ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN SOCIETY
40th anniversary
FUNDRAISING GALA

Travel Asia

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019. 6PM
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
601 LOYOLA AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70113
Greetings and Welcome to all of our Guests,

The birth of APAS afforded us with the purpose of providing services and leadership in culture, social and economic arenas. I welcome everyone to this special event in celebrating of our 40th year of Jubilee. We are honored to have one of the founders of APAS, Marina Espina with us tonight. I hope she is proud of what we have accomplished over the last 40 years.

The Fall Gala is one of my favorite events that I look forward to every year. We get to all dress up in our best to fundraise for a good cause. These funds go to support the Asian Heritage Festival at Audubon Zoo, the Children’s Holiday Party, the Annual Picnic, and other APAS events. I am also proud to announce the Cecil J. Murphy Scholarship fund to commemorate Cecil and his 26 years of service to APAS.

My sincerest gratitude to Sokoeun Chau for chairing this event, Chairs of each sub-committee, each community, volunteers, and sponsors.

Thank you for coming and enjoy your evening!

Sincerely,

Judy Villa,
APAS Chairwoman
2019 APAS Gala Program

Cocktails & Networking
Doors open at 6:30 PM

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Harold Welsh

Welcome & Introduction
Ms. Sokhoeun Chau, Fall Gala Chair

Introduction of Mistresses of Ceremonies
Ms. Sula Kim, Anchor, WDSU
Ms. Eka Soenarko, Indonesian Community

Welcome Address
Ms. Judy Villa, APAS Chair

Dinner Service

Indian Dance Performance
Ruby Creative Dance Academy

Introduction of Ms. APAS contestants

Frank Hara Community Service Awards

Chinese Biàn Liǎn (Face-Changing) Performance
Mr. Peng Li

Presentation and Coronation of Ms. APAS

Dance Floor Open

Silent Auction closes at 8:30 & 9:00 PM.
Raffle Prizes drawn from 7:30 til 9:00 PM.
Dear Friends,

What better way to celebrate a 40 year anniversary than with a fabulous trip? How fitting that the Asian Pacific American Society has chosen to “Travel Asia” for their theme this year. All the best flavors, sights and sounds from the Pacific will be available without the flight or the jetlag!

As I continue on my efforts in public service, I realize more than ever the importance of community and strong leadership. Our APAS organization is important to me and I’m proud to stand with you. I would like to thank all of my friends and members of APAS for providing so many valuable services and support to the community as we celebrate 40 Years of Community Pride, Partnership and Progress!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Lee Sheng
Councilwoman At-Large, Division B
The Frank Hara Community Service Excellence Awards

Frank Hara was one of the founders of the Asian Pacific American Society who also served as chair from 1983-1984. He had a passion for preserving the culture and heritage of the various Asian communities in and around the greater New Orleans area. Award recipients are nominated by his/her community and are selected based on meaningful contributions and dedication to serving others.
Ms. Nungky Kristanti Steilberg
Indonesia

Nungky Kristanti Steilberg, was born on January 14th, 1971 in Blitar, East Java, Indonesia. After she finished high school in SMA 2 Blitar, East Java, and gained experience to work in Jakarta, she bravely went to Los Angeles, California, to pursue a better life in 2003. Cooking as a hobby has inspired her to learn other countries’ cuisines besides Indonesian dishes. Within months, she decided to move to Philadelphia, and started to work at Krispy Kreme Donuts. In 2005, she decided to move to New Orleans and learned Japanese Cuisine. She ended up in Osaka Restaurant, Slidell, the place where she started her career and training to become a Sushi Chef.

