



1999 OCA Scholarship Award Recipients Announced at Banquet

by Alden Soohoo

On May 15, 1999, The Organization of Chinese Americans - San Mateo County Chapter held its Annual Scholarship Banquet at the Sheraton Gateway in Burlingame.

Dr. Alden Soohoo, Chairman of the OCA Scholarship Committee, proudly announced the 1999 winners. Eight scholarship recipients were honored at the banquet. The eight winners were selected from 67 applicants representing the 22 high schools of San Mateo County.



Dr. Norman Koo delivers his keynote address to banquet attendees.

Dr. Norman Koo, Senior Director and Chief Technology Officer of Global Sales Operations at Sun Microsystems, gave an inspiring keynote speech. OCA National President George Ong honored the ceremony with his presence as well as by highlighting some of national OCA's recent activity. Dr. Shu Wing Chan of the OCA Advisory Board presented an

overview of his research project on atherosclerosis. He called for more volunteers to get screened for atherosclerosis - those interested can contact OCA.

Philip & Louise Wang Scholarships

Five \$1,000 scholarships were donated by Philip & Louise Wang, charter members of OCA San Mateo County. The scholarship is awarded based on academic excellence and extracurricular activities.

Julie Chen. First in her class at Hillsdale HS, Julie intends to attend Stanford in the fall. Among her many awards is the Best Attorney award for the San Mateo County Mock Trial. She aspires to become a lawyer.

Bonnie Ko. From from Westmoor HS, Bonnie has a very balanced life between academics, community activities such as lion dancing, and part time work. She wishes to pursue a career in computer engineering.

Louisa Ng. From Westmoor HS, Louisa is a lion dancer. She hopes to study computer engineering at UC Davis.

Rebecca Sun. From Aragon HS, Rebecca ranked first in her class. She has a combined SAT score of 1520 out of 1600. She plans to study biological sciences at Duke University in the Fall.

Priscilla Tan. From Hillsdale HS, Priscilla

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The 1999 Scholarship Award recipients: (from left to right): Julie Chin, Taryn Moy, Annie Chau, Louisa Ng, Bonnie Ko, Priscilla Tan, Teresa Au, and Rebecca Sun.



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ranked 15th in her class. She intends to pursue a career in business and political science at UC Berkeley in the Fall. She has received many awards, including the National Merit Finalist, Rotary Youth Leadership, and the Junior Statesmen of America's Earnest Andrews awards.

Monica & Adrian Arima Scholarships

This scholarship consists of two \$500 awards donated by OCA members Monica & Adrian Arima. The scholarship is awarded primarily for Outstanding Community Service.

Teresa Au. Ranked first in her class at Woodside HS, Teresa constructed a summer camp for children and participated in many community activities including beach clean ups, community crab feeds, and tutoring. She will be studying Biological Sciences in the Fall at Stanford.

Taryn Moy. Taryn has volunteered with Cameron House, ARTSPAN (teaching art to underprivileged students), various youth groups, the Leo Club of Chinatown, and On Lok. She would like to study Psychology or Child Development at UC Berkeley in the Fall.

OCA San Mateo County Chapter Scholarship

This award is a single \$1,000 scholarship given to a student excelling in academia and community service, and exhibiting significant leadership abilities. The OCA scholarship fund continues to grow thanks to a generous \$1000 donation from the Sing Foundation.

Annie Chau. Ranked first in her class at San Mateo HS, Annie has received many distinctive awards including the National Merit Finalist, San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame, San Mateo County Youth Commission, and Yale and Wellesley Book awards. She is the founding director of ARTSPAN, an organization that teaches art to underprivileged students. She would like to study



Banquet organizers Po Yee Ung and Linda Kwan with OCA Chapter President Karen Lee (middle).

international relations or political science at Harvard or Stanford in the Fall.

OCA San Mateo congratulates this year's scholarship award recipients and their families. Good luck with your studies in the Fall!



OCA Chapter representatives and scholarship donors (from left to right): Dr. Alden Soohoo (Scholarship Committee Chair), Monica & Adrian Arima, Karen Lee (OCA Chapter President), and Louise & Philip Wang.

