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## KAAM Newsletter



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### Making <2023 K-Culture Festival> Together

Yong Hyeok Lee | KAAM President 2022-2023

Hello fellow Korean American citizens of Minnesota!

It seems like just yesterday that I was inaugurated as the 47th President of KAAM, and yet now there are only 6 months left in my 2-year term. I would like to share about the activities of KAAM and the purpose of your support.

KAAM is an important tool and place where Korean Americans in Minnesota can connect with each other and receive information and support such as cultural events, educational programs, social service activities, travel business, Korean adoptee groups, student associations, etc. By exchanging and communicating with the next generation, KAAM has done its best to support the next generation and adoptees so that they can feel proud as descendants of our Korean culture in the United States. I, as the KAAM president, have been trying to find ways to support Korean Americans and the <Korean Culture Festival> was one of those efforts. KAAM has contributed to the local community through the successful holding of the event and sharing the excellence of our Korean culture with people around the world. These activities have played a major role in the preservation and development of our culture and the integration of the Korean community.

In order to continue to carry out these activities, we need your support and participation. I was grateful to many people for participating in last year's <Korean Culture Festival>. Based on that success, the <Korean Culture Festival> will be held again this year at the Mall of America (MOA), the largest shopping mall in the United States, on Saturday, September 30th. Last year, we were able to co-host the event with the Consulate General in Chicago, without any problems because of support from the consulate. However, we are not within the budget without financial support from the Consulate General in Chicago.

KAAM introduced the beauty and diversity of our culture to the people in Minnesota through the <Korean Culture Festival> last year and would like to continue and develop it this year as well. Your active support and participation will play a big role in making this a reality. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our compatriots who have supported us in various forms, such as membership fees, donations, and volunteer work. If you can help with financial support for the upcoming <Korean Culture Festival>, please contact us. KAAM always welcomes your opinions and participation.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate that the <Korean Culture Festival> is a precious event that we all create TOGETHER. KAAM is looking forward to seeing you at MOA on Saturday, September 30th. Thank you!

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## Doing My Best to Fulfill the KAAM Mission Jae Hyun Park | KAAM BOD Chair



Minnesota's long winter that never seemed to end has passed and summer is already full of greenery. I sincerely hope that all Korean American residents in Minnesota have a summer full of happiness and joy.

It seems like just yesterday that I took the position as the KAAM board chairman, but a year and a half has already passed, and my term will soon come to an end. It was a personal honor to be involved in KAAM with similar vision and goal people, and I am grateful for a great opportunity to learn about the direction that the KAAM should pursue in the future. I will do my best to fulfill the KAAM mission as the chairman of the board till the end of my term. Thank you.

### <2023 New Year's Celebration>

On Saturday, January 28 from 4:30 to 6:30, the <New Year's Celebration> event was held at the Minnesota Korean Presbyterian Church and was hosted by the Korean Adoptee Center. Many Korean Americans had a great time together as an event where they could experience traditional games, Sebae and great Korean food.



### <2023 New Year's Festival>

On Saturday, January 21 from 11:00 to 3:30, the <New Year's Festival> was held at the South Campus of White Bear Lake High School and hosted by the Rose Dance Troupe. Free demonstrations of Korean traditional dance, fan dance, janggu, gayageum, and taekwondo were provided by the Jangmi Arts and the Lee's Champion Taekwondo Academy. With about 800 guests gathered, the event was a grand and enjoyable festival. KAAM gave financial support for the event and the KAAM president also shared an encouraging message to the participants who are working hard to spread Korean culture.





## March 1st <Three cheers> challenge Hosted by KAAM

It is still hard to host face-to-face events due to pandemic, but KAAM faced this challenge to celebrate and remember <March 1st Day> together with Korean American residents in Minnesota. Although many groups or individuals were not able to participate in person, some took the opportunity to share their challenge online by posting photos and videos. Thank you to all who participated in this challenge in honor of those who died for Korea's independence and would like to remember the cheers of March 1, 1919.



## <MAKA> Scholarship Award Ceremony Eunah Oh | MAKA President

The 28th Scholarship Award Ceremony this year was held at the Hilton Hotel in Minneapolis on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000 were awarded to 9 high school seniors, and there were 90 participants and guests for the event. Along with a buffet dinner, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra's founder and violinist Professor Young-Nam Kim and his daughter Professor Ariana Kim, who is also a violin and gayageum player, performed. MAKA invited Don H. Liu who is a vice president of Target and general manager of the legal team, as a mentor speaker, delivered a message

of hope that encourages young Korean Americans to unfold within American society towards a "bigger dream" with pride and identity as a Korean. This year, MAKA was able to receive more than \$26,000 as a donation and scholarship sponsorship including \$500 from the KAAM. MAKA will continue to support young Korean American through scholarship opportunities and also mentoring and networking for our next generations. If you are interested in supporting MAKA by donating funds, talents or time, please contact us at [maka.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:maka.scholarship@gmail.com). Thank you!



