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June 4 Essay Award Ceremony and Lifetime Achiever Dr. Nancy Lo

By David Seid, HOC Executive Director

The House of China is pleased to hold an in-person Essay Award Ceremony, Saturday, June 4, 12 noon and to also present Dr. Nancy Lo, a Lifetime Achievement Award for her 25 years of Essay Contest work. The dual event lunch buffet will be held at Chinese Community Church, 4998 Via Valarta, San Diego, CA 92124.

The Essay contest open to youth at local Chinese Heritage Schools began in 1995 and Nancy Lo has been chaired the contest since 1996. This year 44 students wrote essays for cash prizes. The topic for Advanced Level Students was: "How can modern Technology Improve Our Environment?" Intermediate and Beginner students were to write on: How to Improve / Beautify San Diego. Cash prizes are awarded.

Nancy Lo's accomplishments are many both professionally and personally. Now she has decided to turn over the contest operation to the very capable Anne Chu.

HOC President Natasha Wong says, "It is with great pleasure, that we recognize her contribution to the Contest and to the HOC. The HOC is proud to have had Nancy lead the Contest and to again recognize the efforts of Chinese school students."

A buffet begins the Ceremony. In keeping with the Dragon Boat season, zhongzi, liang mein, salt and pepper chicken wings, fruit, beverages and dessert are the lunch fare. Ticket costs is: \$15.

Ticket reservation deadline is Monday, May 30. Ceremony reservations and information may be found on the enclosed flyer.

Lifetime Achiever Dr. Nancy Lo



Nancy Chuan Huei Lo, PhD (羅黔輝) was born in China, the youngest of five children. Her father served in the air force of the Republic of China.

In 1949 before Chinese communist took over, Nancy's family realized that, due to her father's military service, the family would have a miserable future if they stayed in China. So they moved to Taiwan.

In 1964 Nancy graduated from National Taiwan University in Taipei. She received a BS in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. In 1965 Nancy moved across the Pacific to Corvallis, Oregon, to attend the new MBA program at Oregon State University. In an MBA class at Oregon State, Nancy met John Ferguson. The two were married in 1967.

After receiving his MBA in 1966, John taught at Oregon State for two years. Then he joined the Army for two years, and spent a year in Vietnam. Nancy transferred from the MBA program to statistics, and received her MS in 1968. While John was away in the Army, Nancy kept busy by staying in school. She received her PhD in statistics in 1972.

When John came home from Vietnam in 1970, Nancy and John moved to Palo Alto, California, so that John could study at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Nancy and John started a family. They have two children: son Leland born in 1971, and daughter Mailee born in 1974. John received his PhD in 1978.

From 1972 to 1976, Nancy worked as a Statistical Methods Analyst at the California Department of Fish and Game in Menlo Park. In 1976 she accepted a job as a mathematical statistician at the Southwest Fisheries Center, part of the National Marine Fisheries Service, in La Jolla. Nancy monitored the mortality of porpoise due to the purse seining being used by fishermen to catch tuna. In 1980 her research was switched to monitoring populations of coastal pelagic fish, such as Pacific sardines and anchovies. After her retirement in 2011, Nancy worked as a consulting statistician for Southwest Fisheries Science Center until 2014.

While in San Diego, Nancy became very involved with the local Chinese community. Her major project was APHAFIC, the Association for Preserving Historical Accuracy of Foreign Invasions in China; Nancy was president for several years. Her other major interests were her church, House of China, the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum.



As part of her House of China activities, the essay contest started in 1995 to encourage elementary and middle-school students to develop proficiency in Chinese writing. Nancy joined the essay committee in 1996.

Nancy enjoys being a five-time grandmother. Son Leland gave her grandson Micah and granddaughters Eve and Sarah and daughter Mailee gave her grandson Sean and granddaughter Maya

Nancy has enjoyed running; she finished a couple of half marathons. She has enjoyed bicycling; that was her favorite method of commuting between home and office. She has enjoyed swimming; she and John walk to La Jolla Shores to swim with leopard sharks. Nancy has enjoyed travelling; she has traveled to many countries for conferences of fisheries researchers, and she and John have been to every continent.

The Origins of Dragon Boat Racing - Tiffany Wai-Ying Beres

*In the lake of Jin Ming,
On the rippling waters skimmed the dragon boats.
The cheers of the crowds, the beating of the drums,
And the sound of the bugles, all rent the air like thunder.*

- Inscription on a 14th century painting, *Dragon Boat Regatta on Jinming Lake*, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York (<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/40514>)

There is nothing quite as exhilarating as participating in a dragon boat race. When the horn blows, the drums start thumping and you and your crewmates synchronously paddle, propelling forward one stroke at a time, as if your hearts are beating in unison. The dragon boat (*longzhou* 龍舟) is a long open boat whose design originated in Southern China. These boats are impossible to mistake, because of their dragon head, stylized tail and colorful painted scales embellishing the body. The boat is guided by a steerer who uses of a long oar at the rear of the boat and a drummer who sits at bow, marking the stroke cadence for crew with each resonant beat. Each event is a sprint of several hundred meters—minutes of endurance, which, when paddling with all your might, can feel like hours.

