



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Saturday, September 16, 2000 Wen Ho Lee Fundraiser-Featuring his daughter, Alberta Lee**

7 pm  
Ai Hoa Restaurant  
6200 Wilcrest  
(between Bellaire and Harwin)  
Complimentary Dinner  
For more info call:  
713-247-2013 day  
713-664-6099 eve

### **September 16 & 23 APIA VOTE 2000**

#### **Voter Registration Drive Sites NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Chinese Shopping Malls, Supermarkets  
and Community Centers.  
Call Frank Ma 281-980-5172

September 16, 2000  
Texas /Guandi Temple, 2089 Milby  
Call Pat Charnveja 281-844-2907

September 22, 2000  
Naturalization Ceremonies  
Call Rogene Gee Calvert 713-247-2013

### **October 27-29, 2000 OCA Corporate Achievement Banquet and National Board Meeting**

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis  
Minneapolis, MN

### **Thursday, November 9, 2000 They Served With Pride OCA-Greater Houston Chapter Fundraising Dinner**

6:00 pm  
Ocean Palace Restaurant  
Bellaire at Boone Rd.  
For more info call:  
Faye Chin 713.978.7400  
Debbie Chen 713.837.9036

**December  
OCA-Houston Chapter  
Annual Dinner Meeting**  
Date and Place TBA

## Americans Mustn't Forget Plight of Wen Ho Lee

By Frank Chou, Rogene Gee Calvert and David Lai

Chou is a member of the Association of American Chinese Professionals here. Calvert is president of the Organization of Chinese Americans-Greater Houston Chapter. Lai is a member of Houston 80-20 Initiative.

In view of the renewed attention being focused on possible espionage at the Los Alamos National Laboratories, it is particularly vital not to forget the plight of Wen Ho Lee.

The ghost of 1950s-style McCarthyism has reared its ugly head once more in the inhumane treatment of Lee, who has sat in a prison in Albuquerque, N.M., under solitary confinement for 23 hours a day, with very limited access to phone calls, visitors and outside information for the past six months. When his family members visit him, his arms and legs are shackled and chained, and he is not allowed to speak in his native language, while two FBI agents constantly monitor their conversation.

Probably few in this nation know about Lee, a Chinese-American nuclear scientist formerly employed by Los Alamos National Laboratory. The charges against him are mishandling classified documents, not espionage. Despite his willingness to post a reasonable bond and surrender his U.S. passport, he has been denied bail twice. The reason for such tight security and harsh treatment is, according to the prosecutor, that the documents allegedly mishandled by Lee are the "crown jewels" of U.S. nuclear weaponry. The greatest irony of this claim is that the so-called "crown jewels" were originally considered as PARD -- Protect as Restricted Data -- a relatively low

classification. They were reclassified to a higher security level only after he was fired from his job. Furthermore, some sources maintain that the alleged "crown jewels" are mostly either published or publicly known.

In December 1998, the Department of Energy conducted a polygraph test on Lee. The results indicated that he was not lying in answering "no" to all espionage charges. According to one news report, Lee's denials were so convincing and unequivocal that the deputy director of Los Alamos laboratory issued an apology to Lee. However, when the test results were sent to Washington, D.C., the FBI determined that Lee was lying.

According to experts, such a discrepancy in polygraph interpretation is impossible. What was happening at the time were numerous accusations of the administration's poor security measures, which resulted in top-secret nuclear weapon technology being stolen by China. The Cox report, issued by a congressional committee headed by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., summarized these accusations. The Cox Report succeeded in precipitating a spy hunt. It appeared that Lee had been picked as the scapegoat to silence the criticism.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson fired Lee from the Los Alamos laboratory in March 1999 for "failing to cooperate with the FBI." When he was arrested last December, he was charged with 59 counts of mishandling classified documents, but not one count of spying. According to a report by The New York Times on March 7, Lee's pretrial conditions are more restrictive than those of the convicted CIA

## Presidential Letter

Dear Friends:

Most and, hopefully, all of you who are reading this message are doing so because you are interested in supporting the mission of OCA--to preserve and protect the rights of Chinese Americans and Asian Americans across this country.

