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Splendor of the East 2012 is another spectacular show

"It is getting better every year."

This sums up the comments of many people who watched the Splendor of the East (SOE) 2012 cultural show held last May 4 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

This year's presentation of SOE, an annual project of the Council of Pacific Americans (CAPA) headed by President Arcie Gemino, was participated in by at least 100 performers belonging to 13 dance groups.

As in past SOE shows, SOE 2012 was a colorful, festive showcase of musical and dance presentations portraying the unique cultures of the Asian Pacific countries. It revolved around the theme, "Tribute to Mother Earth," and portrayed the appreciation by various ethnicities of the environment. (continued on page 2)

**SAVE THE DATE(S)
(BUSINESS CONNECTIONS)**

APACC Eleventh Annual Dinner Celebration "East and West: The Sun Never Sets" - May 19, 2012

Celebrate APACC's eleven years of accomplishments and network with over 500 corporate executives, entrepreneurs, diverse business professionals and civic leaders at the black-tie gala

LOCATION: ROYAL PARK HOTEL AT 600 EAST UNIVERSITY DRIVE, ROCHESTER.

For more information, call (248) 844-4100 or e-mail Sarah Lalone at sarah@apacc.net

KACCM CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY - June 10, 2012

Join the Korean American Cultural Center of Michigan (KACCM) as it celebrates its 10th anniversary and the Dan-Oh Festival.

LOCATION: THE KACCM Building at 24666 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

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Korean American Cultural Center of Michigan (KACCM) is celebrating its 10th anniversary with the staging of the Dan-Oh Festival on June 10, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the KACCM building at 24666 North Western Highway, Southfield.

Dan-oh is a Korean holiday that falls on the fifth day of the fifth month of the lunar calendar. In the Mahan ancient Korea, this was a day of spiritual rites and a festival of songs, dances and wine. Traditionally, women washed their hair in water boiled with *changpo*, and people wore blue and red clothes and dyed hairpins red with the iris roots.

At the Dan-oh Festival set in Southfield on June 10, the revelers will appreciate traditional Asian art, play traditional Korean games and taste delicious Korean food. At the festival, annual an art contest participated in by students will be also held. Students are urged to attend the event and to join the contest.

KACCM has been serving the Korean community and community at large in the greater Detroit area since 1965. With its purchase of a building in 2002, KACCM has provided better and more services for communities in Michigan.

It has been undertaking a variety of Korean cultural activities, cultural exchange events and health and education programs. Also, it has been providing counseling services.

KACCM has strived to offer many more programs to the community, believing that mutual understanding of cultural differences will not only connect the community but also make the community a better place to live. *For additional information, please contact Mi Dong E-mail address: mi.dong@sbcglobal.net*



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It opened with dance numbers highlighting the creation of heaven and earth.

The opening act was followed by a Chinese dance called "Dance of the Lotus Goddesses" and choreographed by Ning Xue. The dancers' costumes were vibrantly colorful, and the dance was well choreographed.

This was followed by the "Flower Spring" dance presented by the Michigan Chinese Folk Dancing group. It was a tribute to spring, a season during which the "warm breeze blows away the winter cold away."

The Asian Indian Group headed by choreographer Parul Shah performed the next number entitled the "Peacock." The dance, which was distinctively Indian in origin, portrayed the responses by the peacock to the various seasons.

The Taiwanese ensemble staged a dance number entitled "The Wind" and characterized by a perfect combination of colors and the various sounds of the wind. The group belongs to the Michigan Chinese Association.

The Troy Chinese Folk Dance Group headed by choreographers Janet Yang and Jane Cheng presented "The Rain," a classic Chinese dance made distinctly memorable by the swaying and spinning of beautifully colored umbrellas against a background of falling rains.

A Korean solo dancer portrayed the role of the thunder as it was symbolically related to the anguish and pain in a woman's life.

The Filipino Tagumpay Dance Ensemble headed by choreographer Annabelle Martinez Cudilla opened the next act which was a tribute to the sea. The dance entitled "Plight of the Fish" which was portrayed as "magnificent creatures of the planet." The dance, which was comparatively well performed, showcased the terpsichorean skills of the Tagumpay dancers.

The Chinese Dance Troupe (youth group) performed the "Nian nian you yu," a popular saying that conveys a wish for good fortune. The dancers wore sparkling outfits and danced to a modernistic tune.

