Community activist, Sherry Dong honored with ABCD Community Award

By Joanne Wong

Each year, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) hosts a dinner to honor community volunteers for their contributions to Boston's neighborhoods. Ranging from working with elder services to child and health care, and anywhere between Dorchester and East Boston, and Brighton and Chinatown, the awardees have devoted their time, energy, and efforts to various engagements that impact and improve the livelihoods of thousands of uninsured and underserved Bostonians. This year, the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) nominated Sherry Dong as one of 19 exceptional volunteers to receive this award.

At the ABCD Community Awards Dinner hosted on October 29th, keynote speaker Vicki Kennedy addressed over 1,500 guests and thanked the 19 recipients for “promoting self-help for low-income communities” and helping people to “overcome poverty, live with dignity, and achieve their full potential.” Dong’s work with the Chinatown and Asian American community is extensive and short films, the festival will offer a wide breadth of topics for Greater Boston audiences.

BAAFF kicked off with a fundraiser launch party on Wednesday, October 20th, at Splash Ultra Lounge. Attendees networked, enjoyed food and drinks, played trivia, and learned of the film festival’s line-up. The event attracted students and young professionals interested in learning more about the films. One such attendee was Amber Ying, a resident of New Hampshire, who discovered that the festival is featuring a movie that she’s heard about and is interested in watching. The last time that such a festival took place in Boston was back in 2008. This year, the festival will run from November 11-14th across Boston and Cambridge. The theme for the Boston Asian American Film Festival 2010 is Ideas in Motion. Opening at the Stuart Street Playhouse, the festival will move to the Paramount Center, Tufts Medical Center, Harvard University Science Center, and the Brattle Theater. BAAFF chair, Susan Chinsen, explained that this year, they tried to find the best films highlighting Asian American culture and issues that otherwise would not be shown in Boston: “As an Asian American activist, it’s something that I wanted to bring to Bos-

Asian American Film Festival launches in Boston

By Joanne Wong

Films featuring Asian American actors, culture, and issues will be presented this year in five different venues across the Boston area. The Boston Asian American Film Festival (BAAFF), facilitated by the Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW), will include 14 independent films and videos, five screening events, a workshop on Asian Americans in film, and 13 community presenting partners. Ranging from comedies to dramas and "Ideas in Motion" films, the festival will offer a wide breadth of topics for Greater Boston audiences.

Susan Chinsen, BAAFF Chair, and Janine Wong, BAAFF Coordinator, present at the launch party. (Photo by Joanne Wong)

Silk Road Gala: Fight against domestic violence

By Diana Li

Lawyers, businesses, chefs, celebrities, and many others joined together at the 17th Silk Road Gala to support the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence on October 23, 2010. Tickets to the Silk Road Gala were sold out and had 500 guests in attendance. The successful event was able to raise over $400,000. The night entailed entertainment, scrumptious cuisines, live and silent auctions, and inspirational speeches. Among the celebrity chefs was Ming Tsai, host of Simply Ming. Ming is currently in the running to be the Next Iron Chef. Ming could have been a hero among the many generations and community members of Boston's Chinatown, but he is also a hero and patriot among the Chinese Americans who served and fought in the Second Great War for the United States. Sitting down and listening to Wong articulate and relate his stories, I find a man that is as sharp as he was in the stories he retells. He doesn't miss a beat. We're having dinner and there is nothing that happens he doesn't miss. If a component of leadership is a reflection of attention to detail, then Ming could have been a general during World War II. He tells his stories as if they occurred yesterday with specificity and meticulous precision. His stories reflect his values and moral character that integrate time honored Chinese ethics with United States Army principles into a neutrality of two cultural ideologies. Chinese custom teaches Chinese Americans to stand up for what is just, and to never allow anyone to "walk all over" them. As a soldier, you
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**Announcements**

**Buds and Blossoms Fall Frolic**

Buds and Blossoms will host its first Fall Frolic at the Empire Garden Restaurant in Boston Chinatown on Saturday, November 6, 2010. The event will celebrate children and the excitement of learning. It will feature Chinese buffet, ethnic performances, Chinese crafts and games, face painting, Chinese dress-up photo, auction and much more.

Where: Empire Garden Restaurant, 690 Washington Street, Boston Chinatown, MA 02111.

When: Saturday, November 6, 2010, 4:00-7:30 PM

Contact: To purchase tickets, or if you have any questions, please call Chearyl Tim at 617-426-9492 ext. 231 or chearyl@aacba-boston.org

**Wang YMCA Legacy Event**

Join Wang YMCA on Sunday November 7 at 5:30pm at the Empire Garden Restaurant to help celebrate our 10th year at the Oak Street location. Festivities will include a traditional 10-course banquet, dancing and entertainment. For more information, contact Kelly Fernandes at 617-426-2337 x223.

Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund seeks Chinatown applications

Non-profit community organizations in Chinatown are invited to apply for 2010 grants from the Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF). TNSF collects donations from faculty and staff throughout the year and then awards small grants to community-based, charitable organizations that serve Tufts’ host communities (Somerville, Medford, Groton and Boston’s Chinatown). Applicants must also have Tufts volunteers actively working with their organizations. In this way, TNSF supports not only community organizations, but also the work of the many Tufts students, staff, faculty, and alumni who volunteer with them.

Interested organizations should contact the Community Relations office at Tufts University (617) 627-3780 to request an application. Application materials are also available online at the following web address: http://communit yrelations.tufts.edu/t NSF. Individual grants will be made in amounts ranging from $250 to $2,000. Applications are due by November 15, 2010, and awards will be announced before the New Year.

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**The Boston Asian American Film Festival**

The 2010 Boston Asian American Film Festival (BAAFF) Ideas in Motion, presented by the Asian American Resource Workshop, is taking place between November 11-14th. We will be opening the film festival with "Today's Special" on Thursday evening, followed by two programs on Friday night, "AOKI" and "Infamy", and our short films program, "Got Shorts?" Lead actor Bee Yang from Gran Torino will be hosting a workshop on Saturday afternoon, before our screening of "The People I've Slept With". Finally, we will be concluding our film festival with "The Things We Carry" and "La Petit Sauvage" on Sunday. Screening and events locations include the Stuart Street Playhouse, the Paramount Theater, the Brattle Theater, Tufts Medical Center, and Harvard University. For exciting trailers, additional information, and ticket sales, visit www.baaff.org. Contact: (617) 426-5313, baaff@aarw.org.

**GALA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

First Lady of Massachusetts, Diane Patrick, along with gala co-chairs: Laura Sen, Paul W. Lee, and Mary Y. Lee. (Photo by Joanne Wong)

Chef on the Food Network. Appropriately, Ming hosted ATASK’s own rendition of Iron Chef and was able to keep the audience stifled with laughter. On one team was Jody Adams, chef and owner of Rialto, and Michael Schlow, chef and co-owner of Via Matta, Radius, and Alta Strada. On the other team was Patricia Yeo, executive chef of Ginger Park, and Jasper White, chef and owner of Summer Shack. Judging the competition was Mayor Thomas Menino, Peter Zane, Emily Ma, and Louisa Kasdon.

The contestants were given 15 minutes to prepare 1 dish each, 2 dishes per team. With a 9 point lead, the winning team was team Jody Adams and Michael Schlow.

Also present was Diane Patrick, First Lady of Massachusetts, who was the keynote speaker of the night. According to Patrick, "the work that ATASK has done has been spectacular." Throughout her speech, Patrick had nothing but praise for ATASK. In addition, Patrick presented ATASK a proclamation from Governor Deval Patrick to commend ATASK for all the work that they have done.

Other notable attendees were Daisuke Matsuzaka, Boston Red Sox pitcher, Janet Wu, reporter for Channel 5, Grace Lin, children’s book author, and Jennifer R. Lee, author of the Fortune Cookie Chronicles.

ATASK provides support to Asians who suffered from domestic violence in New England. Services include an emergency shelter, 24-hour helpline, programs and services for empowerment, education and training. Moreover, ATASK is the only organization in New England to provide multi-lingual and cultural services for domestic violence.

For more information, please visit www.atask.org.

Diana Li is a Sampan correspondent.
October Chinatown Neighborhood Council meeting: Kensington Place and Chinatown Park

By Diana Li

The Chinatown Neighborhood Council met on October 18, 2010 for their monthly meeting. The core of the meeting was on the Kensington Place and the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway. Mark Rosenhein, Senior Project Manager, represented the Kensington Place project. Although the construction of Kensington Place started in 2003, the project was placed on hold due to drastic increases in construction and construction prices. Subsequently, construction prices have become more feasible. Since the 2003 NPC approval, physical changes were made to the original plan.

According to Rosenhein, “economic decisions” were made. The building is going to be reduced from 30 stories to 29 stories. The number of residential units increased to a total of 384 units. Conversely, the building will be 100% rental with no condominium portion. In addition, instead of 5 levels of underground parking, there will be only 2 levels of underground parking. Despite the changes, the square footage of the building will remain the same.

The other focus of the night was presented by Nancy Brennan and Linda Jonash. Brennan stated that “Chinatown Park is really beginning to come into its own.” Since the Chinatown Park has been established, both young and old have been enjoying the amenities of the park, all with tables, chairs, and shade. Hence, soon this will not be the case. Brennan announced that the Barr Foundation has donated a generous amount of $10,000 to the Greenway Conservancy. The money will be used for picnic tables, décor, or anything that will enhance the comfort and safety of the park. Moreover, some plants will be replaced with plants that are more suitable for the environment of the park. Large planters and new plants will be added to the park.

