



AACC Induction Ceremony 2009 (L to R) Treasurer Roberto Acevedo, Director Rupert Atenza Jr., Sergeant-at-Arms Judi Lebredo, Director Elizabeth Foshee McCausland, District 3 Orange County Commissioner Mildred Fernandez, President Glenn Leong, Vice President External Affairs Victor Alzona, Vice President Internal Affairs Nina Yon, Director Lucy Fender, and Director Joanne Mei Peytremann

Gary Alan as Jay Leno and Deborah Rios-Barnes, community relations manager of the Orlando Magic



Gary Sain, president and CEO of the Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitor's Bureau

Attendees include members of Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Greater Orlando



“Thank You” from the President, Asian American Chamber of Commerce ■ By Glenn R. Leong

One of the least expensive and easiest things anyone can do is to say “Thank You”, and to say it sincerely and to say it often. And yet, in our busy frenzied world, somehow the “Thank You’s” are set aside - - or worse yet, forgotten. So before 2009 becomes 2010, and before “The Year of the Ox” becomes the “Year of the Oh-Oh-Did-I-Forget-To-Do-Something?”, allow me to extend my deepest appreciation and heartfelt “Thanks” to:

- ✓ The Honorable Mildred Fernandez (Orange County Commissioner, District 3) - - for taking the time from her busy schedule to swear in the new Board of Directors of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) on January 15, 2009

- ✓ China Garden Restaurant at 118 S. Semoran Blvd. (voted “Top 5 Chinese Restaurants in Orlando” by WESH viewers) - - for providing a memorable dinner and venue for the AACC Board’s swearing-in ceremony

- ✓ The Orlando Magic, Universal Orlando and Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau - - not only for generously sponsoring the Asian Chamber, but for your persistent efforts at reaching out to the community and making Central Florida a vibrant and better place to live!

- ✓ Our Outgoing Board Members (Diana Faustmann, Christine Ho, Kathy Llamas, Becky Szymanski and Shally Wong) - - for your hard

work on the AACC Board in 2008. All of you have truly made the AACC a stronger, more active and caring chamber, which helps our Central Florida business community to thrive.

- ✓ Our Incoming Board of Directors for 2009 (Roberto Acevedo, Victor Alzona, Rupert Atenza, Jr., Lucy Fender, Judi Lebredo, Elizabeth McCausland, Joanne Mei Peytremann, Steve Park, Sridhar Rangaswamy and Nina Yon) - - for volunteering your talents, energy and wisdom and promising to leave the AACC an even stronger and better organization.

- ✓ Our Fellow Americans and You, Dear Reader - - for remaining calm, patient and hopeful while our Nation attempts to restart its economic engine and to heal itself; for helping each other during these uncertain times; and for remembering the precious art of saying “Thank You”, often and sincerely.



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