Her generosity and kindheartedness are well known amongst the Indonesian community, which not limited only in New Orleans greater area, but also to other communities. She is always willing to lend her hand to those who need her help. She is married to Dan Steilberg and the happy couple lives in Slidell. They both like spending time with their children and grandchildren. With her belief to work hard and never give up and never regret the failures that occur in life, because you are one step away from winning. Nungky continues to dream about having her own restaurant, that focuses on Indonesian and Japanese dishes. She’s waiting for the right time and the right place to arise.
June Masae Seto was born 80 years ago in Sasebo, Japan. After graduating high school, a mutual friend introduced her to William “Bill” Hunt; a U.S. Navy Serviceman she fell in love with, married, and had two children. Being married to Bill allowed June and their children to travel and experience many duty stations throughout Japan, the Philippines, Guam, and the US until he retired from the Navy. June wore many hats over the years...wife, mother, grandmother, widow, waitress, and retail supervisor for Duty Free Shoppers. She also retired as floor supervisor after 20 years with the Navy Exchange in New Orleans.

One of the hats she wore was her membership with Japan Club which she joined after moving to New Orleans 43 years ago; it allowed her to meet and develop friendships with many wonderful people. She participated, volunteered, and enjoyed various Japan Club activities over the years...the annual Christmas party, gatherings at the homes of other members, and numerous meetings/luncheons where she and other members would get together and create beautiful Japanese origami crafts later sold at the annual Japanese festival where she also volunteered. Her membership with Japan Club brought her great joy over the years because it allowed her to remember her traditional Japanese roots, and she considers it a great honor to be recognized by other members. She humbly wants to thank everyone for nominating her for this award.
Sula Kim is an award-winning journalist at WDSU (NBC-TV) in New Orleans Louisiana. She currently anchors the weekday evening newscasts at 5, 6 and 10pm.

Sula has a passion for service and feels giving back to the community is a vital part of a healthy life. She volunteers for numerous non-profits by offering her time to emcee events and various fundraisers. Sula is the mistress of ceremonies for the annual Korean War Veterans Memorial Service, the annual APAS gala, and emcees the annual Asian Heritage Festival at the Audubon Zoo. Sula has also emceed the Zurich Classic Executive Women's Day event, which involves a robust discussion on leadership with power house panelists of executives from all across the country.

Sula has served on the board of the Salvation Army in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and was a member of the Green Bay Junior League, serving the public through back to school events, and toy drives. In Seattle, Sula was part of the station's Volunteer day, which involved spending time at the local food pantry to feed the homeless, building a green wall, and raising funds for the local Children's Hospital. As a journalist, she also loves to highlight some of the positive work in the community and covered dozens of stories profiling other volunteers during the annual Volunteer Day at Celebration Church. Sula's long career journey took her to many corners of America, including cities like Green Bay Wisconsin, Norfolk/Virginia, and Seattle, Washington.

Sula joined WDSU in 2012 as morning anchor, reporting on many political and educational issues of the city and in 2013, Sula was selected to help moderate NBC's Education Nation with Hoda Kotb. In 2014, she covered the Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia for all 30 Hearst owned TV stations across the country. In 2015 Sula went to work for KING-TV, in Seattle Washington, but two years later, returned to her adopted home of New Orleans, back to WDSU as the main anchor.

Over the years, Sula has received numerous journalism and community awards including Press Club Award, a regional Edward R. Murrow award and the Walter Cronkite award for Political Journalism. Sula is a native of Los Angeles and studied Communications at the University of California San Diego.

Sula is honored to be chosen as the Frank Hara recipient from the Korean community.
Judy Villa came to the U.S. when she was 21 years of age. She wasn’t involved in community events until 10 years ago after her 91-year-old mother had passed away. She was introduced to PAWAL (the Philippine-American Women’s Association of Louisiana) and became their president. Since then, she had been a permanent fixture not only on the Filipino community but also in Christian Ministry and the Asian society.

She is an active member of the New Orleans Asian-American Lion’s Club (NOAALC), Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFC FFL) and the current chairperson of Asian-Pacific American Society (APAS).

