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Current and upcoming events:

- The new Congress opens with Ted Lieu (CA) and Mark Takai (HI) joins the ranks of CAPAC
- Attend the White House Summit on May 12—space limited
- Annual Picnic in July—watch for announcement to be on the website soon

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FAPAC News

WASHINGTON—Congratulations to the new and returning members of Congress and AAPI welcomes the addition of Ted Lieu and Mark Takai to the lineup. FAPAC joined the DC AAPI community in a reception for all the new and returning members at China Garden Restaurant. We look forward to hearing from them in future FAPAC conferences.

AAPI are also gaining seats across the country including the first Asian Delegate, Dr. Clarence Lam, from Howard County, MD and the first Asian American Senate joining the State Senate in Maryland. Christine Chen, Executive Director of APIAVote, emphasized the increasing importance of the AAPI vote in close elections and that her organization is doubling its effort to spread the word and get our communities to the poll.

FAPAC has been doing its part to increase the awareness of our community to the need to communicate with their representatives at the federal and local level. Only by communication can AAPI expect a place at the table. To do that we have to be more knowledgeable of the key issues. FAPAC is planning to conduct another Congressional Seminar with the help of Congresswoman Judy Chu, Chair of CAPAC, so we can hear from members of Congress and their staff. This will be in addition to the Leadership Workshops that have been so popular.

President Grace Spence appointed a group to plan the annual picnic. Check our web-site for updates.



FAPAC Celebrates Lunar New Year—Year of the Goat

On January 24 FAPAC invited members and guests to mix and enjoy fabulous Vietnamese food at the Eden Center. A great crowd showed up for the food and friendship. Through networking at these and other events during the holiday season FAPAC seeks new partners and supporters. Recognition was also given to volunteers working in the mentoring program and the Challenge Team project.

Through its Business Advisory Partnership FAPAC also participated in a holiday event on February 7 with community leaders from AAGEN, OCADC, ASCEND. Thanks to the effort of the Acting Vice Chair, Elizabeth El-Natta, who not only helped Sam Mok, Chair BAP, to organized the event but also donated her favorite wine for the dinner. She has also signed up some new members for BAP which will broaden the base and reach for FAPAC to partner with the AAPI community in advancing our mission of developing future leaders in the federal government.

To maintain the growing pains FAPAC is in the midst of revitalizing the inactive chapters and encouraging new members to form new chapters in Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles and San Francisco. At many of these key city centers there are critical mass but need a closer. Only through strong chapters can FAPAC bring its programs and services to more members. Our lifetime membership is over 160 and we need the lifetime members to step up.





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FAPAC is the only organization representing all AAPI in the federal government no matter what your grade is or whether you are in uniform or a civilian.

FAPAC Sponsors and Partners



FAPAC Conference Team 2015

It takes a village. Many men and women volunteered to make the Annual Training Program possible each year. Some them are pictured here. Consider volunteering if you have not done so. If you are new consider asking for a mentor to help you to know the process.

Planning the National Training Program each year takes a great effort. It is a complex process involving several components;

- ◆ Choosing the venue and signing a contract
- ◆ Set a theme and implement a program
- ◆ Invitation of keynote speakers and panels for the plenary sessions in areas of interest
- ◆ Seek effective trainers for the various workshops without breaking the bank

Increase Resources/Visibility

President Grace Spence has signaled that increasing resources and visibility to be a key priority and has encouraged all Board Members to reach out to agencies and network to accomplish the objective. Contributions can take a number of forms;

- ◆ Financial support or in-kind contributions (use of space for training and technical support like Adobe Connect)
- ◆ Increase visibility of FAPAC and programs
- ◆ Provide speakers and trainers at no cost to FAPAC
- ◆ Participate in planning
- ◆ Support student participation
- ◆ Organize events to attract millennials and Pacific Islanders

