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I. President's Message

Greetings from KAUPA!



I hope you are enjoying beautiful fall weather. When I started my two-year term in January 2018 as the president, I thought I had plenty of time to work on various things for KAUPA. The endowed KAUPA scholarship program was established and an Internet-based membership management system was created. We were able to identify many new members through labor-intensive searching on the Internet. Please reach out to find potential members and help us update our KAUPA member directory. If you become a full member, you can access the directory anytime and update the database.

Please note that if you need any academic and legal help, you can reach us anytime. I'd like to share with you two quotes from an American inspirational writer, Harriett Jackson Brown.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do."

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

I am thankful to the founders, previous presidents and officers for their dedication and passion to give back our talents to the society. I hope all of our members can help more Korean-descendent young scholars join academia. Please think about donating to the KAUPA scholarship. Your donation can impact young scholars in achieving their dreams of teaching at a university in North America.

We received 15 applicants for the KAUPA scholarship. Four scholarship committee members used a rubric and selected eight applicants. Here is the list of recipients.

- 1. K. Wayne Lee (12th KAUPA President) Endowed Scholarship Lee Seungjae, Ph.D. program, Civil Engineering, Purdue University
- 2. Yung Bog Chae (4th Minister of Science and Technology in Korea) Endowed Scholarship Sung Seyoung, Ph.D. program, Urban Studies, Portland State University
- 3. Jae K. Park (13th KAUPA President) Endowed Scholarship Shin Jaeho, Ph.D. program, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, University of Notre Dame
- 4. KAUPA Gold Scholarship Lee JooChul, Ph.D. program, Statistics, Univ. of Connecticut and Kim Mina, B.S. program, Industrial Engineering, Texas A&M University
- 5. KAUPA Silver Scholarship Moon Jung Soo, B.S. program, International Political Economy, University of Bridgeport and Park Sojin, B.S. program, Chemistry, the University of Texas at Austin

6. KAUPA Bronze Scholarship – Jong Jessup, B.S. program, Political Science, John Hopkins University

We didn't use any external funds for the scholarship. I hope we can receive more scholarship donations so that we can give more scholarships. It was a great honor to serve as the president of KAUPA for the past two years. I am sure the next president will make KAUPA more active and visible to KAUPA members. Please join us for the betterment of society through our talents. Wish you have a good semester.

We wish you have a productive semester.

Jae K. Park The 13th KAUPA President

Success

by

Bessie Anderson Stanley

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much;

who has enjoyed the trust of pure women,

the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children:

who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;

who has left the world better than he found it whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul;

who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty or failed to express it;

who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had;

whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.

II. KAUPA Activities

KAUPA Scholarship

Sources of Scholarship Fund

Scholarship comes entirely from the annual membership fees paid by the members and endowed funds. KAUPA may also accept scholarship funds from industries, governments, organizations, and other various sources.

Qualifications of Applicants

Scholarship can be applied by Korean-descendant undergraduate and graduate students attending a college or university in North America who are planning to pursue their career in academics in North America. Canada or United States Citizenship is not required.

Application

Applicants should provide the following:

- Application Form;
- Transcripts;
- CV or Resume:
- Scholarship Application Essays; and
- Three Letters of Recommendation.

The general scholarship is open to the undergraduate and graduate students in all the majors. The area and qualification of the Endowed Scholarship is determined by the donor. Endowed scholarship candidates are selected from the general scholarship applicants by the Selection Committee and the donor(s).

Selection of Grantees

Scholarship selection committee members will consist of at least five members. The Scholarship Director will form the committee. President and Vice Presidents may be asked to join the scholarship selection committee.

Selection Criteria

Criteria for scholarship grants may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Prior academic performance;
- Recommendations from professors of such applicant and any others who have knowledge of the applicant's capabilities;

- Additional biographical information regarding an applicant's career, academic and other relevant experiences, financial need; and
- The scholarship selection committee's conclusions as to the applicant's motivation, character, ability, or potential.

Announcement of Scholarships KAUPA scholarship will be announced in KAUPA Facebook and KAUPA website. In addition, scholarship will be announced through e-mails to KAUPA members. KAUPA members will also try to notify to their universities on KAUPA scholarship. The application will be closed at least two months after the announcement to provide enough time for applicants.

