



**Message from Fund-Raising Chair – Phil Chan:**

Our 2011 CAPA Fundraising Committee consists of Phil Chan (Chairperson), Arcie Gemino, Mi Dong and Scott Low is supported by other board members. The team has started the fundraising effort since last September since most companies allocate their charity budget in the fall prior to the funding year. We have been busy meeting and soliciting current and potential new sponsors. Our goal is raise enough funds to cover the cost of our signature events for this year and build up a saving for future years when donation may be insufficient to support our programs. In the past, our traditional sponsors have been Michigan based companies and business organizations. However, due to the economic downturn their support has been significantly reduced in recent years due to their budget concerns. We are asking you to help with our fundraising effort. If you have any fundraising idea or would like to participate in our team, please let me ([phil@capa-mi.org](mailto:phil@capa-mi.org)) know. If you would like to make a personal tax deductible donation, please make your check out to CAPA. Our address is PO Box 407, Northville, MI 48167. Thank you for your support and hope to see in our future events.

**Calendar of Events**

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**Networking:**

To help foreign investors and entrepreneurs better understand the legal issues in today's U.S. business climate

**DCBA** and Butzel Long present:  
Inbound Investing and Entrepreneurship in the U.S.  
Smart Planning and Hidden Opportunities

Thursday, March 22, 2011  
Sheraton Hotel in Novi  
21111 Haggerty Road  
Novi, MI 48375  
TIME: 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
COST: FREE

Light dinner (Hors D'oeuvre) will be provided.  
Contact [seminar@dcba.com](mailto:seminar@dcba.com) / 248-496-5325 or Angela Wang at 248-995-0968

**Splendor of the East – May 6, 2011**  
**“The Festival – A Carnival of World Traditions”**

**TICKET SALES ARE ONGOING!**

<https://www.choicsecure03.net/mainapp/EventSchedule.aspx?ClientID=Dearborn>

In our continued efforts to promote diversity - Splendor of the East Proudly presents one of the 2011 guest performer....

**Karmic Roots Tribal Dance**  
**Middle Eastern**

Is an American Tribal Style (ATS) belly dance group that has allowed fusion of movements inspired from Turkish, Flamenco, Rajasthani styles. Karmic Roots is unique and captivating to all audience.



**2011 SPLENDOR OF THE EAST VIDEO TEASER – *click on link:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SM9uf21UQH8>

The Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (formerly American Humanics) at Eastern Michigan University, through a Student Grant Project, has a unique opportunity to help local nonprofits thanks to a grant from Women in Philanthropy at EMU. The goal of the Student Grant Project is to award \$500 per agency to 10 local nonprofit organizations, with a budget under \$1 million, to build capacity in their fundraising and marketing programs. Funding priority will be given to organizations located in Washtenaw County. The aim of the Project is to strengthen each organization's ability to accomplish its mission.

**If interested in receiving a grant of \$500, please click on the link below: RFP can also be found at [www.americanhumanics.emich.edu/](http://www.americanhumanics.emich.edu/)**

The application deadline is **March 18th 2011** and may be submitted by e-mail, fax or mail to the contact below:  
Claudia Petrescu - Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Program  
215 Rackham, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 Email: [humanics@emich.edu](mailto:humanics@emich.edu) Phone: 734.487.1612 Fax: 734.487-8514

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## A Festival in China's Northwest

*'Splendor of the East' festival  
to showcase Tibetan culture*

The "Splendor of the East" (SOE) set on May 6, 2011 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn has the trimmings of a spectacular cultural show.

The Council of Asian Pacific-Americans (CAPA) headed by President Arcie Gimeno said SOE will showcase unique cultures and traditions rich in Asian charm, colorful pageantry and amazing ethnic music.

One of the groups that will be presenting a unique cultural number at SOE is the Chinese Dance Troupe (CDT). CDT will pay tribute to the mysterious Tibetan culture by replicating its New Year celebration, which takes place either in February or March.

It is the most important holiday in Tibet, which is located in China's northwest region. As early as December, the Tibetans start preparing gifts and offerings in anticipation of the Tibetan New Year.

On New Year Day, men and women are dressed in traditional festive attire and greet each other with "Tashi Delek," which is loosely translated to "blessings and good luck."

In the days following the New Year, people continue the celebration with dances, singing, spending time with the family and friends and going to temples.

CDT is a part of the Metro-Detroit Oriental Art School, which was established in 1997. At present, it has more than 100 active students in the Metro-Detroit area. It mainly teaches Chinese traditional painting and folk dance.

CDT has 18 adult dancers) and 20 young dancers, mostly students from Chinese and American families. The dance troupe has been performing in the SOE and international festivals since 2000. CDT has made enormous contributions to the American-Chinese cultural exchange in the Michigan.

