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Jean Lau Chin and the rest of the team are inviting you to join the Facebook group for the "New York Chinatown Project".

"Please join the NY Chinatown Project on Facebook to capture the stories we have discussed and to also submit your own story. We are trying to recapture some of the history of NYC Chinatown through the eyes of present and former residents. This will and can be a legacy for your heirs. We need your help.

Jean Lau Chin, Gladys Chin and the NY Chinatown Project Team

To see more details and confirm this group invitation, follow the link below:

http://www.facebook.com/n/?group.php&gid=122935181085032&mid=2a4de93G54b35dd0G114c77bG6&n_m=gchin20041%40yahoo.com

Thanks,
The Facebook Team

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The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) cordially invites you to our Inaugural Conference

Thursday, September 16, 2010

9 AM -6 PM

United Federation of Teachers

52 Broadway, 2nd Floor

New York, NY 10004

Goals: Aiming to highlight the growing power and the continued challenges of New York City's Asian Pacific American community, this conference hopes to:

- Unify leaders across diverse racial and ethnic groups to promote social justice for the Asian Pacific American community
- Improve collaboration among the government, non-profit, corporate, philanthropic, academic, and media sectors
- Promote quality programs and best practices in working with the Asian Pacific American community

Agenda: This conference will include keynote speakers; plenary panels with decisionmakers and funders; workshops with advocates, organizers, providers, and media; breakfast and lunch; and a networking reception with elected and appointed officials.

Panels and Workshops: Please join us in conversations with decision makers, funders, practitioners, organizers, advocates, researchers and the media, as we explore strategies that can build the capacity of the Asian Pacific American community to ensure our health and well-being. Panels and workshops will discuss the following questions:

- **Policymakers:** How can we build a strong Asian Pacific American political voice?
- **Advocacy:** How can we create a pan-Asian advocacy agenda that successfully leads to social change?
- **Philanthropy:** Will we ever have funding equity for the Asian Pacific American community?
- **Organizing:** How do we balance meeting the immediate needs of the community with organizing the community for long-term systems change?
- **Direct Service:** What kinds of resources and support do direct service organizations need in order to be effective advocates?
- **Media:** How can we ensure that there is fair and accurate news coverage of the Asian Pacific American community?

THIS CONFERENCE IS FREE OF CHARGE.

To Register: To attend, please REGISTER ONLINE by Monday, August 30th

<http://bit.ly/cacfconference>

For more information, please contact:

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NEW JERSEY

OCA- Long Island, New York , New Jersey & Westchester & Hudson Valley FCCNY

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Invite you to our **ANNUAL SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC**

Hosted this year by OCA-Long Island Chapter

VAN SAUN COUNTY PARK – PAVILION C *

* located near the Carousel. Park in Area 3 and cross the road to Pavilion C (look for red, white & blue balloons or OCA and FCC signs, which mark our area)

216 FOREST AVENUE, PARAMUS, NJ 07652

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

11:00am – 4:00 pm

(rain or shine – we have a covered pavilion)
BRING A DISH (with serving utensil) TO SHARE WITH 8 PEOPLE

OCA & FCC WILL PROVIDE HAMBURGERS & VEGGIEBURGERS, HOTDOGS, DRINKS, WATERMELON AND PAPER GOODS

All attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for our local food pantry. Please support this service project by bringing one item per person.

CRAFTS TABLE, GAMES, BASEBALL/SOCCER FIELDS, TENNIS COURTS, CAROUSEL, PLAYGROUND, PONY RIDES, TRAIN RIDE & WONDERFUL ZOO

For Children: Clown will make a guest appearance from 12 noon – 3 pm (free face painting, too)

Please feel free to bring folding chairs, mahjong games, soccer balls, etc.

Questions: call Virginia Ng at (201) 259-8028

EVENT IS FREE, BUT ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - please E-mail

Virginalou@yahoo.com with your name, number of adults and number of children under 3, 3-8, 9-12 and 12-16 years old by September 3rd, so we can plan for adequate food and supplies.

Please also indicate if you can help for one hour to make our picnic a success and include your phone number so we can contact you.

FROM GW BRIDGE:

Take Route 4 west, exit at FOREST AVENUE (get in right lane after McDonalds to exit; the former Forum Diner will be on your left). Make right turn and travel FOREST AVE. North. Drive 2 blocks, the entrance to Van Saun Park, the sign, that time of year is always obstructed by brush that grew all summer long. Look for a dead end street named Justin Court; the entrance to the park is immediately after. . Enter Park, bear LEFT at fork in the road. Park in Lot "3" which will be on your left. You will be across the road from Pavilion "C". Look for red, white and blue balloons or OCA and FCC signs.