The Grand Rapids Polynesian Group headed by Filipino-American choreographer Minnie Morey presented "La Ora Na," a Tahitian dance depicting a story through hands and the hip movements to the beat of the drums.

This was followed by a hula number by the Tagumpay Dance Ensemble under the direction of Annabelle Martinez Cudilla. Entitled "Plants of the Sea," an implement dance using the bamboo sticks was a showcase of graceful hand and hip movements to the beat of the IPU.

The next act was ushered in by a number depicting the earth element "Fire" presented by the Napur Academy of Dance and choreographed by Radhika Acharya.

The Irish Step Dancers did a medley of Irish dances that required the dancers (numbering at least 25) doing complicated steps and circular movements. It was a showcase of the remarkable talent of the SOE 2012 lead choreographer Kimberly Miluski.

The Korean Cultural Dance Team presented the drum dance that featured the synchronous beating of small drums by the three dancers.

Another Filipino group composed of two dancers and one singer (Hunnah Antonnette Joseph) staged a number called "The Circle of the Wind." The dancers were Jasmine Lazaga and Justin Antonio.

The penultimate number was an impressive display of



simultaneous rhythmic beating of various sizes of drums. Performed by a Taiko Drum group and entitled "Big Storm on Earth," the number brought to mind the fearsome sounds of storms, volcanoes and earthquakes.

The finale participated by all the performers was "a tribute to the world we live in" and an exhortation that "we can sing one song in peace and harmony." (Tony Antonio)

CAPA Scholars Recognized at SOE VIP Reception

An integral part of CAPA's mission is its commitment to education. Recently CAPA recognized two of its CAPA scholars, Angela Huang and Nisha Gopal. Angela is currently a senior at Novi High School and will be attending the University of Michigan this fall. She plans to major in marketing management at Michigan's Ross School of Business in her sophomore year. Community service has always been one of her dedications; in high school she served on the Novi Youth Council as well as worked to promote cultural diversity and acceptance through Youth Dialogues. She hopes to help CAPA in future by being an active volunteer in their many activities and events.

Nisha is senior at Plymouth High School. Starting this fall plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and

pursue an education in the field of biochemistry. She has had the great pleasure of growing up in the Plymouth-Canton community, which has pushed her to be the most industrious, motivated, and fun loving person that she can be. With all that she has learned through activities such as Student Government, Tennis, National Honor Society, Cultural activities, and more, she plans to seize the opportunity gained from CAPA to make a difference in the APA community. She looks forward to another exciting year of learning, living, and growing!

CAPA is extremely proud and honored to recognize both Angela and Nisha for their past accomplishments and wishes them well in their future endeavors! (Noel Villajuan)



Angela Huang



Nisha Gopal

D.C. councilman's remark about Filipino nurses in US condemned

The Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA) considers a recent statement of Washington, D.C. Councilman Marion Barry as offensive and inappropriate. The PNAA said, "It is unfortunate that despite EEOC guidelines, Affirmative Action, the Alliance for International Ethical Recruitment Practices and National Council of State Boards of Nursing's policy respecting the rights of immigrants, Marion Barry remains ignorant that Filipino nurses (many of whom are US citizens), teachers and immigrants are valuable members of our community. The Filipino nurses' contribution to US healthcare is immeasurable, and their hard earned taxable



dollars contribute to the US economy.”

“Barry’s intention of keeping the jobs available for the American people to address unemployment was diminished when he singled out Filipino registered nurses and teachers with his remark, ‘If you go to the hospital now, you’ll find a number of immigrants who are nurses, particularly from the Philippines, and no offense, but let’s grow our own teachers, let’s grow our own nurses, and so that we don’t have to go scrounging in our community clinics and other kinds of places, having to hire people from somewhere else.’ Barry, as a public official who represents the public, ought to know better than to single out a specific group in serving the needs of the American people.”

“PNAAs demand a formal apology from Marion Barry for his insensitive remarks. In a diverse and pluralistic society, we must learn how to respect each other. PNAAs is the official organization of Filipino nurses in the United States. T

The following is excerpted from The Washington Post article by Tim Craig published on April 24, 2012. “At a hearing Monday on the University of the District of Columbia’s budget, he (Barry) spoke about the need to train more African Americans to become nurses. In a video of his remarks, Barry noted a growing number

of nurses are “immigrants” from the Philippines ‘[I]f you go to the hospital now, you’ll find a number of immigrants who are nurses, particularly from the Philippines,’ said Barry (D-Ward 8). And no offense, but let’s grow our own teachers, let’s grow our own nurses, and so that we don’t have to go scrounging in our community clinics and other kinds of places, having to hire people from somewhere else.”

