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FROM THE BOARD: CAPA sets micro-lending workshop on April 23

The Council of Asian-Pacific Americans (CAPA) will hold a workshop on micro lending on April 23, 2012 in the central campus of the International Academy at 1020 East Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Each participant in the workshop will choose a small business in a developing country to support with a small loan. Then the participants will learn about strategies to make investment decisions, cultures around the globe, and the economic impacts of micro-lending.

The Micro Lending 101 workshop will enable the participants to discover the ways that small loans make a big difference to entrepreneurs all over the world. They will also explore unique businesses and learn how CAPA supports local communities.

The two-hour workshop will start at 3:30 p.m.

Interested individuals or parties are urged to register online at <http://www.onelinkco.com/MicroLending.php>.

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APACC 11TH ANNUAL DINNER

WILL HOLD ITS 11TH ANNUAL DINNER ON MAY 19, 2012 AT THE ROYAL PARK HOTEL AT 600 EAST UNIVERSITY DRIVE, ROCHESTER. THE THEME OF THE DINNER EVENT IS "EAST AND WEST: THE SUN NEVER SETS."

KACCM CELEBRATES DAN-OH FESTIVAL IN Southfield - JUNE 10, 2012

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

SOE 2012 Connections - What is next?

Staying In-Touch

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<http://youtu.be/5mxvwEkrEmg> (teaser link)

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REHEARSALS OF THE EAST REHEARSALS

4/15 CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1:30-4:30PM- ALL GROUPS

4/22 CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1:30-4:30PM- ALL GROUPS

4/29 PHILIPPINE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1:30-4:30PM - ALL GROUPS



Choreographers of 2012 'Splendor of the East' among the best in Detroit

The choreographers picked to compose the various episodes of this year's version of the Splendor of the East (SOE) are among the best in Detroit. They were chosen by the Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) on the basis of their excellent track records and long experience in the art of dance and music.

CAPA President Arcie Gemino said the meticulous selection is expected to ensure that SOE 2012 will be as artistic, colorful and enjoyable as those staged in the past years.

The chosen choreographers, who are all noted for their creative talent, imaginative prowess and terpsichorean skills, are Kimberly Mikulski (lead choreographer), Ning Xue, Julie Tang, Susan Qu, Sharon Dow, Parul Shah, Radhika Acharya, Minnie Morrey, Sun-Mi Choi and Annabelle Martinez Cudilla.

Kimberly Mikulski is a professional choreographer, who is the director of the Elaine Ceime Irish Dance School. The segment she has composed for SOE 2012 will be performed by the Irish Step Dance Troupe.

Under the direction of Mikulski, the Elaine Ceime school provides first-class education in traditional Irish-step dance. Its dancers have performed at various events throughout the US and even around the world.

Ning Xue is a choreographer and professional dancer from China. She has 25 years of experience in teaching Chinese folk dance, traditional dance and classical dance. Upon the invitation of the University of Michigan (UM), Xue came to Michigan, and she has been teaching Chinese dance at UM for many years now. Xue's segment in the SOE will be performed by the Chinese Dance Troupe, which is a part of the Metro-Detroit Oriental Art School established in 1997. The dance troupe has been participating in the SOE and other international dance festivals since 2000.

Sun-Mi Choi is the choreographer and director of the Korean Culture Dance Team, which was formed three years ago. She has a master's degree from Ewha

Women's University in Korea. The Korean team performed in the SOE in 2007 and 2008 and had also performed at other important events in the Metro Detroit area.

Susan Qu is the lead choreographer of the Michigan Chinese Folk Dancing Group which was founded in 2004. The group consisted of newly immigrated Chinese amateur dancers in various professional fields. The group has been voluntarily demonstrating the Chinese culture with different styles of Chinese traditional dances for diverse audience at various schools, universities, art and cultural fairs, and community centers throughout Metro Detroit.