### KAAM Membership Fee and Donation /Contact Information

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# 2023 MN Korean Golf Tournament Jae Won Kim | MN Korean Golf Association Chair

Hello Korean American residents in Minnesota!

I am Jaewon Kim, the Chairman of the 2023 Korean Golf Association (KGA) in Minnesota. We also recently elected Tae Joon Park as the 4th president of the Korean Sports Association in Minnesota (KSA) followed by Hyeong-ho Han, Geum-seop Lee, and Hwan-shik Hwang. I am deeply grateful to the former presidents who have maintained and developed the KSA with undiminished passion and dedication since 2003.

To commemorate the inauguration of the new president, a golf tournament <KSA President's Cup> was held at the White Eagle Golf Club on Saturday, May 20th. 82 golfers (61 males/21 females) participated and successfully finished in perfect weather. In particular, Pro golfer Soo-Sung Ko made the first hole-in-one of his careers, and it became the highlight of the tournament. He donated his hole-in-one prize to the auction and the auction profits were transferred to a KSA sports fund.

Another purpose of this tournament was to raise funds for participating in the 22nd National Korean Athletics Championships (June 23-25) in New York this year and to select players for next year's national golf tournament. A total of \$2300 was raised through the support of many people including KAAM, a lottery prize event, and this fund will be used by the KSA and the KGA. I sincerely thank all the supporters. The Korean Golf Tournament will be held at the same location on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and I hope golfers who were unable to attend this year can participate next year.

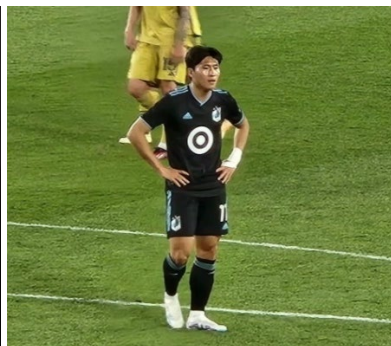
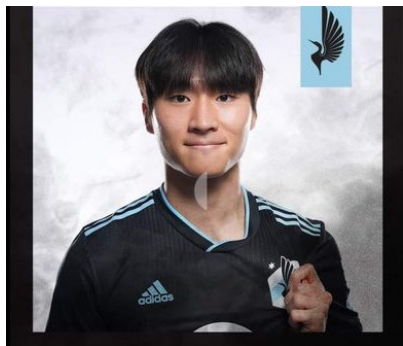
The list of awardees is as follows:

	Men's (score)	Men's/Seniors (score)	Women's (score)
Champion	Incheol Ji (78)	Soosung Ko (69)	Tiffany Park (88)
Runner-up	Taewon Yang (78)	Byungcheol Ko (72)	Yunboo Moon (91)
Longest	Jaewon Kim	Sangjin Song	Taksina Lunak
Nearest	Seongwon Ryu	Won Kim	Jooyoung Yang
Hole-in-one		Soosung Ko (5th hole)	



## We all welcome Professional Soccer Player <Sang-bin Jeong>

In order to welcome and support professional soccer player <Sang-bin Jeong>, who joined the Minnesota professional soccer team MNUFC this year, the KAAM provided discounted group tickets for 100 Korean American residents in Minnesota. The game was held at the Allianz Soccer Stadium in St. Paul on May 27 against Salt Lake City. All KAAM members and participants to watch the game sincerely supported and cheered for the MNUFC and him.





## Minnesota <Jokku> Championship Jae Hyun Park | MN Jokku Association Chair

On Saturday May 27, the Minnesota Jokku Association participated in the Chicago Exchange Game in preparation for the New York Sports Festival. 7 teams from Chicago, Georgia and Minnesota were participated. In the advanced division, championship went to the Georgia youth team, runner-up went to the Chicago seniors and third place went to the Minnesota youth team. In the general division, the championship went to the Minnesota seniors, and the runner-up was the Georgia seniors.

Each team is training intensely every day with the goal of winning the gold medal in the <New York Athletics Jokku Competition> on Saturday, June 24. Please encourage and support many Korean American Sports teams in Minnesota by participating, volunteering and providing financial support. Thank you.



## <Scholarship Selection Contest> Hosted by the Midwest Korean Association

Junmyeong Yoon and Jungmin Kim of the Minnesota Student Council were selected at the <Scholarship Selection Contest> hosted by the Midwest Korean Association on the recommendation of the KAAM. They received both scholarships and certificates of commendation. Junmyeong Yoon served as the president of the Minnesota Korean Student Council until last semester. He served Korean students and contributed his time and talents for spreading the Korean Wave through performances, especially with the K-hip-hop club activity called <Linchpins>.

Jung-min Kim made contributions by serving as the president of the Minnesota Dokdo Club, which promotes Korean food and that Dokdo is our land during his tenure as former student council president. The award ceremony was held at the Korean Community Center, and a meeting was held to prepare for the <Minnesota Korean Day> commemorative event on May 21<sup>st</sup> followed by the ceremony.



