



[From Left to Right] Yee Yong-kab, Vice President of GM Korea; Dongwook (Dave) Oh, Country Manager of Pfizer Korea and Governor of AMCHAM; National Assemblyman Lee Sang-min; Chairman James Kim and his wife Kim Kyung-Hwa



Sohn Kyung-Shik, CJ Group Chairman and his wife

The night began with an exciting cocktail reception that filled the foyer with chatter and excitement. Once the clock hit 7PM, guests entered the Grand Ballroom through an entrance modeled after the iconic Golden Gate Bridge and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

James Kim, Chairman of AMCHAM and President and CEO of GM Korea, kicked off the night with a warm welcome for the guests. He emphasized AMCHAM's role as not only assisting the interests of U.S. businesses in Korea, but helping Korean companies interested in improving business prospects in the U.S., "2017 is already shaping up to be a monumental year in

the relationship between the South Korea and the United States. It is more important now than ever for all of us to do work together to forge a new frontier to our long and prosperous relationship between the United States and South Korea."

Chairman Kim then introduced the honorary guests of the evening, including Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul Marc Knapper; Commander of the United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea General Vincent Brooks and his wife, Dr. Carol Brooks; Member of the 20th National Assembly and the Minjoo Party, H.E. Lee Sang-



Guests dine at the California-themed ballroom



Inball Emcees **Sidney Cha**, Foundation Manager of the Partners for the Future Foundation and **John Schuldt**, President of AMCHAM welcome guests for the night



Lee Sang-min, Member of the 20th National Assembly and the Minjoo Party, delivers his congratulatory remarks



Lee Hee-beom, President & CEO of the PyeongChang Organizing Committee for the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games



Amy Jackson, Former President of AMCHAM and guests chat away over dinner



General Brooks and **Chairman Kim** enjoy the Inaugural Ball with their wives



Mr. and Mrs. Schuldt on the red carpet



The auctioneer announces the winner of the all new Camaro SS



A guest quickly calls out his bid during the live auction

min; British Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, H.E. Charles Hay and his wife, Mrs. Pascale Sutherland; Ambassador of India, H.E. Vikram Doraiswami and his wife, Mrs. Sangeeta Doraiswami; President and CEO of the PyeongChang Organizing Committee for the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Lee Hee-beom; CEO of CJ Sohn Kyung-Shik and his wife, Mrs. Kim Hyo-Sook; and lastly, Foundation Chairman of Partners for the Future Foundation and Former Chairman of AMCHAM Jeffrey Jones.

Chargé d'Affaires Knapper of the U.S. Embassy then gave the first toast of the evening. He expressed, "The U.S. Embassy Seoul has a fantastic partner and friend in AMCHAM. Together, we pursue prosperity for the United States and South Korea, strengthening ties between our people and opening markets for our business." Remarks by



David Ruch, Country Manager – Korea, United Airlines and Former Chairman of AMCHAM awards **Henry An**, Senior Partner and Inbound Leader of Samil PricewaterhouseCoopers and Treasurer of AMCHAM as the winner of a live auction prize



Guests excited to receive their raffle prizes

our special guests General Vincent Brooks and Assemblyman Lee Sang-min then followed.

Next, the 2017 AMCHAM Board of Governors was officially introduced to the audience. This year, we were pleased to announce six new Board of Governors: Governor, Hyoung Lae Kim, Regional Managing Director and Vice President of Oracle Korea; Governor, BoKyeun Lee, President and MD of Cargill Agri Purina, Inc.; Governor, Bill Miner, Chairman of Chevron Korea; Governor, Dongwook (Dave) Oh, Country Manager of Pfizer Korea; Governor, David Song, General Manager of Nike Korea; and Special Advisor, Kee-bong Kwon, CEO and Representative Director of Brookfield BSREP II Real Estate. With their diverse knowledge and extensive experience in the Korean market, they bring new energy and fresh ideas to the table. AMCHAM is elated with the new additions and



Anticipation fills the ballroom as the night begins

looks forward to the progress made under the Board's leadership and hard work!

The guests were then served a stunning five-course, Californian-style meal provided by the Grand Hyatt. During this time, all guests were free to network and participate in the fun-filled events in the foyer. While some guests enjoyed drinks offered by Jameson Irish Whiskey booth and our many beverage partners, others partook in special promotional events by MetLife and United Airlines. Chung Photography Studio was also on-site for our guests to take photos with surfboards and an ocean backdrop, adding to the West Coast atmosphere at the Inaugural Ball.



