



***Carolyn Hong Chan*** has been a volunteer for over 40 years in optometry and health care and has played a prominent role in the Chinese American community in New Mexico.

She has been active with the New Mexico Optometric Association Auxiliary and was president of the 7,600 member Auxiliary to the American Optometric Association. During that time she chaired a committee which developed a multi-media program to educate health care workers and the public about vision and hearing losses in older Americans. Nineteen states implemented this program. While serving on the Board of Directors for the American Optometric

Association's Political Action Committee, she played an instrumental role in lobbying for inclusion of optometric vision services in Medicare.

While working as a teacher in the Albuquerque public school system, she fostered multi-cultural understanding by integrating Chinese American culture with New Mexico.

She has served as president of the Albuquerque Chinese School, and she and her husband were founding members of the Albuquerque Lodge of Chinese American Citizens Alliance. She served as a national board member of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and is currently spearheading the organization's collection of oral histories of Chinese American Veterans for the Library of Congress' Veterans' History Project.

Carolyn was a member of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History's Foundation Board of Directors, serving as President in 1995.

In 2001, Carolyn was one of twenty-five New Mexico women cited in the Congressional Record for their public service.  
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