Qualified Expenses

Certain expenses incurred in attending an educational institution. They are:

- Tuition and fees for enrollment and attendance;
- Course-related expenses fees, books, supplies, and equipment required of all students for courses of instruction; and
- Room and board, travel, research, clerical assistance.

2019 KAUPA Scholarship Awardees

KAUPA Scholarship Committee evaluated all applicants and selected following **2019 KAUPA Scholarship awardees**:

- 1. **K. Wayne Lee Endowed Scholarship** Lee, Seungjae, Ph.D. program, Civil Engineering, Purdue University, \$1,000
- 2. **Yung Bog Chae Endowed Scholarship** Sung, Seyoung, Ph.D. program, Urban Studies, Portland State University, \$1,000
- 3. **Jae K. Park Endowed Scholarship** Shin, Jaeho, Ph.D. program, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, University of Notre Dame, \$1,000
- 4. **KAUPA Gold Scholarship** Lee, JooChul, Ph.D. program, Statistics, Univ. of Connecticut, and Kim, Mina, B.S. program, Industrial Engineering, Texas A&M University, \$700
- 5. **KAUPA Silver Scholarship** Moon, Jung Soo, B.S. program, International Political Economy, University of Bridgeport, and Park, Sojin, B.S. program, Chemistry, University of Texas at Austin, \$500
- 6. **KAUPA Bronze Scholarship** Jong, Jessup, B.S. program, Political Science, John Hopkins University, \$400

We would like to congratulate the above awardees on receiving the second KAUPA Scholarships.

III. KAUPA Member News



Prof. Emeritus Nak-Ho Sung, Tufts University

Prof. Emeritus Nak-Ho Sung of Tufts University received Distinguished Membership Award from KSEA (The Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association) at UKC 2019 (US-Korea Conference on Science, Technology, and Entrepreneurship 2019) which was held in Chicago, Illinois during August 14-19, 2019. The UKC 2019 Conference Proceedings are freely accessible.



Prof. Kang-Won Wayne Lee, University of Rhode Island

Prof. Kang-Won Wayne Lee received Outstanding Contribution to KSEA Award from KSEA at UKC 2019 which was held in Chicago, Illinois during August 14-19, 2019.



Prof. Lee delivered an invited paper at the 4th International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure and Materials on July 2-4 in Jinan, Shandong Province of China. The conference was hosted by the International Association of Chinese Infrastructure Professionals (IACIP). The title of invited paper was "Durable Pavement Structures for Sustainable and Resilient Transportation System."

Prof. Lee delivered an invited paper at the 4th Renewable Energy Sources - Research and Business conference (RESRB) on July 8, 2019 in Wrocław (Poland). The title of invited paper was "Infrastructure Assessment through Solar Energy Harvesting."

Prof. Lee was also invited as a Session Chair of the 11th International Conference on Road and Airfield Pavement Technology 2019 (ICPT 2019), held from 10th to 12th July 2019 at the Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, and delivered an invited paper entitled "Balanced Mix Design for Sustainable Pavement with Warm Mix Asphalt."



Prof. In Dal Choi, University of Mary Washington

Prof. In Dal Choi (Baritone) of University of Mary Washington was invited to the 6th Yonsei College of Music Alumni Chorus Annual Concert which will be held at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea on October 24, 2019.



He was also invited to the 14th Annual Concert of Yonsei University Alumni Choir of Southern California which will be held at Wilshire United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, California on October 5, 2019.





Prof. Jungwoo Ryoo, Penn State University Altoona

Prof. Jungwoo Ryoo and his colleagues organized the 5th International Conference on Software Security and Assurance (ICSSA) annually. This year it was hosted by the St. Pölten University of Applied Science in Austria.

He organized the Third Data Science Educators Workshop at Penn State Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during June 9-11, 2019. More details can be found at the workshop homepage.

Since January this year, he took an initiative in working on the survey to assess the cybersecurity readiness in Pennsylvania municipalities. The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is funding the research project, and his team just soft-launched a study by randomly selecting 100 municipalities before a full release later in August 2019.



