



# Chinese American Librarians Association Newsletter

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## Message from the President

**Amy Tsiang**

Greetings from sunny Southern California!

It is a great pleasure once again to communicate with you all. I am delighted to report that we had a very productive Board Meeting on January 10, 2004 during ALA Midwinter in San Diego. In two and a half-hours, we were able to accomplish the full agenda's business. There were a number of decisions made. What pleased me the most was the unanimous agreement in voting, either approval or disapproval of a motion. You will find highlights of the meeting in the Executive Director's message in this issue of the Newsletter. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the strong support of the Board members and the hard work of the Committee Chairs and their members as well as the Chapter Presidents and their Board members. My special thanks go to our Executive Director Sally Tseng for her kind advice and assistance.

I would like to keep you informed that I was invited to participate in the Roundtable Discussion on the Education, Recruitment and Retention of a Diverse Professional Librarian and Support Staff Workforce on February 19, 2004 at Los Angeles Public Library. The discussion was conducted by the Board of Library Commissioners, City of Los Angeles. Each panelist had an opportunity to make a three-minute opening statement. I took the opportunity to inform them about the scholarships CALA has set up to encourage library school students of Chinese heritage and Chinese American librarians' professional growth and achievements. I also told them about the unique mentorship program the CALA Midwest Chapter has designed to help new and junior librarians to be successful in their library careers, to help students in library and information science to develop a library career, and to encourage seasoned CALA-MW members to pass on their excellent experience. I further mentioned to them that CALA had decided to up-grade this program to the national level and that we would be working on the procedures and guidelines for the program.

Earlier this month on March 2 the presidential primary election was held in California and many other states. Several library related measures were on the ballot in different counties throughout the state of California. Since proposition

14 California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act passed in 2000, there have been many new library facilities built or renovated. Library usage is boosted. Unfortunately, the economic downturn is still a serious issue in California and library services have been significantly cut or reduced.

"The library is many things; . . . a resource offered free for the pleasure and enlightenment of all. The best measure of freedom is access to information, the raw material that gives meaning to the choices of democracy", wrote Michael McGrorty, Editor for CLA's bulletin, *California Libraries* and a candidate for the ALA Council 2004. Library is a safe shelter to many, regardless whether you are rich or poor, young or old. Despite of research suggesting that with electronic media the library as a physical place will disappear, the library stands strong as a place for community gathering, learning center, and symbolic domain. With more hiring freeze and layoffs possibility in queue, there is no doubt that eventually everyone will feel the heat. We hope we will gain more support in the next few years to come to help get the budget issue resolved. It would be sad to see library buildings closed during the weekends.

Spring is also the season for hope. Let's work together and advocate more for libraries. We love our libraries and always want to make them better! Let's continue all the initiatives led by committees and chairpersons. I look forward to meeting you at the upcoming ALA in Orlando. We will celebrate CALA's 30th anniversary together!

Wishing you all a healthy, happy and successful year of 2004!

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## *Executive Director's Message*

Dear CALA Members and Friends:

I hope all of you had a wonderful time with your family and friends during the holidays. The CALA Board and some of its members met in San Diego in January during the ALA Midwinter Conference. We had time to reflect on the activities of our six Chapters and committees and their progress during the past few months. I want to thank CALA President Amy Tsiang, all the Chapter presidents, Board members, committee chairs and their members for their strong leadership. Thank you for your continuing support for the many successful programs and for your committee work. Please see the reports included in this issue of the Newsletter for their achievements and join me to thank them.

At the Board meeting we reviewed, discussed and received feedback on all areas of operation and set goals for this coming year. I am very pleased to highlight the following items discussed at the January 2004 Board meeting:

- CALA will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Orlando, Florida in June 2004. Shixing Wen, Program Chair and the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Ying Zhang, have been working very hard on events. We shall hold a series of Board meetings and a membership meeting, and have an annual program and Awards Banquet. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend, especially on June 27, 2004, which will be an exciting date. We look forward to seeing many of you there. For details please see information published in this Newsletter or visit the CALA Web site at: <http://www.cala-web.org>.
- Approved to co-sponsor, in name only, a program entitled, "Impact of Technology on Asian, African, and the Middle Eastern Collections" to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2004, 2:00-4:00 pm, in Orlando during the ALA Annual Conference. This program is sponsored by the Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section (AAMES) of ACRL/ALA.
- Approved the re-establishment of a CALA Scholarship - \$1,000/year. The Scholarship Committee will revise all scholarship application forms and guidelines so as to consolidate them into one general format.
- Voted to support the REFORMA proposed Resolution on Affirmation Action. This Resolution will need further discussion before it can be submitted to the ALA Council.
- Accepted the invitation of Elizabeth Martinez to be a Partner in the IMLS proposal called Knowledge Recruiter.
- Requested Jin Ma to form a discussion group to look into the issue of Labor Certification (Green Card).
- Requested Dora Ho to contact Sheila Lai regarding selling some of the Janus stocks to generate scholarship funds.
- Two 2004 ALA Presidential Candidates were invited to make presentations at the Board meeting. They were: Michael Gorman, Dean of Libraries, California State

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### **California Chapter**

CALA-CA Program and Fundraising Banquet at the 2003 CLA Annual Conference

This year's CALA-CA program, Enhancing Library and Information Access: Implementations at the California State Library, the Library of Congress, and in China, was held at the Ontario Convention Center on November 15 during the California Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference. We were honored to have Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Chief of Asian Division, Library of Congress, Dr. Kevin Starr, the State Librarian of California, and Xiwen Zhang, Librarian of California State University San Bernardino as speakers. Dr. Lee presented a paper entitled "Building a World-Class Asian Collection in the Library of Congress for Enhanced Information Access." The topic of Dr. Starr's presentation is "The California State Library: its mission and efforts in support of preservation and dissemination of the heritages of California and its commitment to the highest ideals of library and information services". Xiwen Zhang delivered a paper on "An Overview of the China Digital Library Development". The speakers gave vivid introductions of the resources and major library projects at their respective libraries and digital libraries in China. Attendees told the program Chair/Facilitator that it was a truly rewarding experience attending the program. Many who were unable to attend wrote to request online access and handouts of the presentations.

