AACA Gala celebrates the roots of diversity

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Wah Lum celebrates 40 years

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Fung Toy Association of New England Jimmy Ho-Lee; president of the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) Mary C. Chin; and appellate court Justice Fernande R.V. Duffy. Speakers highlighted Yee’s dedication to the Asian American community by helping numerous Asian American clients in various criminal and civil cases.

Yee, a former lawyer and former member of AACA’s Board of Directors, has been a much respected and honored member of Boston’s Asian American community for decades. Chau-ming Lee, executive director of AACA, greeted Yee and Governor Patrick as they walked through the door of KT Tyler Street in Boston, a building which facilitates both AACA and KKCS.

Governor Patrick appointed Yee to the Quincy District Court in November 2009 to replace Justice Fernande R.V. Duffly.

By Cody Yiu

Governor Patrick swears in Paul M. Yee Jr., as Associate Justice of the Quincy District Court. (Photo credit: Matt Bennett/Governor Office)

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Leaders and activists of various Chinatown groups took turns to speak about the importance of cooperating with census-takers and the benefits of participation. (Photo by Cody Yiu)

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Announcements

CHINATOWN
Governor Deval Patrick’s Chinatown Town Hall Meeting
Saturday, May 15, 2010 9:30-11:00AM at the Metropol-

tian Community Center, 38 Oak St., Boston, MA 02111. Please contact Christina Chan at chch@halpaltic.com or (617) 367-2010 ext. 239 for questions.
Free first-time home buyer seminar
The Asian American Civic Association is conducting the “101 Homebuying” class for pro-
spective first-time home buyers. The 10-hour class includes help-
ful information given by profes-
sional guest speakers. One-on-
one counseling is also available. Topics include homebuying
consulting, housing search
process, rights and obligations
of homeownership, mortgage
and tax issues. Free admission. Class conducted in Mandarin Chinese.
Date & Time: 5/22/10 & 5/29/10 (2 Saturdays)
9:30am – 2:30pm
Place: Asian American Civic Association, 87 Tyler St 5th
Floor, State House.
AACA Youth cooking class
Learn how to cook home-
made dishes, eat delicious food, and have FUN!
Start Simple Eat Well Cooking
class designed by youth in the Greater Boston area. A beginner class designed to pro-
 mote healthy eating by educating youth and teach cooking skills so they can rely less on fast and
 junk food.
When: Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 11:00am-1:00 pm.
Where: Classes are held at the United South End Settlements Harriet Tubman House 566 Co-
lumbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.
Closest public transportation: Orange Line to Massachusetts Avenue corner of Mass Ave & Columbus Ave.
To register, contact Chealyn Tim at chealyn@aacaboston.org or 617-426-9492 ext. 231 by Thursday, May 20, 2010.
Cost: $10 per class.
Upcoming cooking classes: Saturday, June 12 featured Salmon Rolls. Saturday, June 19 featured Cornish Hen & Mashed Potatoes
“You’ve Been Counted, Let’s Celebrate!”
Join the AACA youth in show-
casing their work with the Cen-
sus 2010 campaign Saturday, May 22, 2010 4 pm - 6 pm
AACA Youth Center 87 Tyler Street, 4th Floor Room 408, Boston, MA 02111.
For Chealyn for more info & RSVP at chealyn@aacaboston.org or 617-426-9492 ext. 231
Community meeting on biling-
ual ballot
The Coalition for Asian American Voting Rights invites you to come to the bilingual bal-
lot community meeting.
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2010.
Times: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.
Place: Members Lounge, 3rd Floor, State House.
Those interested in participat-
ing will meet in front of Quincy School at 1:15pm or at State House at 1:45pm

BOSTON
Boston Chinese Immersion
Charter School informational meeting
A meeting will be held on Monday, May 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the New England School of Law, Room 501, 154 Stuart Street in Boston to provide information and answer ques-
tions. Application for the proposed new Bos-
ton Chinese Immersion Charter School. The K-8 school would educate students of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds for academic excellence and in-
ternational perspective through immersion in American and Chi-
 nese culture and language. The initial classes for Kindergarten and 1st grade are slated for the fall of 2011. For more informa-
tion, please contact Kathy Pizak at kathy@pizak.com.

