

February e-newsletter

February 24, 2010

Message from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We hope that the Lunar New Year of the Tiger will be a happy, hopeful and healthy one for you and your families!

We recently completed receiving applications for our 2010 grant cycle and are struck by the breadth and depth of interest in KACF funding. As we begin the review process of these applications, we are reminded of the many critical needs in our community and the fact that KACF faces difficult choices ahead among many worthwhile organizations working in the frontlines to improve the lives of individuals and families.

For the second year in a row, we will be engaging our Community Grants Committee (CGC) –KACF’s participatory grantmaking committee that works with our Program Officer to review proposals, gather information at site visits and make recommendations for funding that will be considered by our Board of Directors. We are grateful to those in the KACF community who have volunteered for the CGC, as well as to all our supporters, for your steadfast encouragement and support of KACF’s work in the community!

Best regards,

Kyung B. Yoon

Executive Director



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KACF is delighted to announce that **Jennifer Jeeyeon Kim** has joined KACF as Operations Manager. Jennifer is responsible for the administrative, financial and human resources operations of KACF, and manages all aspects of the day-to-day operations of KACF.

Jennifer holds a BA from the Manhattan School of Music and is bilingual in Korean and English. She brings to KACF her experiences in office management, organization, marketing/communications and event-planning gained while working in Korea for nearly ten years for the Embassy of Israel, Hewlett Packard Korea and the Inter-Continental Hotel in Seoul. Jennifer returned to New York in 2008 with her husband and has been on hiatus from working since starting a family. During this time, she learned about KACF and was eager to take this opportunity to return to the workforce and contribute to, and reconnect with, the Korean American community.



From Left: Youjin Jun and Jennifer Kim

Our part-time intern, **Youjin Jung**, is a Child Education & Development major from Dongduk Women's University in Korea. She has worked as an assistant kindergarten teacher in Korea and is particularly interested in KACF's work with issues relating to children and youth empowerment in the community. Youjin will be interning in the KACF office through October..

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Jennifer and Youjin!

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KACF would like to thank all the donors who have generously contributed to KACF's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. Every donation was matched dollar-for-dollar by KACF.

KACF is pleased to announce the award of \$6,000 grant to Partners In Health's Stand With Haiti Fund, which will help those affected by the devastating January earthquake.

Partners In Health (PIH) [www.standwithhaiti.org/haiti], co-founded by Jim Yong Kim, President of Dartmouth College and 2009 KACF Gala keynote speaker, is a global nonprofit organization that has been working on the ground in Haiti for decades combating disease and poverty and has brought modern medical care to poor communities in 12 countries around the world. The work of PIH has three goals: to care for the patients, to alleviate the root causes of disease in their communities, and to share lessons learned around the world.

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American Cancer Society to honor the KACF Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will be honored with the Award due to its commitment to service, philanthropy, generosity of spirit, and dedication to the community as well as its being a model for a new generation of Asian Americans engaged in community activism. For tickets to the Soiree, please contact Arlene.alegre@cancer.org.



KACF Steering Committee Chair, Philip Lee (second from right), and Executive Director, Kyung B. Yoon (second from left), at a press conference for 2nd annual Asian Americans for Hope Soiree on Thursday, March 4, 2010, during which Steering Committee will receive the Visionary of Hope Award.

2010 United States Census—Be Counted in 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau is issuing a call to action for every resident of our nation: “BE COUNTED IN 2010.” It determines the distribution of more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. It generates thousands of jobs across the country. And it impacts your voice in Congress.

KACF is proud to be 2010 Census partner.

“BE COUNTED IN 2010”

EASY: Every residence will receive a short questionnaire, that is simple and fast to complete and return.

SAFE: By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual’s answers with anyone including federal, state, and local agencies.

IMPORTANT: Over \$300 billion in federal funds awarded to states and communities for new hospitals, schools, better transportation and social services.