The afternoon program was followed by the traditional Chinese evening banquet, which was attended by 107 people. Among the VIPs were: Dr. Hwa-wei Lee, Dr. Kevin Starr, Sally Tseng, CALA Executive Director, Amy Tsiang, CALA National President, Susan Negreen, CLA Executive Director, Susan Hildreph, CLA 2004 president, and Michael Gorman and his wife.

At the banquet, the Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sally Tseng for her outstanding contributions and support to the California chapter. The Board also presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Bing Liu of Chang Ching Book Publication Co. One of the highlights was the book signing by Professor Qin Xiaomeng, author of *Heartbeats and Heartaches, Memoirs of a Chinese Intellectual Family*. The performance of Chinese, American, and Italian songs by Tim Hou, Shen Ying and Dr. Kevin Starr brought the banquet to a climax. It was an intellectually stimulating afternoon and a fun-filled evening. Proceeds from the banquet will be contributed to CALA-CA scholarship and travel fund.

My sincere thanks to board members: Kuei Chiu, Xiwen Zhang, Ying Liu, WenWen Zhang and to Diana Wu, chapter president 2003, for their hard work and support. In particular, I would like to thank Sally Tseng, CALA Executive Director and the "behind-the-scene" lady who unconditionally sup-

## *Chapter Reports*

### **California Chapter** *continued*

ported the chapter activities and gently pushed the program and banquet into a success.

(for CALA-CA activities prior to March 2004 please see California Chapter Reports in CALA NewsLetter #88-89)

Ying Xu, California Chapter President

### **Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter**

#### I. Meetings and Activities:

1. The first CALA-GMA Chapter Board Meeting. Presented by Joanne She, Yao Yuan, Anna Ho, and Sue Lee, the meeting was held on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 6:15p.m.
  - Yao Yuan reported that GMA Chapter had \$4,911.83 in its account, which included a \$580 rebate from CALA headquarter.
  - Joanne passed out the Chapter By-Laws and Constitution and pointed out that article 9 referred to the GMA chapter. She informed the Board that she had asked the immediate past president Edward Yu, who would be in Hong Kong, to serve on the Board as additional member. Everyone agreed. She suggested moving our website to another address. Sue Lee would conduct the task with instructions from Yao Yuan. Joanne passed out the Chapter brochure, which bore a few changes to reflect new officers. She also brought in two new members, David Mao and Katy Chou.
  - Anna Ho talked about the upcoming program to be held on Sat. Oct. 4, at 10 a.m. at LC with a talk by Dr. Wu on Cheng Ho. The program would be free to all including other Chinese communities, although the luncheon following the program would be \$15.00 for each person. Anna would be responsible for the speaker, place, and luncheon arrangement, Yao Yuan for writing the program announcement in Chinese, Sue Lee for the English translation as well as emailing the announcement to Chapter members and Chinese news media. Although the luncheon would not be subsidized by the Chapter, refreshments would be furnished at the program by the Chapter. Membership application forms would be prepared at the program.
2. The Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter's brochure was updated by Joanne She.
3. The 2003 Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter Fall Program. Please see CALA Newsletter No. 89 (page 6) for a detailed report on this event.

4. The GMAC is working on web site redesign. Sue Lee and Linchun are working on this project.
5. The GMAC Board held a New Year meeting with Dr. Jin Wu and his wife at Hunan Dynasty Restaurant on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004. At the meeting, Anna distributed the pictures taken from the last meeting. Possible future activities were also discussed.

#### II. Financial Status

The current balance of the GMAC is \$4685.30.

#### II. Upcoming Activities

The GMAC is planning a Spring Program. Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee will serve as speaker. The program will be held at LC on April 3, 2004.

Joanne She, GMA Chapter President

### **Midwest Chapter**

#### 1. Chapter Board Meeting

On October 29, 2003, the Midwest Chapter started its Board meeting via email. Our chapter board members consist of the president, vice-president, treasurer, immediate past president, committee chairs and state contacts. The first agenda item is about our Mentorship Program.

Haipeng Li, Program Leader, sent out an announcement to all library schools in the Midwest, inviting students to join our Mentorship Program on September 16. One prerequisite is that applicants must be CALA members in order to be eligible to participate in our Mentorship Program. In other words, one of the underlying goals of our Mentorship Program is to attract library school students and other Chinese librarians to join CALA.

So far, the majority of those who have applied are not CALA members. Most of them are library school students. For those non-CALA applicants, Haipeng wrote to each and encouraged them to join CALA first but without much success.

The Board deliberated on several options and finally voted in mid-December to "Open up our Mentorship Program to all library/information school/program students (member or non-member alike) of Chinese heritage in the Midwest" with the understanding that this is a one-year pilot project. We will review and evaluate the project at the end of June 2004.

The next agenda item for the Chapter Board meeting will be how to maintain the Midwest Chinese Resource Guide.

#### 2. Membership Drive

On December 22, in answering to the call of membership renewal from Michael Meng, Dr. Tze-chung Li, CALA's Founding President, pledged to donate 10 student membership dues to the Midwest Chapter. He will send us a check at the end of the fiscal year to pay for dues of the number of

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student members recruited. As a matter of fact, he has made similar donations in the past to our chapter. Thank you for your generous donations and support to our chapter, Dr. Li!

Note: For the Midwest Chapter's activities from July through October 2003, see CALA Newsletter No.89.