About OCA

OCA is the Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc., a national non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C. OCA is comprised of 45 chapters around the U.S. and has 5,000 members. This newsletter is published by the Peninsula Chapter of San Mateo County, which was founded in 1987.

The chapter's website is at www.ocasanmateo.org.

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Membership Committee: New and Renewing Members

By Po-Yee Ung

We are very glad to announce that since the last newsletter, the number of OCA chapter members has grown from 156 to 167. We would like to welcome all the new members and also say thank the members who have renewed their memberships and continue to support OCA.

Please give a warm welcome to our new members: Arlene & Bill Chang, Candy Cheung, William & Jennifer Fong, Norman & Susan Gok, Kathryn & Kirby Ho, Robert & May Ho, Frank Jang, Matthew Kwan, Yolanda Lee & John Schmitt, Victoria Lee, David Louie, Linda Yang & Stanley Lee, Agnes Poon, Ira Ruskin, State Senator Jackie Speier, Tak Tsui, David Weng, Laura & Albert Wong, and Michael & Lucille Yee.

Please continue to refer new members to OCA so that together, we can gain strength and achieve our mission! Please contact Po Yee Ung at (650) 738-3083 or Wade Loo at (650) 341-6036 for membership information.



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1999 Events Calendar

We are excited to invite our members to various OCA events happening over the next few months.

First, we will be holding a Mixer on the evening of July 15 at the Redwood City Library. Members and non-members are invited. Please come to meet your other members, as well as introduce new members to the chapter! Snacks and refreshments will be served, and there is no charge to attend.

On July 28, our Advisory Board will be having its semiannual meeting. The chapter is hoping to expand the Advisory Board, especially in the area of corporate representatives.

Don't forget about the OCA National Convention at the end of the month. While it might be hot in Dallas during the summer, the convention has an exciting lineup.

Our annual picnic will be held on August 8. This year, we will again be having a joint picnic with the Chinese Engineers Association.

Later in the year will be the annual Fundraiser Dinner and Christmas Luncheon. In addition, we are exploring having a joint dance with JACL and sponsoring a local library exhibit. More details will be announced as these events are developed.

1999 Events Lineup:

OCA Mixer

July 15, 1999 @ 5:30-7:30pm
Redwood City Library, Community Room

Advisory Board Luncheon

July 28, 1999 @ 11:30am

OCA National Convention

July 29-August 1, 1999
Adams Mark Hotel
Dallas, TX

Annual Picnic

August 8, 1999 @ 11:30am-2:00pm
Central Park, San Mateo

Fundraiser Dinner

November 20, 1999

Christmas Luncheon Party

December 1999

Hate Crimes Legislation Update

From OCA National

Current Legislation

OCA is supporting the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1998, which would make it easier for federal prosecution to become involved in hate crimes (currently defined as willfully causing bodily injury because of the victim's actual or perceived race, color, religion or national origin) where state law is insufficient. At present, a federal official who wishes to prosecute a hate crime must prove the victim was involved in a federally-protected activity; this bill would remove this unnecessary obstacle. The bill would also expand the list of protected peoples to include those attacked because of their gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

The Senate bill (S. 1529), sponsored by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) was introduced in November last year and has been referred to the committee on Judiciary while its House counterpart (H.R. 3081), sponsored by Representatives Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Bill McCollum (R-FL) and introduced on the same day, has been referred to four committees. Senate hearings on the bill were held on July 8, and displayed strong bipartisan support for the act.

U.S. v. Machado

On February 11, 1998, 21-year-old Richard Machado of Los Angeles was found guilty on two counts of civil rights law violations, the first ever conviction for a hate crime committed over the Internet. This historic indictment follows an earlier

acquittal verdict. Machado resented Asian Americans at the University of California at Irvine, where he had flunked out earlier, for their contribution to a "lack of campus quality" and, as the government charged, because of their academic status. Although he was no longer a student at the University, he had managed to log on to his account and send an e-mail message to 59 students with Asian-sounding last names saying he would "personally make it my life career to find and kill every one of you personally." Because UC Irvine is a public institution and race was an element in his threat, the case fell under federal civil rights statute. In May, he received a sentence of time already served (a total of fifteen months), no fine, and no ban from Internet access as the government had requested.

