



Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings!

I am pleased to report that our new Executive Director, Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, has kept the paperwork flowing smoothly. This position was one of past-president Sushila Shah's more brilliant moves! Of course, she also keeps prodding me to get things done and comments on how very many meetings I seem to have in the public library world.

While seeking funding for the next Asian Pacific American Literature Award, Dr. Jeng found a possible corporate sponsor for a project that will aid three libraries in California to build their Asian language collections in the areas of practical community information and living skills. The grant will provide materials and workshops. Janet Tom, APALA's secretary and recently relocated to California, will be the local coordinator for the project. APALA will be the fiduciary agent for this grant, a task that can only increase APALA's credibility with corporate sponsors.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a thank you letter from the Asian American Federation of New York for the donation of \$500.00 approved by the APALA Executive Board. In seeking a way to help after the September 11th disaster, Gary Colmenar, Vice-President and President-Elect of APALA, searched for an organization that could truly benefit from our help. One area of need that had been little reported was the tremendous financial blow dealt the Asian communities who lived in the quarantined area near the World Trade Center. Overnight, jobs were lost as business came to a prolonged halt. Our contribution went to those whose need was great but who were not eligible for the United Way/Red Cross funds. My thanks to Gary and to all of those who helped him find an appropriate place for your expression of sympathy and aid.

With this newsletter, I would like to announce a new Special Committee; one that I hope will soon be recognized as a standing committee. Lisa Zhao has agreed to chair this special committee, the Web Committee. The greatest area of growth in communications during the past decade has been in the Internet world. With the present economy, face-to-face meetings and conference calls have become an expensive manner in which to conduct business. Our committee work is done via e-mail; our information is posted on our web sites. Our web site must reflect the APALA spirit. Lisa has already found one person who would like to work with her. With this announcement, I am seeking the aid of those of you with web skills to help build a dynamic, interactive APA web site. If you'd like to help, please e-mail a sample of your work to me at tmeehan@itpd.lib.il.us.

Buenaventura Basco's Scholarship Committee is burning up the Internet bits and bytes. Already, his committee has pulled together the written committee charge and is developing the scholarship application forms and selection criteria. He will bring the forms and criteria to the Midwinter Executive Board meeting for review and approval before distributing them to APALA members for dissemination. With a Midwinter approval, he will be right on schedule for awarding the first two \$500.00 scholarships during the Annual ALA Conference. I will be meeting the Ethnic caucus presidents just prior to Midwinter. If you have something you would like me to bring to that table, please let me know soon. In the meantime, Happy Holidays to all of you...and see you in New Orleans.

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Tamiye Meehan

Editorial

My thanks to Wilfred Fong who served as Guest Editor of the Sept. 2001 issue. Wilfred has been a godsend to presidents Sushila Shah and Tamiye Meehan, stepping up to the plate with enthusiasm and grace to guest edit and advise the Newsletter Committee when called upon over the last two years. He is the "ideal" APALA member, always willing to volunteer his time, energy and resources on behalf of the Association for the benefit of all. I know we all appreciate everything you have done for APALA, Wilfred! Hats off to you!

Folks, check out the great article on our Executive Director, Ling Hwey Jeng, that appeared in the Lexington Herald-Leader on December 27, 2001. It's nice to have a media star working for APALA! The newspaper's website is: <http://www.kentuckyconnect.com/heraldleader/news/122701/youdocs/profile27.htm>.

Ken Yamashita



Asian American Federation
of New York

October 24, 2001

Ms. Tamiye Meehan, President
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Dear Ms. Meehan,

With pleasure, I am writing to acknowledge your \$500.00 contribution to the Asian American Federation WTC Fund. Your check was received on October 22, 2001.

Your gift to the WTC Fund will benefit individuals and families impacted by the September 11th tragedy. These include, but are not limited to, families who lost their loved ones, individuals who were injured at Ground Zero, low-wage earners in Chinatown who have lost their jobs, and South Asian families who have suffered from hate crimes.

In about two months, we will be in touch with you again to update you on the disbursement of the funds.

