

# DIVERSITY CAFE



## THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

*Asian-Pacific American  
Jewish American  
Heritage Month*

### Diversity Calendar

**Throughout May** – The City of Los Angeles Office of Cultural Affairs will celebrate Southern California's Asian American contributions in education, religion, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include concerts, performances, and several gallery exhibitions. For information, visit [www.culturela.org](http://www.culturela.org).

**May 4-25, 2013** - LA County Public Library's Asian Pacific Resource Center will be hosting a variety of family oriented and educational programs to celebrate Asian American Heritage Month. For information, contact Linda Fernandes at [LFernandes@library.lacounty.gov](mailto:LFernandes@library.lacounty.gov), or visit [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org).

**Ongoing** – Noah's Art Exhibit at Skirball Cultural Center. The diverse menagerie of Noah's Ark serves as a metaphor for human society, encouraging young children to recognize the dignity and significance of every life, to work together for the greater good, to strengthen family connections, to value diversity, and to advance an abiding notion of hope for the future. For more information, visit <http://www.skirball.org/>.

### Test Your Knowledge:

1. She is a popular Korean American comedian, actress, author, and singer-songwriter.
2. She is a Jewish American multiple award-winning singer and actress of stage and screen.
3. She was the first Indian-American woman to go into space.
4. She was the director of the Peace Corps and led the United Way before being appointed as President George W. Bush's Secretary of Labor.

(Answers below)

### Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. The theme this year, selected by the Federal Asian Pacific American Council, is "Building Leadership: Embrace the Cultural Values and Inclusion," which symbolizes the great variety of cultures Asian Americans and Pacific Americans bring to our society. While acknowledging our different cultural values that lead to innovation and advancement in science, medicine, and technology, we have to always be mindful of the importance of inclusion. The latter acts as cement that will form the foundation of the younger and more diverse workforce that is bringing changes to every workplace in the nation. Leaders who embrace these changes will bring forth new solutions to age-old challenges.

### Jewish American Heritage Month

May is also Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM), a national recognition of the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. JAHM acknowledges the achievements of American Jews in fields ranging from sports and arts and entertainment to medicine, business, science, government, and military service. The theme for 2013 is "American Jews in Entertainment." The month of May was chosen due to the highly successful celebration of the 350th Anniversary of American Jewish History in May 2004.

### Café News

- Public Works' African American Engineers and Professional Employees Association will be supporting the Los Angeles Council of Black Professional Engineers annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet on May 3, 2013. For more information, contact John Zeigler at (626) 458-5914.
- FAPWEA is hosting a golf tournament fundraiser at Santa Anita Golf Course on May 3, 2013. Proceeds will benefit FAPWEA's annual cultural event. For more information, please contact Eric Baul at (626) 458-6191.
- Public Works' Armenian-American Employees Committee has finalized their mission statement and goals, and is currently planning their annual cultural event. Look for more details soon.

### Café Quotes of the Month

"Without roots we cannot grow" - *Nina Lederkremer*



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