She was instrumental in saving APAS during the not so recent upheaval in leadership. She is also the brainchild of their Children’s Holiday Party. She readily opens her home to host club meetings and house people in need. With her big heart, she is ready to help. She likes to encourage people to be involved in various organizations and events. She is always willing to do the leg work and volunteers her time to help find the resources when the job is delegated to her.
Siao-Lan Huang was born in Yunlin, Taiwan. She graduated from Shih Hsin University - a famous training ground for journalists, among other academic pursuits. Siao-Lan moved to the New Orleans area in 2017. She and her husband Sean, run the Italian Pie on Williams Blvd.

Siao-Lan is active in the Taiwanese community. She is a member of the North American Taiwanese Women’s Association and a member and former Treasurer of the Taiwanese Association of New Orleans. She has also served as Ms. Taiwan for the 2017 APAS Gala. She also volunteers at the Evangelical Formosan Church by cooking for the congregation. She also teaches at the Chinese School, which meets at the Evangelical Formosan Church. In her spare time, Siao-Lan enjoys cooking, and the Taiwanese community appreciates all of the Taiwanese desserts she makes for their events.
Ashley is a native of the Westbank and has lived in Louisiana for over 40 years with her husband of over 26 years. They have 2 sons and 1 daughter. Ashley graduated from West Jefferson High School and was a ROTC Air force Cadet. She went to school at LSU for her undergraduate studies. While working as a Dental Assistant she fell in love with Dentistry and later attended and graduated from LSU School of Dentistry with a Bachelor Degree in Dental Laboratory Technology specializing in Dental Implants, prosthetics, crowns and bridges. She worked in the dental field for over 20 years, working alongside with dentists and in the laboratory environment. Due to circumstances involving Hurricane Katrina her family moved to Baton Rouge.

After Hurricane Katrina, she returned home to the Westbank to rebuild and she went to work with the Road Home program. She is an accomplished and successful Disaster Analyst with a baccalaureate degree plus 10 years of experience in disaster Recovery. She has worked with the Asian community in translating and processing their Road Home and Mitigation Grants. She has worked with many applicants through Outreach programs to provide information and bring awareness in regards to government grants and funding.

She has gained experience at many levels of responsibility through hard work. She is committed to the organizations that have employed her, many of which were government agencies & contractors related to Natural Disasters, Hazard Mitigation and rebuilding communities and serving their citizens; through this along with her diverse life experience. She is dedicated to this goal as part of a member of the team and community. She believes in giving back and helping others to come back and rebuild Louisiana.
Ms. APAS
Fundraising Competition

A special thank you to all of the Ms. APAS candidates and the communities they represent.

The Ms. APAS contest is a competition of dedication and commitment to help APAS raise funds for its various programs. Each contestant pledges to raise funds that will be used to support APAS programs. To earn the title of “Ms. APAS” one must raise the most funds which can be done in several ways:

- Dinner Ticket Sales
- Program Book Ads
- Raffle Tickets Sales

Every dollar donated is counted towards Ms. APAS contestants. Results are tallied and confirmed by two people and kept confidential until the unveiling of the results at the gala. APAS longevity would not be possible without the hard work of each candidate, her family, friends and community members.
Ms. APAS 2018

Regina Rodriguez Howe
Ms. Philippines 2018
Ms. Bangladesh
Naw Safrin Sattar

Naw Safrin Sattar started her journey in the USA as a PhD Student, majoring in High-Performance Computing and Big Data Analytics at UNO in Fall 2017. Her hometown is Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. She completed her Master’s in Computer Science from UNO in Spring 2019. She completed her Bachelor’s in CSE in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in 2016. She has received Computing Sciences Research Pathways Fellowship from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Summer 2019. She is associated with several organizations at UNO campus and currently serving as the Vice-President of Bangladesh Student Association. She loves travelling.