QUINCY
Youth career conference
On Saturday, May 22, from 11am-4pm, Quincy Asian Re-
sources (QARI) and one of its programs and projects, Discovering Asian American careers, will host a
workshop designed to give high school students.
Worksshops will cover topics such as how to apply to col-
leges and secure financial aid, as well as career fields in Business, Medicine, Journalism and many more!
Asian American professionals with experience in those fields will lead workshops dis-
cussing their personal expertise in the industry and offer helpful advice for youth with aspirations to pursue related careers. Stu-
dents have a chance of attending workshops conducted in either English or Mandarin. There will also be a lunch and Networking session where the youth can person-
ally talk to the professionals. For more information about the conference or QARI, please call 617-472-2200 or email Christine@quincyasianresources.org.
This conference is organized by Quincy Asian Resources, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the development of the Asian American community to benefit the entire community. We have staff and volunteers fluent in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Toisanese, and Vietnamese. For more information about QARI’s programs and projects, please contact QARI at 617-472-2200 or visit www.quincyasianresources.org.

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Asian health discussion
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Date: Tuesday, May 25th. Time: 6:00 PM.
Local Health Board and Malden Asian Coalition will host this forum.

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Guest speakers will include a mortgage planner, realtor, at-
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**AWARDS**

CENSUS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

By Samuel Tsoi

Up to 38 affordable housing units are coming to Chinatown. That is the plan according to the Chinese Economic Development Council (CEDC), the Chinatown-based developer which manages several housing and commercial buildings in the neighborhood.

The reception and specifically the credit crisis, has stalled or delayed many developments across the city. Many of them are luxury condominiums or commercial buildings, such as the former Filerie’s building in Downtown Crossing.

The project adjacent to narrow Oxford Place is distinct and long-awaited. Nestled next to the Ping On Alley, which is often overlooked during China-town history tours, the project is a fully affordable housing structure, providing 38 units.

Since it was approved by the board of the BRA in 2008, CEDC recently submitted a notice of project change that will update regulatory and site condition requirements, reduce the height and decrease the units.

"Since our previous proposal, there are changes to state building codes for emergency egress escalators," Dennis Lui of the CEDC explained. The reduction of height and units will also help the project move financially feasible.

Ori Ron, owner of the Dainty Dot building on the edge of Chinatown on Kingston Street, is also optimistic about this project. Since the city implemented the affordable housing inclusion policy in 2000, potential housing projects such as 120 Kingston is required to supply 13 per cent affordable units on site, or 15 per cent off site.

Ron, CEDC, and many stakeholders in Chinatown understand this unique opportunity. "Their [120 Kingston and Oxford-Ping On] fates are tied," the BRA’s Lewis added. With the partnership of CEDC and others, the offset option included to 6,400 square feet the Oxford-Ping On site.

"A confluence of fortunate events leads the project to move into a " Darcey says of Dennis Lui. "[120 Kingston] only requires 22 affordable units, but Oxford-Ping On will have 38.”

The estimated cost of construction (without land) is around $18 million, and funding will be a complex combination of tax-credits, sources such as the Department of Neighborhood Development, BRA, and private funding.

"Our funding sources are limited, so the project cannot afford to have the rental mix to maximize subsidies," said consultant Sharron Aughton, who explained that the trend for funding is toward family housing. "We are targeting those specific funding guidelines.

In fact, the future Oxford-Ping On building will include 22-2-bedroom units, 14 1-bedroom units, 1 studio, and 1 3-bedroom. Most of those units will be available for households with income levels under 60 per cent of the area median income."

At the next funding round in June, the project will need the BRA board approval in order to be considered. Meanwhile, input and questions from the community will be gathered. With the project change toward a smaller building, developers believe zoning issues should not deter plans.

"We want to build momentum, and start with the community because it’s for the community," said Civic Association’s lead architect. "We hope this is a win-win situation that brings a higher public mission, which we should applaud."

Samuel Tsoi is a Sampan correspondent.
BILINGUAL INTERN

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Under the supervision of the Language Access Coordinator, the Bilingual Intern is responsible for performing a survey of translation and interpreting assignments associated with BHA policies and services.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Translate Boston Housing Authority (BHA) documents from English to Spanish or Chinese or with an approved up-to-date dictionary.
- Assist in reviewing and editing Spanish or Chinese translations for accuracy.
- Interpret for walk-in BHA clients as needed.
- Other related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:
At least two years of college in Linguistics/Migrant Studies, Foreign Languages, Law/Legal Studies, Government, Social Sciences, Public Administration, Education, or related fields, or matriculation in a recognized, community/legal interpreter or written translator certificate program. Bachelor’s Degree or graduate study in the aforementioned academic fields preferred. Fluency in written Spanish and/or written Chinese (in Traditional and Simplified Forms). Strong writing skills in English and Spanish and/or Chinese. Experience with translation software and online applications. The ability to use Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat Professional. The ability to work independently, to work cooperatively, and in teams. The ability to complete assignments in a timely manner. The ability to work well with individuals of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Must be 18 or older and must be U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.

