

WASHINGTON, DC
US-China Youth Summit at Capitol Hill
August 1, 2012 (Wednesday)

Congressional Host: Charles Boustany, Jr., US Congressman (R-LA), Co-Chair, Congressional US-China Working Group
Hosting Organization: Global Young Leaders Academy
Co-sponsor: China Society

Tentative Schedule with Invited Speakers (subject to revisions)

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Event: Session I “Role of Service in Leadership Development”

John McCain, US Senator (R-AZ); Former Presidential Candidate
Richard Lugar, US Senator (R-IN); Former Chairman and Current Ranking Member of Senate Committee of Foreign Relations
Benjamin Cardin, US Senator (D-MD), Committee on Foreign Relations
Elaine Chao, Distinguished Fellow at the Heritage Foundation; Former Labor Secretary; Former Peace Corps Director
Youth Representatives

Time: 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Event: Session II “US-China Cooperation on Service & Youth Leadership Development”

Charles Boustany, Jr., US Congressman (R-LA), Co-Chair, Congressional US-China Working Group
Joe Wilson, US Congressman (R-SC) Confirmed
Judy Chu, Congress Member (D-CA)
Jim McDermott, US Congressman (D-WA)
Youth Representatives

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Event: Lunch in Senate/House Cafeterias

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Event: Congressional Hearings and Office Meetings/Visits

Admission: FREE

Registration: www.gyla.org

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OCA, a national organization dedicated to advancing the political, social, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs), is deeply disturbed by the uptick in volatile racist

rhetoric that has taken place during the 2012 election year.

“With the 2012 elections quickly approaching, we have seen an alarming ease by which candidates and media personalities resort to racist rhetoric under the guise of light hearted humor. This is simply inappropriate, ineffective, unnecessary, and inexcusable,” said Tom Hayashi, Executive Director of OCA. “We condemn the characterization of Asians as a ‘perpetual foreigner’ regardless of context.”

Most recently, New York Congressional Candidate Nate Shinagawa was racially demeaned during the broadcast of a local radio talk show. Shinagawa, a third-generation Japanese-Korean American, was ignorantly ridiculed when it was asserted that he came from the “Peoples Republic” and mocked for his Japanese heritage. These desperate xenophobic comments are especially troubling given the fact that such rhetoric has also been used by perpetrators of bullying, harassment, and hazing from schools to the military with dire consequences.

Unfortunately, Mr. Shinagawa is not the only victim of racialized political attacks this election year. During the most widely viewed Super Bowl in history, the notorious “Debbie-spend-it-now” ad by the Pete Hoekstra campaign grossly exaggerated the proposition of insult and mockery by the Chinese for the seeming economic dependence by the United States; accusing the candidate as a contributor to the transcontinental financial relationship. In a separate campaign video by Congressman Mark Amodei, similar themes are echoed as well as the prediction of a military seizure of the US Capitol by the Chinese military following an economic meltdown caused by the current administration. These ads have been pointed out as being extremely problematic not only by APA civil rights leaders, but also broadly condemned and discouraged by both political parties.

Elections should be issue-focused without resorting to unfair and inaccurate comparisons. Demonizing a specific class of people using fear tactics based on broad political and economic generalizations or predictions should not be tolerated by the community at-large.

As Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders become more involved in civic life, we call upon political parties to promote an environment that welcomes the inclusion of diverse perspectives and experiences. In the final months before this year’s elections, we urge political candidates and the media to refrain from using xenophobic language and imagery. We also urge those elected into office to support policies that address the serious problem related to all forms of discrimination and bias.

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Are you ready for the 2012 OCA National Convention?

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This year's convention has a lot in store for everyone, including groundbreaking workshops and plenaries, inspiring speakers, and fun that only Las Vegas and OCA can bring! Take a look at some of the highlights:

The Opening Plenary: Legends and Legacies

APA legends in the social justice community will share their accomplishments and individual perspectives on how we might frame the next generation of advocacy mandates in the post-Civil Rights era. They will frame their unique outlook on a number of impact opportunities as we collectively look to the future for capacity building, coordination, and collaboration on moving our agenda forward.

The State of APA Summit: Daring to Dream, Dreaming to Lead

Every year the convention examines the State of Asian Pacific Americas. This year's State of APA Summit will provide a fascinating look at the hopes and aspirations for electing the first APA President of the United States of America. A panel of ground breaking APA leaders from politics, business, and the community at-large will tackle the difficult question of how to successfully negotiate and navigate the model minority myth, the racial ceiling, and the double standards.

