



The Asian American Coalition of Chicago

presents

The 24th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

**Saturday, March 3, 2007 at Hyatt Regency O'Hare
9300 West Bryn Mawr Avenue
Rosemont, Illinois**

Hosted by The Chinese American Community

Proud Sponsoring Organizations

Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce
Chinese American Civic Council of Chicago
Chinese American Service League, Inc.
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and the

Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc., Greater Chicago Chapter

2007 CHAIR

Leonard M. Louie

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lisa Ling

CELEBRITY PRESENTERS

*Ravi Baichwal, Judy Hsu, Nancy Loo, Joanie Lum, Mai Martinez, Art Norman, Julian Nieh,
Rick O'Dell Nozaki, Anupy Singla, Judy Wang and Linda Yu*

2007 PAN ASIAN AMERICAN PING TOM MEMORIAL AWARDEE

Mohinderjit Singh Saini

2007 GRAND ASIAN AWARDEE

The Hon. George Van Dusen, Mayor, The Village of Skokie

"OUR SILK ROAD," A Unity Number by The 2007 AACC Performing Artists

*Marc Rita, Director
Kelly Uchima, Lead Soloist*

OFFICIAL ARTIST

Grace Lai

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24th ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 3/3/07 at Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, Illinois
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE *(Keynote Speaker Updated as of 2/22/07 p.m.)*

5:30 p.m. **Cocktail Reception, Exhibits and Open Microphone** **GRAND BALLROOM FOYER**

6:30 p.m. **OPENING CEREMONIES** **GRAND BALLROOM**

Traditional Chinese Lion and Dragon Dances
Performed by the **Chicago Dragons Athletic Association**

Red Envelope Ceremony – Assisted by **Esther Wong**, Executive Director, Chinese American Service League, Inc. and **Annie Guohua Wu**, Vice President, Information, Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc., Greater Chicago Chapter

Introduction of Celebrity Presenters

- * **Ravi Baichwal**, Weekend Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News
- * **Judy Hsu**, Morning Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News
- * **Nancy Loo**, Morning and Noon Anchor/Reporter, FOX Chicago TV News
- * **Joanie Lum**, Reporter, CBS 2 Chicago News
- * **Mai Martinez**, Reporter, CBS 2 Chicago News
- * **Art Norman**, Anchor/Reporter, NBC 5 Chicago News
- * **Julian Nieh**, WBBM-FM Evening Personality, "Julian on the Radio", B96 Chicago's Hits & Hip-Hop
- * **Rick O'Dell Nozaki**, Music Director, Show Host, Middays/The Smooth Jazz Sunday Brunch, WNUA 95.5 FM, Clear Channel Chicago Radio;
- * **Anupy Singla**, Reporter, CLTV News;
- * **Judy Wang**, Weekend Morning Anchor/Reporter, CLTV News; and
- * **Linda Yu**, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News

Welcome to the 24th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

The Posting of Colors
Chinatown American Legion Post No. 1003 Color Guard
Phillip Chan, Commander

The National Anthem
Kelly Uchima, Lead Soloist

Happy New Year in Your Language and "Roar with the Boar"... Who We Are

Chair's Remarks and Acknowledgments of Major Sponsors
Leonard M. Louie, 2007 Chair

Remarks by Dignitaries

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Remarks by Keynote Speaker: "Roar with the Boar"
Lisa Ling, Correspondent, National Geographic Channel

AWARDS CEREMONIES

Presentation of the Pan Asian American Ping Tom Memorial Award to Mohinderjit Singh Saini by Leonard M. Louie, Chair, 2007 AACC and **Linda Yu**

Special Appearance by **Darryl Tom**, on behalf of **The Tom Family**
Assisted by **C.W. Chan**, Chair, Awards Committee
Acceptance Remarks by **Mohinderjit Singh Saini**

Presentation of the Grand Asian Award to The Hon. George Van Dusen, Mayor, The Village of Skokie by Leonard M. Louie, Chair, 2007 AACC
Assisted by **C.W. Chan**, Chair, Awards Committee
Acceptance Remarks by **The Hon. George Van Dusen**

7:45 p.m. **DINNER**

Acknowledgement of Dignitaries

8:30p.m. **Presentation of 2007 Community Service Awards**

Awarded by **Leonard M. Louie**, Chair, 2007 AACC
Assisted by **C.W. Chan**, Chair, Awards Committee and **Susan Ng-Harroun**,
Executive Director, Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

