



## ***OCA, Yee Oppose LPGA Policy: LPGA Backs Off***

Under intense pressure from organizations like OCA and State Senator Leland Yee, the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) rescinded its new policy requiring foreign players to be proficient in English or be suspended from the LPGA tournaments. OCA and other Asian American organizations had criticized the LPGA policy and State Senator Leland Yee threatened to protest at the LPGA's upcoming tournament at Half Moon Bay.

San Mateo Chapter President Newsy Yan found the LPGA position distasteful, saying "Sportsmanship is not about race, nor language. For the LPGA to require the language skill to single out one race is not what we stand for as an Asian American."

The policy by the LPGA got a lot of press, and many of the LPGA's members, including many Asian members, were in favor of the policy, according to news reports.

Senator Yee and his Democratic colleagues in the Senate sent a letter to LPGA Chief Executive Carolyn Bivens blasting the policy. "Mandating English on the LPGA Tour will disenfranchise qualified players from the global community of professional golf," said Yee. "English fluency has no bearing on an athlete's ability to compete. Denying access based on language capability or country of origin is unfair, unreasonable, and discriminatory."

The LPGA claimed that it is important for players to be able to interact with American media, despite there being no relevance to the sport. No other professional sports league in the United States requires such a mandate. There are 121 international golfers on the LPGA Tour, coming from 26 different countries. Many of the foreign players are from Korea.

The LPGA is scheduled to hold the Samsung World Championship at Half Moon Bay Golf Links, which is in Yee's Senate district, from October 2 to October 5. Yee planned to join protestors in picketing the event until the LPGA changed its policy.

After over 50 organizations joined forces to oppose a discriminatory policy by the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), the Tour announced today they would back off plans to suspend players who could not efficiently speak English.

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## ***National OCA Convention***

## **Chapter Wins National Award; Wade Wins Unsung Hero**

At the National OCA Convention in Washington, D.C., at the beginning of August, our San Mateo County Chapter came away with a couple of awards, including one for our own Wade Loo (Uncle Wade) for being an Unsung Hero.

Wade Loo, below with former OCA National Executive Director Daphne Kwok at the Convention, won



the Unsung Hero award for--as we all have known--his endless efforts and dedication to our Chapter.

Our Chapter also won the Chapter Excellence Award for Member-

ship. Below, Chapter President Newsy Yan receives the award at the Convention.

Our Chapter's co-founder and newsletter editor, Hayden Lee, also a former National OCA Executive Director,

gave a presentation at the beginning session and spoke on the early days of National OCA.



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## 2008 Scholarships Awarded

Dr. Alden Soohoo is proud to announce the winners of the 2008 OCA Scholarship Program. For the Philip & Louise Wang Scholarship – our oldest scholarship highlights those who have excelled in academia and community service:

- Robert Chen, Mills HS will attend UCLA and major in computer science and engineering
- Ruby Wei Mei Chua, Hillsdale HS will attend UC San Diego and major in international studies
- Nancy Lam, Hillsdale HS will attend UC Berkeley and major in genetics
- Christina Oh, El Camino HS will attend UC San Diego and major in molecular biology and pediatrics
- Christeen Rico, El Camino HS will attend New York University and major in business/law

Monica & Adrian Arima Scholarship recognizes those who have given much of themselves to volunteerism and community service.

- Jasmine Nachtigall, Hillsdale HS will attend Stanford University and major in premedical humanities

Dr. Chen Chung Ho & Mei Ly Ho Scholarship, awarded for excellence in academia and community service.

- Jason Kwok, Menlo Atherton HS will attend UCLA and major in biology or economics

Wells Fargo OCA San Mateo Scholarship – The winners of this scholarship have been selected as those students who have not only excelled in academia and community service but stand out as leaders amongst their peers as well.

- Jin Young Choe, Mills HS will attend UC Berkeley and major in pharmacy and biochemistry
- Sabrina Fong, South San Francisco HS will attend UCLA and major in biology and political science
- Xijia Sun, San Mateo HS will attend the University of Pennsylvania and major in management and life sciences

All scholarship winners and their families attended the OCA Scholarship Awards Luncheon where they delivered speeches of gratitude to OCA San Mateo and their Benefactors as well as delivering thoughts of encouragement to their peers. OCA San Mateo congratulates our 2008 Scholarship winners and looks forward to their bright futures.

