Eastern Bank recognizes Asian American women leaders

BY LING-MEI WONG

Eastern Bank honored Asian American women leaders on May 24 at Hotel Aloft, to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and National Small Business Month. The event featured panel discussions on women in business and politics, along with a business expo and cocktail reception.

Eastern Bank vice chairman and president Quincy Miller said, "We have a commitment to equal pay and equal opportunities to achieve success."

The bank celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2018 by focusing on "Advancing Women" in honor of its very first customer, Rebecca Sutton. Sutton was a widow of means, who could not enter the bank and needed an attorney to open an account for her, Miller said.

The panel discussions were “Women shaping the political and public future in Massachusetts,” featuring Diana Hwang, founder and executive director of the Asian-American Women’s Political Initiative; Nina Liang, Quincy Councilor at Large; Lisa Wong, Asian American Civic Association deputy director and former Fitchburg Mayor; Jason Cinotti, owner of Cence Cinotti Strategies; and moderator Ian So, CEO of Chicken & Rice Guys. Hwang, Liang and Wong spoke about their experiences on the campaign trail, along with their stories as daughters of immigrants.

“This is the year of woman,” Hwang said. “In 20 primary races nationwide, 17 were won by women. It’s an amazing year for American women to run for office.”

The “Women leading in business” panel featured Karen Diep, owner of Soi Leel Tan & Spa, Atlantic Kitchen and Van’s Restaurant; Mai Du, founder of Wun Lum Kung Fu; Asa Kalavade, Amazon Web Services general manager; Ryan Van Luling, Eastern Bank wealth management relationship manager; Nam Pham, Massachusetts assistant secretary of business development and trade; Aparna Rao, C-care Vault founder and CEO; and moderator Robert Nelson, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Massachusetts District Office director.

Eastern Bank partnered with CommonWealth Seminar, the Asian American Commission of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and TIE Boston. The bank is the No. 1 SBA lender in New England.

Kwong Kow celebrates 102 years of teaching Chinese

BY LING-MEI WONG

Kwong Kow Chinese School (KKCS) celebrated 102 years on May 25 at Hei La Mien restaurant. About 300 guests attended the charity benefit to help share Chinese language and culture with the next generation.

Former board members Lester Fong and Theresa Tsoi were honored for their long-term service. Fong served on the KKCS board for more than 20 years, being committed to Chinese language education. He also founded the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church and is active in the Moy Shee Family Association.

“I had the pleasure of meeting Lester Fong 30 years ago and was struck by his sellertless character,” said KKCS board vice chairman Felix Lu.

Tsoi was a board member for 10 years, working to make KKCS licensed
WorldFest in Woburn gathers community

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM

WorldFest took place May 20 at Woburn High School. Boston’s Chinese Folk Dance was among the performers, including Irish, African and Latin dancers. They performed three traditional Chinese dances, highlighting Chinese culture.

Yuanji Dance celebrates AAPI Heritage Month

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM

The Boston Yuanji Dance Association celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on May 20 at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. Female members demonstrated how to wear the qipao. (Image courtesy of the Sampan editorial team.)

Boston hosts dragon and lion dance competition

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM

The United States Dragon and Lion Dance Federation (USDLDF) held its first national lion and dragon dance competition May 25 to May 27 in Boston and Quincy.

The winner of the traditional lion dance competition was the Teo Chew Dragon Association: Unicorn Dragon and Lion Dance Team Omega, hailing from Texas. The drumming competition winners were tied in first place by the Sing Yung Dragon and Lion Dance Association of Hawaii and the Wah Lum Temple Orlando from Florida. The dragon dance competition winner was Colorado Asian Cultural Heritage Center Dragon Dance Team.

Master Checkley Sin Kwok Lam talked about directing and producing the “Ip Man” movies on Wing Chun kung fu at Harvard University on May 25. The lion dance competition took place May 26 and May 27 at Quincy High School. A dragon dance competition and award banquet took place May 27 at Empire Garden restaurant.

The Asian dragon and lion heads were “blessed” at an eye-dotting ceremony May 14 at the Statehouse.

Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center hosts 46th annual banquet

BY SHIRA LAUCHAROEN

The Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center welcomed honorees and guests at the dinner. (From left) AARP Massachusetts director Michael Festa, Boston Elderly Affairs Commissioner Emily Shea, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Golden Age Center board president Peter Chan, Tufts Medical Center’s Sherry Dong, Tufts Medical Center’s Dr. Deob Salem. (Image courtesy of Shira Laucharoen.)

The program featured live vocals by the Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center, with singing by Ruth Moy, Robert Wu, and Amy Wu, who performed “Swan Lake.” 

Call 1-800-989-0448 to RSVP.

The Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center welcomed guests at its annual banquet on May 27 at China Pearl Restaurant on May 27. The program honored AARP Massachusetts and its state director, Michael Festa, for his talent and contributions to the community.

The Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center has done to enhance the welfare of elders and support the Asian community. The organization’s programs have helped promote positive change and have reinforced Boston as a home for Asian seniors as they lead independent lives.

“Is this the third largest Chinatown in America,” Polito said. “Your roots are deep here in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Your families have a role to play in strengthening our community.”

The United States Dragon and Lion Dance Federation held a lion dance competition May 26 at Quincy High School. (Image courtesy of Diana Jeong.)

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Mass. Memories Road Show
Saturday, June 2

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

99 Albany Street
Boston, MA 02111


Gifts of Life class
Saturday, June 2

10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

2167 Washington Street
Canton, MA 02021

The Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of New England - Greater Boston will host its 17th charity golf tournament at Ponkapoag Golf Course. Registration open through June 1 at Regis@golfnow.com.

English for college or job training
Monday, June 4

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111

Attend testing for the Asian American Civic Association’s Next STEP program classes for college or job training. For more information, call (617) 426-9492 x 250 or email jco@aacn-boston.org.

Free yoga class
Every Tuesday

10 a.m.

Symphony Park
Yoga instructor Nicole Ferraro will lead gentle moving and breathing at Symphony Park, on the corner of Edgerly Road and Norway Street. Most of the practice is seated. In the event of rain, classes will be at Morville House, 100 Norway Street.

Free evening meals
Every Tuesday to Friday

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

54 Eastern Avenue
Malden, MA 02148

Bread of Life offers free evening meals for low-income families and individuals in the metro North area. Evening meals are served Tuesday at Bread of Life, Wednesday and Thursday at 213 Main and Street and Friday at 493 Main Street. For more information, call (781) 397-0404.

Chinatown Safety Committee meeting
Wednesday, June 6

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

821 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02114

The Chinatown Safety Committee meeting will take place at the P. Brent Trottier School.

Walk to end Parkinson’s
Sunday, June 3

11 a.m.

49 Parkerville Road
Southborough, MA 01772

The Walk to End Parkinson’s will take place at the P. Brent Trottier School.

Free immigration clinic
Wednesday, June 6

6:30 p.m.

885 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111


Breakfast seminar
Tuesday, June 19

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

288 Washington Street
Quincy, MA 02169

All are welcome to attend at South Cove Manor at Quincy Point. Seminars will be presented in Chinese and English. For more information, call Stanley Thang at (617) 423-0590.

Ascend summer outing
Saturday, June 23

Noon to 4 p.m.

Watertown, MA 02472

RSVP at www.ascendleadership.org

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The Roxbury International Film Festival will take place at the Museum of Fine Arts, supporting media markers of color.

AACA gala
Friday, June 22

6 p.m.

200 Seaport Boulevard
Boston, MA 02210

The Asian American Civic Association will host its gala onboard the Spirit of Boston. RSVP at www.aaca-boston.org.

Ascend summer outing
Saturday, June 23

Noon to 4 p.m.

Watertown, MA 02472

Free annual summer BBQ outing at Arsenal Park. RSVP at www.ascendleadership.org.
AACA receives $100,000 grant from Cummings Foundation

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Asian American Civic Association was among the recipients of a $100,000 grant from the Cummings Foundation on May 25 at the Asian American Civic Association. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Boston chapter hosted its Future Leader Scholarship awards luncheon on May 19 at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel. Five Massachusetts high school seniors were honored for their demonstrative-ed leadership skills, community service, high academic achievements and financial needs.

