

Newsletter



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President's Message

October 5, 2014

Dear Members and Friends of OCA-EVC:

I still cannot believe that Q3, 2014 is coming to an end. I hope you all are enjoying the beautiful Virginia Fall weather amid the memory of the hot summer we just had. As usual, we had our annual picnic in late June and we have a great success again. We had almost a hundred people attended the picnic. The best feature of this year's picnic is the BBQ. Shirley Chiang, our Education Director, was put in charge of preparing the BBQ meat and what a preparation she did, The BBQ meat were so exceptionally tasty everyone were asking to have her in charge of it forever. Since Jim Zhang, our three consecutive terms President and our BBQ life-time master chef was out of town, Frank Wen, our new and promising Secretary, took over and

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- Asian Pacific Americans
Outraged at Xenophobic and
Racist Comments from Fox
News

- Asian Pacific Americans
Take Action on National Voter
Registration Day

FOCAL NEWS

- The Voice of Autumn,
10/25/2014 Saturday 6PM-
11PM, @DanceSport VA

- Register to Vote



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and did a great job. I helped just enough to know the grill was very hot and it is a hard job to BBQ for 100 people. The Tea Eggs and all other dishes were all great. Thanks to Lily Li, Membership Director, and Shirley and Ling Wang, Fund Raising Director and all others who helped with the food and raffle. On top of that, we had 6 families renewed their membership and two new families joined our Chapter. The annual picnic has been a gathering for our members and it has always been free to our members and new members. I hope we can continue this tradition every year.

We celebrated the Annual Moon Festival on 9/7 at Norfolk Town Point Park. This event is jointly sponsored by all local Chinese Community Organizations and our past VP, Bonnie Xie (wife of our current VP, Harry Zhang) is the main organizer. Our Chapter was there to demonstrate Chinese Calligraphy and introduce us to our community. Our Publication Director, Jay Wang, joined Jim Zhang to demonstrate Chinese calligraphy and write Chinese names for visitors. Jay also made a beautiful poster to introduce our chapter to the community.

Traditional Chinese dance were provided by TCS students. What a great idea to have Mother and Daughter together on our OCA Quipao team show. We took a lot of great pictures to be attached to share with you all. The festival was very successful and we even made some money for our Chapter and renewed some members.

Many times, I have emphasized we should treasure our freedom of making “Choices”, especially when a lot of people are fighting to have theirs. Now, it is finally our time to make big “choices” in exercising our voting rights in the upcoming Mid-Term election. It will be on 11/4 this year and we will elect one US Senator and 11 Congressman and many state Senators and Representatives. Since most of our members are US Citizen and Virginia residents, we are eligible to vote as long as we are registered. The voter registration deadline is 10/14 which is only a week away. I found many websites very helpful in providing bipartisan voting information and I encourage all of you to do more research about our candidates and make the right decisions. We are a civil rights advocate



organization and we want a better future for us and the next generations. Having the people in public positions will make the same decisions as we do is a very important step. Also equally important, voting records are analyzed and tracked and we need to show we, Asian Pacific Americans, care about our rights and our politics. We have distributed voter registration forms during the Moon Festival (since on-line registration system is in place as of now) and we will continue to help and encourage our members in community to vote and make us be counted.

Finally, I hope all of you have received the announcement of our upcoming big fundraising event (it is attached for reminder) "The Voice in Autumn - Singing for the Future". Cindy Guo, our Treasurer and Lily and our Bonnie, are working so diligently on planning this event. We have the generous sponsorship from Dr. Qiu Jin, Executive Director of the Distinguished Confucius institute and our longtime supporter Betty Lu, who has offered her dance studio at a very deep discount to host our event. I have been there quite a few times and we always enjoyed the dance and music there. I know it is going to be a fun-filled event and it is to support our Chapter and our

future generations. Fall weather is already among us and I hope we all will watch out for the sudden temperature change. I hope to see you all soon.

Best Wishes,

Simon Lee





Dear Members and Friends of OCA-EVC:

Our Chapter (Eastern Virginia Chapter of OCA) has always enjoyed financial stability owing to the generous donations and successful fund raising activities of past members and friends of our organization. Together with the prudent allocation of our funds by all the past Presidents and Directors, We have been able to sponsor events to promote the missions of our organization and give our biggest support to the OCA National. We still firmly believe, as a National organization, our Chapter is the best local organization who can truly represent and advocate the benefits of all of our community members.

