

# 미네소타 한인회보

## KAAM Newsletter



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### Greeting from the new KAAM President

Yong Hyeok Lee | KAAM President 2022-2023

Thank you to the previous presidents, leaders, and supporters of KAAM who have worked hard to improve the Korean community in Minnesota. It is a heavy burden to continue the legacy as the President of the KAAM, but I am willing to work hard to continue its legacy. There are many projects that still need to be done in order to end the negative prejudices about KAAM. I will work hard to further improve KAAM.

I will do my best to support the next generation, help them to feel the pride of their Korean American identity. KAAM would like to share the excellence of Korean culture with people around the world. I will also work hard to create positive synergies through cooperation and to fuse the Korean and American communities.

KAAM will continue to communicate through our website and SNS. We would like to ask for your continued interest and support in order to become a more developing and communicating KAAM. <TOGETHER> I truly believe we can make it possible. I sincerely hope that you find happiness, peace, and safety every day. Thank you!



### Greetings from the new KAAM Board Chair

Jae Hyun Park | KAAM Board Chair 2022-2023

Greetings to our respected and loving Koreans American residents in Minnesota! As the chairman of the KAAM, I will take the first step towards a new vision for all of us. My shoulders are heavy with a great sense of duty. My heart is burning with passion for our Korean communities in Minnesota. My head is full of blueprints to make the best place together.

Although we had many setbacks and defeats in the past, many Korean American elders have sacrificed and devoted their lives for the betterment of their community. I will continue their legacy and fulfill their hopes and dreams by doing my best as the KAAM Board chair with a fearful but humble heart.

I will do my best to become a diligent BOD chair who wants to be one step closer to all the Korean American communities in Minnesota. I will also do my best to be a leader who works with the new president to lead the Korean community that grows qualitatively and quantitatively, with a humble attitude and humility.

Please join us on this path. Together with all, we will dedicate our lives to making it happen. <Together> I look forward to the growing KAAM of 2022-2023.

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# <Bina's Six Apples>

A Children's Theatre Company Production Original World Premiere Production

*Bina's Six Apples*, written by **Lloyd Suh** and directed by **Eric Ting** is rooted in family lore. It is inspired by the author's parents, and what they experienced as children during the Korean War, but it is also equally inspired by his kids – not just in the remarkable differences in how they're growing up, but in the similarities, too. Mr. Suh said that his greatest ambition for the play is that it speaks to both generations: their emotions, their imaginations, their sense of discovery and journey towards empathy. The play was written for young audiences but also for their parents and grandparents.

Bina's family grows the finest apples in all of Korea. But when war forces her to flee her home, Bina is alone in the world with just six precious apples to her name. Bina goes on a journey that ranges from the heartbreaking to the humorous. Encountering new challenges at every turn, Bina is forced to rely upon her apples and their meaningful legacy as she begins to discover the power of her own resilience. Often mesmerizing, always heartwarming, Bina realizes she's not the only one on a difficult quest for a place to call home.

*Bina's Six Apples* is sweet, soulful, and ripe with symbolism. Pioneer Press reported, *Bina's Six Apples* is a very good play,



and the Children's Theater Company has made an excellent production. It may take place in 1950, but its themes of war and displacement are happening around the world even now. As we are all currently tempted to curse the fate of a pandemic, this show could offer a welcome sense of perspective.

*Bina's Six Apples* is a co-production with Children's Theater Company and played from January 11 through February 13, 2022.

## KAAM Contribution Information

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

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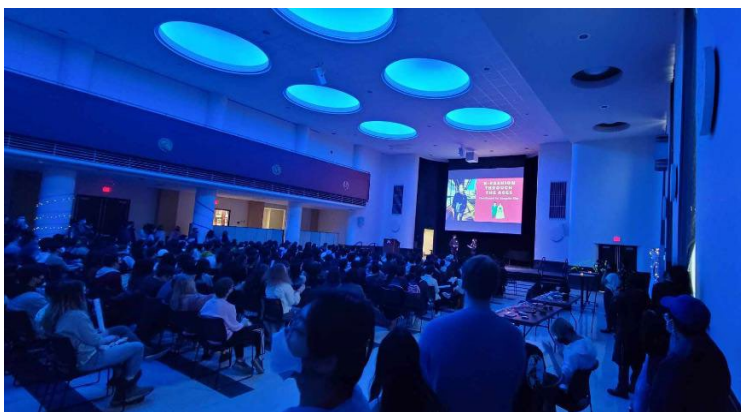


## <REPLY 2022>

*Korean Student Association, University of Minnesota*

On April 1, 2022, from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, an event hosted by the Korean Student Association (KSA-UMN) was held at the University of Minnesota (Great Hall, Coffman Memorial Union) with the theme <Reply 2022>. On this day, the KAAM President Yong Hyeok Lee attended and met the student council president and the students. He encouraged and supported them and the event. The day was filled with meaningful time to share various perspectives and information across Korean history and culture, introducing the changes and trends of Korean fashion and music, and an airing of a Taekwondo Demonstration by the Kukkiwon Taekwondo team.

