



Asian American
Alumni Association
of Princeton

Dear Asian American Alumni of Princeton:

In this, the final newsletter of 2009, we'd like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Times have been tough all around with the bad economy, H1N1 flu, and the terrible reviews for *New Moon*, the second installation of the Twilight vampire series. But seriously, as we have just celebrated Thanksgiving, it is a good time to step back and take stock and be thankful for the real things that matter, family, friends, health, and happiness.

Back in Princeton (our old stomping grounds) my family is gathering for its annual ritual of the Thanksgiving: Texas Hold'em tourney followed by Beijing duck in lieu of turkey. Little known fact: many years ago, some enterprising Chinese farmer-entrepreneur imported a number of ducks from Beijing stock to Long Island, NY. From that day hence - if you knew the right people in Chinatown - you could purchase real Beijing duck here in the NYC area! Not a big deal for you West Coast Chinese-American alums, spoiled as you are (in a culinary sense) by your proximity to the homeland, but for us out here it's certainly something to be thankful for, during holiday feasts!

Without any further ado, here is the listing of upcoming events from our erstwhile regional A4P chapter heads.

- Andre Liu '91 (A4P Governor and official newsletter scribe)

A4P Princeton Area

Straight from the keyboard of former Madame President Joyce Chen-Shueh:

Curious about A4P Princeton? **Join us for chitchat and coffee/tea/pastries** on January 16, 2009 at 3 p.m. at Panera, 510 Nassau Park Boulevard, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (Note that this is the West Windsor location with free parking rather than the downtown Princeton location). Come armed with ideas for future A4P-NJ events or just come and decompress after the holidays! RSVP to joyce@chenshueh.com by January 10, 2009 but feel free to come even if you don't RSVP.

What better year to ring in the **Lunar New Year** with A4P than the Year of the Tiger? We're rising up, back on the street...did my time, took my chances! Join us on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:00 p.m. at Superstar East Buffet (311 Nassau Park Blvd, Princeton, NJ) to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Adults: \$12 (\$10 for buffet plus tax and tip, not including drinks). R.S.V.P. by Feb. 17th to mo.chen@verizon.net, but just email us if you want to join us last minute. We'll have a room reserved—just ask for A4P!

Also, on campus....the Woodrow Wilson School and the Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program is pleased to extend an invitation for **a luncheon lecture** with Mr. Tung Chee Hwa, Founding Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1997-2005) and Vice Chair of the Eleventh National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the PRC, Mr. Tung will present a lecture entitled "**United States-China Relations: What's Next?**" at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 8 in Shultz Dining Room, Robertson Hall. To sign up for this luncheon, please RSVP with Yan Bennett at ybennett@princeton.edu no later than December 1, 2009. Please indicate if you wish to have a vegetarian meal. More information at: www.princeton.edu/cwp

Alumni Day Event: A4P will be hosting a networking mixer for undergraduates and alumni during Princeton Alumni Day 2010 on Saturday, February 20, 2010, co-sponsored with the Princeton AASA,

CSA, KSA, and TASA organizations. Come join us for an exciting afternoon with Asian-American alumni to learn more about life after Princeton and a discussion of Asian-American issues and initiatives on campus. Time and venue TBD. For more information or to get involved, contact Justin Liang '02 (justinbliang@yahoo.com).

A4P SoCal

Join us as we **celebrate the Year of the Tiger in L.A. Chinatown** with lunch at Hop Li Seafood Restaurant. After a delicious Chinese meal, for those who wish to, we'll head out to the festival area or claim a spot to watch the 111th Annual Golden Dragon Parade, the longest running parade in L.A., second only to the Rose Parade.

Date: February 20, 2010 Saturday
Place: HOP LI SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
Address: 526 Alpine Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
TEL (213) 680-3939
Time: 11:00 to 12:30
Cost: Family style, shared

We have two tables reserved for that day (about 20 people) so for guaranteed seating, let us know as soon as possible. Please R.S.V.P. before February 13th to a4psocal@gmail.com or call Doug Chin at 323 261 5836.

