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*Friends of the International Center,  
at UC San Diego*



# *Newsletter*

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## **President's Message**

See the changing colors this fall at the International Center:

**Dulce Dorado** has assumed the tasks of the interim IC Director while the search for a permanent Dean/Director is in progress. She also continues her job as director of the International Student and Programs Office (ISPO).

Following a meeting of many of the Resale Shop volunteers, this premier project of the Friends is proceeding under the joint leadership of **Alma Coles, Josie Foulks, and Jeri Abernathy**, and the 5-day-per-week fall schedule has resumed. We're so grateful for this continuity. See more details about the Shop transition and all who helped with it on page 4.

Another changing color—**Barbara Starkey** has announced her resignation as coordinator of Cooking in America, which she has led since 1992. We thank Barbara for her dedicated leadership and culinary expertise, and for providing good food, culture, conversation, and support for many, many international visitors.

And another resignation of note is that of **Gus Lestik**. Gus has been a valuable "fixture" at the Center for so many years, as an English in Action tutor, and as the power behind the English Conversation Table at Wednesday Coffees. He received the Chancellor's Award for Tutor of the Year both in 1991 and 2010. Thank you, Gus, for your years of service and wisdom. We're happy to know that "Gus' Conversation Table" is continuing in the able hands of **Nori Faer** and **Letty Ponomareff**.

Some brand new fall color is being added with our "Invitation to Volunteer" publication, written by **Kristine Kneib**, with input from the many program coordinators. It explains our programs in detail, giving volunteer needs and time commitments. We look forward to using this tool to inspire new and old members alike to become more involved in our wonderful programs. Thank you, Kristine!

The 2012-13 Friends Board of Directors is back to work, but has several vacancies. If you're interested in serving "behind-the-scenes," please let me hear from you.

Finally—don't forget to RSVP for our first "Just-for-Fun" gathering on October 7 (details on page 3) and for our Sri Lankan Ethnic Dinner (details follow). I look forward to seeing you at both events!

*Joan Adamo*  
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**Sri Lanka: Land of  
Cinnamon, Gems,  
and Elephants**

**—by Chris and Liz Wills**

Few parts of the world are as steeped in legend as Sri Lanka, the island that hangs like a jewel from the southern tip of India. At various times the rest of the world has known this exotic land as Taprobane, Serendip, and Ceylon. Although the island has been plundered for centuries by the Portuguese, Dutch, and English, it still has the capacity to dazzle visitors.

We spent the month of July traveling around Sri Lanka, which was until recently racked by war be-



tween the Sinhalese in the south and the Tamils in the north. The general who defeated—and mercilessly destroyed—the Tamil Tiger movement is now the president of the Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka, and his face is ubiquitous. With the outbreak of peace the island is now bracing for an expected onslaught of tourism. Charming boutique hotels are springing up everywhere. Sri Lanka is being touted as the new Bali, which should serve as a warning—better visit before it's too late!

The island is mostly Buddhist, along with some Hindus, Buddhist-Hindu hybrids who borrow from both religions, and in the remoter regions a scattering of animists. We visited some of the original inhabitants, the Veddas, who have lived on the island for eighteen thousand years or more and have retained many of their hunter-gatherer skills. As we traveled around the island we encountered astonishing Hindu rituals, in which young men let their skin be impaled by hundreds of hooks. They swing from the backs of trucks, suspended by the hooks, as they are driven through town in a boisterous parade. And we had timed our visit to see the great Perahera festival at Kandy, where the right eyetooth of the Buddha (or at least a copy of it) is displayed

in a vast procession featuring more than fifty elephants. The elephants used to be covered with mirrors, but they are now clothed in magnificent cloaks studded with hundreds of LED lights, powered by batteries on the elephants' backs. Historical records suggest that this parade has taken place almost every year since about 300 CE.

We saw lots of wildlife, including herds of wild elephants, leopards, and a wide variety of spectacular birds. We trekked into the Sinharaja rainforest, in the center of the island, where Chris' colleagues are doing detailed studies of how the forest is changing over time. There we encountered one of the island's unique bird species, the cheeky and charming blue magpies. And we also encountered a less appealing variety of wildlife, in the form of hundreds of leeches that swarmed to greet us.

Sri Lanka is a land of spices and the original source of cinnamon. The cuisine has strong affinities to the foods of southern India, but there are striking differences. For example, Sri Lankans use a lot of cinnamon and cloves, but no cumin. At every meal, we encountered new flavors and unexpected combinations, such as jackfruit and okra curries.

