



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings!

I am honored to be your president during what I consider pivotal years for APALA. The successful APALA-CALA coordinated launch of the first National Conference on Asian Pacific American Librarians, drawing over 300 registrants, set the tone of the next decade.

Every organization cycles through embryonic, growth and maturation stages. It is in the maturation cycle that it is in its most dangerous period. The next step can be decline and death for the organization or it can incubate the rebirth. In a way this mirrors the youthful exuberance and maturation of the many baby-boomers who are and have been a vital part of APALA and who are reaching elder statesman levels. Some are looking forward to an honorable retirement with, we hope, more time to spend on APALA activities. The exciting development has been the obvious beginnings of a rebirth. A number of Gen-Xers to be encouraged, nurtured and from whom we will learn are beginning to appear among the membership of APALA. They bring us web knowledge, clear vision of the future, and the energy to build APALA once again into a growing, influential organization among librarians.

Thanks to the organizational skills of our past-president, Sushila Shah, we have in place a new Executive Director position, ably filled by Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng. Dr. Jeng has already assembled a handbook of documents for the Executive board with the latest changes included. Shah noted that the paperwork necessary to keep this organization in good order occluded the necessary planning time needed by APALA's officers. Now we have no excuses! Despite Shah's concern, she has capably moved the organization forward, produced a new strategic plan (see Volume 21, No. 2 - March 2001 issue of this newsletter) and has promised to continue to monitor the progress this year. Key in that plan was the continued professional development of our membership while building the networking opportunities. Whether you are a long-time member of APALA or a new recruit, we need your working support. Many of our committees still need members, people willing to assign a portion of their time to a specific committee project.

Lend us your talents during the coming year or two. Doctors Jeng and Yamashita have promised to mentor anyone willing to chair the planning committee for the next NCAPAL conference. Willing to work on some other committee? Take your pick from: Constitution/By-laws, Finance, Awards, Programs, Publicity, or Recruitment & Scholarship. Membership and the Newsletter committees are filled already but I'm certain that if you have a special talent in these areas, they will be happy to add an additional person. Take a look at the strategic plan adopted last year. There is work aplenty for everyone.

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Elsewhere in this newsletter are directions for joining the APALA listserv. If you haven't done so already, do so soon. Besides the frequent job postings, you will find current news of the committee activities, planning for a possible pre-conference, news of new Asian-American publications and quick surveys. Let's make this a productive year for everyone.

Tamiya Meehan

Guest Editorial

Once again, I am pleased to edit another issue of the APALA Newsletter since our last Millenimum Edition. The editorship is undergoing some changes. Changes are good and they always bring improvement. During this transition period, I volutedered to serve as the Guest Editor one more time.

The impact of September 11th event has now become part of our lives. The Senate recently passed a bill to increase national security measure but it may affect the privacy of innocent citizen. Dr. Ken Yamashita, our Past President, wrote an insightful and inspirational article on his response to the September 11th tragic event. I wish that I could publish it in this issue, but it would not be possible due to our limited space. However, I would encourage you to read the article in its entirety online. Our Executive Board also responded to this event by voting to make a donation to the Asian American Federation WTC Fund (see p. 4 for details.)

I enjoyed working on this newsletter and I hope that you enjoy reading it.

Wilfred Fong
Guest Editor

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New APALA Executive Director

Thanks and congratulations to Ling Hwey Jeng, the new Executive Director of APALA. She will serve a two-year term. Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng is an Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science. She was the Co-Chair of the NCAPAL Planning Committee. Dr. Jeng also elected and served as the President of the Chinese American Librarians Association. She can be reached at University of Kentucky, 3735 Palomar Centre, Ste 150 PMB 26, Lexington, KY 40513. Voice: (859)257-5679/Email: lhjeng00@pop.uky.edu/ Fax: (859)257-4205.

Members News

Min Chou, a reference librarian at New Jersey City University Library, delivered a keynote speech on "Academic Libraries and Copyright Protection in a Digital Age" at the International Conference on "Academic Librarianship in the New Millenium: Roles, Trends and Global Collaboration." The conference was held June 3-9 in Kunming, China, and was sponsored by Oberlin College, the Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association, and Yunnan University in China. Conference attendees came from the United States, China, India, Indonesia, and other countries. Ms. Chou also moderated a conference panel discussion on "Scholarly Communication and Intellectual Property." She has conducted extensive research on copyright law, DMCA, and UCITA, and their impact on libraries. Ms. Chou will deliver another paper on copyright issues at the Annual Virtual Reference Desk Conference: "Setting Standards and Making it Real," to be held in November 2001 in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Dean Emeritus of Ohio University Libraries and Visiting Distinguished Scholar of the OCLC Online Computer Library Center, has been selected by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board as a Fulbright Senior Specialist for a six-week assignment in Thailand from September 9 to October 20, 2001. As an American Fulbright Visiting Scholar in Thailand, Dr. Lee will be assigned to the Department of Library Science, Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University and will assist the Department to revise its graduate program. In addition, Dr. will help with faculty development, conducting a series of lectures, planning an international seminar, and advising the Central University Libraries.

