



For Immediate Release

CDBF announces 2011 Honorary Chair

*Dr. Rudolph Lie serves a role model for
Asian Pacific American community*

WHAT: 11th Annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, the largest celebration of pan-Asian culture in Colorado

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31, 2011

WHERE: Sloan's Lake Park, 25th Ave. & Sheridan Blvd, Denver

HOW MUCH: Free admission!

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Each year, the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival names an Honorary Chair to represent the festival and serves as an inspiration for the area's Asian and Asian American communities. The Honorary Chair is a role model not only for her or his level of success and leadership, but also for a proven and lifelong commitment to serving the Asian Pacific American communities.

The Honorary Chair is nominated by the public, and candidates are reviewed and the Honorary Chair chosen by the CDBF Board of Directors.

We're proud to announce the 2011 Honorary Chair of the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival!

Rudolph Lie, Ph.D. is a retired clinical psychologist and one of the founders of the Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC). Dr. Lie started APDC's behavioral/mental health services in 1980 during the influx of Southeastern refugees and immigrants in Colorado following the end of the Vietnam War and the Fall of Saigon.

A licensed Psychologist in Colorado and Michigan, he has served in the community mental health field in both non-profit and public sectors. Dr. Lie received his doctoral degree from Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, in Clinical Psychology. He worked in the community mental health system in the Denver area for 20 years in various positions including Executive Director of Park East Community Mental Health Center and Deputy Director of Operations of the Denver Mental Health Corporation. In 1993 Dr. Lie was appointed Executive Director of the Ottawa County Community Mental Health Department, in Michigan.

In 1977-'78 he served as a member of a Task Panel on Special Population of The President's Commission on Mental Health, co-chaired by Mrs. Rosalyn Carter. He held an appointment of Assistant Clinical Professor in Psychology at the University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center. He also served as a board member of a number of non-profit organizations in the Denver Metro area, including Advisory Board member of the School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver. He was a member of the Denver Private Industry Council under Mayors Federico Pena and Wellington Webb.

He has served on the Board of Directors of Asian Pacific Development Center for the last eight years. Currently, he is the Chairperson of the APDC board.

He's accomplished his mission to provide linguistically proficient and culturally appropriate services to the Asian/Pacific Islander refugee/immigrant communities. Dr. Lie is one of the very special people who made the last 30 years of APDC possible, and has been an enormous asset to the Asian community in Colorado.

We're honored to have him as a role model!

PAST HONORARY CHAIRS

- 2010** Daniel Oh, entrepreneur and community leader (Korean American)
- 2009** Kerry Hada, Denver County Judge (Japanese American)
- 2008** Ved Nanda, professor (Indian American)
- 2007** Susanna Choi, physician and community leader (Korean American)
- 2006** George and Helen Yoshida, community volunteers (George is a retired social worker) (Japanese Hawaiian)
- 2005** Donna LaVigne, entrepreneur and Asian community leader (Filipino American)
- 2004** John Yee, veteran and educator (Chinese American)
- 2003** Jaime Yrastorza, doctor and humanitarian (Filipino American)
- 2002** Bill Hosokawa, journalist and longtime editor at The Denver Post (Japanese American)
- 2001** Stan Matsunaka, former Colorado State Senate President (Japanese American)

ABOUT THE COLORADO DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Established in 2001, the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival has drawn over 100,000 visitors annually to celebrate Colorado's diverse Asian Pacific American (APA) communities. The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, has become the region's fastest growing, family-friendly summer festival. CDBF offers festival-goers the opportunity to explore APA culture through performances, educational programs, arts and crafts, shopping, dining and the exciting athletic competition of dragon boat racing.

The 11th Annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival will be held at Denver's Sloan's Lake Park on July 30-31, 2011.

It's your weekend passport to Asia and the Pacific!

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