

KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

## It's Time for the Greater Korean American Community

"Even before the trees change their red and yellow dress, the first snow has already come. Looking at the knarled trees no longer full of autumn leaves but barren, this is yet another side of our lives."

The first phrase of this lovely letter from my younger friend touches me deeply. At the age of 73, I was forced to take the helm of Korean American Association of Minnesota. It has already been seven years, and the eighth year is just about to start. I feel the regret of the autumn leaves. President HyunSook Han



I feel sorrow when I see the drop in membership every year. If only we could add 250-300 families, this would lead to a better Korean American community. The importance of this is not membership dues, but the "enthusiasm of participation" that leads to a stronger community. This year is the first year of the Korean Senior Group. Youth programs have also started. We also have a VOICE(Voter Organizing Initiative & Community Empowerment) project, programs for children, and the Korean language school. We strongly need your attendance and cooperation in order to maintain and develop these new programs. We have to gather our strengths and our voices to build up a larger community.

I am very grateful to KAAM board members. Also, I would like to thank the church members, Korean grocery stores, and Korean restaurants who have been working hard to promote KAAM's programs and events. My friends who always support and help me, just because, I really love you and thank you.

My hope for the future is that through our mission we will awaken the Korean American community's passion and for our community to become a part of the American mainstream society.

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- The KAAM Center has hanboks for children and adult. If you have a need, please contact KAAM.
- The KAAM Center is available for private/group meetings and events.
- Please visit the KAAM website www.mnkorea.org for more news, events, and announcements.

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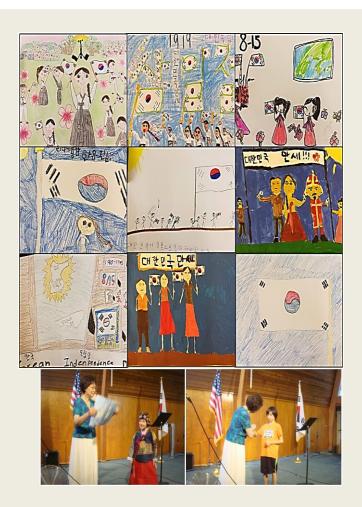
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## 2018 Essay/Drawing Contest Award Ceremony

The Essay/Drawing contest award ceremony was held on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Ceremony of Liberation Day. To commemorate the Liberation Day and Independence Movement Day, KAAM hosted essay/drawing contests for students every year to raise pride as Korean Americans. This year was the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Independence Movement Day and the 73rd anniversary of Liberation Day. A total of 21 students participated in the contest which was judged by Yoon-Joo Park, Executive director of the Korean Service Center, Dr. Sa-Hoon Hong, and HyunSook Han, the president of the KAAM. The winners who attended the awards ceremony received certificates and prize gifts. The winners who didn't attend the ceremony received only certificates. Congratulations to all students who particitated. We would like teachers and parents to encourage students(pre-K to grade 9) to participate in the Essay/Drawing Contest 2019.





## **KAAM Annual Athletic Event**

The KAAM annual athletic event was held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Coon Rapids Soccer Complex. The soccer tournament started early in the morning, with the volleyball and the Jokgu(kickball) tournaments starting later. Activities for the children were organized by the Korean Presbyterian Church. This year, we had 5 teams participate in the event. They were the Presbyterian Church, True Light of the Lord Church, Korean Evangelical United Methodist Church, Catholic Church, and Street Soccer Team. The trophies were given to the MVP and winning team in each tournament. Despite the hot weather, all players did their best, with family and friends cheering them on. We applaud everyone who participated.

## **KAAM Korean Language School**

The fall semester 2018 started on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, with about 30 registered students from pre-K to adult. Currently there are six classes; four classes for students and two adult classes.

Activities for this semester are the Chuseok food experience, Korean national gymnastics & Kids Zumba class, and Hangeul Quiz or Treat for Halloween. The bazaar was held on October 14<sup>th</sup> to support KAAM VOICE. All teachers do their best to have students learn Korean and Korean culture through diverse teaching methods, and all parents also actively support them.

The Korean language school website has re-opened. For more information, please visit KAAM website www.mnkorea.org.

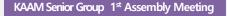
## **The Consular Service**



The consular service was heldon Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm, at the KAAM Center. Many people came early to receive consular services. This was the largest number of consular services received in the last seven years. Consul WonDon Hyun and his consular team explained required documents, answered various questions, and were able to promptly complete all service requests received. The consular service for 2019 will be announced on the KAAM website as soon as dates are scheduled, and we will notify the churches and organizations of the consular service schedule.

