



April 2015 Newsletter

#### **April General Meeting**

Thursday, April 16 Hong Lok Center 3930 N. 24th Ave. Phoenix

> Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Please let Elaine Wong know if you are planning to attend the dinner (480-406-7470, elainewong@cox.net)

# Program Galapagos Islands Speaker: Tom Lutz

Tom grew up in Ohio, but relocated to Arizona to attend ASU in 1966. In 2002, Tom traveled to the Galapagos Islands where he became involved with a local foundation and taught English to the students at the Navy School in San Cristobal. In 2003, he put together a course for teachers which was taught in Galapagos for 7 years; he has also taught a course for teachers there for the University of San Diego. In his free time Tom enjoys camping and traveling. His summers are spent giving tours and volunteering in Galapagos.



# Saturday, May 2, 2015 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Hong Kong Gourmet Buffet 4909 E Chandler Blvd Phoenix 85048 \$18 per person (all inclusive)

Featured Speaker Judge Brian Ishikawa "Observations and Reflections"



An Arizona native, Judge Ishikawa was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court in 1994 where he served on civil, criminal, family court, and juvenile assignments during the twenty years he was on the bench. He retired in February 2015.

#### Come Celebrate our 2015 Scholarship Recipients:

Enhong Deng (Selena) Alexis Dong Hwee Lee Courtney Ong Paul Tang Ryan Tang Centennial High School Mesquite High School Peoria High School Perry High School Horizon High School Mountain Ridge High School



Kyle Kinnie -CACA Local Essay Contest Winner - Phoenix Country Day School

For reservations, contact Elaine Wong 480-406-7470, elainewong@cox.net

Thanks to Mary Tang for chairing the scholarship program and to Katy Tang, Benny Yee, Helen Yee, Marshall Wong, and Mary Ann Yee for assisting in the selection of winners.

#### **PCACA Installation Dinner**

The January 15, 2015
Installation dinner and meeting was well attended with 45 members and guests. The event was held at the New Hong Kong Restaurant. Please contact Elaine Wong or any of the board members if you are interested to serve or chair on committees.



Photo: (Front row LtoR) Rudy Yee, Eva Li, Elaine Wong, Meng Ansley, Mary Tang. (Back row LtoR) David Yee, Marshall Wong, Richard Yee, Frank Ong, Mary Wong, George Ong, Les Gin.

#### 2015 PCACA Executive Board

President Elaine Wong Vice President Eva Li Treasurer Mary Tang Recording Secretary Meng Ansley Assistant Secretary Marshall Wong Membership George Ong Marshal Mary Wong Sentinel Frank Ong Financial Officer Les Gin Compliance Officer David Yee National Representative Richard Yee





Get a group and sign up for the April 18th Bowlathon fundraiser. We guarantee a fun event with goody bags and door prizes. Continue to sell raffle tickets to benefit our scholarship fund. We have many attractive raffle ticket prizes including 2 second generation Mini ipads.

## **CACA Essay Contest - Local Winner**

Congratulations to **Kyle Kinnie**(Phoenix Country Day School) for winning the annual PCACA Local Essay Contest held on March 7 at the Phoenix Senior Center. This year, 15 high school students across the valley participated in the contest. All of the contestants' essays were submitted for national judging at CACA National Headquarters in San Francisco. National winners will be announced by end of May.

Contestants were required to compose an essay in English not to exceed 500 words on the topic relating to the significant accomplishments of the Chinese to America. The essay topic was given at the time of the contest.

Thanks to John Tang (Chair) and Elaine Wong for organizing the local essay contest. Also, thanks to Benny Yee, Helen Yee, Elaine Wong, and John Tang for assisting in the judging of the local essays.



# PCACA Sponsors Desert Dance Theater's Presentation of South of Gold Mountain A Performance by H. T. Chen & Dancers

Phoenix CACA worked with Lisa Chow, artistic director of Desert Dance Theater to promote and sponsor the *South of Gold Mountain* dance performance on March 27 and 28. Over 70 guests attended the March 28 post performance reception hosted by Phoeni CACA at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

Guests had the opportunity to meet H. T. Chen and his wife, Dian Dong, and all the performers. H. T. Chen & Dancers opened in 1988 in New York City's Chinatown and is the nation's largest Asian-American dance institution. Additionally, John Jung, author of many books, including "Southern Fried Rice: Life in a Chinese Laundry in the Deep South" and "Chinese Laundries" was also present at the event. It was a pleasure to meet members of Albuquerque CACA lodge at the event as well.



(LtoR) Carolyn Chan, (former National CACA President); Dian Dong, Assoc. Director of H. T. Chen Dance Co.; H.T. Chen, Tony Chan (Carolyn's husband, also CACA Albuquerque member) and Elaine Wong



(LtoR) Tillie Klimpke, Telleann Dong, Lisa Chow (Artistic Director of Desert Dance Theatre), and Tellyen Tana





A big Thank You to Helen Yee who heads a team of 15 PCACA volunteers to ensure another successful cultural outreach event. Thank you to Diana Ho of Phoenix Chinese Week for organizing the Chinese craft project and to Mary Wong for providing just the right amount of food for the school kids and teachers.



Photo: (LtoR) Richard Yee, Mary Wong, Joe Yue, Elaine Wong, Helen Yee, George Ong, Roberta Yee, Eva Li, Claudia Kaercher, Benny Yee.



Photo: Helen Yee sharing a story with the school kids.

Not shown- Thank you to Elaine Wong and Claudia Kaercher for reading to the kids.

#### CACA Advocacy Team heads to Washington D.C. May 9-15, 2015

Elaine Wong and Eva Li will be traveling to Washington D.C. as part of the national CACA advocacy team. They will be meeting with representatives and elected officials to discuss issues that are of special interest to the Asian American community.

### 53rd Biennial CACA National Convention August 6-9, 2015, Seattle, WA

Nine CACA members are currently signed up to attend this convention. If you are interested, go to www. cacaseattle.org to register.

# Support the Detective Wenjian Liu Memorial Scholarship Fund

CACA national has established the Detective Wenjian Liu Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor the slain New York City Detective Wenjian Liu. This memorial scholarship will benefit high school children of current and deceased Chinese officers across the country. Phoenix CACA is committed to raise \$1,000 for this cause.

# **National Art Competition**

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#### DELECTABLE DELIGHTS





The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, along with the Chinese American Museum is pleased to announce its 2015 National Art Competition. This biennial art competition, which is open to all students from kindergarten to grade twelve, is intended to foster creative thinking and self-expression and encourage an artistic awareness of their community. This year's theme is

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Entries are placed and judged in four divisions: Division 1: Grade K to Grade 3; Division 2: Grade 4 to Grade 6; Division 3: Grade 7 to Grade 9; and Division 4: Grade 10 to Grade 12.

Top placing finishers in each category receive cash scholarship towards their education endeavors. In addition, two grand prize awards will be presented.

Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2015. For official rules and entry form, please visit CACALA.org or CAMLA.org

#### **Upcoming Events - Quick glance**

April 16, Thurs. 6:30 p.m. April 18, Sat. 10:00 a.m. April 25, Sat. 6:00 p.m.

PCACA General Meeting\*
Bowlathon Fundraiser
Chinese Chamber of Commerce

Banquet

May 2, Sat. 11:30 a.m. August 6-9 PCACA Scholarship Luncheon CACA National Convention

Note\* General meetings are held on third Thursday of the month. Executive board meetings are held on first Thursday of each month. PCACA meetings take a summer break. Watch out for more information regarding Fall meetings.