



Summer 2009 Edition

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Chapter updates: Pride, t-shirts and storytelling

--Las Vegas--



The Las Vegas chapter's fierce sisters wore their new chapter shirts at Shared Hope's candlelight vigil and march against domestic minor trafficking.

Upcoming

:: APIA Spoken Word & Poetry Summit. July 30 - August 2, 2009, in the SF Bay Area, CA
[More info](#)

:: OCA National Convention. August 6-9, 2008, in San Francisco, CA
[More info](#)

:: NQAPIA National Conference. Aug 14-16, 2009, in Seattle, WA

NAPAWF will provide a scholarship to cover the

The Las Vegas chapter worked hard over the last month to fundraise for the [Asian Pacific America Labor Alliance \(APALA\) 2009 Convention](#). The chapter had a table at the conference and sold banners, chapter t-shirts and temporary tattoos to raise funds and awareness for NAPAWF Las Vegas.

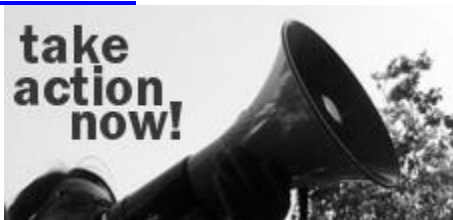
--Los Angeles--

The Los Angeles chapter wants a new t-shirt and is sponsoring a t-shirt design contest! The winner gets a

registration fees for 10 current NAPAWF members! Contact [Wen-Hua](#) by Friday, July 31, or [register](#) on your own

:: First Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Trafficking. October 29-31, 2009, in Lincoln, NE
[More info](#)

:: APHA 137th Annual Meeting & Exposition. November 7-11, 2009, in Philadelphia, PA
[More info](#)



Tell us your health care story.

The health care reform debate is heating up fast, and the time is ripe for NAPAWF members to raise our voices and be heard. If you have a health care story, [please share it with us](#). We'll post your story on our blog, and may deliver your message on one of our Hill visits.

(Please indicate if you would like to remain anonymous when we share your story.)

Serve this summer.

Change begins in our own communities. The Obama administration's [United We Serve](#)

\$100 cash prize. The contest is open to students up until college or anyone under 25 years of age who has not attended college. The participant must be living in Los Angeles. For more information, contact [Cathy Dang](#). Designs should be submitted by August 28th at 5pm.

--Seattle--

The Seattle chapter is gearing up for two more installments of their HERstory series--one on queer identity and one on trans-racial adoption. The HERstory project features regular speaker panels and community forums among API women and girls that build intergenerational ties and take steps toward institutionalizing the history of API women's activism through community storytelling. Please contact [Mary](#) for more info.

--SF Bay Area--



The Bay Area chapter kicked off May by joining forces with a contingent of other local API organizations and marching for immigration reform on May 1st. A photo of **Susan Kim** (a Bay Area sister and UC Berkeley CYWC student) and **Julia Rhee** (chapter co-chair) was captured by local press and published on [sfgate.com](#). In June, the chapter marched alongside **Helen Zia** and **Candace Chen** in the San Francisco Pride Parade. Look out for the Bay Area chapter's census outreach effort and their upcoming "Made in LA" screening! For more information, please contact [Julia Rhee](#).

--Washington, DC--



In June, DC chapter board members spent a relaxing weekend away from the big city in the mountains of West Virginia for their mid-year board member retreat. The DC chapter has also started a Nail Salon Worker Campaign committee, headed by board members **Annie**

program is a great opportunity to do an organized service effort. Get some friends together this summer and sign up for a local project or create your own, and then let us know about it!

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Lee and Maya Graham. The committee has held two critical meetings in the month of June to advance the chapter's work in this area. Next steps include developing a community education fact sheet and community survey. Meanwhile, the chapter is gearing up for Creative Explosion, a celebration of APA women artists in the local DC area, taking place July 29 from 6:30-8:30pm. Contact [Pang Houa](#) for more information.

