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KAAM Youth Program KANG (Korean American Next Generation) Leaders

The KAAM Youth program, KANG (Korean American Next Generation) Leaders was started by a special donation. The first meeting was held on April 28 (Sat) at Korean Presbyterian Church. About 32 Korean teenagers and their parents participated in the theme of "identity and leadership". A separate meeting for parents was also held to provide information on their children's education, career information, interest and concerns. In addition, there was a demonstration of kumdo and a performance of Korean traditional instruments.



The second meeting, 'College Career Workshop', was held at KAAM Center on Saturday, July 22. About 20 students and parents participated and dealt with college search, college apply, scholarships and financial aid.

On Monday, July 30, Kang Leaders also met with soccer player Son Heung-min (English Premier League Tottenham Hotspur) at US Bank Stadium for greetings, encouragement and support. He has visited Minnesota for the International Championship Cup match against Tottenham vs AC Milan on Tuesday, July 31. After a practice game on Monday July 30, Son spent time with KANG leaders youths and took photos together, provided autographs and gave KAAM his soccer ball with his autograph on it. We look forward to continuing the activities of Kang Leaders and hope that more Korean youths can participate.

Growing up in Minnesota, I often felt that the Korean American community here was small and that there were limited structured opportunity to engage with a broad range of Korean American youth. I would have loved to have Korean American who could talk through fears, hopes and dreams with me. As we piloted KANG Leads Program this year, we sought to build strong foundation to provide these opportunities. We endeavored to bring Koreans Americans with different backgrounds to share their common interests and realize their potential. In the future, I hope to further develop teamwork skills through service projects. We are Korean-Americans regardless of our ability to speak Korean, our knowledge of Korean culture, where we were born and raised, where we are. Based on this, I hope to be able to join together as a community that can proudly assert its identity as a Korean-American.



Kamilyn Choi
(Youth Program
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Korean Language School

(Principal Young Hoon Ham)

Korean Language School 2018 Spring semester ended on May 13th. The fundraising bazaar was held on Sunday April 22 and ended successfully. It was also a great time for the Koreans to get together in one place. On Sunday, May 6, we went on a field trip to the Festival of Nations and experienced many other different cultures and food. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the bazaar and participated in the field trip. With various activities and programs, we hope many students can register for the coming fall semester too.



2018 Summer History/Culture Camp

The 2018 Summer History/ Culture Camp was held at the KAAM Center on Thursday and Friday, June 21-22. More than 20 students participated and learned about Korean scientist Jang Yeong-Sil. They made sundials, rain gauges, etc and had fun time playing musical instruments, singing Korean songs and making yummy Korean snacks.



Parents Workshop

(Sep & Oct – Date will be announced later)

Topic : Conversation with children and Sex Education

2018 Fall Semester

Sep. 9th – Dec. 9th (Every Sunday)

2pm - 4:40pm



Fall Fundraising Bazaar

Sunday, Oct. 14 1 - 5pm

KAAM Library

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Festival of Nations

Festival of Nations took place at St. Paul River Center on May 3 – 6 in which more than 90 countries participate annually.

In the Korean cafe, many people enjoyed Bibimbab, Japchae, Dumplings, Korean pancakes, and Kimchi. Choco pie and newly introduced Korean coffee were also successful at the festival of nations.

In the exhibition booth, Korean traditional toys and today's toys were introduced as this year's theme was Now and Then: Toys & Games.

There was also a performance of K-pop by a Minnesota K-pop group which excited many Korean visitors.

We really appreciate our volunteers from churches, local organizations who helped us and made it a success.



The Consular Service

With the cooperation of the Consulate General in Chicago, Consular Service was held at KAAM Center on Friday, May 18. Even it was changed to the weekday(Friday), many people took advantage of this opportunity. We would like to express our gratitude to Consul WonDon Hyun and his staff for visiting us. The next consular service will be on Friday, October 12th.

October Consular Service

- ❖ Time – Friday, Oct. 12 9am~1pm
- ❖ Place - KAAM : 1331 County Road D Cir E,
Vadnais Heights, MN 55109
- ❖ First come first serve / Reception by 1pm
Prepare photos ahead / Cash only

- ❖ MAKA is awarding a limited number of scholarships to Minnesota high school seniors. For more information, please visit MAKA website (www.makaweb.org) or KAAM website(www.mnkorea.org).

- ❖ From August 3rd 2018, certificates of military service for any purposes is available by online.



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Korean Traditiona Wedding Event

KAAM presented Korean traditional wedding twice in the Asian event hosted by the Henepin County Library. (June 23 - Southdale Library, June 30 - Maple Grove Library)

At this Korean traditional wedding demonstration, the bride and groom wore Korean traditional wedding gowns. After explaining about traditional wedding, we also had some Korean traditional refreshments. It was a meaningful time to introduce the traditional culture of Korea to the local community .



- ❖ Please register or recommend candidates for 2019 president of KAAM.
- ❖ KAAM building is available for groups, families or social gathering events.
- ❖ Please visit KAAM website www.mnkorea.org for various KAAM events and newly updated informations.