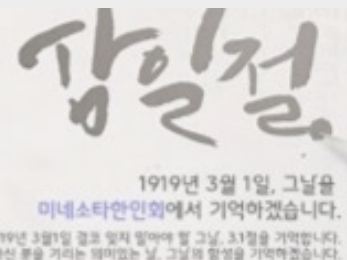
The venue was filled with many participants and supporters, as was a successful event. It was a proud moment to see the students' efforts to spread Korean culture and they received enthusiastic responses and praise from the audience. The KAAM will continue to do its best to support and make efforts so that the students can have a Korean identity and have pride as Koreans. The KAAM President also asked Korean residents and the participants of the events for active and continuous participation, interest, and support.



## Online Challenge: March First 'Samil' Movement Day



People with the Korean national flag gave three cheers as they marched on a street during a reenactment of the March 1 Independence Movement against Japanese colonial rule. KAAM announced to the Korean communities in Minnesota to participate online "Three Cheers Challenges" and posted it to the KAAM Facebook page. Many organizations and social groups participated this event to honor this special day. Children got a chance to learn more about Korean history by participating in various activities such as watching a Documentary, drawing Korean national flag, reading history books, etc. Remembering history is important to understand who we are and where we come from and can potentially reveal where we are headed.



# <Time to Change the World, 15 minutes> CBS Broadcasting Korea

Dr. Kwonsik Kim | EVS Chairman

Chairman Kwonsik Kim, who started EVS by taking over a civil engineering design company in 1982, has grown EVS into a top 5 renewable energy company in the United States. EVS has worked with Amazon to put solar power plants in New Jersey and California. In addition, EVS is consistently recognized as one of the most desirable companies to work for in Minnesota every year.

Chairman Kwonsik Kim appeared on CBS Broadcasting on June 16<sup>th</sup> to talk about the secrets to his success. He emphasized that you should always prioritize your happiness over your success and not wait for happiness to come after you are successful. You can watch Chairman Kwonsik Kim's lecture through the YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOvhDaU5R9o>



## <Children's Day> Celebration | Hosted by Korean Service Center

On Saturday, May 7, the Children's Day event was held at Central Park in Roseville and was hosted by the Korean Service Center. Through various traditional Korean games such as Tuho, Jegi Chagi, and Gonggi, as well as Taekwondo demonstrations, various games, lunch and snacks. Participants were able to enjoy a free and outdoor activity with their families. More than 100 participants, volunteers, and families gathered for this long-awaited in-person event. The Korean American Association of Minnesota (KAAM) gave donations and supported the event as well.



# 2022 Minnesota <Jokgu> Tournament

Jae Hyun Park | Minnesota Jokgu Association Chair & KAAM Board Chair

After two months of preparation for the event, the long-awaited ultimate Jokgu match was held on Saturday, May 21, 2022. It was initially planned to invite one or two teams from different states but ended up having 9 teams participate in total (2 from Chicago, 2 from Atlanta, 1 from Dallas, 1 from Los Angeles and 3 from Minnesota). Since this tournament was the first one after the pandemic, athletes were looking forward to participating the sports events and this small tournament became a big event unexpectedly.

The event started with the national anthem and ran from 10am to 5pm straight without any breaks except lunch. The <ABC> team from Dallas won championship in the advanced division, and the <Chariot> team from Minnesota won the championship in the regular division. Although there were

conflicts and obstacles during the preparation of the tournament, everything turned out successfully and joyfully. The event ended up around 10pm including dinner, fellowship, and award ceremony. Participants cheered and praised the host team of the event. It was fulfilling and encouraging moments as a part of the host team.

It was a great challenge that brought an opportunity to mature and grow for both personally and organizationally. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the members of the Minnesota Jokgu Associations and to the Korean American Association of Minnesota. With your great support and encouragement, we will continue to do our best to become an ever-evolving Minnesota Jokgu Association.



