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## Greetings from the President's Desk

**Dear Members,**

I hope everyone is enjoying the "dog days" of summer!!! The heat and the sunshine make one feel so lively and young. Mind you though, don't forget to put on sunscreen and sunglasses when you are out soaking in the Vitamin D!

First, I would like to give a brief report on what has been happening in IACA. In the past two months, IACA had two different events. One was our Welcome New Members party at Dr. Raymond Wong's home. Many old friends came and met the two new families. We introduced ourselves and had a great time mingling and singing Karaoke. Then, on June 19, we celebrated the Dragon Boat Festival at Eagle Creek Park. Jane Berman, our former treasurer, made us the Tsung Tzes( dumplings) to share. We also had two grills going and Rudy, Xiyun and Yixun managed to cook a lot of yummy hamburgers and hotdogs for us. The weather was excellent and everyone had a good time enjoying the various activities such as canoeing, riding the pontoon boat, the bouncy children's house or just chatting under the canopies and trees.

Looking forward into the fall, IACA will be participating in the third annual Chinese Festival. It is going to be on Sunday, September 12 at

Military Park from 11am till dark. Please make sure you mark your calendar and come to check it out. There will be music and dances, Tai Chi, cultural displays, food and family activities. This year, for the first time, there will be a Ping Pong Tournament and the First Place winner will get an IPOD! So, all of you Ping Pong masters/enthusiasts, get your paddles ready and come down for a chance to win this cool prize.:-)) Like any other events, we cannot do without volunteers, I urge every one of you please try to find time to come downtown to enjoy all these festivities and sign up for a couple hours to help. We need help from setting up the canopies in the morning, manning the booths, giving out pamphlets, to tearing down in the evening. Besides this event, IACA will participate in the International Festival held by the Nationalities Council of Indiana in November. Last year, our cultural booth won First Prize in Educational value. This year the theme is " Food for Thoughts" and the council would welcome any suggestions as to how to present our ideas and decorate our booth. Please

email us if you have any ideas to share.

Last, I would like to inform you about some changes made in our administration format. As I have pointed out in the last New Year Party that IACA is going paperless. By that I mean the communication method (newsletters) would be via email. Thanks to a suggestion made by our secretary, Kathy Johnson, we are trying to move all our records (our meeting minutes, Treasurer's reports, flyers for various events, financial reports of the events, our directory data, etc.) to a secured cyberspace. This will allow us to have a more centralized document storage area for easier access/reference for the council members. I hope, with this, there would be a certain degree of continuity in the management of the organization even when council members are rotating in and out throughout the years. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

**Diana**

## DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL PICNIC

Though rain was forecasted, the weather was absolutely perfect during this year's Dragon Boat Festival Picnic on Saturday, June 19. IACA members partnered with Families with Children from China-Indiana to enjoy a beautiful day of sunshine, fresh air, delicious food, boating, and other activities. IACA President, Diana Yung, welcomed the guests and awarded the prestigious Telamon Scholarship to Timothy Chai (1<sup>st</sup> place), Nelson Wong (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and Hope Casey-Allen (3<sup>rd</sup> place). Honorable mentions were provided to Brandon Yu, Kevin Song, Michelle Xie., and Andy Yang. Graduating high school students, Brandon Paul, Ariel Wong, Nelson Wong, and Tim Chai were recognized for their scholastic achievements and congratulated on their impending transition to university. Tim Chai's winning essay for the Telamon competition (which also is based on community service) is featured on p. 6 of this newsletter.



In the children's area, little ones were invited to make crafts, play with traditional Chinese toys, and burn off energy by jumping in a colorful 'bounce house.' Following a lunch of delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, tsung tsi made by Jane Berman, and salads and desserts carried in by IACA and FCC members, guests participated in pontoon-boat cruises around the reservoir – flanked by colorful windsurfers, kayaks, and glimpses of water birds and other wildlife. A fierce competition erupted as the annual canoe race began after lunch. You might expect that the competition involved guests racing against each other in canoes (which occasionally it did) – but mostly it involved paddlers battling fiercely with the wind!



## 500 Festival Parade

IACA played a key part at the Nationalities Council of Indiana's participation of the Indy500 Parade on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, in that our percussion group was instrumental in helping the walkers walking uniformly. There were flag bearers headed by the American flag carried by a Native American, and different nationalities in their respective costumes in

rows of ten people. The spectators' enthusiasm for us was evident in that many clapped to the beat of our percussion pattern. Many thanks to Gonzolas Chua, Henry Fu, David Russell, Diana Yung, David Wolverton, who designed and made the drum sedan, as well as:

Sun, Jerry Gong, Eric Fan, Yikun, Feng Zheng (and his 2 friends) who did their jobs cheerfully.