While we were in Sri Lanka, Liz had a special experience: private

lessons in the kitchen with executive chefs in two different boutique hotels. Sri Lankans like their curries hot, but we do not; they use a lot of chilies, both fresh and dried, but we will NOT. Instead, we will have coconut sambol (grated coconut, green chiles, red onions, black pepper, lime juice) available for those who wish heat in their dishes. I feel that the curries are flavorful enough with cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, coriander, curry leaves, garlic, ginger, mustard seeds, onion, tamarind, turmeric, and lots of coconut (grated and milk).

Sri Lankans eat "rice and curry" three times a day. The rice may be red or white. One curry always is a *dhal* dish, but with more texture than the Indian dhal which has the consistency of split pea soup. I have ruled out breadfruit and jackfruit curries because of the difficulty of finding them ripe in our local markets. Instead we are likely to have chicken curry, dhal curry, chickpea curry, and four of the following possibilities depending on availability: banana flower curry, beetroot and potato curry, green bean curry, okra curry, pumpkin curry. Dessert will be *vatalappan*, a flan-like dessert made with coconut milk and palm sugar called *jaggery*. Non-caffeinated ginger tea will be served with dessert.

The dinner will be followed by a presentation by **Chris** of photos taken on our recent month-long trip to Sri Lanka. As usual, this Ethnic Dinner is a fundraiser for the Friends Scholarship Fund. Please send in your reservation form on page 11 soon, as this dinner will occur during Parents Weekend and there is a chance that we may sell out.

FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6:30  
SRI LANKAN DINNER WITH  
ILLUSTRATED TALK BY  
PROF. CHRISTOPHER WILLS

## MEMBERS JUST-FOR-FUN

—by *Barbara Fitzsimmons*

At our retreat in June, the Friends board members decided that we would like to have an event purely for the enjoyment of members. So often we gather to work on specific events for the International Center, but we never seem to do things Just-for-Fun. So, we've set up an event for you to come and enjoy an afternoon of light refreshments and lots of conversation with other Friends.

**WHO:** Friends of the International Center  
**WHAT:** An afternoon to enjoy one another and to meet a few of our Scholarship recipients  
**WHEN:** Sunday, October 7, 2012, 3-5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Home of member, **Candace Kohl**, 294 Torrey Pines Terrace, Del Mar

Candace has generously offered her beautiful home as the location for our gathering. Come and enjoy her orchids, gardens, meteorite collection, extensive art collection from all over the world, and the beautiful ocean view. Light refreshments and libations will be served.

Though this is Just-for-Fun, we love to share with others, so please feel free to invite others who might be interested in the Friends. Remember, your spouse or partner is also a member of the Friends.

**RSVP:** by Wednesday, October 3 to Barbara Fitzsimmons  
 bfitzsimmons@ucsd.edu or 858/453-5787

### October Calendar

Oct. 3, 17: **Family Orientation**, 9:15

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: **Wednesday Coffee**, 10:00-Noon

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25: **Knit-Along**, 1:00-3:30

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26: **International Café**, Noon-1:15

Oct. 7: **Membership Party**, 3:00-5:00 at a private home

Oct. 9: **Executive Board**, 10:00

Oct. 17: **International Kitchen Lunch**, Noon

Oct. 22: **Programs Abroad Expo**, 10:00-2:00, Library Walk

Oct. 23: **ArtPower! Community Supper**, 6:00

Oct. 27: **Ethnic Dinner**, 6:30

## Congolese Supper

The Friends, the International Center, and ArtPower! look forward to our community supper to augment an upcoming ArtPower! presentation. The supper for October will precede the performance of Staff Benda Bilili from the Congo. Our chef will be preparing a piquent chicken soup, kachumbari salad drizzled with lime vinaigrette dressing, moambe stew-chili lemon peppered beef in tomato peanut sauce, and coconut pie. Bring your friends and join us for an authentic and very tasty meal!

- **Congolese Supper**, jointly sponsored by the International Center, the Friends, and ArtPower! **Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 6:00 p.m., International Center**. Cost: \$12 per person, \$7 for UCSD students. Order early as the deadline for supper ticket sales is Thursday, October 18. Vegetarian meals are available upon request, and requests should be made at time of purchase.

- **Performance:** The performance by **Staff Benda Bilili** will take place at 8:00 p.m. at Mandeville Auditorium. Presented by ArtPower! Cost: \$19-\$38. Identify yourself as a Friends member at the Box Office, or use the code PARTD in the coupon field when ordering on line, and receive a 15% discount for the performance. Supper and performance tickets may be purchased online at [artpower.ucsd.edu](http://artpower.ucsd.edu), by phone at 858/534-TIXS, or at the Box Office window in the Price Center patio.



