

# Looking back on the past 6 years

**Hyun Sook Han, President of KAAM** For the past 6 years, as the president of KAAM, I have put much time, passion, love, effort, and prayers into this organization. A new president has not yet been selected so I wrote this article during one of my many sleepless nights.

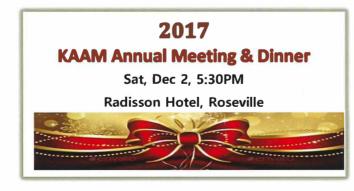
As I look back, I realize the majority of my life I have been "a president" as during my student years in elementary, middle, high school, and college I was president of the student council. However for 30 years I worked as an adoption social worker as my first job in America, and now as I turn 80 years old, have completed the circle by being president once again. I am not comfortable when people ask "Are you still working this job?" every year.

Some of the moments I found most gratifying during my years of presidency, include when Korean elders would give me wrinkled up bills from their pockets to donate to KAAM, in wishes to support and help the growth of Korean life in Minnesota. I will never forget the many volunteers who gave their time to make the Festival of Nations a success, nor will I forget the long lines of various people of different backgrounds to eat Korean food. I will never forget our Korean Liberation Day celebration when in unison we yelled our three cheers, nor the drawings and essays children wrote exemplifying Korean patriotism and nationalism.

I am so thankful for our board members who even though they are younger than my children, have always put in hard work. Most importantly, I am thankful for my friends/ supporters who are always happy to help KAAM's events.

Last June, when we first bought our KAAM building, a building slightly bigger than my townhome, the emotions and happiness I felt will always be remembered. Even if one were to be the President of KAAM for only two years, the amount of touching moments, love, and rewards that are experienced under this job are so worth it. To each and every person who has

supported me and KAAM, I am so sincerely thankful and wish many blessings to you all.



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# **KAAM Events**

# **Festival Of Nations**

From May 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, the Festival of Nations was held at the St. Paul River Center. KAAM has participated in this event for 41 years on behalf of Korea. Festival of Nations is a well known multi-cultural celebration in Midwest region which we can spread Korean food and culture to other ethnic groups. This event also strengthened the solidarity of the Korean community through the collaboration of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of Korean as well as Korean adoptees.

In exhibit booth on second floor, Korean traditional table settings for celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> day after the baby's birth and baby's first birthday were shown based on this years theme "Ceremonies and Rituals". In café, many people liked bibimbab, japchae, mandu, vegetable pancakes and kimchi. We are very grateful for all the volunteers from several related churches and local organizations.

# **Korean Annual Athletic Event**

The Korean annual athletic event was held at Coon Rapid Soccer Complex on Sat. Sep 16<sup>th</sup>. This year 5 team joined in soccer, volleyball, dodgeball and footvollball and there were special events for children too. With lots of cheers Korean community could have a meaningful time to make a harmony.

- Overall winner : Korean Presbyterian Church
- Runner up : Church of St. Andrew Kim
- MVP : Young-in Cho

# The Consular Service

For the convenience of Korean residents living in Minnesota, the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago comes to Minnesota twice a year. This year they came on May 20<sup>th</sup> and Oct 28<sup>th</sup> to reissue and renew passports, and register new births. Next year they will also come and because we are also expecting people from nearby states to take advantage of this, please take note of the date (will be on a Friday starting next year) as it is first come, first served.

- Please register or recommend candidates for 2018 president of KAAM. (651-440-9192 / contact@mnkorea.org)
- 2. We are looking for **Hanbok** (Korean traditional cloth) to use in KAAM events. Also You can borrow a Hanbok from KAAM.
- 3. Please **use KAAM center** for groups, families or social gathering events.







# Korean Language School – Principal Ham Young Hoon



For the past spring semester, there were four different level classes and an adult class in the Korean Language School. Currently, there are still 5 classes with 30 students. All the students are very bright and spend lots of time and effort to learn the Korean language. Parents have always supported the school and the teachers have given their best efforts to teach the language and culture of Korea. The Korean language school also held a bazaar event to raise funds to purchase audio-visual aids on April 9<sup>th</sup>. With the funds raised, the school purchased 5 audio-visual aids and they were installed in the classrooms.

# Korean History/Culture Camp & Parents Workshop

On Aug 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, the Korean History/Culture Camp was held in the KAAM center with 18 students, 7 teachers, and 4 volunteers. In this 2-day program, students raised their pride as Koreans and cultivated self identity by experiential learning, Korean traditional games, and craft. It was a precious time to experience Korean traditional art and creative activities.



On Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, there was a parents workshop for Korean parents in Minnesota. 21 parents and 3 lecturers discussed the theory and practice of Korean parent education, the phenomenon and prevention of bullying, sex education, conversation technique, and leadership. It was a useful workshop to share the direction and role of parenting centered on actual cases.



# KAAM Next Youth Camp

The KAAM Next Youth Camp was held on Monday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> for about 50 Korean youth, college students and parents. This event, hosted by KAAM and sponsored by the Minnesota minister council, was started with the intention to provide a helpful program to Minnesota Korean youth.