A4P NYC

Chuseok Korean Thanksgiving: A4P-NYC celebrated Chuseok, Korea's harvest Thanksgiving festival typically celebrated with friends and family over food, on September 27, 2009. We were joined by the Asian American alumni from Yale and Stanford for lunch at a popular Korean restaurant, Kum Gan Sang, in New York's Korea Town.

Second Annual Intercollegiate Bowling Bonanza - November 14, 2009. A4P-NYC held its Second Annual Intercollegiate Bowling Bonanza on November 14, 2009 at Leisure Time Bowl from 8:30-11:00 PM. Also attending were the Asian Columbia Alumni Association (ACAA), the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance (HAAAA), and the Stanford Asian/Pacific American Alumni Club (SAPAAC). This year, approximately 33 people attended the event.

Fourth Annual All Ivy Asian Alumni Holiday Happy Hour – December 3, 2009

It's time for the holidays! A4P-NYC is organizing this year's fourth annual All Ivy Asian Alumni Holiday Happy Hour at Taj in New York City. We are co-hosting the event with the Asian American alumni networks of Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, UPenn, and Yale. This year, we are partnering with the Food Bank for New York City and asking attendees to bring either a canned or other non-perishable food item and/or a \$5 donation for admission at the door. Every \$1 donated helps provide 5 meals to hungry New Yorkers!

January Event (TBD)

A4P-NYC is looking into hosting a **tour at the Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA)** in Manhattan. Details are forthcoming.

February Event (TBD)

Last year, A4P-NYC co-hosted a **Chinese New Year Brunch** with Harvard's Asian American Association at the Golden Unicorn in New York's Chinatown. This year, we would like to host a similar event. Details are forthcoming.

A4P-DC

Co-Chairs: Erika Kaneko (ekaneke@gmail.com) and Kitty Hsu Dana (kdana@rcn.com)
A4P-DC has two new co-chairs, held a social hour this fall, and is completing its program roster for the 2009-2010 year. In collaboration with the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni, on February

26, 2010 there will be a special **tour of the Terra Cotta Warrior exhibit** at the National Geographic Society, followed by dinner at a nearby Chinese Restaurant with former Ambassador Stapleton Roy '56, currently Vice Chairman of Kissinger Associates, Inc., who will provide "A Deeper Look at China."

At the inaugural social hour in October, several alums (from both earlier and recent classes, including a graduate alum) proposed program ideas, including gatherings at diverse restaurants showcasing **"the best of Asian Cuisine in the DC Region,"** speakers on political and social developments affecting Asian-Americans in the U.S. or in specific Asian nations, and volunteer initiatives. Alum gatherings that complement the effort to establish an Asian-American Studies Curriculum at Princeton, such as with Asian-American authors or historians, are also considered. More information is upcoming as programs are confirmed.

A4P San Francisco Bay Area

All bay area alumni are invited to a **Holiday Happy Hour** by A4P, the Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton. Kick off the holidays by catching up with friends over a drink. Significant others and friends of alumni also welcome.

Holiday Happy Hour - A4P
Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 6:30 p.m.
Rickhouse Bar
246 Kearny St. at Sutter
415-398-2827.

To RSVP: email Chi Soo Kim '99, kimchisoo@gmail.com.

A4P Boston

A4P Boston will be holding its **annual Lunar New Year Dim Sum Brunch** on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010! Alumni, friends, significant others, and family are warmly welcome. Please join us for great food and company to kick off the new year!

A4P Lunar New Year Dim Sum Brunch
Saturday, Feb. 27, 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Hei La Moon Restaurant
88 Beach Street
Boston, MA 02111

(Closest to the South Station/red line metro stop)
Cost will vary based on number of attendees, but in the past it has been around \$10/person (and less for young children).

Please RSVP by Feb. 20 to: Justin Liang '02 (justinbliang@yahoo.com, or 571-201-3829)

A4P – Texas

Please contact Qui Vuong at quivuong84@alumni.princeton.edu for more information

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And finally, an early happy holidays from your officers and board of governors at A4P. We've been really busy getting ourselves organized and arranging things, and you'll be pleased that the Asian American alumni of Princeton are indeed coming together, step by step, event by event. Please visit our website at www.a4princeton.org, register, and give us any feedback that you may have. We are, after all, in your service and need to hear your opinions!

Sincerely,

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