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**SAVE THE DATE(S)**

**2012 SPLENDOR OF THE EAST REHEARSALS**

- 1/29 ELAIN CEIME IRISH DANCE SCHOOL, 1:30-4:30PM-- OPENING ACT ONLY
- 2/12 PACCM- PHILIPPINE COMMUNITY CENTER SOUTHFIELD 1:30-4:30PM- ALL GROUPS
- 2/29 PACCM- PHILIPPINE COMMUNITY CENTER SOUTHFIELD 1:30-4:30PM- ALL GROUPS
- 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

**SOE 2012 Connections - What is next?**

*Staying In-Touch*

*\*2012 Theme Tribute To Mother Earth\**

*A Three Part Sequel Production Rehearsals*

*January 15<sup>th</sup> Cancelled*

*Rehearsal as scheduled on January 29*

*At Elain Ceime Irish Dance School*

**2011 VIDEO IS AVAILABLE (\$10)**

Contact Bob Riparip: [rdriparip@sepanet.com](mailto:rdriparip@sepanet.com)

Shared 2011 SOE Photos

**Follow the Link**

Cultural - <http://capa-mi.blogs.com/photos/soe-2011/>  
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After glow - <http://capa-mi.blogs.com/photos/soe-2011-afterglow/>  
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**Message... Arcie Germino, President**

**Committee Chairs** - Please recruit your members if not already done so and kindly begin to plan your activities for the year. Best wishes to all and see you at the next board meeting on Feb. 1st.

**WELCOME ABOARD! (NEW BOARD MEMBERS)**

- ADRIENE LIM** DEAN OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES, OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
- AMY WANG** INTERNATIONAL SECURITY OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, WEST BLOOMFIELD HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM
- PRASANNA VENGADAM**, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE (ACJ)
- NIAN XIO** PRESIDENT, CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER DETROIT (CAGD)
- NOEL VILLAJUAN** MERRILL LYNCH WEALTH MANAGEMENT

**AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE PROVIDES FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP FOR ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS**

American Citizens for Justice (ACJ), a community partner of Asian American Justice Center along with Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) organizations, is providing a free citizenship workshop. This event is part of the national AAPI Naturalization Network's (AAPINN) aim to help APIA's take the first step of applying for U.S. citizenship throughout six regions in California, Houston, Detroit, Charlotte and New York City.

**This workshop will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 10am - 3pm at 17356 Northland Park Ct, Philippine American Community Center of Michigan (PACCM), Southfield, MI 48075.**

ACJ is partnering with Association of Chinese Americans (ACA), APIAVote MI, Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA), Cooley Law School, Filipino American Community Council (Filammco), Michigan Asian Pacific Americans Affairs Commission (MAPAAC), Philippine American Community Center of Michigan (PACCM), Philippine Chamber of Commerce of Michigan (PCCM), and the Sikh Foundation.

The American Citizens for Justice (ACJ) is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 as an Asian Pacific American (APA) civil rights advocacy organization to fight for justice in the aftermath of the baseball bat beating death of Vincent Chin and the ensuing state criminal case and federal civil rights case. ACJ is also a community partner of the Asian American Justice Center.

Online resources for application

Forms: [www.uscis.gov/forms](http://www.uscis.gov/forms)

Online workbook: <http://www.apalc.org/citizenship>

**Pre-event registration is required!**

Pre-registered attendees will receive priority for service. For more information, contact:

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**PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS (of ACJ)**

Association of Chinese Americans (ACA), APALC, APIAVote MI, Cooley Law School, Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA), Filipino American Community Council (Filammco), Michigan Asian Pacific Americans Affairs Commission (MAPAAC, Philippine American Community Center of Michigan (PACCM), Philippine Chamber of Commerce of Michigan (PCCM), Sikh Foundation, Inc.



## OCA Accepting Applications for 2012 Summer Internship Program

The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), a national organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., is dedicated to advancing the political, social, and economic well-being of all Asian Pacific Americans (APAs). Currently, it is accepting applications for its prestigious 2012 Summer Internship Program from now until March 12, 2012, offering the opportunity for local representation of Asian Pacific Americans at a national level.

Celebrating its 23rd year, the OCA Internship Program seeks to cultivate future leadership by providing students from all over the country an opportunity to be involved in the political process through one of the largest national advocacy organizations for APAs. The program has successfully led past interns to become more actively involved in their college campuses and joined the growing movement of APA leadership at the cross section of government, nonprofits, and business.

Participants enjoy placement in a paid internship that matches their backgrounds and interests with federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, congressional offices, and corporations – including placements at the OCA National Center. In addition to their work assignments, summer interns will be heavily involved in variety of activities and programming including direct advocacy for critical issues faced by APAs on the Hill. The OCA Internship Program can provide the opportunity to truly experience Washington, D.C. – meeting members of Congress, national leaders in the AAPI community, and other AAPI interns from across the country and discover how organizations like OCA advocate for

the APA community at the national level.

In addition to connecting interns with the APA community and developing their leadership skills, summer interns are invited to take part in the OCA National Convention. This year's National Convention will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada from August 2 – 5 at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino. The Convention will feature inspirational speakers, thrilling entertainment, numerous workshops, and our signature gala to celebrate the impactful and pioneering achievements of community leaders.

Interns are expected to commit to working full-time for ten weeks between the dates of May 28 – August 17, 2012. (Participation in the National Convention is mandatory and applicants are strongly encouraged to make sure they are able to attend.) Applications will be reviewed by the Internship Committee and a telephone interview will be scheduled for qualified applicants.