## Write-in Candidate Filing Period Opens

Warren Slocum, County Chief Elections Officer, announced on Sept. 8 that the filing period for write-in candidates to file nomination papers and gather signatures for offices appearing on the Nov. 4 ballot will remain open through Oct. 21. Eligible persons desiring to conduct a write-in candidacy for federal, state, and local offices (with the exception of city offices) may file nomination documents at the Elections Office at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo, until 5 p.m. on Oct. 21. Please contact the Filing Officer, Lupe Sanchez, at (650) 312-5293 or [lsanchez@smcare.org](mailto:lsanchez@smcare.org) to schedule an appointment. Those interested in becoming a write-in candidate for elective city offices must file their nomination documents with the City Clerk within the same time frame. Write-in candidacy opportunities are available for the Nov. 4 General Election for the following offices:

**Federal Offices:**

- 12th Congressional District
- 14th Congressional District

**State Offices:**

- 12th State Assembly District
- 19th State Assembly District
- 21st State Assembly District
- 11th State Senate District

**School District Governing Board Offices:**

- Cabrillo Unified School District
- Pacifica School District
- Ravenswood City School District
- South San Francisco Unified School District
- County Office of Education Trustee Areas 4 and 7

**Special Districts:**

- Sequoia Healthcare District
  - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Ward 7
- Write-in candidates for the MROSD must file their nomination papers with the clerk of the district at the district headquarters.

**City Council offices:**

- Atherton, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Pacifica

**City Clerk and City Treasurer posts:**

- Daly City

The number of signatures necessary to file depends on the type of office sought and the number of voters in each jurisdiction. Write-in candidates must be voters in the district or political subdivision in which they are to be voted on except for federal offices. No fee or charge shall be required of a write-in candidate except in the case of a candidate for city office, as provided in Section 10228 of the California Election Code.

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## Five New Board Members Join OCA San Mateo County

**Ben Yeung** immigrated to the United States from Hong Kong with his family. After finishing high school in San Francisco, he attended UC Berkeley and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he obtained his Ph.D. in Pharmacognosy. Outside of his profession, a court-sanctioned interpreter for San Mateo County, Ben has a variety of personal interests including the history and philosophy of the medicine, and the modern history of China.



**Ben Yeung**



**Liza Normandy**

**Liza Normandy** was born in Pusan, Korea. From her parents, which includes a Chinese Dad and a Korean Mom, she learned to exert herself for her goals and to work hard for what she believes in. With her strong work ethic, dedication and commitment to make a difference, Liza ran for a seat with the South San Francisco Unified School District in November, 2006, and became the first Asian Pacific Islander elected to the board of trustees of the South San Francisco Unified School District. Presently, Liza is the director of catering for Doubletree Hotels in Burlingame, mother of two, community volunteer, and wife to “a very patient man.”

**Melodie Lew** retired from the San Mateo-Foster City School Board in November, 2007, after eighteen years. She is currently a marriage and family therapist, with her private practice in San Mateo and works one day a week as a counselor in a private school. She was appointed to the San Mateo City Senior Citizen Commission in July, 2007. Melodie and her husband, Wei, have two children, Jennifer and Christopher, and two granddaughters, Kelsey and Maddie.



**Melodie Lew**



**Lisa La**

**Lisa La** is a licensed real estate agent in the Mid-Peninsula. She found her career after the purchase of her first home. Lisa had always felt extremely blessed to have a wonderful family and great friends! They are most important to her. As the oldest of six children, attending college was not her first priority. Although it was in her plan, assisting her family financially was more important to her. After attending the OCA Scholarship Luncheon last year, she was impressed with the award recipients and was eager to help. Understanding that continuous education is very important to every foundation in life. She started her own Scholarship, the Jalisa Scholarship, and would like to continue this annually to help others achieve their goals. Lisa is now serving as the membership chair for the OCA Chapter of San Mateo.

Born in Needles, CA, and having grown up in the Bay Area, **Chris Bush** attended S.F. State before joining the U.S. Army as a medic. With her GI bill, she earned two college degrees, in computer science and accounting, then completed her MBA in finance from Cal State Hayward. She is a certified employee benefits specialist administering health and pension benefits. As an avid gardener, Chris grows everything in her garden from flowers to wide variety of vegetables.



**Chris Bush**

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# Chapter Celebrates Summer

By Martin Jung

On Sunday, August 17th, OCA San Mateo hosted its annual picnic under sunny skies at San Mateo Central Park. Fellow board members Chris Bush, David Chai, Jacob Chu, Martin Jung, Franklin Kang, Lisa La, Liza Normandy, Alden Soohoo, Newsy Yan, Ben Yeung and, of course, Wade Loo



From left, Lisa La, Loralee and Alden Soohoo, Liza and Ariel Normandy.

planned and worked together to have a picnic for the chapter.

