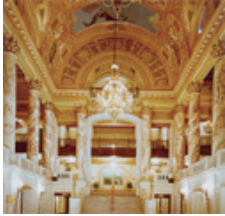


### About the Event



Lively shouts, strains of the bamboo pipe, and the scents of Far Eastern spices will greet guests of the Asian American Civic Association's Lunar New Year Gala as they stroll into the Grand Lobby of the Wang Center on the night of February 9, 2006.

The event promises an evening of exciting entertainment and exotic cuisine as we celebrate the arrival of Year 4704.

### Year of the Dog 4704



According to Chinese astrology, people born in the Year of the Dog (1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006) possess some of the best traits of human nature. Loyal and honest, they are faithful friends, excellent keepers of secrets, and natural born leaders. They can also be selfish, stubborn, critical, and downright eccentric. All in all, however, the Dog is a noble fighter who will make great sacrifices for that which is good and true. Dogs are compatible with Horses, Tigers, and Rabbits.

### THE NEED



People who come to our country today have the same dreams of opportunity borne by our forefathers. Currently, immigrants represent 1 in 7 Bay State residents and constitute 17% of the workforce.

Yet, many immigrants encounter destitution when they arrive at our land of plenty. They often put themselves and their families at risk by working under hazardous conditions, leaving their children at home alone to work multiple jobs, and living in substandard and over-crowded housing.

Immigrants account for 36% of Massachusetts families living below the federal poverty line. 40% percent of immigrant children live in poverty.



### THE STORIES



Please read their inspiring stories on LunarNewYearGala.com.

### THE AACA DIFFERENCE



Established in 1967 in response to the needs of Chinese Americans, the Asian American Civic Association is now a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization serving the multi-ethnic immigrant community of the Greater Boston Area.

In addition to highly specialized ESL education, AACA provides clients with comprehensive social service counseling, extensive job skills training, college preparation, family literacy programs, and after-school mentoring for Boston's youth.

AACA is ranked one of the highest in student retention and job placement among the state's community based organizations. The Facilities Maintenance Class, Automotive Repair Training and Office Skills Training have consistently placed over 85% of students in jobs within six months of graduation.

### EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ OVER 20 FOOD PURVEYORS
- ◆ LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
- ◆ ETHNIC PERFORMANCES
- ◆ LOCAL ARTISANS
- ◆ LIVE JAZZ & DANCING

### EVENT DETAILS

WANG CENTER  
270 TREMONT STREET  
BOSTON, MA

\$150.00\*  
BLACK TIE AFFAIR WITH ETHNIC FLAIR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006

7 PM - 11 PM

\*See also Corporate Sponsorship Levels at [www.lunarnewyeargala.com](http://www.lunarnewyeargala.com)

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### AACA MISSION

To preserve the American Dream by providing disadvantaged immigrants and refugees of all ethnicities with the means by which to achieve self-sufficiency and become contributing members of society.

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