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Since 1973, the Organization of Chinese Americans, (OCA), has been at the forefront in the battle to preserve and secure the rights of Chinese American and Asian American citizens and permanent residents. As a highly respected and widely recognized voice at the local and national levels of public policy debate, OCA continues to promote social justice, equal opportunity and equal treatment for Asian Americans.

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SIXTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP & IMAGE AWARDS DINNER

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Lauren Tom

RECEPTION

6:00 PM

DINNER AND PROGRAM

7:00 PM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Julia Keh, President

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Jack Chang, Education Chair

SLIDE AND VIDEO PRESENTATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Cheryl A. Lau

"Making Today's Dreams ... Tomorrow's Reality"

PRESENTATION OF IMAGE AWARDS

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ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS

The Organization of Chinese Americans is a non-profit, non-partisan national civil advocacy organization of concerned Chinese Americans. It aims to secure our inherent rights as American citizens and permanent residents, and to generate and carry out action programs of interest to Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans. OCA embraces the hopes and aspirations of more than one million citizens and residents of Chinese ancestry in the United States.

The primary objectives of OCA include: upholding the Constitution of the United States; fostering democracy; promoting active participation of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans in civic and national life; securing social justice, equal opportunity, and equal treatment of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans; eliminating prejudices and ignorance and enhancing the image of Chinese and Asians in America; and promoting the cultural heritage of Chinese Americans and other Asian Americans.

To achieve these objectives, OCA is engaged in organizing local chapters such as the Greater Los Angeles Chapter to develop local leadership and community involvement with strong emphasis on participation by all members. About forty active chapters have been established across the nation, as well as one in Hong Kong. New chapters, OCA Affiliates and OCA College Affiliates with strong local programs continue to be formed.

As one of only five Asian American advocacy organizations with headquarters in Washington, D.C., OCA serves as an effective representative of Chinese American interests. The location gives the headquarters a vantage point for monitoring legislation affecting Chinese Americans and Asian Americans. The Greater Los Angeles Chapter is dedicated to serving its community and involves its membership to work with local organizations on issues of concern to Asian Americans. Together, we will work towards the goal of "Making Today's Dreams Tomorrow's Reality."

IMAGE AWARD

The OCA Image Award is presented to individuals and organizations in recognition for commitment and dedication to the advancement of the images of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans through their work. Furthermore, the Image Award commends individuals and organizations for significant contributions to the Chinese American and Asian American communities through personal community involvement and by ensuring an accurate and balanced portrayal of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans in their professional works. The Image Award also encourages individuals and organizations to take a leadership role in response to the needs, issues and concerns affecting the Chinese American and other Asian Pacific American populations.

The Image Award was conceived by the OCA-Greater Los Angeles Chapter. The first OCA Image Awards event was held in 1994 in Los Angeles in conjunction with the OCA 16th Annual National Convention. With your support, OCA hopes that the Image Award will provide recognition and encouragement to the individuals and organizations to continue advancing the positive and accurate image of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans in their respective works.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Lauren Tom

Lauren Tom began her career at age 17 in "A Chorus Line" on Broadway. She has also performed on Broadway in "Hurlyburly" and "Doonesbury", and in numerous plays at the New York Shakespeare Festival including "American Notes" for which she received the Obie Award. She has worked with directors Peter Sellars and Joanne Akalaitis at The Goodman Theater, The Guthrie Theater, La Jolla Playhouse, and the Kennedy Center. Film credits include "The Joy Luck Club", "Cadillac Man", "Mr. Jones", and "When a Man Loves a Woman". On television, Ms. Tom recently had a recurring role as Julie, Ross's girlfriend on "Friends". She has appeared in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and can be seen in the upcoming movies "Murder Live" on NBC, and "Tell Me No Secrets" on ABC. Ms. Tom's writing credits include "Tiger on the Right" for which she won a Dramalogue Award in 1991, and "25 Psychics", her critically acclaimed one woman show, which will begin a national tour in 1997. She is currently starring in a play called "Ikebana" at East West Players in Los Angeles.

OCA - GLA IMAGE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Cheryl A. Lau

Cheryl Lau most recently served as the General Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. from 1995 to 1996. Ms. Lau has also served as the Secretary of State for Nevada and Deputy Attorney General for the Nevada Attorney General's Office. Ms. Lau was also a professor of music and the Director for the Graduate Division of the School of Music at the California State University, Sacramento. Ms. Lau's educational achievements are extensive and diverse. She received a Bachelor of Musical Education from Indiana University, a Master of Arts in Teaching from Smith College, a Ph.D. in Music Arts from the University of Oregon, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco. Ms. Lau has been affiliated with various organizations and has served on numerous governing boards. She has held leadership positions with the Nevada Women's Commission, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the Western Nevada Community College Foundation, and has served as Chair for the National Commission for the Renewal of American Democracy.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Southern California Edison (SCE) is committed to working with Asian Pacific American (APA) leaders and community-based organizations to promote the social and economic well being of all communities. As SCE sees traditional sources of support and resources diminish, it is SCE's goal to support programs that help build capacity, promote greater efficiencies, strengthen infrastructure and develop leadership. Following the 1992 civil unrest, SCE was one of the first corporations to take an active role in the Rebuild L.A. effort with a pledge of \$35 million. Immediate relief to the impacted communities included thousands of dollars to Asian Pacific American community-based organizations to serve Asian victims who would not seek relief from traditional mainstream sources due to language and cultural barriers. Following the immediate relief efforts, SCE has continued to support the RLA effort by promoting specific APA programs that benefit the community. Some of SCE's continuing community support include: sponsorship of the Planning and Funding Workshop for Asian Pacific Planning Council (APPCON) members in 1993, sponsorship of a year-long mentoring program for 3 APPCON agencies in 1994, sponsorship of a 2 1/2 day APPCON workshop to develop new APPCON structure, goals and objectives to meet the significant and growing challenges facing the APA communities in 1995 & 1996. The end result from this workshop is the new A3PCON (Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council) which will take on a significant leadership role to empower the APA community. SCE understands that the key to working with APA communities is first recognizing and accepting that the APA community itself is very diverse and not homogeneous. Therefore, SCE's efforts include the continuing support for a large number and wide variety of APA organizations, such as the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Asian Pacific Women's Network, Asian Youth Center, Chinatown Service Center, Japanese American Citizen's League, Korean American Family Service Center, Filipino American Public Affairs Council and many more APA organizations.