Prof. Deborah Won, California State University, Los Angeles

Prof. Deborah Won received the Best Professor Award of California State University, Los Angeles. She is a Professor of Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering.



Dr. Eui-Hyeok Yang, Stevens Institute of Technology

Stevens Researcher Named ASME Fellow for Far-Reaching, Multidisciplinary Innovations in Micro- and Nanotechnology Research and Education



Prof. Boonghee Yoo, Hofstra University

Boonghee Yoo (Professor of Marketing) has been appointed the RMI Distinguished Professor in Business at the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University.



Dr. Helen Kim

Assoc. Prof. (ret.) of <u>the University of Alabama at Birmingham</u> <u>School of Medicine</u>

President of Alabama Asian Cultures Foundation

The Top 50 Over 50® award was created in 2014 by Positive Maturity, Inc. to recognize 50 individuals ages 50 and older who have made a difference in their community and Alabama through their business, civic engagement, or through a lifetime of

achievements.

Dr. Helen Kim was selected as one of this year's Top 50 Over 50 recipients.

Dr. Helen Kim is President of the Alabama Asian Cultures Foundation (AACF), a nonprofit whose programs celebrate the Asian arts and cultures, bringing all Alabamians together. Dr. Kim has worked tirelessly with her colleagues to nurture their annual Festival to its current 2000+ attendees, and the foundation as a statewide educational resource for Asian arts and culture. Dr. Kim is quick to point out the invaluable support from city, county and state officials and organizations. She loves the challenge of bringing diverse communities together, to celebrate differences whether in clothing, food or toys. The only thing Dr. Kim is more passionate about is her family: husband, Dr. Stephen Barnes, and their extended family. She is a native of Seoul, South Korea, and was a long-time faculty member at UAB Medical School where she studied the effects of dietary compounds *in vivo* until her retirement in 2015.



Assoc. Prof. Sylvia Kim, Fresno Pacific University

Assoc. Prof. Sylvia Kim (Accounting) of Fresno Pacific University was invited by College of Business of Chonnam National University, Korea to teach a graduate accounting course and do research during Fall 2019 semester. She will also perform global community service for Gwangju International Center (GIC) and The 9th World Human Rights Cities Forum as an international volunteer.

GIC is publishing a monthly newsletter <u>Gwangju News</u>. It is the first local English magazine in Korea, first published in 2001. Each monthly issue covers local and regional issues, with a focus on the roles and activities of the international residents and local English-speaking communities. <u>The October 2019 issue</u> of Gwangju News can be accessed as an e-book if you are interested in.

IV. Announcements

1. Job Opportunity

- Courtesy of KSEA Job Opportunities Link: https://ksea.org/us/information/job-opportunities/
- Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has a job opening for a Planning Specialist-Adv position. The application is due on Oct. 1, 11:59 PM CDT, 2019. If you are interested in this opportunity, please refer to the email below for more information.

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For more information, please feel free to contact Dr. Jaehoon Kim at Jaehoon.Kim@tn.gov or 256-288-7490.

안녕하세요, Tennessee Department of Transportation 의 김재훈입니다. 현재 저희 오피스에서 Senior Modeler 를 구하고 있습니다. 관심있으신 분들은 제게 연락을 주시면 고맙겠습니다.

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2. Academic Meetings

The 32nd RI Transportation Forum at URI Fine Arts Center, Friday, October 25, 2019

Rhode Island Transportation Research Center (RITRC) and Construction Industries of Rhode Island (CIRI) would like to announce that the 32nd RI Transportation Forum will be held at the **Fine Arts Center (or Concert Hall)**, **The University of Rhode Island (URI)**.

The theme of this year Forum is **Durable Infrastructure for Sustainable and Resilient Transportation System**. We expect to have a wide variety of participants from construction industries, consulting firms, federal, state and municipal agencies and academia. This forum will be the 32nd gathering after the establishment of our partnership among government (RIDOT and FHWA), Construction Industries of Rhode Island (CIRI), American Council of Engineers Companies (ACEC) and University of Rhode Island (URI) in 1992. Traditionally, this Forum has been open to transportation professionals, particularly in New England.