These past months and future months have embroiled OCA chapters over the country--all 44 of them--to get active! Your Greater Houston Chapter is no exception. We have tried to inform our members and community about issues--from hosting educational forums with Asst. Secretary of Energy Bob Gee and OCA National Executive Director Daphne Kwok earlier in the year, to sponsoring the White House AAPI Commission and federal agency representatives in July, to hosting Alberta Lee, daughter of Dr. Wen Ho Lee on September 16 for a fundraiser to help fight injustice and racial profiling. We have also taken leadership in writing editorials to the mainstream and Asian media about issues like the growth of Asian American political awareness, activism and advocacy, and the plight of Dr. Wen Ho Lee. Taking the lead from OCA National, our chapter has spearheaded the APIA VOTE 2000 project, along with twenty other community organizations and held a kick off and press conference on September 2. Elected APIA officials and community leaders pledged to help APIA VOTE 2000 reach its goal of registering 5000 new APIA voters by October 9.

We have also participated in our City's cultural awareness about APA's through our library service project. Two reference books and four other books by APA authors were given to the Houston Public Library Downtown and the Alief

Branch to complement their collection. This will be an ongoing project and everyone is invited to donate funds in memory or in honor of a family member or friend that will be used to recognize them and continue to purchase books about our culture.

On November 9, we will be celebrating our second annual "They Serve With Honor..." fundraising dinner. At that time we will recognize outstanding APA corporate employees as voted upon by their peers and nationally renowned journalist and author, Ms. Helen Zia. Funds raised will be used to support local and national OCA activities.

On behalf of our board of directors and active members, I want to invite you to also join the bandwagon. There are many ways to get involved and we will accommodate you in whatever ways suit you. We hope you will renew your membership to OCA-Greater Houston and consider donating to the National OCA through their endowment or internship program. Besides taking out your checkbook, let us know if you want to volunteer for any activities--APIA VOTE 2000, fundraising dinner, or be a board member of the OCA Greater Houston Chapter. But, at the very minimum, REGISTER to vote and EXERCISE your right to vote. You can vote early to avoid the lines or vote at the polls on November 7! Whatever you choose to do, know that it makes a difference--for everyone.

Best wishes,



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spy, Aldrich Ames, and yet Lee has not been convicted. Even more outrageous is that the former CIA director, John Deutch, was known to have committed similar security violations that security experts say are far more potentially damaging, but has not been prosecuted at all.

The outrageous injustice of the prosecution of Lee has made a former chief counterintelligence officer at the Los Alamos laboratory speak up against the investigation. He testified that: 1) DOE and FBI had failed to follow the counterintelligence investigation procedures; 2) ethnicity definitely played a role in the investigation; and 3) the presumption of Lee's innocence was lost due to leaks to the news media.

Such injustice to Lee has caused great concern, in particular, among the scientific and Asian-American communities. Numerous organizations, including the American Physics Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Overseas Chinese Physics Association and the Organization of Chinese Americans, have addressed this issue to Attorney General Janet Reno. They all requested the constitutional right of due process for Lee.

On June 8, under the Coalition Against Racial Ethnic Scapegoating (CARES), rallies were held simultaneously in San Francisco, Washington, D.C., New York City, Los Angeles, Detroit and Salt Lake City expressing outrage over Lee's unfair and harsh treatment and calling for the release of Lee on bail immediately. Numerous other cities, including Houston, will follow suit in the next few months.

Racial profiling in national laboratories has been validated in a report issued by a special task force created by Energy Secretary Richardson -- and has caused Asian-Americans to stay away from these laboratories. For the first time in history, no Chinese has applied for postdoctoral fellowships. DOE officials are having serious concerns about the "brain drain" at the national laboratories, where Asian-Americans represent a significant portion of the scientific and engineering work force.

This country is built upon diversity. It is the greatest power on Earth, thanks to millions of Americans who have made contributions and sacrifices. Will we treat all with justice and fairness? Or will we stand by and let the ghost of McCarthyism show itself in the new millennium?