# Introducing Minnesota Pickleball Club

Eunah Oh | Korean American Pickleball Society (KAPS) & KAAM Executive Director

Pickleball is one of the fast-growing sports in America. It is the social media influencer in the sports world. Many people say, "I'd never heard about it, and then I *only* hear about it." Pickleball courts are everywhere these days, and you can find many indoor facilities and club you can find nearby your area. Community and fitness center programs even offer pickleball lessons and tournaments!

Club <KAPS> was started with ladies only group in summer 2019, but the members have now increased by more than double! Many of the founders' spouses, children and friends have joined to actively participate the games and tournaments. We play a few times a week as well as host various tournaments throughout the year such as Halloween, Christmas, 50<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> birthday opens. For those interested joining pickleball for the first time, we run beginner sessions once a month to promote and expand the Pickleball community in Minnesota.



If you want to hear more about pickleball, please contact me at [eunahoh320@gmail.com](mailto:eunahoh320@gmail.com).

# Minnesota Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2022

Hosted by Korean Service Center (KSC-MN)

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, Korean Service Center and Minnesota Department of Health joined in the national movement to raise awareness about mental health by holding special presentations, author talks, classes, and more in our effort to fight discrimination, provide support, educate the public, and advocate for policies to help people with mental illnesses and their families.

KSC coordinated 4 series of campaigns to promote the importance of the mental health throughout the state, and KAAM supported the campaigns by distributing weekly emails to the Korean residents during May (posters below).

**Dear me, How are you?** All emotions are important.




Emotions are the natural response of our body and mind to external stimuli.

Anyone can have the same feelings as me as every emotion is valuable.

There is no such thing as a good or bad emotions.

**Dear me, How are you?** Take a close look into your heart.



Looking into your heart and emotions is the beginning of self care.

The more emotions you know and express, the better you can understand yourself.

Health starts with your mind.

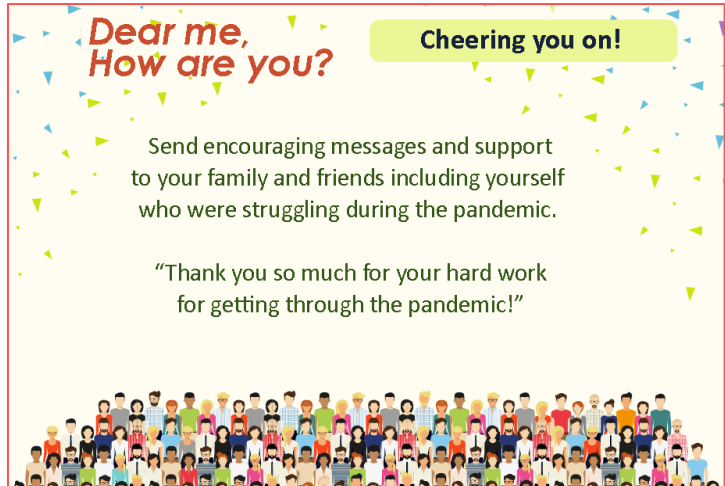
**Dear me, How are you?** Look around you.



Do you have family or friends around who are struggling with mental wellness? Ask them, "How are you doing?" or "Are you OK?"

One simple question can be the beginning of caring for your family and friends.


**Dear me, How are you?** Cheering you on!



Send encouraging messages and support to your family and friends including yourself who were struggling during the pandemic.

"Thank you so much for your hard work for getting through the pandemic!"

## KAAM Membership Fee and Donation /Contact Information

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Director \$500	Address		
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- KAAM is registered with the IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All your contributions to KAAM are tax-deductible.

## Korean Adoptee, Susie Strom Steps up to Service Minnesota



Proud mom, veteran, attorney and Korean American adoptee, Susie Strom is running for MN State House in 36A. Susie Strom has lived in Minnesota since she was three months old. She grew up in Coon Rapids and now live in North Oaks, Minnesota. Susie's husband is Marcus Strom, who is also a Minnesota Korean adoptee. The couple now has two girls, ages four and one. She is running for Minnesota House of Representatives in 36A because she cares deeply about her community. DFL candidate Susie Strom, if elected, would be the first Korean adoptee House member.

Please check out the full story about her through Minnesota Quarterly ([koreanquarterly.org](http://koreanquarterly.org)).

**Storm Campaign Website: [stormformn.com](http://stormformn.com)**

## The 72nd Anniversary of the Korean War | Sejin Song, AKUS Minnesota Chairman



Chairman Sejin Song was discharged as a colonel in the Republic of Korea Army in 2000. During the service he said, "I would like to commemorate the sacrifice and hard work of the 94,964 American soldiers who fought to protect the Republic of Korea from communism, especially the Minnesotan soldiers who participated in the Korean War." He read all the names of the American soldier's names on the Korean War monument. Along with a salute to both the American and Korean national flags, both national anthems were also sung. There were chrysanthemums at eight monuments and a big wreath at the center of the monuments.