The Asian American Federation of New York provided no goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for this gift.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely,

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Friendly Listserv Reminder

If you have not received any information from the APALA listserv for a while, or if you have changed your e-mail address, please contact Lisa Zhao, the APALA mailing list maintainer. Send an e-mail message to <chzh@uic.edu>. Lisa will update your information and make sure that you are part of the APALA e-mail list.

Resources

APALA member **Corliss Lee** taught some workshops on Asian American Internet resources last spring. The training materials are available at <<http://www.infopeople.org/training/past/2001/asian/>>.

Corliss writes, "the bookmarks are sites I thought useful to public librarians as well. This is not supposed to be a list of every good Asian American web site--that would have to be much much longer! But I hope it represents some interesting and useful categories. If anyone has some suggestions about other types of useful Asian American web sites, or questions about the types of sites that would be useful, I'd like to hear them." Corliss Lee can be contacted at <clee@library.berkeley.edu> or phone 510-643-8666.

The Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society has published "**A Brief History of Asian North America**," a 24-page historic timeline celebrating the contributions of Asians in Canada, the US and Mexico. Help with this work in progress; if you have information about an event or individual that you think should be included, please submit this to <asiannorth-america@hotmail.com> with the subject line: "Submission." Copies of "A Brief History of Asian North America" are available for \$10.00 (US), which includes shipping and handling. Please mail requests, including name, address, phone number and payment to: Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society, 203B - 10 East Pender Street, Vancouver, BC, V6A 1T1, Canada.

The **LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund** is devoted to the support, maintenance, medical care, and welfare of librarians who, in the Trustees' opinion are:

- denied employment rights or discriminated against on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, age, or place of national origin;
- threatened with loss of employment or discharged because of their stand for the cause of intellectual freedom, including promotion of freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and the freedom of librarians to select items for their collections from all the world's written and recorded information.

A full description of the Fund is available at: <<http://www.merrittfund.org>>.

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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.

To join the listserv:

Send email to listserv@listserv.uic.edu

Leave the subject line blank

In the body of the message type

subscribe apala-l email-address firstname-lastname



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Conference Announcement

Diversity: Building A Strategic Future

3rd National Conference on Diversity in Academic Libraries
The University of Iowa Libraries
Iowa City, Iowa
April 4 - 6, 2002

Registration deadline: Feb. 1, 2002

For more information, visit

<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/cicdiversity/>

Filipino-American Picture Book Manuscript Sought

The multicultural Children's Book Press wants to publish a storybook for and about Filipino-American children. According to Editorial Director Ina Cumpiano, they have "been looking for a poetic storytelling voice, someone who can write vibrant and exciting prose... maybe even funny prose... about the issues that affect Filipino kids in the United States. Although we've found a manuscript (which we will be publishing in 2003) for younger kids, we've yet to find one for our usual age group," children ages 7-10. Submission guidelines and additional information are available at <http://www.childrensbookpress.org>.

New and Noteworthy

Items recommended by APALA members:

- *Asian Americans: The Movement and the Moment*. Edited by Steve Louie and Glenn K. Omatsu. Published by UCLA's Asian American Studies Center. Examines Asian Americans' role in social activism during the past 36 years, through personal accounts, historical analysis and historical prictorial materials. 350 pages. To order a copy of the book make checks payable for \$20 (\$15 shipping) to U.C. Regents and mail to UCLA Asian American Studies Center Publications,

3230 Campbell Hall, Box 951546, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546. For additional information about ordering, please contact <thaocha@ucla.edu>.

- *Amerasia Journal* has begun republishing its most popular-out-of-print editions:

- "Salute To The 60s And 70s: The Legacy of the San Francisco State Strike- Commemorative Issue." (Vol. 15:1,1989)

- "No Passing Zone: The Artistic and Discursive Voices of Asian-descent Multiracials." (Vol. 23:1,1997).

- *Essays Into American Empire in the Philippines* (Two Volumes). PART I. Legacies, Heroes, and Identity (Vol. 24:2,1998) PART II. Culture, Community, and Capital (Vol. 24:3, 1998).