Staff Benda Bilili make music of astonishing power and beauty. It was formed by a group of street musicians who used to live around the grounds of the zoo in Kinshasa, Congo, some of whom are polio survivors confined to customized tricycles. They offer rumba-rooted grooves, overlaid with vibrant vocals and tin can guitar solos. For additional information see [www.artpower.ucsd.edu](http://www.artpower.ucsd.edu).

If you have supper questions, please contact **Barbara Fitzsimmons** ([bfitzsimmons@ucsd.edu](mailto:bfitzsimmons@ucsd.edu)).

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## Cooking in America

Just as this *Newsletter* was about to go to press, we received the following note from **Barbara Starkey**: “With deep regret I write this letter of resignation. It is time to end my participation in Cooking In America. This is a program I have dearly loved. It has been a true pleasure. **Alma Coles, Louise Engleman, Ginny Das, Liz Wills, Susan Starr, and Georgina Sham**, as well as the other instructors, have been a pleasure to work with. The students and classes have been memorable. Please accept my resignation.”

For twenty years, Barbara has chaired the Friends cooking classes. By expanding their scope from American Cooking to Cooking in America, the program reflected a pivotal change in American cuisine that began to incorporate more and more the diverse foods representative of our country’s multi-ethnic population, but classes also featured Barbara’s own sophisticated style of cooking. Expressing the sentiments of many, **Liz Fong Wills** wrote Barbara: “It makes me really sad to learn that one of the best programs at the Center is no more. When I meet new people and tell them about the Center, I always tell them about your cooking class because I think that it is a wonderful way for people from all over the world to learn and share with one another. But I know that it involved a lot of work on your part—you deserve a medal for doing it for so many years!”

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**The International Café**, held Fridays from noon to 1:15, will resume its regular academic schedule. For October, **Martin Lahtov** has planned exciting menus from four different countries; they, along with the Café sponsors, are: Oct. 5: Korea, **Golden Triangle Rotary**; Oct. 12, Greece, **Outback Adventures**; Oct. 19, Italy, **UCSD Retirement Association**; Oct. 26, Mexico, **Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine**.

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## Resale Shop Profiles

—by *Joe Nichols*

**Fran Dolittle** joined the Resale Shop volunteers 15 years ago at the behest of a wonderful longtime Friend and volunteer, **Marie Pearce**. Fran was a regular donor to the Shop, and while downsizing, after her three children left home, donated many things to the Shop. It was then that Marie asked her to help. Fran had been a travel agent but when the booking commissions all but disappeared, she had time to volunteer regularly at the Shop. She has traveled widely with her chemistry professor husband (**Russ**) and is heading for Prague, Czech Republic this year. Fran loves her interaction with the students and with the many other people she meets in the Shop, and has been a real friend to other volunteers. We hope to see her in the Shop for a long time to come.

Giving the Shop international flavor is **Hillary Zan**, who accompanied her husband from China to UC San Diego. She has a bachelor’s degree in Science Management, but without a work permit she had been staying home, feeling isolated. Realizing she needed to do something to make friends, she began to volunteer at the Shop. By now a seasoned veteran, she is happy to be useful. Hillary loves our climate, the beauty of La Jolla with its ocean and spectacular views, but most of all she likes the “amicable” people. We are pleased to have her with us and hope her stay is a lengthy one.

## Resale Shop Update

—by *Jeri Abernathy*

A sturdy group of volunteers cleaned out the storage area and has been busy supplying our customers with lots of clothing, bedding, shoes and miscellany. In fact, we are actually selling enough to be in need of more donations.

Let’s give a big hand to the wonderful people who volunteered for the two day clean-out event in August: **Cynthia Leal, Pin-Shiuan Lee, Dagmar Bocakova, Keiko Hirai, Mariko Usui, Kathy Wong**, my husband **Eduard Schwan** and my son **Scott Ness, Nori Faer, Joan Adamo, Eleanor tum Suden, Eve Davidson, Dottie Keffala, Josie Foulks, and Renate Schmid-Schoenbein**. [*A big hand, too, for Jeri who organized it all. —Ed.*]

As the weather cools, we are looking for sweaters and coats, blankets and boots, and holiday items for the Big Winter Sale in December. Time to clean out your closets and roll your gently used goodies over to the International Center. Don’t forget those kitchen items, too.

Starting on October 1, we will have a Summer Clearance Sale to move out all the lightweight clothes, sandals, and bathing suits. \$1 items will be out on a table for the entire month. Inside the store, we will be bringing in the Fall/Winter items and Halloween decorations. If you have some pumpkin decorations, we would love to have them.

Store hours for the Fall are: Monday-Friday, 10:00-3:30; closed on campus holidays.