Ms. Cambodia
Sereiroth Rama

Sereiroth was born in Bossier City, LA. She graduated in 2017, from Caddo Magnet High School. Her favorite subject is History. She currently resides in New Orleans and attends Loyola University. Sereiroth is pursuing a degree in Art History & Business. In her free time, she enjoys traveling with her family and playing with her cocker spaniel, Angel. She is also very close to her big sister Paulina. She has traveled to at least twelve countries and is looking forward to experiencing more.
Ms. India
Suma Maddox

Suma was born in New Orleans, LA and grew up in Houma, LA, which her children call "The Bayou." She attended NYU for undergraduate education, LSU for medical school, and then completed her General Surgery training at Brown University in Providence, RI. There, she met her husband, Michael Maddox, a native of Knoxville, TN, who is now Urologist with Ochsner Clinic. She is currently in Fellowship, training at LSU for Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. They have 3 beautiful children, Rainer (5.5), Rivers (4), and Kingston (2.5), who are growing up in a blended culture. They feel that they are blessed to have the opportunities that they have and are happy to share with the community in endeavors such as APAS.

Ms. Indonesia
Nadia Pearce

Nadia was born in Jakarta, Indonesia but spent her upbringing living in many places around the United States. She found her way back to Louisiana where she spent much of her life obtaining a degree in Kinesiology at LSU in the pursuit of a career as an Occupational Therapist. Her motivation and love for life comes from her community and her culture. Without the encouragement and support of this community and her family, she believes she would not be the person she is today.
Ms. Korea
Gina Kim

Gina was born in New Orleans and it has taken her over 26 years to return from Korea to New Orleans. She grew up mostly in South Korea and came to United States in June 2019. She always had keen interest in weddings and have been working in the wedding industry since she was 16 years old. She went to college in Seoul, Korea to study wedding planning. After graduating, she worked at a wedding dress shop for three years. She is currently taking Intensive English Language Program classes at UNO. Her hobbies are strength training, cooking and making jewelry. Her goal is to win a prize in body building contest.

Ms. Philippines
Rudynah Capone

Rudynah “Dynah” Entera Capone was born and raised in Cebu City, Philippines. She is the daughter of Claudio and Maximina Entera. She works as a Technology Transfer Manager at Louisiana Transportation Research Center at LSU. A former news writer, tourism bureau coordinator, professional emcee, public speaking coach and an entrepreneur, Dynah graduated Magna Cum Laude with her Bachelor’s Degree in Mass Communication. She recently earned her Master of Public Administration degree at LSU, with a 4.0 GPA. Dynah is happily married to her husband of 10 years, Drew Capone, who is a World History teacher and football coach at Assumption High School. They enjoy being parents to their seven-year-old son, Enzo.
Ms. Taiwan
Yi-Chieh Hsu

Yi-Chieh Hsu is from Taipei, Taiwan. She is currently a Freshmen at Tulane University. Yi-Chieh is planning to study Finance and double major in Political Science. Since she has a unique background of living in Shanghai for 13 years, and Taipei for 5 years, she would like to do business between these two cites, or even around the world. She also loves to play sports and was one of the team players in triathlon in high school.

Ms. Vietnam
Tammy Nguyen Do

Tammy was born and raised in Orange County, CA with her siblings by her incredibly hardworking parents. As Vietnamese refugees, her parents sacrificed to give them a great life, so she was able to graduate a year early with a B.S. in Biology from UC Irvine. She is now finishing up her third year of Medical School at UQ-Ochsner and will be graduating next November. It has always been her dream to become a doctor. She is the first in her family to go to medical school, which she considers a privilege that she never takes for granted. Her hobbies include playing piano, photography, playing tennis with her dad, traveling, volunteering, and spending time with friends and family. Her future goals include becoming a Palliative Care doctor, moving back to California to be close to family, in order to take of and give back to her parents.
# Silent Auction Items

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Sometimes you just need an excuse to get the ladies together, have a few drinks and let loose! Have a Pure Romance party and you can treat yourself to the best bath, beauty, and relationship enhancement products!

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