

2015: MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR



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Spotlight on Columbus, IN

Columbus, IN is often called "The Athens of the Midwest". This is because of its unique concentration of buildings and public art that have been designed by world-renowned architects. How did this Indiana city of about 44,000 residents achieve this remarkable status? The answer is that Columbus is home to Cummins Engine who has helped endow the community with a fund created so that whenever a public structure is to be built, there are resources to engage the talents of world-class architects.

The spring primary election witnessed a stunning defeat of the incumbent Republican Mayor, Kristen Brown. Mayor Brown will have served just one term after her landslide election four years ago. She succeeded four term Mayor Fred Armstrong, a Democrat, who retired. Apparently, for whatever reasons, Mayor Brown just never really clicked with the community and there was an overwhelming effort by her fellow Republicans to replace her. Councilman Jim Lienhoop won over Mayor Brown by a nearly 2-1 margin. There was no Democrat running and perhaps many Democrats joined by voting in the Republican primary for Lienhoop. Even former Mayor Armstrong endorsed Lienhoop.

About Jim Lienhoop:

Lienhoop joined the Columbus City Council six years ago initially to fill a vacated seat then was elected to a full term four years ago. He is a certified public accountant by trade. He promises a more collaborative approach if he becomes Mayor and to work aggressively on economic development for Columbus.

Will Jim Lienhoop be Columbus' next Mayor? The Democrats have until June 30 to slate a candidate. If not, he'll be Mayor Jim Lienhoop come next January 1.

More information about Jim Lienhoop and his campaign can be found at: www.jimforcolumbusmayor.com

2015: 市选举年 聚焦印第安纳州哥伦布市

印州的哥伦布市被称为“中西部的雅典”。这是因为其出自世界一流设计师手下的独特建筑和公共艺术。这个仅有44000人口的小城市是如何做到的？答案是，哥伦布市是康明斯公司的全球总部所在地，康明斯一直关注社区的发展，不惜重金聘请世界级建筑师或其他优秀人才建设公共设施。

春季的初选见证了新任共和党市长Christen Brown的大幅度落败，这只是她的第一届而已。她的前任是市长Fred Armstrong，一名民主党人士，已退休。显然，不管什么原因，Brown市长从来没有赢得民众的欢心，她的同僚也呼声很高的说要取代她。会议员Jim Lienhoop以2比1的比率战胜了对手。民主党没有代表参选，但似乎民主党也加入了共和党的队伍一起为Jim Lienhoop呐喊。甚至前市长Armstrong也力挺Lienhoop。

关于Jim Lienhoop
Lienhoop六年前加入了哥伦布市议会，最初是填补空出的职位，但随后被选举为了全职，任职4年。他是一名认证的贸易会计师。他承诺，如果自己成了市长后，会有一个更具协作性的方法来积极发展哥伦布的经济。他会成为下一个市长吗？如果民主党人6月30日前推选不出候选人，那他明年1月将成为市长了。关注他和竞选信息，请登录竞选网站：www.jimforcolumbusmayor.com



Jim Lienhoop

AAAI HOSTED 8th ANNUAL ASIAN FEST



IACA Cultural booth features Chinese calligraphy

Asian American Alliance, Inc. presented the 8th Annual Asian Fest on Saturday, June 20th at the Indiana State Museum in downtown Indianapolis. Instead of flying 18 hours to travel to Asia, Central Indiana residents experienced the many dimensions of Asia in

their own backyard. The festival highlighted the rich cultural heritage of Asia that can be found in Central Indiana. This year's featured country is INDIA. The free, family friendly event brings the sights, sounds, and tastes of all the different cultures of Asia in one festival market place. It is truly a showcase of what makes Central Indiana an ethnically vibrant and interesting place to live.

Festival Highlights:

- Entertaining cultural performances
- Asian-themed games and activities
- Food from local Asian restaurants
- Asian merchandise vendors

Cultural activities include Tai Chi and Yoga demonstrations, Japanese Origami, Calligraphy, Chopstick decoration, Henna and more. Performances include various styles of Indian dance - everything from the classic Kathak to Indian folk dance, Bollywood and classical Indian fusion dance; Chinese orchestra, Philippine dance performances, Chinese songs and dances.

Indiana First Lady Completes China Cultural Exchange

First Lady Karen Pence completed a book and music exchange today between The Indianapolis Public Library and the Hangzhou Public Library, which is located in Zhejiang Province, Indiana's sister state.

"It was an honor and a pleasure to visit the beautiful Hangzhou Public Library. Especially endearing to me on this visit was the opportunity to continue the cultural relationship Indianapolis enjoys with our Sister City, Hangzhou. Hangzhou is also the capital of Indiana's sister state, Zhejiang Province. This relationship has been cultivated by Jackie Nytes, CEO, Indianapolis Public Library, and Mr. Chu, Director of the Hangzhou Public Library," said First Lady Karen Pence. "It gives me great pride to present to Jackie today on behalf of Mr. Chu the collection of books entitled, The West Lake Literature Anthology. This collection is comprised of local annals, operas and novels that feature West Lake, the beautiful area that surrounds Hangzhou."

