

# "History Was Made! What Should We Do Now?"

By Amy Wong Mok Vice President of the Board

My heart was pounding when the votes of the first "Battle Ground States" Virginia came in for President Elect Barack Obama. With the winning of Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio, Indiana..... I could no longer contain myself. I was jumping up and down, together with two African American friends of mine who were witnessing this historical moment. This was a moment for all Americans who have tirelessly struggled for equal opportunity and justice for all. I could feel tears roll down my cheek with joy, with hope and with great pride in being an American.

America has started a new chapter in history by electing the first African American President. President Elect Barack Obama has also made the following promises to the 80-20 Initiative with his signature (please encourage your friends to visit the 80-20 website for details):

1. Break the glass ceiling for Asian Americans.
2. Nominate more Asian American judges.

Now that we have a golden opportunity to secure opportunities fairly for all Asian Americans, we must follow up by making sure that this new chapter of American history will include the participation of Asian Americans as full and equal partners. We have witnessed the power of

grass-root organizations. Together we can raise a strong voice that will not be ignored. I have faith in President Elect Obama, but we must be forever watchful to remind him that faith is a two-way street, and that he and us have waited too long to see promises of justice for all to become reality.

We have taken a successful step in this campaign season. We must sustain our effort by building a solid and long-lasting foundation for our future campaigns.

80-20 needs a strong financial foundation. You can help us and help yourself and your loved ones by joining or renewing your membership today. Better still, upgrade your level of membership or offer a membership to a family member or a friend. Please consider becoming a life member to support our project, "\$1K x 1000" to raise \$1M for capital fund and seed money that we need for setting up an office and a professional staff in the DC area. It is essential to make our presence felt in our nation's center of political power. This is our best investment to ensure a brighter future for our children and for ourselves.

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## Asian Ams are top leaders in Obama's transition team

80-20 announced that its two goals for the 2008 presidential election have both been achieved.

Its first goal is to help elect a President who shares Asian Americans' rightful concerns in equal opportunity and justice. That was achieved with the election of Sen. Obama who replied to 80-20's questionnaire with all yeses.

The second goal is to have the historic first Asian American appointed to the Presidential Transition Team (TT). The aim is to have qualified Asian Americans serving in cabinet and sub-cabinet positions who are sensitive to the rightful concerns of our community. 80-20 has worked on that goal quietly for months.

Two Asian Americans were appointed to the 16-member transition team. Indeed, they are both in top leadership positions in the TT. In addition, there is another Asian Am. in the 12-member advisory board to the TT.

Pete Rouse, whose mother is a Japanese American, will be one of the 3 co-chairs of the TT. Chris Lu, a Chinese

American, will be the Executive Director of the TT. Sonal Shah, an Indian American is a member of the advisory board.

Chris Lu worked with S. B. Woo, former Lieutenant Governor of Delaware and President of the 80-20 Educational Foundation, to firm up the reply to 80-20's questionnaire from presidential candidate Obama. On Oct. 28, in a debate with McCain campaign volunteers in Annandale VA, Chris was quoted as saying that Obama supports 80-20's goal of increasing the number of Asian American federal judges and executives to a level consistent with America's core value of equal opportunity.

Woo said, "I have known Chris since he was a teenager attending the East Coast Chinese Family Camp. We lost touch until last year. I am very proud of him. The pride is not related to his high achievement. It is rather based on his ability to combine the best of the American and Chinese cultures, and his passion to be a good public servant while keeping in touch with his own community." (The End)



## 永恆懷念

走了!生活中一個完美主義者.走了!她叫鄭蓮莪,1913年生,是我們公寓最年長者.年青時曾隨任南京市秦淮區警察局局長的先生住在秦淮區,那時我家住在白下路昇平橋相距很近,現在又住在同一個公寓裡.在異國他鄉相遇別有一番滋味我們常在一起聊天.講秦淮河,夫子廟的人文.也講南京的小吃.什麼金剛琪,蛤蟆酥,臭豆腐乾,鹽水鴨.有時還會學着么喝叫賣聲.糖-----粥-----藕-----.旺-----鷄-----蛋.這種對鄉情的回憶與交流,非常親切與溫馨.她因重聽打電話很不容易,但我們約好只要講;好朋友;就可通電了.他出身名門,生活優越,但他從小就喜歡接觸家裡的工人僕人.並學習她們的勞作.從而學會許多女紅.心靈又手巧做出來的東西都

很精緻.例如做旗從選料就開始配色誘邊偏鈕扣一絲不勾.都要最好.再如包粽子這玩藝好像會的人很多,但他就不一樣.首先他挑選粽葉一張張的清洗修剪他會包南京的三角形,寧波的小腳形,還有廣東的船形總是維妙維.更絕的是煮出來的粽子熱水出鍋那粽子是浸盈,清新,滑亮,他不吃別人送的熟食.生的尚可.因為可以再加工凡事躬親.到90歲還是自己給自己剪頭髮.

