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Hamilton-Madison House Hosts Its 30th Annual Chinatown Banquet

On Friday, April 17, 2009, 790 Hamilton-Madison House friends, corporate sponsors, and staff attended the 30th Annual Chinatown Banquet. Although current economic conditions did have an effect on the evening's net profits, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of people in attendance. Once again held at Chinatown's Jing Fong restaurant, the evening's activities included a ten-course Chinese dinner, award presentation, 50/50 raffle, and dancing. Executive Director Frank T. Modica and HMH Board Vice President Anthony Giorgio shared the Master of Ceremonies duties.

The award ceremony began with a special recognition of Banquet Chairs June Lee and Chi Chu. Frank Modica thanked Mrs. Lee and Mr. Chu for their many years of spearheading the Chinatown Banquet. Mrs. Lee has been co-chairing the dinner since she joined Hamilton-Madison House's Board of Directors in 1979 and Mr. Chu since he joined the board in 2000. The first Community Leadership Award was presented by Board President Cao O to



Banquet Honorees: (L-R) Board Vice President Tony Giorgio, Board President Cao O, Honoree Peter Lau, Honoree Brendan Connolly, Honoree Sandra Lee, Executive Director Frank Modica, Board Chairman Chi Chu

Sandra K. Lee, the chief executive of Harold L. Lee & Sons Insurance, her family's 121-year-old, Chinatown based insurance company. Ms. Lee is the chair of the Diversity Task Force of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers Association and sits on the boards of New York Downtown Hospital and the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center.

The second Community Leadership Award was presented to Peter Lau, a registered pharmacist and owner of Confucius/Mannings Pharmacy, by Frank Modica. Mr. Lau, who used to serve on Hamilton-Madison House's Board of

Directors, is a strong advocate for health care access for senior citizens and is well known in Chinatown's senior community for his frequent information sessions at neighborhood senior centers. He currently serves as the president of the Chinese American Voter's Federation.

The third Community Leadership Award was presented by Chi Chu to Brendan Connolly. Mr. Connolly, who is the Senior Vice President of Leasing and Management at Jones Lang LaSalle, has been a longtime supporter of Hamilton-Madison House and its programs.

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Hamilton-Madison House Music Guild Hosts “Songs of Spring”

On May 5, 2009 “Songs of Spring”, a fundraiser held by Hamilton-Madison House’s Music Guild, was held to benefit the violin program. A string quartet comprised of three violinists Music School Director Mune Takahashi and teachers Olga M. Terlitsky and John M. Vaida and guest cellist Leo Soeda performed. Thirty guests enjoyed a variety of music including Beethoven’s String Quartet Opus 18 No. 1 1st movement; Tchaikovsky’s String Quartet No.1 2nd movement; Bach’s Double Concerto for Two Violins; Mozart’s Divertimento No. 3; J. Strauss II’s Pizzicato Polka; Rodriguez’s La Cumparsita;

Anderson’s Blue Tango; and Piazzola’s Libertango. The final was the premiere of an arrangement written by Cellist Leo Soeda.

The event, which was held at Silk Road MoCha, at 30 Mott Street, was hosted by Thea Goodman, Hamilton-Madison House’s Associate Executive Director and Chet Kaplan, the violin program’s founder, who also gave a brief history of the program. The \$1,600 raised through “Songs of Spring” will be used to help keep Hamilton-Madison House’s violin program affordable. Now finishing its fourth year, the violin program has 82 children ages 5 to 9 years old. Depending on



(l-r) John Vaida, Mune Takahashi, Olga Terlitsky, Leo Soeda

their level, the children take up to one group and one private lesson each week. The cost of the program including the violin rental is a maximum of \$850 a year. This comes to approximately \$11 a class.

For more information

about Hamilton-Madison House’s Music Guild or to register your child for the program year beginning September 2009 please contact Thea Goodman, Associate Executive Director, at (212) 349-3724 ext. 320. 📧

Two Bridges After School Program Featured on the Food Network



(l-r) Chanelle Grosbard, Sanders Fariior, Jaret Grosberg, DeDe Lahman, Neil Kleinberg, Milan Hall, Sheila Hart

Children from the Two Bridges After School Program were featured on the April 8, 2009 episode of the Food Network’s

Bobby Flay Throwdown. At the request of Neil Kleinberg and DeDe Lahman from the Clinton Street Bakery Company, Chanelle Grosbard (age 8), Jaret Grosbard (age 10), Sheila Hart (age 9), Milan Hall (age 9) and Sanders Fariior (age 12) joined them at the restaurant, located at 4 Clinton Street, for a lesson on how to make a nutritious sandwich. The show, whose proceeds went to the Two Bridges program, continued with a blueberry pancake competition between Bobby Flay and Neil and DeDe. The show can be seen in repeats and on the Food Network website.