FROM TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE:

Take 87/287 West to Garden State Parkway South, Exit 165 towards Oradell (going over Parkway, heading East). At Second light, make a right turn onto FOREST AVE. After 2 lights, make a left turn onto Spring Valley Rd. Follow Spring Valley Rd. to Continental Ave, and make a right turn. Entrance for park will be on the right. Enter park and pass Carousel to Parking Lot "3". You will be across the road from Pavilion "C". Look for red, white and blue balloons or OCA and FCC signs.

**** Warning: Please do not make a U turn ANYWHERE in the Van Saun Park area. Park Police have given out traffic tickets. ****

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Daphne Kwok, APIAVote's board chair and co-founder, has been appointed by President Obama to Chair the Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, a part of a White House Initiative re-signed by President Obama last year, to improve the lives of underserved Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Daphne is currently the executive director of Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California. She previously served as the executive director of the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, the Asian

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Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, as well as the Organization of Chinese Americans, a national civil rights organization with more than 10,000 members. She was also the first-elected Chair of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans.

Daphne has served on the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Council and on the boards of many AAPI organizations, including APIAVote, National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, National Coalition of Asian Pacific American Community Development and the Asian Pacific American Caucus of the American Political Science Association. She is also a founding board member of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund.

Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote) is a national nonprofit whose mission as a progressive nonpartisan organization is to build effective and strategic partnerships to mobilize AAPI communities to participate in the electoral and public policy making processes.

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OCA, a national organization with 80 chapters and affiliates dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs), is pleased to announce the 10 winners of the [OCA-Verizon College Scholarship](#). The scholarship awards \$2,000 to college students entering their third or fourth year of undergraduate studies who have financial need and who demonstrate academic achievement in the fields of technology, engineering, computer science, and business.

"Verizon has a long history of investing in the Asian Pacific American community," said Patrick Gaston, President of the Verizon Foundation. "Education is the key to providing a promising future for our students and our nation, and we are proud to partner with OCA to recognize the academic works of these 10 scholarship winners."

"OCA understands the importance of financially supporting students throughout their college career and is proud to partner with Verizon to provide this unique scholarship opportunity," said OCA National President Ken Lee. "We know that the OCA-Verizon College scholars will continue to excel in their fields and use their skills and talents to contribute to the 21st century workforce." Since 2002, OCA has partnered with the Verizon Foundation to award 195 scholarships for a total amount of \$390,000, including \$20,000 in 2010.

The recipients of the OCA-Verizon College Scholarship are:

Jennifer Chau, Bryant University; **Zhixiang Victor Chen**, Colby College; **Emily Hsu**, University of California, Berkeley; **Amy Kao**, Carnegie Mellon University; **Xiao Juan Ke**, Temple University; **Devin Leung**, Columbia University; **Zarrin Pareja**, University of California, Berkeley; **Anne Tsay**, New York University; **Elaine Wu**, Pace University; **Deborah Yang**, Emory University

MARYLAND

Adelphi, Md. (August 17, 2010)—Clifford M. Kendall, chair of the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents, today announced the appointment of Wallace D. Loh as president of the Univ. of Maryland, College Park (UMCP). Loh is currently Exec. V. P. and provost of The Univ. of Iowa. His appointment as president of UMCP, USM's flagship institution, is effective November 1, 2010.

Loh has more than 30 years of experience in higher education. As exec. v. p. and provost of The Univ. of Iowa since 2008, Loh has oversight responsibilities for budgets, personnel, and planning in the university's 11 colleges and other academic units

Before joining The Univ. of Iowa, Loh served as dean and professor of public service and psychology at Seattle University (1999-2008), director of policy and chief policy adviser for the State of Washington's Office of the Governor (1997-99), vice chancellor for

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academic affairs and dean of faculties at the Univ. of Colorado-Boulder (1995-97), and dean and professor of law at the Univ. of Washington Law School (1990-95).

During his service in Washington state government, Loh assembled and staffed then-Governor Gary Locke's blue-ribbon "2020 Commission on the Future of Postsecondary Education." Locke is currently the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The commission's work led to the implementation of the "Washington Promise Scholarship," expanding affordable access to higher education to thousands of low- and middle-income students.

Loh was born in Shanghai, China. He immigrated with his family to Lima, Peru, graduated from high school there, and immigrated alone to Iowa in 1961, supporting himself through higher education. He holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, an M.A. in psychology from Cornell University, and a B.A. in psychology from Grinnell College.

The students of the University of Washington Law School voted him "Outstanding Professor of the Year."

Loh and his wife Barbara have been married for 25 years. They have a daughter, Andrea, who is in college.

Loh will succeed C.D. (Dan) Mote Jr., who will step down from the presidency on August 31 after leading the university through a 12-year period of steady advancement to become one of the nation's top public universities.