After dinner was served, President & CEO of the

Because of our generous partners, AMCHAM was able to provide six live auction packages, 17 silent auction packages and 98 raffle items for our guests to enjoy with family and friends! Guests were free to bid on the silent auction and buy raffle tickets throughout the night. As the high point of the Inaugural Ball, the live auction began around 9:30pm. The ballroom filled with anticipation as our professional auctioneer began



Guests pose with a live auction prize, the Harley-Davidson 2017 Roadking Motorcycle



Foundation Chairman Jones, National Assemblyman Lee and Chairman Kim pose for a photo with live auction prizes, the all new Camaro SS



Singer Park Wan-Kyu serenades the crowd

to take bids on the six live auction items: a
Chevrolet Camaro SS provided by GM Korea, a
Harley Davidson 2017 Roadking motorcycle,
Opening Ceremony and game tickets to the 2018
Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, a flight
and hotel package to Los Angeles, a flight and
hotel package to Napa Valley in San Francisco,
and lastly, a flight and hotel package to Hawaii!
Later in the night, winners of the silent auction
and raffle were also announced and the guests to
collect their prizes in the foyer. AMCHAM is proud
to announce a portion of the raffle proceeds will
be donated to support the United Service
Organization (USO) in Korea.

Thanks to P&G, our entertainment partner, the



Peter Kwak, GM of Personal Health at Philips Korea and guests enjoy the open bar provided by our general partners

night featured a live performance from a signature Korean rocker Park Wan-Kyu. With his soulful voice, he serenaded the crowd with classic songs that were met with cheers and applause from the audience. After his performance, our guests moved to the main floor and danced the night away.

This year's Inaugural Ball was once again a highly successful celebration thanks to all our partners and guests! With the support of our members, AMCHAM will continue to promote positive business relations between the U.S. and Korea and advocate for our member companies, and at the same time, throw great parties along the way!



A California-themed open bar provided by our partners









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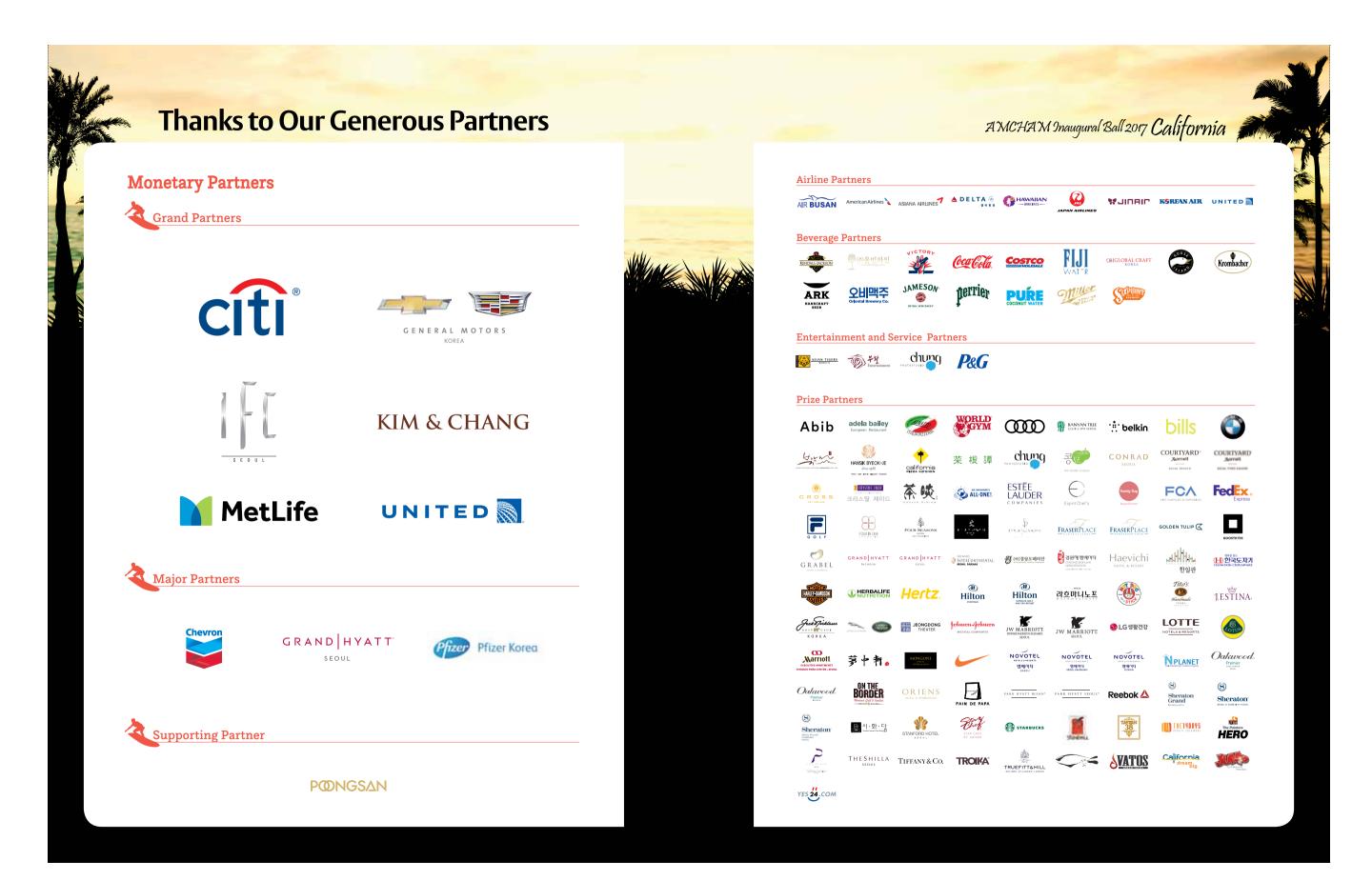