## **KAAM Senior Group**

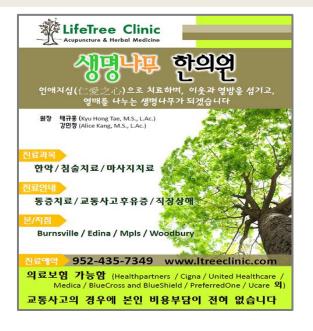
The KAAM Senior Group had several preparatory meetings, and it will hold its first General Assembly Meeting from 4pm to 5pm on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Radisson Hotel, Roseville. We hope that Korean seniors(over 65) would participate in this first meeting and attend the following KAAM Annual Meeting & Dinner. (Contact: 651-440-9192 / contact@mnkorea.org)





Sat. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 4-5pm Radisson Hotel, Roseville (2540 Cleveland Ave. Roseville)





## KAAM VOICE (Voter Organizing Initiative & Community Empowerment) project



#### KAAM VOICE 미네소타 한인회 유권자 프로젝트

The KAAM has started KAAM VOICE project to improve Korean Americans' political power supported by the Overseas Koreans Foundation. First, we opened the KAAM VOICE website so that voters can easily find information on voter registration, polling place locations. You can find the KAAM VOICE website by visiting KAAM website (www.mnkorea.org). We campaigned for voter registration on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Athletic event and on October 12<sup>th</sup> during the consular service. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Korean language school had a bazaar to support KAAM VOICE. The election day on November 6<sup>th</sup>, we ran a hotline to help voters. The KAAM board of directors and their families supported us by sharing the pictures 'I VOTE'. In addition, president HyunSook Han provided voters with transportation assistance. The KAAM VOICE project also opened a citizenship class. We will be campaigning for voter registration, meetings with politicians, and petitioning legislation related to Korean adoptees.





#### Parental Education – "Educational Method to Raise Children's Brain Potential"

Dr. GyuSik Noh, child & adolescent psychiatrist, will give a lecture on Educational Method to Raise Children's Brain Potential' at 7pm on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Korean Presbyterian Church. If you would like to attend, please contact us by phone or e-mail. You can also register at the KAAM website(www.mnkorea.org).

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## Korean American Sports Association 'Summer Night Pop Concert'

The Korean American Sports Association of Minnesota presented 'Summer Night Pop Concert' at 5:30pm on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson Hotel, Roseville. The concert was jointly performed by the University of Minnesota Korean American Students Band and the Minnesota Workers Band.

**The Kim Family's Annual Appreciation Day Picnic** Dr. Byong Moon Kim hosted the Kim Family's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Day Picnic in Honor of President Harry S. Truman and in Honor of Korean War Service Members on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Long Lake Regional Park.



## The 20th Anniversary of the MN Korean War Veterans Memorial

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MN Korean War Veterans Memorial was held on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol Mall, St. Paul. Many Korean people attended the 20th Anniversary, and Korean Presbyterian Church choir, JangMi Dance & Drum, HyunSoo Son/ JiYoung Kim supported the program. The Consulate General in Chicago sent the wreath.

## Chicago Consul General Jong-Kook Lee and Consul JiMan Kim visited Minnesota

Consul General Lee Jong-Kook and JiMan Kim visited Minnesota on September 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> and met with president HyunSook Han of the KAAM and other Korean leaders. They also visited to the Korean War Veterans Memorial.





## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota Forum

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota Forum was held at 7 pm on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Law School Auditorium, University of Minnesota. This forum was sponsored by the KAAM and the Overseas Koreans Foundation. The theme was "The Change of Technology in the fourth industrial revolution and its role in leadership".

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## Korean Genealogy – Finding Ancestors

The Korean Genealogy was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Southdale library and on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Brooklyn Park library, Hennepin county. Instruction on how to begin researching your Korean roots and telling your family's unique story was provided by HyunSook Han(President), SangYeol Jung(Vice President), and SeHyun Nam(Commissioner) of the KAAM.





## The Future Leader Conference 2018 in Chicago

The Future Leader Conference 2018 was held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. This conference strove to improve pride as Korean Americans and develop the qualities of leaders. Certificates were awarded and 'Future Leaders' participants from other states were provided 2 nights of accommodation. As representatives of Minnesota, president HyunSook Han, leader Nick Nadeau of KANG Leader program, and 2 youths participated in the conference.

Admirable Mother Award This award was established to honor the life of Mrs. Kyong-ja Lee who became a widow with 4 children at the age of 34. She had to overcome indescribable hardships in order to raise her children. She dedicated her whole life to raise them.

- 1. Qualifications : Korean-Americans(citizen or permernent resident) who live in Minnesota and have supported and raised their children to enroll and/or graduate from college.
- 2. Award Amount : \$1,000
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