Shixing Wen, MW Chapter President

### Northeast Chapter

#### 1. Fall Lecture Program: Treasure Troves of Asian Scholarship

The program was held on October 25, 2003, at Queens Public Library International Resource Center. There were two speakers: Mr. James K.M. Cheng, chief librarian of Harvard-Yenching Library, Harvard University; and Ms. Chi-Chun Hsieh, Public Services Librarian of the International Resource Center, Queens Public Library. Mr. Cheng, the keynote speaker, gave a brief introduction to the history and resources of Harvard Yen-ching Library. He also presented a concise but very informative report on the background, current status, and unique features of the top10 East Asian collections in the United States. Ms. Hsieh gave a detailed report on the history of International Resource Center as well as its extensive East Asian collections. About 40 people attended the lecture, among who were librarians, Chinese journal editors and reporters. Videotape of the program is available.

#### 2. Fall Gala

On November 2, 2003, about 30 CALA NE Chapter members and friends attended a 10-course reunion luncheon.

Many people met for the first time at the gathering. It was a wonderful occasion for us to get acquainted with each other. After the luncheon, 22 members went to see the Broadway musical "Aida" and had a good time.

#### 3. Liu-Ching-Leou

A fellow Chinese librarian, Professor Liu Ching-Leou from City University of New York, was treated unfairly by her college and faced the threat of losing her job. On her behalf, NE Chapter president wrote a protest letter in October to the CUNY administration, which was signed by over 30 members. Thanks to this collective effort, CUNY administration is conducting a new investigation of the matter. Ching-Leou's job is no longer in jeopardy.

Carol Gee, ME Chapter President

### Southwest Chapter

For the past ten years, CALA SW Chapter members have met and had the annual meetings at the Texas Library Association conference. This year the TLA conference will take place in San Antonio, March 17-20, 2004. Thanks to Shelley Mao, the cataloging librarian at University of Houston – Downtown campus, we are having a prime time slot on March 18th and two distinguished guest speakers: Dr. Michelle Wu and Mr. Richard Guajardo. The topic is focused on the handling of 2002 Tropical Storm Allison and its aftermath.

Rosa Hsu, president of 2004, and Peyyi Wann, president elect, coordinated a gathering in the Houston area in January to welcome new members and congratulate retiring members. Details to be announced to members by e-mail.

Rosa Hsu, SW Chapter President,

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*DARTMOUTH COLLEGE*  
*HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE*

Dean of Libraries and Librarian of the College

Dartmouth College invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of Libraries and Librarian of the College. We seek to appoint an energetic leader to guide an accomplished staff with a reputation for high-quality scholarly support. S/he should be a skilled manager who understands and is sensitive to the traditional academic library and the innovations and challenges brought to it by rapidly emerging information technologies.

With over 5800 students and 650 full-time faculty members, Dartmouth College combines the best features of an undergraduate liberal arts college with the intellectual vitality of a research university. The highly selective undergraduate college has been at the forefront of American higher education since 1769. In addition, over 1500 graduate students are currently enrolled in 16 programs in the arts and sciences and three professional schools: business, engineering, and medicine. Like the liberal arts college, these schools have a long and distinguished history and are among the first established in their respective fields in the United States.

Dartmouth views the Libraries as an essential resource to support a varied and demanding curriculum and the research needs of its faculty and students. Dartmouth recently invested over \$65 million in library expansions and consolidation. The Libraries presently comprise the Baker-Berry Library, which contains a state-of-the-art media center, the map center, and library administration and central services, plus eight specialized collections located in several academic centers. Together, these libraries house 2.4 million volumes, 26,000 serials, a vibrant and growing sound and film collection, and a substantial rare book and manuscript collection. Dartmouth's digital library system links users to a broad array of databases, thousands of full-text journals, electronic books, and digitized images, and it facilitates direct access to the book collections at Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Penn, Princeton, and Yale. The Libraries belong to the Digital Library Federation and the Association of Research Libraries and operate within a technically robust networked environment, which includes campus-wide wireless access to the Digital Library. The Baker-Berry building is also home to Computing Services--the institution's central computing organization--and the newly created Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning.

The Dean of Libraries oversees an annual budget of nearly \$20 million and about 200 professional staff and support personnel. Dartmouth's Libraries are proactively involved in the life of the institution, joining with faculty, for example, to launch new virtual journals such as Linguistic Discovery. The Dean plays a creative role in fostering a climate conducive to supporting the scholarly enterprise of diverse faculty, students, and staff; aiding in the recruitment and retention of new faculty; and tending to the development of collections and services. The Dean of Libraries reports to the Provost and will be a member, along with the academic deans, of the Provost's Academic Council.

With primary administrative responsibility for all units of the Dartmouth Library, the Dean of Libraries must have a strong commitment to maintaining excellence in academic research and library services, to working collaboratively with academic and administrative departments, to operating in a technologically sophisticated environment, and to developing the expanding libraries into a center of campus-wide learning.

With an even distribution of male and female students, about a third of the undergraduate student population members of minority groups, and the highest proportion of tenured female faculty in the Ivy League, Dartmouth is committed to diversity and encourages applications from women and minorities. Dartmouth College is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer. Additional information is available at <http://www.dartmouth.edu>. All applications, nominations and inquiries should be directed to:

Professor Katharine Conley, Dean of Libraries Search Committee, Dartmouth College, Office of the Provost,  
6004 Parkhurst Hall, Room 204, Hanover, NH 03755-3529

Please send a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references. Review of applications will begin April 15th and continue until the position is filled.

## ***Committee Reports***

### **Finance Committee**

The Committee has worked with the Treasurer who did an outstanding job in creating all financial reports for various accounts in Excel, and successfully filed income taxes for the past few years. After reviewing the income and expenses for the entire year of 2003, in addition to other accounts, we find that the Association continues to be financially sound.

CALA now has 8 accounts and all of them are doing well: 1) General Fund including donations and Membership Fund; 2) Scholarship Fund, 3) Sheila S. Lai Endowment Fund (Janus), 4) Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Research Memorial Fund, 5) Continue Education Fund, 6) C. C. Chen Leadership Fund, 7) Sally Tseng Professional Development Fund, and 8) NCAPAL Joint Conference Special Fund.

