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Alliance Thanks A Few Who Remembered



On the 35th Anniversary of the Murder of Vincent Chin

San Francisco, CA—June 27, 2017. This past week marked the 35th anniversary of the murder of Chinese American Vincent Chin and this past weekend was declared as a time for Chinese and Chinese Americans to remember the young Detroit automotive engineer savagely slain by two hate-filled auto workers in a pre-mediated fit of prejudice against Japanese and scapegoating for their job losses. That Vincent was the only son of his family multiplied the tremendous grief and loss upon his mother, Lily Chin, whose desperate cries for justice in Vincent's America were met with little punishment and even less retribution.

This incident was thought to be a rallying cry for Chinese Americans and Chinese from all origins to finally recognize the lurking shadows of subtle and overt forms of racism. Yet today, there are more Asian Americans alive who know little to nothing of Vincent Chin or even "Who Killed Vincent Chin?" than were around in 1982. Quite frankly, though the number of Asian American groups of all ilk and purposes have increased as much as tenfold, it still hasn't brought communities to sufficient realization of the ills of racial prejudice,



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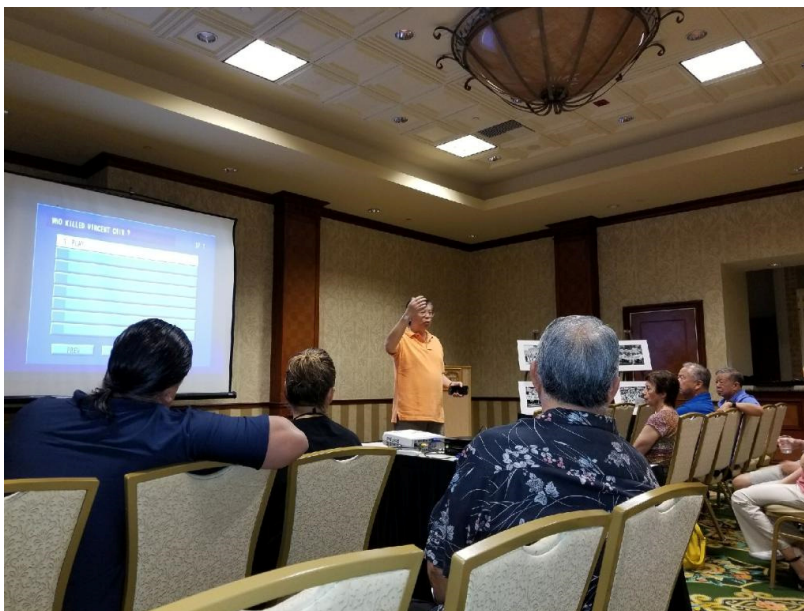
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discrimination and acts of physical violence upon APIAs.

So we forget about Vincent Chin or do we? The question for us as Chinese American Citizens Alliance and our communities should now be “Who IS Vincent Chin?” and “WHAT Killed Vincent Chin?”

These questions point to the above photograph of famed Chinese American photographer, Corky Lee, a member of Greater New York Lodge, who decided that he would organize a silent candlelight vigil in front of the house of one of the perpetrators (I’ll not cite his name, now living in Henderson, NV) as a remembrance of Vincent Chin. Corky and a group of women from Las Vegas Lodge, led by President Hui-Lim Ang, Pauline Lee and Grace Tam, staged this protest in 117 degree heat to mark the 35th anniversary of the killing of Vincent. As long as one person doesn’t forget, whether it is a Corky or a Hui-Lim or a Pauline or a Grace, we should continue to recognize and understand that not only his killing, but the injustice of the criminal system for his mother, Lily, and the family are reasons for pause, concern and remembrance for our Asian American communities.



What can we do? Do what Corky did. He and Las Vegas Lodge organized a screening of “Who Killed Vincent Chin?” at a local Las Vegas hotel room where a discussion of the incident and frank conversations were held among the group that attended. Some had never heard of it, some had some knowledge of it, some wanted to do more. Our Local Lodges and other organizations can and must do more to recognize this day when Asian Americans should increase their resolve



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through organized remembrance and knowledge. The Alliance thanks the few who remembered!

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is the oldest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater New York, Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Orange County (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance advocates on issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.