Tiffany Chan, reporter for WBZ-TV, said, “The way to impact a community doesn’t always have to be some grand gesture. I know through speaking with just some of you high school graduates that the level of community service and helping others is already engraving and I have no doubt you’re going to college and will do some amazing things.”

Chan said, “I hope when you graduate and start your careers, you can inspire the younger generations on how to make Boston a better place to live not only for people of color, but for people of all ages and for people from all different backgrounds.”

Francis Chin presented the Edwin K. and Mary G. Chin Family Scholarship in honor of his parents. “My mother was very passionate about developing our future that she made sure all of her children went to college,” he said.

“Growing up in Hingham, Mass., it was very different around me in terms of ethnicity, culture and language. I sometimes felt disconnected from the community and isolated by my surroundings,” said awardee Matthias Ling. “But today I feel I’ve been blessed with many changes to learn new things and apply my experiences to make a difference. I hope to encourage other Asian Americans to become leaders to bridge the gap between international students and diverse our American.”

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For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please visit: www.s-e-b.com/lottery or call (617) 782-6900 x2. A Public Info Session will be held on May 29th, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Children’s Program Room at the Senior Center.

Affordable Housing Lottery

Alta Easterly
50 Cricket Lane, Walpole MA

Alta Easterly is a 157 unit rental apartment community located in Walpole. 40 of these apartments will be made available through this application process and rented to households with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. Units feature Stainless Steel, Energy-Efficient Appliances, AC, In-Unit Washer and Dryer, and Wood-Style Flooring. The community features a resident clubhouse with Swimming Pool, Outdoor Area Featuring Grills and Lounge Areas, 24-hour Fitness Center and Business Center.

Maximum Household Income Limits:

$56,800 (1 person), $64,900 (2 people), $73,000 (3 people), $81,100 (4 people)

A Public Info Session will be held on May 29th, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Children’s Program Room at Walpole Public Library (43 School Street).

First units will be available in Summer/Fall of 2018. Applications and Required Income Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by 2 pm on July 6th, 2018 in the Community Room at the Walpole Public Library. The Lottery for eligible households will be held on July 27th, 2018 at the same location. Applications and Required Income Documentation must be delivered, not postmarked, by 2 pm on July 6th, 2018.

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Applications also available at Walpole Public Library on 43 School Street (Mon-Thur 9-5, Fri-Tue 9-8, Sat 10-3) [Summer Hours are M-F 10-5]
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MBTA CONTRACT No. Y44CN03, MBTA SYSTEM-WIDE ON-CALL TUNNEL REPAIR CONTRACT, MASSACHUSETTS, CLASS 1 – GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION, PROJECT VALUE $17,670,830

- Submitted at www.bidx.com until two o’clock (2:00 p.m.) on June 21, 2018.
- Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work consists of providing construction related emergency, urgent and routine repairs of structural defects and leaks within the MBTA System-wide Tunnels, on an on-call basis. Work anticipated to be performed under this contract includes concrete repairs, leak repairs, steel repairs and ancillary work.

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Chinese American author Kelly Yang draws from immigrant childhood

BY LING-MEI WONG

Kelly Yang is the author of “Front Desk.” (Image courtesy of Kelly Yang.)

Kelly Yang has been working since she was 8. Originally from Tianjin, she and her parents came to America when she was 6. Her parents ran a motel, with Yang watching the front desk. Yang’s debut novel “Front Desk” is based on her childhood experiences, offering a much-needed voice on the immigrant experience.

“I wrote it for my son, who had no idea how I grew up,” Yang said, who has three children. “It was important to me, as a mom of boys, to have a book that was accessible but meaningful.”

“Front Desk” is told from the perspective of Mia Tang, who has big secrets. First, she lives in a motel, not a mansion. Every day, while her parents clean the rooms, 10-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Second, her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mister Yao, finds out they’ve been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed.

Third, she wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language?

“I lied growing up as a kid — I never told anyone what my parents did growing up,” Yang said. “The autobiographical details I threw in are from growing up very poor.”

Mia cannot afford the latest jeans and wears floral pants, just like Yang did as a girl. Yang chuckles now about her former fashion problems, but remembers how real that struggle was. Mia’s mother is hospitalized after a hotel patron assaults her, another incident that occurred to Yang’s own mother.