The following is a summary of the major 2003 items of revenues and expenses ending in 12/31/03:

Income:	
Donation and General Scholarship	2,062.00
Membership Dues:	6,100.00
Life Membership	1,480.00
Other Income	4,082.06
Income Subtotal	13,724.06
Expenses (Chapter Rebates, Directory Printing, Mailing, etc.)	(9,268.25)
Income less Expenses	4,455.81
Balance from Previous Qr.	33,782.60
Total Balance	38,238.41

Net Assets [Bank Accounts; 66,679.89 (including \$15,511.52 for NCAPAL)

Anniversary Fund, Janus Account; NCAPAL Joint Conf. Fund].

### **Committee Recommendations**

As there is no life member income since 4/1/03, even though the regular membership income is still increasing, the Committee recommends that the life membership due be lowered from \$400.00 per year to \$300.00 per year for the next two years, in order to attract more life members.

Now that the economy is recovering, and the Sheila S. Lai Endowment Fund has increased to over \$1100.00, the Committee recommends that the \$500.00 Sheila S. Lai Scholarship be resumed to be given out, after an absence for the past two years.

On the membership or membership renewal form, the Committee recommends more categories for donation (e.g., Scholarship Fund, General Fund, and Other) be on the

form, in order to allow for more generosity at check-writing time.

Encourage some people to contact some big corporations for donations (e.g., Microsoft, Readers' Digest; the Carnegie Grant, and the Star Foundation), and arm them with solicitation letters.

### **International Relations Committee**

As a 2003/4 objective, the International Relations Committee set itself a goal to explore opportunities to leverage relationships in the international arena. We have established an International Exchange Program with the Central Library of Macao. To initiate this relationship we had several discussions with the Director of Central Library of Macao. The Exchange Program will provide materials in Chinese and Portuguese.

Linna Yu, Chair

### **2004 Annual Conference Local Arrangements Committee**

The Committee investigated possible locations for the Annual Awards Banquet on June 27, 2004. Ming Court has been tentatively selected. It is an up scale Chinese Restaurant located close to the Orange County Convention Center. A deposit of \$600 has been made to secure a reservation for 100 people. The price is \$30 per person. A menu is being reviewed and negotiated. The Committee is also composing a list containing travel tips and information that are more specific to Chinese interests.

Ying Zhang, Chair

Sally Tseng's note:

Thanks to Ying Zhang and the CALA members from the Florida Chapter. They are working diligently getting ready for the CALA Annual Program and meetings to be held in Orlando in June 2004 during the ALA Annual Conference. This report also serves as Ying's report for the Florida Chapter.

### **Membership Committee**

Thanks to the great efforts of the President Amy Tsiang, Executive Director Sally Tseng, chapter presidents, and chapter membership chairs, we have had a big increase in membership this year. Our current membership has gone up to 503. There are 50 new members added to 2003 membership figure. We now have 147 total life members. We had sent membership drive letters to 96 potential new members in addition to the current members.

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### General Membership

Chapters	New Members	Life Members	Regular Members	Total
CA	18	45	105	150
FL	0	5	10	15
MA	7	27	52	79
MW	14	20	85	105
NE	4	25	64	89
SW	5	7	18	25
ZY	2	18	21	39
<b>Total</b>	50	147	356	503

Holly Yu, Chair

#### 2004 Annual Conference Program Planning Committee

The Committee has decided on the following components of the 2004 Annual Program to be held in Orlando on June 27 (Sunday), 2:00-4:00 pm:

##### 1. Theme

The Committee took into consideration the 2003 Program theme "Library Resources & Services for Chinese American/Canadian Communities" and ALA President Hayden's initiative of "Equity of Access" and decided on the following theme for the 2004 Program:

Library Resources and Equal Access: Serving Chinese Americans in the 21st Century

##### 2. Speakers

To bring about our theme from different perspectives, the Committee decided to choose:

- a) a speaker from a major Asia library to talk about how to serve Chinese scholars and students
- b) a speaker from a major public library to talk about how to serve new Chinese immigrants and ABCs
- c) a speaker from a college library to talk about how to serve both Chinese students, scholars and other Chinese Americans with its limited resources
- d) a speaker from a library school to talk about the equity of access issue regarding Chinese Americans: history, problems and prospect

Based on the above considerations, the Committee has selected the following speakers:

- a) Peter Zhou, Director of the East Asia Library at UC Berkeley "Embedding East Asian Library in the University Community: Services for Chinese Scholars and Students"
- b) Thomas Alford, Deputy Director of the Queens Borough Public Library "Providing Urban Public Library Service in the 21st Century"

c) David Hickey, Asian Studies Coordinator at University of Florida "Serving Sinologists and Chinese-Americans at the Local University Library"

d) Ching-chih Chen, Professor at the GSLIS, Simons College "Digital Libraries and Universal Access in the 21st Century: Potential for Chinese Americans"

##### 3. Program timetable

2:00-2:10 opening remarks by CALA President Amy Tsiang

2:10-2:30 1st speaker; 2:30-2:35 Q&A

2:35-2:55 2nd speaker; 2:55-3:00 Q&A

3:00-3:20 3rd speaker; 3:20-3:25 Q&A

3:25-3:45 4th speaker; 3:45-3:50 Q&A

3:50-4:00 Wrap-up

##### 4. Equipment requests

4 microphones (1 at the podium and 3 on the speakers' table)

1 wireless microphone

1 overhead projector and screen

(LAC has reserved a laptop and an LDC projector at Rollins College. Otherwise, the renting of these 2 pieces from ALA would cost over \$1,000!)

