



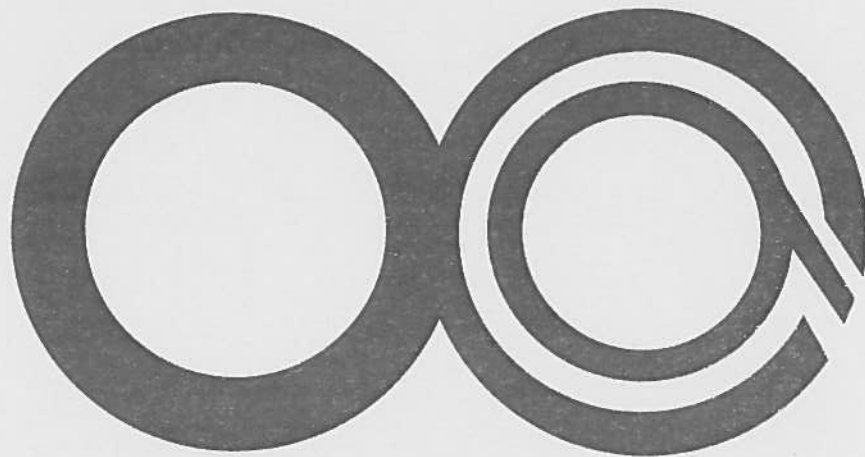
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History

OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. To fulfill its mission, OCA has established the following goals:

- to advocate for social justice, equal opportunity and fair treatment;
- to promote civic participation, education, and leadership;
- to advance coalitions and community building; and
- to foster cultural heritage.

Founded in 1973 as the Organization of Chinese Americans, OCA aims to embrace the hopes and aspirations of nearly 13 million Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.

OCA is engaged in organizing its more than 80 chapters and college affiliates across the nation to develop both leadership and community involvement. OCA chapters and our college affiliates are establishing strong local programs in all parts of the country.

OCA's base in Washington, D.C. gives the national office an effective vantage point for monitoring legislation and policy issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans. In addition, OCA is able to build national support and to work in coalition with other national groups around issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans.

OCA takes no collective position on the politics of any foreign country, but instead focuses on the welfare and civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.

OCA-Greater Los Angeles Chapter was founded in 1991 with Adeline M.L. Young as its president. Key founding and chartered members include: Adeline Young, Chris Cheung, the Honorable John Chiang, Terence Lai, David Lang, Allan Chou, Marissa Castro-Salvati, Audrey Noda, Lily Lee, and Martie Quan.

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Tamlyn Tomita

Tamlyn made her screen debut in *The Karate Kid, Part II* and has since appeared in numerous feature film, television and theatre projects. She is best known for her role as "Waverly" in Wayne Wang's film adaptation of Amy Tan's best selling novel *The Joy Luck Club*. Tamlyn's other credits include films such as *Picture Bride, Come See the Paradise, Four Rooms, Living Out Loud, Robot Stories, The Day After Tomorrow* and *Gaijin 2*; recurring roles on *JAG, 24, Santa Barbara* and *The Burning Zone*; and stage productions such as *THE SQUARE* and *DON JUAN: A MEDITATION* (Mark Taper Forum's Taper, Too), *SUMMER MOON* (Seattle's A Contemporary Theatre and South Coast Repertory), *DAY STANDING ON ITS HEAD* (Manhattan Theatre Club), *NAGASAKI DUST* (Philadelphia Theatre Company) and *WINTER CRANE* (Fountain Theatre) for which she received a Drama-Logue Award.

Roy Jasso

Roy is one of OCA-GLA's staunchest supporters and can be found front and center at community events across Los Angeles and the greater Southern California area. Aside from his work with Wells Fargo and OCA-GLA, Roy also devotes his time to worthwhile causes such as "Taking the Reins", an organization devoted to helping girls develop self-esteem, teamwork, responsibility and leadership skills. Roy also serves on the board of directors on the Chinatown Service Center.

Mike Eng

Assemblyman Mike Eng represents the 49th Assembly District, which is located within eastern Los Angeles County and includes the cities of Alhambra, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, and South El Monte. He currently serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee on transportation, which oversees all legislation related to mass transit, highways, roads and bridges, the Highway Patrol, driver's licenses, aircraft and ships. Prior to the State Assembly, he served as Mayor and City Councilmember of Monterey Park.

Assemblyman Mike Eng earned his law degree from UCLA after completing Bachelors' and Masters Degrees at the University of Hawaii, and is also a part-time community college instructor.

Karen Chau

Karen Chau, the creator of *Ni Hao, Kai-lan*, is a first generation Chinese-American born in New York. She grew up in Dallas, Texas, and Orange County, California. Chau majored in Studio Art at the University of California, Irvine, and minored in Digital Art. Prior to *Ni Hao, Kai-lan*, she worked as a graphic designer. *Ni Hao, Kai-lan* was inspired by Chau's childhood experiences, and her relationship with her grandfather. Chau hopes that this series will promote cultural awareness and celebrate the best of the Chinese and American cultures.