As always, we can use more volunteers, both in the shop and in the storage area stocking the shelves. Don’t be shy. Jump right in and be a part of the Friends Scholarship team.



## 2012 Scholarship Awards Ceremony

—by Ruth Newmark



Guests mingle in the lounge

Coming as it does at the end of the academic year, the Friends Scholarship Awards Ceremony is the highlight of our year, where we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our scholarship recipients. The Friends enjoy playing host to our many guests, who—varied as they may be—are united in their support of international education at UC San Diego.

Now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year, the Friends scholarship program has grown from modest beginnings to its present size that necessitates holding our dinner outside, causing great worries about what to do if it rains (drizzles seem to be more the norm than not) and whether to incur the expense of renting heat lamps. We lucked out this year: the weather was balmy without a trace of wind.

Friends are enormously proud to have been able to make 45 scholarship awards this year, and I wish to thank all those who contribute to making this possible.

First of all, there are the many volunteers in the **Friends Resale Shop**, who say that they enjoy working in the Shop because they know it is for a good cause. In case you aren't familiar with the Shop, it is located in the corner of the International Center, facing Library Walk. We sell small household goods, accessories, seasonal items, clothing, all at rock bottom prices. Goods are donated, and since everyone, including the Shop

Coordinator (**Gayle Barsamian** for the year under discussion), works for free, all profits go toward funding Friends programs, primarily our scholarships.

The **Friends Ethnic Dinner Program** even predates our scholarship program. These dinners, too, help raise money for scholarships. We thank all the helpers who make these dinners a reality, particularly our Ethnic Dinner Chair, **Liz Fong Wills**, and her husband, Prof. **Christopher Wills**, who often provides the cultural part of the dinner program by showing us the most exquisite photos of some of the more exotic places on earth.

We are fortunate to have many in our midst who make direct monetary gifts to our scholarship fund. They're far too many to enumerate here, but I do want to single out a few of those who



Bill and Alma Coles with Shao-Chi Lin at Chinese Ethnic Dinner

have made continued large donations, in particular **Barbara and Jerry Fitzsimmons** and Prof. **Shao-Chi Lin** and his wife **Lily Lin**.

None of these contributions alone would account for the enormous growth of our scholarship program, were it not for the enthusiastic support of the university for the Friends international scholarship program. We are truly grateful for the university's willingness to partner with us. Quite a few units are involved in this partnership. We thank **Student Affairs**, especially Vice Chancellor **Penny Rue**, who came to the scholarship awards dinner and kindly spoke to us before having to rush off to another engagement.

We also thank the **Office of Graduate Studies**, whose Dean, Prof. **Kim Barrett**, attended the dinner together with her husband, **Peter Pierce**. Dean Barrett, whose research centers on digestive diseases, revealed in a post-awards ceremony conversation that she had just attended a conference on this topic at the San Diego Convention Center.

Additional University partners are the **Medical School**, with Drs. **Jess Mandel** and **Carolyn Kelly** as our liaisons; the **Financial Aid Office**, with **Ann Klein**

as Director; and the **Universitywide Education Abroad Program**, with **Kim Burton** its local campus director.

Not only Kim Burton, but also many other **International Center staff** members contribute to making the Friends Scholarship program a success. That so many attended and served with us as table hosts, perfectly illustrates the way our volunteer organization works together with the university. The Friends relationship with the International Center is a close one, and I wish to thank the entire staff, and especially its Director, **Lynn C. Anderson**, for the assistance they provide us.



Lou Adamo with camera

To have a remembrance of this celebration, we ask each scholarship recipient to come up to the podium for small group pictures. Since **Carol** and **Stu Smith** were out of town, they suggested that we ask **Lou Adamo** to take photos in their stead. Lou quickly agreed, and took his task sufficiently seriously to come to the Center one night to see where he could best stage the groups.

A quick word about the 2011-12 Friends Scholarship Committee that consisted of: **Jeri Abernathy, Joan Adamo, Kim Burton, Alma Coles, Beate Evey, Barbara Fitzsimmons, Gail Fliesbach** (who made the scholarship certificates), **Jean Fort, Bill Homeyer, Nancy Homeyer, Marjorie Jackson, Louise Keeling, Kristine Kneib, Candace Kohl, Sallye Krause, Ruth Newmark** (chair), **Renate Schmid-Schoenbein, Carol Smith, John Stalker, and Eleanor tum Suden**. All of us who serve on the committee consider this among the most rewarding things we do. We are genuinely interested in the students' reasons for wanting to study abroad. We enjoy reading about the students' accomplishments, their global interests, their spirit of volunteerism, their planned research, and we applaud their idealism. We are impressed by how they cope with their many challenges, not the least of which is the enormous cost of a higher education.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In the January *Newsletter*, I discussed 2011-12 Friends winter scholarship recipients **Neda Sheneval** and **Kaylie Fernald**, who have already reported on their respective experiences in Korea and Peru. I will now discuss recipients of 2012 spring scholarships.



