Theme Tribute To Mother Earth

MAY 4, 2012 @ 7:30pm

TICKET SALES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

www.capa-mi.org

VIP EXPERIENCE PACKAGE \$100

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20-\$30

Shared 2011 SOE Photos

Follow the Link

Cultural - <http://capa-mi.blogs.com/photos/soe-2011/>
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/

Message... As a new Board Member of CAPA and also as CAPA's newest e-Newsletter Co-editor. I am very excited to be a part of CAPA, and in my short time with the Council, I am very impressed with the organization's very proactive initiative and commitment to the Council's mission. To that end, I hope to carry on that same level of enthusiasm regarding CAPA's e-Newsletter. With Toni Martinez's guidance, I am getting up to speed on the production process of the newsletter. In order to realize the potential of the CAPA e-Newsletter, it needs to continually contain relevant and impactful information from all our respective communities - that's where hopefully, you can come in.

Whenever you have an important event, news item, recent happening, or anything you feel would make a positive impact to our community, please pass that information to me and I will be sure to make every effort to have it published in the CAPA e-Newsletter. Your article will benefit by being seen by the e-Newsletter readership, increasing your ability to share your respective organization's goals and initiatives.

Secondly, over time, I would love the opportunity to get to know each of you better. If you are ever free for lunch or coffee sometime - I'd love the chance to meet each of you to learn about your organization and the goals that you have for them in the near and long term. Also, if you would like to collaborate on an article for publishing in the e-Newsletter, please let me know and I'm happy to meet with you to discuss.

Thanks again, and I do look forward for working with you all! **Noel D. Villajuan**

CALLING MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: DETROIT TIGERS' 16TH ANNUAL JACKIE ROBINSON ART, ESSAY AND POETRY CONTEST

Detroit Tigers' 16th Annual Jackie Robinson Art, Essay and Poetry Contest

The contest is open to middle and high school students from the metropolitan Detroit region. Students may enter the contest by submitting an original essay, poem, or work of art in honor of Jackie Robinson. The contest criteria are as follows:

ART: Create an artistic expression that captures the spirit of one or more of Jackie Robinson's nine values of success. Artwork can be a painting, drawing, or rendering no larger than 22" x 28".

ESSAY: Write an essay that chronicles "How can one or more of Jackie Robinson's nine values of success help build peace and prevent conflict?" Essays should be typewritten and double-spaced and limited to one page.

POETRY: Write a poem that explores one or more of Jackie Robinson's nine values of success - Courage, Determination, Teamwork, Persistence, Integrity, Citizenship, Justice, Commitment, and Excellence. Poems should be typewritten and double-spaced and limited to one page.

To enter, contestants must submit an official entry from below along with their original piece of art, essay, or poem by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2012. Items may be mailed or delivered to: Detroit Tigers, Inc., Attn: Sam Abrams, 2100 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201.
<http://detroit.tigers.mlb.com/det/community/education.jsp>

TOYOTA ANNOUNCES RETURN OF "100 CARS FOR GOOD" PROGRAM IN 2012

Will Award 100 Vehicles to 100 Nonprofits in 100 Days - with Winners Selected by the Public, - Registered 501(c)(3) organizations are invited to apply online with details on how a new car would help them achieve even more for their local communities, - Ap /PRNewswire/ --

At the Chicago Auto Show, Toyota announced the return of its "100 Cars for Good" program. For the second straight year, Toyota will award 100 vehicles over the course of 100 days to 100 U.S. nonprofits, with winners selected through public voting on the Toyota Facebook page.

Applications for the program will open on March 12, 2012 at <http://www.facebook.com/toyota>.

"At Toyota, we appreciate what a big difference a new car can make for organizations working to improve lives and strengthen communities across the country, and we are thrilled to have this opportunity to lend a hand," said Michael Rouse, vice president of philanthropy and community affairs for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.

The four runners up every day will each be awarded a \$1,000 grant from Toyota. 100 Cars for Good is the first Toyota initiative that engages the public to determine how corporate philanthropic donations will be awarded.

