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Celebrating our Summer Internship Program's
16th Anniversary of Leadership and Youth

Gala 2007



Supporting the CAPA Community Education Fund

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Congratulations to the CAPA Community Education Fund

*We applaud your Internship Program's
"Sweet 16"
and
commend CAPA for strengthening and empowering
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through leadership development, civic engagement, and
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CAPA COMMUNITY EDUCATION FUND CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Good evening!

I would like to welcome all of you to the 2007 Gala, supporting the CAPA Community Education Fund's (CAPA CEF) programs. This year is a special one where we're celebrating 16 years of youth leadership and education. Over 200 students have passed through our program and gone on to be contributors and leaders in our community.

For sixteen years, the Summer Internship Program has given young people a unique opportunity to learn about our government and how it works. The "Crown Jewel", as I call it, is something I'm always proud to talk about in the community and many of those who graduated from the program are given a perspective that is unique but also thought-provoking.

For those of us who are out of school and in the workforce, networking opportunities and leadership development programs are also part of our cornerstone. And of course educating the public of community affairs and issues, especially during election years, provides an invaluable service where the community-at-large have opportunities to listen to and ask questions of candidates for public office. Finally we continue to build bridges with our friends and colleagues in the Asian Pacific American community working with organizations and non-profits to further the goals and energize our community to be involved and connected.



Cedric C. Cheng
Chair, CAPA Community Education Fund

CAPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

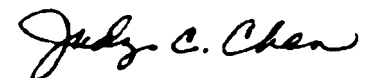
Good evening CAPA supporters,

Thank you for coming to the Gala tonight and supporting CAPA. All proceeds from tonight's event will help fund our internship program, which CAPA created 16 years ago to help increase political participation in the Asian American community by providing this generation's youth with first-hand experiences in government and politics. Thanks to your generosity and support, this year's interns will have the unique opportunity to develop invaluable leadership skills by working in local political offices. CAPA's goal is to strengthen the Asian American political presence in the Bay Area through this internship program and our other events, such as political debate forums and leadership development seminars.

On behalf of CAPA, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the political officials who have provided our interns with this wonderful opportunity. Their guidance and mentorship will help shape the next generation of Asian American community leaders.

On a personal note, I am very honored to serve as this year's CAPA president. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank CAPA's founder, board members of CAPA Community Education Fund, previous presidents, and our many volunteers. Thanks to their efforts, CAPA and the Community Education Fund have provided a new generation with political and leadership experience as well as helped to raise awareness of the Asian American political presence in the Bay Area.

This year, our goals are to continue strengthening our current programs as well as to forge stronger alliances with other local Asian American nonprofit organizations. Also, we will be hosting more events this year in order to provide greater networking opportunities for our members, as well as to expand our current membership base. We hope to see you again at our events later this year. Once again, thank you for attending our Gala tonight and supporting the CAPA Internship program. I hope you have a lovely time this evening.



Judy C. Chen
President, CAPA



Gala 2007 Steering Committee going over some details for the event on June 9th.

Gala 2007 Steering Committee

Eric Golangco - Chair

Cedric C. Cheng Seechung Lee
Doreen J. Lew Cheng Liao

Dear Friends,

We all wish you a warm welcome to the 2007 Spring Gala. We are truly appreciative of your continuing support with which we are able to fulfill our mission of raising Asian American political awareness and promoting active participation in the democratic process.

This year, the theme of the Gala is "Sweet 16," as we are celebrating the 16th year of our internship program. The "seed" of the internship program that was planted 16 years ago is continuing to grow well, and will go on for many more years. Tonight is all about the internship program and of course, the wonderful interns, both past and current, and we simply could not be more proud of their passion, commitment and dedication. They truly could not have represented our organization more positively.

We hope that you will enjoy tonight's event and its program. This is but a small token of our appreciation to you, our supporters. On behalf of the Gala Committee and the Board of Directors, I thank you for being here.

Eric Golangco

2007 Gala Steering Committee Chair

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM AND DINNER MENU

6:00 p.m.