College and Youth Leadership Opportunities

The National Convention celebrates the development of its youth. For almost 20 years, OCA has helped develop the APA leaders of tomorrow. Thousands of students have participated in OCA's high school & college leadership programs or received OCA higher education scholarships. OCA is proud to shine the spotlight on these accomplished APA youth leaders.

College and Youth Tracks are free to attend but registration is required. [Click Here](#) to Register NOW!

July 2: Last Day to Reserve Hotel Rooms at Convention Rate

July 30: Regular Registration Ends

August 2-5: OCA National Convention, Las Vegas, NV

Aug 4: OCA Gala Awards, Las Vegas, NV

Aug 5: National Board Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

Oct 19: National Asian Pacific American Corporate Achievement Awards, Washington,

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OCA, a national organization dedicated to advancing the political, social, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs), is proud to announce its 2011-2012 OCA Unsung Heroes presented by Buick.

“Our four outstanding awardees are individuals who selflessly serve their chapters and communities, never expecting thanks but are always reliable,” said OCA National President Ken Lee, “with the generous support of Buick, we are honored to have this opportunity to recognize them with the Unsung Heroes Award for their dedication to OCA’s mission and advancing Asian Pacific Americans as a visible and integral part of their communities.”

The awardees will be recognized during the OCA Gala Awards being held on Saturday, August 4, 2012, during OCA’s annual National Convention in Las Vegas, NV. OCA members will have the opportunity to hear about the contributions each Unsung Hero made in 2011 and help celebrate the spirit of volunteerism while promoting OCA’s mission.

"Buick is honored to return as the sponsor of the OCA Unsung Heroes Award," said Eric Peterson, Vice President of GM Corporate Diversity. "We are proud to recognize all of the deserving volunteers who work to advance the Asian Pacific American community and celebrate their accomplishments."

The 2011-2012 Unsung Heroes Awardees are as follows:

Clara Chiu (OCA-Greater Los Angeles) has been a member of the Greater Los Angeles chapter for over 10 years and has served on both the chapter board and as a full-time staff member during this time. She has worked tirelessly to organize and manage events and programs for the chapter such as their annual Image Awards and the Asian Pacific American Community Holiday Toy Drive and Reception. Clara has also guided and mentored both the inaugural 2010-11 Civil Rights Fellow and the 2011-12 Fellow at the GLA office; she is always willing to assist and answer any questions they had. Clara has always represented the chapter with the utmost care and professionalism, helping to establish a presence and reputation for OCA in the Greater Los Angeles community.

Susie Yuen (OCA-New York) has been a member of the New York chapter for more than 9 years and currently serves as the chapter’s Co-Treasurer. A talented photographer, Susie captured all of OCA-NY’s 2011 sponsored events and activities, ranging from theatre outings, citizenship trainings, tri-state OCA-NY picnic in New Jersey, marches, and the Vincent Chin Memorial in Columbus Park, Manhattan. Beyond sharing her gift of photography, Susie also shared her civic, work, and family connections with OCA-NY to help make events successful and well-attended. From purchasing over 1,500 fortune cookies to pass out at the Lunar New Year parades to taking over 1,000 photos at the OCA National Convention, Susie continuously shows

her boundless energy and willingness to help OCA-NY and OCA.

Victoria Ma (OCA-Greater Houston) has been a member of the Greater Houston chapter for 9 years and formerly served on the OCA-GH Board of Directors. She has been an instrumental member as she has provided a majority of the coordination for chapter events and has created almost every piece of print material involving graphic design/layout since 2003. She also volunteers her national anthem singing and emceeing capabilities to OCA-GH community partners which has helped the chapter gain visibility. Victoria donates so much of her time and effort to OCA-GH and the greater APA community because of her belief in the importance of growth for the APA community and the need for an organization like OCA.

Wooiyi Yin (OCA-Georgia) has been a member of the Georgia chapter for over 28 years and currently serves on the Board of Directors and as the Chair of the OCA-Georgia Advocacy & Civic Engagement Committee. A tireless champion for equitable treatment and prosperity of APAs and other minorities in the South, she has worked on many OCA-Georgia initiatives including organizing a large network of coalition partners to advocate against Georgia House Bill 87. Additionally, she helped ensure APA voting rights and protection by running a number of naturalization ceremony voter registration drives. Wooiyi has also served as a mentor to countless individuals and continues to motivate and inspire community leaders to follow in her footsteps to champion the rights of APAs in Georgia.