To learn more please, visit www.facebook.com/toyota

2012 SPLENDOR OF THE EAST REHEARSALS

- 2/26 PACCM- PHILIPPINE COMMUNITY CENTER SOUTHFIELD 1:30-4:30PM- OPENING ACT
- 3/11 ELAIN CEIME IRISH DANCE SCHOOL, 1:30-4:30PM- ALL GROUPS
- 3/25 ELAIN CEIME IRISH DANCE SCHOOL, 1:30-4:30PM- ALL GROUPS
- 4/15 CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1:30-4:30PM- ALL GROUPS
- 4/22 CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1:30-4:30PM- ALL GROUPS



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY –
EVOLUTION OF WOMEN'S ROLE**

The Asian community in Michigan will celebrate 2012 International Women's Day on **March 24, 2012** with a program to be held in the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan (PACCM) at 17356 Northland Court Park, Southfield.

The celebration will start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The theme is "The Evolution of Women's Role – Be An Inspiring Multifunctional Woman."

The guest speaker will be Shelly Davis Mielock, image consultant of Mieshel Image Consulting. She will show to the participants how women can achieve self-confidence.

Two professors at the University of Michigan (UM) will speak on the theme of the celebration. They are Gloria D. Thomas, PhD, director of UM's Center for the Education of Women; and Ching-Yune Silvester, PhD, academic advisor of UM's LSA Student Academic Affairs.

The sponsor of the celebration is Mrs. Vidya Shah, LUTCF, ChFC, financial professional of the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

The co-sponsors are Asian Indian Women's Association, Council of Asian Pacific American, Filipino-American Community Council, Filipino Women's Club, Korean American Women's Association-USA, Korean American Women's Association-MI, Far Eastern American Nurses Association, Michigan Asian Indian Family Services, Michigan Associations of Physicians of Indian Origin Women's Auxiliary and Michigan Women's Association.

Admission fee is \$10 (lunch included).

WRITER-PRODUCER OF 'VINCENT WHO?' COMING TO DETROIT FOR LECTURE TOUR OF SCHOOLS

Curtis Chin, writer and producer of "Vincent Who?," a documentary that looks at the historic hate-crime murder of Vincent Chin in Detroit and the current state of Asian American political empowerment, will be touring Michigan in April.

Chin's group won the 2009 Media Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education. Chin will be at the following schools in Michigan and dates in April: April 2 - Saginaw Valley State; April 3, noon - Delta College; April 3 (TU/evening) - CMU; April 4, noon - Lansing Community College; April 4, evening, MSU; April 5, noon, -- Schoolcraft; April 5, evening, - Wayne State University; April 10, UM Ann Arbor; April 11, Madonna University; and April 12, 4 p.m. - BGSU.

Each event will include a screening of the film and a post-screening discussion on such subjects as the Vincent Chin case, student leadership, social justice, Asian American identity and/or coalition building.

If time permits, Chin will also hold discussion or workshop on marriage equality. It was recalled that in 1982, at the height of anti-Japanese sentiments, Vincent Chin was murdered in Detroit by two white autoworkers who said, "it's because of you mother** that we're out of work." When the judged fined the killers a mere \$3,000 and three-year probation, Asian Americans around the country galvanized for the first time to form a real community and movement.

The documentary features interviews with the key players at the time, as well as a whole new generation of activists.

Chin is an award-winning writer and producer who has written for ABC, NBC, Fox, the Disney Channel, etc.

For additional information contact: Jean Ann Miller
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FUND GRANTS FOR YOUTH PROJECTS AVAILABLE; CRITERIA ANNOUNCED

The Center for Arab American Philanthropy's (CAAP) Teen Grantmaking Initiative (TGI) announced the availability of fund grants for projects benefitting the youths.

TGI is a group of 20 youths in Dearborn, Michigan dedicated to improving their community. CAAP is a program of ACCESS.

TGI was formed to undertake programs aimed at deepening the understanding by the youths of philanthropy and community service. Its programs are also aimed at nurturing the future generation of leaders in such a way that they will be able to make a difference in their community.

Non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status, including school groups which are located in the Detroit Metro area and which are in need of funding for programs benefitting the youths are eligible to apply for the grant.

Funding decisions will be made on the following criteria:

The program is located in Wayne County although grant applications from the entire metro area will also be considered;•

The program is to serve youths, up to age 19, regardless of race, ethnicity or religion; and•

The program involve youths in the development and implementation of the project.•

TGI will consider giving grants of up to \$1,000.

TGI will not support the following activities:

Projects that include religious instruction; political parties or political action committees; non US-



based organizations; projects that directly benefit an individual; loans; capital campaigns and building projects; and capital goods.