OCA considers these cases representative of the lingering resentment in the country that Asian Americans are foreign intruders plundering resources that rightfully belong to the "true Americans" - and that they are the ones to blame whenever any type of hardship arrives, whether it be economic, academic, or political. From the Chinese Exclusion Act - the first ever immigration act directed at a racial minority - to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, to the present day, Asian Americans have been scapegoated, stereotyped, and help to the whim of volatile political majorities. This pattern must come to a stop, and OCA will continue to mobilize support in order to stop it.

1999 OCA National Convention to Be Held in Dallas

The 1999 National OCA Convention will be held from July 29 to August 1, 1999 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Like past conventions, this one is certainly going to be exciting!

Reserve your rooms early. Call the hotel at (800) 444-2326 or (214) 922-8000, make sure to say that you are with OCA. Rates are \$119 per night, single or double occupancy, plus 13% tax.

OCA National Convention

July 29 - August 1, 1999
Adams Mark Hotel
400 N. Olive Street
Dallas, TX

Your Ad Here!

Your ad in the OCA Peninsula Chapter newsletter will reach our current mailing list of over 500 Chinese American families in San Mateo County. At an average of three people per family, that makes 1,500 Chinese Americans. Also, our mailing list is expected to grow in leaps and bounds! Place your ad today! Call Wade Loo at 341-6036 or Canyon Chan at 312-2066 to place your ad.

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	<u>Per issue</u>	<u>One year (4)</u>
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Quarter page	\$ 45.00	\$ 150.00
Business card	\$ 30.00	\$ 100.00

OCA members receive a 10% discount. Discounts will also apply for multi-issue commitments.

OCA Supports American Heart Association Luncheon

by Wade Loo

For the fourth year in a row, some members of the San Mateo County Chapter went to the American Heart Association Luncheon, on February 26, 1999, at the remodeled Marriott Hotel in San Mateo (formerly the Dunfey Hotel). OCA members attending included Ken Dong, Richard and Barbara Fung, President Karen Lee, and Wade Loo. As always, it was a very festive occasion, with many celebrities serving as waiters - such as OCA member Doris Morse, Mayor of Millbrae, who waited on the OCA table. Another OCA member, May Gee, helped out as a runner (collecting the donations). Roger Grossman, Publisher of the San Mateo County Times, did an outstanding job being Master of Ceremonies, as did OCA member Jerry Hill, San Mateo County Supervisor, who helped boost bidding as one of the auctioneers. The American Heart Association is certainly a worthy cause and a charity that we should all be very proud to support.

Chapter Launches New Website

by Canyon Chan

OCA San Mateo has just launched a new website for the chapter. The new website will be used to provide more timely and up-to-date information to chapter members on events and news, as well as provide information about the chapter to prospective new members.

The chapter has obtained its own domain name, ocasanmateo.org, which should be much easier to remember than the long string needed to access the old Geocities web site. Members now only have to type <http://www.ocasanmateo.org> to find out the latest news from the chapter.

In addition, the move of the website to a new hosting service will enable the chapter to utilize advanced Internet communications technologies. One of the planned items in development will be an email distribution list with frequent messages updating members on events and community news. Other possibilities might include having a live online "chat" session with a celebrity.

The new website is a continuous work in progress, and contributions or feedback will be greatly appreciated. Email comments to webmaster@ocasanmateo.org.

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Priscilla Tan

Monica & Adrian Arima Scholarships

Teresa Au
Taryn Moy

OCA San Mateo County Chapter Scholarship

Annie Chau

Congratulations to the
1999 Scholarship Award
recipients!!!

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Family, \$40 Single, \$30 Senior/Student, \$20

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Activities Public Affairs Membership
 Newsletter Fundraising Other

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