Having a long and distinguished library career spanning a period of 40 years, mostly in the U.S., Dr. Lee has been very active in international librarianship and has received recognition and awards for his significant contributions. For more information, please contact Dr. Lee directly at <leeh@ohio.edu>.

Marjorie H. Li will be one of three presenters at a one-day workshop on Collecting and Interpreting Archival Materials at the New Jersey State Archives at Trenton on November 10, 2001. This is a follow-up session to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives conference on October 7-13. The primary interest this year will include collecting records pertaining to the Great Depression and recent immigrant groups, particularly Asian Indian and Chinese American experiences in New Jersey. Besides being an active academic librarian at Rutgers University Libraries, Marjorie also serves as the Chairwoman of the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission as well as a member of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Keep Yourself Updated on APALA News: Join the APALA Listserv

The APALA Listserv (**Address: APALA-L@listserv.uic.edu**), available to all members, is an information sharing resource and communications link for committee work, time-sensitive bulletins, etc. Job announcements are also posted on the Listserv.

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APALA SUPPORTS THE ASIAN AMERICAN FEDERATION WTC FUND

LEXINGTON, KY - On behalf of its members, the Executive Board of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association expresses its deepest sympathy for the victims and their families of the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., and its support for all government personnel and volunteers in their tireless rescuing and recovery efforts.

The APALA Board has voted to donate \$500 to the Asian American Federation WTC Fund (Address: c/o Asian American Federation of New York, 120 Wall Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY, 10005; donation payable to "Asian American Federation WTC Fund") to provide financial resources to aid the larger assistance efforts in the New York City region and support relief efforts in the Asian American community. The APALA Board urges its members to make personal contributions to the same fund and to reach out to our library colleagues, users and communities.

The Board further expresses its sincere empathy and support for all Arabic American librarians and their communities, many of whom are experiencing fear and pain from the backlash, and urges all librarians to provide library users with information about racial and religious tolerance and respect for differences.

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Dear Ms. Meehan,

On behalf of the Council of the American Library Association (ALA) I am pleased to provide you with this resolution adopted by the Council at its Annual 2001 Conference in San Francisco, commending the Asian/Pacific American Librarian Association (APALA) for its successful efforts with the Chinese American Library Association in coordinating and presenting *Shared Visions*, the first joint National Conference on Asian American Librarians, held June 13-15 2001.

Shared Visions provided a wealth of resources and opportunities for participants, and was successful in obtaining more than a dozen major sponsors of the conference, including the American Library Association and the California State Library.

On behalf of ALA, please accept my best wishes and thanks for your successful joint conference and for your ongoing outreach efforts in serving the needs of your diverse communities.

Sincerely,

William R. Gordon
Executive Director
American Library Association

Job Advertisement

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NCAPAL NEWS

The first National Conference on Asian Pacific American Librarians was a great success.

Preliminary statistics were very positive:

- 310 people attended the conference
- 4 keynote speakers
- 80 concurrent programs
- 98 speakers and facilitators
- 11 poster presentations
- 13 APA authors signing books
- 23 vendors at the Exhibits
- 28 advertisements in the Program Book
- 4 literary award winners
- 1 leadership award winner
- 8 legacy leaders, and
- 32 student scholars.

70 people attended the two preconferences, more than 180 people participated in the Opening Ceremony, and there were about 150 participants at the Banquet and Awards/Legacy GALA. Reporters from *American Libraries*, *Library Journal*, and *AsianWeek* also attended the Conference. The Conference web site features photos from the various events <<http://bioac.uky.edu/ncapal/>>.

To all APALA and CALA members who volunteered in conferece planning, THANK YOU for your time and efforts. To all who attended the Conference, thank you for being part of the success, joy and pride. If you are writing a report for your workplace on the conference experience, could you please share the report with us?

An article about NCAPAL appeared in the June 22 issue of *Asian Week*. The online version is available at: http://www.asianweek.com/2001_06_22/bay3_apalibrarians.html.

Reported by Dr. Ling Hwey Jing, Co-Chair, NCAPAL

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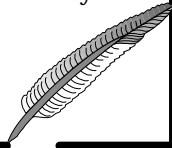
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