Paula Saravia, Kyung Hee Ha, Marito Hayashi

### International Graduate Students

☞ **Samuel Dunscombe** (*Nan Kehoe Fitzsimmons Memorial Scholarship*). Sam arrived from Australia in 2011 and is working on his DMA in our Music Department. He is described by his supervisor as "an excellent performer on the clarinet" who has "distinguished himself as a performer of new musical repertoire." Sam's interests, however, reach far beyond mastery of his instrument, having assumed, for instance, the task of curator of a concert of new electro-acoustic music to be presented in the Spring. What especially intrigued the Friends Scholarship Committee was Sam's interest in acoustic ecology—his desire to record the sounds of people living within harsh environments (e.g. the Amazon, Mojave Desert, Antarctica) and fuse these sounds with his own performance on the clarinet.

☞ **Kyung Hee Ha** (*Ruth Newmark Scholarship*). Having received a Friends Scholarship once before, Kyung Hee is no newcomer to the Friends. In 2010, we recognized her highly praised work in Ethnic Studies on multiply displaced people, expressly people of Korean ancestry like her. Even though Kyung Hee's family has lived in Japan for several generations, they are considered Korean by Japanese law and denied Japanese citizenship. Like other marginalized people, multiply displaced people often experience prejudice that may lead to social injustice and human rights violations. Aware that communities of non-citizens, migrant workers, and children of disabilities were not receiving the help extended to others in the aftermath of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, Kyung Hee co-founded the Japan Multicultural Relief Fund, a transpacific coalition that tries to address their needs.

☞ **Marito Hayashi**. Marito is presently pursuing his Ph.D. in Biological Sciences and conducting neurological research in the Gene Expression Laboratory at the Salk Institute. Describing Marito's focus, Prof. **Pfaff**, a distinguished investigator in the lab, explains: "He is particularly interested in how circuits for controlling limb movements are generated, since the spinal cord performs different functions (i.e. controlled breathing,

arms, legs) depending on the particular rostro-caudal axis (i.e. cervical, brachial, lumbar). Marito has lived in Japan, the U.K., and the United States, and considers himself exceptionally well placed to further both the field of neurobiology as well as international understanding.

☛ **Paula Saravia** (*Diane Lin Memorial Scholarship*). Paula earned her B.A. in social anthropology at the University of Chile (Santiago), after which she spent several years working in applied programs geared to poverty reduction. Currently a doctoral candidate in the Department of Anthropology, Paula plans to write her dissertation on tuberculosis policy among indigenous peoples in Bolivia and Chile. "Tuberculosis is a highly prevalent disease in Bolivia, while Chile's booming economy helped to dramatically reduce TB prevalence. Despite this success, the highest TB rates in Chile are among the Aymara living in the northern region of Parinacota, in the border with Bolivia. This disparity presents a big problem for the success of national public health policies and of global health initiatives such as those of WHO," explains Paula.

### Graduate Students Going Abroad

☛ **Orianna Cacchione**. "My interest in researching global contemporary art developed during my experience studying abroad as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan," confides Orianna. During my junior year, I studied in Ghana, the Czech Republic, and Thailand. A desire to know more about how modern art developed in non-Western countries initiated a cross cultural dialogue that continues to drive my research." A stint in the Peace Corps in Morocco was followed by a master's in contemporary art theory at the University of London. Now engaged in work leading to a Ph.D. in Art History, Theory, and Criticism in our Visual Arts Department, Orianna has chosen as focus of her dissertation: "Towards Globalization: Transnational Practice, Translation and Parallel Discourses in Beijing and New York, 1989-1995." She will spend the year in Beijing.

☛ **Carolyn Chen**. A Ph.D. candidate in UCSD's Music Composition program, Carolyn's academic and artistic work is described by her department as demonstrating "an extraordinary degree of innovation and sophistication." Her first chamber orchestra piece was already premiered at Carnegie Hall and then performed again in the Czech Republic. Her work has often taken her overseas. It will now take her to China to study the *guqin*, an ancient Chinese zither. "The instrument's unique Taoist-Confucian foundation has greatly shaped my own aesthetic. My dissertation project will synthesize field recordings and my own playing to construct an aural history of the instrument."