A Harley-Davidson 2017 Roadking Motorcycle provided as live auction prizes from our partners



The Golden Gate Bridge entrance into the foyer









Dongkuk Ryu

In Charge: Beverage Partnership

Two months as a Marketing trainee was a winter well spent and an invaluable experience for me. It was a great honor to work with great people in a great team. The Inaugural Ball was probably the biggest event I have ever participated in as staff. I hope that in the future, I can become the kind of person who is invited to this kind of event. Thank you, Marketing team.



W Hyejin Han

University: Ewha Womans University

In Charge: Restaurant Partnership

Having a chance to work for AMCHAM pushed me one step further and left me awesome and unforgettable memories. It was a thrilling experience to see all the things that the Marketing trainees and I worked for materialized at the AMCHAM Inaugural Ball 2017. By working at AMCHAM, I became passionate in creating ideas that came to life. In short, it was a great opportunity to seriously think about my future career path. Thank you AMCHAM!



Jinjae Kim

In Charge: Airline & Hotel Partnership

The Marketing trainees heated up the past three months with our passion! While encountering unexpected difficulties, I realized a key lesson during the AMCHAM trainee program: fear and passion are two sides of the same emotion. Fear approaches a challenge with hesitation and diffidence. The potential pitfalls and difficulties generate dread and anxiety - contributing to an "on no!" type of outlook. On the other hand, passion approaches the same challenge with conviction and optimism. Thanks to my awesome Marketing team supervisors, I was able to work by myself with an intrepid spirit and develop and "oh yes!" attitude. I truly felt a deep sense of belonging in the Marketing team. Now, I am an AMCHAMer and it feels great.



` Woori Son

University: Sungkyunkwan University Major: French language and literature

In Charge: Monetary Partnership

I truly treasure my experience as a Marketing team trainee at AMCHAM. Through the trainee program, I learned practical tasks while preparing for AMCHAM events. Furthermore, I learned about the importance of team spirit in order to pull through a big event like the Inaugural Ball 2017. Although I had many ups and downs, I overcame difficulties thanks to our Marketing staff and trainees who taught me everything with a warm heart. I will never forget this time at AMCHAM and would like to thank AMCHAM for giving me this valuable opportunity.



Yesol Seo

In Charge: Design

This winter turned out to be amazing. In the two months as a marketing trainee, I had a great experience with the marketing staff and trainees while preparing for the Inaugural Ball 2017. Since it was my first time designing for such a large event, I felt a lot of pressure and responsibility. But, I was able to finish with the help of my team. I will never forget the sense of accomplishment I felt on the day of the Inaugural Ball. It was a good opportunity to work with trainees from various fields and made me grow a lot in every aspect. Thank you so much.



Youngkeun Kim

University: Hankuk University of Foreign Studies In Charge: Product Partnership Major: Business Administration

The past two months as a marketing trainee was an unforgettable experience. As a part of the marketing team we were able to successfully complete the AMCHAM Inaugural Ball 2017. Through this trainee program I was able to learn how to be a good team member and learnt the responsibilities of coordinating a big event. I would like to thank everyone in AMCHAM, nothing would have been possible without the support and help from all the staffs and trainees. This trainee program was a big step forward in building my confidence for the future and I will always remember the winter of 2017. Thank you!

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