

EDI and Asian Pacific Alliance 2010 Leadership Community a success

by Julie Pham, PhD

On Saturday, August 21, 2010, approximately 350 people came to the 2010 Leadership Community Picnic, held at Lake Boren Park, Newcastle.

EDI led the Asian Pacific Alliance, comprised of ten organizations that serve Asian Americans in the Greater Seattle area, in planning for the picnic. The 20-member committee began planning for this year's picnic back in January. Over fifty volunteers helped set up games, including dodgeball and volleyball, man information booths, and pass out lunches. Picnickers enjoyed gourmet Vietnamese-style sandwiches from Baguette Box and desert from Monsoon Restaurant.

"The planning team greatly appreciates the financial sponsorship of Microsoft, Prudential, T-Mobile, and Puget Sound Energy. They helped make this community event possible. I also am honored to have worked with representatives from our Asian Pacific Alliance partners. It's been a lot of fun working with this group for months, and Saturday's event would not have been possible without their energy and passion for leadership," said Ador Yano, EDI board member and EDI alumus 2004, and the Co-Chair of the Leadership Community Picnic planning committee.

"This has been the best APA picnic in my recent memory. My hat is going off to the leaders and all volunteers involved," said Jiin-chiang Chen, who represented [Boeing Asian-American Professional Association \(BAAPA\)](#) on the picnic planning committee.

Washington State Senator 41st District Randy Gordon and King County Assessor Lloyd Hara were also at the picnic.

Members of the planning committee include:

Asian Counseling and Referral Service: Narita Ghuman

Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation: Wina Wichienwidhtaya

Representing both Boeing Asian-American Professional Association - Puget Sound North and Chinese Institute of



Brandon Bruan, left, and Jason Lunasin, who was co-chair of the Activities committee for the picnic, from the Emerging Filipino Leaders. Another member, Vanessa Diego, was co-chair of the Food committee. Photo by Don Pham



Over a dozen groups that serve Asian Americans and private companies also had booths at the picnic. Major sponsors were Microsoft, Prudential, Puget Sound Energy, and T-Mobile. Photo by Don Pham - Northwest Vietnamese News



Watermelon Eating Contest. Photo by Don Pham-Northwest Vietnamese News

Engineers - USA/Seattle: Jiin-Chiang Chen

Emerging Filipino Leaders: Jason Lunasin

Executive Development Institute: Marci Nakano, Wai Yin Ho, Darryl Hue, John Tang, Jenny Bradbury and Elaine Kitamura

Hong Kong Association of Washington: Andy Yip

International Community

Health Services Foundation: Maxine Chan

Microsoft Asian Employee Resource Group: Aatif Awan, Devesh Rathore, Nabia Mahmood

National Association of Asian American Professionals - Seattle: Tanantha Couillard, David Eam, Julie Pham