## Houstonians For Wen Ho Lee

### Injustice\*\* Inequity\*\* Racial Profiling\*\* Discrimination

These words resonate when you know about the plight of Dr. Wen Ho Lee. After almost a year in prison, shackled in irons, held in solitary confinement and allowed limited communication with his family in his native language, Dr. Lee was only hours from being released on \$1 million bail, ONLY to be denied again-a third time!

Come join Houstonians for Wen Ho Lee and welcome his daughter, Alberta Lee.

She will speak passionately and honestly about her father's plight and what we can do to help this blatant case of injustice, inequity, racial profiling and discrimination.

**Date:** Saturday, September 16, 2000

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Ai Hoa Restaurant

6200 Wilcrest (between Bellaire and Harwin)

Complimentary dinner underwritten by Council member Gordon Quan

**RSVP:** Rogene Gee Calvert 713-247-2013 (day) or email: kwchou@aol.com

What can you do to help! One thing greatly needed is money. The trial is scheduled for November, but many thousands of hours of legal work have already been provided, some paid and some donated. Bail, if granted, will be at least \$1 million.

Each of us can help-by donating whatever you can afford. This is not just for dr. Lee but for the future of our children and their children. We don't want them to be a victim of injustice, inequity, racial profiling and discrimination.

Please come and join Houstonians for wen ho lee!

If you cannot attend, please make checks to either:

WHL Legal Defense Fund

used specifically for Legal Defense

OR WHL Family Assistance Fund

used for purposes at discretion of the family

And mail to:

Houstonians for WHL

4122 Woodhaven St.

Houston, TX 77025

## OCA Houston Annual Banquet: They Served with Pride

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 9, 2000 and join us for a lovely evening with Award Winning Journalist Helen Zia as keynote speaker as we recognize the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in the workforce who have "served with pride". Ms. Zia is best known for her work on the documentary, "Who Killed Vincent Chin?" and served as contributing editor of MS. Magazine. A long-time community activist, Ms. Zia has most recently been involved with CARES, the Coalition Against Racial & Ethnic Scapegoating, a multiethnic coalition formed in response the recent unfair treatment of Dr. Wen Ho Lee.

Ms. Zia recently published her book "Asian American Dreams" which discusses the new coming of age for

Asian Pacific American Communities across the country. Copies will be available for purchase and a special time is set aside for a book signing.

**Location:** Ocean Palace Restaurant

**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2000

**Time:** 6:30pm

Individual tickets for the event are \$50

Tables of ten are also available for \$500, \$1000, \$2500, and \$5000

### For more info, please contact:

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## Wen Ho Lee - Newsflash

Los Alamos physicist Wen Ho Lee has agreed to plead guilty to a single felony count of improperly retaining classified nuclear weapons data and could be released from jail today if a federal judge in Albuquerque accepts a plea agreement negotiated by Lee's attorneys and a team of prosecutors. Go to links for more information.

Albuquerque Journal

<http://www.albuquerquejournal.com/news/121641news09-11-00.htm>

Chicago Tribune (AP story)

<http://cnews.tribune.com/news/tribune/story/0,1235,tribune-nation-39051,00.html>

CNN

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/LAW/09/10/wenholee.plea.03/index.html>

LA Times

[http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/updates/lat\\_wenho000911.htm](http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/updates/lat_wenho000911.htm)

MSNBC.com

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/458022.asp>

New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/09/11/national/11LEE.html>

USA Today

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/washdc/ncssun02.htm>

Washington Post

<http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/nation/specials/nationalsecurity/chineseespionage/A46166-2000Sep10.html>



 Organization of Chinese Americans  
Greater Houston Chapter

## Membership Application Form

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***Organizations and Professional Associations that you belong to:***

***How did you learn about OCA?***

### ***Membership rates***

\_\_\_\_ Individuals: \$25  
\_\_\_\_ Family: \$35  
\_\_\_\_ Individual 2 Years: \$50  
\_\_\_\_ Individual 5 Years: \$100

**For more info:**  
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drallenchin@aol.com

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