

# The Mei Hua Society

cordially invites you and your friends to a gala dinner party to usher in

THE YEAR OF THE RAT 4718



to benefit



Thursday, March 12, 2020

New Chatham Seafood Restaurant  
6 Chatham Square, Manhattan

6 PM

Raffle, Silent Auction, and Boutique (*cash and check only*)

7 PM

Ten Course Traditional Chinese Banquet

RSVP by March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Festive attire

**For more information, please contact:**  
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## *Womankind*

Womankind works with survivors of gender-based violence to rise above trauma and build a path to healing. Founded in 1982 by an impassioned group of Asian American women activists, as the New York Asian Women's Center, it officially became Womankind in 2017.

Since our beginning, we have continued to bring critical resources and deep cultural competency to help survivors of all ages find refuge, recovery, and renewal from domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual violence. Depending on circumstance, they have access to a safe place to live, assistance with housing, employment, English language training, legal services, financial empowerment, and so much more. Our expertise is serving Asian communities, but what we offer is valuable to all. Whether it is through our services or in our increasing advocacy and policy work, Womankind first centers the survivor by uplifting them to control their own lives and narratives. Call our 24/7 free and confidential helpline to be connected to services in 18+ Asian language and dialects: 1-888-888-7702.

Funds raised at the 2020 banquet will support Womankind's Pathways to Empowerment Program to provide survivors with skill-building opportunities, support and connections to enable them to find employment, housing, and financial resources.

For additional information, please visit [www.iamwomankind.org](http://www.iamwomankind.org).

## *The Mei Hua Society*

The Mei Hua Society was organized in 2006 to explore and share knowledge about China and Chinese culture and to support worthy Asian organizations in the New York Metropolitan area. In 2016 Mei Hua was honored with a Proclamation from the Manhattan Borough President for outstanding service to the Asian community. More recently Mei Hua received Immigrant Social Services' "Spirit of Service Reward" for promoting the value of *collective philanthropy* and for raising more than \$185,000 for deserving community groups.

Over the past 12 years Mei Hua's annual benefits have supported the following organizations: The Chinese-American Planning Council, Hamilton Madison House's Chinese Mental Health Services for Seniors and City Hall Senior Adult Care Center, Pan Asian Repertory Theatre, New York Asian Women's Center (now Womankind), Music From China, Chen Dance Center, Chinatown Manpower Project, China Institute, Museum of Chinese in America, Apex for Youth, Asian American Arts Alliance, Alzheimer's Association's New York City Chapter Chinese Outreach Program, Homecrest Community Services, Immigrant Social Services, and CaringKind The Heart of Alzheimer's Caregiving - Chinese Outreach Program.

Mei Hua's membership social activities have included museum and gallery tours, Asian films and theatre, lectures on history/architecture/contemporary issues, and dining events. Membership is open to everyone. Currently there are no membership dues. If you wish to be placed on Mei Hua's email list for notice of future activities, please contact Marilyn Chou at [marylin.chou@gmail.com](mailto:marylin.chou@gmail.com), or by phone at 203-863-9655.

**Ticket Prices**

\$175 (early bird discount price of \$150, if purchased by February 29<sup>th</sup>)

Any amount above \$45 per ticket purchased is tax-deductible

**To Purchase Tickets Online**

[www.tiny.cc/wkmeihua2020](http://www.tiny.cc/wkmeihua2020)

**To Purchase Tickets by Mail**

- I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ individual tickets.
- I am enclosing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support Womankind. Benefactors will be acknowledged in the program booklet.
- My company (listed here) will match my donation: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like for my gift to remain anonymous.
- I would like to make my gift in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Contribution**

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a table (each table seats 10 guests).

- I would like to fill \_\_\_\_\_ seats of my table with the following guests:


**Donor Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and your check (payable to **Womankind**) by Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to:

Carolyn Antonio  
Womankind  
32 Broadway, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004

Womankind is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Your donation is tax-deductible within the guidelines of U.S. law. Its tax ID is 13-3286250.