Registration/No-Host Cocktail Reception

Silent Auction

7:30 p.m.

Dinner

Welcome Message

Walnut Creek Mayor Sue Rainey

Remarks

CAPA CEF Chair Cedric C. Cheng

CAPA President Judy C. Chen

Keynote Speaker

Contra Costa County Supervisor Susan Bonilla

Presentation of Awards

Aily Zhang

Community Leadership Award

Vision New America

Community Service Award

Introduction of the Class of 2007 Interns

Sweet 16

Presented by the Class of 2007

Dancing, Silent Auction & Raffle

Music by Derek Chu

Sliced Baguettes and Ciabatta Bread

Butter Rounds

DINNER SALAD

Retro Wedge Salad

Wedge of iceberg lettuce, smoked pepper bacon,

red onion, tomatoes & croutons

Housemade Roquefort Dressing

TONIGHT'S ENTRÉE

Duet of Breast of Chicken & Salmon

Chef's Special Sauce

or

Open-Faced Grilled Vegetable Lasagna

Oven-Roasted Tomatoes and Feta Cheese

Balsamic Vinegar Reduction

Chef's Choice Accompaniments

DESSERT

Tiramisu

Starbucks Coffee, Premium Teas and Iced Tea



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

June 9, 2007



CAPA Community Education Fund

I am delighted to send my greetings to everyone gathered for your Gala 2007 event in Walnut Creek.

I commend your organization for your tireless efforts to ensure equal opportunities and strong voices for all Chinese-Americans. Whether it is through your internship program, voter education efforts or leadership development initiatives, you are helping to reach out to the community and move our great state forward.

California's rich diversity is one of the many qualities that make our state such a unique place to live. The Chinese-American community plays an important part in our economy and culture, and I am proud that many Chinese-Americans are leaders in public service. With the dedication of groups like yours, our state can look forward to hearing more stories of accomplishment in the future.

On behalf of all Californians, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and every continued success.

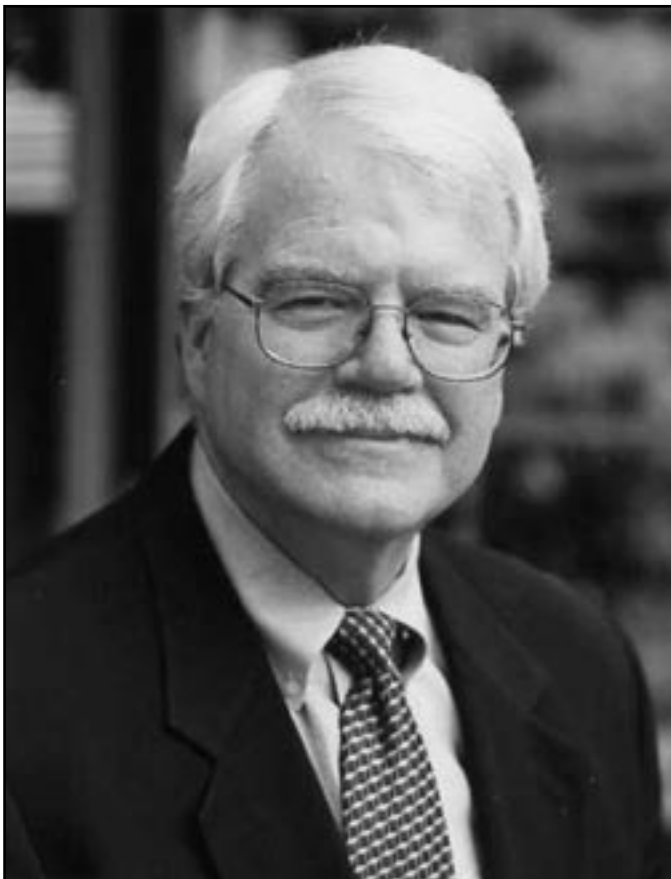
Sincerely,

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Arnold Schwarzenegger

Congressman George Miller

*To the CAPA Community
Education Fund,*



*Best wishes for another
successful year!*

*Thank you for all that you
do for our community.*

- GEORGE MILLER
Member of Congress
(D-CA)

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BARBARA LEE
NINTH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA



June 9, 2007

CAPA Community Education Fund
P.O. Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Greetings from Congresswoman Barbara Lee

Dear Friends:

On behalf of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District I extend my warmest congratulations to the CAPA Community Education Fund on the occasion of your annual Spring Gala.