Orianna Cacchione, Carolyn Chen, Michael Nicholson, Maya Oren, Mindi Summers, Raquel Pacheco

☛ **Michael Nicholson** (*Joyce C. Rapaport Memorial Scholarship*). The Friends Scholarship will allow Michael to travel to Denmark, where he plans to undertake research that will shed light on the cultural foundations of anti-immigrant sentiment. "Building on my immigration research at the Federal Reserve and at UCSD's Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, I plan on writing a dissertation that will examine the origins of anti-immigrant sentiment within and across countries using both rigorous statistical analysis and in-depth case studies," in the hope that this work may ultimately lead to policies that will mitigate conflict between natives and immigrants.

☛ **Maya Oren** (*Teclé Kidane-Mariam Memorial Scholarship*). As part of her doctoral studies in political science, Maya is working with the United Nation's World Food Program (WFP) to examine agricultural policies. "This summer, I will be conducting research with WFP in Rome on how to design successful school-feeding handovers. In addition, I will also be conducting field research in Namibia. In Namibia, I will advise the Government of Namibia on how to minimize the cost of their school-feeding program. My dissertation will build on these experiences to analyze whether local government program implementation exposes an urban [vs. rural] bias."

☛ **Raquel Pacheco**. Raquel lists as her research interests: political economy, liberalism, state transformation, indigenous peoples, activist anthropology, Latin America. "The desire to understand the ideological underpinnings of the political economic processes shaping the living conditions of Mexico's indigenous peoples has led me to the study of anthropology," she explains. "For the last four years I have been working with an indigenous peasant socialist organization in the region of Hidalgo, Mexico." Raquel has taken the unusual step to confer with the group under study, and together they have decided that for her dissertation she would study a national land privatization program that makes it possible for peasants to sell previously inalienable communal landholdings called *ejidos*.



☛ **Mindi Summers.** Mindi is a doctoral student at Scripps Institution of Oceanography planning a field trip to the so-called marine diversity hotspot of the world to collect samples necessary for her dissertation. As part of a larger NSF-funded project to uncover the echinoderm tree of life, two professors and two graduate students will work with Indonesian researchers within the Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua New Guinea. Says Mindi: "My thesis focuses on the symbiotic relationships between featherstar crinoids and the many invertebrates that use them as habitat. These symbionts are largely undiscovered, and are known to include worms, shrimps, crabs, copepods, brittlestars, and fish."

### Medical Students Going Abroad

☛ **Milan Dang-Vu.** "As one of my fourth-year rotations, I will join the U.S. Navy Mercy humanitarian mission and spend a total of four weeks in the Philippines, Vietnam, and Cambodia with the team who will take care of children who were born with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate," wrote Milan. Born and raised in Vietnam, she was a second-year medical student, when her family left the country for the States. "I eventually found my way back to continue my medical education. I am very fortunate to be trained by two very different medical educational systems, which, in my opinion, will be a great advantage to my future career, as my interest lies in international health and humanitarian missions."

☛ **Jennifer Hagstrom.** Jennifer's future career plans are to enter the field of psychiatry. To gain experience in an arena different from the one offered her here at UCSD, she planned to spend a month doing clinical rotation at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. While she looked forward to gaining insights into how medicine is practiced in a country with vastly different cultural and historical backgrounds—as well as with unique financial needs—she also hoped that with her qualifications as a fourth-year medical student, she would be able to contribute to the healthcare provided by her chosen institution.

☛ **Rachel Hogen** (*Joyce C. Rapaport Memorial Scholarship*). Looking for an international experience, Rachel had her eyes set on a poor rural agricultural region of Costa Rica that "would expose me to a different way of practicing medicine, a different health care system, and a different patient population. I would like to spend a month at the Hospital de San Vito, the only hospital in the county serving a population of 50,000. This experience would benefit the underserved community, contribute to international friendship and understanding, enhance my medical education and perspective on health care delivery, and further my career aspiration of doing global health work in general surgery."



Jennifer Hagstrom, Kimberly Tran, Milan Dang-Vu, Rachel Hogen

☛ **Kimberly Tran.** A 2004 mission trip to the rural regions of northern Vietnam aroused Kim's interest in medicine. Now in her fourth year of medical studies, she planned to volunteer over the summer with Vietnam Village Health NGO outside of Ho Chi Minh City, followed by a month with the US Navy on its USNS Mercy Pacific Partnership Mission in the Philippines and Vietnam. Kim's career goal, she says, is "to become a clinical teacher of ophthalmology at a large university, where I might guide the next generation of students, as well as have the opportunity for international research collaboration, teaching, and pro bono work."

