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2000 NAAPAE CONFERENCE UPDATES

By Barbara Leu

Sunny skies, rainbows, and beautiful trade wind days have been ordered for the NAAPAE Conference in Kona, Hawaii. It is not too late to register to attend!

The keynote speakers are: David Ramirez (Thursday), Enid Lee (Friday) and Geneva Gay (Saturday). The meal function speakers are: Joyce Harris (Thursday lunch), Carlos Cortes (Friday lunch), and Rose Tseng (Friday Luau dinner). There's an exciting panel discussion planned for Saturday morning, facilitated by L. David van

Broekhuizen. The panel members are: Ardy Sixkiller Clarke (culture) and Canissius Filibert (language), and Ellen Miyasato (technology).

Some of the breakout session topics include: Counseling Hawaiians, Filipinos, and Samoans in Hawaii, Modern Theater in the Chamorro Culture, Embracing True Colors in Academic Advising, Essence Qi Gong, Role Models Create a Culture of Success for Native Hawaiians, and Building Bridges: One Model of Distance Learning in American Samoa.

There are many more.

Be sure to arrive early on Thursday morning. You don't want to miss the opening session! The President's Luau Banquet is also another highlight.

If you arrive before Thursday, avoid waiting in line and visit the registration table on Tuesday evening or Wednesday evening. You'll receive a beautiful tote bag, program booklet, and name tag.

The conference committee looks forward to seeing you all. Come . . . EXPERIENCE THE ALOHA OF THE BIG ISLAND!!!

BOUY TE APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OBEMLA

Bouy Te, a survivor of the killing fields of Cambodia who later taught bilingual education in Minneapolis and was the No. 2 official of a national student advocacy group, has been appointed deputy director of the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs (OBEMLA).

"Bouy Te brings valuable experience in connecting with students whose English is limited," said U. S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "His background will help guide us as we promote education excellence for all students."

As deputy director, Te will serve as the second-ranking official for the office that helps school districts meet their requirement to provide equal education opportunities to limited English proficient students. Before joining the U.S. Education Department, Te was deputy director of the National Coalition of Advocates for Students (NCAS), a nationwide network of 23 child advocacy groups. In that role, he also served as director of the NCAS National Asian Family/School Partnership Project, focusing on Asian families and educational issues.

Born in Cambodia, he escaped the horrors of the Pol Pot regime and settled in 1981 in Minneapolis.

There he spent eight years with the Minneapolis Public Schools as a Title VII bilingual resource teacher for secondary schools, bilingual teacher (junior high and high schools), parent program developer, and teacher on special assignment. "I'm very honored to be appointed to work on and support the president's sound education agenda," Te said. "I want to emphasize quality and equity in education for all children. The bottom line is, one child who fails or one child who is denied an equal opportunity to learn and succeed is one child too many."

Bouy Te has been a longtime NAAPAE member and supporter. In 1997, he cochaired the NAAPAE Conference in Boston. Congratulations Bouy!

From the press release issued by the U.S. Department of Education on August 4, 1999.

WASHINGTON DC APA EDUCATION FORUM

by Russell Endo

Last October, the fifth Asian and Pacific American Education Forum was held just outside Washington DC in Arlington, Virginia. Funded by the office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs (OBEMLA) of the U. S. Department of Education, the Forum was organized and sponsored by OBEMLA, NAAPAE, and the National Association for the Education and Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese Americans (NAFEA). The Forum was designed to discuss APA education issues and to develop policy recommendations for OBEMLA and the Department of Education. The Forum also provided opportunities to learn about federal funding, to increase the awareness by OBEMLA staff of APA concerns, and for participants from the sponsoring organizations to network.

The Forum was opened with remarks by Din VanLo, NAFEA Vice President, Bouy Te, Deputy Director of OBEMLA, and Ed Fujimoto, Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the Department of Education. Detailed presentations then were made by OBEMLA staff on OBEMLA funding sources in general, applying for funding, the systemwide/comprehensive school program, the program development and implementation grant and immigrant/foreign language program, three bilingual grants programs, OBEMLA's work in the area of research, funding resources, and the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary School Act. Sally Chou, immediate past NAAPAE president, and Kim Oahn Nguyen-Lam, NAFEA

president, reviewed the Forum's objectives and goals.

