



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – SOCIAL NETWORKING – ASIAN HERITAGE

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ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration

On May 22, around 60 people attended MAPLE's first APA Heritage Month celebration. Tom Lai served as the master of ceremony and Jacalyn "Chairman" Mah provided an overview of MAPLE.

Our guest speaker Marin County Superior Court Judge James T. Chou shared stories about his family's immigrant experience and how it shaped his desire to pursue a career in law.

Rudy Viernes performed a number of patriotic and Filipino folk songs on his harmonica.

Supervisor Susan L. Adams sponsored the [proclamation](#) for APA Heritage Month, which was read by Ralph Hernandez.

Jose Varela of the Organization of Latino Employees (OLE) and Janell Hampton of County of Marin African-American Employees Association (COMAEA) congratulated MAPLE in our first event.

The featured film, [Pilgrimage](#), tells the story of how an abandoned WWII concentration camp for Japanese Americans has been transformed into a symbol of retrospection and solidarity for people in our post 9/11 world.

The planning committee was comprised of Jacalyn Mah, Adora Gutierrez, Becky Ng, Jeff Wong, Maureen De Nieva, Ralph Hernandez and Tom Lai.

See [event photos](#) and [video recording](#).



Cafeteria Display

An [exhibit](#) honoring APA Heritage Month was up in the Civic Center cafeteria display box throughout the month of May.

HR's Friday Flash

We were featured in Human Resources' monthly newsletter called, "Friday Flash". Check out the [article](#) on page 1.

Recruiting for Board Members

Interested in getting more involved in MAPLE? Our core group meets monthly from 12 to 1 at the Civic Center. We would like to plan for one social activity and perhaps one professional development workshop by the end of 2014. Email maplemarin@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us.

Frankly Speaking Article

We would like to submit an article about MAPLE to be featured in the Fall Frankly Speaking. If you're interested in being the author, [email us](#) by June 15. Deadline for submission is July 1.



Maplean of the Month: Jeff Wong

Jeff is one of the co-founders of MAPLE. He works for the Administrator's Office as a Capital Planning & Project Manager. He is often spotted running around the Civic Center around lunch time as he is currently training for the next Boston Marathon. Read the full interview [here](#).

Want to nominate a Maplean? [Email us](#).



About MAPLE

MAPLE started in December 2013. Our mission is to promote professional development, provide a social network, and celebrate Asian Pacific Islander heritage for Asian-American public employees in Marin County. We currently have 150+ individuals from Marin County government and Superior Court on our email listserv. Visit us at www.marinmaple.org or connect with us at [www.fb.com/marinmaple](https://www.facebook.com/marinmaple).