The Greenway Conservancy values feedback from the community and is currently looking for suggestions on the types of chairs, tables, or decor that would be most appropriate for the park. The chairs and tables could be available as early as spring.

Due to the large volume of feedback from the community on the need for a pavilion, Jonash mentioned that there has been talk of building one. The design of the pavilion would be an open structure. Unfortunately, construction is not imminent due to financial reasons. Nevertheless, there will be fundraising events for this project.

For more information, please attend the next monthly Chinatown Neighborhood Council Meeting. The next monthly Chinatown Neighborhood Council meeting will be on November 22nd, 2010 at 6:00PM on 90 Tyler Street, Boston.

Diana Li is a Sampan correspondent.

Chinatown News

Advocacy groups weigh in on immigration rights

A group of four panelists came together to discuss immigration rights. Starting from far left: Lily Huang (Student Immigration Movement), Amy Leung (Chinese Progressive Association), Dimple Rana (Deported Diaspora), Karen Chen (API Movement and moderator of the night), and June Blak (Neighbor- hood Legal Services). (Photo by Diana Li)

The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, also known as the DREAM Act, is meant to make changes to the current immigration laws. The Dream Act will allow young people like Li, who did not make the decision to live in the US undocumented but calls the US home, to be granted to live in the US. To qualify for the Dream Act, one must be 15 years old or under when they were brought to the US, must be in the US for more than 5 years, and show good moral character.


Diana Li is a Sampan correspondent.

Cathay Bank helps St. Francis House go All the Way Home

By Diana Li

According to Lily Huang, who is affiliated with the Student Immigration Movement, you can’t talk about immigration without talking about Asian Americans. On October 28, 2010, the Asian American Resource Workshop hosted the Immigration Rights Panel 101 at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. Joining Lily Huang (get rid of comma here) were three other panelists: Dimple Rana (Deported Diaspora), Amy Leung (Chinese Progressive Association), and June Blak (Neighborhood Legal Services). The topics of focus were get rid of “on” deportation, detention, and the Dream Act.

Many families come to the US in hopes of a better future, but, unfortunately, some are undocumented. As a result, they could face deportation. Often, when families get deported, they become separated.

Steve Li exemplifies this situation. Li is currently in detention and is awaiting deportation to Peru, where he has no family or friends, while his parents await deportation to China. Li’s parents left China to Peru because his family did not agree with the government policies, and unfortunately they had to flee Peru because of political instability. They came to the US on a tourist visa which expired in 2002 and was denied when they applied for political asylum. Li is one of the many young people who grew up in the American culture, excelled in academics; however, his future is limited by the US immigration laws.

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Cathay Bank has long been a cornerstone in Chinatown, helping residents reach their financial goals and realize their dreams. “We are thrilled to make a $10,000 sponsorship gift to All the Way Home, the largest annual fundraising event of our neighbor St. Francis House,” says Johnny Ip, Regional Senior Vice President and General Manager of New England Region of Cathay Bank. Ip presented a check of $10,000 to Karen LaFrazia, Executive Director of St. Francis House, at the bank on Tuesday, October 19th.

The Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy created a tentative lay out the future improvements. (Courtesy of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy)

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Applications will be available from November 15, 2010 through January 20, 2011. The anticipated move in date is on or about
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There will be an information session for this development and the lottery process on December 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at our
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Wilson Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824.
What is influenza (flu)?

Influenza, commonly called "the flu," is a lung (respiratory) infection caused by the influenza virus. Although someone with a mild case of flu may have symptoms similar to a cold, most cases of flu are more serious than the common cold. The flu virus changes slightly each year, so each year a new batch of vaccine must be made.

When does flu occur?

Flu occurs in the United States most often in the winter. Flu-like symptoms in summer months are usually due to other viruses.

Who gets the flu?

Anyone who has not been vaccinated with the current year's flu vaccine can get influenza. Each year in the United States, about 5-20 percent of the population gets the flu.

What are the symptoms of flu?

The symptoms include fever, head-ache, dry cough, muscle aches, tiredness and weakness, with congestion in the nose, throat and lungs. Children may have nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, but these symptoms are uncommon in adults. The symptoms usually last about three to five days but in more serious infections, complications can occur and the illness may last longer.

How is the flu spread?

Influenza is very easy to spread from person-to-person when an infected person coughs or sneezes. This releases droplets from the nose and throat that contain the flu virus. The flu virus can also be spread when someone touches something that has virus on it, and then touches their nose, eyes or mouth. The flu can be spread from an infected person from the day before they get sick until about seven days after they first have symptoms, so they are contagious before they even know they are sick.

