

roots in the United States, they're retained cultural heritages that stretch across the globe. The five largest ethnic groups within the AAPI demographic are: Chinese, Filipino, Indian, Korean, and Vietnamese. Japanese Americans are the sixth. Until the 1970s, Japanese Americans were the single largest AAPI group. When the 1965 Immigration Act reforms were implemented, they unleashed dramatic increases from the rest of Asia. So, while there are imperial roots in all their legacies, these AAPI communities have their own trajectories within the U.S.

A few became seriously wealthy: some formed family and kinship-related corporations - such as the **Patels** from India who, beginning in the 1950s, created a formidable national network, now owning as much as two-thirds of the budget hotels and perhaps as much as a **forty percent** market share of the hotel/hospitality industry in America!

Few Asian Americans were elected or appointed to local, territorial, state, or national bodies before WWII, even in areas like Hawaii, where AAPI populations far exceeded whites.

Daniel Inouye was one of the most influential politicians of the late 20th Century. He had an unparalleled 50 year career in the United States Senate representing his home state of Hawaii ending in 2012. He served as President pro tempore of the Senate in his final years which made him the highest-ranking Asian American politician in U.S history.



America's rich history can not ignore the sacrifices, cultures and contributions of all it's citizens. This May - and every May (and throughout the year) - Celebrate America's "Asian American/Pacific Islander's" Heritage! **ggd** ☺

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Meeting Dates/Time: **Wednesday, April 26th** (10:00 a.m.) and **** Wednesday, May 24th** (10:00 a.m.)
 Location: Wellston Center - 155 Maple Street | Warner Robins, GA 31093

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For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. **Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882).** "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." **Matthew 5:4 NKJV**

Sick/Shut-Ins: Ruth Davis, Mary Lappano and Trudy Deep
 We wish health/wellness to all past/current members, family members and friends. **ggd** ☺

Highlights From The March 2017 Meeting: Professor **Nicholas Steneck**, Professor **Jiang Xiaoping** and performance art students of the **Confucius Institute at Wesleyan College** (CIWC) shared history, food and special Chinese dance, songs and music for guests/attendees! The CIWC was established in 2012 to promote Chinese language and culture; foster intercultural exchange with China among students, educators, and our community; serve as a resource for Chinese studies through its China Museum; and celebrate the historic connection between Wesleyan College and China in changing the lives of women through higher education and social action.



Located on the first floor of the Lucy Lester Willet Memorial Library, the CIWC houses The China Museum which contains silk tapestries, oriental screens, ornate rosewood tables and chairs, porcelain objects d'art, and other Chinese art and artifacts that are a part of Wesleyan's longstanding history with China. Wesleyan College ... **"First for Women"** with rich/international history and culture with the Confucius Institute (At Wesleyan). For additional information please visit www.WesleyanCollege.edu/academics/Confucius-Institute-Home-Page.cfm

Mrs. Phyllis Toliver/Assistant Principal - C.B. Watson Primary School and **Mrs. Dawn Pace**/Media Specialist - C.B. Watson Primary School briefly discussed several school initiatives including the summer reading program, book drive and monthly reading opportunities to/for the students in addition to the (then) upcoming **"Adoption Ceremony"** between AARP Chapter 1952 and C.B. Watson Primary School!



Special Guest: **Jenny Jenson** | AARP GA/Senior Program Assistant briefly discussed AARP GA ongoing initiatives, programs and updates from the capital on health care, medicare, social security and other hot topics.
 History, entertainment, food, fun, fellowship, individual/group photos ... **ggd** ☺

Wednesday - April 26, 2017 | 10:00 a.m.
***** NO MEETING *****
 Instead ... We'll be @ **SPRING-O-O-O 2017!**
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Sincerely,

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AARP Chapter 1952 ... We ARE "Forever Young!"

