



P-CoC Points

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Announcements

Tax exempt status finalized!

P-CoC is now officially a 501c3 organization, so donations are tax-deductible under limits of US applicable law.

Farmer's Market tabling in March

Fundraiser table at Hastings Farmer's Market in the Metro-North commuter lot needs staffing to meet, greet, and sell products. Contact pcocresource@p-coc.org for more info.

We still need your dues!

The Resource Solicitation committee is working to bring in funding, but the dues from our Advisory board will truly make the difference to sustain basic organizational expenditures. Mail Check to P.O. Box 20, Ardsley On Hudson, New York, 10503 or click here to pay [Online](#)

Become a Sponsor or Patron

Make a difference in the future by supporting P-CoC Inc operations as shown in this [Form](#).

Call to Donate

Thanks to those who donate to our cause. Every little bit counts. Click [here](#) to donate.

Recent Events

Addressing Pedagogy on Race-Sensitive Content

Education Program, Support and Advocacy committees

On January 19, the public gathered for a virtual conference on pedagogy and race. Attendees were enlightened by the latest science regarding the way our brains learn about 'race'. Stay tuned for more exciting events centered around deepening our understanding of race and creating strategies to build equity.

Black People's History before "Black History" (slavery and colonization)

Governing Board

On February 23, a public panel session was held with presenters Dr. Ana Ozuna, professor of Black and Caribbean Studies; and Djali Alessandra Brown Cepeda, Archivist and filmmaker. The two presenters discussed how the records and stories of Black people in their own words and terms are often omitted.

"Black" Excellence

Education Program committee

Whenever there is the exhibition of excellence of black people, the question often posed to black folks, for the most part, is this. How do black people feel in seeing their "kind" excel? This backward question or statement attempts to celebrate black people's achievements. However, the idea is simply a condescending applaud that creates cringing shivers in the spine. The right question to ask, directed to non-persons-of-color, is this. How do you (a non-black folk) feel in witnessing the emergence of black people's stifled excellence? -Dr. D-L Y Lang



- **Banner at Five Corners in Hastings-** P-CoC Inc Black History banner, mounted publicly at Five Corners in Hastings on Hudson, showcased “not so popular”, but yet remarkable persons of color positively impacting our world, not in the capacity as a-human trafficked enslaved individuals, but rather as free-persons revealing their intelligence, and worth.
- **Student essay challenge** - winners to be announced next month; stay tuned!

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Racial Inclusiveness

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Member Spotlight

Clarence Feng



Like the main character in the novel 'Interior Chinatown', Clarence was born at a time when America people of Chinese descent played a very restricted set of roles in American life. Experiencing the divide between the norms of his parents and those of his peers as well as growing up in a suburb where his family was one of only a few Asian households in town, he recognizes the arbitrary boundaries that demarcate different groups.

Clarence joined P-CoC because Asian Americans themselves are not a monolithic group. Like Asian Americans in recent history, he seeks common cause with those who are determined to be seen as fully American regardless of origin or heritage.

Among his current concerns are the impact of US-China relations on rights and stability worldwide, and the prejudicial treatment of Asians in the US.

Clarence currently serves P-CoC as Officer for the Public Relations Committee.

P-CoC is a group supporting ethnicity, cultural expression, fair treatment and education for persons-of-color.

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The Lunar New Year

*A custom of cultures comprising one-quarter of the Earth's population
(and yes, it was last month!)*

Public Relations Committee



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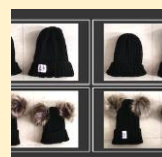
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Originally an ancient time-keeping method to mark the end of winter (a pretty important date for agrarian societies), documented use of a lunar calendar in China goes back at least 3400 years. The Chinese zodiac has twelve animal signs, which rotate in a twelve-year cycle. The year from Feb. 12 2021 through Jan. 31 2022 is designated the year of the Ox. While sometimes called 'Chinese' New Year, the more inclusive term 'Lunar New Year' reflects the presence of similar rituals in the native customs of Korea, Tibet, Mongolia, and Vietnam. Popular celebrations with Chinese rituals and themes also occur in countries with long-established Chinese populations or where many citizens have Chinese heritage, such as: Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, and the United States. The famous exchange of a 'red envelope' containing cash or something valuable is widely known. It is a tangible way for elders and the young in a family to acknowledge their respective and reciprocal roles of care and respect for one another. It is also without question the one ritual every child remembers!

Buy P-CoC Branded Products online

Proceeds supports the work of P-CoC Inc

P-CoC receives proceeds from products sold. Check the [Fundraiser Sale page](#) for details on winter hats, masks, skin care products, and the Diversify Kids Doll collection.



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