How can you prevent the flu?

The best way to avoid the flu is to get vaccinated each year during the flu season, if vaccine is available. Vaccine is especially important for people who are most at risk for serious flu infections. Good health habits also go a long way toward preventing the spread of many diseases, including the flu.

Does past infection with influenza make a person immune?

No. Because viruses that cause flu change frequently, people who have had the flu or a flu shot in previous years may become infected with a new strain.

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never give up and you see each mission to its end; each soldier remembers to never leave a man behind. This conglomeration of two distinctly sub-cultures is what comprises Arthur Wong’s character, evident still today.

Wong enlisted voluntarily into the United States Army when he was 18 to help support his country in its time of need. I stress voluntarily, because the difference between a volunteer and draftee lies in the essence of one’s patriotic duty. Upon completion of basic training and indoctrination as an infantryman, Wong was trained as a machine gunner and was credited with mortally wounding an enemy tank gunner.

Wong’s first combat experience would be the Battle of the Bulge, which occurred during the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944, they were engaged in a fierce battle that, to me, Wong truly hallmark ed the definition of a hero. At the time, he was a buck sergeant and was instructed to lead his squad of 17 soldiers to charge and occupy a pillbox guarded by German troops. Upon their advance, they were engaged in a fierce battle that would end up leading to mortally wounding him. Wong immediately left one of his soldiers wounded, at which point Wong realized that if his squad remained in their position, his entire squad would end up mortally wounded. He instructed them to take their positions under enemy fire, or as Wong noted, “bullet dodging,” and was able to direct U.S. Army Sherman tanks to his squad’s pinned down position. Wong, due to his heroic actions of honoring each soldier’s oath “to never give up and to leave no man behind,” was able to save the lives of his 17 man squad and was credited with mortally overwhelming 30 German soldiers.

**Korean Adoption Film Festival presents In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee - A documentary film featuring a Korean adoptee’s quest to uncover the mystery of her double identity**

**By Tammy Nguyen**

Tears escape my eyes as I recite the lyrics to your heart

You, my hands reach out to you

Jackson Hau is a Sampan correspondent.

By Tammy Nguyen

Over 100 Korean adoptees from around New England came together at UMass Boston on October 29th and 30th for a film festival that touched their hearts in a very deep and personal way. Organized by the Boston Korean Adoptees (BKA), Inc., Journeys Across: Journey to Korea, a Korean Adoption Film Festival was the first of its kind in Boston. BKA is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a community of adult adoptees with a connection to Korea in the greater and New England area.

The four featured films were In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee, Going Home, Resilience, and First Person Plural, which were all produced by Korean adoptees.

The award-winning documentary film, In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee, produced by Deann Borashay Liem, is a whodunit showcasing the filmmaker’s personal quest to track down the person whose identity she had taken on for 40 years. In 1966, then aged eight, Liem came to the US as an adoptee. Her passport said she was Cha Jung Hee, whose identity she had taken on for 40 years. In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee, Liem decided to go back to Korea and unravel the mystery of her adopted identity. This highly complex and intricate story was presented in the form of an essay and narrated by Liem. The film drew from a wealth of historical facts, images, and interviews with adoptees, and native Koreans. This personal lens, In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee also dives into social and economical issues that help explain South Korea’s strong export of orphans over the past five decades.

Liem’s next project will be a comprehensive film exploring a wide range of subjects relating to orphans and international adoption.

**“The first part of the [new] film will probably cover the military “masculinity” during the Korean War, who were among the first children whom were adopted to the US, and his racial identity.”**

In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee also mentioned in reference to the bygone years of the Korean War, which reached an armistice in 1953, left behind thousands of mixed-race children who were born to Korean women and fathered by members of the US armed forces. These bi-racial children, known as “GI babies” or “UN babies,” along with a multitude of Korean children orphaned during the war, became a huge social burden to South Korea, a postwar nation in abject poverty. Propelled by the American media, intervention efforts soon emerged to save these Korean “waifs” and “orphans” through adoption and charitable means. Many US servicemen, while finishing up their service duty in Korea, decided to return home with young Korean boys, who were also known as “mastics.” Ever since, South Korea has remained the largest sending country of orphans for international adoption. According to a study by the Institute for Asian American Studies of UMass Boston, since the 1950s, approximately 160,000 children from South Korea have been adopted internationally with about 100,000 of them placed in American homes.

**In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee is available online on line for viewing on PBS website through November 30, 2010: http://www.pbs.org/wnet/chaunghee/watch.php**

To learn more about the Boston Korean Adoptees, Inc., please visit the bkaadoptees.org.

**Lucy Jackson**