For more information on the OCA Summer Internship and to apply, go to OCA's website at [www.oconational.org](http://www.oconational.org) and click "Internship" under "Programs." [Click here](#) to take you directly to the online application form. Applications and all materials need to be submitted by March 12, 2012.

Please contact the OCA National Center at 202.223.5500 or email Mary Dynne Montante at [mmontante@oconational.org](mailto:mmontante@oconational.org) if you have any questions. *(N. Villajuan)*

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## NORTHERN BORDERS COALITION TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN DETROIT ON FEB. 23-24

The first conference of the Northern Borders Coalition (NBC) will be held

in Detroit on Feb. 23-24, 2012, it was announced.

NBC said members of a committee making preparations for the conference are now "hard at work to make sure the agenda, panelists and workshops are informational, insightful and motivating."

The participants in the conference will discuss "the reality on the ground in the North and South" and will work to "build concrete organizing, legal, policy and political strategies to enable us to move forward together."

Individuals and parties interested to participate in the conference are asked to register at NBC's website - <http://bit.ly/northernborders>.

The steering and conference planning committee is composed of representatives of Alliance for Immigrants Rights-Michigan, New York Civil Liberties Union, New York Immigration Coalition, Michigan Immigrants Rights Center, Progress Michigan, One America-Washington, Ohio Action Circle and Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services-Michigan.

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## APIAVote needs community coordinator

## APIAVote seeks applicants for community-coordinator position

APIAVote-Michigan announced it is looking for applicants for the position of community coordinator. APIAVote-Michigan President Stephanie Chang said the responsibilities of the position include leading "key aspects of the organization's strategic plan, primarily through community/voter engagement, leadership development and fund-raising initiatives."



The ideal applicant should have a proven ability to successfully execute civic- participation projects, should be self-motivated and should have “a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of the Asian-American community,” Chang said.

Chang also said that the person to be appointed community coordinator will start as a part-time employee but may later become full-time depending on the availability of funds.

APIAVote-Michigan seeks applicants who excel in community building, are detail-oriented and have strong management skills; have bachelor’s degree or commensurate experience in relevant field; have three-five years of project-coordination experience preferably in an Asian American community; have excellent verbal communication, interpersonal, writing, facilitation and computer skills; have ability to do multi tasks effectively, work in diverse settings and work independently; have their own means of transportation for some evening/weekend work; and must be fluent in one or more Asian languages.

She/he will report to the APIAVote-Michigan board of directors. The compensation will be based on experience. Applicants are asked to email their applications at [contact@apiavotemi.org](mailto:contact@apiavotemi.org) on or before Feb. 1, 2012. They should attach to the applications a cover letter, resume and two references.

The creation of the community-coordinator position is aimed at making the Asian-American community’s voice in Michigan more effective and relevant.

APIAVote-Michigan (Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote-Michigan) is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that serves the Asian Pacific Islander American community through civic participation, advocacy and education.

## **NEW FACES OF LEADERSHIP**

**Congresswoman Judy Chu, chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and the first Chinese American woman elected to the United States Congress, will be coming to Michigan on Friday, February 17!**

Please join us as we celebrate the start of 2012 and kick-off our activities for the year. RSVP today to [contact@apiavotemi.org](mailto:contact@apiavotemi.org).

## **Immigrant Youth Achievement Award Nomination Deadline February 1, 2012.**

In a media fueled environment where the label “immigrant” has taken on such negative and hateful qualities, the American Immigration Council works to combat these stereotypes by holding up exemplary youth in our communities as examples of the positive contributions young immigrants are making in our country everyday. The Immigrant Youth Achievement Award recognizes a young immigrant in the United States whose accomplishments are the embodiment of the immigrant spirit and show a commitment to making a positive impact in their community or the world around them.

The Immigrant Youth Achievement Award is presented at the American Immigration Council’s annual Washington, DC Immigrant Achievement Awards each Spring. Past honorees have emigrated from countries such as Ireland, India, Cambodia, China, and Cuba and have made contributions in literature, journalism, music and politics.

**Criteria** In determining the selection of a nominee to receive the American Immigration Council’s Immigrant

Youth Achievement Award, the selection committee will use the following criteria:

The honoree must be between the ages of 14 and 25 years of age;

The honoree must be an immigrant to the United States, including those who have become naturalized citizens;

The accomplishments of the honoree must reflect more than personal success and should have evidence of a commitment to making a positive impact in their community or the world around them;

The honoree must be willing and available to travel (at the American Immigration Council’s expense) to Washington, DC for the awards ceremony the evening of Thursday, March 29, 2012. The American Immigration Council will cover the costs of travel and accommodations for the honoree, and for a parent or guardian if the honoree is a minor. Application Procedure:

Please forward your nominee’s name, address, age, immigration history, and how long they have been living in the United States to Megan Hess at [mhess@immcouncil.org](mailto:mhess@immcouncil.org). Please include a thorough synopsis of their contributions and achievements. Additional documentation (newspaper articles, etc) is encouraged.

All nominations must be received by **5:00pm EST on February 1, 2012**. Please note it is required that the honoree attend the Washington, DC Immigrant Achievement Awards the evening of Thursday, March 29, 2012.

The nominees will be reviewed by the American Immigration Council. An invitation will be extended by February 10, 2012.



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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