Since its founding, CAPA Community Education Fund has been a dynamic organization, working to promote civic participation and leadership among members of the Asian Pacific American Community. On behalf of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I salute you for your efforts in that regard, and I thank you for your ongoing work to increase political education and participation throughout our country.

Again, congratulations on this very special day, and best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress



BETTY T. YEE - 余淑婷
CHAIRWOMAN
STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



June 9, 2007

Chinese American Political Association
P. O. Box 4314
Walnut creek, CA 94596-0314

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) on the occasion of its 2007 Gala to support the CAPA Community Education Fund.

As we all continue to work in raising the political awareness and participation of the Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) community, the work of CAPA through the support of its Community Education Fund is vital in involving the APIA community in voter education and civic participation, student leadership development, and young and mid-career professional development in government and business.

I applaud CAPA for its accomplishments over the last two decades in strengthening the involvement of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in public affairs. I wish CAPA best wishes for continued success in its work.

Sincerely,

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BETTY T. YEE
Chairwoman



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JUDY CHU, Ph.D.
VICE CHAIR
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June 9, 2007

CAPA Community Education Fund
P.O. Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0314

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure and utmost sincerity that I extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered for the Gala 2007!

Since its inception, CAPA Community Education Fund has been devoted to the empowerment of the Chinese and Asian Pacific American communities. By promoting civic participation and developing leaders in public service, CAPA Community Education Fund invaluable contributes to the improvement and advancement of this diverse and ever growing population.

On behalf of the California State Board of Equalization's Fourth District, I extend my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

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JUDY CHU, Ph.D.
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June 9, 2007

Dear Guests:

I am honored to welcome you to the Chinese American Political Association's "Gala 2007," which will benefit the Community Education Fund. The CAPA Community Education Fund provides invaluable services to Asian Pacific Americans in the San Francisco Bay Area. I applaud the organization's dedication to uplifting our communities.

CAPA benefits all Californians by striving to engage Bay Area residents in civic action and leadership in our neighborhoods and beyond. I am particularly grateful to see the internship opportunities offered to young people through the CAPA Community Education Fund. I share your belief in the importance of inspiring and cultivating young people to become our future leaders. Your various efforts encourage the growth and development of our youth and ensure a bright future for the entire community.

May the evening bring fellowship and inspiration and allow us to recognize those whose dedication empowers us all. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

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DON PERATA

DP: np



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June 9, 2007

Dear CAPA Friends:

Congratulations to all the members of the Chinese-American Political Association on the occasion of your 23rd Anniversary Celebration.

I commend CAPA for two decades of outstanding and dedicated contributions to the community. I commend you for serving as strong advocates on issues of concern not only to Chinese-Americans but for the entire community. CAPA serves as an excellent model and an inspiration for other organizations.

In particular, I applaud CAPA for your exemplary program to assist local students through scholarships and internships. My staff and I look forward to another opportunity to participate in CAPA's summer student internship program this coming summer.

I deeply appreciate your organization's support and look forward to our continued close association. I cherish my friendship with many CAPA members and look forward to getting to know many more of you. Please call me if I can assist in any way.

Again, I extend my heartiest congratulations on your 23rd Anniversary Celebration and my sincere best wishes for many future years of continued success.

Your friend,

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Tom Torlakson



*Congratulations and
Best Wishes to the
Members and Interns of the
Chinese American Political Association
on the Occasion of*

CAPA's Gala 2007

*Celebrating the Cultural Diversity,
Leadership and Civic Engagement of the
Chinese and Asian American Communities*

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April 10, 2007

Cedric Cheng, Chair of Board
CAPA Community Education Fund
P.O. Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Dear CAPA,

I am writing to congratulate you on the upcoming 2007 CAPA Gala. For many years the CAPA Gala, in support of the CAPA Community Education Fund, has been an extremely successful and beneficial event and I am proud to show my support.