In the midst of the trumpet call, he announced a moment of silence to remember and appreciate the sacrifices of the Korean War veterans. The Korean American Association of Minnesota (KAAM) supported this service by providing both American and Korean flags and by promoting this memorial service to the Korean community. Some Americans who watched the event expressed their gratitude. One person said that he was moved by reading <Battle of Jangjinho>, a book about the Korean War. This memorial service was to remember the history of Korea and to commemorate the souls of the veterans. He said the event will be continued every year.

## Other Korean American Community News



**Brandon Lee (Horam Lee) casted as a leading actor in US short film <Twisting Tiger>**  
Brandon from Minnesota, who is a movie actor. Brandon plans to shoot in July, and he is expected to play a role in a major movie. He was invited to the Oscar for his work in <Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings>.



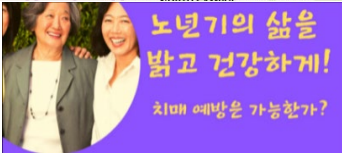
### **Broadcasting Korean Presbyterian Church in Minnesota (KPCM), 5/27/2022**

CCX Media broadcasted about KPCM on Sunday, 5/27/2022. One of the largest Korean churches in the state is in Brooklyn Center. "We need to have an outlet for people who kind-of look like us, which is very important," said one Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota member. The church offers services in both Korean and English and offers Korean language & cultural classes as well.



### **37<sup>th</sup> Jang-mi Korean Dance & Drum Recital, 6/11/2022**

There was a recital at the White Bear Lake Area High School, North Campus. There were Korean Market with arts & crafts, books, snacks and kimbap. Doors opened at 11:30AM and performances began at 1pm with free admission.



### **<Dementia Prevention> Special Talk for the Bright & Healthy Elderly Life, 7/8/2022**

Former general physician, Dr. Youngdae Kim, will give a lecture on dementia prevention at the Korean Service Center (KSC). This event is for everyone who wants to know about dementia. It will be held at the KSC Minneapolis office on Friday, July 8th from 2-3pm.



### **2023 MAKAScholarship Opportunity, Deadline 9/30/2022**

MAKA is awarding a limited number of scholarships to Minnesota high school seniors of Korean origin/heritage who plan to pursue a higher education. The Committee will review the application materials submitted by each student and award a non-renewable \$1,500 Scholarship. Check [www.makaweb.org](http://www.makaweb.org) for more details.



**Consular/  
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Support**

### **2022 Consular/Legal Support by the Consulate General of Chicago, 10/14/2022**

The Consulate General of Chicago will visit Minnesota to assist with consular affairs. It will be held on October 14th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the KAAM center. This year, you need to make a reservation in advance on the website and no walk-ins will be allowed. Please also check the website for more details. [consul.mofa.go.kr](http://consul.mofa.go.kr)

## KAAM Korean Language Class

Young Ran Yu | Korean School Director

KAAM Korean Language Program runs through spring and fall semesters. Each semester is 13 weeks long. The spring semester ran from February 20<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had an excellent time learning Korean cultural experiences such as Taekwondo, Mixed Media Art and Korean Food (HanSik) as well as learning the Korean language. Grandmaster Yong Hyeok Lee, the KAAM President, taught students the spirit and self-defense of Taekwondo at the beginning of the spring semester, so the students had completed the spring semester with confidence and enthusiasm. On the last day of the semester, both adult students and young students made their own Kimbap and enjoyed it with vegetable pancakes.

The 2022 fall semester is scheduled to run from August 28<sup>th</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>. As a part of this year's fall semester, we will have a special time to attend the 'Picnic' on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will learn Hangul together and have cultural time together with other students from other Korean schools in Minnesota. For more information, visit the KAAM Korean Language Program website, [school.mnkorea.org](http://school.mnkorea.org).





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## Supporting Korean Community and Growing Together



The Korean American Association of Minnesota (1) strives to instill the Korean identity into the next generation, (2) help to build a relationship between Korean businesses and Korean communities, (3) help build a relationship between KAAM and the Korean American citizens of Minnesota, and (4) raise adequate funds in order to start construction of a Korean culture center.

KAAM would like to express its gratitude to all Korean Americans in Minnesota who support KAAM, and we hope that the KAAM will be able to support the Korean community in various ways and have a positive influence on the Korean community. We ask for your continued support for KAAM. Thank you!



Supporting <Korean Service Center>



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