Radhika Acharya is the director of the Nupur Academy of Dance based in Troy, Michigan, which was founded in 2003 with the principal purpose of teaching the ancient classical dance style from South India called "Bharatanatyam." The academy strives to develop excellence and dedication in its students as well as to cultivate in local communities a broad awareness and understanding of the Indian culture through its interpretative dance programs and events.

In the last decade, Nupur Academy of Dance has consistently shared its art with several community groups such as the Troy Public Library and the Troy public schools (Troy Daze, Kaleidoscope). It performed at, among others, the Festival of India at Hart Plaza, at the ethnic festival of the City of Sterling Heights, at corporate cultural groups in Chrysler, and at ethnic Indian cultural organizations.

Minnie Morey is the artistic director of the Pacific Island Dancers, a group which promotes the dances of the islands of Hawaii, Tahiti and the Philippines. Minnie is Filipino by birth and was raised in the Filipino tradition of family, culture and music. At present, she teaches Philippine folk dances as well as Polynesian dances. She formed the Pacific Island Dancers, a troupe based in Western Michigan.

Sharon Dow is the choreographer of the Michigan Chinese Women Association (MCWA) headed by President Mary Wang.

MCWA, a non-profit organization with 501C (3) tax-exempt status, was founded in 1990. In 1995, it merged with the Taiwan Girls' High School Alumnae Association.

MCWA presents Taiwan's aboriginal dance to fulfill its mission of promoting Chinese culture. The dance was presented for the first time in 2010 during the celebration of the International Women's Day. This is the second time MCWA will be participating in SOE.

Anabelle Martinez Cudilla is the dance director and choreographer of the Tagumpay Dance Troupe. She has a track record of more than 30 years as dance director and choreographer. She had undergone years of training with the Bayanihan Dance Company, which is the national dance troupe of the Philippines. She also had training in classical ballet at the Cultural Center of Philippines. A graduate of Philippine Women's University, she fell in love with the Hula dance during her student years in Manila.

Later, she opened her dance company in Bacolod City, Philippines, which trained gifted dancers on many dance forms such as ballet, modern jazz, Spanish, Polynesian and Filipino dances.

Here in the US, her dancers are provided unique training in all the cultural forms of dance. During the celebration of Rizal Day last December, Annabelle received accolades and rave reviews for her superb choreography of the show entitled "Rizal's Love and Travels."

Choreographer **Parul Shah** is a dance graduate of classical Bharatanatyam from Nritya Bharti school of dances in India. She has also learned and practiced various folk dances of India. She taught Indian classical and semi-classical dances in 1990. She has participated in Indian folk dance competitions on the regional and national level and has won many awards.

Parul has likewise actively participated in cultural activities and workshops on Indian dances at the Cleveland school of arts. Her two older daughters Nisha Shah and Heta Shah are Bharatanatyam dance graduates, too. Her husband



Shirish Shah and daughter Isheeta Shah are actively involved in community services and in teaching Indian culture through dance and music to the younger generation

APIA Vote voter mobilization Training seminar set on voters mobilization

APIA Vote-Michigan is urging Asian and Arab Americans to participate in a training seminar on voters mobilization to be held on April 14 at 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Room 3909 of the Michigan Union building at 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor.

APIA Vote-Michigan headed by President Stephanie Chang said the seminar to be conducted by the Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute is a great way to learn new skills about engaging Asian and Arab American voters in the electoral process.

“This is a critical election year and your active involvement will make a huge difference,” APIA Vote said.

At the Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute seminar, the participants will learn about effective voter mobilization and communications strategies and national and regional voting trends, engage in interactive workshops and contribute to local planning.

The goals of the training are to provide framework for civic engagement and political organizing; provide the participants with organizing tools to effectively build civic engagement programs in Asian and Pacific Islander American and Arab American communities.

DC official’s derogatory remark on Asian businesses condemned

At least 18 local and national organizations committed to advancing and protecting the rights of individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the US have condemned a remark made by (Washington) District of Columbia Councilmember Marion Barry regarding businesses owned by Asian Americans. He reportedly said, “We got to do something about these Asians coming in and opening up businesses and dirty

shops. They ought to go. I’m going to say that right now.”