The applications must include: 1. Cover sheet (page 3) by email and postal mail, with original signatures; narrative of no more than two pages by email and postal mail (narrative instructions are on page 4); project budget (page 5) by email and postal mail; and attachments (as listed on page 4) by postal mail only.

Documents sent by **email** should be addressed to Jamie Kim at jkim@accesscommunity.org.

The email must be received by **Wednesday, February 15, 2012**. Documents submitted by **mail** should be postmarked by **Wednesday, February 15, 2012** and sent to Jamie Kim at Center for Arab American Philanthropy, 2651 Saulino Court, Dearborn, MI 48120.

Applicants may also drop off their application, instead of mailing it, at the address of the Arab American Philanthropy.

MULTICULTURAL EVENT SET AT TROY SCHOOL ON MARCH 1

A parent in Troy, who has been promoting ethnic cultures among school children, announced that she will stage her final elementary-school, multicultural celebration on Thursday, March 1, 2011.

The parent, Lisa Grodsky, had already organized five PTA-sponsored International Food, Fun and Fest events at Whittier and Keller Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Grodsky, a Martell Elementary and Smith Middle School parent, has been organizing multicultural events in her children's elementary schools since her now eighth-grade son was in first grade.

The Martell PTO has made it possible for parents like Grodsky to celebrate

and expose cultural differences to children through music, food, exhibits and dance. The celebration is now "an embraced tradition" at many schools in Troy.

Troy resident Noreen Chapin, who is a Royal Oak School District teacher at the schools the Grodsky children attended before going to Troy, said, "Royal Oak's loss is Troy's gain."

The free, fun festivities will be held at Martell Elementary School at 5666 Livernois (between Long Lake and Square Lake Roads) in Troy from 6 p.m. to 8 pm on March 1, 2012. Several Martell families will have table displays about their favorite country or country of heritage.

Martell parent Jon Snow will play the bagpipes, while the Lemke Family will entertain the audience with European folk music. A Martell student and her dance group from the American Chinese School of Greater Detroit will also perform.

LEADERS CALL ON HOEKSTRA TO DROP 'OFFENSIVE TV AD'

Use of stereotypical imagery in campaigns of bets hit

Leaders of Michigan's civil rights organizations have reiterated their call on former Congressman Pete Hoekstra to immediately drop a television ad caricaturing Asians and to take down the "Debbiespenditnow" website.

The ad was first aired during Super Bowl game held last Feb. 5.

The leaders aired the call through a joint statement issued by Prasanna Vengadam, American Citizens for Justice; Jerilyn Church, American Indian Health and Family Services; Nadia Tonova, ACCESS; Stephanie Gray Chang, Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote-Michigan; Rev. Wendell Anthony, Detroit Branch, NAACP; Lawrence Garcia, Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan; Sook Wilkinson, Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission; and Rev. Charles Williams, National Action Network.

Filipino-American organizations led by the Filipino-American Community Council (FILAMCCO) also reacted indignantly on Hoekstra's ad and issued similar statements.

The leaders also urged other candidates to refrain from exploiting people's fears by using racial and ethnic stereotypes in their campaigns.

The joint statement also said:

"At every level of American society, African Americans, Arab Americans, Asian/Pacific Islander Americans, Latino/Hispanic Americans and Native American/American Indians contribute to our nation's culture and economy. These communities are also voting in record numbers and are engaging in democracy and elections in many ways and at all levels. Many of our organizations already have plans under way to register and mobilize underrepresented voters for the election day on Nov. 6, 2012.

"Simple common decency and respect suggest that all candidates who aspire to represent citizens as elected officials refrain from remarks that, intentional or not, are offensive. The use of language and visual images that unfairly and inaccurately stereotype people by race and ethnicity is unacceptable in our politics and our lives, particularly when used by candidates who are supposed to represent the best that America has to offer.

"Democrats, Republicans, third party candidates and independents all must recognize the important contributions that communities of color make to Michigan's economy. The use of stereotypical imagery or language is not just offensive - it is indeed unacceptable."



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.

Welcome SOE 2012 Choreographers!

Kimberly Mikulski (Lead Choreographer)

Ning Xue, Julie Tang, Susan Qu, Sharon Dow, Parul Shah, Radhika Acharya, Minnie Morrey, Sun Mi, Annabelle Cudilla and welcome back Jenny Xiong & Chee Xiong as part of the production staff

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