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# Asian American Broadcasting 1st Quarter Report January 1st- thru March 31st, 2013.

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 35 mim
 3:00pm-4:45pm
 1/2/2013

#### **Description:**

Director Long Yang and Board Director and Xang Vang come to talk about Hmong Mutual Associates in Minneapolis open a school for Pre-K and accept applications for teachers and teacher assistances. Education is so important and the Hmong community does not have enough support system to help their kids to get ready for school at the age of 5. So now the organization has to offer a school for our young children. The school for Pre-K is open to Hmong community city wide.

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 12:00pm-1:00pm
 1/03/2013

## **Description:**

Mr.Cherwa Yia Thao, a business leader in the Hmong community and the President for Advisor of American Insurance talks about how Hmong in America getting to know about life insurance and other financial investment. Living in America is a dream come to the Hmong people. All over the world has a living hardship due to the disadvantage people/community such as low sociology status. However, the Hmong people in America have the opportunity get high degrees, assimilated and adopted to a world financial opportunity society. Hmong American, many understand how life insurance play a key role for individual's income after they lost their parents or love ones who is the financial maker. As 15 years of experiences for life insurance industry, he can see how Hmong families are doing great for the financial gain due to the financial system that provided in this country. In the last 37 years, Hmong people have done well for catching up with other surrounding communities by many sources of financial opportunities, not just Life Insurance alone. However, Life Insurance has play a key role in the Hmong community.

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 4:00pm-5:00pm
 1/07/2013

#### **Description:**

Mr. Za Xiong Thao, a former soldier, currently business owner of Eastside Laundromat in Eastside St. Paul. He is a co-host with Mr. Kongsue for a program called "Education" for Change." He talked about how social changes for the Hmong people in America that affecting the Hmong community due to the lack out of resources from all levels: state and federal programs are short of support. Now the Hmong community is facing a greater challenge of social economical development, leadership role in the family and community, and also the sadness the deadly generative diseases that poisoning the Hmong community. This year 2013, a great pressure is coming due to the lack of support from the clan organization. The elderly leaders had passed a way, the younger leaders are at the trend and the mainstream political structural has put in place. They only interested for political gain. This becomes a very complicated for the new generation of Hmong people living in America. Now the generative diseases and domestic violence are over whelming the community for all ages and situations. Hmong people must look at their history chapter in Laos, 15 yrs of straggling with the CIA to gain their strength to over come the dominating above issues instead blaming for the lack out of resources/supports in this country. We as a people need to compromise for whatever available to strengthen our Hmong community in order to survive in this country.

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 4:00pm-4:45pm
 1/14/2013

#### **Description:**

Mr. Chang Yang and Zong Khang Yang, Hmong activists talked about Hmong New Year. Hmong New Year is a Hmong national Holiday. Hmong across the world come to celebrate their achievement and enjoy their holy life. Hmong New Year is taking place in St. Paul and Mpls with two majors events yearly. Since Hmong came to the USA, Hmong people are more productive, each year Hmong kids wear new design customs. Also, Hmong customs are a beautiful design and it has preserved by many societies. The true is that Hmong cultural is becomes alive. This means the world is open again for the people Hmong after its cultural had continued destroyed through war and land domination. Now Hmong New Year is a new beginning for Hmong to appreciate their own identity and achievement with their neighbors. However, now in this country the New Year

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Committee is trying to use Hmong New Year as money making opportunity for themself. They will continue to make complaints and organize people to rethink gain to restructure how Hmong New Year should celebrate. Now the joining hand with the Hmong National Identity organization to draw support how to restructure the Hmong New Year.

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 4:00pm-4:45pm
 1/15/2013

## **Description:**

Mr. Tong Vang and his DNR's associates are trying to educate the Hmong community about hunting regulation by the Hmong Hunting Association Chapter in MN called The Capital Sportsmanship. They are trying to host two events per year to promote Hmong hunting in MN. Hmong is a major economic contribution to the state of Minnesota and Wisconsin about hunting and fishing. There are about 15 thousands Hmong hunters in these two states. There were hunting accident back in 2003, Mr. Shoua Chai Vang killed 6 Caucasian hunters in Northwestern in Wisconsin. Since the accident, DNR in both states, MN and WI have promoted the Hmong community to be a part of the States and other hunting associations/organizations to explore other opportunities to help the Hmong hunters. Now, Hmong Capital Sportsman Club is a tool to educate and provide information regarding any law and legal issues for the Hmong community.

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 2:00pm-3:00pm
 1/20/2013

#### **Description:**

Dr. Soua Yang, a political science from St. Cloud State University is continued his effort to make a voice for the community with Mr. Kongsue Xiong, the main anchor at FKXN AM 690. They host a program called "Hmong in the Modern Time." They are trying to explain the old traditional cultural practice vs the new and modern people who are practicing freedom of expression in USA. They are trying to establish a place for the Hmong people to reliance on, the "Hmong National Organization." This organization is based on Hmong cultural, religion, and leadership. It is truly define leadership and proper proposition in the modern world. Every day some things new are added to our cultural we must let some things go. Making balance of our cultural and the mainstream society is the key point everyone is trying so hard to accomplish. But those who don't want to change or doesn't know how to change are struggling and some often time making their live miserable due to a social cultural conflicts and/or conflict within the family and mostly become domestic violence that lead to making children off track in school, and later these

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kids are out of classes in the society. Things changed we must understand to make changed, time changed we must changed, incorporated the whole universal into one system is the leading topic in the field of social science today, so do the Hmong.

