Welcome to the first edition of the IKAA e-zine!

The mission of the IKAA Network is to enrich the global adoption community, promote the sharing of information and resources between adult adoptee associations, strengthen cross-cultural relations and innovate post-adoption services for the broader international adoptee community.

It has been exactly one year since the International Korean Adoptee Associations (IKAA) Network brought together over 600 Korean adoptees in Seoul, South Korea for the IKAA Gathering 2010. During this year, IKAA Member Organizations have been given many exciting opportunities to represent the Korean adoptee community by local Korean officials, in acknowledgement of our continued involvement and commitment.

We created the IKAA e-zine as a way to showcase this continued involvement in our local adoptee communities beyond the Gatherings in Korea. This includes events organized and programs run by IKAA Member Organizations, as well as special events hosted by our local Korean Embassies, Consulates, and other institutions with whom we partner.

IKAA is proud to be the first and largest network of adoptee organizations and the support we have received from the global Korean community has motivated us more than ever as we continue to serve our mission.

David Hamon, President of Racines Coréennes meeting South Korean President, Lee Myung Bak in Paris

May 14, 2011
Racines Coréennes
Scribe Hotel, Paris, France
Liselotte Hae-Jin Birkmose, IKAA Vice President and former President of Korea Klubben (Denmark) appointed to The National Unification Advisory Council of the Republic of Korea, Denmark

H.E. Kim Byung H., Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Denmark officially presents Liselotte Hae-Jin Birkmose, IKAA Vice President and former President of Korea Klubben (Denmark), with appointment as designated by South Korean President, Lee Myung Bak

August 1, 2011
IKAA
Korean Embassy
Copenhagen, Denmark

(Pictured Left) Liselotte Hae-Jin Birkmose with H.E. Ambassador Kim and the other two Danish Advisory Council Members, Mr. Lee Hyung Sik and Mr. Yoo Yoonseon

(Pictured Below) Liselotte Hae-Jin Birkmose with H.E. Ambassador Kim, the other two Danish Advisory Council Members, and Embassy personnel.
Chairman of the Presidential Council on Nation Branding, Lee Bae yong visits New York City

Also-Known-As, Inc. (NY)

(Pictured Left) Mee Hyun Gerstein, IKAA Secretary and former Also-Known-As President, Chairman Lee, Bae yong, and Marissa Martin, President of Also-Known-As


The Presidential Council on Nation Branding was a generous sponsor of the IKAA Gathering 2010 in Seoul, Korea.

The event brought together a small group of young Korean American organization leaders to meet and network with Chairman Lee, Bae yong and representatives from the New York Korean Consulate.

July 11, 2011
IKAA & Also-Known-As
New York City, USA
The Board of Directors of Korea Klubben were invited to a special reception hosted by South Korean President Lee Myung Bak and Mrs. Kim Yoon-ok for Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II, H.R.H. The Prince Consort, H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik, H.R.H. Princess Benedikte, and T.R.H.s Prince Joachim and Princess Marie at Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek in Copenhagen.

May 12, 2011
Korea Klubben
Copenhagen, Denmark

(Pictured left to right) Nikolaj Yu Andersen, Camilla Lunn, Mi Louise Hansen, Liselotte Birkmose, Lars Bjørnskov, Johan Y. N. Christiansen, Lotte Choon Ran, Lene Kryger, Kirsten Sloth, and Dorte Feldthusen

2010 Women’s Leadership Seminar: Women in Korea’s Future and Secretary Clinton’s Four Pillars
December 15-16, 2010
IKAA
The United States Embassy
Seoul, South Korea
Hines Ward was born in Korea to a Korean mother and an African American father and was raised by his mother in the USA from the age of 1. After returning to Korea in 2006, he established the Helping Hands Korea Foundation, which targets biracial discrimination in South Korea.

