

The
WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
celebrates

ASIAN-AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER Heritage Month

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

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PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements

Board Chair Vedat Gashi

Presentation of Proclamations



DR. YUNG-YI DIANA PAN

Presented by Legislator David T. Imamura



LILI AND SAM MOY

Presented by Legislator Catherine F. Parker

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DR. YUNG-YI DIANA PAN is the Interim Executive Director of the Asian American/Asian Research Institute (AAARI), recently appointed in September of 2023. Most recently an Associate Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College/CUNY and the CUNY Graduate Center, she served as the Director of American Studies and the Faculty Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Brooklyn College. She is an active member of the CUNY community, serving on numerous Faculty Council committees, and a board member of CUNY's Asian American/Asian Research Institute (AAARI) since 2013. Dr. Pan brings her research expertise, intellectual training, and sociological imagination in thinking about and working with diverse communities.

A proud product of public schools, she earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from University of California, Irvine, an M.A. in Ethnic Studies from San Francisco State University, and B.A. in Political Science and Ethnic Studies from Oregon State University. As a 1.5-generation immigrant and first-generation college student, Diana was inspired by her own educator role models to pursue higher education. Anchored in her childhood growing up in the Pacific Northwest of Chinese descent, her research broadly examines the experiences of nonwhite individuals in predominantly white spaces. Her primary areas of inquiry are elite professions. Diana's prior work focused on processes of racialization in law school; she is the author of *Incidental Racialization: Performative Assimilation in Law School*. Building on that project, her current work interrogates the role and significance of diversity in three elite professions: law, medicine, and higher education. Her work has appeared in sociology and interdisciplinary journals including *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Inquiry*, and the *Journal of Asian American Studies*, among others.

Since 2017, she has resided in Hastings-on-Hudson with her husband and two children. Diana also extends her interdisciplinary lens through her involvement in professional organizations and community service. She is an active member of the American Sociological Association and senior editorial board member for the *Journal for Undergraduate Ethnography*. In addition, she sits on the Westchester Asian-American Advisory Board, and coaches little league softball.



LILI AND SAM MOY are longtime, beloved business owners and community leaders in Rye. Sam (Mun) S. Moy left Canton, China with his mother and sister in 1964 to escape the communist regime. They came to Rye to reunite with the father, See Ngum Moy, and their other sister, who had settled in Rye in 1956, where they bought and operated a dry cleaning business.

Sam Moy graduated from Rye High School in 1968, and that summer he returned to Hong Kong, where he met his future wife, Lili Cho. Once they were married, Sam and Lili took over the dry cleaning business on January 2, 1969, and moved the establishment from the first location to the corner of Elm Place and Theodore Fremd Avenue. They have operated Fong's Cleaners since then, and suffered greatly during the flooding that impacted so many Westchester residents in 2021. As difficult as this period was for them personally, they understood that their cleaners was an integral part of the business community. They showed incredible resilience during this difficult time and were able to persevere and rebuild. Now as they prepare to retire, they are excited to pass the cleaners along to their son, Eric Moy, and hope that it remains a staple in the Rye community for many years.

Sam and Lili Moy have been more than an integral part of the Rye business community. They are dedicated volunteers who have contributed to countless organizations in Rye and beyond throughout the years including sponsoring school athletic teams, supporting high school musicals, and setting up "show and tell" for Rye preschoolers to come visit the cleaners. Most recently, they helped first responders to keep their uniforms clean and hygienic during the COVID-19 pandemic, and also found time to volunteer every Sunday at the Buddhist temple in New York City to serve food to the homeless and help raise money for many causes. One such effort was for the victims of the recent Maui fires in Hawaii.

The Moys are blessed with three sons, Eric, Andy, and Rickey, and five grandchildren. They are looking forward to their retirement so they can travel more, especially to see their children and grandchildren in Tennessee and Arizona, and to volunteer more at their temple in Chinatown.