

NEWSLETTER

May 2007

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month



Asian Americans Honored in May

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month honors the achievements of American ethnic groups with roots in Asia and the Pacific Islands and recognizes their contributions to the United States.

The U.S. Census Bureau lists more than 25 such groups -- Vietnamese, Chinese, Filipinos, Indian, Pakistani, Korean, Japanese, Cambodian, Laotian, Indonesian, Thai, Burmese, Malaysian, Taiwanese, Sri Lanka, Bangladeshi, and native Hawaiians, Polynesians, New Zealanders and Australians. As Americans, they contribute to the strength of the United States, help shape its future and share in its promise and opportunity.

A 1978 joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week to be observed in May, a time chosen to coincide with two important anniversaries: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a monthlong celebration.

According to 2005 U.S. Census Bureau statistics, approximately 13.5 percent of U.S. residents say they are Asian or Asian in combination with one or more other races. Hawaii is the U.S. state where Asians make up the highest proportion of the total population (58 percent) but, like most other ethnic groups, Americans with Asian or Pacific Island heritages reside throughout the United States.

http://usinfo.state.gov/scv/history_geography_and_population/population_and_diversity/asian_americans/asianpacific_american_heritage_month.html



Bush Proclamation on Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, 2007

President honors the contributions, achievements of Asian/Pacific Americans

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
April 26, 2007

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2007

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

During Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we honor the many contributions citizens of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have made to our great land.

The millions of Americans who trace their origins to nations in the Asian/Pacific region have enriched America. The entrepreneurship and innovation of Asian/Pacific Americans have strengthened our economy. Asian/Pacific Americans enrich our Nation with their strong values of love of family and community. Many Asian/Pacific Americans are serving the cause of freedom and peace around the world, and our Nation is grateful for their service. These good men and women defend our safety and contribute to the character and greatness of America.

To honor the achievements and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450, as amended, has designated the month of May each year as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 2007 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to learn more about the history of Asian/Pacific Americans and their many contributions to our Nation and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

GEORGE W. BUSH

AMERICAN CORNER SKOPJE MONTHLY PROGRAM –MAY 2007

May 02, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Conversation Club
May 04, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Round Table Discussion in Observance of World Press Freedom Day Press Freedom in Macedonia – German Filkov
May 09, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Conversation Club
May 11, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Asian-American History Quiz With high school students
May 15, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Video Showing "The Joy Luck Club" The 1993 film adaptation of Amy Tan's bestselling novel is both a delight and a moving experience, an anthology of stories wrapped in one Chinese-American woman's journey to understand her roots.
May 16, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Conversation Club
May 18, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Story Hour
May 22, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Lecture in Observance of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month By Mei-Ling Liu, Fulbright Scholar in Macedonia
May 23, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Conversation Club
May 29, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Memorial Day Quiz With high school students
May 30, 2007 <i>at 18:00 o'clock</i>	Conversation Club



Web chats allow foreign audiences to interact with American citizens on wide range of topics using a chat tool over the Internet.

Upcoming Web Chats in May

Democracy Dialogues: What Makes a Free Press?

Why is America Such a Hard Sell?

Democracy Dialogues: Attacks on Bloggers and Cyber-Dissidents

Strengthening Partnerships For Food Security:
Ambassador Gaddi Vasquez in Guatemala and Honduras

Belgium and the Marshall Plan
Can Cities and Communities Be Environmentally Friendly
and Profitable?

Democracy Dialogues: Threats to Journalists and Media
Professionals

Does the Marshall Plan Still Matter After 60 Years?

Ask the American Corner Staff for further details on
how to participate.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL 2007 PROGRAMS

The Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was observed at the American Corner Skopje with a lecture by our the visiting Fulbright Scholar and dear friend of the American Corner, Mei Ling-Liu. The lecture dealt with the stereotypes of Asian people found in the American society, both positive and negative. It was a first hand experience from a native Chinese who has been living in the USA for most of her life. The lecture was observed by 11 people and was an interesting and very resourceful insight of the life of Asian Americans through very thorough statistical information as well as interesting stories.