As a researcher and art historian, I am interested in the origins of this festival. Dragon boat races are traditionally held on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month (*Duanwu* 端午), which corresponds to late May or June when the sun is at its zenith. Popular legend has it that these races began to commemorate the death of the virtuous minister and poet Qu Yuan 屈原 (ca. 340–278 BCE), who drowned himself to refute slander. It is said that his local community raced out in their boats to save him, or at least to retrieve his body. When they couldn't find his body, they also dropped balls of sticky rice into the river so that the fish would eat the rice instead of his body—hence the tradition of eating *zongzi* 粽子, or leaf-wrapped rice dumplings during this festival.

Of course, the above legend is likely just that, a myth. Recent scholarship suggests that dragon boat racing actually has its roots in Chinese naval training and imperial entertainment. From the Yangzi River, up the Grand Canal to the capital, historically (and even today) China's waterways were a tremendous source of wealth and commercial activity. Military control of the waterways was hugely significant for the economy, and boat racing was a form of training and a way to recruit naval officers. During the Song dynasty (960-1279 CE), boat races also became important as a way to exhibit military preparedness. Such an exhibition is evident in the 14th century painting, *Dragon Boat Regatta on Jinming Lake*, which visually documents one such naval display. We see over a dozen small dragon and tiger-head boats racing to the finish to claim a cash prize of silver. Meanwhile, the Emperor himself sits on a large ornate dragon-shaped barge, commanding the best view, while musicians and dancers provide lively entertainment to all of his royal subjects surrounding the lake. This painting illustrates how imperial and military culture likely came together to popularize the idea of racing "dragons boats" (see Andrew Chittick, "The Song Navy and the Invention of Dragon Boat Racing" *Journal of Song-Yuan Studies*, 2011, No. 41, pp. 1-28).

Whether you believe that dragon boat racing originated as a military exercise or as a event to celebrate a venerated figure, today, this tradition has developed into a serious competitive sport. Here in San Diego the races are held in Mission Bay and there are several teams that practice year-round. Check out www.sddb.org for more local information and hope to see you at the next race.

HOC Queen and Princess Program Beautifully Relaunched

by Queen Coordinator Lily Zhou and Advisor Yi Cai

The House of China Queen and Princess program was beautifully and dramatically relaunched after several years of inactivity. The young ladies made their first public appearance at the: Feb. 12, Tom Hom Street name unveiling in old Chinatown. They quickly pivoted to be greeters at the HOC Chinese New Year Lawn Fair, Feb. 19 and 20. Next they joined some other 30 young ladies when the House of Pacific Relations held their lawn program, April 3.

The Queens program is a community service program. They promote friendship and culture. The program affords young ladies means develop themselves by introducing them to other cultures, interacting with the public and learning of different opportunities.

The House of China is proud to present to you, the Royal Court.



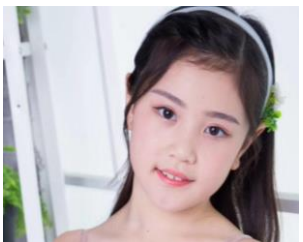
Queen Emily Wong (黄韵融) is 16 years old and attends Canyon Crest Academy. Outside of school, Emily spends her time practicing brush calligraphy, reading current events, and interning at political campaigns. She hopes to pursue a career in the legal field in the future.



Princess Grace Yao (姚铭蕙) is 14 years old and attends Mesa Verde Middle School. Her hobbies include reading and obsessing over movies such as 'The Batman (2022)'.



Princess Sarah Gao (高汝美) is 15-year-old and attends Canyon Crest Academy. Sarah is interested in computer science and chemistry. She also enjoys reading, hanging out with her friends, taking walks, and traveling. Sarah loves studying languages, including Spanish and Chinese and hopes to learn more in the future!



Princess Eva Ai (艾朵朵) is 10 years old and attends Monterey Ridge Elementary School. Eva loves baking, swimming, archery, art, and playing her Guzheng. She is also known for playing the Chinese Zither, and flute. She first became familiar with the House of China through the annual essay contest which she placed first in her category.

Generosity shown to Ukraine with \$4860.00 Donation

By Natasha Wong, HOC President

Heartfelt support to those suffering the war in Ukraine is evident by the House of China who raised and donated \$4,860.00 to the House of Ukraine.