Keynote speakers of this year forum will include Honorable US Senator Jack Reed, Mr. Peter Alviti Jr., P.E., Director of RI Department of Transportation (DOT), Prof. Peter Sebaaly who is Director of the Western Regional Superpave Center at University of Nevada at Reno and Consul General Yonghyun Kim of Republic of Korea (TBC). We will also have many podium presentations by New England faculty and researchers, and poster presentations by URI researchers and students.

Some of topics presented and discussed at the Forum will include following topics: Transportation Infrastructure Durability with Balanced Mix-Design (BMD); Sustainable pavement design using AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design (PavementME); Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP); Full Depth Reclamation (FDR); Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR); Cold In-Place Recycling (CIR): Resilient infrastructure; Green technology; Cool pavements and Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA); Functionalization and solar energy harvesting; Disaster prevention and Evacuation; and Mitigation of traffic congestion etc.

You may put the date of October 25, 2019, when the Rhode Island foliage would be peak, on your calendar. Looking forward to meeting with you at the Forum and have a great autumn.

Sincerely yours,

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The 20th KOCSEA Technical Symposium 2019, Atlanta, Georgia, November 16-17, 2019

The Korean Computer Scientists and Engineers Association in America (KOCSEA, http://kocsea.org), founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization of Korean and Korean-American computer scientists and engineers in North America. The goal of KOCSEA is to "promote communication, information exchange, and cooperation among its members and to provide opportunities for them to make contributions to computer-related fields in Korea and U.S." Currently, KOCSEA has hundreds of members and patrons in academia and industry, who are the leading researchers and practitioners in the Computer Science and Engineering, and the Information Science fields.

The organizing committee is pleased to announce the 20th KOCSEA Technical Symposium 2019 to be held during November 16-17, 2019 in Atlanta, GA. The symposium will provide high-profile keynote speeches, invited talks, poster sessions for graduate students, and lightning talks. The symposium will also provide a venue to exchange innovative ideas, and foster collaborations among participants, creating new opportunities for collaborative research.

Your participation is crucial to the success of the symposium. We hope to see you all in Atlanta, GA in November.

Best regards,

KOCSEA Symposium 2019 Organizing Committee

Symposium URL: https://kocseaa.org/symposia/2019/

Brain Network Leadership, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, October 14, 2019



The 4th USF Performing Arts Medicine Conference, Barness Recital Hall and Conference Center, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, March 27-29, 2020

Conference URL: http://music.arts.usf.edu/PAMA

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V. Member Essay

Arena di Verona:

오페라 축제와 로미오와 줄리엣의 고향- 베로나를 찾아서



베로나 오페라 축제는 이탈리아가 자랑하는 세계적인 야외 오페라 축제로, 매년 여름 고대의 원형 경기장 아레나에서 열리고 있다. 이 오페라 축제를 즐기기 위해 전 세계의 수많은 사람들이 매년 여름이면 베로나를 찾는다. 고대의 모습을 고스란히 간직한 아레나 원형극장은 그 극장 자체만으로도 대단한 볼거리이지만 늦은 밤 고대 유적지의 돌계단에서 즐기는 공연은 다른어느 무대와도 비교할 수 없는 특별한 경험을 선사한다.

베로나 오페라 축제는 1913 년, 오페라의 거장 베르디 (Giuseppe Verdi)의 탄생 100 주년을 기념하여 공연한 '아이다'에서 처음 시작되었다.

당시 베로나 출신의 오페라 가수인 조반니 제나텔로 (Giovanni Zenatello)와 흥행사 오토네로바토 (Ottone Rovato)는 베르디의 탄생 100 주년을 기념하여 베로나에 있는 야외극장에서고대 로마 야외극장 무대에 적합한 베르디의 대표작 Aida(아이다)를 연주할 것을 구상 하였다.

