

# Goddard Chinese American Club Newsletter

## From the Editor:

Time flies. Already, we are at the end of summer of 2018. We hope the year has been a productive and happy one. At GCAC, we have much to celebrate. In this issue, we have included chronicles of the events GCAC has hosted or provided support for, and the successes and important milestones of some individual GCAC members.

## 2018 Chinese New Year Celebration

A Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog) luncheon was held at East Pearl Asian Bistro on Feb 22, 2018. As always, it was a joyous and festive occasion. Door prizes were given out and best wishes were exchanged. Results of this year’s club officer election was announced during the luncheon.

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In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee, in collaboration with the Equal Opportunity Programs Office and the Goddard Chinese American Club (GCAC), - continue

## GCAC and Members Win Four Categories in the 2017 Robert H. Goddard Honor Awards

Goddard Chinese American Club (GCAC), under the longtime leadership of Minlin Chang, won 2017 RHG Honor Award in “Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity” team award. The citation reads: *“For sustained support of Goddard’s Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee and demonstrated commitment to Diversity and Inclusion program at Goddard.”* GCAC thanks all current and previous members and officers who have helped to grow GCAC to a diverse, inclusive group.



Two member GCAC, Jeffrey Bolognese and Xiaoyi Li, both GCAC member at-large, won 2017 RHG Honor Award in “Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity” individual category. Jeffrey Bolognese’s citation reads: *“For your outstanding dedication and support of Goddard’s principles as Chair of the Engineering Directorate Diversity & Inclusion Committee and in your daily work.”* Xiaoyi’s citation reads: *“In acknowledgement of support to the Diversity & Inclusion initiatives at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center.”*

Lihua Li, a long-time GCAC member, won individual customer service award *“for outstanding customer service and contributions to the Goddard radar remote-sensing science community.”*

hosted a cultural awareness and appreciation program, in conjunction with the Center's annual "Taste of Asia and Pacific Islands" event on May 2, 2018. This year's theme is "Unite Our Vision by Working Together," and the keynote speaker was Mr. Stephen Shih, NASA's Associate Administrator for Diversity and Equal Opportunity.

### Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration (upcoming)

This year's celebration is going to take place on September 26 (11am - 2pm) at the Building 8 auditorium. Please mark it on your calendar; we look forward to seeing you.

## Runners in GCAC Win Competitions

### Yan Zhang in Boston Marathon

Qualifying for the Boston Marathon is the dream of almost every serious runner. As one of the world-famous marathon events, it takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of April. The weather for this year's ranked high in terms of the worst possible conditions: gusty winds together with downpours of rain and chilly temperatures. Bravo to Yan Zhang, a GCAC member, for completing her second Boston Marathon in 3 hours 41 minutes, a qualifying time for the next Boston Marathon, in 2019. What an achievement!



### GSFC Intra-Center 2-Mile Spring Fun Run and 10K run

Many GCAC members participated in the 2-mile fun run event on 2 May 2018. It's a competition for some, a team event for some, and a fun run/walk for others. Several GCAC members achieved impressive results in this event, including Yan Zhang (#3 female overall and #1 in age group), Feng Li (#4 in age group), and Yihua Zheng (age group #3). The GCAC participant ratio was quite high at the 10k and 2k running event around the Greenbelt lake on May 9, 2018.