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 2:00pm-3:00pm
 1/25/2013

#### **Description:**

Pa Ma Thao, Hmong Community leader and business owner and Kongsue talk about Hmong must standing for something. War torn Hmong country back in China and Indochina, Hmong have consistent of immigration, struggling for their socials adjustment. However, coming to America because the CIA involvement in Laos. So, now have to remember our experiences in the "Secret War" in Laos to strengthen our value in America. Hmong may loose their way of living based on their belief system. Hmong may confuse how to maintain their social order, creating conflict with the older and younger generations. However, things changed we must changed. Some Hmong will permanently adapted and coped with the new hardship condition and this horrible condition will manipulated some individually not know change his/her original. However, the whole main purpose is to refocus on how and what to make Hmong consciousness rise about being a Hmong who standing for their interest, survival skills, and well trained that can be ready for the world. The elders are resting every day and the young professional Hmong people will be the care taker for the community no matter what cost.

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 2:00pm-3:00pm
 2/4/2013

## **Description:**

Zaxiong Thao, Hmong Community leader and business owner came to continue his lecture Hmong do in this country. He lectures how crucial the Black and Indian histories reflected the Hmong life in America. The black civil right Martin Luther King and many other have created a major path way for other minorities in the country to follow through their foot steps, to define the constitution and to exercise individual's right. This is very crucial for the Hmong. Educational opportunity, business opportunity, and political opposition in the mainstream society political arena are wide open for Hmong. Hmong should use this opportunity to better themselves and to match up with other surrounding society. Now, Hmong could be police officer, teacher, professor, medical Dr. and Lawyer, and today Fong Her is MN State Senator. However, the world has moving forward very fast and as a people we Hmong must moving fast enough with the world in order to find Hmong's own portion of freedom in the world.

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 4:00pm-4:45pm
 2/12/2013

## **Description:**

Dr. Yang Dao, Hmong first philosophy doctor, former Laos politician, and a community leader comes to discuss how Hmong and other Asians celebrate their New Years. He talks again because February is Chinese New Year, However, it is the original of Hmong China's New Year for the last 2000 years. Chinese has adopted this new year into Chinese New Year. However, the real Hmong New Year is based on Lunar Calendar, which is about a month ahead of the Westerner's Calendar. Hmong called "Noj 30" which meant celebrating on the 30<sup>th</sup>, the last day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the year. Now in the past Hmong living in the village and higher land, pretty much high in the mountain. It was hard for them to do every thing at the same time and at the same day due to distance relative can't joint. So even Hmong called "Noj 30" they celebrating the New Year in different of the month, but they knew what they doing without any disturbing. Now in USA, Hmong community is debating on this issue, and still celebrating Hmong New Year in different times and even different months. It is a contradicting the modern people's traditional of national holiday. It is time to think and fixing up to be united and doing just one New Year for all, otherwise, it will bring confusion about other people and cultural here. The Chinese Year, it had time celebrated as the Hmong New Year. However, it celebrates on the same date every year. Now Hmong in Chinese they adopted to the same date as the Chinese. In America, we should consider to adopt our New Year to American's national holiday too. Example Christmas Holiday or New Year in America should be considering a good Hmong New Year's day because it is so closed. This has to suggest to the Hmong Council to consider.

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Chia Xa Vang, a business man and a community in the Twins Cities discuss how Hmong Fleamarket help the Hmong community cope with their social depression and business opportuinty. They always enjoy what the Hmong has in their traditional marketing such as Hmong clothes, video, and other products important from other Asian countries. Hmong community use Hmong Village to be a place of gathering for dinner, meeting, and socialize. When other people come from another parts of the country, they always come to Hmong Village as a warm place.

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 2/25/2013

#### **Description:**

Bao Vang discussed how her organization, Hmong American Partnership over view the mainstream political agenda effect the people of colors. She is a strong community activist who comes to talk about the eastside community and small business opportunities. Right now the city St. Paul is unbalanced its resources to the diverse communities. According to the USA censorship, there are 40% White, 19% Asian, 11% Black, 23% Hispanic, and 7% others. However, there are not enough representations at the city levels to represent the people of St. Paul. Now it is a time for people of colors to be aware of their issues, so the best thing is to elect a City Official, State Rep. and/or State Senator who care and pay enough attention to help the diverse community of Eastside St. Paul. Now Foung Her had been elected to be State Senator, however, not just only him to make the different but all of us should pay good attention to what is support the Eastside St. Paul. Now it is great, Fong Her is breaking the barrier, he is an officially elected State Senator. He is becoming the first Asian and Hmong man and the second Hmong person in the State of MN. This is a great year for the State of MN, especially for the people of colors.