CALIFORNIA

[Harvard Star Jeremy Lin Takes John Wall to School in Summer League](#)

The scouts are usually wrong about **Jeremy Lin**. After leading Palo Alto High School to a state title in California, no small feat, the consensus 2006 State Player of the Year received zero scholarship offers.

His dream had been to play for hometown Stanford, but he instead enrolled at Harvard, a non-scholarship school. Stanford missed out.

Playing for the Crimson, Lin filled up the stat sheet like **Andrei Kirilenko**, being among the Ivy League's leaders in points, rebounds, three point shooting, assists, steals, and even blocks. Did the NBA come calling around draft time this past June? Of course not. Nobody ever gives Lin a chance, but he just keeps showing up.

The Dallas Mavericks, though, did decide to pick the 6-foot-4 standout to their summer league squad, and when the Harvard man was pitted head-to-head against number one overall pick **John Wall**, he lit him up.

Lin scored nine fourth-quarter points against the athletically superior Wall, repeatedly schooling him in the process. Given Lin's success, Mavs GM **Donnie Nelson** went [so far as to compare him](#) to a former Mavericks point guard: "He makes everybody else around him better. That's a sign of a real player. A lot of times, and we've been through this before with a guy like **Steve Nash**, people have a hard time projecting certain players. I just know every team those guys were on won. Jeremy's got some of the same characteristics."

Check out the footage below.

CLICK ON THIS LINK TO SEE FOOTAGE OF JEREMY LIN IN ACTION :

<http://www.nesn.com/2010/07/harvard-star-jeremy-lin-takes-john-wall-to-school-in-summer-league.html>

MISCELLANEOUS

The Pickle Jar

The pickle jar, as far back as I can remember. Sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parents' bedroom. When he got ready for bed Dad would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar.

As a small boy, I was always fascinated at the sounds the coins made as they were dropped

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into the jar.

They landed with a merry jingle when the jar was almost empty. Then the tones gradually muted to a dull thud as the jar was filled. I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar to admire the copper and silver circles that glinted like a pirate's treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window.

When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank.

Taking the coins to the bank was always a big production. Stacked neatly in a small cardboard box, the coins were placed between Dad and me on the seat of his old truck.

Each and every time, as we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the textile mill, son. You're going to do better than me. This old mill town's not going to hold you back."

Also, each and every time, as he slid the box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank toward the cashier, he would grin proudly. "These are for my son's college fund. He'll never work at the mill all his life like me."

We would always celebrate each deposit by stopping for an ice cream cone. I always got chocolate. Dad always got vanilla. When the clerk at the ice cream parlor handed Dad his change, he would show me the few coins nestled in his palm. "When we get home, we'll start filling the jar again." He always let me drop the first coins into the empty jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, we grinned at each other. "You'll get to college on pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters," he said. "But you'll get there; I'll see to that."

No matter how rough things got at home, Dad continued to doggedly drop his coins into the jar. Even the summer when Dad got laid off from the mill, and Mama had to serve dried

beans several times a week, not a single dime was taken from the jar.

To the contrary, as Dad looked across the table at me, pouring catsup over my beans to make them more palatable, he became more determined than ever to make a way out for me. "When you finish college, Son," he told me, his eyes glistening, "You'll never have to eat beans again - unless you want to."

The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom, and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed.

A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had always stood. My dad was a man of few words: he never lectured me on the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowery of words could have done.

When I married, I told my wife Susan about the significant part the lowly pickle jar had played in my life as a boy. In my mind, it defined, more than anything else, how much my dad had loved me.

The first Christmas after our daughter Jessica was born, we spent the holiday with my parents.

After dinner, Mom and Dad sat next to each other on the sofa, taking turns cuddling their first grandchild.

Jessica began to whimper softly, and Susan took her from Dad's arms. 'She probably needs to be changed,' she said, carrying the baby into my parents' bedroom to diaper her. When Susan came back into the living room, there was a strange mist in her eyes.

She handed Jessica back to Dad before taking my hand and leading me into the room.

'Look,' she said softly, her eyes directing me to a spot on the floor beside the dresser.

To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed, stood the old pickle jar, the bottom already covered with coins. I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pocket, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a gamut of emotions choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw that Dad, carrying Jessica, had slipped quietly into the room. Our eyes locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither one of us could speak.

This truly touched my heart. Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings. Never underestimate the power of your actions.

With one small gesture you can change a person's life, for better or for worse.

God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way. Look for GOOD in others.

The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or touched - they must be felt with the heart ~ Helen Keller

- Happy moments, praise God.
- Difficult moments, seek God.
- Quiet moments, worship God.
- Painful moments, trust God.
- Every moment, thank God.