FRIENDS OF THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY

The Friends of the Chinatown Library was founded 20 years ago in December, 1976 after three years of persistent work as an ad hoc committee. For the first time, this committee was able to bring together city, library, and school officials to a joint venture with the community in establishing the Los Angeles Chinatown Branch Library. It is the only public library that was initiated and established by community support and private funding, and is unique in being the only public library housed rent-free on school grounds. The library's Chinese Heritage collection, the Computer Center, and the new Homework Center are all directly financed by the Friends. In addition, the Friends purchase equipment, furniture, materials and supplies not provided by the library system. Scholarships for local library users are annually awarded. Most members of the Friends live outside of Chinatown, but go to the library to assist in the English Conversation Center and the library's Grandparents and Books program. The Friends of the Chinatown Library continue to support this very busy and unique library through grants, individual, organizational, and business donations, and more recently, through endowment funds.

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KSCI-TV 18, an International Media Group owned and operated TV station, has been broadcasting for 18 years, and serves Southern California's culturally-diverse and multi-lingual communities. KSCI-TV 18 was the first multi-language station in Los Angeles. In recognition for the valuable service this unique and important format provides, KSCI-TV has received numerous awards and commendations by several municipalities and non-profit agencies who serve the ethnic communities in Southern California. KSCI-TV 18 reaches 5.8 million TV households and 2.7 million cable households in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and San Diego counties. KSCI-TV is carried by more Southern California cable systems than any other independent commercial UHF station. KSCI-TV provides a unique variety of news, sports, dramas, and entertainment programs produced and aired in 17 different languages. As the immigrant population grows in this region, so grows the demand for language-specific programming to provide news and entertainment. KSCI-TV has over 18 years of experience in serving the ethnic populations of Southern California, and leads in audience viewership for this market.

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THE HONORABLE JUDY CHU, Ph.D.

Judy Chu has a long history of civil and community service in Southern California. She is the former mayor of Monterey Park and currently serves as a council member for the city of Monterey Park. She has a Ph.D. in Psychology and is a professor at California State University, Los Angeles. She is a well-known lecturer and community activist. OCA-GLA is proud to have Judy Chu as an Honorary Board member.

WARREN T. FURUTANI

Warren T. Furutani is currently the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund and the President and CEO of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council. Mr. Furutani was the first Asian Pacific American elected to the Los Angeles Board of Education and presided over the second largest school district in the United States as president in 1993. For almost three decades, Warren T. Furutani has been and is still known for his work in the Asian Pacific Islander American community and the greater Los Angeles Community as an advocate for equality and justice.

MARIA GUZMAN-KENNEDY

Ms. Guzman-Kennedy was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to his Office of Community Relations in 1995 and acts as a liaison to the diverse communities of California. Prior to coming to the Office of Community Relations, Ms. Guzman-Kennedy was appointed to the Department of Consumer Affairs. She has also been very successful as an independent consultant by providing her business development expertise to small businesses and continues to mentor many individuals and organizations.

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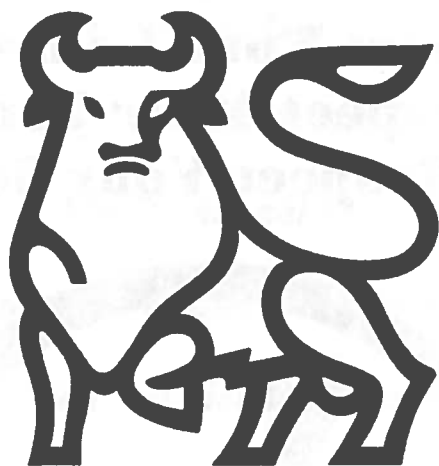
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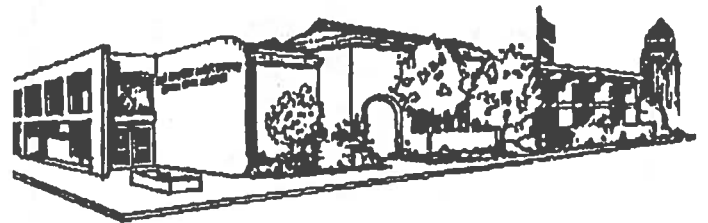
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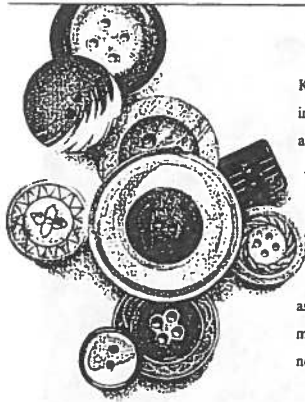
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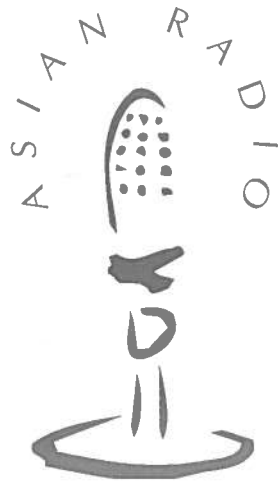
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