To learn more about 2010 Census, please call: 212-356-3100. www.census.gov/2010census

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IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Upcoming Grantee Partner & Community Events...

1) The Korea Society presents: Korean Film in Focus: A Conversation with Director Bong Joon-Ho—February 25

Thursday, February 25, 2010

6:00–6:30 PM * Registration and Reception

6:30–8:30 PM * Discussion and Q&A

The Korea Society

950 Third Avenue @ 57th Street, 8th Floor

(Building entrance on SW corner of Third Avenue and 57th Street)



Director **Bong Joon-ho** has rapidly become one of the most powerful creative and commercial forces in the Korean film industry. After releasing the critically acclaimed *Barking Dogs Never Bite* and *Memories of Murder*, Bong stepped into the international spotlight with his 2006 monster movie *The Host*. Throughout his films, Bong has forged an unmistakable style that fuses the inner realities of contemporary Korea—especially the shame, guilt, and trauma left over from the democratic movement of the 1980s—with all the power and fun of genre movies. His new film *Mother*, set for U.S. release in March, utilizes this powerful style in the service of a murder mystery.

Join us on Thursday, February 25, for a conversation with Bong Joon-ho about his filmmaking method and his career in the Korean movie industry. The evening will include a special preview of clips from the upcoming *Mother*.

Discussion Moderated By **Michael Atkinson**, Professor of Film, Long Island University

Tickets are available for \$10 (members) or \$15 (non-members).

For more information contact [Yuni Cho](mailto:Yuni.Cho@koreasociety.org) or 212-759-7525 ext. 323.

This program is supported by [Magnolia Pictures](http://magnolia.com).

Mother will be released in theaters nationwide on March 12, 2010.

2) National Unification Advisory Council of NY presents Economic Outlook Seminar—February 26

GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SEMINAR

'Global Financial Volatility and Long Run Risk'

Speaker :
Dr. Robert F. Engle (2003 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics)
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The Economic Outlook Seminar is to provide global economic outlook information to 2nd generation Korean Americans who are in the business and professional fields. The Seminar will feature Nobel laureate, Dr. Robert Engle of NYU Stern Business School, winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Economics.

The Seminar will be held February 26th from 6pm to 9pm in FIT Katie Murphy Amphitheatre located between 27th Street and 7th Avenue, in Manhattan.

For more information, contact Jay Chung at jay@jayjoshua.net or call 917-929-3133

3) Korean American Film Festival New York—February 27-28



KAFFNY (“Korean American Film Festival New York”) proudly presents its 4th season of featuring films from emerging and award-winning Korean directors from America, Korea and around the world. This year’s festival showcases two shorts programs on **Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 5pm and 7:30pm** and four feature films on **Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 2pm and 4:30pm** at the SVA Theater (svatheater.com), 333 West 23rd Street, New York.

KACF is proud to be one of the sponsors for Korean American Film Festival of New York.

Films to be featured includes *Thirst*, Korean vampire romance-erotic-thriller by acclaimed director **Chan-Wook Park** Jury Prize winner at Cannes 2009, and *Going Home*, an emotional documentary by Korean-Jewish adoptee **Jason Hoffman** that follows his search for his biological family. For the complete program, please visit kaffny.com

Tickets cost **\$10** (general admission) and **\$8** (students and seniors), a weekend pass is **\$25** and can be purchased at kaffny.com.

Notice: KACF is pleased to include community event announcements in the monthly e-newsletter. If your event meets the criteria below, please submit a 5-sentence blurb to brennan@kacfny.org with the “NEWSLETTER - COMMUNITY” in the subject line. If we include your announcement in our e-newsletter, we will contact you via email. KACF does not guarantee publication.

Criteria to be included in monthly e-newsletter:

**Public events that promote cultural awareness and discussion on Korean American issues;*

**Community campaigns that will positively impact Korean and Asian Americans; and*

**KACF will not include announcements for strictly fundraising events except in the cases of grantee partners.*

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