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**Donation:** Treasurer **Jeri Abernathy** reports having received a generous contribution to the scholarship fund from **Alma** and **Bill Coles** in memory of **Rod Frehlich**.

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### Letter to the Friends from the Vice Chancellor for External and Business Affairs

Thank you for your generous gift to UC San Diego.

This is a bittersweet time as we bid farewell to Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and wish her luck as she returns to a faculty position of teaching and research. Chancellor Fox led the university during a historic era of extraordinary campus growth and successful completion of a billion-dollar capital campaign. We are grateful for her service to the campus. Your gift comes at an exciting time as we welcome Dr. Pradeep Khosla as 8<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of UC San Diego in August. Dr. Khosla joins us from Carnegie Mellon University where he served as the Dean of the College of Engineering. Under Dr. Khosla's leadership, UC San Diego will continue to shine as an international leader in education, academic medicine, research, and service to a global community.

Thank you for your support.

*Steven W. Relyea*

President, UC San Diego Foundation



## Happy Birthday, EAP! Celebrating 50 Years of Study Abroad

—by *Kim Burton*, Director, Education Abroad Program

In the fall of 1962, 80 students from the University of California traveled to Bordeaux in the south of France to spend a year studying abroad. Since then, the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) has enabled nearly 100,000 students to explore the world, expand their academic knowledge, learn new languages and gain global perspectives that have enriched their studies, their careers and their lives.

To commemorate EAP's accomplishments and contributions to the University of California, a variety of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events have happened and will continue throughout this calendar year. In April, the UCEAP Systemwide Office hosted an EAP Alumni and Friends Reunion in Santa Barbara with over 200 people in attendance, including 15 of the program's original Bordeaux group. And in June, as part of the EAP Annual Conference for all campus office and systemwide office staff, EAP was celebrated at a Gala Dinner. Since the start of the program, EAP has had five systemwide Directors, and the three most recent Directors addressed the group and shared remembrances at the dinner.

Here at UC San Diego to date, we have marked EAP's 50<sup>th</sup> with a special reception for our outbound study abroad students, and with our first UCSD Alumni Weekend event which was a superb international wine tasting here at the International Center, prepared and led by our own Café Coordinator, **Martin Lahtov**, and his lovely wife, **Kelly**. During the fall, we will continue the celebration with a thank-you event for our colleagues across campus who help us daily with the administration of EAP, an acknowledgement of EAP's

50<sup>th</sup> as part of Programs Abroad Expo on Monday, October 22, and a special EAP information session for prospective study-abroad students during International Education Week, November 13 through 16.

While not directly related to the celebration of EAP's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the systemwide office has launched two major initiatives this year. A new pool of UCEAP Scholarship Funds, in the amount of \$500,000, was provided for UC students studying on EAP during the 2012-13 academic year. The staff at UCEAP reviewed 1,000 applications for students departing in summer and fall, and was able to make awards to 175 students, or about 16% of those who applied. 25 UC San Diego students received awards from these funds.

The second initiative is the creation of the UCEAP Student Ambassadors Program. This cohort of returned EAP students, which will be managed and supervised by staff in the systemwide EAP office, is charged with actively promoting EAP options for study abroad through organized student events and outreach initiatives on their home campuses. We are thrilled to have three UC San Diego students who have been chosen as EAP Ambassadors for 2012-13. They are **Andrew Zamora** (Japan Year), **Jessica Rahman** (Sweden Spring), and Friends Scholarship recipient **Hao Tam** (UK Year).



## Wednesday Coffee

—by *Georgina Sham*

•October 3. **Art Walk with Bob Starkey**, who will lead us again on a UCSD tour of sculptures known as the Stuart Collection.

•October 10. **Indian Henna Painting and Indian Culture: Shenaz Keshwani** will demonstrate henna painting (known as *Mehendi*), and, while painting, she, **Sangita Singh, Sona Saha, and Suparna Sit** will talk about Indian celebrations and beliefs.

•October 17. **Indian Luncheon**: The same Indian ladies from the week before will lead us in preparing an Indian meal.

•October 24. **Jewelry Making with Dagmar Bokacova, Mary Woo, and Jennie Chin**.

•October 31. **Halloween!** By tradition, we carve pumpkins. Immediately following the Mommy/Daddy & Me class, the children will come dressed in their costumes, and after a parade around campus, they will come for Trick-or-Treat, and we will hand out treats. Bring your cameras!



Halloween 2011

•**Mommy/Daddy & Me** for parents and toddlers: Wednesday mornings, 10:-10:35 for children 24 months and under, 10:40-11:20 for children over 24 months.

•**Knit-Along**: the Tuesday afternoon knitting group will continue its customary weekly activities, 1:-3:30.

