**Press Release**

Established four years ago, Seattle is the second newest chapter of the **Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.)**, the nation’s oldest civil rights and community empowerment organization in America. Seattle will host the organization’s **53rd Biennial Convention and Leadership Training from August 6th-9th, 2015 at the Best Western Inn Plus Executive Inn** (*200 Taylor Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109*).

The Biennial Convention brings together over 100 delegates from 19 C.A.C.A. Lodges throughout the United States. Delegates spend three packed days and evenings discussing issues important to the Chinese-American community, including promoting and protecting civil rights, developing leadership in our youth, and building the community through education, community service and collaborating with businesses and other community organizations.

The convention will be highlighted by special speakers from the Chinese community, including author Eric Liu and the Spirit of America Awardee, to be announced in April. The Spirit of America Award is presented biennially by C.A.C.A. to a Chinese-American who has demonstrated exceptional achievement. Some prior awardees include Former WA State Governor/U.S. Ambassador Gary Locke, NW Businessman Jerry Lee and Olympic Medalist Michelle Kwan.

Although convention proceedings are only open to delegates, tickets to attend the **Spirit of America Gala Dinner to be held Friday, August 7th 2015 at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  *(\*\*Address\*\*)* and the **Chinese Pioneer Dinner to be held Saturday, August 8th 2015** **at** **Four Seas Restaurant** *(714 South King Street, Seattle, WA 98104)* will be available for purchase by the general community. The Chinese Pioneer Dinner is narrated by restauranteur Max Chan and offers a unique cultural opportunity to taste dishes that would have been eaten by the Chinese-American pioneers.

Enclosed include additional information about our organization’s many activities, and our sponsorship packet. An outline of our convention activities is available by request.

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