The following components of the 2004 Program are still under discussion:

1. Membership Meeting: "Celebrating CALA's 30th Anniversary!"

2. Awards Banquet

LAC has tentatively chosen the Ming Court (a nice Chinese restaurant near the Convention Center), and made a deposit of \$600. The price will be \$30 per person. Other activities are still under discussion. Mengxiong Liu's mother offers as door prizes two copies of her book "Heartbeats and Heartaches:

## *Committee Reports continued*

### **2004 Annual Conference Program Planning Committee** *continued*

Memoirs of an Intellectual Family in China” and a book signing session.

Shixing Wen, Chair

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee will present a slate to the CALA Executive Board in April, in accordance with the provisions in Article III of the Bylaws.

Angela Yang, Chair

### **Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee**

As charged by the president in July 2003, the committee is to continue ongoing efforts, in consultation with immediate past co-chairs Diana Wu and Esther Lee, to raise sufficient fund to safeguard the CALA Scholarship Programs for 2004. In addition to contacting the valuable long-standing supporting vendors, the committee hopes to expand the base of supporters, particularly in the Northeast, Southwest, and, hopefully, abroad.

Jiun Kuo, Chair

### **Scholarship Committee**

Three CALA scholarships have been posted to the organization website at <http://www.cala-web.org>:

1. C.C. Seetoo Conference Travel Scholarship
2. Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science
3. Huang Tso-ping and Wu Pao-yu Scholarship (U.S.A.)

One of the requirements is that applicants must be of Chinese nationality or of Chinese descent. These scholarships are generously provided by Sheila Suen Lai, Mr. C.C. Seetoo and his family, and friends/supporters of Mr. Huang Tso-ping and Prof. Wu Yao-yu. The deadline is April 15, 2004.

Sheila was CALA Executive Director from 1992 to 1998. An active member and one of the original co-founders of CALA, Sheila has devoted many years of services to CALA. She is happily retired from the California State University Sacramento. Born in Shanghai in 1916, Mr. C. C. Seetoo graduated from Shanghai University in 1939 and moved to Taiwan in 1946. A successful entrepreneur in the export business, Mr. Seetoo has traveled all over the world and made numerous friends and valuable contacts along the way. He recognizes and values the benefits of networking for people striving to become successful in the field of librarianship, and wishes to provide such an opportunity for current students

of Library and Information Science by co-sponsoring this Travel Scholarship. The Huang Tso-ping and Wu Pao-yu Memorial fund was created to honor both Mr. Huang Tso-ping and Prof. Wu Yao-yu. Mr. Huang was a pioneer in Chinese librarianship and had a career in the publishing trade. Prof. Wu dedicated her life to teaching and writing about classical Chinese literature. The fund is apportioned annually for a period of ten years. People who are interested in applying for these scholarships can logon to CALA website at <http://www.cala-web.org> for application guidelines and forms.

Diana Wu and Rosa Hsu

### **Publications Committee**

Committee Charges:

1. continue ongoing efforts and report to the Board at 2004 Midwinter meeting;
2. investigate the best and least expensive method to distribute the journal to members in the U.S.;
3. work with the editorial team for the publication of the CALA 30th Anniversary Commemorative book.

Activities and Progress of Projects:

1. The president re-appointed Zhijia Shen, for the third year, Chair of the Publications Committee. The new Committee now consists of three members from last year, two new members (Grace Xu and Susan Xue), and four ex-officio members.
2. For Charges 1 & 2. At the 2003 annual conference, the Committee reported on its investigation for the best and least expensive way to distribute Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS) to CALA members. It was recommended that the journal be sent electronically. This year we focused on exploring practical means for electronic distribution. Currently the electronic version of the journal is in beta at <http://jlis.glis.ntnu.edu.tw/>. Committee members, especially Grace Xu and Jinfu Lu, have worked to facilitate access to the electronic JLIS. The following proposal with three options regarding distribution of the e-journal was submitted by Grace Xu:
  - 1) Yahoo egroup e-mail list.  
The Yahoo account [cala\\_group@yahoo.com](mailto:cala_group@yahoo.com) is created for CALA group emailing. With this account, we also get [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cala\\_group/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cala_group/), which is a free web site for CALA member access to archived e-mails, photos and files, links and calendars.
  - 2) Set "Login" function on the CALA-publication webpage.  
<http://www.white-clouds.com/cala/publications/e-journal/index.htm>

## *Committee Reports continued*

A CALA membership directory database should be created, if we don't have one right now, to include the following fields: first name, last name, English name, e-mail, affiliation, phone no., mailing address and notes. Then we just need an interactive ASP or JSP web page to support member login.

- 3) Register a list server service at University of Colorado (not sure if the service is free). No matter which approach is to be adopted for CALA e-journal access, a list manager should be appointed for the following responsibilities: sending e-mails to all members, updating database, and uploading and downloading organization files if needed.

3. For Charge 3. Between the 2003 annual board meeting and now, the three editors (Zhijia Shen, Liana Zhou, and Karen Wei) have been working on manuscripts editing. Haihui Zhang (committee member) has been working on the appendices. Susan Xue (committee member) has worked on Chinese-English translation of articles as well as writing an article, which the original author was unable to do. As we approach the deadline of submission, we will need more assistance from the Publications Committee for editing work. The following is a brief report on the progress of the book:

- 1) Acquisitions of articles as of January 1, 2004:

### OUTLINE

- I. Forward (Tze-chung Li) Received
- II. Introduction (Editors ) 1<sup>st</sup> draft
- III. Celebrating the Thirty Years of CALA (Amy Tsiang & Shixing Wen)
- IV. A Brief History of CALA (Liu Mengxiong) Received
- V. Memories and Commemorations (Subtitles yet to be determined)
  1. Leading and Pioneering Chinese American Librarians  
11 of 16 articles received; 5 in progress
  2. Memoirs by CALA presidents and Executive Directors  
10 articles received
  3. CALA Distinguished Service Award and President's Award Recipients  
(Sally Tseng) 1<sup>st</sup> draft
- VI. Bridging Cultures (include major articles from CALA programs)

Since we have not been able to acquire many articles from CALA members after many rounds of solicitation, the editors have decided to use selected papers from CALA annual programs for this chapter.