The Celebration of Liberation Day & Independence Movement Day

The celebration of the 99th Independence Day and the 73rd Liberation Day was held at the Church of All Nations on Friday, August 10th. Before the ceremony, Bibimbap was served for dinner. The ceremony was opened by KAAM board chair Sook Bonin, followed by national anthem and silence. After watching the Independence Day Film, Deacan Chang-Jae Lee delivered a main speech about the Independence Movement Day and Liberation Day. During the second part of the celebration, there was a performance (song-Hyounsoo Lathrop, violin- Sunny Lim) and an award ceremony for the essay / drawing contest. (The results of the contest will be in the next issue.)



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Korean Annual Athletic Event

Minnesota Korean annual athletic event will be held on Saturday, September 15th at Coon Rapids Soccer Complex.

- Time : Saturday, Sept. 15th 8:00am–6:00 pm
- Place : Coon Rapids Soccer Complex, Coon Rapids
(1821 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433)
- Contact : Hyung H Han 612-275-6692 /
KAAM 651-440-9192

PyeongChang Winter Olympics Minnesota Korean Adoptee Marissa Brant (YoonJeong Park)

On March 8th, there was a welcome event for the PyeongChang Winter Olympic Hockey players, Marisa & Hannah Brant at Vadnais



Heights Commons. The Korean adoptee, Marisa Brant (Yoon-Jeong Park), was selected as a South Korean female ice hockey team player and represented her birth country, Korea. Her sister Hannah Brant was a US Olympic national hockey gold medalist. KAAM president HyunSook Han and Dr. ByungMoon Kim went to the welcome event and congratulated Brant sisters for their successful Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games.

Consul JiMan Kim from Consulate General of Chicago, visited MN

Consul JiMan Kim (Consulate General of Chicago) visited Minnesota on June 8 and met with Korean adoptees and their parents in the Kings Restaurant along with HyunSook Han, the president of KAAM. They discussed various topics regarding Korean adoptees including the current status of Korean adoptees, the situation of adoptive families, problems, and their needs from the government.

JangMi Dance & Drum Recital

On Saturday, June 9, JangMi Dance & Drum recital was held at White Bear Lake High School. Korean food and items were sold for fundraising and many Koreans and Korean adoptees visited to watch performances. Mr. Kim JiMan from consulate General of Chicago who had a meeting with the adoptees the previous day, also came to the recital and enjoyed the performance.

Admirable Mother Award

This award was established to honor the life of Mrs. Kyong-ja Lee(1915-2005) and will be awarded to single mothers who follow her footsteps. Mrs. Lee at age of 34 during the Korean War became a widow with 4 children. 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
3. Recommendation Due :11/15/2018
If you know of a deserving Korean American single mother, please apply for this award on behalf of another.
4. Contact : KAAM 651-440-9192 /
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한인회 연례총회 및 만찬
KAAM Annual Meeting & Dinner

12 월 1 일, 토요일 Sat, Dec 1, 5:30PM
래디슨 호텔 Radisson Hotel, Roseville

Student Data Disaggregation Law

Along with Minnesota Chinese Community, KAAM met with Minnesota Senators on April 12 to express concerns about the student data ethnic disaggregation law.

Minnesota is one of the states that have passed legislation to classify student data for all public schools by ethnic to get understanding of their educational needs. As a result, students in minority groups, including American Indian / Alaska Native, Asian, Black / African American, and Hispanic / Latino, must answer questions about subcategories within their ethnic group. However, there are concerns that this is not appropriate to understand the educational needs of students. (Concerns: Defining stereotypes about ethnic minorities as 'foreigners' / discrimination / academic achievement of students influenced not only race but health, residential environment, parental education / Lack of participation or opinion gathering, etc.)



This law will start in five districts of Minnesota in 2018-19, and will be implemented across the entire school district in 2019-20.

New Youth, Family and Community Program

(Korean Language School Principal Young Hoon Ham)

Political Power Growth Program

- To enhance the Korean voices and the rights of Korean people in the important decision-making process, diverse activities will be provided.
- Forum - local politicians
(9/15 - Korean Athletic Event)
- Voter education
(10/14 - Korean school bazaar)
- Primary voting and voting day service
(11/6 - Vote day)

Korean Family, Child Counseling Service

- Provide professional counseling services for family / child development issues for Minnesota Korean families.

Korean Adoptee Support Program

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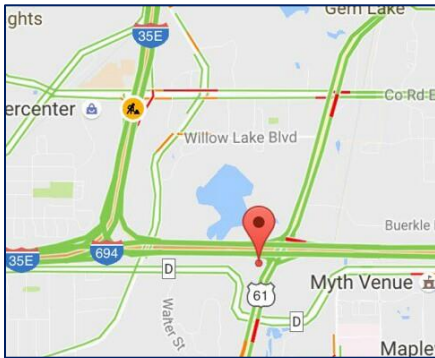


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