Duc Huang, Co-Founder, Chinese Mutual Aid Association of Chicago, and
Past President, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association,
Chinese American Community Awardee

Francis L. Mon, Retired electrical engineer; volunteer for various civic, cultural, political
and community endeavors; Commissioner, Traffic Safety Commission, Village
of Skokie; Co-Executive Producer, "Asian Chronicle USA" TV Program on Public
Access Cable TV, **Filipino American Community Awardee**

Onkar Singh Sangha, Supervisor, Customer Service, United States Post Office,
Oak Park, Illinois; Member, Board of Governors, Punjabi Cultural Society of
Chicago, **Indian American Community Awardee**

Astrid S. Haryati, Assistant to City of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley for Green
Initiatives; Member, Board of Directors, Indonesian American Community of Illinois,
Indonesian American Community Awardee

Tsune Nakagawa, Retired, Former Office Manager, The Hon. Charles Percy, United
States Senator (R-IL); longtime former board member, Japanese American Citizens
League, **Japanese American Community Awardee**

Dr. Young K. Kang, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Justice Animal Hospital, Justice,
Illinois; Chairman, Board of Directors, Korean American Association of Chicago,
Korean American Community Awardee

Nadia M. Akhtar, Chief Operating Officer, RNA Corporation, Blue Island, Illinois;
Active in the community with Bolingbrook Islamic Center, Association Pakistani
Center in Chicago, **Pakistani American Community Awardee**

Manoch Bhudvanbhen, President, Amarin Overseas Trading & Shipping; Member,
Board of Directors, Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute; Administrative Advisor, Thai
American Association of Illinois; **Thai American Community Awardee**; and

No Van Vo, Co-Founder, Vo's Graphics and Printing; Editor, "Chicago Viet Bao"
(Chicago Viet Times – bi-weekly newsmagazine); Philanthropist who has helped raise
thousands of dollars for the Tsunami victims in Asia, Katrina victims, and the
disadvantaged who urgently need eye surgeries in Vietnam; **Vietnamese American**

Community Awardee

8:45 p.m.

Presentation of Youth Who Excels Awards

Awarded by **Leonard M. Louie**, Chair, 2007 AACC

Assisted by **C.W. Chan**, Chair, Awards Committee and **Jean Ng**, President, Chinese American Civic Council

Jennifer Chui, College Freshman, DePaul University, Chicago, **Chinese American Community Youth Awardee**

Kristina A. Mascarenas, Senior, Northside College Preparatory High School, Chicago, **Filipino American Community Youth Awardee**

Kevindeep Singh Atwal, College Freshman, Northwestern University, Evanston, **Indian American Community Youth Awardee**

Putri Aulia Kusumo, College Freshman, Joliet Junior College, Joliet, **Indonesian American Community Youth Awardee**

Patrick G. Lee, Senior, Barrington High School, Barrington, **Korean American Community Youth Awardee**

Saba Rashid, College Freshman, Benedictine University, Lisle, **Pakistani American Community Youth Awardee**

Bing Moraras, Senior, New Trier Township High School, Winnetka, **Thai American Community Youth Awardee**; and

Anhdao Vu, Freshman, Lane Tech High School, Chicago, **Vietnamese American Community Youth Awardee**

9 p.m.

"Our Silk Road," A Unity Number by The 2007 AACC Performing Artists

Marc Rita, Director; **Kelly Uchima**, Lead Soloist

Announcement of Silent Auction Winner

Bob Bailey, International Marketing Manager, American Airlines

Assisted by **Susan Ng-Harroun**, Executive Director, Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

"Year of the Boar" Sponsor Gifts Drawing

Dominic Lai and Kevin Ma Agency, American Family Insurance

Drawn by **Dominic Lai**, Sales Agent; **Kevin Ma**, Sales Agent; and

Cesar Pinzon, Jr., State Sales Director

Assisted by **Barton Moy**, President, Chinese Mutual Aid Association

Closing Remarks by **Bernarda Wong**, President, Chinese American Service League, Inc.

Transfer of Gavel to 2008 Host Community – The Pakistani American Community

Leonard M. Louie, Chair, 2007 AACC to **Sharmeen Younus**, Chair, AACC 2008

25th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

Pamela Leeming and **Nadia M. Akhtar**, Co-Chairs

Assisted by **Irene Cualoping**, Co-Chair and Director of Communications, AACC 2007

Retiring of Colors

Chinatown American Legion Post No. 1003 Color Guard

9:45 p.m.

Adjournment