

2006 JACL/OCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Marriott Courtyard Washington Embassy Row – 1600 Rhode Island NW, Washington, DC

March 10-14, 2006

Friday, March 10th

3:00 pm

Tour of Capitol - Led by Jenny Torres, Staff Assistant

Office of Congressman Michael Honda (CA-15) Optional & by request

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Welcoming Reception for participants and speakers

OCA Office - 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, #601, Washington, DC

Saturday, March 11th

8:30 am

Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 am

Conference Introductions

Show portion of Bruce Yamashita video

10:00 – 11:00 am

History of APAs – From Railroads to the New Millennium

Phil Nash, Asian American Studies, University of Maryland

11:15 – 12:45 pm

Luncheon – Briefing on APIA Vote and the 2006 Elections

Christine Chen, Executive Director, APIA Vote

Terry Ao, Staff Attorney, Asian American Justice Center

1:00 – 2:15 pm

Asian Pacific American Issues Roundtable

Lisa Hasegawa, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development

Terry Ng, National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

Jenny Yang, Southeast Asian Resource Action Center

Hung Nguyen, National Congress of Vietnamese Americans

2:30 pm

Meet in Hotel Lobby for taxis to Kennedy Center

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Kennedy Center – Family Theater Performance

Citizen 13559: The Journal of Ben Uchida

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Reception after Performance hosted by Washington DC JACL Chapter

600 Restaurant at the Watergate (across from Kennedy Center)

6:30 – 8:30 pm

JACL DINNER

Malaysia Kopitiam

1827 M Street (on M between 18th and 19th Streets)

202-833-6232

OCA DINNER

Cafe Asia

1720 I Street NW (between 17th and 18th Streets)

202-659-2696

Sunday, March 12th

8:30 am

Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 am

Seminar on Non-profit Lobbying Rules/Grassroots Organizing and Strategy, Charity Lobbying the Public Interest

Bob Smucker and James Hudson, Program Director

10:00 – 11:00 am

Grassroots Organizing Through the Internet

Steve Geer, Center for American Progress

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

The Legislative Process and Working with the Hill

Esther Kia'aina, Office of Congressman Ed Case (D-HI)

Chris Kang, Office of Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Luncheon with Bruce Yamashita

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Political Empowerment and Involvement on the Local Level

Ben Wu – Asst. Secretary for Business Development

Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development

Martha Watanabe - Member, DC Mayor's Commission on Asian Pacific Americans

Eric Jensen – Chair, Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Visit to Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism with Warren Minami

7:00 pm

Dinner with Chiling Tong – Associate Director, Office of Leg. Educ. &

Inter-Govt. Affairs Minority Business Development Agency,

U. S. Department of Commerce

Burma Restaurant

740 6th St NW (between H & G Streets)

Phone: (202) 638-1280

Monday, March 13th

7:30 am

Breakfast

8:00 – 9:30 am

Media and Message Training

Toby Chaudhuri, Communications Director, Campaign for America's Future

9:45 – 10:30 am

White House Initiative on AAPIs

Jimmy Lee, Executive Director

10:45 – 11:45 am

Changes in the Courts – Implications for the APA Community

Mark Keam, Senate Judiciary Committee – Chief Counsel to

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)

John Yang, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

12:00 – 1:15 pm

Luncheon with Stuart Ishimaru, Commissioner, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

1:30 – 3:15 pm

Effective Coalition-building Across Communities

Michael Lieberman, Anti-Defamation League

Hilary Shelton, NAACP Washington Bureau

