

Recaps of ACA events May 2016 to November 1, 2016



Nov 1st ACA provides free service regarding enrollments under Affordable Care Act

Open enrollment for 2017 began November 1st for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace (HealthCare.gov) under the Affordable Care Act.

ACA has trained certified Navigators who will provide assistance free of charge to help people understand their benefits, to register, and to enroll before the deadline of January 31, 2017.

At the same time, ACA also provides free assistance and services regarding enrollments with Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, and Medicare.

Oct. 21st ACA's 44th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

About 210 guests gathered to celebrate another successful year of programs and service to the community. We were honored to have **Pamela Lewis, Director at New Economy Initiative**, as the keynote speaker. The "Outstanding Program Sponsor Award" was presented to **DAAA-1** and **AARP**. This year's "Outstanding Counselor Award" recipients were **Curtis Lee, Grace Ma, Jenny Yu**.



Guests enjoying ACA's 44th Anniversary Celebration Banquet



Roland Hwang, Chris Quiambao, Joyce Li, Curtis Lee at ACA's 44th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

Oct 21st ACA hosted B3 young professional leadership summit

Titled "Answering the Call for Entrepreneurship and Leadership", this leadership summit was held at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills on Oct. 21, 2016. Grace Hsia was the keynote speaker at the summit. She is the CEO of Warmilu, and is on the Forbes 30 Under 30 list for 2016.

Panel speakers were:

- Brian Connors: Executive Director of the Michigan-China Innovation Center;
- Coco Zhang-Miske: President of NAAAP Detroit;
- Evonne Xu: Attorney and Counselor, Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC;
- Jimmy Hsiao: CEO of Logic Solutions;
- Caroline Polly: Cofounder & General Manager of the Thai Feast LLC & Bangkok 96 Restaurant;
- Eric Chau: Marketing Director, Transamerica Financial Group

Moderators were:

- Angelina Chin: Retired General Motors executive, and current ACA Treasurer
- Ross Sanders: President of Sanders Consulting LLC

This event was organized by ACA Executive Vice President Angela Wang Beasinger with assistance and support from Roland Hwang, Angelina Chin, and Joyce Li.



From Sep 26th to 30th ACA organized a Caribbean Cruise trip for local Chinese community

On Sep. 26, 2016, ACA Executive Director Joyce Li and staff member David Liou led a group of travelers from the local Chinese community, ages 5 to 88, to Detroit Metro Airport to start their exciting journey of a dream cruise in the Caribbean Sea on board the 12-story high, 5-star Cruise ship *Carnival Fantasy*. This "Fun Ship" cruise featured day and nighttime entertainment stage shows, musical performances, casinos and more. At dinner time, ACA hosted a formal introduction dinner at the restaurant on the cruise ship to give group members a chance to get connected with each other. The dinner was filled with great conversations and laughter.

On the morning of Sep. 27th, the ship arrived at the southernmost point of Florida, Key West, where the cruisers were able to take the tour train along the beautiful Route 1 to enjoy the exotic view and explore the historic sites. On 28th, the *Carnival Fantasy* arrived at Cozumel, Mexico where our ACA group visited Chankanaab National Park. On Sep. 30th, ACA's Caribbean Cruise group came back to Detroit with great memories for life.



August 28 ACA's Madison Heights Family Fun Day

On August 28th, ACA employees and volunteers organized and held a wonderful Family Day Event for the local and surrounding area Chinese community and general community, not only with all kinds of fun family activities such as a watermelon-eating competition and Tug-of-War, but also with several special Chinese cultural performances and many choices of delicious Chinese food.

Madison Height Mayor Brian Hartwell, Royal Oaks Mayor Jim Ellison, and Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner came to participate in the event, showing their support and appreciation of the Chinese community. A group from AARP came and gave rousing renditions of some Motown favorites. The Kaufmann family enchanted event attendees with their beautiful music and songs.

Special thanks go to 168 Asian Market, Fuji Buffet, LC Asian Kitchen, Tokyo Buffet, Super China Buffet, Wing Hing, and Golden Harvest Restaurant for helping raise funds for ACA and for providing free lunch to ACA employees and volunteers. Volunteer photographer Charles Liu helped us to capture the fun moments at the event.



Lisa Whitmore David (AARP), Roland Hwang, Sue Sung, Andy Meisner (Oakland County Treasurer), Joyce Li, Jim Ellison (Mayor, Royal Oak) Brian Hartwell (Mayor, Madison Heights), Shenlin Chen

More photos from Madison Heights Family Fun Day



Aug. 13th ACA co-hosted the Sherry Chen Civil Rights and Law Forum

The Sherry Chen Civil Rights and Law Forum was held at ACA's Chinese Community Center in Madison Heights on August 13, 2016. Keynote speaker Sherry Chen shared her personal story of the groundless espionage allegations she faced. She talked about her experience, lessons learned, and what we can do to minimize the possibility of such false accusations falling on one of us in the future when we deal with technology at work and friends in China. Two experienced attorneys were invited to provide legal advice and recommendations on how to protect ourselves.

This event was organized by the Michigan Chinese Alliance (MCA) and co-hosted by six other organizations.

Below is the list of the co-hosting organizations (in alphabetic order) with their contacts.

- Association of Chinese Americans, Roland Hwang
- Chinese Association of Greater Detroit, George Zhu
- Detroit Chinese Business Association, Brian Gao
- 80-20 Michigan Chapter, Wenpu Zhao
- Michigan Chinese Alliance, Vicky Han
- North American Association of Chinese Engine Engineers, Feilong Liu
- North American Chinese Society of Automotive Engineers, Daqing Zou

July 11th to July 29th ACA's Youth Summer Camp – Back to the root of Chinese culture

ACA successfully held its 3-week long summer camp for local children to learn different Chinese cultural arts such as Chinese calligraphy, Chinese traditional dance, Chinese martial arts, Chinese cooking, Chinese painting and Chinese opera, to help children discover their Chinese heritage. ACA is proud to be the go-to-provider of this kind of cultural camp for 17 years. Over 70 kids came during the three weeks of summer camp this year. On July 29th, campers wore their green camp T-shirts and performed at the camp location (Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MI) to show what they learned during their time at the summer camp.



Campers on field trip to the Michigan Firehouse Museum



Campers and counselors having fun

July 10th ACA hosted Canton Family Fun Day

ACA hosted its 2nd annual Canton Family Fun Day at Heritage Park on July 10th with great success. More than 600 people came to join in the fun. Many local vendors offered all kinds of authentic Chinese delicacies, bringing back memories of many participants' childhoods while face painting and balloon animal making attracted many children to wait in line. The Kaufman family and their music performances encouraged many participants to find their groove again. Among other fun activities were the watermelon-eating contest and tug-of-war.





Canton Family Fun Day

May 28th ACA Participated in the Madison Heights Memorial Day Parade

A team from ACA marched in the Madison Heights Memorial Day Parade on May 28th. The participants were proud to march in honor of Chinese AMVET Post 85.



May 21st ACA hosted APA-Y Youth Advocates Leadership Camp

Nearly 40 Asian American high school and middle school students came together for OCA's APA-Y Youth Advocates Camp on Saturday, May 21st in Novi. They covered the Asian Pacific American historical timeline including exclusion from our shores, story swapping of personal experiences with bullying, and team building with a negotiation exercise. The goals were to build community, identity, advocacy skills, and leadership.