*******CALIFORNIA*******

Meet Director of the Lions Club Cleaveran”Cliff” Law

Known to all as “Cliff” I did not find out my legal name was Cleaveran O’Fire Law until I was required to show my birth certificate for my high school diploma. It is a literal translation of my Chinese name - Mighty Cleaver (sword) that is hardened by passing it through fire.

Born in Hastings on Hudson in 1929 I began kindergarten not knowing how to speak English and became bilingual in school. There were no special ed classes in those days.

My mother thought my siblings and I were losing our Chinese culture so she had my father move us to Chinatown in NYC where he owned a building and business.

My father, Harry, manufactured and sold laundry machinery. His foundry and factory was in Kingston, NY and his showroom was in NYC Chinatown.

Since I was his oldest son and was expected to carry on the business, I learned at an early age what work was. During summer and other school vacation times and after school I was apprenticed to the factory to learn carpentry, electrical, plumbing and chemicals and also went with him on long business trips.

In addition to this I had to attend Chinese school after public school. I attended and

graduated as class valedictorian from Metropolitan Vocational High School in NYC. I was a member of the US Merchant Marines from 1946 – 1948.

In 1949 My father sold his business and retired. He bought a 300 acre dairy farm in Pin Plains, NY and with my younger brother learned to operate it.

In 1956 I met my future wife, Marilyn in NYC where she was studying for her Masters Degree in Education at Columbia University. We married in 1957 and we were farmers until 1959 when we sold the farm and went into the restaurant business.

We have 3 sons and 1 daughter and 3 grandsons. In 1980 after changing careers and finally retiring in 1994, we moved from Jericho, NY to Murrieta, CA in 1997 where I became active in the Lions Club. I have served as Lion Tamer, Vice President and Chairman of the Sight Conservation Committee. I am also a member of the California Lions Friends in Sight.

*******SEATTLE, WASHINGTON*******

THE FIRST AND THE BEST

Chinese-born Wong Tsu was The Boeing Company's first engineer and helped put the company on a sound footing.

A fledgling Boeing Airplane Company got an industry footing in the early 1900s, due largely to the creative talents of its first engineer – a Chinese graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Wong Tsu, born in Beijing, in 1893, designed Boeing's first mass-produced product – the Model C training seaplane. The airplane went on to become Boeing's first financial success. He

also introduced aviation innovations on two continents, and set the stage for Boeing China today. Wong was dedicated to advancing aeronautical science as both an inventor and as an

ambassador.

Wong was only 12 years old when he was selected for the Manchu government's Yang-Tai naval academy. Four years later he was one of the first Chinese naval cadets sent to England, where he earned a bachelor's degree in naval architecture and mechanical engineering from Armstrong Technical College. The Chinese government then sent him to the United States and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study the new science of aviation.

The MIT aeronautical engineering program was the first in the country, started in 1914 by Jerome Hunsaker, helped by graduate student Donald Douglas. Its first students also included Navy engineer George Conrad Westervelt, who in 1915 was in Seattle with William Boeing designing the first Boeing plane – the B & W.

Westervelt was stationed back east before it was finished and Boeing formed Pacific Aero Products. He asked Hunsaker to recommend a skilled aviation engineer, and Hunsaker recommended Wong.

“[Wong] is a good man,” Hunsaker wrote. “Intends to spend two more years working in this country and wants a chance on aeroplane design and construction.”

Wong meets Westervelt

Wong graduated from MIT in June 1916 and had learned to fly at the Flying Boat School of the Curtiss Co., Buffalo, N.Y. He talked to Westervelt, now aboard the USS *Wyoming* in New York harbor, and then headed to Seattle to work on the Model C, using data from the MIT wind tunnel and research from Gustav Eiffel.

Wong was able to test his theories in the air. According to a Seattle newspaper of the time, William Boeing allowed his employees to fly the planes they were building. “Among the most enthusiastic members in the newly established aviation school now being conducted by the Pacific Aero

Products Company at the Lake Union testing and trial grounds is a young Chinese, T. Wong ... who in addition to cherishing the ambition to become a proficient birdman, is a mechanical engineer and draughtsman,” the reporter wrote.

The Model C first flew on Nov. 5, 1916. It was the second airplane designed by the new company but was designated the C-4 because it was the fourth airplane owned by William Boeing. An improved Model C, with a bigger rudder, made its first flight April 9, 1917. Two weeks later, Boeing changed the name of Pacific Aero Products to Boeing Airplane Company.