### VII. Appendices

(Haihui Zhang) Final editing

1. Constitution, Bylaws
2. Organizational Structure
3. CALA Past Presidents
4. CALA Past Chapter presidents
5. CALA Committees
6. Annual Programs
7. CALA Publications  
(Amy Seetoo) In progress
8. CALA Awards
9. Chronology

- 2) Final editing and possible extension of manuscripts submission: The editors plan to start final editing in mid-January 2004. Because of the delay in receiving articles, we may have to postpone submission deadline to February. Because of the press for time at the final editing stage, the editors suggest that we use some of the funds raised for the book to hire professional assistance for final proof reading.

### **Mentorship Taskforce**

The CALA Midwest Chapter has a mentor program which has been active quite positively for a few years with nice work by a few people especially by Vickie. Do we need to duplicate a similar program for CALA? If so, does that imply that separate programs should be initiated for other chapters within CALA? I personally think that it is not necessary, and my considerations are presented as follows. Firstly, the Midwest Chapter Mentorship program is very well set up and run and can be easily upgraded and expanded to work on the national level. Secondly, the quantity of work (mentor-mentee coordination) may be managed by one program at the national level. Thirdly, technology enables communication for mentorship coordination electronically and so geographic divisions should not impose a problem. I propose here that we upgrade the Midwest Chapter Mentorship Program to the national level. The team may consist of a chair to take the general charge, and one member from each chapter, taking coordination responsibilities for respective chapters.

Junlin Pan, Chair, Task Force on Mentorship

### CALA Co-sponsoring AAMES Program at ALA in Orlando

The CALA Board decided at the ALA Mid-Winter board meeting that CALA co-sponsor the AAMES Program to be held at ALA in Orlando, Florida, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on June 26, 2004. The title of the program is “Impact of Technology on Asian, African, and the Middle Easter Collections.” Speakers include Ms. Kay Raseroka, Director of Library, University of Botswana, and current president of IFLA; Dr. C. C. Chen, Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College; and Dr. Mohammed Aman, Professor, School of Library and Information Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

### The Apple Tree Library Foundation

The mission of this nonprofit organization is to promote access of knowledge and cultural understanding by establishing English language children’s libraries within the existing municipal children’s library system in China. In the process, we hope to help the Chinese children acquire essential language skills, to help modernize public library practice, to help train local children’s librarians, to promote volunteerism, and to build a learning community around the library. Most important, we empower the entire population of a city, from teachers and parents to children of all ages, with the one language they can use to improve their lives and realize their dreams.

The first English language library will be in Xiamen, which is scheduled to open on June 1, 2004. The municipal children’s library provides the facility, the operating budget and the librarians, and manages the daily operations. The Apple Tree Library Foundation provides the literary materials and managerial input.

We are looking for advice and support, in terms of setting up a children’s library, training Chinese librarians, suggesting needy cities, mentoring a particular English library, soliciting publisher’s donations, etc. CALA members are uniquely suited for this nonprofit project, and we can use all the help you can offer. Please contact [cathy.hsiao@applelibrary.org](mailto:cathy.hsiao@applelibrary.org) for more information.

At this point, we are specifically looking for volunteers who might be traveling to Xiamen this summer. If you could spare one or two half-days to hold workshops or seminars for the local librarians, to introduce the US public library practices to the English teachers, it will be much appreciated. We are also looking for fluent English speakers who will be in Xiamen this summer and beyond, to tell stories to the children, and perhaps to help train local volunteers to do the same.

Cathy Hsiao, founding director of Apple Tree Library Foundation

### CALA Schedule of Events at ALA Annual Conference in 2004

1. CALA Board Orientation  
June 25, 2004 (Friday), 08:00 pm - 10:00 pm
  2. CALA - Board Meeting I  
June 26, 2004 (Saturday), 08:00 pm - 10:00 pm
  3. CALA 2004 Conference Program: “Library Resources and Equal Access: Serving Chinese Americans in the 21th Century”  
June 27, 2004 (Sunday), 02:00 pm - 04:00 pm
  4. CALA Membership Meeting: “Celebrating CALA’s 30th Anniversary!”  
June 27, 2004 (Sunday), 04:00 pm - 05:30 pm
  5. CALA Awards Banquet  
June 27, 2004 (Sunday), 07:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
The Ming Court  
9188 International Dr.  
Orlando, FL 32819-8112  
Ticket: \$30 before April 1, 2004;  
\$35 after April 1; and \$40 at the door
- Reservation Contact:  
Ying Zhang  
CALA Banquet  
812 Jade Forest Ave.  
Orlando, FL 32828-8127  
Phone: 407-823-4253  
Email: [yzhang@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:yzhang@mail.ucf.edu)
6. CALA - Board Meeting 2  
June 28, 2004 (Monday), 08:00 am - 10:00 am

### Report of JCLC 2006

#### 1. Change of Date of the JCLC

At its February 19, 2003 conference call meeting, the JCLC Steering Committee voted to change the date of the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color from 2005 to 2006. The Steering Committee's previously-agreed preferences to have the conference scheduled in the first half of the month of October in a city located in the central tier of states will remain the same in 2006. The five caucus associations' vote was unanimous: all five were in favor of the change.