He made the deplorable remark in Washington, DC last April 3 during his Ward 8 primary election-victory party.

In a statement issued to various media outlets, the 18 organizations said, “With Councilmember Barry’s previous commitment to civil rights, we are particularly disappointed by this comment. While he recently indicated that he was ‘sorry for offending the Asian community,’ we call upon him to issue a sincere apology and ensure meaningful engagement with our communities to improve the well-being of all individuals in his district.

“Councilmember Barry’s statement is of serious concern because it undermines the notion that developing the District of Columbia’s economy and neighborhoods is in the interest of all communities, regardless of national origin or ethnic background. Numerous institutions, from small businesses to non-profit organizations, as well as individuals, provide vital services and job opportunities, contribute their tax dollars and engage in civic and political life within the city.”

The groups noted that according to 2007 data, Asians in the District of Columbia own 5.9 percent of businesses, joining other communities in strengthening the economy.

The statement also said, “Rather than acknowledging and appreciating the contributions that Asian businesses along with other racial and ethnic communities have made to the city, Councilmember Barry’s remark appear to fan the flames of racial divisions and imply that Asian Americans” are not participating in the efforts to develop a robust economy that benefits all residents.

The organizations also expressed extreme concerns that remarks such as the one made by Barry “can perpetuate stereotypes of Asians taking jobs away from other Americans, which can fuel racism and animosity towards community members.”

The groups called upon Councilmember Barry to issue “a meaningful apology and officially retract his statement, refrain from engaging in harmful rhetoric regarding Asians and other immigrants,

and develop meaningful relationships with our communities in the District of Columbia.

“Our organizations also view this as a prime opportunity to work with Mayor Vincent Gray and the council members on the ‘One City, One Future’ initiative. We look forward to proactively identifying next steps that we can take together to continue to create a more diverse and growing economy for all residents.

The national organizations that issued the statement are APIAVote, Asian American Action Fund, Asian American Justice Center, Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, Council of Korean Americans, Japanese American Citizens League, National Association of Filipino American Associations, National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, National Asian Pacific American Center on Aging, National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse, National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, Organization of Chinese Americans, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, South Asian Americans Leading Together and Southeast Asia Action Resource Center.

In a related development, the Michigan Asian Pacific Affairs Commission (MAPAAC) also condemned Barry’s derogatory comment.

Connie Dang, vice chair person of MAPAAC, said, “We would expect that in the nation’s capital, elected officials would refrain from using racial and ethnic slurs. Instead, Councilmember Barry’s comment served to both offend and further divide the people. His comment perpetuates stereotypes about immigrant communities and fuels animosity toward Asian Pacific Americans.

“With partner organizations across the nation, we call on him to retract his statement and issue a heartfelt apology for his inappropriate remarks.”



Bills allowing entry of out-of-state energy companies in Michigan market opposed Electric consumers will pay \$900 M more yearly, group says

LANSING – The Michigan Jobs & Energy Coalition (MJEC) announced it opposes new proposed legislation that helps out-of-state energy companies line their pockets at the expense of Michigan electric customers.

MJEC said the bills, House Bill 5503 and Senate Bill 1035, if enacted into law, would dismantle Michigan's successful 2008 energy policy to allow more out-of-state energy companies into the state's energy market.

This would cost most Michigan electric customers up to \$900 million more per year by 2016, according to an analysis of data compiled by the Michigan Public Service Commission, MJEC also said.

"This legislation will jeopardize Michigan's ability to generate power in the future. As new generation capacity is needed to support Michigan families and businesses, these bills assume that out-of-state energy companies will always do what's right for our state," said Patrick Devlin, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and an MJEC member.

"This change in our energy policy would be a huge risk for Michigan's economy. Additionally, don't believe this won't cost customers anything. Many Michigan electric customers would see their bills increase if these are passed," Devlin also said. Michigan's energy policy, which currently allows up to 10 percent of the energy market to be served by out-of-state energy companies, was established to protect customers from shouldering more than their fair share of fixed energy costs.

