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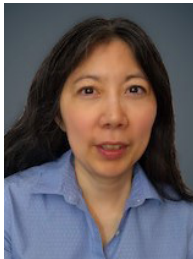
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

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PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements
Chair Catherine Borgia

Presentation of Proclamations



JEANHEE CHUNG

Presented by Legislator Catherine F. Parker



DR. NANDINI ANANDU

Presented by Legislator Terry Clements

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JEANHEE CHUNG is a second generation Korean-American, living in the Village of Mamaroneck since 2013 with her husband and three children. In the 1950s, her mother Jongsoon fled North Korea to come to the U.S. to study and met her father, Hyung, a student from South Korea. Together, they settled in Connecticut and lived the American Dream. They were always appreciative of the opportunities for freedom and prosperity that exist in the U.S. Her father was an urban planner and architect, and a force for good in his community. When he died, Jeanhee was determined to follow his example. Through her volunteer work with St. John's Lutheran Church in Mamaroneck, her efforts have supported Hearts & Homes for Refugees and Neighbors for Refugees. Jeanhee is active in the PTSA of the Rye Neck Public Schools, where her children attend, and is a Girl Scouts troop leader. Additionally, Jeanhee serves on the Asian-American Advisory Board for Westchester County and is 2nd Secretary of the Westchester Asian-American Democrats. Jeanhee holds a B.A. from Harvard University and a graduate degree from the Yale University Department of Ecology and Evolution. For nearly 20 years, Jeanhee worked at her father's urban planning firm as an editor and data analyst. After starting a family, Jeanhee transitioned her professional career to web development and started the successful Sound Shore Digital, LLC.

When COVID-19 hit, Jeanhee realized there was a mask shortage and wanted to help. By putting her web-developing skills and her sewing machine to good use, she began mobilizing to connect volunteers with those who needed masks. Through this effort, Jeanhee founded SewforNY.org and SewforCT.org. Initially the masks went to help nurses in need who were only given one N-95 mask per week due to lack of supplies. They needed the cloth masks as covers to make the N-95 masks last longer. As PPEs became more available in larger healthcare institutions, her masks went to smaller health clinics, homeless people, seniors, women's shelters, children's hospitals, and others in need.

Jeanhee is immensely grateful to all of the volunteers who sewed over 16,000 masks throughout the pandemic. While she and her son, Linus, personally sewed hundreds of masks, the operation was made successful by the donated labor of many more people including the sewists, delivery drivers, and other volunteer organizers who combined forces to make PPE, as well as financial contributors. SewforNY.org was one of many groups in the Tri-State Area, each with hundreds of volunteers sewing and organizing to protect our country from COVID-19.



DR. NANDINI ANANDU is a Hospitalist in Internal Medicine at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco. Her role is to provide care for patients admitted to the hospital, including patients being admitted from the emergency room. She has a unique role, in that she is a nocturnist-- a physician who provide care overnight. This puts her on the front lines of any emergency situation, and particularly on the front lines of the COVID pandemic.

Before the pandemic, Dr. Anandu typically worked part time at both Northern Westchester and New York Presbyterian-Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville. But when the volume of patients being admitted rose to unprecedented levels, and her fellow colleagues became sick with the virus and were unable to work, she rose to the occasion. When asked to pick up more shifts to help with the surge, she did not hesitate, even when the weeks turned into months. Her ability to provide overnight coverage was critically needed.

During the peak of the pandemic, she helped local nonprofits create a database of healthcare workers in Pelham. This was created to provide support to the local frontline workers. She also helped find panelists for *Pelham Together's* Coronavirus Q & A live Zoom meetings, a forum where local physicians and psychologists answered questions from the community. *Pelham Together* held two of these events, and she continues to serve as an active volunteer for them. She advocates for the Asian-American community through her work with the County's Asian-American Advisory Board and the Progressive Women of Pelham, and is involved in a wide variety of community activities in Pelham including the Pelham Art Center, Junior League, Friends of Community Service, school district Wellness committee, Hearts & Homes for Refugees, and Neighbors for Refugees.

In addition, Dr. Anandu is active in the American College of Physicians (ACP), and is District President of the New York Chapter, Hudson Valley South. She has received numerous commendations such as the ACP's New York Chapter "Humanism in Medicine Award" in October of 2021, given to an active Chapter member for their outstanding contribution toward humanism in medicine, and dedication and volunteerism to the community. She was also nominated in 2014 and 2018 for Northern Westchester Hospital's "Physician of the Year Award" by more than 30 nurses, for demonstrating outstanding achievement in compassion, caring, commitment, communication, mentorship, critical thinking, and empowerment.

Dr. Anandu received her B.S. in Biochemistry and graduated Summa cum Laude from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. She went on to earn her doctorate from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Medical School.