



华夏传统文明，璀璨悠长

记2024年蒙郡亚太裔传统月庆祝活动

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2024年5月19日，阳光灿烂，由华府大专联参与主办和承办的2024年马里兰州蒙郡亚太裔传统月庆祝活动在 Seneca Valley 高中拉开帷幕。

早上10点不到，华府青年的小义工们就早早来到举办场地，在大专联和华府青年组织者的领导和安排下，有条不紊地布置展台。因为今年大专联和华府青年共用一个展台，posters和展品种类繁多，

小义工们不仅根据展品的种类，合理安排展品的顺序；还根据站台位置，发挥能动性，用长绳串起一个个红红的福字，高高挂起作为展台的门脸儿，瞬间就拉起了浓浓的中国风。11点不到，展品布置就顺利完成了。大专联和华府青年的宣传海报分立展在展台两侧，醒目威风。

介绍中国传统文化、习俗的poster简洁生动。展台上依次排开

中国传统文化的代表性展品，代表国宝的熊猫玩偶憨态可掬、代表国粹的戏剧人偶生动别致、代表茶文化的瓷器精致素雅、代表建筑文化的狮子和宝塔摆件以及宫灯、毛笔、扇子、竹子棋盘、西游记漫画等等，各具特色、亮点多多。除了展品，组织者还安排了剪纸和趣味的儿童小游戏，布置了红色的拍照背景并准备了配套的精美汉服。

11点，庆祝活动准时开始，小

义工们在展台后面各就各位，热情地给前来参观的各国友人介绍展品、手把手地展示剪纸艺术、带领小朋友们用筷子夹巧克力豆和串手链、带上福娃娃套渲染气氛，忙的不亦乐乎。

参观者纷纷驻足，对多种传统文化展品表现出了浓厚的兴趣。有些参观者动手学剪纸，拿到小义工们附赠的剪纸作品后，特别高兴，纷纷表示要好好保留。有的参

观者还穿上汉服，在布景前拍照留念，现场气氛热烈欢乐。

下午4点，庆祝活动圆满结束。通过这次亚太裔传统月庆祝活动，华府青年的小义工们不仅对我们的传统文化有了新的、更深刻的了解和认识，而且更重要的是把我们璀璨悠长的华夏文明进行了很好的传播和展示，让这抹夺目的中国红在西方熠熠生辉！

Embracing AAPI Heritage: A Cultural Celebration in Montgomery County

Ruichen Feng, 05/21/2024

In May, we celebrate and reflect on the significant role that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have played in the history of the United States. Last Sunday, May 19th, Montgomery County in Maryland hosted a fair to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month. As a member of the Capital Youth Outreach Club (CYOC), several members and I volunteered at this fair to host a table representing the Chinese Alumni Associations of Greater Washington (CAAGW) and CYOC, showcasing the rich Chinese culture.

We arrived around 10:30 AM to set up tables filled with Chinese artifacts and planned some fun activities for kids, such as using chopsticks to pick up M&Ms,

helping them learn how to use Chinese chopsticks. Our decorations included hangers with the word "福" (fortune) on them, panda stuffed animals, the 12 Chinese zodiac signs, two large posters highlighting various aspects of Chinese culture, and a Chinese board game, Chinese chess and many more. I helped build a small photo booth with paper signs and traditional Chinese clothing for visitors to take pictures. At around 12 PM, the festival began, and many guests started to explore the exhibits. I took this time to teach visitors about a popular board game called "象棋" (Chinese chess). After lunch, during our break, we visited other stands and learned about the countries they represented. It was fascinating to see the history and

traditions of many Asian countries, some obscure and some well-known.

There were also tables providing resources to the AAPI community, promoting the rich culture of the diverse AAPI community. Important historical figures were highlighted on the pillars of the building, including some I recognized, like Chien Shiung Wu, who attended the same university as my mom in China. Around this time, cultural performances from AAPI communities started on the main stage, which were very entertaining to watch.

Finally, at around 3 PM, we packed up and left. Looking back, volunteering at the AAPI festival was a deeply enriching experience.