The change of the JCLC date was made:

- out of respect for the ethnic caucus association and ALA members who might wish to attend one of two ALA divisional national conferences scheduled for 2005 (one is scheduled for October 2005) and/or the 2005 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago and who have limited financial resources to attend multiple conferences in one year;
- out of concern for the ALA divisions who will be holding their national conferences and the possible impact that the JCLC during the same year/time might have on their attendance (and their attendance on the JCLC's); and
- out of consideration for exhibitors and vendor supporters who would have to plan for multiple conferences in one

year and the possible impact on JCLC's exhibits and vendor support

## 2. Dates and Places

The JCLC06 will hold in Dallas at Adams Mark Hotel. There are two dates being discussed, Oct. 12-15 and Nov. 2-5, 2006. The decision of place was made by the Steering committee, at the recommendation of the Site selection committee and aided by analysis of Amy Resendiz who works for ALA. Conference Services Site Selection Team Recommendation are John Ayala, Chair, Site Selection Committee; Gladys Smiley Bell and Ken Yamashita, SC Co- chairs; Satia Orange, Director, ALA OLOS.

## 3. Change of the CALA's leadership within JCLC

Zhijia Shen has asked to be excused of her responsibilities as one of the JCLC representatives because of her other professional commitments. Amy Seetoo was recommended and appointed by CALA President and the Executive Board to represent CALA, along with Liana Zhou. Amy will be the Chair of the Publicity Committee while Liana chairs the Awards Committee. Thank you to Zhijia for her hard work, dedication, insight and leadership with the initial planning of the JCLC. She represented CALA very well.

Liana Zhou

## Les Pourciau Honored

At its annual Holiday Luncheon held on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the University of Memphis Association of Retirees (UMAR) presented the first TRACES Award to Dr. Les Pourciau, retired Director of Libraries at the U of M and an active UMAR member. This award will hereafter be presented at the Holiday Luncheon in December of each year to a University of Memphis retiree "... to recognize ... a life of outstanding service and scholarship, and ... continuing effort to provide service and scholarship."

## *Executive Director continued*

University, Fresno and Barbara Stripling, Director of Library Programs, New Visions for Public Schools in New York City.

- Four conferences will be held in China this year. (see more information in this issue)
- Carl Chan for Wen-ling Liu, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, discussed in great length the revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. The Committee will continue to work on the revisions. Amendments proposed by the Board on January 10, 2004 will be submitted to the Membership for a vote.
- Approved the creation of a CALA Ribbon. Holly Yu, Chair of Membership, will refine the ribbon style and format.
- Approved the publication frequency of the CALA Newsletter from three issues to two issues per year.
- Amy Tsiang will work with Junlin Pan on

Mentorship.

- JCLC06 – Liana Zhou reported that the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) will be held from October 12 to 15, 2006 in Dallas, Texas. ALA, especially the Office of Library Outreach Services (OLOS), will promote and solicit exhibitors. The 2006 JCLC is expected to attract a large audience with many exhibitors and a wide range of programs. Proceeds from the Conference will be equally divided among the 5 caucuses (CALA, Asian/Pacific, BCALA, REFORMA and AILA) for their scholarship endowments. Liana encouraged CALA members to join JCLC committees to plan for this Conference.
- The Journal of Library and Information Science will become an online e-journal. More information will be available soon.
- The Publications Committee is working very diligently on the book celebrating CALA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are still waiting for more contributions. If you are one of the invited writers who have not sent your item yet, please send it to Zhijia Shen at [Shen@colorado.edu](mailto:Shen@colorado.edu) as soon as possible.
- Nominations are being sought by the CALA Awards and Nomination Committees.
- Linna Yu, Chair of the International Relations Committee, reported that the Central Library of Macao has established an International Exchange of Publications Department, aiming to strengthen its relationship and cooperation with libraries of different countries and regions. Interested members please contact Ms. Leon, PUN Sio Peng, or Ms. Fanny, HONG Fan Teng. Address: Av.cons. Ferriera de Almeida, No. 89-A-B Macau, Tel.: 853-719842, Fax: 853-719332, Email: [siopengpun.bc@icm.gov.mo](mailto:siopengpun.bc@icm.gov.mo) or [fannyhong.bc@icm.gov.mo](mailto:fannyhong.bc@icm.gov.mo)

Our Board meeting was very productive. I look forward to working with you to make CALA one of the leading organizations in the library profession.

Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director

### **Editors' Note:**

At its ALA Mid-Winter board meeting in January 2004, the CALA Board decided that the frequency of publication of the CALA Newsletter be changed from 3 times a year to 2 times a year, starting in spring of 2004, based on the recommendation from the editors of the newsletter.

Also this is the last issue we have worked on as editors of the Newsletter as our term is up in June of 2004. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has offered support in the publication of the newsletter in the past three years.

## Membership Information

Dear CALA members, Colleagues and Friends:

It is that time of year again. The new *CALA Membership Directory* will be in print in May. In order to have accurate and updated information for your membership entries in the directory, we would like you to forward your updated information to Holly Yu, Chair of the Membership Committee, by **end of April, 2004**.

When you **update your membership information**, please do the following:

1. Click on: <http://www.cala-web.org/forms/calamemf.htm> to obtain a Membership Application Form;
2. Print the form and fill out the changed information;
3. Mail the form to Holly Yu;

Or, you can update your information electronically by using the online form at:  
<http://www.white-clouds.com/cala/publications/membership/membupdate.htm>

When you **renew your membership or join CALA**, please do the following:

1. Click on: <http://www.cala-web.org/forms/calamemf.htm> to obtain a Membership Application Form;
2. Print the form and fill out the form;
3. Make a check and pay to the order of: **CALA**;
4. Mail the form along with your check to:

Holly Yu  
CALA Membership Chair  
University Library  
California State University, Los Angeles  
5151 State University Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8300

We look forward to your continuing support and working with you! Please update your membership information, renew your membership or join CALA! We believe, with your support, CALA will grow stronger.

### Join the Friends Society of the Asian Division, Library of Congress

The Friends Society of the Asian Division, Library of Congress has been established with the goal to strengthen the Library of Congress's resources on Asia and for building bridges with both the scholarly community and the general public. At its recent meeting, the Board adopted the By-laws of the Friends Society and elected Mr. Frank Joseph Shulman the President and Dr. Jeremy Wu the Vice President. Mme. Anna Chennault serves as one of the honorary Board Directors.