During the Governor's trade mission last month to China, Mrs. Pence presented Hangzhou Public Library's director, Mr. Chu Shuqing, with music recordings of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's performance of Nico Muhly Cello Concerto as well as a book entitled "Hoosiers, A New History of Indiana" by James H. Madison. In exchange, the Hangzhou Public Library gave her a collection of books about Hangzhou's West Lake as well as an engraved stone seal, which she presented today to Jackie Nytes, chief executive officer of The Indianapolis Public Library.

"We give tremendous credit to Mrs. Pence for strengthening our Library's sister-city relationship with the Hangzhou Public Library and for furthering our ongoing exchange of cultural programs and materials that benefit the citizens of each city," said Jackie Nytes, chief executive officer of The Indianapolis Public Library.
Source: Governor's office

IACA TELAMON SCHOLARSHIP

The purposes of the scholarship are:

- To initiate and provide an opportunity to nurture young Chinese-Americans to become leaders in promoting Chinese heritage as well as valuable US citizens
- To engage Indiana students who are interested in China and in Chinese American culture

Awards:

- High school applicants will have the opportunity to win a scholarship of up to \$500
- Middle school applicants will have an opportunity to win a scholarship up to \$200

Deadline:

- All application material must be Email date stamped or postmarked by July 22, 2015.

Award information:

- Winners will be announced by August 2, 2015. The committee is planning to award the scholarships and prizes at a special awards ceremony on August 16, 2015. Details will follow.

Application form can download from www.indyaat.org.

For more information about the scholarship or application form, please contact

Eileen Tsai at 510-290-7666

LAND THAT I LOVE

"A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle and patriotism is loyalty to that principle." ~George William Curtis



July 4th is the holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. The colonies proclaimed independence from Great Britain with the establishment of the United States of America. The Fourth of July is, in fact, the national day of this country.

I was born and raised in Hong Kong. After the military defeat of China by the British Empire in the first Opium war (1839-42), Britain coerced the Chinese government into signing the Treaty of Nanking on August 29, 1842, which encompassed the cession of Hong Kong to Britain. Thus, Hong Kong became a British Colony; we are Chinese yet British subjects. While in the land of my birth, I felt that seemingly I did not have a country of my own.

As an aspiring young man, I came to the United States to pursue higher education and chase the American dream in the 60s. After receiving college and medical education as well as internship training, I conducted a general practice in Michigan; I also served as a deputy medical examiner for the county. I encountered an immigration problem; my visa was going to expire. Some of my patients went door to door to secure signatures for the petition of retaining me in the United States. The State Representative of our district and the township government also sent a petition to the U.S. Senator and the U.S. Congressman. In addition, the county Chief of Public Health wrote a compelling letter to them, stating that my medical service was an asset to the county. The senator was informed by the Immigration Service that I, being a physician, could obtain a special immigration status; he assisted me in applying for a permanent residency. I have been a naturalized U.S. citizen for the past three decades.

Indubitably, I am profoundly grateful to all those individuals, mostly strangers, who altruistically came to assist me during my plight. I am forever indebted to them, the fellow Americans. Had I been in any other nation facing the same issue, I might not have received this remarkable act of kindness. 各家自掃門前雪，不管他人瓦上霜。

A few years had elapsed, after finding a replacement physician; I performed a residency and a fellowship in diagnostic radiology. Eventually I served as chief



Dr. Patrick Lau was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to the U.S. after high school. He retired from the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System where he served as Chief Radiologist and moved to Florida with his wife in 2011. He was an active member & contributor of IACA and ICMA while in Indiana. Dr. Lau is also a scholar of art and literature and a prolific writer, he has been a dedicated columnist for Indy Asian American Times since 2010.

radiologist VA Northern Indiana Health Care System until my retirement. Dedication, strong work ethic and compassion qualified me as the recipient of several awards from the Department of Veterans Affairs (twice VA Secretary's Hands and Heart award), Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Mount Sinai Medical Center, Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, among others.

I married a beautiful, intelligent, loving, and caring American lady, who is asuperlative wife and mother. Together, we raised a wonderful family. I have assimilated into the American society yet cherishing my Chinese culture and traditions. I humbly feel a sense of pride to acknowledge that I have successfully achieved my goal that I originally set before departing my home town, and setting foot on this land of opportunity.

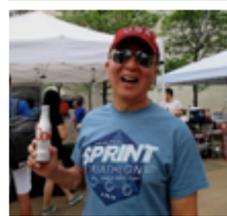
At present, I have been leisurely spending the sunset years with my beloved wife in the Sunshine State. We indulge in cherishing those happy memories of our past and relishing the nostalgic moments. Holding hands, we grow old together 執子之手，與子偕老. I steadfastly believe that I do belong here where my American dream, once seemingly impossible, has been fulfilled. And at long last, I have a country that I can call my country. 吾國吾土

Though I am extremely proud of my Chinese heritage, I am equally proud to be an American. In his inaugural address, President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." I feel honored to have served the government of the United States of America for two decades, dedicatedly taking care of our veterans who served their country with great honor; they fought wars so that we can enjoy peace.