Organization of Chinese Americans: Vanessa Diego □

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- ⊕ **Sept. 4, 6 pm** – Filipino American Physicians of WA 10th INDUCTION BALL, Double Tree Inn Suites, Seattle. Remi Gallevo 253 508 9594 or Dr. Marilyn Nayan 253 709 1627.
- ⊕ **Sept. 9, 6 pm** – PREMIERE NIGHT of “*Ang Pinagpala*” and “*Hikbi Sa Dilim*”, Landmark Metro Cinema, Seattle. Jo Jucal 425 945 6234.
- ⊕ **Sept. 19, Sunday, 1 to 3 pm** - Cagayan Valley Association General Membership Meeting. Angie Miltun 206 285 4249 or Dr. Marissa Bender 425 220 5997.
- ⊕ **Sept. 25, Every 4th Saturday, 9 – 11:30 am** – Filipino Chamber of Commerce MONTHLY MEETING. Alicia Gilson 425 241 6411 or Dori Fajardo 206 229 6350.
- ⊕ **Sept. 27, Every 4th Monday, 5:30-8:30 pm** - UGNAYAN monthly meeting. Filipino Community Center, Seattle. Elizabeth Rogge at elizrogge@gmail.com or Esther Simpson 206 277 1145 osiris_47@verizon.net.
- ⊕ **Oct. 2, 5:30 pm to 12 midnight** – Cagayan Valley Association BENEFIT DINNER DANCE at Tacoma La Quinta Inn. Dr. Marissa Bender 425 778 5665/ marissadmd@yahoo.com, Angie Miltun 206 832 3206/ angelam@emeraldncw.com, or Marie Alon Gemmell 253 988 1841.
- ⊕ **Oct. 9, 4 pm to 12 midnight** - 1ST FILIPINO AMERICAN TAGUMPAY AWARDS at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center. Hosted by Pinoy Reporter and sponsored by various area businesses and FilAm professional and community organizations. Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker: Former White House Physician and Author Dr. Connie Mariano. Jennifer Paz, Tina Lombard Harris, Timmy Pavino, Filharmony, special guests. Tita Ganda and Maria Arcega-Dunn, emcees. Violet Aesquivel 425 687 8478 / violet.pinoyreporter@gmail.com or Rolly Polintan 206 405 0064.
- ⊕ **Oct. 29, 6 pm** – ANNUAL FUND RAISING COMEDY-DANCE NIGHT presented by the Filipino Domestic Violence Education Committee-FCS at the Filipino Community Center, Seattle.
- ⊕ **Oct. 30, 5:30 pm** – The Filipino Chamber of Commerce 2nd INSTALLATION BANQUET, Holiday Inn at SeaTac. Lea Nelson 206 713 8999 or Dori Fajardo 206 229 6350.

An advertisement for an event by IDIC (International Diverse Center). The text reads: "YOU ARE INVITED! Over the Rainbow An Evening of Caring & Sharing Gala Night & Silent Auction 7:00 PM / Friday October 29, 2010 The Westin Bellevue Hotel 400 NE Bellevue Way, Bellevue, WA 98004 For tickets please call: Marivic Rigor 206-587-3735 | Ed Campos 206-587-3735 | Bobby Abutin 206-228-6456 \$90". The background features a rainbow over a cityscape.

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soldiers, will grace the occasion.

A short film that is presently under production by the IDIC will help tell the story about the Center on Beacon Hill in South Seattle and what role it plays in the lives of hundreds of community folks who go there everyday to avail of funded programs or to simply enjoy the company of peer groups. Aside from standard case management, referrals and counseling services, IDIC offers fitness sessions, indoor games, cable TV, coffee and

snacks, nutrition and food bank programs, and anti-depression counseling programs to a clientele that is 99% minority.

With a substantial grant from a noted foundation, IDIC produces a weekly outreach and information-education, variety 90-minute radio program that is popularly followed by a large segment of the local community. Filipino-American Radio for the past year has been setting standards of broadcast journalism that is anchored on social services, social

and cultural issues and interaction that other minority ethnic communities are set to duplicate. The novel, precedent-setting program of IDIC airs live every Sunday from 12 noon till 1:30 PM over KLFE-AM 1590 with studios in the heart of the Emerald City.

A program-driven organization, IDIC is funded mainly by public and private donors, local government and charitable institutions. The Center on Beacon Hill offers varied services for older adults, first-generation im-

migrant families, youths-at-risk, WW II veterans and their widows, and conducts food bank and nutrition programs. For the past ten years, IDIC programs have been funded and supported by the City of Seattle Aging & Disabled Services (ADS), the City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD), Mayor's Office - Title V Job Training Program, Seattle Foundation, United Way of King County, Non-profit Assistance Center (NAC), Muckle-shoot Tribe Foundation, Pacific

Asian Empowerment Program (PAEP), and the Beacon United Methodist Church (BUMC) to name a few.

A ticket for the IDIC "Over the Rainbow" fund-raising event on October 29 is priced at \$90 and proceeds will help support the center's expanding programs. Because of a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking assistance from the center and the addition of programs and staff, there are plans afoot to study potential sites where IDIC can eventually move to. □