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Chinatown News

A 3-D approach to community meetings

By Joanne Wong

Local academic and community partners brought a new dimension to community meetings. On May 4, 2010 community members gathered to learn more about current local resources and to provide input into the future state of Chinatown—seemingly formal topics to cover at a community meeting, but with a slight twist. “Participatory Chinatown,” a role-playing game that models a 3-dimensional Chinatown, complete with street signs, building names, and newspaper stands—all in minute detail, was installed in over 30 laptops at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association office. Meeting attendees, stationed at each laptop, navigated their way through a digitized Chinatown eliciting specific information from individuals and other avatars on the streets in order to make informed decisions on individual preferences.

Participants make their way around Chinatown to locate decision cards that will impact their final choice for the best interest of the character. Throughout the game, participants are encouraged to “drop coins” to leave comments to express interest, preferences, and observations on certain aspects of the neighborhood. At the end of the 30 minutes, each participant prioritizes three choices for the character, based on the individual’s finances, resources, and preferences. A point system, consisting of how well matched the character is to the final decision, dropped coins, and interaction with other avatars, is used to determine the final score.

Part Two allowed participants to act as themselves in one of three model scenarios for the area south of the Turnpike. Bill Moy, of the Master Planning Process Oversight Committee, emphasized the importance of participant comments, which will help drive and establish a “future anchor” for the development project.

The interactive game consisted of two phases: Part One, which depicts the current state of Chinatown, and Part Two, which illustrates the potential future expansion of Chinatown. In Part One, each participant is assigned a character, ranging in age from a college student to a senior citizen, who is in need of either employment, housing, or a place to socialize. Participants make their way around Chinatown to locate decision cards that will impact their final choice for the best interest of the character. Throughout the game, participants are encouraged to “drop coins” to leave comments to express interest, preferences, and observations on certain aspects of the neighborhood. At the end of the 30 minutes, each participant prioritizes three choices for the character, based on the individual’s finances, resources, and preferences. A point system, consisting of how well matched the character is to the final decision, dropped coins, and interaction with other avatars, is used to determine the final score.

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To learn more about "Participatory Chinatown" or to continue the game online, please visit: http://participatorychinatown.org/

Jonnie Wong is a Sampan correspondent.

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Asian American Civic Association
By Joanna Chen

The youth from the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) are up for anything to help spread awareness for Census 2010. I am part of a group that helps inform people about Census. I know how important it is to complete the Census form and I want people to be aware of that. I meet with a group of youths who are also part of the group every Wednesday to plan what we need to do. We have assignments and tasks given to us by Chealyn Tim, Youth Director of AACA. This is a real job! We have a goal; our goal is to reach out to over 3,000 people about the Census. We are the community outreach team, our job is to inform people that they must complete their Census forms and mail it.

The task for each person in the group is to give at least two presentations to a group of large people. I gave two presentations—one to the community center in Charles NEWTown and the other one to the 11th grade AP English class at my school. Both presentations went really well; I am not someone who is very comfortable to do presentations, but after this experience I find myself more confident with public speaking.

Other than presentations, we also handed out flyers encouraging people to complete the Census forms and returning it. We split into groups and we went to different areas to hand out flyers. We have to go into stores and ask if we can put some brochures with information on the Census in their shop so their customers can learn more about it.

Another part of our outreach task is to hand out flyers in the train stations. Again, we split into small groups and we handed out bookmarks to people passing by. At first my partner and I were really shy, and we were ignored by a lot of people. But we realized we will never get the job done, so in the end we got really into it.

We stood outside the train station at Downtown Crossing and we tried to encourage people to complete their forms. I have to admit, it was quite embarrassing at first, especially when people ignored us, but at the end I find myself enjoying it even though I was beginning to lose my voice. We repeated the phrases “Fill in our future!” and “Make sure you complete your Census form!” over and over again. There were times we were ignored, when people took it and realized they didn’t need it and gave it back to us, and there are people who took it and really looked at it. Some even replied to us when we say “Make sure you complete your Census form!” We were really happy when some people replied they already completed it and sent it back! I never thought I could do all these things, but I would do anything that could help our community in the future.

By Amy Zhang

A concoction made of metal and gunpowder, the first guns were thus formed and have significantly transformed the world of mankind. At the start, this weapon was only used to hunt wild animals, to make game easier to kill and life easier to live. Before long, these wild animals included man themselves. Guns were used as a weapon of war. It was modified and improved to fit the description of a weapon of mass destruction. Not only has this weapon become more deadly but it has also become more convenient. There are media reports of some sort of incident involving the use of guns on a daily basis. Politicians are fighting for gun control, a stash of guns are found in a police operation, a gang member is found with several shots through his body, and (worst of all) an actual gun is more harmful than an actual one. With an actual gun, there’s only one solution to their problems as well. There’s no doubt gums are dangerous. They are a sign of the harm one man can do to another— the ultimate sin: murder.

