



## CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE PHOENIX LODGE



September 2014  
Newsletter

### September General Meeting

Thursday, September 18

Hong Lok Center  
3930 N. 24th Ave.  
Phoenix.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Please let Elaine Wong know if you are planning to attend the dinner (480-406-7470, elainewong@cox.net)

### Program

Presentation of Trash Tracker Program

Presenters: Tom Kreuser and John Tang

### PCACA President's Report

#### Washington D.C. Trip

Elaine Wong and members of the National CACA Advocacy team met with U.S. Congresswoman Krysten Sinema in Washington D.C. over the summer. This year's meeting with Congressional members focused on the following:

Preservation of Cultural and Historical Sites through the Travel Promotion Act of 2009; Immigration Reform: Harnessing the Potential of Immigration; and upgrade Major Kurt Chew-Een Lee's Silver Star to the Medal of Honor for heroism and leadership at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.



Alice Wong, Los Angeles Lodge,  
U.S. Congresswoman Krysten  
Sinema, Elaine Wong, and Virginia  
Gee, San Francisco Lodge.

#### Immigration Reform Update

It appears that immigration reform is officially dead for this Congress. It is disappointing that the House failed despite the unprecedented advocacy and activity from organizations like CACA who were not excited about the Senate bill (s.744) because of its flaws. We also believe Congress is not likely to tackle immigration reform until after the next national election in 2017. Following the June 30 announcement that House Speaker John Boehner could not get immigration reform done, President Obama said he would do what he could within his legal authority to address our broken immigration system. He asked the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice to present options by year end. Even though legislative reform will not happen this year, we must continue to educate Congress, the media, and our own community on these pressing issues.

### PCACA Celebrates 40th Anniversary

More than 200 friends and supporters attended the PCACA 40th Anniversary dinner celebrations at the Great Wall restaurant on May 3. The evening honored past PCACA presidents and awarded 6 scholarships to high school graduates. Keynote speaker, State Senator Kimberly Yee delivered an inspiring speech. The fundraiser event exceeded expectations raising about \$7,000 for the PCACA scholarship and Philanthropy programs from the sale of raffle tickets, 50/50 drawing, and auction. Thank you to our generous donors and to all the volunteers who helped made the evening a huge success!



State Senator Kimberly Yee, Les Gin, and  
National CACA Executive VP Davace Chin



State Senator Kimberly Yee



Elaine Wong, Davace Chin with PCACA past  
presidents Eddie Yue, Leung Eng, Madeline  
Ong-Sakata, Rudy Yee, and John Tang



Elaine Wong with 2014 scholarship  
recipients and Phoenix Essay  
contest winner



Group photo of PCACA members and  
friends



John Tang presented his original Chinese  
painting to State Senator Kimberly Yee.  
Also in photo is Elaine Wong

### November Elections for 2015 PCACA Executive Board

Please start thinking of candidates that you would like to nominate for the 2015 executive board. Also, please contact Elaine Wong (480-406-7470) if you are able to serve in any capacity.



## Mark Your Calendar

### COP Police Department Asian Pacific Islander American Advisory Board Meeting

**Thursday, Sept 25, 2014**

PCACA will co-host this meeting with Chinese Chamber  
Contact Elaine Wong if you are interested in attending.

### Phoenix Walk to End Alzheimer's

**Saturday, Nov 8, 2014**

Location: Wesley Bolin Plaza  
1700 W Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Route Length: 3 miles

If interested, please sign up with  
Richard & Roberta Yee (623-337-  
4498) or Elaine Wong. Let's get a  
PCACA group to support this  
event.



### American Legion Thomas Tang Post Annual Banquet

**Saturday, Nov 15, 2014**

For more information contact:  
Jim Ong (602-548-8882) or  
George Ong (602-942-6092)  
Let's sign up for a PCACA table.



### Chinese Cooking Class at Leisure World

**Monday, Nov 17, 2014**

Brought back by popular demand,  
this fundraiser event is fun and  
educational. If interested in helping,  
please contact Elaine Wong.



### Richard E. Miller Elementary School Cultural Outreach and Phoenix Chinese Week Partnership

**Friday, Feb 27, 2015**

PCACA member Helen Yee will  
chair this event. As in past years,  
PCACA will be partnering with  
Diana Ho, Phoenix Chinese week  
first VP to host this cultural  
outreach event.



### New Boston Lodge

CACA will be chartering a new lodge in Boston on Dec. 13.  
Please contact Elaine Wong if you wish to join the ceremonies in  
Boston to welcome the new lodge.

## ASU Asian Pacific LEAD Academy

PCACA is once again proud to sponsor the Asian Pacific LEAD Academy summer program by providing luncheons and backpacks for their field trip to the Japanese Internment Camp. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the LEAD Academy. Several PCACA members attended the banquet dinner on June 20 where PCACA was recognized for its contribution to the organization. PCACA VP Eva Li received an award plaque on behalf of our group. Thanks to Eva Li, John Tang, Willie Mae Tang, Richard and Roberta Yee, and Benny Yee for representing PCACA at the dinner event.



PCACA members  
John Tang, Eva  
Li, Willie Mae,  
Benny Yee with  
LEAD Academy  
supporters



John Tang, Mas Inoshita, Benny  
Yee with LEAD Academy  
participants



PCACA VP Eva Li receiving  
award plaque



LEAD Academy participants with Mas Inoshita (center)

### Upcoming PCACA meetings\*

#### Oct General Meeting

**Oct 16, Thurs. 6:30 p.m.**

ASU Navigator for Health Project, Colorectal Cancer  
Prevention

#### Oct Executive Board meeting

**Oct 2, Thurs. 6:30 p.m.**

*Note\* General meetings are held on third Thursday of the  
month. Executive board meetings are held on first  
Thursday of each month.*