CDT was founded in 1997 by Mrs. Ning Xue, choreographer and professional dancer from China, who has 25 years of experience in teaching Chinese folk dance, traditional dance and classical dance. She has a master's degree in music education from Oakland University and has been a regular guest dance instructor at the University of Michigan's Dance Department in Ann Arbor.

Meanwhile, CAPA advises groups and individuals planning to watch "Splendor of the East" to make early reservations or purchase tickets soon. They are urged to call the following: Arcie Gimeno at 586-954-9711; Kiran Agarwal, 248-396-7904; Robert Riparip, 248-680-0877; and Toni Martinez, 810-877-1029.

## APIA Vote positions available

*APIA Vote-Michigan seeking nominees for  
4 new positions*

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote-Michigan (APIA Vote-Michigan) has created four volunteer board positions and is now seeking nominees for the new positions.

Stephanie Chang, president APIA Vote-Michigan, announced that the deadline for the submission of nominees is on March 11, 2011. "You can nominate yourself or someone else by emailing your desired position, short biography and picture to [michigan@apiavote.org](mailto:michigan@apiavote.org)," she said.

These volunteer positions, which are for the 2011-2012 term, are the following:

1. Public policy chair. This board member will guide the organization in formulating its policy objectives and will work with other board members to mobilize members when needed. This year, APIA Vote's policy priorities include immigrants' rights, redistricting and language access/voting rights.

2. Community liaison for West Michigan No. 2. This board member will communicate with and build new relationships with leaders of various Asian American and other organizations in the West Michigan to advance the mission of the organization. Hannah Feikema is liaison officer No. 1.

3. Community liaison for Southeast Michigan No. 2. This board member will communicate with and build new relationships with leaders of various Asian American and other organizations in the Southeast Michigan to advance the mission of the organization. Nancy Yan is liaison officer No. 2.

4. General community liaison. This board member will build new relationships with leaders of Asian American and other organizations all over Michigan (particularly in mid-Michigan) and assist the liaisons in Southeast and West Michigan.

Individuals interested in the positions may ask clarificatory questions by calling 313-312-LILY or email at [michigan@apiavote.org](mailto:michigan@apiavote.org).

## Clergy members oppose Arizona-style immigration law

LANSING – A dozen of clergy members from all over Michigan stood against House Bill No. 4305, a proposed Arizona-style anti-immigrant law.

HB 4305 would give police officers the right to stop, question and arrest people based solely on their suspicion that the person might be "deportable." The bill also requires immigrants to carry their documents with them at all times or face fines. The law also gives citizens the right to sue the police departments if they believe that the law is not being enforced vigorously enough.

"This bill is based on the scapegoating of immigrants and creating a climate of fear and division, rather than solving the very real problems that face our state," said Reverend Dr. Judith Youngman, interim conference minister of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ. "Our faith calls us to build an inclusive, welcoming society, not look at each other with suspicion. The immigration system in this country is in a state of crisis — workers are being exploited, and families are being broken apart. This bill does nothing to address that crisis, and is a waste of the legislature's valuable time. We need solutions, not political scapegoating."

The proposed law virtually mandates racial profiling of immigrants by police, a civil rights nightmare for all Michiganders, and creates an atmosphere hostile to international business and investors.

"The future of Michigan's economy relies on attracting the best and the brightest from across the world. Governor Snyder has wisely acknowledged the importance of attracting international investment and skilled workers. It would be foolish to pass this law and signal to the world that Michigan does not welcome the world, but treats it with suspicion," said Father Fred Thelen, pastor of Cristo Rey Catholic Church in Lansing.

Arizona's similar SB 1070 is being challenged by the Department of Justice on civil rights grounds, and a judge has blocked its implementation temporarily.

Supporters are being asked to call Governor Snyder at 866-957-9069 or send an email to [www.michiganimmigrationreform.org](http://www.michiganimmigrationreform.org). Text JUSTICE or JUSTICIA to 69866 for instant updates.



For more information please visit the website: [www.capa-mi.org](http://www.capa-mi.org)  
Public Relations/Media Contact, Angela Wang at [angela@capa-mi.org](mailto:angela@capa-mi.org).

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Please contact Phil Chan (Fund-Raising Chairman)  
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### **Eligibility (SCHOLARSHIP LINKS)**

Applicants to the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program must:

- Be high school seniors or high school graduates who are first-time college students in the fall of 2011
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university for the entire 2011-12 academic year
- Plan to major in a course of study that focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math). Select Design, Marketing, Accounting, Finance and Business majors are also eligible. See the [list of eligible majors](#). Scholarship recipients will demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industries using these areas of study.
- Be U.S. citizens and have permanent residence in the United States

Excluded from consideration are employees and relatives of employees of Scholarship Management Services, Scholarship America and their affiliates and subcontractors, and GM Foundation Directors, Officers, and staff and their relatives. Relatives of General Motors employees are eligible.

<https://buickachievers.scholarshipamerica.org/>

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