



# Newsletter



May, 2008

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **ANNUAL MEETING and Olympic Heights High School Student Awards**

**SAT, May 24, 2008**

**11:45 AM**

**SINGING BAMBOO**

**2845 N Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, FL**

**2009 National Convention  
Held in the Western Region**

Please join us on Saturday, May 24, for the first award presentations of the chapter scholarship program to students at Olympic Heights High School, enrolled in Chinese courses taught by Yinjie Qian.. Francisco Miranda and Stanley Chun Ha will be guests of the chapter and each will receive a check for \$100 and a certificate for successfully meeting the criteria set for this scholarship. Let's show these young men our appreciation for their continued interest in the Chinese culture and language. This also will be our last meeting of the season and the Annual meeting. A brief chapter business report will be given prior to the award ceremony.

Presentation will start promptly at Noon and luncheon will be served shortly thereafter. Cost for USCPFA and CASEC members and guests, as well as Olympic Heights parents and staff, is \$18, including tax and gratuity. Cost for non members is \$23. Make check payable to USCPFA Palm Beach and mail to Marge Ketter, 7088 SE Rivers Edge, and Jupiter FL 33458. Phone 561-747-9487.

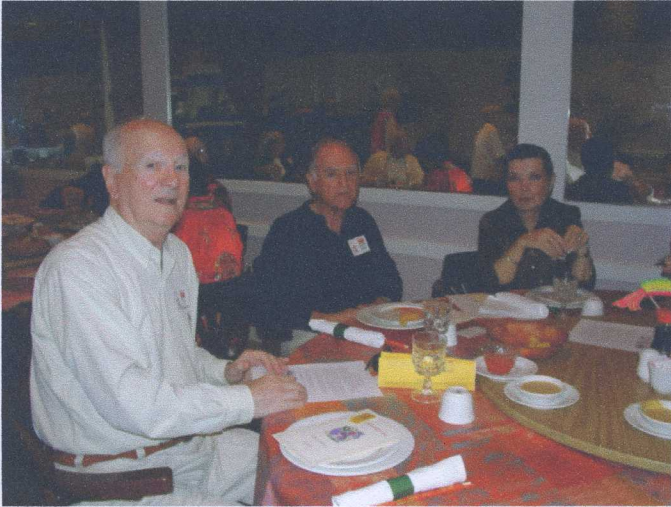
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## FEBRUARY 16th MEETING

We were pleased to view a presentation made by Joy Dupont showing her experience during her travels thru China visiting cooking schools in various cities. In Joy's words: "What I have learned from the China Cooking School Tour is a great respect and honor for the Chinese Masters of the Art of Chinese Cooking". We also enjoyed an a lavish New Year meal presented by the Singing Bamboo Restaurant with a menu that included several traditional Chinese New Year dishes.



## US-CHINA RELATIONS SEMINAR

On April 17 and 18, in Washington, D.C., the Seminar theme "A Synergetic Connection" was carried out by speakers from academia, U.S. Government agencies, and business, who spoke on the many cooperations between the United States and China. After a welcome by USCPFA National President Bob Sanborn, Ms Lolan Merklinger, President of the Federation of Canada China Friendship Associations, delivered a greeting from Canada. Mr. Yao Mingyu, Director General, American and Oceanian Department, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, traveled from Beijing to deliver greetings from his association and speak on "The Importance of Enhancing Mutual Understanding between China and the U.S." Also from CPAFFC was Ms Li Sanghua.

Other speakers included Dr. Robert Sutter, Georgetown University; Stephen Claeys, International Trade Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce; Robert Dohner and Eugene Huang, U. S. Department of Treasury; Preston Torbert, Baker & McKenzie International Law Firm in Chicago; Diana Greer, USCPFA Richmond President and Richmond music teacher; Susan Anthony and Tim Browning, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, U. S. Department of Commerce; Dr. Kelly Sims Gallagher, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Energy Technology Innovation Project, Harvard University; and Dr Weiping Wu, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond.

A reception hosted by Minister Zhang Ping was held at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China on Thursday evening. Mr. Ping welcomed Seminar guests to the Embassy and to a buffet of authentic Chinese dishes. On Friday afternoon a visit to the U. S. Department of State gave Seminar registrants the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Josh Cartin, Bilateral Affairs Officer, Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs. The Seminar closed with a short visit to the National Archives for a video On Chinese Immigration During the Chinese Exclusion Period.

This was truly an outstanding Seminar with much enthusiasm expressed by members and speakers alike. The Westin Washington D.C. City Center hotel was a comfortable venue for the sessions, with added excitement from some of the Pope's staff housed at the hotel, along with media representatives, and the weather was perfect. Plans are under way for the next Seminar in 2010. If you have never attended one and are interested in relations between U.S. and China you really should start making your plans to attend in 2010.



## 2009 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Next year's bi-ennial Convention will be held in the Western Region, and at the National board meeting held in D. C. following the Seminar, discussion was held on San Francisco being the site. The decision is up to the Western Region Executive Committee and further information should be forthcoming in the next few months.

## CHAPTER TOUR PROGRAM

Due to lack of interest the May tour to China organized to earn money for the chapter and the National organization had to be cancelled. The same itinerary is going in June. For more information contact Marge Ketter, 747-9487. If you or a group has an interest in a tour to China in the coming months, arrangements can be made to your satisfaction. Please promote travel to China with USCPFA.



## NEW PB CHAPTER WEB SITE

We are happy to announce that the **USCPF Palm Beach County Chapter** has created a web site that has information concerning our local chapter. It is one of the links on the official National USCPFA web site and can be found at the following address:

[http://www.uscpfa.org/palmbeach/index\\_pb.html](http://www.uscpfa.org/palmbeach/index_pb.html)

Please check it out and if you have something you would like to see on our site, please let Marge Ketter or Joan Gates know and they will do what they can to include it there. This is our first try at putting things on the internet for the chapter, so we hope you enjoy some of the items offered.

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## MEMBERSHIPS

**NOTE SLIGHT INCREASE IN INDIVIDUAL DUES TO CONFORM TO NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION.** Please send your renewal check payable to USCPFA PB to Marge Ketter, Treasurer, 7088 SE Rivers Edge St., Jupiter FL 33458. We welcome as new members anyone who is interested in our goal of promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and the United States. Membership includes the quarterly *US-CHINA REVIEW*.

Couple \$30      Individual \$24      Student \$12      Business \$100

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