



ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S COALITION (AAWC)

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The Asian American Women's Coalition (AAWC) is a multicultural group dedicated to the concerns of all Asian American women. The AAWC mission is to promote the advancement of Asian American women through leadership and mutual support.

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AAWC HOLDS 21ST ANNUAL BANQUET

AAWC president **Margaret Chin** welcomed over 200 friends and supporters who attended the 21st Annual Banquet of the Asian American Women's Coalition (AAWC) on June 20, 2008 at Joy Tsin Lau Restaurant. The event, which was emceed by **Denise Nakano** of NBC 10, showcased AAWC's 2008 scholarship recipients. AAWC has awarded scholarships to over 40 outstanding women students since 1985.



Over 200 guests attended to support AAWC's annual event.

AAWC presented \$5,000 scholarship awards to **Jennifer Wong**, Cecilia Moy Yep Scholar; **Sisi Liu**, Powell Family Foundation Scholar; **Chan Mao**, PECO Energy Scholar; and **Xuxu Chen**, Wachovia Foundation Scholar. **Eva Jiang** received the Sabrina Soong Memorial Book Scholarship, while **Jennifer Liu** received the Book Scholarship jointly sponsored by AAWC and Organization of Chinese Americans-Greater Philadelphia Chapter.



The 2008 scholars with AAWC co-founder Cecilia Moy Yep (3L), AAWC president Margaret Chin (4L), and NBC10 reporter Denise Nakano (1R).

At the 21st Annual Banquet, AAWC also presented the first East West Music Scholarship, which was initiated by **Dr. Yuki Ishida**, coloratura soprano and AAWC member. In her remarks as guest speaker, Dr. Ishida stated that the scholarship hopes to help deserving young female high school graduates pursue their music education. The scholarship fund will provide one-time \$1,000 assistance to selected students. Initial funding for the music scholarship was raised from Dr. Ishida's concert at the Union Methodist Church in Havertown, Pennsylvania in May 2008. A matching grant was provided by the **Honorable Ida K. Chen**, AAWC co-founder. **Grace Kim**, violinist and graduate of the Girard Academic Music Program, is the first recipient of the East West Music Scholarship.

Guests were treated to a ten-course meal plus music selection by Dr. Ishida, **Takako Mato**, principal clarinetist of the Pottstown Symphony Orchestra, and Grace Kim. Each guest also received especially designed Olympics pins from NBC 10.



From L-R: Grace Kim on violin, Takako Mato on clarinet, and coloratura soprano Yuki Ishida performing at the AAWC banquet.



AAWC TO CONDUCT SEMINAR ON SURVIVAL GUIDE TO COLLEGE LIFE AND WORK

AAWC's Program Committee, chaired by **Carol Wong**, is finalizing plans for a seminar on survival guide to college life and work. To be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Philadelphia Community College – Winnet Student Life Building, the event is intended to prepare junior high school girls in meeting various challenges in college life and work.

Among these challenges include difficulty in finding jobs, difficulty networking, language/cultural/gender barriers, lack of professional development opportunities, and vulnerability to abuse (physical, financial, emotional, substance). Physical, mental, and financial challenges also abound for those proceeding to college, including availability of academic support, housing, campus security, campus activities for cultural growth and practicing faith, as well as information on fraternity/sorority life.

This FREE seminar will enable AAWC to reach out to young women students and foster among them a sense of ownership of these challenges and solutions. AAWC intends to bring forward the results of the discussion to institutions of higher learning and business networks to raise awareness on the challenges facing young Asian American women.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nancy Francis
Nipa Hammond
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Members and officers of the Asian American Women's Coalition during its 21st Annual Banquet on June 20, 2008 at Joy Tsin Lau Restaurant



The AAWC newsletter is published for AAWC members and about AAWC members. Please e-mail relevant and brief (not more than 6 lines) articles, announcements, contributions, etc., to Rona Navera at RONA@PASSI.US. The next quarterly report will be published in December 2008. **Deadline for submissions is December 4, 2008.**