I would also like to thank you for your hard work as an advocate for civic participation and leadership for the Asian Pacific American community in Contra Costa County as well as Alameda County. Since 1984 CAPA's work serving the Chinese-American community raising political awareness, encouraging and promoting their activity in the political process of the United States is to be commended.

Thank you again! I wish you luck in all your future endeavors. It is an honor to serve you on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

MARY N. PIEPHO
County Supervisor, District III

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May 3, 2007

Cedric Cheng, Chair of Board
CAPA Community Education Fund
P. O. Box 4314
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Dear Mr. Cheng,

In our swiftly changing world, the questions of who is an American and what are the qualities that make up an American is being asked once again in the halls of Washington and in the streets of this country.

Organizations such as the CAPA Education Fund help answer this question by providing leadership opportunities and training for future leaders. Our country benefits because members of the Asian and Pacific American communities are breaking barriers and making their mark in the American mainstream – whether it be in politics, business or the arts.

I applaud your efforts to make America “our” country by giving us leaders to act as role models, policy makers and decision makers to help guide us into the 21st Century. In so doing, the definition of an American becomes broader and more inclusive of all the people who make this country great.

Sincerely,

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Federal D. Glover
Supervisor, District V

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June 9, 2007

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings to all of you on the occasion of CAPA's 2007 Gala in support of their Community Education Fund. Congratulations to CAPA for its exemplary service to the Asian American community in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

As an organization supporting a wide array of projects including leadership trainings, I commend CAPA for building a stronger Asian American political voice. CAPA's activities such as voter registration drives, internships connecting students with elected public officials, scholarships supporting public policy work, and Asian American cultural events, not only encourage Asian Americans to be involved in the political process, but ensure that future generations continue to advocate for issues affecting our community.

Once again, thanks to CAPA for their amazing work. I wish CAPA much success in future years.

Sincerely,

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ALICE LAI-BITKER
Supervisor, Third District



Office of the Mayor
City & County of San Francisco



Gavin Newsom



Greetings from the Mayor

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) and welcome all attending its Community Education Fund's 2007 Gala celebrating its Youth and Student Internship Program's "Sweet 16."

I commend the CAPA for its work as an outstanding educational and political organization working with the Chinese American community in the San Francisco Bay Area. Their mission of promoting political awareness and encouraging greater involvement in the political process is in deed honorable.

San Francisco is a city that is known around the world for promoting diversity, inclusion and equality for all people. I am very proud of the Chinese and Asian American community that continues to play very important role in the heritage of multiculturalism in our city. I salute CAPA's Community Education Fund for advancing these important principles as part of its Youth and Student Internship Program.

Best wishes to all attending this most worthy event and much success in all your future endeavors.

Warmest personal regards,

A handwritten signature of Gavin Newsom in black ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Gavin Newsom
Mayor



Lena L. Tam, Vice-Mayor

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June 3, 2007

Dear Friends of CAPA,

Congratulations on your 23rd Annual Gala. Your efforts have helped inform the Asian American community in the Bay Area of key political and electoral issues.

I support and applaud the CAPA Community Education Fund for helping to promote Chinese Americans to actively engage in the political and democratic process in our nation. Through education and awareness, we can help build a stronger democracy in our community. This will help future generation be informed advocates on issues affecting our community. An informed society is vital to a vibrant democracy.



Thank you for your outstanding efforts. I wish you much success in future years.

Very truly yours

Lena L. Tam

LENA L. TAM
Vice-Mayor, City of Alameda



City of Pleasant Hill



June 9, 2007

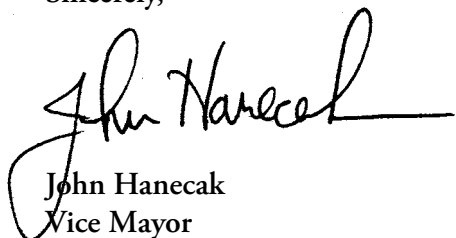
Dear Mr. Cedric C. Cheng:

I would like to congratulate all of the members of CAPA, as well as the dedicated Board of Directors, for all you have done to improve our quality of life through your active involvement in the political process.