이 계획을 당시 스칼라 오페라 극장의 지휘자 였던 툴리오 세라핀이 지지하면서 구체화되었는데 그해 8월 10일, 푸치니, 레온카발로 등 중요한 예술가들이 참석한 가운데 성사된 공연은 대성공이었다. 그 이후 베로나 시민들은 오페라 축제를 적극적으로 지지하면서 연중행사로 이어지길 바랬고 베로나 시에서는 1930년 부터 본격적으로 조직화하여 1차대전과 2차대전 때를 제외하고는 매년 여름 오페라 축제를 이어가고 있다. 규모나 내용으로 보아 세계에서 가장 뛰어난 여름 오페라 축제라 할 수 있다. 기록에 의하면 1856년 로시니, 1859년에 도니제티의 오페라가 이미 이곳에서 연주 되었던 적이 있고 뛰어난음향효과와 잘 보존된 고대 로마 야외극장의 분위기는 오페라 공연장으로 완벽하다고 알려져왔다.

이곳에서 세계에서 가장 뛰어난 오페라 가수들이 선을 보였는데 2 차 세계 대전 이후에 주세페 디 스테파노(Giuseppe Di Stefano), 마리아 칼라스(Maria Callas), 티토 고비(Tito Gobb), 마리아 델 모나코(Maria del Monaco)및 헤나가 테발디(Renata Tebaldi)가 포함되어 있고, 특히 당시에는 무명이었던 마리아 칼라스(Maria Callas)가 이곳에서 크게 부각 되었다. 올해 2019 년에는 러시아 출신 소프라노 안나 네트레프코, 그리고 플라치도 도밍고가 출연한다.

올해 78 세(1941 년생) 인 도밍고는 7월 28일 아이다를 지휘, 8월 1일라 트라비아타에서 Giorgio Germont을 노래하고 8월 2일에는 카르멘 지휘하게 된다. 이어서 8월 4일에는 플라치도 도밍고의 Arena di Verona 데뷔 50주년을 기념하는 특별 음악회가 열린다. 약 147 개의 오페라의 배역을 연주하고 있는 플라치도 도밍고는 금세기 가장 뛰어난 예술가의 한사람으로 역사에 기록 될것이다.

매년 50 만 명이 넘는 사람들이 여름마다 베로나를 방문하고 있다. 이 야외극장의 최대 수용인원은 약 30,000 명이나, 몇년전 부터는 안전상의 이유 때문에 15,000 명으로 제한 하고 있다.

이곳의 모든 오페라 연주는 야외극장의 탁월한 음향조건으로 2011 년 사운드 강화 시스템이 설치 될 때까지는 마이크나 현대 음향 기기를 전혀 사용하지 않았다고 한다.

올해 2019 년 오페라 축제 시작은 6월 21라 트라비아타(La Traviata)로 시작해서 9월 7일 아이다를 마지막으로 막을 내린다. 올해 연주되는 오페라는 아이다, 라 트라비아타, 카르멘, 일트로바토레, 토스카 등, 다섯 작품이다.

입장권 가격은 좌석이나 요일에 따라 조금씩 달라지며 보통 €25-230 유로 정도이다. 필자의 경험으로는 몇 달전 예약을 하지않으면 입장권 구하기가 힘든 곳은 바이로이트 페스티벌 혹은 잘츠부르크 페스티벌 이지만 베로나 오페라 축제는 비교적 입장권 구하기가 쉬운편이다. 매연주마다 15,000 석을 채우기는 쉽지 않을것이다. 그렇지만 올해 기획되는 플라치도 도밍고 50 주년 기념 음악회 같은 특별 음악회는 반드시 예약을 해야 한다. 연주 시작 시간은 저녁 9 시 이고 모든 사람들이 준비해온 촛불을 켜는것으로 오페라가 시작되며 보통 자정지나서 끝이난다.

베로나는 북부 이태리에 위치하며 독일과 베네치아 밀라노 및 로마로 연결되는 전략적 지리적 요충지이다. 이태리에서 아름다운 환경과 오랜역사와 함께 가장 부유한 도시중 하나로 꼽히는 인구 25 만의 도시인데, 셰익스피어의 희곡 '로미오와 줄리엣'의 무대로 알려져 전 세계 수많은 연인들의 발길이 끊이지 않는 곳기도 하다.