## KAAM Contribution Information

“Thank you for your generous donation and support to the KAAM.”

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Donation	Up to \$99	Linda Chun, Woodrow Byun, Eunah Oh, Jae Hyun Park, Chang-seong Hong, Kwan-Hyun Kim, Stephen Huh
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	\$200+	Kim’s market, Cha Family Chiropractic, Hana Market, Crown Trophy
	\$300+	Eil & Kwangja Kwon, King’s restaurant, Dong Yang Oriental Market,
	\$500+	Korean American Women’s Association, Susan Yoo, Haewon Park, Prime Family Medical Clinic,
	\$1,000+	Yong Hyeok Lee, Hyounsu Lathrop, KPCM, Gao Josia Vang

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## Special Event: <Minnesota Korean Day> Festival

May is <Cultural Heritage Month for Asian Americans>, and on Sunday, March 26, an opening ceremony was held at the newly opened <American Veterans Memorial Park> in Cannon Falls. On the expansive 100-acre site, a memorial to veterans and various cultural facilities will be built, making the park the largest memorial park in the United States. KAAM president, Yong Hyeok Lee gave a congratulatory speech on this day. The land donor, Toufong Lor, donated an acre of land to the KAAM, and the KAAM plans to erect a <Octagonal Pavilion> memorial to commemorate Korea's representative veterans as the first phase of the project. To accomplish this big project, the KAAM needs Korean American residents in Minnesota. Please volunteer your time, talents and financial support. You can reach out to KAAM anytime via email.



On Sunday, May 14, the opening ceremony of <US Veterans Memorial Park> in Canon Falls, Minnesota, was held with many attendees. It was to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the nearly 100-acre project. The event was accompanied by retired U.S. military officials and local civic leaders and military flights. "We want to honor and remember the 58,000 veterans who are missing, dead, or sacrificed for America in every moment of their lives," said donor and founder Toufong Lor, who donated this vast property. On this day, KAAM president Yong Hyeok Lee also attended the event on behalf of the Korean American communities in Minnesota.



The opening events started on May 14 and continued until May 29. The <Minnesota Korean Day> celebration was held from 11:00am to 3:00pm on Sunday, May 21. During the event, traditional and modern K-culture were presented. Performers were from Jangmi Arts, MKDC, K-move, Origin, Finesse and Lee's Champion Taekwondo Academy. Also, many individual performers and staff enriched the event including Kim Kang-min (stage director), Lee Su-jin (gayageum player), Brandon Lee (actor and model) and Kyung-hun Park (MC).

KAAM also provided various traditional games. It was another successful event KAAM hosted this year and KAAM will continue to work hard to introduce and inform about the proud Korean cultural heritage.





## < K-Show Bank > Hosted by Korean Student Association

<K-Show Bank> hosted by the Minnesota Student Association (KSA) was held on Sunday, March 26th from 4:30pm to 9:00pm. It was planned and organized with the theme of <Music Bank>, a K-pop chart program in Korea. It was a successful event that the audience was enthusiastic about. Various performances included a K-pop cover dance, sentimental band, Linchpins, and Finesse. It was a meaningful event that Korean students could promote "Hallyu". They also hosted a K-fashion show and raffle and introduced Korean food and Korean entertainment culture. KAAM president Yong Hyeok Lee attended the event and encouraged the executive members and cast members of the Korean Student Association and also delivered donations to support the event.



## Chicago consulate general service at KAAM Center

On Friday, June 9 from 9:30am to 2:30pm, consular service from the consulate general in Chicago was held at the KAAM Center. Due to the great interest of Korean residents, online reservations were closed in two days. The total number of reservations and walk-in visits exceeded 100. Consul Kwan-hyeon Kim and two executive officers from Chicago and KAAM Executive Director did a wonderful job to support the visitors. According to Consul Kwan-hyun Kim, Minnesota is the only region in the Midwest outside of Chicago where consular tours are scheduled. That represents that the KAAM continues to communicate and cooperate with the Consulate General in Chicago, and the KAAM has a large influence on the Consulate General in Chicago. He praised KAAM's great services to Korean American communities in Minnesota. KAAM will continue to develop and provide various benefits for Koreans communities.

The Consulate General in Chicago is not sure about the visitation plan for the second half of the year, but they will make a decision soon depending on the budget situation of the Office of Overseas Koreans in the home country and will notify KAAM about the decision. KAAM is a non-profit organization that is operated with Korean residents' membership fees and donations. We would like to ask you for the KAAM membership fee (\$30) and donation not only to support KAAM but also to receive more diverse information and service benefits. Please support your own community and yourselves. Thank you.



## The 39th <Jangmi Arts> Free Concert

A free performance by the Jangmi Arts was held on Sunday, June 11th at the North Campus of White Bear Lake High School. The event, which started at 11:30 am, was enriched with various artworks, books, gimhap and snacks, and the free performance was held from 1:30 pm. It was a wonderful and memorable event that continued our culture with pride.





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