



Friends of the International Center,
at UC San Diego

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President's Message

As many of you may have gleaned, I love the holidays—not because of the wonderful foods consumed during this time (though this does not hurt!)—but because people do seem to adopt a gentler, kinder, and more inclusive disposition. And for an idealist like me, who still dreams of a utopia where everyone lives in a tolerant, just, and peaceful world, the realist in me knows that the holiday season is the closest I will come to experiencing this utopia on a grand scale.



The joy and wonder of the Friends of the International Center is that this small and mighty organization has created a daily utopia where people from around the world, many from countries at odds with one another, strike up friendships and overcome the many prejudices and stereotypes that we all experience through our native cultures. I recognize that our community is a self-selective group, likely to share more open viewpoints, but as **Marian Wright Edelman** (children's defense advocate) said: *We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we cannot foresee.*

Thank you to each and every one of our Friends volunteers and attendees at our Friends programs, at our recent Ethnic Dinner that took us on a Journey to Iran, and at our SoCal Winter Wonderland Friends Dinner Social, because it is through your individual participation that we are able to make small daily differences that will have rippling effects beyond what any of us might imagine. Thank you to the International Center and staff for their support in all that we do.

In my humble opinion, the Friends is a gift, and the best kind of gift—one that contains intangibles beyond the form of friendships! I would be remiss, if I did not ask that you please consider making a donation to the Friends, so that we can continue to help spread the message of goodwill for all mankind.

Wishing you a very joyful holiday!

Katya Newmark
presFIC@ucsd.edu

Friends Volunteers and
International Center Staff
are cordially invited to a festive
Holiday Lunch
Tuesday, December 9, Noon



Hurry, Hurry!
Reservation Deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 3.
Contact Elisabeth Marti at
kurtmarti@sbcglobal.net
or (858) 755-1408

Reminder

We invite all Friends of the International Center members to attend a Special Meeting to be held in the Oceanids Pavilion on Tuesday, December 9, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss and vote on bylaws changes. If you are unable to attend, please return the proxy statement, properly signed, that was mailed to all Friends members as part of the explanatory letter.



Christmas market in Göttingen, Germany, Marion Spor's hometown



December Calendar

- Dec. 2, 16: **Knit-Along**, 1:00-4:00
- Dec. 3, 17: **Family Orientation**, 9:15
- Dec. 3, 10, 17: **Wednesday Morning Coffee**, 10:00-Noon
- Dec. 3, 10, 17: **Gus' Table**, 10:00-Noon
- Dec. 5: Friends sponsor **International Café**, Noon-1:15
- Dec. 5, 12, 19: **Chat 'n Chew**, 10:00-Noon
- Dec. 9: **Board Meeting**, 10:00
- Dec. 9: **IC Holiday Lunch**, Noon
- Dec. 10: **Wednesday Coffee Cookie Exchange & Soup Lunch**, Noon
- Dec. 11: **Int'l Cooking Experience**, 9:30-1:00
- Dec. 20-Jan. 4: **Resale Shop closed**
- Dec. 24- Jan. 1: **International Center closed**

Weihnachtsmarkt at the Resale Shop

—by Marion Spors

The Holidays are a special time all over the world, but particularly in many places in Europe. Starting in early December, people gather at the Christmas markets to celebrate the cold season with distinct foods and hot drinks that will warm their body and soul. And the markets also offer a variety of gifts for those special to us. This year you do not have to travel far.

Come and join us for our German-style Christmas Market at the Friends Resale Shop. We will celebrate the holidays with cookies and warm cider, and we will showcase a selection of seasonal items and unique gifts from around the world.

- ❖ When? Wednesday, December 17 through Friday, December 19.
- ❖ Where? At the International Center in the Friends Resale Shop.
- ❖ Looking forward to seeing you there.

Of course, we hope that you will do some of your holiday shopping with us not only during these three special days. The Shop is open: Mondays through Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; however, do note that the Resale Shop will be closed from Saturday, December 20 through Sunday, January 4, 2015.

We are fortunate to have a loyal group of volunteers, including several new young internationals. Our current list of regulars: **Natalie Ania** (UK), **Alicia Boutonnet** (France), **Georgia Crowne**, **Justine Desan** (France), **Padma Dolma** (India), **Fran Doolittle**, Shop Co-Coordinator **Josie Foulks**, **Maria Foulks**, **Natasha Giusti** (a recent grad of Redlands University), **Louise Keeling**, **Joe Nichols**, **Renate Schmid-Schoenbein**, **Arti Sharma** (India), **Satomi Shobukawa** (Japan), **Jay Singer**, **Marion Spors** (Shop Coordinator and joyful decorator), **Yingtao Xie** (China), with **Cynthia Leal** and **Mike Wolber** working mainly in our storage area.

Season's Greetings from us all!