The donation was used to defray costs of airlifting medical and protective gear to the Ukraine. As Ukraine refugees arrived in the San Diego/Tijuana area, gifts of rolled quarters to use for paid toilets in Tijuana and gas cards for volunteers to transport and run errands for refugees.

Those wishing to contribute for Ukraine humanitarian relief may send donations to the House of Ukraine through the House of China.

First Quarter Events Pictures



David Seid, Tom Hom, Sylvia Hom awaiting “Tom Hom” street sign unveiling



Tom Hom Av sign, 3rd and Market Street, Feb. 12, 2022



Natasha Wong at Chinese New Year Fair, Feb. 19, 2022



UCSD Chinese Dance Assoc, Chinese New Year Fair, Feb. 20, 2022



Happy Chinese New Year Fairgoers



David Seid presents humanitarian support of Ukraine to House of Ukraine friends



Sally T. Wong-Avery Library

Congratulations and thanks to Sally Wong-Avery on the establishment of the Sally T. Wong-Avery library on the campus of UCSD on April 23rd. Besides scholarly Chinese materials, Chinese News and We Chinese publications will be archived to preserve local San Diego Chinese-American history.

Southern Sea Lion and Dragon Association

Congratulations to the Southern Sea Lion and Dragon Association as they represent San Diego on June 25 at the National Lion Dance Competition in Texas. Under the leadership of Roger Look, the Southern Sea Lion and Dragon Association are skilled performers of 'Jong' pedestal jumping as well as twisting and jumping dragon dance.



Save The Date

Saturday, September 10 evening for a Moon Festival social. Besides food and games, seeing friends and meeting new people, Southern Sea Lions will be providing entertainment. You may also enjoy a variety of Moon Cakes.

Volunteers Needed

Got a Saturday or Sunday afternoon free to share Chinese culture and friendship? Become a co-host to veteran hostess Weiwei Swartz and Jenny Wen Juan Liu to greet visitors, serve refreshments and share stories. Contact seid1950henwing@gmail.com to volunteer.

HOUSE OF CHINA MEMBERSHIP FORM

The House of China (HOC) was organized in 1935 to present, promote, and preserve Chinese culture, friendship and understanding. HOC provides civic functions through cultural open houses, sponsorships, school presentations, and cooperation with Chinese American community and guests.

Every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, our cultural open house is held in Balboa Park. Seasonal programs and events are Chinese New Year, Annual Essay Contest, Moon Festival and other occasions.

If you are interested in supporting the HOC, we welcome you to join. Please visit our website site www.HouseofChinaSD.com, or email contact@houseofchinasd.com or phone (858) 699-1900.

中國館

中國館是在一九三五年設立至今，它的任務是促進和保存中國文化及支援友誼和使大家彼此了解，一同和平相處，[是一個不謀利的 501\(c\)\(3\) 公民機構](#)。既無城市基金支持也沒任何捐款。

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每個星期六和日下午，國際村都開放給大家參觀，歡迎參觀中國館的陳設和節目包括：中國文化，新年，端午，中秋節等，在其它特別節日我們也會有活動，我們經常也寄出中國館有關華人社區的活動節目表。歡迎大家成為中國館會員。請到我們的網頁 www.HouseofChinaSD.com 去看，電話 (858) 699 - 1900。

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DONATIONS

To join the House of China, please complete the form below and provide payment payable to HOC. You can send your application and payments/donations to: David Seid, 12002 Rue Des Amis, San Diego, CA 92131. House of China is a non-profit organization 501(c)(3) - 27-4357629.

We currently accept the following payment methods: Check, Credit Card @ www.houseofchinasd.com

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of HOC | \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter of HOC | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron of the HOC | \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member | \$1000 |

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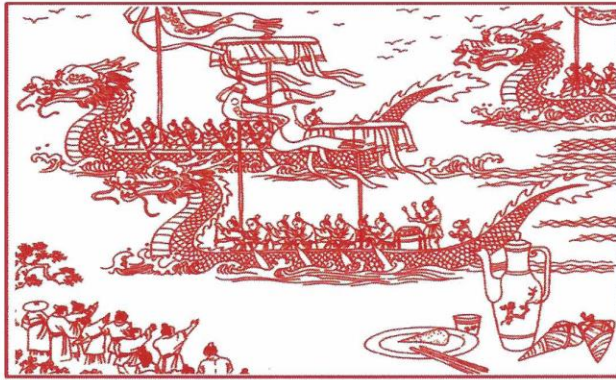
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Chinese Language Essay Awards & Lifetime Award to Dr. Nancy Lo



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中華聯合基督教會

Saturday, June 4th, 2022, 12 Noon

Chinese Community Church

4998 Via Valarta, San Diego, CA 92124

定票表格

Ticket Reservations by 5/30/2022 please

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