Alan Nishio

Until his retirement in 2007, Alan served as the Associate Vice President for Student Services at California State University, Long Beach. Alan also taught as an associate faculty member in the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies. Prior to his tenure at CSULB, Alan served as a founding member and Director of the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA and has previously worked at the University of Southern California and the University of Massachusetts.

Alan has a long involvement in community activities and is the current President of the Board of the Little Tokyo Service Center, a community development corporation in Los Angeles. Alan is also a past President and member of the Board of the California Conference for Equality and Justice, a human relations organization based in Long Beach. Alan also is a member of the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council and chairs their California Japantowns Preservation Committee.

Prior involvement in the Japanese American community include Alan's active role in the successful campaign to gain redress for Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated during World War II and was a founder and co-chair of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations.

A cancer survivor, Alan is active in efforts to raise funds for research and education regarding leiomyosarcoma (LMS) a rare and aggressive cancer that afflicts four of every one million people.



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Marcella Low

Marcella Low is The Gas Company's Public Affairs Manager for the South Bay cities of El Segundo, Lomita, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes Estates and Rancho Palos Verdes. She also covers the communities of Chinatown and Little Tokyo within the City of Los Angeles. As Public Affairs Manager, Marcella is the utility's principal contact with local elected officials, civic and community groups and the news media.

A native of Long Beach, Marcella holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from California State University, Long Beach. She graduated from San Pedro High School.

Marcella is actively involved with a number of organizations and serves on the following boards: Chair of the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce; Vice Chair Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment (CAUSE); Boardmember for the Asian Pacific American Legal Center; Pediatric Therapy Network and the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce. She also serves on the Advisory boards of: Asian Pacific Women's Center; Torrance Education Foundation; Little Tokyo Service Center; and Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies. In 2003, Marcella was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board of Trustees for the California Health Professions Education Foundation.

During her spare time, she enjoys hula dancing, cooking and trying to grow plumeria plants. She lives in Rancho Palos Verdes with her husband Calvin and their two daughters.

Honorees

Political Achievement



John Chiang is no stranger to the OCA-GLA family. A founding member of OCA-GLA, Chiang graduated with honors from the University of South Florida with a degree in Finance, and a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

He was first elected to the Board of Equalization in 1998 where he served two terms, including three years as chair. He began his career as a tax law specialist with the Internal Revenue Service and previously served as an attorney in the State Controller's Office.

In November 2006, Chiang was elected to serve as California's chief financial officer. Upon assuming office, he structured his agenda to focus on the sectors that he felt needed immediate attention:

- This included hiring an independent actuary to determine the costs of post-employment benefits, and creating an assistance program to provide local officials with the tools they need to protect funding while complying with laws and restrictions for mandated educational programs,
- Joining with institutional investors to call on federal lawmakers to enact a national standard to address global warming.
- Championing financial literacy for all Californians through financial seminars and free tax preparation.

Chiang and his wife Terry Chi - who met through OCA-GLA - live in Torrance, California.

Community Achievement



Bill Watanabe is the founding Executive Director of the Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation (LTSC CDC). For the past 30 years, he has guided its growth, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, from a one-person staff to a multi-

faceted social services and community development program with 150 paid staff, many of whom are bilingual in any of eight Asian Pacific languages and Spanish.

Bill received his Masters in Social Welfare from UCLA, with a major focus on Community Organizing. Bill has founded or co-founded several other key service organizations such as the Asian Pacific Community Fund in Los Angeles, the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, the Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking, and the Little Tokyo Community Council.

He has been married for 36 years, and has one daughter, and lives near downtown Los Angeles, only a short drive to his ethnic neighborhood of Little Tokyo.

Community Service



Jeri Okamoto Floyd, an active volunteer in the Asian Pacific American community for many years, found her heart's true calling when she and her husband Dan adopted their two daughters in China. She then embarked on a new "career" as

a full-time mom and volunteer in the adoption community.

After joining the new Families with Children from China-Los Angeles group in 1996, Jeri began co-chairing the chapter in 1998, incorporating it as a nonprofit charitable organization. She wove together her varied experiences as an attorney, legislative aide and Asian Pacific American community advocate in leading the expanded FCC-SoCal as its Co-Chair, then President until her retirement in September 2009. In those roles, Jeri promoted a community-building culture, guided families through the adoption process, joined with other FCC chapters as advocates for adoptive families, raised funds for orphanage assistance, coordinated educational, cultural and social events, and spearheaded collaborative programs to empower young adoptees and their families.

Jeri drew on her community ties to bridge FCC-SoCal with organizations in the APA community. With Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches, Jeri initiated a campaign that reached out to more than 100 FCC chapters nationwide to register Asian Pacific Islander donors to help Chinese adoptees and others in need of life-saving marrow transplants. Jeri originated empowerment programs connecting FCC youth with APA role models through cultural and mentorship programs. The award-winning FCC-SoCal/China Care Bruins Buddy Program pairs more than 50 FCC kids (ages 6 to teens) with UCLA mentors for monthly activities on campus. Jeri also coordinates career development workshops for the mentors, with help from OCA-GLA. At two recent national OCA conventions, Jeri facilitated OCA/FCC Roundtable sessions.