On May 22, 1917, a month after President Woodrow Wilson declared war on Germany, Boeing issued Wong a check for \$50.77 for “payment in full for services rendered.”

Wong went back to China where he started the first Chinese airplane factory in an old engineering works at Foo Chow.

Conrad Westervelt wrote: "When he [Wong] returns to China... he will of course be one of the few men in that country fluent in aviation matters and I would look forward to the possibilities of some business in that country through him."

By 1918, Wong was building the first Chinese floatplanes at a shipyard in Mah-Wei, including the Sea Eagle and the River Bird. During the next decade, Wong produced dozens of aircraft there, helping to establish China's aircraft manufacturing business.

Building Sino-American relationships Westervelt's words proved prophetic. In 1928, Westervelt went to Shanghai as a representative of the Curtiss Wright Corporation, working with the Chinese government to found the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC), and inaugurate commercial air service in China. He selected Wong to be chief engineer in charge of CNAC services and maintenance operations.

By 1934, Wong, now a Lieutenant Colonel, became the first general manager of the Central Hang Zhou Aircraft Company, building Curtiss Hawk pursuit planes and Douglas observation planes. In that capacity, Wong visited the Boeing Company in Seattle, the Douglas Aircraft Company in California, and the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, Calif. There is also a record of him visiting the Stearman Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kan. Wellwood Beall, Boeing sales representative to China in

1935, recorded friendly meetings with Colonel Wong Tsu.

Innovations during wartime In 1938, when the Japanese invaded the Chinese coastline, Wong's factory moved inland – first to Wuhan and then to Kunming. In 1940, Wong established the Chinese Bureau of Aeronautical Research (later the Aviation Industry Development Center). During World War II, it was hard to get materials to Chinese airplanes built inland, so Wong designed and built a unique troop-carrying glider made out of bamboo. By the war's end in 1945, Wong headed the Aviation Research Academy in China.

He spent his last decade teaching aviation engineering at the National Cheng-Kung University. He died on March 4, 1965 in Tainan, Taiwan. His legacy lives on around the world. Wong's accomplishments are documented in a display at The Museum of Flight in Seattle and at the Boeing Historical Archives. His bronze portrait at the Museum of Flight was sponsored by The Boeing Company, the Boeing Asian American Professional Association, and the Society of Chinese American Aerospace Engineers, the Chinese Institute of Engineers /USA-Seattle, the

Cheng Kung University Alumni Association and the Beijing University Alumni Association.

MISCELLANEOUS

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<http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/07/tech/web/password-protection-linkedin/index.html>

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Warning from Malaysia - Asian dried food

They come in a tasty blend of sweet, sour and salty. They can also be deadly. Yes, craving for that piece of dried sour plum can kill you, albeit slowly. Many types of dried fruits imported from China, Taiwan and other Asian countries have been found to contain high levels of lead.

On Thursday, the Government banned 18 important brands of dried fruits found to have lead content of between 0.11 and 30.3 parts per million (ppm) or milligram (mg)/kilogram (kg).

Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said only dried fruit products other than these brands would be allowed to be sold in the country. "Under Regulation 38 of the Food Regulations 1985, the level of lead accepted is two parts per million. Action will be taken if the lead content exceeds the amount," he said.

Those who distribute food products deemed to be harmful to health can be charged under Section 13(1) of the Food Act 1983. They can also be fined up to RM100, 000 or jailed up to maximum of 10 years or both if found guilty. Liow said the ministry would ensure that the brands of banned dried fruit do not enter the country.

Lead is a metal that can be absorbed into the body over time. Excess consumption, especially by the young, can lead to serious health problems, including delayed mental and physical development and learning deficiencies.

Many types of imported fried fruits countries have been found to contain high levels of lead Tasty but deadly <http://dailychilli.com/news/-267-tasty-but-deadly>

Lead also poses risks to pregnant women and infants. Malaysia's move to bar the 18 brands of dried fruits comes in the wake of last Friday's move by the United States' Food and Drug

Administration's (FDA) advisory against eating dried fruits imported from Asia. Testing results in Texas found that dried plums and products containing dried plums contained lead as much as 300 times the acceptable level.

The FDA does not have lead limits specifically for prunes, but the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention has advised avoiding consumption of any amount of lead. The warning, however, did not apply to prunes from the US.