There was a cornucopia of food. Burgers, hot dogs and BBQ chicken were served along with

chips, fruits, cookies and candies. John McCollum and Lynda Davidson and Sam from Boy Scouts and Annie from Girl Scouts volunteered their time to help lead activities for the kids. All the kids had fun making balloon art and the adults had fun learning to tie knots. Great turn out.



From left, Linda and Rod Hsiao, Sam McCollum (Boy Scouts), and Jacob Chu.

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## Students to participate in record numbers in democracy LIVE! Program

Schools throughout the Peninsula have sprung into action in response to the San Mateo County's call for student poll workers for the upcoming November 4 election. 20 high schools are supporting San Mateo County's student poll worker program and have been asked to encourage students to apply for the program.

San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer Warren Slocum has said, "This program creates a unique opportunity for students to participate in our democracy, witness the participation of voters in their own community, and provide critical service to voters at the polls." Student poll workers must be U.S. citizens, be a resident or student in San Mateo County, be 16 years of age, hold a 2.5 g.p.a., and have the permission of their parents(or guardians) and teachers.

Student poll workers are critical members of the Election Day team, and provide support to Elections staff by assisting voters and managing polling place operations. Students participating in democracyLIVE! are paid \$125. Training is mandatory and are held at school sites. Students may receive up to 20 community service hours to apply toward graduation requirements. To learn more about the democracyLIVE! program, please visit the democracyLIVE! Web site at <http://www.shapethefuture.org/democracylive> or call the Program Coordinator, Kriselle Laran, at (650) 312-5298.

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## LPGA Rescinds Language Policy *continued from page 1*

One major sponsor, State Farm, had announced it would no longer support the LPGA if it did not rescind its new policy. "The LPGA has received valuable feedback from a variety of constituents regarding the recently announced penalties attached to our effective communications policy," said LPGA Commissioner Carolyn Bivens. "We have decided to rescind those penalty provisions. After hearing the concerns, we believe there are other ways to achieve our shared objective of supporting and enhancing the business opportunities for every Tour player. In that spirit, we will continue communicating with our diverse Tour players to develop a better alternative. The LPGA will announce a revised approach, absent playing penalties, by the end of 2008."

OCA's national leaders, including Executive Director Michael Lin and National OCA President Ginny Gong, also criticized the policy. "One does not need to speak English in order to play professional sports in this country," said Ginny Gong. "We play sports to unify groups, not to divide. This would suggest that someone like Lance Armstrong needs to be proficient in French in order to participate in the Tour de France."

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## International Macintosh Users Group

### Event

On September 18, David Chai, Ph.D., a board member and officer of our San Mateo County Chapter, gave a presentation on the Chinese Sequence Code, An Innovative Solution for Sorting and Indexing. David, who is retired and formerly with Bell Labs / Bellcore, made the presentation about unlike alphabet-based languages. Chinese ideographs do not have a "natural" sorting sequence. The 16-bit internal codes that are currently used in computers are essentially randomly assigned. As a consequence, one cannot sort Chinese text, such as names in a column of a spreadsheet, nor produce a sorted index of a book written in Chinese. The Chinese Sequence Code (CSC) provides an algorithm that maps every Chinese character that is internally represented by a standard 16-bit GB code [for simplified Chinese], Big5 code [for traditional Chinese] or Unicode [an international standard for multiple languages, including simplified and traditional Chinese] into a unique alphabetic sequence using the 26

English letters and 10 Arabic numbers, based on the sound and the shape of each character. The methodology that produces such a mapping was co-invented by Dr. Sing Lin and Dr. Andrew Soong and has received a patent from both the US Patent and Trademark Office and China's State Intellectual Property Office in Beijing.

David moved to the Bay Area in 2004 to be close to his children and grandchildren. Besides technical work, he volunteered in his local community of Holmdel, NJ, by serving on its Planning Board and Zoning Board. He was also elected as a Council member and served as its Mayor. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for a number of non-profit organizations in the Bay Area. He has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Michigan. He lives in Foster City.

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**TO:**

**2008 Events**

Sept. 27, Asian Achievement Awards, S.S. Francisco  
Oct. 16, Elections and Voting, with County Election Manager David Tom  
Oct. 19, Natl Corporate Achievement Awards, Salt Lake City  
Nov. 19, Second Harvest Food Sort  
Dec. 14, Holiday party