또한 베로나는 단테와도 깊은 인연을 가지고 있는데 그가 플로렌스에서 축출 당한후 처음으로 찾은 피난처가 베로나였다. 단테는 1312 년부터 1318 년까지 6 년 동안 이곳에 머물면서 <지옥편>과 <연옥편>을 편집하고 신곡의 마지막 부분인 <천국편>도 여기서 기술하였다. 그는 이 <천국편>에서 자기를 기꺼이 받아준 베로나의 통치자 Cangrande della Scala 에게 깊은 감사와 찬사를 보내고 있다. 당시 베로나의 정치 상황은 귀족들 간 세력 다툼으로 곳곳에서 혈투가 벌어지고 있었는데 이런 혼란기의 베로나를 평정한 가문이 스칼리제리 일명 스칼라 가문이었다. 특히 단테를 받아준 스칼라 가문의 칸그란데는 북부 이탈리아에서 베로나의 정치적 위상을 최고로 높인 사람이었다.

베로나와 단테의 강한 유대감은 단테 광장 (Piazza Dante)에 세워진 그의 동상에서 느낄 수있다. 베로나 시가지를 걸으며 곳곳에 남아있는 단테의 발자취를 찿아보는 것도 아주흥미있는 시간이 될것이다. 산제노 마지오레 대성당은 단테의 연옥편에 언급이 되지만 쉐익스피어의 희곡 '로미오와 쥴리엣'에서 로미오와 줄리엣이 결혼하는 장소로 유명하다.

단체의 신곡의 천국편에 아주 간략하게 서로 싸우는 비운의 두 가문의 이름이 나오는데 카플레티(Capletti) 집안과 몬테키(Montechi) 집안의 이름이 나온다. 이것이 이탈리아 작가 루이지 다 포르토(Luigi da Porto) 와 마테오 반델라(Matteo Bandella) 작품의 주제가 되었고 이 책들의 영어 번역본에서 영감을 받은 쉐익스피어가 1597 년 희곡 '로미오와 줄리엣'을 출판 하게 되었다고 한다. 이 지방에서 태어나고 자란 루이지 다 포르토에 의하면 실화를 바탕으로 이 소설을 썼다고 하는데 당시 베로나의 정치 상황을 미루어 볼 때 충분히 가능한 이야기이다. 베로나에 남아있는 줄리엣의 집이나 결혼 장소, 줄리엣이 묻힌 무덤 등을 보기 위해

해마다 150 만명 정도가 줄리엣의 흔적을 찾아 베로나를 방문하고 있는데 사실 그들이 찾는 줄리엣의 집은 사실상 줄리엣과 아무 관련이 없다. 시 당국이 작품 속의 분위기와 유사한 주택을 물색해 '줄리엣의 집'으로 이름 붙였을 따름이다. 폰띠에르가에 있는 성 프란체스코수도원(San Francesco al Corso) 지하에는 줄리엣의 무덤 속에 화려한 장식의 돌로 된 관이 안치되어 있는데 이 또한 실제 무덤이 아니라 연출된 것이라 한다. 베로나 시 당국이 이런 사실을 밝혔음에도 불구하고 전 세계 젊은이들의 발길이 끊이지 않는 것을 보면 불멸의 사랑을 꿈꾸는 연인들의 마음은 어디나 같은가 보다.



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미국인(美國人)의 인정(人情)

"어, 저게 뭐지?" 집에 왔는데 차고 앞에 무언가 종이상자 같은 것이 내 눈에 들어왔다. 차에 내려서 다가서 자세히 보았더니 상자 안에는 포도 몇송이와 조그만 쪽지 하나가 들어있었다.

호기심에 쪽지를 얼른 읽어 보았더니 우리와 20 여년 가까이 친구로 지내며 살고 있는 T 부부가 보내온 것이었다. T 부부는 여름 내내 미국과 캐나다 서부를 차를 타고 여행하면서 가끔 아름다운 경치 사진이나 이야기를 방학 동안 가끔 우리에게 보내오곤 하였다. 여행을 떠나기 전 우리 부부에게 자신들이 사서 손수 완벽하게 정비한 벤츠 RV 의 호텔같이 깔끔한 내부를 하나하나 설명하면서 보여 주었던 때가 얻그제 같은데 벌써 시간이 참 빠르게도 지나갔구나 하는 생각이 들었다.