From CAPA's exemplary internship program, to the "cannot-miss" political debates, you have assured that all voices are heard and considered during our Democracy's important policy and budget-making processes, as well as enforcement efforts.

As a lifetime member of CAPA, I am proud to be affiliated with this organization and look forward to continuing to work closely on future issues.

Sincerely,



John Hanecak
Vice Mayor
Pleasant Hill



Councilmember Ken Chew
Town of Moraga, California

June 5, 2007



Chinese American Political Association (CAPA)
P.O. Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Dear Friends:

My warmest regards and congratulations to CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund on the occasion of celebrating 16 years of Youth Leadership and Student Internship Program.

As an elected official, I applaud CAPA's exemplary program to educate and encourage the younger generation to be involved in the political process. The role of CAPA is vital as we continue to work on raising the political awareness and participation of the Chinese American and Asian and Pacific Islander American across the nation.

I wish the Intern Class of 2007 and all Community Service Awardees much success in the future. Keep up your good work!

Sincerely,

Ken

Ken Chew



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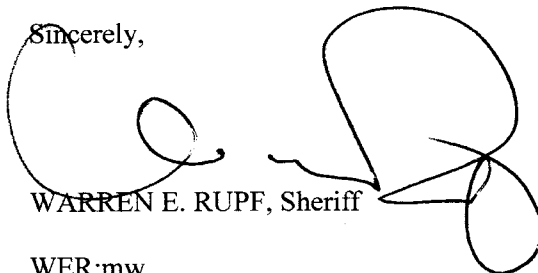
April 18, 2007

CAPA Community Education Fund
P.O. Box 4314
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Congratulations to the CAPA membership and their efforts to benefit the CAPA Community Education Fund Internship Program. The offering of experience in a government or public setting is an invaluable tool to the young people of our community. I believe it fosters a strong sense of government and community along with preparing them for their roles as our leaders of the future.

I offer my sincere appreciation to those who work so diligently to make this program such a tremendous success, and to those recipients of this program who will benefit from your efforts.

Sincerely,



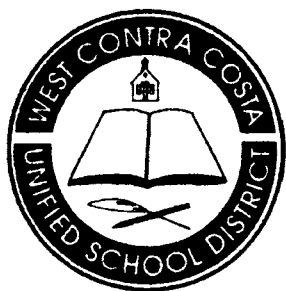
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**Congratulations to the
CAPA Community Education Fund
Internship Class of 2007**



Gail Murray
BART Director
District 1



Dear CAPA Friends:

Words cannot express how tremendous an honor it is for me to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to CAPA for its many years of community service, public education and political action.

As a former Board Member of CAPA, I have had the unique opportunity to view the inner workings of an organization that has provided more than two decades of public service to both the Chinese American community and the public at-large.

I am humbled by the hard work and dedication of CAPA members who have consistently fought for greater representation of Chinese Americans in the political arena and have sponsored countless educational forums, election-year debates and summer internships for our youth.

As a member of the Board of Education for the West Contra Costa Unified School District, I want to commend CAPA and the many supportive elected officials who have continued to provide valuable internship opportunities for our youth. This critical exposure to politics and public service will provide a launching pad for our current class of interns, and I firmly believe that this hands-on learning is the key for students to make the connection to the "real world" and incorporate such lessons for a lifetime.

Again, thanks to CAPA for its support of the community, its passion for justice and its deep commitment to the next generation. And thank you to all of the friends of CAPA who keep this critical work alive!

All the best,

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Dave Brown

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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May, 2007

CAPA Community Education Fund
2007 Spring GALA



Dear Friends:

Congratulations on celebrating the 16th anniversary of CAPA's Summer Internship Program.

