



## Winter Newsletter from Boston Korean Adoptees, Inc.

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### BKA Newsletter Winter Edition 2013

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#### BKA Board Letter

#### WELCOME!

Dear BKA Member,

Greetings, and welcome to the January edition of the BKA newsletter! We certainly kicked off the Holidays with some quality time during the Holiday party! We hope the New Years has been celebratory and that you are all having a wonderful season so far.

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In this issue, you'll meet Maria Carpenter, one of BKA's beloved members; say goodbye to our Board director Nancy Yen; welcome two new Board Directors Mark Zastrow and Nikki Rizzo; read about our holiday party event update; and upcoming events.

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We'd also like to welcome all of you who have just become members and say "hi" to all existing members. We hope that you've been able to make it to an event or two, follow us on social media and keep up with events on our Yahoo email group.

If you have any information or content that you would like to see in an upcoming issue, we welcome suggestions! Just send an email to [info@bkadoptee.org](mailto:info@bkadoptee.org).



Thank you for your support of BKA. We hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Sincerely,

Boston Korean Adoptees' Board of Directors  
Nate Bae Kupel, President  
Christopher Albrizio, Treasurer  
Sarah O'Neil, Secretary/Clerk  
Mark Zastrow, Director  
Nikki Rizzo, Director

### Meet Mark Zastrow, BKA's new Events Coordinator

Maria Carpenter is our Feature BKA Member of this Season! BKA is proud to share about Maria, why we love her, and what she's up to these days:

Maria Carpenter is Director of Libraries for the City of Somerville, MA where she advances and manages library services and programs for a diverse community of 76,000. In her role she directs three libraries, oversees a 1.6M Budget, and manages 37 staff members.

Formerly, Maria was Director of Advancement, Marketing, and Communications for Northeastern University Libraries where she oversaw the libraries' fundraising, marketing, communications, and programs. She completed her Master's in Library and Information Science at University of Pittsburg and received her B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University. She is a member of Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars and an American Library Association Spectrum Scholar. She studies leadership and libraries in a doctoral program at Simmons College. Her research interests include entrepreneurial leadership, service to diverse populations, and managerial leadership in libraries.



Maria Carpenter

Maria is the recipient of many awards. These include a Partner Award from Northeastern University's Asian American Center for fostering partnerships across campus, the Northeastern University Aspiration Team Award for "the successful implementation of the library's integrated library system", University of Pittsburgh's Jay Daily Award for outstanding contributions to the master's program in Library and Information Science, and Arena Stage's Thomas C. Fichandler Management Training Award for outstanding performance as a management trainee.

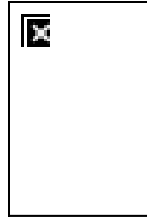
Maria has served on many national committees related to libraries and has been published in several journals. In addition to her library activities, she is also a registered Yoga teacher and teaches at Mass Motion Dance and Lesley University. She received her 200 hour yoga teacher certification at Prana Power Yoga and is a first degree Reiki healer at Usui Shiki Ryoho tradition. She is also a member of Boston Korean Adoptees, Inc.

Her specialties include: Leadership, Library administration, Marketing and communications. Maria writes and speaks on leadership, motivation, and living a life of abundant joy and love.

### **Announcement: A Note from Nancy**

Hey BKA Community,

As you may already know, I have been in the process of transitioning out of my role as a BKA Board Director in this season. And since I am a fool for metaphors, I would like to capitalize on the fitting representation of the Winter season representing the nature's end with the leaves falling from the treetops and the flowers receding into the arms mother earth's deep sleep...



Nancy Yen

Wait for it...

...However, the cycle doesn't end there as life inevitably re-emerges with new blood; and with this, I would like to welcome Mark Zastrow and Nikki Rizzo, BKA's new Board Directors!!

I appreciate greatly the opportunity to have shared this part of my journey with all of you. Thank you... Everyone of you. Launching the Discussion Groups has been an enriching experience. I want to personally than Nate for being a great leader of this community and friend to me. I want to thank Sarah for her amazing dedication to service and an amazing role model to me. I want to thank Chris for his courage to find meaning in all he does. I want to thank Mark for his dedication and artistry but also for his kind spirit. Being a part of our community is personally meaningful to me to say the very least, and this is certainly not goodbye!

I wish you a wonderful New Year.

Regards,  
~Nancy

### **Recap of the Past Year!**

We are so excited to have had another successful year of events and activities. Thank your for all who have participated in our Chuseok Holiday Dinner and Annual Meeting, Dessert Fundraiser, summer BBQ, and Holiday Party as well as the Cooking Class Series. None of this could have been successful without your participation! If you haven't been as involved as you wanted to be in this past year, there are plenty of opportunities to do so in this upcoming year, and we certainly hope that you do!

### **Book Club**

In addition to events, we also have our very own BKA Book Club who have ventured in very interesting topics and guest speakers.

For more information on BKA's Book Club, contact Lisa at [bookclub@bkadoptee.org](mailto:bookclub@bkadoptee.org).

## Looking Forward

We look ahead to 2014, when BKA will be hosting a celebration in honor of the 10-year anniversary of its incorporation. It is a celebration of our members, and over ten years of community building in the Korean adoptee community of greater Boston, Massachusetts, and New England. BKA will be excited to host this conference that is sure to draw adoptees from around the world!!

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On Saturday, January 26th from 12-2pm the BKA Anniversary Planning Committee and the BKA Board of Directors would like to invite you to an Anniversary Celebration/Conference Community Lunch Forum where you can hear more about what's in store and also so that we can get your feedback on what YOU would like to see at our anniversary celebration. We will be meeting at the East Meets Words bookstore in Central Square, Cambridge MA from 12-2pm over lunch.

We hope that this forum will get you interested and involved if you can! We will be assembling another project committee that will begin meeting over the summer to begin the planning process as our conference gets closer. See information below.

Sincerely,

The BKA Board and,  
The BKA Anniversary Celebration Committee

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The BKA board invites you to...

**\*\*The BKA Anniversary Celebration Lunch Forum!\*\***

Come hear more about our plans for the Anniversary Celebration in 2014 and share feedback with the planning committee!

**\*\*Saturday, January 26, 2013; 12:00-2:00pm**

**\*\*East Meets West Bookstore**

**\*\*934 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA**

**\*\*Lunch will be provided**

**\*\*\$3 suggested donation**

**\*\*Please RSVP to: [eventscoordinator@bkadoptee.org](mailto:eventscoordinator@bkadoptee.org)**

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March 6, 2013

BKA Presents: An Evening Poetry with Lee Herrick and Friends!

On March 6, 2013 BKA invites you to attend an evening of poetry at the The Democracy Center in Cambridge, MA. Our dear friend, fellow Korean adoptee, and award winning poet, Lee Herrick will be joining an impressive line up of poets for a surely unforgettable evening.

Korean American poet Margaret Rhee, Korean adoptee poet Leah Silvieus, Filipina poet Sasha Pimentel Chacon, Daniel Chacon, poet/novelist Tim Z. Hernandez, and Hmong American poet Andre Yang will all feature at this evening of poetry at the the Democracy Center in Cambridge.

Please save the date on your calendars now, and more details will follow in the weeks and months to come!

We hope you enjoyed the third BKA Newsletter. If you have questions or comments about the Newsletter, please email us at [info@bkadoptee.org](mailto:info@bkadoptee.org).

**Sincerely,**

Nate, Chris, Sarah, Nancy, Mark, Nikki  
BKA Board of Directors

Mark Zastrow  
BKA Events Coordinator

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