Volunteers Recognized at Luncheon

On Tuesday, May 12th, City Hall Senior Center hosted Hamilton-Madison House’s Senior Service’s annual senior volunteer recognition luncheon. Certificates were presented to 118 senior volunteers from City Hall Senior Center, Knickerbocker Village NORC, Helen Harris, and Smith NORC who donate their time by giving back to the House. These volunteers go above and beyond what is expected, many performing double duty by working at more than one center. These included Ngar Sim Chan Tse, City Hall Senior

Center, Lydia Bermudez, a 15-year volunteer from The Smith NORC, and Jia Zhen Song, a 13-year volunteer from the City Hall Senior Center.

Legislative representatives from the offices of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and Assemblyman Sheldon Silver congratulated the volunteers.

Following the awards ceremony, a celebratory lunch was served. Raffle prizes were generously donated by Barnes and Noble, Chinatown Ice Cream Factory, Materials for the Arts, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, NYC Department of Sanitation and NYC Department of Education. 📧



(l-r) Board Vice President June Lee and Board Chairman Chi Chu

The Chinatown Banquet generated \$110,000 to support Hamilton-Madison House's non-government supported youth and adult

programs. Mr. Modica would like to thank Anheuser Busch Sales & Service of New York, Big Nose Full Body and Wonton Foods, Inc for their in-kind donations. Deepest thanks go to Banquet Chairwoman June Lee, Board President Chi K. Chu, and Mary Ann Armeno, from Silverstein Properties, for contributing to the event's success. 📌

Board Members Elected

At its recent meetings, Hamilton-Madison House's Board of Directors elected Jan Lee and Yoshio Kano to its board.

Mr. Lee, who grew up in Chinatown, is a second generation board member, joining his mother Mrs. June Lee on Hamilton-Madison House's board. Mrs. Lee, who is a board vice president, has been on the board of directors for 31 years. Mr. Lee founded Sinotique, an antiques, home furnishings and custom design business on Mott Street. In addition he oversees East Ocean LLC, a 90 year old family real estate company that manages numbers 19 and 21 Mott Street. In addition to his business acumen, Mr. Lee brings years of community involvement and leadership. He has been active with the Community Board #3 Transportation Outreach Task Force for Chinatown where he worked with fellow community residents on removing

police barriers, returning parking spaces and re-opening streets following 9/11.

Mr. Kano, who moved to the United States from Japan in 1973, spent his professional career in retail market research and analysis. Prior to starting K Marketing, Mr. Kano worked for Daimaru, one of the oldest and most prestigious department stores in Japan. In addition to his work at Daimaru and K Marketing, Mr. Kano served as the official Japanese Representative at U.S. – Japanese Trade Conferences, was a lecturer at Wharton Graduate School of Business and spoke on "How to do Business with Japan" seminars sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Mr. Kano currently serves as the Executive Secretary of the Japanese Medical Society of America, which was originally established in 1973 as Japanese Medical Society of New York. 📌

Hamilton-Madison House Names Gym



Caption (l-r): Cao O, Tony Giorgio, Frank Modica, Sal Rusi, Jim Halpin, John Gjonbalaj and Chi Chu

On May 20th, Hamilton-Madison House's gym located at 50 Madison Street was officially named "Jim's Gym." Named in honor of Jim Halpin of Platinum Maintenance, the reception was held to thank him, as well as John Gjonbalaj of G & G Painting and Sal Rusi of Allran Electric, for the wonderful work their companies provided. Through their in-kind donations, new air conditioners were installed, the walls were repainted and the floor stripped, sanded and relined. During the reception, the guests were treated to a violin performance by

seven year old David Ning, a second year violin student and were thanked by After School participant Sharon Zhu.

Hamilton-Madison House's gym is used 7 days a week for activities that include ballroom dance classes for seniors, yoga for children and adults, violin recitals, basketball games, teen dances and many holiday celebrations and parties. The renovated space will allow these activities to continue in a more comfortable and vibrant environment. Hamilton-Madison House's Board and Staff are truly appreciative of the generosity of Jim Halpin, John Gjonbalaj and Sal Rusi. 📌

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Please look for more information on
these upcoming events

- **Family Fun Day**
Saturday, September 12, 2009
- **9th Annual Hamilton-Madison House Gala**
Thursday, October 29, 2009

For more information about either
of these events please contact
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