Fixed energy costs include the investment the state's hometown utilities, DTE Energy and Consumers Energy, have already made to provide affordable, reliable power to all Michigan residents. Michigan's energy policy was reviewed last fall by the state's Senate energy and technology committee. After six weeks of hearing, committee chairman Sen. Mike Nofs publicly stated

the energy policy was working as intended and there was no need for any change to the policy's 10 percent limit on out-of-state energy companies.

The 2008 energy policy diversified Michigan's energy portfolio to help create a balanced approach to energy production. Since 2008, more than \$4 billion in investments have been made in the state's energy infrastructure, such as renewable energy projects and power plant upgrades. This has helped provide greater reliability and has guarded against market price volatility for Michigan customers, MJEC said.

MJEC supports the timely implementation of the state's 2008 comprehensive energy law, the construction of new base-load power plants and renewable energy facilities and energy policies that create jobs and improve Michigan's economy.

MJEC is comprised of Michigan's major utilities, electric cooperatives and municipal electricity providers; major business organizations and industrial customers; labor organizations; economic development interests; and renewable energy and energy efficiency advocates and many others.

Bids sought for contract to serve as 2012 facilitator of D4 Coalition

Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit (D4), a coalition of diverse residents, unions, environmental, faith-based and community organizations, is seeking bids from experienced professionals with excellent organizing, administrative and fund-development skills for an eight-month contract to facilitate the work of the D4 Coalition.

One desired outcome of the contract is for D4 to be in a position to hire full-time staff in 2013.

D4 originally came together in January 2010, developed a set of collaboration principles by August 2010, created a structure and adopted specific campaigns in November 2010.

The members, which include unions, environmental, faith-based and community organizations as well as residents, came together with the shared purpose of strengthening metro Detroit

through equitable, sustainable, "win-win" economic development.

D4 represents people and communities that organize in their workplaces and neighborhoods to obtain a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.

The essential duties and responsibilities of the professional-facilitator are:

- Plan and schedule D4 meetings, including general meetings and committee meetings. Foster strong internal communication, transparency and accountability among partners.
- Manage external communications: coordinate the efforts and message of D4 with all member organizations to avoid duplication of efforts and to speak with a unified voice.
- Staff D4 fund development committee, write proposals and set up funder meetings.
- Provide support and guidance to D4 workgroups.

The qualifications are following:

- Previous experience in managing organizing campaigns and/or building diverse, effective coalitions.
- Knowledge of or experience in local and regional public policy and economic development processes.
- Ability to understand and work with unions, community groups, and non-profit organizations.
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills.
- Excellent organizational and planning skills with a special focus on meeting planning.
- Ability to balance and prioritize many tasks, meet deadlines and problem-solve.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in various settings, both collaboratively and independently.

ADC Michigan to Host a US Citizenship Ceremony : Oath-taking rites set for new US citizens

ADC (American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee) Michigan will host ceremonies to swear in 200 new US citizens at 8:30 a.m. on May 11, 2012 at Byblos Banquet Center in Dearborn.



The program will include brief remarks by officials and government representatives. This will be followed by the oath-taking. This event is limited to the new citizens and invited guests. Members of the media are welcome to cover the event.

For more information, interested individuals are asked to contact ADC Michigan at adc_michigan@adc.org.

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Community Living Options
626 Reed Kalamazoo, MI 49001 Or by email to:
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Contact: Janice Rolnick. Her husband, Michael, is the Director of the speech center.

American Citizens for Justice (ACJ) CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP in Ann Arbor May 19th

Applicants will receive various services, including:

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- 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
- Technical legal support and assistance in providing up-to-date info on naturalization laws and process
- A comprehensive workbook and DVD on application requirements and procedures, including **study aids for the citizenship interview and exam**
- Resources of local ESL and civics-providing classes

Let's touch the world and extend a helping hand!

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You want to make a difference? Join us Nurture the Aged & Youth

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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.

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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