For further information, please check the bulletin board in the International Center's dining room or the Wednesday Coffee website (<http://sites.google.com/site/ucsdwednesdaycoffee/>).

## SOME WORDS OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED BY THE FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR:

- ❖ Thank you soooo much for selecting me as a scholarship recipient! From all honesty, I can tell you that without help like this, my dream to study abroad would not be possible. I am very, very thankful for your support! —**Daniel Hernandez**, Revelle College, EAP, Italy
- ❖ Oh my gosh, this is wonderful news! Thank you so much for selecting me, how exciting! I can't tell you how much of a relief this is for my expenses out of pocket. Thank you so much!!! —**Lauren Sawyer**, Muir College, Global Seminar, Spain
- ❖ Thank you and all the people who put in their efforts to give me (and many other students) such a great opportunity. I am beyond happy and would like to accept the scholarship! I am available to attend the Awards Ceremony, and can I please have a vegetarian meal? Also, is there a preferred dress code? Thanks again! —**Veronica Lin**, Muir College, EAP, China
- ❖ I just wanted to thank you and all of the Friends of the International Center for the awesome dinner and ceremony on Tuesday. Thanks so much for the great food, and most importantly believing in all of us and investing in our education. —**Patrick Mullen**, Muir College, Global Seminar, Spain
- ❖ Thank you so much for sharing these heartfelt comments. I love hearing in the students' own voices about the impact of the scholarship. It was a lovely event. —**Penny Rue**, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs
- ❖ Thank you and your colleagues so much for all your efforts to make this scholarship program a success. Penny and I sincerely believe that this program makes a real difference. —**Edward J. Spriggs**, Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs
- ❖ It was so lovely to see you and **Leonard** the other night. I really enjoyed the ceremony and getting to know other scholars on campus from different disciplines, but with the same spirit of bringing mutual understanding and peace in the world. —**Kyung Hee Ha**, international doctoral student in Ethnic Studies, recipient of the Friends **Ruth Newmark Scholarship**
- ❖ As always, I was delighted to have been able to attend the dinner. It is really inspiring to read the quotes from the students. With a few more people like this, the world will be in good shape. Thank you for your abiding passion and dedication to our students and their travels. —**Kim E. Barrett**, Dean of Graduate Studies
- ❖ Thank you very much again for the scholarship and warm welcome tonight. It was very nice meeting you and all the other Friends of International Center. I hope to see you again soon. Please send my gratitude to all the other Friends as well. —**Marito Hayahsi**, Ph.D. candidate in Biology from Japan
- ❖ I had the best time cooking and participating on the preparations for the annual dinner. After a day of great fellowship in the kitchen, I had the joy of sitting with some of our delightful scholarship winners—all were graduate and medical students. **Marito Hayashi**, working in a neuroscience lab at Salk Institute, was my dinner partner. It turns out that Marito was here 7 years ago as a study-abroad student from Japan, and he and **Kimberley Tran** (School of Medicine), who was to my left, were in a Spanish class together and they recognized each other after these 7 years had passed. Made for even more delightful conversations. Being a "Friend" has so many blessings! —**Kristine Kneib**, who, in 1973, came to the U.S. as an Australian graduate student and earned her Ph.D. in Applied Physics at UC San Diego
- ❖ Thank you again for the wonderful dinner last night and the amazing scholarship opportunity! Thank you for making this possible for so many students! Your passion and excitement is inspiring. —**Jennifer Hagstrom**, School of Medicine, planning a month's medical rotation in India
- ❖ Thank you so much for sharing these student notes. At the end of a busy academic year, I find these sentiments reaffirm why we find it fulfilling to work in higher education. I too thank you and the Friends for your ongoing efforts in support of these programs. —**Carolyn Kelly**, Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, School of Medicine
- ❖ I wanted to thank you and the Friends for the marvelous work you do to support scholarship opportunities for our students. We are all very grateful and look forward to continuing to work together to provide scholarships for students to study abroad. —**Ann Klein**, Director, Financial Aid Office
- ❖ I'm happy and honored to be involved with all of you in the Friends in so many ways, and especially with the Scholarship Committee. This is one of the most rewarding parts of my work, and I very much appreciate the relationship I have with all of you. You are true friends! — **Kim Burton**, EAP Director

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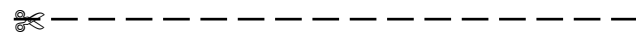
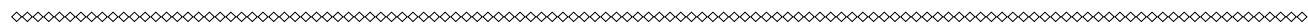
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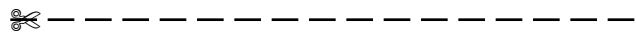
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