“Barry said he was attempting to make a larger point about the university and the country’s demands for nurses. ‘UDC ought to be a premier nursing school in the country. The nursing shortage is so bad we have to bring in nurses from the Philippines. What’s negative about that? Nothing’s negative about that,’ he said. ‘It’s an asset to the United States to have access to nurses from other countries, but I want UDC to be the premier nursing institution.... Every time I mention a group, it’s not negative, it’s a fact.’

“Several of Barry’s council colleagues, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) and several Maryland lawmakers of Asian descent, called Barry’s statements as divisive. “Barry stressed during the hearing that local colleges could help lower the unemployment if schools such as UDC, which has a growing nursing program, redouble efforts to identify

and train potential nurses. “Because of shortages nationwide, for years hospitals have had to turn overseas to bolster their ranks of nurses.

More than half the foreign-trained nurses come from the Philippines, according to a 2005 study by Minority Nurse, which focuses on career and education training.” Other Asian American groups, including the Office of the Philippine Ambassador, have also condemned Barry’s remarks.

Immigration Basics - 101

New Detroit Incorporated, the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center and the Mexican Consulate are offering two half-day sessions on the immigration law and immigrant rights. The goal of these sessions is twofold: to provide information about the legal system and share effective strategies to protect and preserve the family unit. Susan E. Reed, Supervising Attorney at the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center will be our lead trainer.

Location: **Michigan State University - Detroit Center**
3408 Woodward Avenue
(located between Mack Avenue and the Fisher Freeway)
Detroit, MI 48201-2726

Thursday, May 24, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon



1. Immigration Law Basics – A framework for understanding the immigration law
2. Immigrant Rights Basics – An overview of key concepts relating to immigrant workers’ rights, civil rights and access to public benefits &

Thursday, June 7, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Family Preparedness and Emergency Response – Information for families anticipating a crisis relating to immigration detention and/or deportation

There is no cost to attend this event. RSVP is required. To receive more information about the event contact:

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FREE IMMIGRATION CLINIC FOR CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION

American Citizens for Justice (ACJ), along with Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) organizations, is providing a citizenship workshop, as part of the national AAPI Naturalization Network (AAPINN), aimed at helping

APIA’s take the first step of applying for U.S. citizenship. ACJ is also a community partner of Asian American Justice Center.

CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION SERVICE INCLUDES:

- Providing you with up-to-date information on application requirements and procedures
- Verifying your eligibility for naturalization
- Assisting you with the completion of your citizenship application or other necessary forms
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- Providing you with helpful study aids for the citizenship examination
- Answering any questions you may have about citizenship

USCIS REP. WILL BE AT THE CLINIC TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THE SERVICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Follow up with USCIS in case of slow service, missed appointments, etc.
- Representation at interviews and/or oath ceremonies

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO ANYONE WHO:

- Is not qualified for citizenship
- Has a criminal history that requires a substantial expenditure of resources to resolve

- Is uncooperative with our requests for necessary information
- Fails to provide complete and accurate information

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Online resources for applications

Forms: www.uscis.gov/forms
Online workbook: <http://www.apalc.org/citizenship>

Pre-event registration is required!

Pre-registered attendees will receive priority for service. To pre-register or for more information, contact:

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IMMIGRATION TOWN HALL
Hosted by **BRIDGES**

Building Respect in Diverse
Groups to Enhance Sensitivity

WHEN: May 17, 2012
WHERE: Dearborn City Hall –
13615 Michigan Ave, Dearborn,
Michigan
TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
(Doors open at 5:30pm)

Please join us for an
opportunity to address
concerns regarding
immigration. The panel
speakers will include:

- Mick Dedvukaj, District Director, USCIS
- Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, ICE-HIS
- Rebecca Adducci, Director, ICE-ERO

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CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP in Ann Arbor May 19th**

Applicants will receive various services, including:

- One-on-one assistance in completing the N-400 (Citizenship Application)
- Guidance on eligibility for naturalization
- Final review of completed N-400s from qualified attorneys who specialize in naturalization law to ensure accuracy and compliance with CIS standards
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- A comprehensive workbook and DVD on application

requirements and procedures, including **study aids for the citizenship interview and exam**

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