## **E-NEWSLETTER**



## EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF CHINESE AND ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

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Sunday, January 28 - Lunar New Year USPS Stamp Ceremony Palisades Mall, West Nyack, NY



Families with Children from China, Greater NY Chapter, OCA-New Jersey Chapter and OCA-Westchester & Hudson Valley Chapter, in conjunction with Palisades Postal Center, hosted this ceremony for the Second Day Issue of the Year of the Dog postage stamp. The celebration included a Children's Zodiac Parade, Awakening of the Lion and a traditional Chinese Lion Dance.

Saturday, January 27 - First Installment - OCA-NJ Film Festival The Office of The Girl Scouts of Northern NJ, Paramus, NJ

> CANTON ARMY IN THE HIGH SIERRAS: Chinese workers build America's first transcontinental railroad (1863-1869)





Carving 13 tunnels inch-by-inch through the solid granite of the Sierras in the days before dynamite, an army of thousands of Chinese railroad workers were the backbone and heart of the Central Pacific railroad western half. This film recounts the real story of these workers, their methods of work and the ethnic/cultural values that sustained them through the difficult work of completing America's first Transcontinental Railroad "from sea to shining sea."

28 Minutes – Documentary – 2001 Produced, Written and Directed by Loni Ding

Saturday, December 9 - OCA-NJ and CBWCHC Holiday Party CBWCHC, New York, NY, 168 Centre St, New York, NY 10013



Another year of giving to families in need. OCA-New Jersey Chapter hosted a holiday party for families from the Charles B. Wang Chinatown Health Clinic in New York City. A special visit from Santa Claus bearing lots of gifts for the children, food, fun and singing included.

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#### Saturday, December 2 - OCA-NJ Holiday Ball The Bethwood, Totowa, NJ, 38 Lackawanna Ave, Totowa, NJ 07512



A good time was had by all as we celebrated the holiday season at our Annual Holiday Ball. We honored Lora Fong, Chief Diversity officer, NJ Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law & Public Safety for her many contributions, as well as Peter Lau, Posthumously, of Confucius Manning Pharmacy. Our Unsung Hero this year was Henry Lee, Board Member, OCA-NJ Chapter and Director of Asian American Dragon-Lion Dance.

## **Upcoming Events**

Applications now available for essay scholarship opportunities for college-bound seniors. Scholarship awards from \$300-\$2,000.

Applications now available for OCA-NJ E.L.I.T.E. (Emerging Leaders in Training Excellence). Open to current freshmen and sophomores interested in developing confidence, leadership and presentation skills to build a foundation for a successful collegiate/career path.

# Please note that attendance at the APA-Y Program on March 31, 2018 (see details below) is mandatory for both programs.

## Application deadline for both programs is Friday, April 27. Please go to our website for more information, requirements and applications.

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 5:30PM – Annual Lunar New Year Dinner Noodle Wong Restaurant, 770 Route 46 West, Parsippany, NJ - Click link to left for more info

Saturday, March 17, 2018, 4:00-7:00PM – Pot Luck Dinner and OCA-NJ Film Festival, 2nd Installment: Who Killed Vincent Chin? by Christine Choy Masonic Lodge, 129 Main Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ. Please check our website for more informatiion. Please bring a dish to share for our Pot Luck Dinner!

#### Future OCA-NJ Film Festival Installments:

- Crossing Donner Summit by Min (Susan) Zhou
- Finding Samuel Lowe / From Harlem to China by Paula Madison
- New film on "Chinese Exclusion Act"
- Abacus: Small enough to jail. Abacus, a small family-run bank, becomes the only U.S. bank to face criminal charges in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. Director: Steve James
- More Films to be added!

#### Saturday, March 31, 2018, -10:00AM-3:00PM - APA-Y

Robert Galdon Senior Center, 19 Mt. Hope Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866 (See flyer below for more info). High School Program designed to explore AAPI identity, build leadership skills and become a better advocate.

### Sunday, May 27, 2018 – OCA-New Jersey Chapter Asian Pacific American Heritage and Scholarship Luncheon

Place and time to be determined. Please check our website for update.

The third installment of the OCA-NJ Film Festival will be sometime in May. Please check our website for update.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 16, 2018 – Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom

Come and celebrate Fathers' Day with us at Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom on Saturday, June 16, 2018 rain or shine! Please see the flyer below for more details.

# EXPLORE AAPI IDENTITY. Build leadership skills. Become a better advocate.





# ROBERT GALDON SR CENTER 19 MT HOPE RD, ROCKAWAY, NJ 07866 START END 10:00 AM 3:00 PM SIGN UP AND LEARN MORE AT: BIT.LY/OCAAPAY

THAIK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPOKSORS

# COME AND CELEBRATE **FATHERS DAY\*** AT DORNEY PARK & Wildwater Kingdom SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018

Rain or Shine

\*PRIZES AWARDED during lunch: Submit the name of your DAD, GRANDPA, UNCLE or someone who has been a FATHER FIGURE in your life. In 50 words or less, tell us WHY he is the best candidate for this prize. Include your name, address, phone number and email address. Winner must be present to receive prizes. Deadline for applications is Friday., June 1, 2018 to Virginialou@yahoo.com

# \$ 30.00 Deluxe Motor Coach

with wifi: departs from Girl Scout Service Center, Paramus, NJ at 8:00am. Leave park at 5:00pm; with return to Paramus at 7:00pm.







# \$ 58.00 ALL SEATS

Includes admission ticket to park with a 2 hour catered meal which includes soft drinks, all beef hot dogs, all beef hamburgers, fried chicken, Veg. BBQ baked beans, Garden Salad, Chips and Ice Cream Novelties (all you can eat). No outside food or coolers are permitted.

OCA - NEW JERSEY CHAPTER • FATHERS DAY AT DORNEY PARK • JUNE 16, 2018 PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018

Name(s) Attending			
Home Address	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	e-mail		(in case of inclement weather)
Children's Names/Ages			
Admission Tickets @ \$58 each = \$	Charter Bus Seats @ \$30 each = \$	Total amount enclosed \$	
Make ch	necks payable to: OCA - NEW JERSEY	CHAPTER,	
mail to: Vi	rginia L. Ng, 691 Wicklow Way, River V	ale, NJ 0767	5
For more inforr	nation, email Virginialou@yahoo.com or	call 201 259	8028
Tickets will be distributed that morning at be	is departure. If you are driving on your own, and envelope. No quarantees for on time mail delive	d want them mail	led to you, please enclose a self