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Chief of the Asian Division, would like to invite CALA members to become active members of the Friend Society in a joint effort to build a world-class Asian collection which consists now of more than 2.5 million volumes of publications in some 40 major Asian languages representing the best of knowledge and creativity of Asian people and culture.

For more information on the Society and membership, please visit the temporary website which is still under construction: <http://www.lcasianfriends.org>

## Conference Announcements

You are cordially invited to present paper(s) at the following conferences and Post-Conference Cultural Tour to be held in China in 2004. As in the past few years, the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) will form a Delegation to participate in these activities. These conferences provide forums to share the latest developments in library and information services and also provides great opportunities to build librarian-to-librarian friendship with our Chinese counterparts. It is an excellent opportunity to visit beautiful and fascinating places, to enjoy folk dances and songs and to taste the delicious local Chinese cuisine. These conferences will also offer practical ideas for building partnerships, for digital library, for adding proven programs to a library's services, and for fostering library cooperation. Participants will go home with delighted hearts and souls enriched from their experiences after attending these Conferences.

Please mark your calendars and consider submitting a paper and/or joining the Post-Conference Cultural Tour. For more information and registration forms, please go to CALA's website at <http://www.cala-web.org/> or contact: Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director, Email: [sct seng888@yahoo.com](mailto:sct seng888@yahoo.com); Phone: 949-552-5615; Fax: 949-857-1988

*I. 2004 China Society for Library Science (CSLS) Annual Conference, July 24-26, 2004, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China*

Conference theme: Retrospection and Expectations -- The Centennial of Chinese Library Development

Potential authors are encouraged to submit papers that address one of the sub topics of the conference and to participate in the Chinese National Best of Papers Contest.

Important Notes and Dates:

Length of the Paper: Double spacing, 10 pages maximum including references or footnotes.

Languages: Paper can be submitted in Chinese or English with abstracts in both Chinese and English.

Evaluation of Contesting Best Papers Fee: US\$20.00 each paper.

Deadlines:

Abstract: March 31, 2004.

Full Paper: March 31, 2004 (if you want to join the Chinese National Best Papers Contest) or April 30, 2004 (not for the Contest).

Registration Fee: US\$150.00 each for a CALA Member; US\$180.00 each for a Non-CALA member; \$100.00 each for accompanying person.

Hotel: Suzhou International Conference Center Hotel (4 Stars), US\$45 per room per night.

The CSLS Conference Registration Fee includes: 3 day's meals, attendance at the Conference and Exhibition, one day's sightseeing and visiting libraries in the Suzhou area. The fee for an accompanying person covers the same as that for a member except for conference attendance.

For the 2004 China Society of Library Science (CSLS) Post Conference Cultural Tour (tentatively July 27-31, 2004), please go to <http://www.cala-web.org/>

*II. The 2nd Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF), October 12-16, 2004, Shanghai Library <http://www.libnet.sh.cn/silf2004/china/>*

Registration Fee: CALA Members will receive 20% discount.

The Shanghai International Library Forum is a biennial international event aiming at promoting professional and academic exchange among librarians and information professionals all over the world.

The theme of this forum is "City Development and Library Service". SILF 2004 will bring together librarians, researchers and scholars to discuss the latest achievements, innovations and future tendencies related to the theme.

Deadlines: abstract of the paper should be submitted to the Shanghai Library before April 12, 2004, and the deadline for submitting the full paper is May 31, 2004.

III. *DC-2004 International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications, 11-14 October 2004, Shanghai, China, <http://dc2004.library.sh.cn/>*

Registration Fee: CALA Members will receive 20% discount.

The DC-2004 will be hosted by: Shanghai Library and sponsored by the Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences, the National Science and Technology Library of China, and the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative. Metadata based on standards such as Dublin Core is a key component of information environments from scientific repositories to corporate intranets and from business and publishing to education and e-government. In conjunction with DC-2004, the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative will hold technical working-group meetings and Shanghai Library will host the 2004 Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF).

Deadlines

Paper submission: May 1, 2004

Poster submission: May 15, 2004

Acceptance notification: June 1, 2004

Camera-ready copy due: July 1, 2004

IV. *The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL) -- International Collaboration and Cross-Fertilization, Shanghai, China, December 13 to 17.*

Hosted by Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Shanghai Library in Shanghai, China, the conference theme is: "Digital Libraries – International Collaboration and Cross-Fertilization". Papers are solicited in a wide variety of digital library related areas, including (but not limited to):

Main Topics: Service and Management

Sub Topics:

- Service and Management
- Collaboration and Localization
- Technology

Proceedings:

- Papers must be in English with a limit of 10 pages for full papers, 4 pages for short papers and 2 pages for poster papers.
- Conference Proceedings will be published by Springer's Lecture Note Series in Computer Science (LNCS)
- All papers must be original contributions (i.e., not have been previously published or currently under review for publication elsewhere)
- All contributions must follow the LNCS format guidelines and refer to [LNCS](#)
- Papers should be submitted by electronic submission system.

Deadlines:

Submission of Abstracts (full papers only): June 10, 2004

Submission of Full Papers: July 1, 2004

Submission of Short Papers: July 1, 2004

For more information and registration forms, please contact: Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director, Email: [sctsens888@yahoo.com](mailto:sctsens888@yahoo.com); Phone: 949-552-5615; Fax: 949-857-1988.

Please visit CALA's website at <http://www.cala-web.org/> for more information on all conferences!

# CALA Membership Application

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Member
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Last Name

Membership Dues cover the full calendar year, from January to December. Dues in U.S. Dollar value equivalency or from a U.S. bank.

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**Please choose one membership category**

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- Individual Member (\$30/yr)      \$
- Institutional Member (\$100/yr)      \$
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- Student Member (\$15/yr)      \$
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- Midwest
- Northeast
- Southwest
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California State University Los Angeles  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8300

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