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SAVE THE DATE(S)

**DETROIT'S CLOSING THE GAP DINNER
JUNE 19,2012

**DEC. 17 DEARBORN HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
RIZAL DAY – SPONSORED BY FILAMMCO

SOE 2012 Connections – What is next?

Staying In-Touch

2012 Theme Tribute To Mother Earth

*A Three Part Sequel
Production Rehearsals*

*Kick-off December 11, 1pm
Chinese Community Center*

2011 VIDEO IS AVAILABLE (\$10)

Contact Bob Riparip: rdriparip@sepanet.com

Shared 2011 SOE Photos
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Cultural - <http://capa-mi.blogs.com/photos/soe-2011/>
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Message...



2012 Splendor of the East Production is seeking for a production choreographer, qualified applicants please send Bios to Bob Riparip: rdriparip@sepanet.com



HARD OF HEARING

Council sets deaf, deaf-blind meeting

LANSING – The Michigan Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Council will meet on Dec. 2, 2011.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will be of interest to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, their family members and professionals interested in learning more about the division's work and mission.

The meeting will take place at the State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, located at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the concluding part of the meeting.

Sign language interpreters and communication access real-time translation (CART) will be provided. People with disabilities requiring additional accommodation services to participate in the meeting are asked to contact Christy Hill at 1-877-499-6232 at least two business days before the meeting.

Individuals intending to attend the meeting are asked to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products to enhance accessibility for everyone.

Lunch will be provided for **only** the DODHH advisory board members and invited guests. However, there is a full-service grill and cafeteria located next to the conference room. It will accept only cash or checks for payment.

The Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing is under the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL & DII SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LAUNCH BUSINESS & CULTURAL SEMINARS

Multicultural Council of America (MCC), is a non-profit, Michigan based international cultural organization, in collaboration with the School of Business, Dominican International Institute is launching a series of 12 Business & Cultural Seminars to help Michigan companies better understand the world markets, to promote international trade and to understand the dynamics of diversity at home in our work force.

The 21st century is facing a world in transition at an unprecedented pace, said Dr. Shakil Khan, President of the Multicultural Council. The global economic competition, stunning shifts in the political landscape and influence of developing nations & regions are fast-evolving, said Khan.

For more information and/or to register for the seminars, please contact MCC at 248-614-5200 or the Dominican International Institute at 248-822-6000 or by email at info@dominicaninternationalinstitute.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEW DETROIT'S ANNUAL CLOSING THE GAP DINNER!

New Detroit's Fourteenth Annual Closing the Gap awards dinner will be held on **Tuesday, June 19, 2012.**

For more than a decade, New Detroit has honored 40 individuals, community organizations and corporations for their efforts to eliminate disparities and close the gaps that can be measured by race.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities and tickets, please call 313-664-2006.

FLU Shots While Supply Last *Sponsored by Nanay Inc. & CAPA*

Free to seniors 62 years and older! Accepting \$10 donations every Sunday from 3pm to 4pm at the Philippine American Community Center in Southfield, MI

For more information:

Contact: 248-755-6119

CAPA Scholars Award 2012 – Update

A diverse group of ten students from nine different area schools attended the CAPA Scholars Award interviews on November 9th. The interview process focused on the cross-cultural interests, extra-curricular activities and the leadership roles of the students in their respective schools and the community and their plans for the future. The interview panel which consisted of representatives from the board, the advisory board and the youth leadership was highly impressed with the pool of candidates, and the ideas and vision that these students had and would bring to CAPA as youth leaders.

The two awards will be announced at our signature event, *The Splendor of the East* in May in the presence of our sponsors. This also enables our students to complete the documentation that is required which includes the letter of acceptance from an in-state Michigan school and payment of the fee.

In order to be eligible for the award CAPA Scholars Award recipients are required to attend a Michigan School, become a member of the CAPA Youth Leadership team and volunteer at CAPA events in addition to maintaining a good academic record.



We welcome this enthusiastic and bright group of students to the CAPA Youth team and look forward to interacting with them at our various events under the guidance of our youth leader Blaise Javier.

Aneesa I. Rashid, Ph.D.

Chair, CAPA Education Committee

Remember the problems of people with disabilities during inclement weather

DETROIT — On the eve of the first predicted snowfall in many parts of the state, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) asks Michiganders to remember the well-being of people with disabilities.

Deep heavy snow and other blockages to curb cuts and disability parking spaces create precarious conditions for people with limited mobility. "Please think of people using wheelchairs, motorized scooters, canes and walkers and how they are challenged by icy ramps, snow-covered curb cuts and accessible parking spaces filled with plowed snow," MDCR said.

Adequate snow and ice removal is also wise from a legal standpoint.

MDCR warns that the Department of Civil Rights will investigate complaints about improper snow removal. The Michigan Persons With Disabilities Civil Rights Act states that "a person shall accommodate a person with a disability for purposes of employment, public accommodation, public service, education, or housing unless the person demonstrates that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship."

Clearing a path that is at least 40 inches in width helps accommodate people using wheelchairs.

Ice removal is encouraged for everyone's safety, and many mobility devices don't function well on slick or slushy surfaces.

Finally, excessive salt use can hurt the paws of service animals. For more information on the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, call 800/482-3604 or visit www.michigan.gov/mdcr.

GREEN CARD OBTAINED IN LESS THAN 2 MINUTES

A Filipino-American lawyer might have recorded the fastest time to obtain a green card – "less than two minutes."

Legal counsel Arnedo Valera appears to have broken the record set by another Filipino-American lawyer, the late Renato L. Amponin, who had reported that he once handled an immigration case of a Filipina criminal-case witness, who obtained "within hours" a green card, a document that allows a foreigner to obtain permanent-resident status in the United States.

Valera said that his client, Susan Hinaut, was issued a green card "in less than two minutes" by an immigration officer in Long Island, New York when the officer found out that she needed to go home to the Philippines to bury her son the day before her scheduled interview.

Valera said that during the interview, the officer "offered her condolences to Susan and remarked she must go home right away. Children are supposed to bury their parents, not the parents burying their children. I will issue your green card right away," Ms. Hinaut was quoted as saying by Mariver R. Montebon, managing editor of *Migrant Heritage Chronicle*.

The officer's remark left Ms. Hinaut dumbfounded and in tears, saying, "I

couldn't believe it. I thanked the officer endlessly and I cried." She was not interviewed any further.

"No one really knows one's fate when one enters into the immigration office to apply for permanent residency status. But Susan is just one of those so lucky enough to be approved quickly." Valera said. "This is a random act of kindness that does not happen all the time." (Filipino Star News)

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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.

Production Rehearsals are now ongoing!

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