Wingyee and Michael Alderson, Xinmin Yue, Hong Lynn Zeng, Sunny



# Clean Up and Pay Back

Saturday 4/17, 2010, 8 AM – It was a nippy morning when 7 of us from IACA joined hundreds of volunteers at the former Circuit City parking lot at 38<sup>th</sup> and Moller streets on the west side. That kicked off the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Great Indy Cleanup which lasts from April through October, a collaborative effort between neighborhoods and the Mayor’s office under the management of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, a nonprofit that has been successful in keeping our city clean and beautiful. This year’s cleanup is focused on the 38<sup>th</sup> street corridor.

Our team #5 of 10 strong bodies, boosted by a Caucasian, and a Hispanic- and an African-American, was indeed a symbol of diversity. We were escorted by an IMPD patrol car and a big

garbage truck. Our assignment was to clean up a creek between 34<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> street. However, our enthusiasm also brought us to a couple of blocks south of 34<sup>th</sup> street. In some areas, one of the banks of the creek is practically vertical which makes it difficult to plant solid footing to work; whereas bushes are overgrown in some other areas which render it hard to walk through. Regardless, the trash, the plastic bottles, the metal cans and garbage we picked up filled up dozens of trash bags.

Our hero of the day was Benny Ko. Benny was the only one who had the foresight to wear sandals and shorts despite the chilly temperature that allows him to wade into the water. With some help, he pulled out a shopping cart, a toilet, a large trampoline, a piece of equipment with heavy gear and several pieces of large

by Terence Yen

planks, and hauled them to the street to be picked up by the garbage truck.

All in all, a morning’s hard labor seemed like an eternity. But we are all grateful that we are physically able to do it. Some of us are no longer gainfully employed with little productivity, all we do are using up nature’s precious resources and polluting air and water everyday. It feels good that at least for half a day, we pay back to the community by making a very small portion of the land a better place to live. For these reasons, we appreciate the opportunity provided by IACA under Diana’s leadership. More projects like this will certainly build IACA a stronger organization, as meaningful bonding and relationships start from working on meaningful projects.

IACA Members Working Very Hard!



Hard-working IACA Members with Indianapolis Mayor, Greg Ballard

## 2010 Census – Be Counted!!!

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*The percentage of individuals self-identifying as Asian-Americans increased 63% from 1990 to 2000. Everyone must be counted in 2010!*

This spring Vince Wong, President of Asia American Alliance, and Dr. David Suzuki hosted a meeting at IUPUI regarding the census and the importance of mobilizing Asian American community of central Indiana to complete and return the census forms by April 1.

One challenge that was discussed was the translation challenges that many members of our communities face in completing the census forms. The Census Bureau's website offers language guides for the forms in a variety of languages that are relevant to our

communities. Here are links to those guides that are provided for your convenience.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE ONLY GUIDES FOR THE OFFICIAL FORMS AND THESE GUIDES CANNOT BE USED AS OFFICIAL RESPONSE FORMS.

[http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/langfiles/Example\\_Chinese.pdf](http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/langfiles/Example_Chinese.pdf)  
[http://2010.census.gov/2010census/pdf/LAG\\_Chinese-Traditional.pdf](http://2010.census.gov/2010census/pdf/LAG_Chinese-Traditional.pdf)  
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Beginning May 1, there will be Census workers going door to door to have interviews with families which haven't returned the questionnaire. Indiana is doing really well because we came in 3rd in the whole nation in having almost 80% residents sent in their questionnaires. For those who haven't sent in, they should note the following: a census worker will be knocking on their door and finish the questionnaire with them. before letting them in, please check their ID with the Dept. of Commercial watermark and expiration date on it the worker will be asking the 10 questions on the questionnaire plus the information on all the household members.

## Welcome New Members!



On Saturday, May 22, Dr. Raymond Wong graciously opened up his home in Carmel to host the annual New Members party. This party provides a wonderful opportunity to both welcome new IACA members to our organization and visit with old friends. Guests enjoyed delicious snacks and fruit, karaoke, and Dave Wolverton unveiled a beautiful drum stand that he created, which was carried in this year's 500 Festival Parade.



## ***Straight A's - Why Are Straight A's Expected of Me as a Chinese American Student?***

*Timothy Chai (1<sup>st</sup> place winner of the 2010 Telamon Scholarship)*

Strong academic performance is perhaps one of the most common and pervasive stereotypes of the Chinese American community, especially during primary and secondary education. As the most fundamental metric of accomplishment employed by schools, receiving straight A's on report cards is expected of Chinese American students from our peers as well as from ourselves. At times this discernment can feel like an onerous double standard, but it's also a key catalyst of pride; I can vividly recall how ecstatic I was when I obtained my first set of straight A's in second grade, and the disappointment knotted in my stomach after I saw my first B+ in middle school. However, aiming for straight A's isn't limited to the letters printed on a report card; rather, for me receiving straight A's lies beyond purely academics with the activism and action I show within my community.