Mee Hyun Gerstein, IKAA Secretary and former President of Also-Known-As, and Marissa Martin, President of Also-Known-As were invited by the Korean Consulate of New York to the United Nations to watch the swearing in of UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon for his second term.
IKAA AT THE HAGUE

IKAA attended the Special Commission on the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption. IKAA is the first and only organization to represent the perspectives of adult intercountry adoptees at the Special Commission. In total, there were over 260 experts from 85 countries in attendance. This was IKAA's second time at the Special Commission.

Adopterade Koreaners Förening (AKF) Sweden Celebrates their 25th Anniversary

Stockholm, August 12-14, 2011
AKF Sweden’s 25th Anniversary
Over 200 Korean Adoptees from 8 European Countries and all across the US attended to show support for the oldest adoptee organization in the world.

(Above, Left to Right) Attendees at the Opening Ceremonies; Ambassador Seock-Jeong Eom, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sweden; Daniel Lee, President of AKF Sweden

(Right) Photos of Attendees Taken during the Anniversary

(Below, Left to Right) Panel of Speakers; Attendees at a Workshop

(Above, Left to Right) Introduction to Swedish Delicacies; Korean Adoptees from all over the world try Swedish treats

(Left) 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner

(Right) Per Vinther (DK), Ditte Lee Thunbo Larsen (DK) and Allen Majors (IL, US)
IKAA Annual Convention 2011
Hosted by Adopterade Koreaners Förening (AKF Sweden)

Committee Members (Pictured):
Tim Holm (IKAA President - USA)
Liselotte Hae-Jin Birkmose (IKAA Vice President - DK)
Mee Hyun Gerstein (IKAA Secretary)
Kim Verhaaf (NL)
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Sonya Oh (WA, US)

August 12, 2011
IKAA
Stockholm, Sweden

Also-Known-As, Inc. Celebrates its Milestone 15th Anniversary
New York City, April 29 - May 1, 2011

(Pictured Left) Chongsuk Kang, Procurement Consul at the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea

(Pictured Above, Left to Right) Also-Known-As, Inc. Board of Directors 2010-2011: Annabel Schlössberg, Susan Becker, Beth Sackovich, Mark Fermi, Marissa Martin, Geanna Barlaam, Tommy Gentzel
Arierang (The Netherlands)

(Right) With the Korean percussion group, Drum Cat

(Below, Left to Right) Arierang Beach Volleyball Team took 1st place in a tournament for adoptee associations; Korean taco created by adoptee chefs; Boat trip in Friesland

AK Connection (Minnesota)

(Left) Attendees of a Korean cooking class

(Below, Left to Right) Adoptees, friends, and families making mandu at the cooking class; Attendees of an educational lecture given by adoptee researcher, Soo Jin Pate
Asian Adult Adoptees of Washington

(Top Left) Attendees of Korean adoptee film screenings of “In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee” and “Resilience”

(Bottom Left) Annual Spring Potluck

(Below, Left to Right) Skiing and Snowboarding Day; Bowling Night

Korean Adoptees of Hawai’i

(Right) KAHI Volunteers at the local Korean Festival

(Below, Left to Right) KAHI Celebrates its 5th Anniversary; KAHI Fellowship Night, featuring the Korean Adoptees Ministry from Minnesota
Racines Coréennes

(Left) Attendees of the Annual Seollal Event (2011)

(Below, Left to Right) Consul Park, Ho; Hanbok Contest; June Monthly Lunch

Also-Known-As, Inc.

(Right) Monthly Teen Mentorship Program - Bowling Event

(Below, Left to Right) Teen Mentorship Program - Rock Climbing; Rock Climbing Group; Playing Word Games; Beth Sackovich and Katie Leih

AKF Sweden

(Right) Enjoying Korean Snacks; Waiting at Incheon Airport
Dear Friends,

Welcome to our inaugural e-zine! This e-zine is our way of keeping you informed of some of the opportunities that we have participated in recently, and to show you how we, as an organization, have impacted the global adoptee community. I think it shows how great we think IKAA's members and organizations are. We hope that you enjoy this and future issues!

Sincerely,

Tim Holm

IKAA President

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