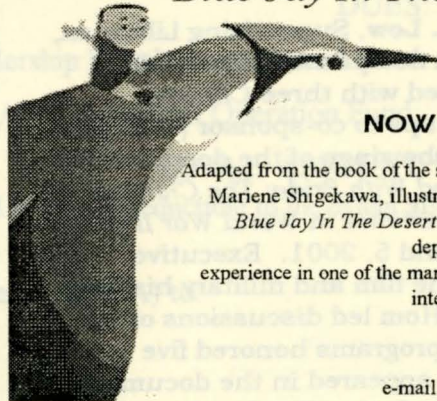
- Each 250-page issue sells for \$15.00 plus \$4.00 postage and handling; special discounts are available for class and textbook usage. See the previous listing for contact information.

- *Bridging Cultures: Ethnic Services in the Libraries of New York State*. Editors Irina Kuharets, Brigid Cahalan, Fed Gitner. A New York Library Association/Ethnic Services Round Table publication. ca.160 pages., ills. \$24.95. ISBN 0-931658-48-9

- *Chinese American Masculinities: From Fu Manchu to Bruce Lee*. By Jachinson Chan. Garland Publishing, Inc. 176 pages. \$60.00. ISBN: 0-8153-4029-X.

- *YELL-Oh Girls!: Emerging Voices Explore Culture, Identity, and Growing Up Asian American*. By Vickie Nam. HarperCollins Trade. 256 pages. \$13.00. ISBN:0-06-095944-4

Blue Jay In The Desert



NOW ON VIDEO!!

Adapted from the book of the same name written by Mariene Shigekawa, illustrated by Isao Kikuchi. *Blue Jay In The Desert* is an animated video depicting a young boys' experience in one of the many Japanese American internment camps during World War II.

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MEMBER NEWS

On November 3, 2001, past president **Amy D. Seetoo** was among six other Chinese Americans honored as an "Unsung Hero" by the Coalition of Chinese American Organizations in Metropolitan Detroit. The award was given at the annual meeting of the Association of Chinese Americans, Detroit Chapter (of the Washington, DC-based Organization of Chinese Americans) in Dearborn, MI. The award was created to recognize people who work hard behind the scenes, performing tireless and consistent services to the community. When interviewed about the award, Amy said that she believes that APALA helped her to start her volunteer work for the Asian American community in Michigan and her experience with APALA encouraged her to reach out beyond the library world.

Amy D. Seetoo also organized a two-hour Chinese language radio program launched on November 11, 2001 over WSDS AM in Salem, MI. Amy is one of the three women responsible for coordinating the program's content of Chinese music, literature and interviews with notable local-area Chinese Americans. Amy is in charge of interviews and she has engaged colleagues from the U. of Michigan Schools of Public Health and Music for her first sessions. The mission of the program is to promote Chinese and American cultural exchange and to help new immigrants become adjusted to the U.S. Amy is currently working as a professional interpreter.

Bonnie C. Lew, Supervising Librarian, Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library, worked with three Chinese American groups to co-sponsor (with the Library) two showings of the documentary film *We Served With Pride: The Chinese American Experience in World War II* on November 4 and 5, 2001. Executive Producer of the film and military historian Montgomery Hom led discussions of the film; the two programs honored five veterans who appeared in the documentary and a roll call of attending local veterans

was featured. Many of the 158 veterans who live in Stockton were able to attend one or both screenings with family members and friends. Bonnie reported that the purpose of the programs was to foster racial harmony and understanding between Chinese Americans and the other ethnic groups in the city, a theme of Stockton's mayor, as well as to support the Library's service goal of cultural awareness programming and collections. She wrote a successful minigrant application to the California Council for the Humanities to underwrite the programs' expenses. Bonnie also received grants from the California State Library for *Citizens for Life*, the sole public library-based project of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program. *Citizens for Life* takes former internees of the Japanese American "internment camps" into the schools and to community groups to talk about their wartime experiences. The Stockton Chapter of JACL is the partner organization with the Library; the Library donates books and videos to school libraries as part of the educational project and has also enriched its collections of materials on Japanese Americans as a result.

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Don't forget to notify APALA of your address change.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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(See lists of committees in APALA Directory):

1. _____
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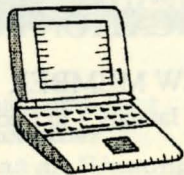
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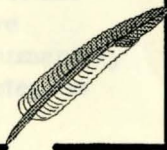
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7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
New Orleans Marriott
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