최근 이제야 10 주간의 긴 여행을 무사히 마치고 집에 돌아와서 아내가 전화통화를 했다고 나에게 그러길래 나는 그런가보다 생각을 하고 있던 터였다. 한국에서 내가 어렸을 적에는 동네 아주머니들이 이처럼 서로 조그만 거라도 서로 나눠먹는 아름다운 인심이랄까 정이 있었는데, 이역만리 이국에서 이런 마음의 선물을 받게 되니 참으로 기분이 상쾌하였다.

쪽지에는 "Our vine finally produced. Enjoy. Much love, H & F"라고 씌여져 있었다. 아마오랜동안 포도를 집에서 재배하다가 올해 처음으로 수확을 하게 되어 그 첫 수확의 기쁨을 우리 내외와 함께 하고 싶었던 모양이었다. 짧은 편지였지만 그 쪽지를 읽으면서 우리는 친구 내외의 깊은 우정과 사랑을 느낄 수 있었다.

요즘은 우리나라가 많이 변해서 그러한 좋은 인심이나 정을 찾아보기 쉽지 않다고 종종 한국을 다녀 온 사람들에게서 듣곤 하였는데, 타국에서 이러한 마음의 선물을 받고보니 여러 생각이 오갔다. 사실 미국인들은 일반적으로 정이 별로 없는 사람들로 나는 지금껏 알고 있었지만 최근 내가 친구로 꽤 오랜동안 사귄 미국친구들은 이런 아름다운 인정을 아직도 간직하며 매우 건전하고 바람직하게 살고 있는 사람들이 꽤 있다는 것도 새로이 알게 되었다.

물론 미국이 워낙 큰 나라라 지역에 따라 다르기도 하겠지만 버지니아 시골은 뉴욕과 같은 대도시와는 달리 이러한 정이 아직도 고스란이 남아있나 보다.

지난 달에도 아내가 근무하는 직장의 동료가 큰 여행용 가방에 집에서 기른 각종 무공해의 싱싱한 채소를 한아름 냉장용 얼음봉지까지 넣어서 집에다 가져다 놓아서 감동했었는데 물론 가족들이 아주 즐겁게 잘 먹었었고, 또 다른 동료는 야생으로 채취한 버섯을 아내에게 꽤 많이 가져다 주기도 하였다.

한국에서 어렸을 적 경험하였던 이웃간에 서로 나눠먹고 어려울 적 서로 도와가며 오손도손 함께 살았던 좋은 추억들이 미국에서의 이러한 아름다운 일들로 하여금 가끔 내가 반추할 수 있다는 것은 참으로 행복한 일이다. 우리가 요즘처럼 삭막한 세상을 살아가는데 있어서 가끔은 이러한 살맛나는 일들이 일어난다는 것은 서로에게 모두 즐거운 일이기 때문이다.

오랜동안 진실한 우정과 사랑을 지금까지 함께 나누며 살아오고 있는 인정(人情) 많은 나의 미국 친구들 모두에게 건강과 행복을 진심으로 기원하는 바이다.

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VI. News

UKC 2019, Chicago, Illinois

News Article [Source: KSEA in the Press]

KSEA LETTERS, Vol. 47, No. 4, June 2019 [Source: KSEA Letters]

Illinois State University names College of Fine Arts and School of Art in recognition of \$12 million gift from alumna

More details can be accessed at:

https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2019/09/illinois-state-university-names-college-of-fine-arts-and-school-of-art-in-recognition-of-12-million-gift-from-alumna/ [Source: Illinois State University homepage]

VII. Useful Websites

ResearchGate

A site for scientists and researchers to share papers, ask and answer questions, and find collaborators. According to a 2014 study by *Nature* and a 2016 article in *Times Higher Education*, it is the largest academic social network in terms of active users, although other services have more registered users, and a 2015–2016 survey suggests that almost as many academics have Google Scholar profiles.

[Source: Wikipedia]

URL= https://www.researchgate.net/

CollegeInside of Korea Daily & Top 5 Useful e-Commerce Websites for Korean Products Shopping in America

Mr. Chang-Wang Yang, a student of University of California, Davis contributed <u>an article</u> to CollegeInside column of Koreadaly.com on September 22, 2019. <u>CollegeInside</u> is a very useful column for the Korean students studying in America and Korean-American faculty members.

[Source: Korea Daily]

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