It allowed me to immerse myself in the cultures within the AAPI community and gain a greater appreciation for their contributions to our shared history. I also learned about notable historical figures who have made significant impacts in the United States, broadening my understanding of our collective heritage. Additionally, the festival provided an opportunity to connect with others,

fostering new friendships and a sense of community. This experience not only deepened my knowledge of AAPI cultures but also reinforced the importance of celebrating and preserving our diverse cultural heritage.



USCAC Asian American Youth Leadership Award

By: Philip Liang

I am a passionate person and this makes me always want to serve my community. Some months ago, I had the chance to make an application for a scholarship award. For instance, when I learned about the USCAC Asian American Youth Leadership Award, which is such an honor since it acknowledges the exceptional accomplishments and contributions that young Asian Americans are making in their societies. Therefore I saw this opportunity as one of my golden chances to apply for this award so that besides receiving recognition; I could get more platforms where I can

promote change.

To be honest, it shocked me when the email informed me that I had been selected to receive the scholarship award. This made me proud of myself as well as rewarding all those countless hours of voluntary and community service work. This recognition not only filled me with pride but also served as a valuable testament to the countless hours of dedication and hard work I have put into volunteering and community service

Attending the annual Asian

American Youth Leadership Awards is a truly humbling and inspiring experience. As I entered the location where the ceremony was held, I was struck by the fact that everyone around me had given their sweat and effort and worked for their community, this allowed me to respect everybody in that room. The attendees were a diverse and impressive group of young Asian Americans, each with unique stories and accomplishments.

The ceremony itself was a celebration of the award recipients' achievements and a powerful

reminder to me that the contributions of these award recipients have had a profound impact on the world. Throughout the ceremony, I was deeply moved by the stories and experiences told by other award recipients. I remember George Xie talked about his failure in setting up the social media team for CYOC and the lesson her learned from his mistakes, and I agree with him very much. George's experience proved to be a key lesson that only failure can improve your leadership skills. With George and other participants sharing their stories with enthusiasm, resilience, and

dedication to making a positive impact on the community was truly inspiring. I can easily relate to these fellow volunteers.

The Asian American Youth Leadership Awards Ceremony not only recognized my personal contributions but also provided a valuable opportunity to connect with other like-minded individuals and learn from their experiences. I will definitely apply for the award again next year, hoping that by then I will have accomplished and contributed more to the society and be proud of everything I did.

"婚后协议"是婚姻的保护伞吗?

在"马里兰州婚姻家事法律介绍之一"中已经介绍了是否有必要订立"婚前协议",进行婚前财产公证的法律要点和注意事项等。

那么,如果结婚双方未在结婚前签订协议,是否婚后仍能签订有效的协议呢?

在法制国家里,婚姻关系可被视为是两个适婚有法律行为能力的人士的一种合同(契约)关系。婚姻的建立需要有感情的基础,婚姻的维系则需要有经济的保障。

"婚前协议"(Prenuptial),顾名思义,是一对夫妇在结婚前签订的

合同,其中概述了离婚时的所有离婚条款。"婚后协议"(Postnuptial)是在婚姻发生后签订的协议。两种类型的协议,如果起草得当,都可以保护每一方的最大利益,如果今后双方决定离婚时,可以简化离婚过程和减少火药味,为双方节省金钱、时间和避免麻烦。

为什么要制定"婚后协议"呢?提到"婚前协议",通常给人一种负面含义。有些夫妇可能会避开他们,因为他们不想冒犯他们的伴侣或让他们看起来好像他们不确定他们的婚姻是否能长久。然

而,这些类型的协议对许多夫妻来说是很有意义的。有多种因素和情况会促使夫妻考虑订立婚后协议。

由此,对于既准备进入婚姻殿堂,共结连理,又感觉顾虑重重,惴惴不安的人士而言,不论是再婚或首婚,不妨考虑在结婚前签订"婚前协议"。对已婚人士,如因经济变化或一方债务高筑或其他原因,不妨考虑在结婚后签订"婚后协议"。这种协议不仅可对双方各自的婚前财产和债务债权的经济事项达成协议,也可对超越经济范畴之

外的可能问题作事先规定婚后各自的权利义务。更有甚者,这份文件既是婚前探究双方缔结婚姻的"试金石",又是婚后促使双方珍惜婚姻的"保护伞"。

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