Following a keynote speech by Laura Efurd, Deputy Assistant to the President, and a presentation on a proposed National Education Policy Project by Hiep Chu, director of the National Asian Family/School Partnership Project, the Forum attendees participated in a series of roundtable discussions on the following topics: research, curriculum development and assessment, leadership development and political advocacy, resources and funding, professional development, and home-school-community collaboration. Work done at the last Forum held in Long Beach, California in 1998 was used as a starting point. In the discussions, key issues were identified and specific recommendations were formulated. These were later synthesized for a report to OBEMLA. Both the report and other information about the Forum can be obtained at the following Internet address:

<http://equity4.clmer.csulb.edu/netshare/kclam/APA/NASF99.htm>

Bouy Te, Sally Chou, and Kim Oahn Nguyen-Lam were the individuals most responsible for organizing the Forum, and they can take credit for much of its success. NAAPAE was well represented at this gathering. Besides Sally, NAAPAE members Mitzie Tanouchi, Steven Lee, Bob Gibson, Ermile Hargrove, and Russ Endo helped facilitate the roundtable discussions and prepare the final report.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24 -30, 2000 — American Educational Research Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. Contact A. Lin Goodwin at <alg25@columbia.edu>.

April 30 - May 5, 2000 — International Reading Association (IRA). IRA's 45th Annual Convention. Indianapolis, Indiana. Contact (302) 731-1600, extension 216 or <<http://www.reading.org>>.

May 24 - 28, 2000 — Association for Asian American Studies Conference. Scottsdale, AZ. Contact Anita Affeldt at <apal@cornell.edu>.

July 16-19, 2000 — National Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Conference. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Long Beach, CA. Contact Marsha Vargas at (562) 985-5809 or <<http://www.clmer.csulb.edu>>.

PUBLICATION

Professor Clara C. Park, College of Education, California State University, Northridge, has recently published a book of 14 chapters, *Asian-American Education: Prospects and Challenges* by Greenwood Publishing Group (1999) in cooperation with Professor Marilyn Chi at San Jose State University. Dr. Clara C. Park is currently President of CAAPAE, a chapter of NAAPAE. As the first comprehensive survey of seven major Asian American groups (Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese) for educators, this book has two chapters on each ethnic group: one sociocultural and the other linguistic. Written by teacher educators and educational practitioners who have lived through most of the experiences discussed in this book, the book is an intimate account as well as the most comprehensive scholarly survey of the seven major Asian-American groups. Thus, this book expounds upon both linguistic and sociocultural aspects of seven Asian American groups and how Asian American students fare in American public schools socially, culturally, and linguistically. Each chapter illuminates the unique educational issues, needs, and challenges of its respective ethnic group and provides very practical and insightful suggestions for teachers, administrators, and support service providers as well as teacher educators, who are the intended readership of this book. People who are interested should contact Greenwood Publishing Group, Westport, Connecticut (ISBN:0-89789-602-5 (hard cover)/ISBN:0-89789-603-3 (paperback)).

BOOK REVIEW

Building Community. by Maria G. Acierto. Nyala Publishing. Chicago, Illinois, 1999.

This book is about the Experiences of the early Filipinos who came to Chicago as early as the 1900s; It reflects their outstanding strength in coping with the demands of migrating to a new land; It portrays their social, professional and political evolution. This book traces the social formation among Filipino

immigrants in the 1940's and the inception of a mother organization named Filipino American Council (FACC).

The author felt the need to write a book about all the Filipino immigrants in Chicago. Filipino children could understand their heritage.

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CHAPTER NEWS

ICNAAPAE (Illinois Chapter)

Fifteen hundred people attended the Asian American Coalition of Chicago's 17th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 19, 2000 at Chicago's Navy Pier. Lunar New Year is the single largest event in Chicago's Asian American community, which members over 300,000. Each year a different community takes turns hosting the event, and this year it was the Pakistani American community. This year's theme, "Asian Americans: Reach Out and be Counted," placed special emphasis on the Census 2000. "Political involvement is a necessary investment for our future generations, so reach out and be counted," said Rashid A. Chaudary, chairman of this year's Gala.

Film and TV star Pat Morita (Mr. Miyagi in the "Karate Kid" trilogy and Arnold on "Happy Days") made a surprise appearance at this year's event, which was emceed by popular NBC 5 TV morning news anchor Nesita Kwan and WGN-TV reporter Joanie Lum, along with community leader and college student Amina Chaudary. New CBS 2 reporter Kyung Lah made special appearance onstage in this her coalition debut.

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