

马里兰州州务卿李凤迁寄语亚裔二代

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4月18日,阳光明媚,春风送暖。在这个大好的春光里, Peter Chang 位于盖城 Costco 旁的分店正式开业酬宾。这是 Peter Chang 的第 16 家分店,为大华府地区各个族裔提供了又一个享受中国美食的好去处。大华府地区亚裔各界人士、马里兰州和蒙郡亚太裔办公室代表以及亲朋好友等数十位嘉宾莅临现场庆祝。马里兰州州务卿李凤迁、州长亚太裔委员会办公室主任王佩莲和亚太裔委员吕萍、蒙郡郡长亚裔联络员沈义先后发表讲话,恭祝开业成功,生意兴隆,并表扬了 Peter Chang 对扩大中国美食影响以及对社区的贡献。嘉宾们随后品尝美食,并深入交流,一时间欢声笑语,其乐融融……

华府青年 (Capital Youth Outreach Club, CYOC) 副主席兼编辑部主编、记者万家仪也应邀参加了此次开业酬宾活动,并借此机会采访了百忙之中的州务卿李凤迁。万家仪向李凤迁介绍了华府青年的组织和活动情况。华府青年是六年前由大华府地区初中和高中学生主导成立的义工组织,宗旨是利用大专联和社区的资源和支持,促进亚裔二代参与各种社会实践,自我成长,培养亚裔二代们尤其是华

二代们的领导才能,以便更好地展示亚裔文化并传播给社区。自成立以来,华府青年组织和参与了数十个社区公益活动,连续多年为其它公益组织募捐大量食品、衣物、书籍和儿童玩具等,同时积极参与国际交流。特别是新冠流行期间积极组织为医护、警局等一线英雄和社区捐赠防护用品和食品,受到时任州参议员李凤迁的特别新闻表彰。李凤迁很高兴看到华府青年的成长壮大,并对志愿者们的活动表示非常赞赏。

记者万家仪请李凤迁对亚裔参与社区服务并扩大影响力等发表看法。李凤迁以她自身的成长和从政经历,说明在美国社会参与社区活动的重要性。她说,在美国社会的各种活动中亚裔要做参与者,不能只做旁观者,并强调像华府青年这样成员众多、积极参加社区活动的志愿者组织对扩大亚裔形象和影响力的重要性。作为马里兰州的首位亚裔州务卿,李凤迁女士说,她不应该是最后一位亚裔州务卿。她特别寄语亚裔年轻一代,积极服务社区、奉献社会,提升自身的影响力,为自己、为社区、为亚裔创造更加美好的未来!

On April 18, 2024, renowned chef Peter Chang opened his sixteenth restaurant branch in Gaithersburg, Maryland, representing a significant milestone for the Asian American community. Guests from all walks of life—officials, delegates, families and friends—gathered to celebrate this remarkable achievement and sample his renowned cuisine. Amid the festivities, notable figures such as Susan Lee (Secretary of State of Maryland), Chung Pak (Chief Administrative Law Judge), Christina Wong Poy (Director of the Maryland Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs), Ping Lu and Alanna Lee (Members of the Maryland Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs), and Yi Shen (Asian Liaison of Montgomery County) were present, many expressing their personal experiences, congratulations, as well as hopes for the future of the Asian American community.

Later into the event, Jennifer Wan, Vice President of Capital Youth Outreach

Club (CYOC), conducted an interview with Susan Lee. Susan Lee shared her childhood experiences in a community where Asian Americans were far unrepresented, and emphasized the importance of taking action and being active participants rather than spectators. Similarly, she highlighted the importance of figures such as Peter Chang and organizations such as CYOC in building the future of the Asian American community. As a trailblazer and as the first in many things, she expressed hopes that she will not be the last, highlighting the importance of Asian American engagement, especially among the younger generation, in uplifting the community and making a difference in this world.

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