

Asian American Heritage Committee

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Members present: Dave Seery, Dr. Shiono, Mrs. Shiono, Saroj Bahl, Karen Yee, Luck Kosoladolkitt, Shenaz Choudhury, Mari-Lou Wong-Chong, Jaime Choi, Donna

History Center: Nancy McCombe and Neal Hoage

Next meeting:

**Tuesday
February 11, 2003
11:30 am
Room 702, Federal Bldg.**

History Center

Nancy introduced us to Neal Hoage a University of Pittsburgh student in the Asian Studies Program. He will be working with Nancy this year on our program. Nancy also informed us that at our February meeting Kathleen Wendell, curator for the History Center, will be in attendance to invite all the groups to participate in donating artifacts from their heritage. More about the Heinz program at the next meeting.

At the February meeting it is asked that each group who plans on participating in the May 3 celebration have some kind of idea of what they are planning.

Cooking, dance performances, karate, table displays, etc. We have to start formulating a plan so we can start scheduling the groups. This way we can have an early press release out to the schools and media, also. Has anyone come up with some type of personality that would be a big draw at our event – like, an author, artist, sports figure etc. Richard, Judi and Michael are you available to take on the task???????

Luncheon: William Pitt Student Union – approximate cost \$20.00, Judi, Dave and Donna plan on visiting the facility to set up a menu.

Our speaker will be Ms. Angelica O. Tang, Representative to Secretary Elaine L. Chao of the US Department of Labor.

For the **May 2004** luncheon the Korean Association will be responsible for providing a speaker. Jaime, please pass this on to your next President.

Student Nominations: The forms have been sent to the schools and are available on the FEB website. **New procedure:** This year the awards committee will have it a little easier. Since the security in Donna's building is changing and it will be harder to get up to her office, she has decided the following. The applications are due to the groups by February 14, 2003. Once the groups have decided on their top 3 students, the original applications will be mailed to Donna. Along with the top 3 applications should be the top sheets of all the other applications so they can get honorable mention certificates. Donna will then make all the necessary copies and mail each group their set of candidates. At the March meeting the voting will take place. Don't worry we will go over this at the February meeting in case you need any clarification and instructions will be mailed to each Awards Committee member.

Stamp Cancellation: Anil please get in touch with Eileen Crivaro about what you need to do to get started on our stamp cancellations for May. Also, the year of the RAM stamp is available January 16th.

SPECIAL NOTE

We are getting close to our May events and we need attendance from our Federal Agency members as well as representatives from each group. Also, our members that attend each meeting don't slack off now.....