Since its inception, more than 200 students have participated in this highly successful program. Among these students, at least four have moved on to become White House interns with one subsequently joining President Clinton's White House staff.

The Summer Internship Program not only provides students a unique opportunity to experience the political process firsthand, it encourages them to be actively involved in their communities. In addition, it provides students with a real life experience that cannot be learned in a classroom.

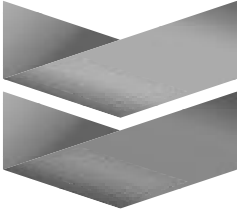
Keep up the great job!

With warm regards,

Norman H. Hui, D.D.S.
Immediate Past Chair

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AILY ZHANG COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Aily Zhang is an 8th grader at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley, California. She was born in Tokyo, Japan. In the United States she has lived in many areas, including Texas, Iowa, and New Jersey. Moving around a lot has given Aily a great perspective of the world.

Last summer, her eyes were opened by the suffering of impoverished people in China. She decided to act upon a desire to improve these people's lives and, as the president of her school's CJSF chapter (California Junior Scholarship Federation) decided to join in collaboration with the UN's Millennium Promise organization.

The Millennium Promise's goal is to end extreme global poverty by 2025 through reaching the 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The MDGs address many of the aspects of poverty- like income poverty, hunger, disease, lack of adequate shelter. It promotes gender equality, education, and environmental sustainability. As of now, Canyon's CJSF has been able to help more than 2,000 people living in impoverished areas since the beginning of the school year!

Through her community service project, in which she promotes youth leadership and involvement in the fight against poverty Aily was awarded as Prudential Spirit of the Community California Middle School State Honoree. The award is given to young people in the U.S. dedicated to trying to make the world a better place.

She hopes to change the world, as it had changed her last summer. After all, "You've got to be the change you want to see in the world." [Mahatma Ghandi]



VISION NEW AMERICA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Vision New America was founded in 1996 to promote the civic participation of underrepresented ethnic groups, starting with the Asian Pacific American (APA) population.

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Vision New America promotes the participation of underrepresented ethnic groups in American civic activities through internship programs in various governmental offices and educational activities.



Gala 2007 Co-Mistresses of Ceremonies

Elizabeth Chang *CAPA CEF Intern Class '06*

Elizabeth Chang, more commonly known as Liz, Lizzy or Pez, was born and raised here in humble Walnut Creek. She attends Northgate High School and is almost—just barely—a senior. She is excited to be emceeding tonight with her long time friend Bonnie Shen. The two of them have history that dates back to the golden toddler days. Liz loves to read, write, take moonlit strolls, and fiddle around with video editing when she has time. Please have a wonderful night and stick around for the raffle and dance afterwards.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Gala 2007 Keynote Speaker

Contra Costa County Supervisor Susan Bonilla



Susan A. Bonilla was sworn-in as the Contra Costa County Supervisor for District IV in January 2007. She was previously elected to the Concord City Council in 2002, serving as Vice Mayor in 2005 and Mayor in 2006. In her time on the Concord City Council, she initiated the Literacy Coalition which serves as a network of literacy providers dedicated to raising the awareness of literacy needs and mobilizing volunteers to meet these needs. In 2006, Susan, as Mayor of Concord, was primarily involved in discussions with Department of the Navy regarding the reuse of the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

Susan resides as Chair of Contra Costa County's Internal Operations Committee, which oversees Contra Costa County operations, policies, and procedures. In addition, Susan is a member of Contra Costa County's Family and Human Services Committee as well as the Contra Costa County State and Federal Legislative Committee. Susan also serves on countywide and regional boards, commissions, and task forces to serve her constituents.

Susan has been a resident of Concord since 1989. Her community participation has included many years with the neighborhood swim team, AYSO soccer, and involvement with parent-faculty clubs. She has worked in various capacities in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District as a teacher in the Gifted and Talented Program, as a teacher of English as a Second Language in the adult program and as an English teacher at Concord High School. She also taught British Literature at Berean Christian High School in Walnut Creek. Susan received a B.A. in English from Azusa Pacific University in 1982 and completed a teaching credential program at California State University at Los Angeles in 1987. She and her husband John have four daughters.