In the morning we spent time learning about Korean traditional instruments, dance and play. After lunch, KAvoice of Chicago

presented their success story about conducting a variety of projects for Korean American voters' rights. We also shared information about the college financial aid application(FAFSA), volunteer work, internship and rejuvenation. There was a lecture on bullying too.





# Celerbration of 8.15 Liberation Day

The celebration of Liberation Day was held on Friday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Church of All Nations. To remember the meaning of Liberation Day and celebrate the Korean identity, more than 100 people from Minnesota and neighboring states attended the event.

Bibimbap was served by volunteers before the offcial event. The ceremony started off with the pledge of allegiance followed by the singing of the national anthem. There was also a period of silence to honor the veterans who served and died for our country. John Choi (Ramsey County Attoney General) delivered the main speech and the principal Ham Young Hoon from our Korean language school explained the importance and history of Liberation



Day. Then three cheers were proposed. There was also a song performance by Junyo Park and the essay/drawing winners were awarded. Lastly everyone held hands and sang a song about the unification of Korea. Thank you to the volunteers, speakers, performers and all the attendants especially those who came with their children.

# **KAAM Center Library**

The KAAM library has a variety of books that range in genres and topics. There are approximately 2,000 books for both children and adults. Feel free to visit, browse, and borrow some books.

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#### <8.15 Liberation Day Essay/Drawing Award Winner>

# 1<sup>st</sup> place : Hawon Park 6<sup>th</sup> grade essay&drawing

Nowadays I can call my country 'The republic of Korea' but 60 years ago we couldn't.

Japan had colonized Korea so Korea had a very hard time. Ahn Jung-Geun assassinated Ito Hirobumi, Yoon Bong-Gil blew up a lunch box bomb, and a poet Yoon Dong-Joo wrote about how much Japan had harassed Korea. Finally with the end of World War II, Korea was liberated. After that, my country was renamed 'the Republic of Korea'. I think we should love the name of 'the republic of Korea' because so many people worked hard to create it.









3<sup>rd</sup> place: Angie Tupan 4<sup>th</sup> grade

# **AK Connection**

AK Connection is an organization supporting adult Korean Adoptees and their families. This organization is run by volunteers to support Korean adoptee communities in helping them learn more about Korean culture. Supported by donors, various cultural and social events are held. KAAM and Minnesota Korean community hope to be a link for Korea and Korean culture that adoption groups cannot easily reach. www.akconnection.com

# **3rd Admirable Mother Award**

This award was established to honor the life of Mrs. Kyong-ja Lee (1915-2005) and the other single mothers who follow in her footsteps. Mrs. Lee became a widow with four children (age 11, 9, 4 and 2) at age 34 during the Korean War in 1950. She had to overcome indescribable hardships in order to raise her children. She dedicated her whole life to raising them. As a result, all of them graduated from college and became contributing members to society

1. Qualifications : Korean-Americans (Citizen or Permanent resident) who live

in Minnesota who have supported and raised their children

- to enroll and/or graduate from college.
- 2. Award Amount : \$1,000
- 3. Recommendation due date : 11/15/2017
- 4. Contact : KAAM 651-440-9192 / contact@mnkorea.org



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# **Korean Community News**

# Korean Service Center – Korean Traditional Music Performance [Arirang]

The Korean Service center prepared a joint performance with the Jang-mi Korean dance team, the Shibaram samulnori team and the Minnesota woman's chorus to introduce and teach beautiful Korean traditional music to juniors. In Minnesota, this might have been the first time to see Korean traditional dance, samulnori and Korean folk songs in one place. Please let people know around you and have fun with your family and friends.

- Date : November 18<sup>th</sup> , 3pm
- Place : Roseville Area High School -1240 County Road B2 W, Roseville, MN 55113
- Ticket : \$10, Under 12 is free

## **Korean War Veterans Appreciation Picnic**

#### - William Weber, former colonel

The 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War Veterans' appreciation picnic, prepared by Dr, Kim Byung-moon, was held on Saturday Sep. 9<sup>th</sup>, and 400 veterans and their families participated in the event.

In particular, this year's speaker William Weber colonel fought in the Battle of Incheon and was wounded in the Battle of Wonju, loosing one arm and leg. The six-year

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# Daniel Ahn, the President of Midwest Korean Association

Ahn Dae-sik, the 45<sup>th</sup> president of the Korean American

Association of MN, took office on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 as the 14<sup>th</sup> president of the Korean Association of the Midwest (13 states). As a president of the Korean Association of Midwest, he said he would take the lead in strengthening



and revitalizing the local Korean society and solidifying the Korean community.

## **KAWA Annual Holiday Party**

KAWA's year-end meeting is on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please attend to the meeting if you are interested.

- Date : Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM
- Place : Embassy Suites, Bloomington
- Ticket : \$40
- Contact : Mihee Choi 952-240-5288

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- 분식점(Korean Café)
  -훌륭한 한식 점심&저녁식사
  -음식 주문(Catering)
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