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 50 mim
 4:00pm-5:00pm
 2/26/2013

## **Description:**

Mr. Tong Vang, an DNR officer comes to talk about Hmong Hunter event in Maplewood 52 club. This event will be a place to serve for more answer for hunting, to know new regulation, and come to have fun. There will be a lot of items such as guns and camping equipments for drawing. In the state of Minnesota, hunting is popular for Hmong. There are about 10,000 Hmong hunters each year. Each year States has changed its regulation according to the natural resources. Tong Vang, a DNR officer and Hmong Hunting Organization are also providing workshop and conceal license classes for the community. This workshop is talking hunting regulation, hunting permit, state parks, and what Hmong community needs to know what is good for them and of course for the State of MN. Hmong people are a major contribution for the State of MN' DNR. However, we must aware the laws and know what to do to prevent issues could affect the Hmong community as whole.

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#### **Description:**

Chufu Xiong, a Hmong language teacher comes talk about Hmong cultural and history. It is so important for Hmong people to preserve their history, know who they are, and where they are going. Hmong history, cultural, and intellectual properties shall be preserved and teach to our new generation to understand our root in order for them to be self independent in the real world. By looking back to a war torn Hmong country back in China and Indochina, Hmong have consistent of migration, struggling for their socials adjustment. Hmong may lost their way of living based on their belief system and the new cultural or assimilation and adaptation. Hmong may confuse how to maintain their social order, creating conflict with the older and younger generations, and long enough not to solve the problem. Some Hmong will permanently adapt and coped with the new hardship condition and this horrible condition will manipulated some individually not know how to change back to his/her original. However, the whole main purpose is to refocus on how and what to make Hmong consciousness arises of being a Hmong and standing for their interest, survival skills, and well trained that can be ready for the world. Now, within university level of collaboration and through researches Hmong shall learn from their root and adopted according to the surrounding societies in order to reach their full potential for socially and economically.

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 3:00pm-4:00pm
 3/13/2013

#### **Description:**

Ly Vang, Hmong Women Association of Advance in MN Organization talks about Hmong Women's role in Hmong Society. This is 21st century, the Hmong people across the Globe have all the connection and we should consider what is the best way for Hmong to help each other. As Hmong, we do respect our elders, family relationship, and traditional ceremony are not enough for us to moving forward. Education and economic opportunities should be the most important key issues for all. This is a modern society and Hmong should adapt to the modern cultural. We do respect our traditional cultural, but we have created more activities according to the new environment, technology, and other assimilation and adaptation. As Hmong woman leadership, traditionally a woman doesn't have to make clothes for her daughters or sons, but foods. This is to prevent the obesity in our community, especially for our children. Grand parents and children are distance for their relationship. We must create more activities to tie up our relationship to nourish the youth and also great for psychological treatment for the elders. Hmong cultural, woman plays an important role in Hmong family and society to nourish the family. In Holiday, women prepare their favorite dishes, custom foods, and invite all their relatives and/or cousins for big feast; for decision, 80% of the result depend other women or a voice of a mother. So, now it is a period of depression for all Hmong man; their children have grown, their ladies grew old and now they are passed the age of 60 and

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nothing to do but going back to Laos; leaving their spouses behind in the USA. This is a period of depression for Hmong women and grandma. This is a great damage for the Hmong family and society structural. We all should consider a better solution for our daily activities and family success.

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#### **Description:**

Neil Thao, a former School Board comes to talk about what should be the main focus for the Hmong community today. Education is our priority. It should be Hmong new focus. We are here over 40 years. We have accomplished many things such School Board, City Council, and State officials, plus creating many chapter schools and non-profit organizations to help the community. However, these things are the resources and power of the community. Now we have a foundation for education, but we need to do more to improve it. Comparing Hmong kid's education now and in the past 10 and/or 20 years, nothing changed much. Educationally, we should do better. Now State release public school's data, it has shown that Hmong kids are behind the educational guideline. What should we do to help our kids educationally? Parents need more focus to support their children, add more activates to help individual to achieve his/her educational goal. As community in the modern society, we need to know this.

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 3/21/2013

## **Description:**

Mr. Dale Yang, a contractor come to talk about health and business should be more focus and more productive to compete with the surrounding community. After Hmong arrived in America, Hmong has achieved a lot such as Law Firm, Insurance Agency, Bank, Flea-Market, Non-Profit Organization, Schools, and even State Official. The society is moving forward, technology is changing every day. Our Hmong community shall keep up with the good work of the society; need to have the acuity education to match up. To enjoy American freedom, health is first choice. Today health is a great challenge for Hmong community, four funeral homes serve about 100 thousands Hmong people in the Twins Cities and not enough. But there is no health center to educate the community about health prevention. Ramsey Hospital has re-innovation/re-construction four times bigger in the last 10 years. It is a sad sight for the community. We Hmong must learn how to live here in America and move on. To have long life, we must understand the foods

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process and toxic in the society that is harmful. We need to re-learn how to prepare our foods, cook, and eat as our parents. Economic, Hmong people shall think bigger, think out side the box. Do the business support the community not the business that taking away money from the community. It is the only solution for us as community.