Gala 2007 Welcome

Walnut Creek Mayor Sue Rainey



Susan McNulty Rainey was appointed March 18, 1997 to fill a vacancy on the Walnut Creek City Council following the death of Ron Beagley and elected to a four-year term in November 1998. Due to the absence of an election, she was appointed to a second term in November 2002. She was re-elected to her second full term in November 2006. She also served as Mayor in 2001-2002 and is currently Mayor for 2006-07.

As a member of the Moraga Town Council from 1974 to 1980, Mrs. Rainey served as mayor and vice mayor. She also served on the steering committee for the incorporation of the Town of Moraga and was elected to the first Town Council.

A commercial real estate agent from 1981 to 1990, Mrs. Rainey previously worked as a project manager for Perma Bilt Homes and Bedford Properties.

She earned her bachelor's of science degree in nursing at the University of Washington in 1961 and served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps from 1959 to 1961. Her honors include Mt. Diablo Junior Women's Citizen of the Year (1973), Contra Costa Council Service Award (1990), American Cancer Society Humanitarian of the Year (1991), Wellness Community Volunteer of the Year (1994), and Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts of America (1995).

A Walnut Creek resident since 1987, she is married to former state Senator Richard K. Rainey, who is currently regional director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Gala 2007 Co-Mistresses of Ceremonies

Bonnie Shen *CAPA CEF Intern Class '06*

Bonnie Shen is currently finishing up her junior year at Northgate High School. She and Liz Chang have known each other since kindergarten and she is thrilled to be an emcee with Liz tonight. Both girls participated in the internship program sponsored by the CAPA Ed Fund and Bonnie has never had another experience where she has gotten so much in return. Besides school, Bonnie also attends Contra Costa Chinese School and will graduate next year. She loves to dance, read, listen to music and take long, quiet walks by the seaside in her spare time. Please have a wonderful night and stick around for the raffle and dance afterwards.



INTRODUCING OUR 2007 INTERNS



Jingjing (Selena) An
 School: Las Lomas High School
 Hometown: Beijing, China; Toronto, Canada; Walnut Creek, CA
 Field of study in which you intend to major: Undecided, leaning toward pre-business

"Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away." - Antoine de Saint-Exupery



Mark Bibera
 School: De La Salle High School
 Hometown: Concord
 Field of study in which you intend to major: Pharmaceutical Sciences

"The unexamined life is not worth living"
 - Socrates



Yin-Ju Chang
 School: Las Lomas High School
 Hometown: Walnut Creek
 Field of study in which you intend to major: Biological Sciences

"There's always a good side to everything."



Jeffrey Chen
 School: Monte Vista High School
 Hometown: Danville
 Field of study in which you intend to major: Business and Engineering

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."



Michael Chen
 School: Monte Vista High School
 Hometown: Alamo
 Field of study in which you intend to major: Chemical Engineering

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong solution." - Groucho Marx



Michelle Chern
 School: Miramonte High School
 Hometown: Lafayette
 Field of study in which you intend to major: Political Science/International Affairs

"Hold fast to dreams for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly." - Langston Hughes



Michael Chinn
 School: Foothill High School
 Hometown: Pleasanton
 Field of study in which you intend to major: Engineering

"It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us."



Victor Chiu
 School: Lowell High School
 Hometown: San Francisco
 Field of study in which you intend to major: English

"I am tomorrow, or some future day, what I establish today. I am today what I established yesterday or some previous day." - James Joyce



Rachel Jasmin Encarnacion
 School: Carondelet High School
 Hometown: Concord
 Field of study in which you intend to major: Biochemistry

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." - Milton Berle



Michelle Hider
 School: College Park High School
 Hometown: Martinez



Michelle Lee

School: Monte Vista High School
Hometown: San Francisco/San Ramon
Field of study in which you intend to major:
Communications or Law

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away"



Sabrina Leu

School: Monte Vista High School
Hometown: Danville
Field of study in which you intend to major:
International Affairs or Law