“It was a little terrifying,” Yang said. “When you have to help your parents, you have to grow up really fast.”

Yang left the motels and went to college at the age of 13, and is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Harvard Law School. Upon graduation, she gave up law to pursue her dream of writing and teaching kids writing. She is a columnist and founder of The Kelly Yang Project, a writing and debating program for children in Asia and the United States.

“I hope the book inspires more kids,” Yang said. “I’m super excited that kids can read this and see themselves.”

Yang encourages aspiring writers to keep writing, live life and believe in their stories, even in the face of rejection. “The book is filled with details that I wouldn’t have known if I had just studied. My parents, rightly or wrongly, took me on crazy adventures, doing crazy jobs,” Yang said. “You need to have the courage to write the story, however many times it takes.”

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A Public Information Session will be held at 6 pm on June 5th, 2018 at Billerica Public Library (15 Blanding Blvd, Billerica, MA) and Concord Road). The Lottery will be held in the same location on July 30th, 2018 at 6 PM in same location.

For Applications and Details on the Lottery or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, call 617.782.6900, email info@s-e-bhousing.com or go to www.s-e-b.com/lottery. Applications postmarked by the deadline must be received no later than 5 business days from the deadline.

Affordable Housing Lottery
Alexan Three North
71 Boston Road, Billerica, MA

First units will be available in August, 2018.

Applications and Required Income Documentation must be delivered, or postmarked, by 2 pm on July 13th, 2018. Applications postmarked by the deadline must be received no later than 5 business days from the deadline.

Maximum Household Income Limits: $50,350 (1 person), $57,550 (2 people), $64,750 (3 people), $71,900 (4 people), $77,700 (5 person), $83,450 (6 people)

Alexan Three North is a 178 unit apartment complex. 45 of the units will be rented to households with annual incomes not exceeding 80% of AMI adjusted for family size as determined by HUD. The three (3) buildings will be elevator serviced and offer approximately 4,000sf first-class amenity space including a gym, residents lounge and pool with grilling station and other outside amenity areas. The site layout orients the parking to the borders of the property so all these buildings face a large central courtyard to maximize pool and courtyard views. Units will all feature granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, in-unit washer/dryers, walk-in closets and individually metered central air conditioning.

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Applications and Info Packets also available in the Billerica Public Library (15 Concord Road) Hours: M-Th 9-9, F-Sa 9-5, Su 1-5
A health fair gathered community organizations and a food truck to raise health awareness among school children.

The Josiah Quincy Elementary School held a health fair at its gym on May 17. The event welcomed local organizations all participated in the event. A food truck provided freshly-cooked meals and snacks.

“We want to inform the parents that sufficient sleep can greatly benefit their children’s health and development,” said Maile Moore, a nurse practitioner from Boston Children’s Hospital. “We would recommend 10 to 11 hours of sleep for elementary school kids.”

A breakfast seminar on senior fitness by personal trainer Terry Yin took place April 26 at Boston Chinese Evangelical Church. (Image courtesy of South Cove Manor.)

Yin also provided general dietary tips for seniors. He advised they drink plenty of water each day to stay hydrated. They should make half their plate fruits and vegetables, choosing different colors for fruits and vegetables. Seniors should make at least half their grains whole grains. Eat fiber and nutrient rich foods such as brown rice, whole grain cereals and whole wheat bread instead of white rice and refined grains. Seniors should stick with healthy fats, found in seeds, nuts, avocados, fatty fish, and vegetable oils, rather than saturated fats and trans fats.

Elders should eat lean proteins such as beans, eggs, chicken and fish, lean meats, and nuts. Everyone needs calcium to protect bone health, but seniors should really bone up on calcium-rich foods like low-fat dairy products.

Tufts Medical Center

A breakfast seminar on senior fitness by personal trainer Terry Yin took place April 26 at Boston Chinese Evangelical Church. (Image courtesy of South Cove Manor.)

BY SOUTH COVE MANOR

BY VALERIE LI

Josiah Quincy school health fair promotes healthy lifestyle

Exercise session gets seniors ready for spring

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• MBTA CONTRACT No. S01CN03, TRACK / ROW II ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MASSACHUSETTS (CLASS 1 – GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION and CLASS 3 - TRACKAGE, PROJECT VALUE – $28,000,000.00

• Submitted at www.bidx.com until two o’clock (2:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, June 21, 2018.