NOTE: With the exception of **November, December** and "special events," our (monthly) meetings are held on the **fourth (4th) Wednesday**. As such, the newsletter is (usually) printed/mailed the third (3rd) Tuesday or Wednesday. We're **ALWAYS** "early" for the following month's special days/celebrations and SOMETIMES we're "early" for the current month's special days/celebrations as well. **2017 Meetings/Events:**

- 1/25/17 - Rebuilding Together Warner Robins ... [CHECK]
- 2/22/17 - The Otis Redding Foundation ... [CHECK]
- 3/22/17 - Wesleyan College/Confucius Institute ... [CHECK]
- 4/26/17 - SPRING-O-O-O At Antebellum Grove**
- 5/24/17 - Visiting Angels
- 6/28/17 - Summer Picnic/Membership Drive** | Easter Seals of Middle Georgia
- 7/26/17 - Habitat For Humanity (Houston County)
- 8/23/17 - BBB Central Georgia
- 9/20/17 (Third Wednesday)** | Walgreens
- 10/25/17 - Cherished Children (Warner Robins)
- 11/20/17 (Third Monday)** | Business Meeting/Phoenix Center
- 12/18/17 (Third Monday)** | Christmas Meeting/TBA

A Proclamation



"The rich heritage of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders spans the world and the depths of America's history. Generation after generation, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have forged a proud legacy that reflects the spirit of our Nation -- a country that values the contributions of everyone who calls America home.

During Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we honor the perseverance of those who courageously reached for their hopes and dreams in a new land, and we celebrate the important impact the AAPI community has made on our Nation's progress.

From the more than one million immigrants who journeyed across the Pacific and arrived on Angel Island to the Chinese-American laborers who risked their lives to link our coasts by rail, the determination of this vibrant community represents the best of our national character. In each chapter of our country's story -- in places like Selma and the grape fields of Delano, during the moments where our Nation's destiny has been decided -- AAPIs of all backgrounds have set inspiring examples



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as leaders and trailblazers, united by a common hope for civil rights, equal treatment, and a better tomorrow for all Americans.

Through times of hardship and in the face of enduring prejudice, these women and men have persisted and forged ahead to help strengthen our Union. Native Hawaiians have fought to protect their treasured traditions, language, and lands. And AAPI patriots have defended the beliefs for which we stand. Seventy years ago, the United States and our allies secured a lasting peace throughout the Asia Pacific region and much of the world -- a victory achieved in part by thousands of Filipino Americans who fought valiantly but were denied compensation, and also by Japanese Americans who served this country even as the freedom of their loved ones was denied.

Fifty years ago, the United States opened new doors of opportunity to more Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants through the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, ending the arbitrary and outdated policies that unfairly limited the potential of entire regions.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, which brought new Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hmong, and Laotian communities to this country.

But as we recognize the enormous progress America has made, we must also acknowledge the many struggles AAPIs continue to experience in the face of persistent inequality and bigotry, including barriers to equal access to education, employment, and health care. South Asian Americans -- especially those who are Muslim, Hindu, or Sikh -- too often face senseless violence and harassment due only to the color of their skin or the tenets of their faith. And to this day, many AAPIs continue to live in the shadows and are separated from their families due to our broken immigration system.



My Administration is committed to addressing these unmet needs and the ugly discrimination that still exists. I was proud to re-establish the White House Initiative on AAPIs soon after I took office, to foster opportunities for increased access to and involvement in Federal programs. As part of that effort, my Administration is expanding its regional network of Federal leaders and hosting community meetings across the country to better understand the needs of the diverse AAPI community. Last year, I announced my intent to take actions that would allow more high-skilled immigrants, graduates, and entrepreneurs to stay and contribute to our economy, and I continue to call on the Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

To highlight the tremendous growth of the AAPI community and my Administration's commitment to increasing opportunity for AAPIs everywhere, this month we will host the White House Summit on AAPIs -- an unprecedented and historic all-day convening of senior Federal officials and community leaders from across the country.

As we commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we pay tribute to all those in the AAPI community who have striven for a brighter future for the next generation. Together, let us recommit to embracing the diversity that enriches our Nation and to ensuring all our people have an equal chance to succeed in the country we love."

The above **PROCLAMATION** was written **April 30, 2015** and signed by (then) **President - Barack Obama** declaring May (2015) as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! The history of North America is shaped by the stories of immigrants from Asia and the Pacific and the native people of the Pacific Islands. Currently, over 20 million people of Asian or Pacific Islander descent live in the United States, totaling about 6 percent of the U.S. population. As diverse communities built strong

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