Then what about a smoking gun? This term might have the general meaning of break through evidence leading the crime to the criminal. However, here it is given a new meaning and this new meaning describes cigarettes. Just as deadly as a gun, tobacco can just as easily ruin an innocent person’s life. A boy at seventeen becomes addicted. By the age of thirty he smokes two packs a day. By age forty, his teeth have turned a nasty shade of yellow and begin to rot, his gums start to recede, and pretty soon his teeth will start to fall out one by one. In the end, the sixty year old man dies due to lung cancer with his life only half lived and his illness, preventable. Just like that smoking can claim a life— a smoking gun pointed at the addict.

In a way, the smoking gun is more harmful than an actual one. With an actual gun, there’s only one set target at time; only one person is the victim. But with smoking, the second hand and even third hand smoke can affect people all around the smoker. As he proceeds with his addiction, the poisonous smoke produced by the cigarette can cause others to inhale the deadly chemicals along with the user. The bystanders can also develop cancers even if they don’t smoke. Also, the smoke would bury itself in the clothing of the smoker and thus cause people to smell third hand smoke wherever he goes. Even though the cigarette is put out, the smoke lingers in the air, settles in like a dense fog, and suffocates all that comes in its way. Similarly, a community is all affected by a shooting; the grief spreads and expands like the smoke from a cigarette.

It’s true that some smokers can live fairly healthy lives with their unhealthy habit. Some don’t experience any loss of teeth, just yellowing. Some don’t develop cancer; they just develop worsened relations with the people around them due to their odor. There are many exceptions; not all end up with a sad ending. But there’s always the risk and when someone...
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Tackey Chan first candidate on the ballot for the Second Norfolk District

Hitting the ground running, Tackey Chan of 66 Meadowbrook Road, Wollaston, is the first candidate to officially place his name on the ballot for the September 14th State Representative primary election for the Second Norfolk District. Chan, a former Assistant Attorney General, long-time aide to Senator Michael W. Morrissey (D-Quincy) and former aide to then-Rep. Michael G. Bellett (D-Quincy), is vying for the State Representative seat long held by Rep. Arthur Stephen Tobin.

Chan announced that he submitted 347 certified signatures from registered Democratic or Unenrolled voters in the Second Norfolk District, Quincy, with the Secretary of State's office on Monday, May 3, 2010. Chan simultaneously also met all of the other necessary requirements to compete in a state election. The Second Norfolk District is entirely in Quincy and encompasses all of Ward 3, precincts 1, 2 and 4 of Ward 4 and precincts 1, 3 and 4 of Ward 5. The district covers the Houghs Neck, Germantown, Adams Shore and Mermymeout neighborhoods, as well as parts of the Quincy Center, Wollaston, Hospital Hill, West Quincy, and Montclair neighborhoods.

"I want to extend my thanks to everyone who signed the nominations papers to get my name on the ballot," Chan said. "I also appreciate the effort of the dedicated volunteers on my campaign to get these signatures. We were able to do it all in under a month." Chan has been campaigning heavily in the district: knocking on doors, dropping flyers and attending community meetings and gatherings. He has been listening to concerns from the voters of the district.

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..."I want to extend my thanks to everyone who signed the nominations papers to get my name on the ballot," Chan said. "I also appreciate the effort of the dedicated volunteers on my campaign to get these signatures. We were able to do it all in under a month." Chan has been campaigning heavily in the district: knocking on doors, dropping flyers and attending community meetings and gatherings. He has been listening to concerns from the voters of the district.

Gloquent people take up the habit themselves and that’s because they know the risks. And the best way to beat the game is to not play at all. By taking even one smoke perhaps in a lifetime, the user is already a loser.