To be sure, academics are imperative and are a vital measure of achievement during the first quarter of everyone's life. I am fortunate that my parents instilled a lifelong love of learning within me at an early age, and I am forever grateful that they have made every sacrifice to give me any educational opportunity available. Looking back, I remember fondly that it was my parents who first taught me to read and recite my multiplication tables, and ever since then – although I have not always followed the academic path they may prefer – I can attribute all my successes, however humble they may be, to the seeds of learning they planted within me when I was a child. As I leave Carmel High School as a Distinguished Graduate, a designation based on both academic and extra-curricular excellence given to only three percent of my graduating class, I have a greater appreciation for the A's on my report card, and all the countless hours of sleep I lost ensuring that I achieved them. Most notably, my academic success greatly aided me in accomplishing my dream for the next portion of my life: being one of only 50 students admitted into the Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business, a dual-degree program between the Wharton School of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania.

One of the most important lessons my parents taught me was that the worth of a person is not measured by the number of A's on a report card, but rather his activism and dedication to his family, faith and community. Since academics have played such a huge role in my life, I have come to regard education as a basic, inalienable right that is naturally endowed to all human beings. Proven to lift the highest number of individuals per capita out of poverty, education both improves the living conditions of the poorest segments of society and drives economic growth through the creation of high-capacity human capital. However, more than 115 million children of primary-school age around the world are not in school, and even more do not have the opportunity to pursue secondary school or higher education. Indeed, millions of people worldwide have failed to reach their potential because they are cut off from educational opportunities due to financial limitations, poor schooling infrastructure or health problems that severely inhibit learning. Without access to grants, insurance or credit, many children struggle with the damaging effects of discontinuity in education.

Yet, ideas are meaningless if there are no actions to back them up. To fix the critical education gap, I believe in the unequivocal power of business and the private sector to drive long-lasting social change, much in the same way Mr. Chen created the Telamon Scholarship to invest in bright young minds through the company he founded. Serving as the youngest member on the executive team for Givology (at [www.givology.org](http://www.givology.org)), I run a non-profit marketplace improving access and quality of education in the developing world through microphilanthropy. Givology is unique from other non-profits in that, while it is 100 percent volunteer-led, it is still run like a business with ROI benchmarks, annual reports and metric valuations of impact. In just one and one-half years of operation, Givology has raised more than \$70,000 from 1,200 donors to benefit almost 1,300 students, partnering with 20 grassroots organizations in 9 countries including China, where we first started. By raising funds and support for grassroots education organizations and schools that work in these countries, Givology bridges the education gap to spur economic development. Donations as little as \$5 may seem insignificant, but small-denomination contributions add up to a powerful aggregate that can change lives and futures. Our impact doesn't just stop there; Givology's philosophy is to build lasting sponsor-student relationships and foster cross-cultural communication. We not only connect Internet donors to meaningful causes, but also allow them to proactively track the impact of their contributions. Through our online messaging and blogging system, donors can send letters of support to students, as well as receive updates on scholarship recipients, collected by our field partners and fellows on a quarterly basis. Through this, we can democratize charity by introducing choice, transparency and information sharing in education philanthropy.

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The philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Character is higher than intellect...A great soul will be strong to live, as well as strong to think." As a Chinese American student, I carry around the expectation of receiving straight A's, not only on my report card but also with my activism and action in the community. Sometimes it can be a cumbersome burden, but I must persevere as a leader in both the most intellectual and practical pursuits. Why are straight A's expected of me as a Chinese American? The simple answer is that, as a Chinese American, I am a leader and catalyst of positive change in this world and these expectations are the differences I can make in our society.

## In Memorium

**Youhua Hu** M.D., 83, Indianapolis, passed away March 12, 2010. He was born on October 3, 1926, in Wuhan, China, the son of the late Qingsheng Hu and Tianhui Yang.

Dr. Hu retired as a surgeon from Union Hospital in Wuhan, China. He was a member of Indiana Association of Chinese Americans, and Indianapolis Chinese Community Church. He was the conductor for the Indianapolis Chinese Choir and song composer. Dr. Hu also enjoyed playing soccer, running, and ballroom dancing.

He is survived by his wife, Mingzhen Li, M.D. Indianapolis; daughter Peiyi Hu M.D., PH.D., Indianapolis; son Peiming Hu, Wuhan, China; and grandson Tian Mi, St. Louis, MO. A memorial service will was held on March 20, 2010, at the Indianapolis Chinese Community Church, In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were requested to be directed to the ICCCI Choir.

**Alfred Tsang** passed away on March 16, 2010. Alfred might have moved away from Indianapolis for a few years but for those who know him, he had left us with an indelible memory of a gentleman, a scholar, a patriot and a spiritual teacher. A complicated man he was, but a renaissance man he also was.

In youth, he had risked his life in the defense of our country as a B-29 navigator. In later years, he became an advocate of world peace. As a child, he experienced racial discrimination, as an adult, he sought justice for all as an associate attorney general.

He will always live on in our hearts. On behalf of the Chinese American community of Indianapolis, I like to offer my condolence to Blossom and family but also to remind them that they will always have friends and a home here in Indiana whenever they choose to come our way. - Benny Ko, Indianapolis, IN

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