In addition to FCC, Jeri has served on the board of the Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation since 1994, and directs the Vacation Bible School/Asian Culture program for the West Los Angeles United Methodist Church. Jeri also volunteers at her children's schools. OCA-GLA recently appointed Jeri to its Community Executive Council. She and her daughters, now ages 13 and 9, are exploring ways for APA middle and high school youth (especially adoptees) to connect

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Kim Delevett



Kim is Southwest Airlines' first Corporate Community Affairs Manager to be primarily responsible for supporting the Asian Pacific American community. She focuses on key areas such as leadership, arts & education, and social advocacy. Kim is also charged with forging high-profile local, regional, and national relationships with nonprofit, business, and political organizations to positively impact the other diverse communities Southwest serves.

Kim was born in Saigon, Vietnam and fled the country with her older brother in April 1975. They were raised by an adoptive family in Pensacola, Florida. Kim earned a B.A. with honors in communications with a minor in political science from Loyola University of New Orleans.

Kim and her husband Peter, an editor at the San Jose Mercury News, moved to San Jose in 1998. When Kim isn't chasing after her one-year-old, James Phan, she enjoys globe trotting with her family and taking photographs. Her travel photos have been published in the San Jose Mercury News and Contra Costa Times and online at WorldHum.com.

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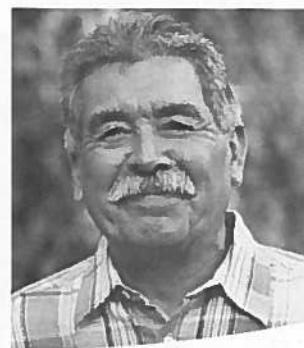
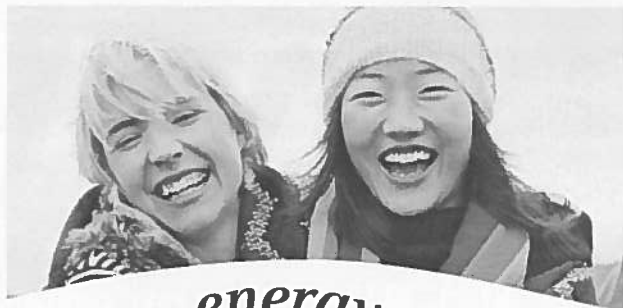


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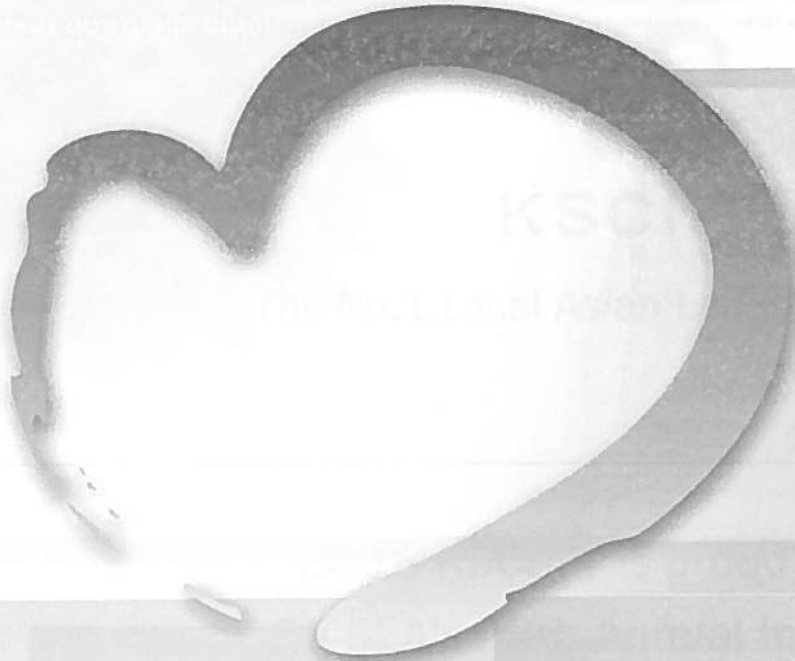


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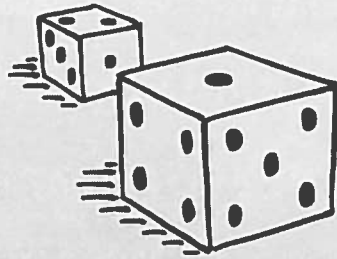
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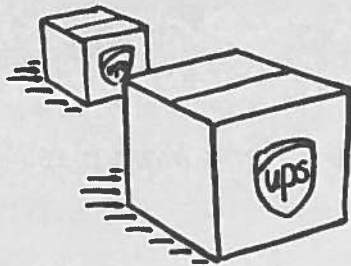
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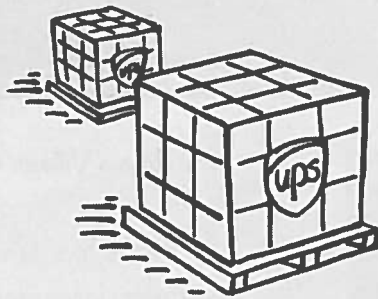
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