As you all remember by heart, our mission is best described in one sentence: "Embrace the Hopes and Aspirations of all Asian Pacific Americans". One of the main activities in our Annual Meeting is to present Youth Awards to our outstanding students who are preparing to attend universities. The candidates have to write essay on a community related topic and have teachers' recommendations and are making excellent grades. The Youth Awards have been a main attraction to our AM and we have awarded numerous

excellent students who succeeded in getting into top universities and are doing well in their careers. However, we want to expand our awards to include more scholarships for all our students, especially, the needed students. To make it possible for our future generations to have better education and become better citizen is one of the important hopes and aspirations for all of us. We want to do more to embrace it and I know you want to too.

It has been a long time since our Chapter had any major fund raising event and I am proud to announce that it is our turn to have one finally. We will be raising funds strictly used for our student scholarships. All the fund raising events I remembered had been very successful and a lot of fun. I can promise you that we will even have more fun. We will have singing contest and the winners will be showcasing their talents in the next year's Chinese New Year celebration. All our directors are working hard in planning for the event and we need your help and generosity to make it successful.



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I am attaching the poster for this exciting event and the important rules for the contest. Please take advantage of early registration discounts and be sure to start practicing your songs. I know the competition will be fierce and hot and we will have a lot of fun for a great purpose. I hope I will see you and “hear” all of you there.

Best Wishes,

Simon Lee



OCA-EVC 2014
FUNDRAISING FOR THE YOUTH
Youth, our hope and our future. To grow our youth and brighten our future, OCA Eastern Virginia Chapter (EVC) has sponsored the Youth Awards for many years. 金秋歌会, an OCA-EVC fund raising event for the Youth Awards and also for the OCA National Youth Scholarship Fund Campaign, please come to help and have fun.

Saturday, October 25
6:00pm to 11:00pm

DanceSport VA
5721 Arrowhead Drive,
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Singing Contest; Song-on-Demand; Silent Auction; Dancing; Other Performances

Refreshment: Finger food, bottle water
Attire (服装): Formal
Admission for All(入场费): \$25/Adult, \$15/Child (7 to16). Free for children under 6. Baby sitting available

RSVP by 10/15/2014 for seats setting
Cindy Guo(郭欣), tuguoxin2013@gmail.com, 757-214-3792
Singers for Music Issues
Contact Bonnie Xie (谢波) 773-401-8188
Donation Items for Silent Auction
Contact Ling Wang (王玲) 863-258-5058

SINGING CONTEST
Singers Groups:
Adult Group and Children Group (under 16)
Judging: judged and voted by three judges and audience for the favorite singers (Judges: 王姬楠, 林凯, 李虎)
Charge for Singing:
Adult \$20/song, Children \$10/song
Late Song Submission (after 10/15/14), or On Site:
Adult \$25/song, Children \$15/song
On Site Song-on-Demand(现场点歌): min \$20/song
Cash Donation(捐款): \$100+, VIP seat, free singing with one free guest admission; \$200+, VIP seat, free singing with three free guests admission



Our Board Visited Our Elder and Lifetime Member Professor Peter Chang

By Jim Zhang

Professor Peter Chang and Mrs. Jane Chang, one of our chapter's elders and lifetime members, have vastly contributed to our chapter since the founding of the chapter in 1987. We are still greatly benefited from their unselfish contributions.

Professor Chang, 93, had a stroke last year and now he is in very good recovery. He has good appetite and sleeps well. He and his wife Jane are staying in their home in Norfolk. On August 23, Harry Zhang, our Vice President, Lily Li, board director and Jim Zhang, Past President director, on behalf of the board of the chapter, visited Professor Chang at their home and

conveyed the best regards of our chapter to them. They also expressed their best wishes to our chapter.

*** Pictures from Moon Festival ***





[OCA National News]

Dear OCA Members,

Tis the season of elections! Over the past few weeks, some of our chapters have been hard at work registering community members across the country to vote in this year's midterm election. Some of these chapters include OCA Sacramento, Cleveland, Phoenix, Tucson, Chicago, Georgia, and New York.

Some states such as Ohio, Arizona, and Georgia have deadlines are as early as Monday, October 6, 2014. You must register to vote before the deadline in order to participate in this year's November elections. We are asking that each and every one of you join us in strengthening the voice of our community by registering to vote.

1. Register to vote online! – OCA has partnered with Rock the Vote to make online voter registration easier! It only takes a few minutes to complete the application. Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/OCAVote>

2. Get involved with GOTV! – Connect with your local OCA chapter and meet other volunteers who are passionate about empowering the APA voice through voter mobilization. For questions, please contact Tong Thao at tthao@ocanational.org

3. “Like” “Tweet” and “Share” OCA's Social Media! Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and/or Tumblr!

Source: <https://ocanational.site-ym.com/news/196361/Action-Alert-Register-to-Vote.htm>