"Life is a moderately good play with a badly written third act."
-Truman Capote



Lily Lin

School: Northgate High School
Hometown: Walnut Creek (although born in Taipei, Taiwan)
Field of study in which you intend to major:
International Affairs Studies at UC Berkeley

"Dreams are essential to life." - Anais Nin



Jillian Liu

School: Palo Alto Senior High School
Hometown: Palo Alto
Field of study in which you intend to major:
International Relations

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." - Eleanor Roosevelt



Donald Sakiyama

School: Castro Valley High School
Hometown: Castro Valley
Field of study in which you intend to major:
International Business

"I'm not the friend that bails you out of jail. I'm the friend that is sitting right next to you laughing about the night we had last night."



Rachel Shuen

School: Monte Vista High School
Hometown: San Ramon
Field of study in which you intend to major:
Undecided

"Energy and persistence conquer all things." - Benjamin Franklin



Jonathan Yuan

School: Irvington High
Hometown: Fremont
Field of study in which you intend to major:
Computer Engineering

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss



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CHAIRS OF CAPA CEF (EST. 1997)**

Tsu-Ming Yang	1984 - 85
Cheng-Liang Liao	1985 - 86
Carl Chen	1986 - 87
Stephen Lu	1987 - 88
Timothy Chen	1988 - 89
Hugh Wang	1989 - 90
Edwin Kung	1990 - 91
Frank Kung	1992
Hyman Wong	1993
Winnie Woo	1993 - 94
Robert Chen	1995
Norman Hui	1996
Helen Pan Troxel	1997
May Wong Hanecak	1998
Cheng-Liang Liao	1999
Eric Golangco	2000
Joel Wong	2001 - 02
Jonathan Wen Hsu	2003 - 04

**Starting in 2005, separate individuals served as
CAPA President and CAPA CEF Chairperson**

Jonathan Wen Hsu, Chair	2005
Emily Chang, President	2005
Joel Wong, President	2006
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Judy Chen, President	2007 - pres.

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Gala 2006

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Gala 2006 marked a change in how we focused on the community. Those who aren't really the focus. Those are Unsung Heroes. This year, we featured three unique individuals for their work behind the scenes. Mr. Frank Lin, an up-and-coming filmmaker, Mr. Russ Lowe, a long-time aide to Senator Feinstein and Ms. Monica Xu, a journalist with The World Journal, a Chinese language newspaper. With Mr. Derek Chu providing A/V and dance music and Mr. George Hsieh and his Jazz Ensemble, we had a true party atmosphere for a good cause. The Intern Class of 2006 showcased a masterpiece in filmmaking with their project, impressing Mr. Lin, our awardee.





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The 2006 Fall Forum was a success and it showed in the folks that came to discuss issues and debate their respective viewpoints. From the key races in the assembly to the very contentious races for two seats on the Walnut Creek City Council, our homebase, once again, we produced an event that was a crucial educational tool for what turned into a competitive election in November.

CAPA Community Education Fund
2006 Annual Summer Picnic & BBQ
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Place: Bob Pond Activities Area
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The Annual Picnic and BBQ at Old Borges Ranch was a great outing with food and games and the watermelon eating contest being the highlight of the day. This event is now a tradition with CAPA and CAPA CEF. It is a way for folks to get together in a fun atmosphere.



The Intern Holiday Party has become an institution every year for the gathering of our CAPA CEF's Alumni Interns. Part holiday cheer, part reunion. It's always a great time to catch up with old friends and to celebrate the holidays.



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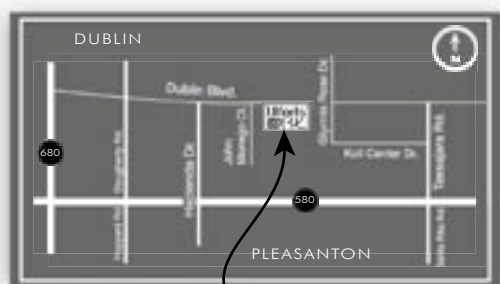


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