MEMBER PROFILE

VANTAGE POINT

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WORDS TO LIVE BY?
“The struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting.”
Milan Kundera, The Book of Laughter and Forgetting

WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST?
I am inspired by stories of ordinary people whose optimism and can-do attitude allow them to prevail over significant obstacles in their lives. The success stories of immigrants in the United States, as well as in other countries, resonate deeply with me.

A SKILL YOU’D LIKE TO LEARN?
How to put together anything from IKEA!

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?
I’d like to be omnilingual, so I could read works of literature in their original languages and have meaningful conversations no matter where I travel.

IF YOU COULD LIVE IN A BOOK OR MOVIE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
I wouldn’t mind stepping into the shoes of any number of the dramatis personae of the Japanese movie Tampopo. It’s a cinematic world populated by food-obsessed characters, and I would love to join in their quest for the perfect ramen.