Lixian Wu  
吳麗嫻



(中央社新德里專電)來自台灣的美國華裔國際知名女鋼琴家兼教育家張安麟教授,近日在印度首都新德里國際會議中心舉行的國際青年商會世界大會上,獲頒國際青年商會「文化成就」項目二零零八年世界傑出青年獎,表彰她在琴藝與學術上的卓越成就。



應邀與會的中華民國駐印度代表翁文祺,以大會榮譽貴賓身份,上台頒獎給張安麟.在來自世界各地一百多個國家近千名代表觀禮的大會上,司儀在介紹詞中,多次以「台灣大使」稱呼翁文祺。

今年三十六歲,有「鋼琴天使」美譽,並且是美國俄亥俄州克里夫蘭州立大學音樂學系主任的張安麟,學術地位崇高,在此之前也獲得不少國際榮譽獎項,包括去年榮獲第四十九屆葛萊美最佳音樂獨奏獎,也是有史以來第一位獲得葛萊美獎的亞裔音樂家。

鍾愛音樂而至今獨身的張安麟,也是法國歷史最悠久的國立巴黎高等音樂院有史以來,第一位同時獲頒鋼琴與室內樂首獎的美籍音樂家.她先後在全球五大洲進行多次巡迴演出,在許多著名音樂電台及網路上,也經常播放著她的演奏節目。

中文說寫流利的張安麟,同時也是一位優秀盡職的音樂學者,今年一月獲克里夫蘭州立大學頒發卓越教授獎,並且享有克大終身教授的最高榮譽.她的音樂成就除得益於天賦,也和她長期潛心研究音樂有密切關係.她使用電腦等現代化科技,對音樂進行分析和研究,將成果與學子們分享。

據大會介紹,親切隨和的張安麟也熱心公益,包括出任美國華盛頓甘迺迪中心首位駐館藝術家,參與策劃和執行許多藝術及音樂的教育推廣計劃,為聯合國世界防治愛滋病組織以及聯合國婦女組織等機構進行慈善演出,主導協助培育非洲青年藝術家活動.她同時也是若干慈善基金會的親善大使,積極參與兒童教育活動。

大會指出,務實踏實的張安麟為了協助解決藝術界的關切事務,也利用時間修習法律,取得克里夫蘭州立大學法學院學士學位後,積極參與法律事務座談會,主辦研討會,協助發展中的藝術界人士爭取權益,尤其是栽培年輕新進的藝術家。

張安麟在會上以「促進世界和平與人類和諧」為題發表得獎演說時,強調音樂與人類情感的互動與重要性,並呼籲國際社會多利用音樂等藝術活動,透過共同的瞭解與情感,推動建立人際間的和諧與世界和平。

國際青商會是世界性組織,擁有一百一十五個國家和地區會員國.每年在全球會員國提名的二十至四十歲青年中,選出十位在不同領域具備特殊成就與貢獻的青年,頒發「世界傑出青年」獎.今年其餘九位傑出青年分別來自紐西蘭、敘利亞、香港、法國、菲律賓、澳洲(兩名)及美國(兩名)。

在美國出生的張安麟,四歲就開始學鋼琴,十二歲首次參加交響樂團鋼琴協奏演出.她在會場接受中央社訪談時表示,曾任美國加州洛杉磯天使歌唱團創辦團長的外祖母金倪文娟女士,常抱著她在懷中彈鋼琴,使她第一次聽到鋼琴聲就是外祖母彈的鋼琴曲,也因此自小就受到鋼琴音樂的薰陶。

父親張德光博士,是印第安那州的包爾州立大學政治系教授,育有一男三女,都有出色成就.張安麟排行老二,哥哥張安麒現任美國白宮國家安全會議處長,大妹張安麗曾任美國財務顧問公司高級顧問,小妹張安驊是紐約時尚設計師,首倡科技與時尚結合,創立張安驊時尚設計公司,也曾獲美國五大時尚青年設計獎及世界五大企業婦女獎。

母親張金嫻,是銘傳商專會計系第一屆畢業,包爾州立大學企管碩士,在美國會計師公會任會計師二十年之後,自行創立會計師事務所,其間十年又經營中國食品暨藝術公司,並曾兼任印第安納波利斯市馬丁大學會計系教授,二度到臺灣講學,任東吳、銘傳、政大、逢甲、淡江等大學客座副教授及中央研究統計研究所客座研究員。

除了在家裡講中文之外,張安麟至今猶記得,小時候因母親在台灣擔任客座教授,曾在國立政大附小讀過書,後來在光仁中學也唸了一年,也就在這前後總共兩、三年的時間裡,張安麟奠定了中文基礎.她表示,至今仍懷念在台灣的求學時光,以後如有機會,將會回到台灣看看。

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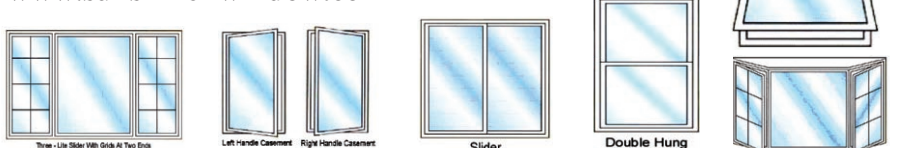
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