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Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

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Chicken and Rice Guys. Starting from a personal experience as CEO and co-owner of directly.”

- Hao said. “It is important to gain their perspectives. They are the ones communicating with customers directly.”

- Ian So spoke about his entrepreneurial experience as CEO and co-owner of Chicken and Rice Guys. Starting from a single food truck he purchased on Ebay, So’s business grew into seven restaurants and five food trucks for a multimillion operation.

- “I used to be the only Asian guy in the community,” So said. “My mom always cautioned me, ‘You really have to represent yourself well.’ In the end, it worked and made me become more self-aware.”

- Mohamad Ali, president and CEO of Carbonite, a Boston-based data protection provider, recounted his immigrant experience. Ali expressed gratitude to a middle school teacher who taught him how to use a computer and encouraged him to take the high school admission test.

- “When I came to America at a young age, people helped me. I don’t see reasons other than they are just good people,” Ali said. “As I grew up, I don’t want to proliferate racism. I want to repay and help people back.”

- A screening of excerpts from five documentaries was part of the evening, highlighting Asian Americans’ stories of resilience and triumph.

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Work consists of concrete repairs to the platform and platform canopies, waterproofing the platform canopies, and station improvements including replacing lighting, renovating the restrooms, renovating the lower busway bus break room, and adding a new canopy over the ramp from the lower to upper busway.

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MBTA CONTRACT No. S32CN02, SULLIVAN SQUARE PLATFORM CANOPY REPAIRS AND STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CHARLESTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, CLASS 1 – GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION, PROJECT VALUE $5,717,000.00

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BY ANNA ING

Anoush’ella is an Armenian expression of love, meaning “may it be sweet” when serving food. Opened in the South End by Rafi and Nina Festejkian since summer 2017, this casual and elegant spot serves delightful Armenian Lebana-

nese street food. Dishes are lovingly made with local, organic and fresh ingre-
dients, such as antibiotic-free beef, lamb and chicken.

We started off with a homemade mint-honey lemonade ($2.75). It was a refreshing drink, balancing all three fla-
vors without being overly sweet.

For our hot mezze or small plates, we chose five out of nine choices for our plates. For our meal, we opted for the hummus with braised beef, baba-ganoush with spiced lamb, grilled eggplant with labne and lamajun crumble, za’atar chicken with garlic and finally the anoush’ella kofta with sumac onion and tahini. We added a side ($5.45) of walnut harrisa, also known as muhammara, and feta. Delicious and warm m’ansoush flatbread was served with our mezze sam-
pling of their food.

The smooth hummus was served with tender braised beef chuck, topped with a sweet mango sauce and a cilantro-based condiment named zouk. An eggplant-based baba ganoush was delightful with the spiced lamb, all topped with pomegranate seeds. Smoky grilled eggplant with the outstanding labne (thick Lebanese yogurt)) and lamajun crumble (spiced ground lamb and beef mix) came together with the creamy labne. The za’atar chicken features za’atar’s smores, made with dark chocolate, all wrapped in flatbread. It was a terrific Middle Eastern take on s’mores, without the mess. The flatbread acted as a wrapper which was not too sweet or too thick.

Anoush’ella successfully marries deli-
cious Eastern Mediterranean food with fair prices. A definite gem in the South End!

Hummus and beef chuck, with mango sauce and zouk. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

Walnut harrisa at Anoush’ella. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

Secretary Galvin presents Preservation award to Boston’s Chinatown Atlas

BY THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY WILLIAM GALVIN

Secretary Galvin presented the Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award to Boston’s Chinatown Atlas on May 16 at the Massachusetts Archives Building. (From left) Wing-Kai To, Sherry Dong, Tunney Lee, Secretary William Galvin, David Chang, Susan Chin-
sen, Stephanie Fan, Jessica Wong Camhi. (Image courtesy of Wyeth Lilley.)

Charity raises funds for orphans in Asia

BY LING-MEI WONG

Silver Lining Foundation founder Lynda Yeung spoke about her work with orphans in China and Myanmar on May 20 at Chau Chow City. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)