



ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS, INC.

EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF CHINESE AND ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES

January 15, 2006

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the New England Chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans!

**OCA New England's Lunar New Year Banquet and Internship Fundraiser
Saturday, February 4th 7 - 11 pm at the China Pearl
Banquet Tickets \$35 adults/\$15 for children under 12 years old**

Founded in 1973, OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. OCA aims to embrace the hopes and aspirations of nearly 12 million Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.

What better way to begin than by celebrating the New Year together! We think that we have reasonable ticket prices and hope that this will encourage you to attend. We especially encourage families with children to join us. We look forward to an evening of enjoyment with new and old friends!

As we begin to welcome in the Year of the Dog, what a better time to share some highlights with loyal friends a few OCA-NE highlights of this past year:

- In Las Vegas at the National Convention held in July, we received National recognition for First Place, Chapter of the Year for Membership.
- Happily, our OCA-NE membership has grown over this past year, thanks in part to our presence at the Dragon Boat Festival in June, the Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. August Moon Festival, and our annual chapter Halloween meeting in October.
- Our New Year's banquet last March also launched OCA-NE's special fundraiser to help in the continuing humanitarian efforts to aid Southeast Asia Tsunami relief.
- We were pleased to offer a one-time, limited edition of prints created by local artists especially for our New Year's fundraiser. These prints are Indonesian themed and are museum quality. Proceeds earmarked for Tsunami Relief were donated to Habitat for Humanity: (<http://www.habitat.org/>)

OCA-NE is committed to our goals of increasing membership and improving our ties to area API organizations. You can help OCA-NE's commitment to serve the Greater Boston area Asian and Pacific Islander community by joining our New Year celebration.

Let's relax, have some fun, and get to know each other better. In addition to a brief program outlining OCA, we'll have a DJ and dancing, and games and crafts for children: Good Food and Fun for Everyone!! At this year's banquet we will raise funds to develop and to promote a local internship program for the empowerment of Asian youth.

For more information about our programs, or to purchase tickets for the banquet, please contact: Denise Chan at ding288@hotmail.com or Ron and Jean Young at 617-484-4239. Please send checks and donations to the OCA-NE at 48 Oakley Rd, Belmont, MA 02478.

We sincerely hope that you will join us in celebrating the new Lunar Year!

With Best Regards,

Denise Chan, OCA-NE President





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