From the song, God Bless America by Irving Berlin: "...God Bless America, Land that I love... God bless America, my home sweet home."

Happy Fourth of July!

SENIOR WON FIRST PLACE IN TRIATHLON



68 year old Benny Ko came in FIRST in his age group

Not only I grabbed the first place finish in my age group but I was also the oldest competitor in a field of over three hundred. In between those years, I have done perhaps a dozen or so triathlons, the longest were couple Olympic distance ones while the majority were Sprint triathlons. My performance, unlike my age, is never distinguished. However, the joy of being out there and hopefully, the health benefits of staying fit, go beyond victory that rarely came and soon forgotten. It is to share such pleasure that prompts me to write this introduction to the sport.

By definition, a triathlon is simply a sporting event that consists three stages of competition, the swim, the biking and the run. Beyond that, differently labeled triathlons are distinguished only by the distance of their stages. The best known of all triathlons of course is the Iron Man Triathlon, a grueling event that includes a 2.4 miles swim, a 112 miles biking and finally, a full marathon run at 26.2 miles. The "Olympic" distance triathlon is roughly a quarter-size version of an Iron Man race and has been a popular Olympic event since introduction at the 2000 Sydney

Olympics. Finally, there is the Sprint Triathlon which is in essence, a short distance race.

So what distinguishes the triathlon from each of its component sports? Well, I know runners that could run circles around me but would not get wet other than to take a shower. Similarly, some swimmers may out-swim the mermaids but reluctant to jog from the house to the mailbox. As human beings, we all have "zones" that we are uncomfortable with, feel intimidated by, or worse, fear of. In triathlon, you take on all challenges that come your way, no pick and no choose. Develop that mentality and it shall carry us a long way in life, not just in sports either. In triathlon, the fact that different muscles are used, joints undergo a wide range of motions, balance being equally important as strength and stamina, together they make one an all-round athlete. A triathlete is actually less prone to injury exactly because of less repetitive injury as seen in a mono-event sport.

To start is even easier than to talk. Very few of us have never run in life, not gotten into a swimming pool or not ridden a bicycle. If you have but stopped, simply pick up again where you left off. Join a fitness club that has a pool and let the training staff know what your goal is. Any club deserved of your membership fee should be able to help you realize that goal. Some clubs may have what is known as an indoor triathlon, super-short distance events commonly staged in the winter months. It is a good place to get hooked. By the time you are ready for a real triathlon, remember always to wear a biking helmet, get a pair of good running shoes and to remember, if fish can swim all day and not drowned, so can you.

Just remember, triathlon and anything else, it is never too old to do and never too late start.

The 2015 IACA-FCC/IFACE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL PICNIC by Benny Ko

First, an introduction would be in order as there are two organizations that put this picnic together. Between them they are represented by twelve letters, more than a spoonful if such letters are to come from a can of alphabet soup.

IACA stand for Indiana Association of Chinese Americans.

FCC stand for Families with Chinese Children, an organization that shall no longer be active. In its wake, IFACE stand for Indiana Families for Adoption and Community Education, a new organization formed from an amalgamation of several smaller organizations, of which FCC is one.

IACA and FCC have collaborated in past Dragon Boat Festival picnics for about 15 years (who's counting while the good time rolls, right?). This year, the turn-out was average for the event but the occasion was anything but average. First, a thunderstorm had been predicted. What greeted us instead was a fresh breeze from the Eagle Creek Reservoir and a just-right overcast that shielded us from an otherwise oppressive summer sun. The weather was so fair that I suggested not to be bothered with putting up the tents but thank goodness wiser heads than mine prevailed as the sun did periodically poke its head out to grace the party.

Then, the different dishes each family contributes are exceptionally delicious this year, all the way from Chinese sticky rice-wraps (jiong-ji) made by Jane Berman, various kinds of salad, pasta and dessert by others. These are complemented by hamburgers and hot-dogs prepared by none other than the master grill master, Stan Jacobs himself.

Finally, this year's picnic was made exceptional by the happy faces of many new comers, most are members of the new organization IFACE. These are families with adopted children from all over the world and not just from China. The way I look at it, a child's smile is not a Chinese smile, nor a Caucasian smile or any other smile, it is an angel's smile. The two organizations, IACA and IFACE have decided on the spot that the annual celebration will continue, or as they say, the show must go on.

For any readers that regret missing the picnic/party this year, no worries. Be sure to join us next year. The Indiana Association of Chinese Americans is an organization with opened membership to all with an interest in things Chinese, may it be culture, language, history, food or friendship. We have similar celebrations of various Chinese festivities throughout the calendar year, not to mention our volunteering service commitment to the Indianapolis community. Membership application can be obtained if you send us a self-stamped and addressed envelope to:

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