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SATURDAY MAY 11, 2013
FORD COMMUNITY AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER LOCATED AT 15801 MICHIGAN AVE, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

Message from Robert D. Riparip, President CAPA

I'm deeply honored to serve as CAPA President for 2013 thru 2014. CAPA's professionalism, commitment and dedication to its partner organizations and the APA community have contributed enormously to its success. In addition, CAPA has been fortunate to have benefited from the expertise of many of our members and supporters, who willingly serve on the Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

We can be justifiably proud that during the last few years, our initiatives have been making huge impact on the APA community. We want to continue to build on these successes and sustain them as well.

As CAPA moves forward in 2013, the focus is to create and sustain the environment for members and partner organizations to be successful in all they do for the APA community and to build bridges and relationships that will last.

March edition of this e-newsletter is the first series of monthly news that CAPA will put out to keep the members and Asian Pacific American (APA) community informed of CAPA's activities, community events, APA news and opportunities.

Robert D. Riparip

President, CAPA

Splendor of the East 2013: Dancers now in thick of rehearsals

With the show some two months away, the groups that will perform in this year's staging of the "Splendor of the East" (SOE) are already in the thick of rehearsals.

The yearly show, a flagship fund-raising project of the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA), will be held in the evening of May 11, 2013 in the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center at 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

CAPA President Robert Riparip said that SOE 2013, subtitled "Crossroads: Cultural Influences," will showcase the convergence of different eastern cultures.

Riparip said that this year's SOE is expected to be colorful and spectacular as the dances will portray "an extraordinary melding of traditional and contemporary arrangements that will allow transformation of intriguing cultural influences and history on stage."

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He added, “the evolution continues to promote friendship and build bridges, and we can look back in time and learn that today we can sing one song and touch the world.”

At least 10 groups of dancers will be performing in SOE 2013. The groups are headed by professional choreographers who are noted for their creative talent, imaginative prowess and terpsichorean skills.

Riparip said that the groups are from the various Asian communities in Michigan, noting that they are now regularly conducting the rehearsals.

He also said SOE 2013 will mark the celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

CAPA President announced that tickets to the show are now on sale. Ticket prices are: VIP package, \$100; and general admission, \$20 and \$30.

For ticket reservations, interested individuals or parties are asked to visit the CAPA website at:
<http://www.capa-mi.org>

For details, they may also call or email any one of the following:

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CAPA Scholars Award

CAPA to grant scholarship awards to two high school seniors this year.

The Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) announced that it will grant soon its 2013 Scholarship Awards to two high school seniors with Asian Pacific American heritage.

The scholarship program was launched by CAPA “to encourage the educational advancement of Asian Pacific American (APA) youth in Michigan and to foster youth involvement and leadership in the APA community.

CAPA’s education committee chaired by Adriene Lim reported that it is now in the process of selecting the two scholars.

It said it had received 21 applications for the scholarship grant from APA students and had already picked the top 10 finalists who will be interviewed by the committee.

After the interview, two of the finalists will be picked as the CAPA scholars.

The committee will base its selection of the scholars on, among others, the finalists' potentials to provide outstanding APA leadership and/or community service in Michigan.

The scholars will attend an institution of higher education in Michigan. It is required that they will continue to reside in Michigan.

The candidates for the scholarships should have an APA heritage and should be willing to serve on CAPA's youth committee and give back to the APA community.

This year, CAPA will grant \$1,000 as scholar awards to the two high school seniors.

Fight Against Cancer My Reason to Relay

SOE dance seeks donations for drive against cancer.

An Indian-American girl is appealing for help in her effort to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

Ankita Acharya, one of the Indian-American dancers who will perform in the May 11, 2013 Splendor of the East (SOE), said she knows many people who are cancer sufferers, and that’s the



reason she is participating in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event.

Ankita, a daughter of Indian-American choreographer Radhika, said she had committed herself "to raise money to save lives, and I am asking for your help."

She noted that the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" program is not just walking on a track overnight.

"At 'Relay for Life' events, we celebrate loved ones who have won their battle against cancer, remember those who are no longer with us, and fight back against this disease that takes so much from so many," she said.

"With your support," she said, "together we are saving lives from cancer and creating a world of people with more birthdays."

She appealed to kind hearts: "Please join my team or make a donation to help the American Cancer Society create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Together, we can help make sure that cancer never steals another year of anyone's life."

Persons responding to Ankita's appeal are urged to either email Ankita at anki.acharya@gmail.com or email Radhika at

radhimail@gmail.com.

Fund drive for typhoon victims in the Philippines successful

A fund-raising drive by the FILAMCCO Foundation for the victims of typhoon "Pablo" (international code name "Bhopa") in Mindanao was a great success.

Fund-raiser overshot its target of \$10,000. End of February, donated funds totaled almost \$12,000.

The donations poured in after Dr. Ernie Mac, president of the FILAMCCO Foundation, issued an appeal for help on behalf of the thousands of the typhoon victims who lost their loved ones as well as their houses due to the calamity.

Topping the list of donors is FILAMCCO (Filipino American Community Council), which contributed \$2,925.

The second biggest donor is Doctor Mac herself who donated \$600.

Those who contributed \$500 each are Ang Bisaya, Downriver Filipino American Association, Michigan chapter of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations, UST Medical Alumni Association of Michigan, and Drs. Jose and Stella

Evangelista.

Shelling out \$300 for the fund drive is the Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Michigan.

Contributing \$200 each are Kiwanis Metro North, Kapulungan ng mga Katolikong Pilipino sa Michigan, Waray-Waray International Organization, Health Source Homecare, Phil and Carmelita Mangahas and Virgilio and Ceres Morales.

The Philippine Medical Association of Michigan chipped in \$150.

As of December 24, 2012, there were 53 groups and individuals who responded to FILAMCCO Foundation's call for donations. FILAMCCO Foundation President Mac thanked all the donors, saying their contributions will go a long way in the efforts to bring relief to the victims and repair their damaged houses.



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