It’s a known fact that quitting is hard but the danger of smoking is also a known fact. Quitting has to be done—the risks outweigh the benefits. Gambling in any way is already not a wise action and it definitely doesn’t make sense to gamble on one’s life. It doesn’t make sense to endanger everyone else with the second and third hand smoke. It just doesn’t make sense to smoke. Period.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for MBTA Contract No. W46C-N01, BRAINTREE STATION PLATFORM STRUCTURAL REPAIRS, BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS, CLASS 1 - GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT VALUE $2,703,579, will be received by the Director of Contract Administration at the Contract Administration Office, 6th Floor, Room 6720, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116-3975, until two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on June 15, 2010. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work includes structural repairs to the Braintree Station platform on the Red Line. Work on the platform includes removal and replacement of deteriorated concrete platform cantilevers; removal of existing brick pavers and setting bed; concrete repairs; installation of a new concrete overlay with an MMA coating in place of the brick pavers; installation of a concrete sealant prior to placement of the MMA coating; replacement of expansion joints; installation of new tactile warning strips and rub rails along the platform edges; structural repairs to a track pit access stair; installation of new track pit lighting (fixtures to be provided by the MBTA); replacement of platform canopy roof drain leaders; and temporary relocation, protection and permanent supports for existing signal/communication cables in the track pit. Work also includes the replacement of the expansion joint at the adjacent Commuter Rail Station and the renovation of the existing MBTA employee parking lot for site access and use as a temporary staging area during the project.

This Contract is subject to a financial assistance Contract between the MBTA and the Federal Transit Administration of U.S. Department of Transportation. FTA Participation 100 percent under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Bidders are advised to carefully review all ARRA and contract requirements prior to bidding, and to and to keep complete and accurate records of all spending. The successful low bidder and any of its subcontractors shall be responsible for complying with the applicable Provisions of ARRA which are incorporated herein by reference.

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be prequalified in accordance with the Authority’s “Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders.” Copies may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the above address. Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Prequalified bidders may obtain from the Contract Administration Office a “Request for Bid Form” which must be properly filled out and submitted for approval.

Bidders attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Appendix 3, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Provision, Bidders must submit an assurance with their Bids that they will make sufficient and reasonable efforts to meet the stated DBE goal of 18 percent.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto. Bidders will also be required to comply with the Governor’s Executive Order No. 481, prohibiting the use of undocumented workers on State contracts and any amendments and supplements thereto.

Authorization for the Bidders to view the site of the work on the MBTA’s property shall be obtained from the Project Manager, Marjorie Madden, 500 Arborway, off of Ivory Street in Braintree, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. to participate in the tour. Bidders are advised that they should have representa-

A prebid conference will be held on May 27, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the MBTA Offices, 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA, Conference Room #1, First Floor (Marjorie Madden, Project Manager, 617-222-3797). Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to Federal wage and hourly laws and minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bidders are advised that the "Buy America" provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (Pub. L-97-424) as amended, apply to any Contract, procurement or agreement which results from this solicitation.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.

This information may be viewed at the MBTA website:

http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Date: May 12, 2010

By: Jeffrey B. Mullan || Richard A. Davey || Secretary and Chief || General Manager of the MBTA & Rail & Transit Administrator of MassDOT || Executive Officer of MassDOT
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the perfect site to come together to celebrate the wonderful work essential to New England’s support of all immigrants,” said the evening’s host Paul Chan of the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation and longtime leader in Chinatown.

“There are many elements represented here today of what makes a community thrive,” said Chan, pointing to the many business leaders, residents, students, activists, and elected officials that were present, such as City Councillor Bill Linehan and State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz.

“When immigrants come, there is no network of support such as family and friends which many [second generation folks] take for granted,” Cambridge City Councillor Leland Cheung noted. “By providing services, AACA becomes an extended family for immigrants.”

Judge Paul Yee also attended the gala. Yee was recently sworn in by Governor Patrick as Quincy Mayor, the first Asian District Court Associate Justice, the first Asian American for immigrants.”

Madge M. Meyer (center), Executive Vice President and Head of Global Infrastructure Services at State Street Corporation, is an advisory board member of AACA. (Photo by Cod Yiu)

“With so much anti-immigrant outcry recently, this echoes to our ancestors who endured tremendous discrimination and hardship,” Lee said. “But as important, the future is what matters.”

As the first group of immigrants from China coming to America in search of gold, many immigrants from all corners of the world still come in search of economic opportunity. One of the most promising opportunities of late is the energy efficiency sector. In 2009, AACA won a city grant to add a new sustainability component to its facilities maintenance training program, BEEMS. “The whole green jobs initiative has garnered a lot of interest,” said Green Programs Director Chris Albrizio, who operated full classes and saw a spike in applicants.

“We’re about to graduate three classes at one time, 16 have received certificates for college credit. It’s a very big deal,” said Jill Uchiyama, director of the Partnership for Automotive Career Education program. The program also featured the first hybrid safety training component, and has several of its students gaining full-time employment in automotive businesses in the city.

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Dough figurine master Leung Bing Ngun’s booth was a hit among young guests. (Photo by Cod Yiu)

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