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CYWC grows up, moves to Fullerton



Congratulations to the nine UC Berkeley women who graduated from the **California Young Women's Collaborative** in May! Susan, Melody, Jessica, Iris, Holly, Rosalyn, Monisha, Anne and Divya completed two years of intense on-campus research and activism work around young API women's sexual health. On top of collecting groundbreaking research statistics about young API college women's health, the students also presented their findings to researchers, fellow students, policymakers, community activists, UC Berkeley administrators, the Student Health Center, the UC Police Department, and others.

The UC Berkeley students are now currently engaged in pursuits ranging from summer school to medical school to working and teaching abroad.

The CYWC project will begin again in the fall with a new student team at California State University, Fullerton.

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May Day photo contest winner



Congrats to the DC chapter for winning NAPA WF's May Day photo contest! [See more May Day photos>>](#)

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NAPAWF National Board and staff host meet-and-greet in Oakland



The NAPAWF National Board and staff convened in Oakland, CA, this month and hosted a meet-and-greet reception with SF Bay Area sisters and allies. Along with enjoying good food and drink (as always!), those in attendance also engaged in a discussion around the question "**What does success in federal policy look like for NAPAWF?**" Answers included:

- A holistic policy that brings not only an API women's agenda but a women of color agenda around reproductive justice, environmental justice and economic justice
- Decriminalization of immigration
- Greater connection to Pacific Islander

communities and issues, as they relate to our priority issues

Thanks to all those who attended for the discussion and thought. [Check out photos from the evening.](#)

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Nail Salon Research Convening pulls together workers, advocates and allies

On April 27-28, NAPAWF, along with [Women's Voices for the Earth](#), co-sponsored the first-ever national Nail Salon and Cosmetology Research Convening. The convening was held in Oakland, CA, and was hosted by the [California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative](#). The purpose of the convening was two-fold:

- To gather all interested stakeholders, including nail salon workers and owners, industry folks, government agencies, researchers, and health and environmental advocates, to discuss the issue of occupational exposure to toxins in nail salons, and
- To identify priority areas of research that are needed in order to advance worker health and safety.

The convening was featured in a local KTVU [news clip](#).

To learn more about the convening or how you can get involved in creating healthier and safer nail salons for workers, please contact Nancy at nchung@napawf.org.

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NAPAWF in the news

:: [YouTube](#) | Nancy Chung and Lucy Zhou appear in a YouTube video recording of CNN's coverage of President Obama's town hall on health care reform.

:: [International Examiner](#) | **Nancy Chung** was quoted in regards to nail salon worker health and safety.

:: [10 Reasons to Rethink the Immigration-Overpopulation Connection](#) | **Priscilla Huang's** incisive article on immigration.

:: [YouTube](#) | **Priscilla Huang** is featured in a YouTube video recording of a plenary speech at the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Conference.

:: [San Francisco Chronicle](#) | CYWC student **Susan Kim** and the **Bay Area chapter** appeared in photographs accompanying an article about Oakland's May Day march.

:: [APA Compass](#) | **Nancy Chung** was interviewed about health issues in the API community.

:: [Audrey Magazine](#) | The **CYWC** project is featured in an article about young API women's health in the Summer 2009 issue, available at newstands now.

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Meet our summer interns!

NAPAWF is excited to welcome **Lucy Zhou** as our 2009 summer intern! Lucy comes to NAPAWF through the Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC) Internship, a project of the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program at Hampshire College. A rising senior at Amherst College, Lucy is pursuing a major in Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought, and has been the chair of the Asian Students Association since her sophomore year. Last year, she formed a committee with fellow students that successfully petitioned the student government and the college administration to establish Amherst's first Multicultural Resource Center, where she now volunteers every week. At NAPAWF, she is working on reproductive justice issues.

We are also excited to welcome **Jessica Flores**, our 2009 summer law clerk! Jessica was one of six women in her graduating class to major in Nuclear Science and Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At MIT, Jessica was an active member of the Society of Women Engineers, mentoring elementary school girls interested in pursuing science and engineering careers. Jessica is currently a second-year law student at the American University Washington College of Law, where she serves as the Vice President of the Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA). She is also a Domestic Health intern at the WCL Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property, where she advocates for increasing access to medication. At NAPAWF, Jessica is working on issues including women's health care in immigration detention facilities and immigration law reform.

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