Meet Friends First Vice President: Jean Selzer

I'm **Jean Selzer** and I'm this year's new 1st Vice President of Programs. I'm not really sure what my position entails, as all the programs run very efficiently with phenomenal volunteer leaders who haven't needed any programming input from me.

However, I have attended several of the Friends dinners and found them to have wonderful food, a dedicated volunteer staff that I hope to become a part of, a great congenial atmosphere where I've talked to many people from different countries, and after-dinner speakers who have taken us to the High Andes in Bolivia and to islands in the South Pacific. Truly, interesting events, which I hope all of you will attend.

I am a proud military brat. My father was in the Navy and we had wonderful opportunities to live in Spain and Italy in the 1960s. Being stationed in those countries allowed me to experience those particular cultures and others when we traveled to different places. In fact, when we returned to the United States, I was not as much an American as a European. I was definitely "out of sync" with American culture.

My husband, **Jeff**, who is a pediatrician in La Jolla, and I first traveled to the Yucatan Peninsula and Cancun while we were dating. Two weeks in a foreign country where we kept speaking Spanish and French to people when we couldn't think of the Spanish words! That was quite funny.

We've backpacked in the Sierra Mountains on the John Muir

Trail; we've been to Hawaii (on our honeymoon); U.S. Virgin Island with our then 7-month-old baby son; Alaska (two times). We love all parts of Canada and have been to Kananaskis County, including Banff and Lake Louise (where we hiked on the Columbia glacier), Vancouver, Victoria, Ontario, Quebec City, Toronto, and Montreal.

Many of those places were with our two sons at various ages. We drove for four weeks with our sons around England, Scotland, and Wales; took a couple of Caribbean cruises with the requisite stops at St. Lucia, St. Maarten, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, and a cruise to Baja where we enjoyed having whales come very close to our small cruise boat.

We've been river rafting on the Salmon River in Oregon's Cascade Range, the Ocoee River in Tennessee, the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho, and an unforgettable raft trip in Costa Rica.



Jeff and Jean Selzer on their latest trip
in Slovenia

My husband and I went to Scandinavia last year on a **Rick Steves'** tour, and we enjoyed it so much that we just returned from the Best of Eastern Europe and Best

of the Adriatic with his organization. I can't praise his organization and tour guides enough. We had incredible trips both times.

My family has been friends with our President of Friends of the International Center, **Katya Newmark**, for many years, beginning when my youngest son was in 3rd grade, and we've gone on several international trips together. Our first trip was in 2004 to Nova Scotia and we traveled by car for three weeks around Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. That showed us that we could travel together, and our next trip was to Ireland in 2006. We again rented cars and traveled for three weeks around the Western side of the country, following the coast. In fact, our sons were even able to go surfing in Donegal County. Now how many California boys can say that? Another trip was to Turkey in 2011, and our last trip was in 2013, when we went to the Galapagos on a National Geographic/Lindblad Expedition. We are hoping for many more trips together.

Katya recruited me last year based on the fact that I am on the Jewish Family Services Behavioral Health Committee and I have been responsible for organizing the resource fair that the committee puts on annually in January at Temple Beth El. That position involves a lot of tenacity, organizational skills, cajoling skills, and so forth. Each year the Behavioral Health Committee sponsors speakers on Mental Health issues and I encourage all to go to that event in January 2015.

Wednesday Coffee Activities

Photos by Katya Newmark



International Kitchen
Mary Woo, Ginny Young, Macarena Galaz Painecura, and Alicia Boutonnet



Mommy/Daddy & Me class



Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Doug Shriner and Alice Blake-Stalker) enter the International Center lounge, December 2013



Wednesday crafters showing off their origami creations
Seated: Doris Sant'Anna, Hanae Kido, Yukie Magaki, Lucile Diebold, Elisa Postila
Standing: Justine Desan, Keiko Hirai, Penny Peng, Miyoko Inamura, Padma Dolma



Sooryeong Jung (who now also has a baby boy) with her daughter clutching the stuffed animal that she received from Santa. December 2013



Three of the many different stuffed animals our Wednesday Coffee group has been sewing to be presented by Santa this year

- ❖ Dec 3: *Baking Cookies*. By tradition, we will bake 5-6 different kinds of cookies to get ideas for the Cookie Exchange the following week.
- ❖ Dec 10: *Cookie Exchange, Santa's Visit, Soup Lunch*. Please bring four dozen homemade cookies and you will go home with 3 dozen assorted cookies for the holidays. The other dozen will be shared for dessert after our soup lunch that is free for all Coffee participants—yet another tradition!
Santa will pay a visit between the younger and older *Mommy/Daddy & Me* classes, and each child will receive a gift of one of our handmade stuffed toys.
- ❖ Dec 17: Last meeting before the holidays. If there's a pianist in our midst, we may sing carols, or we might do holiday crafts if we have a leader.
- ❖ Dec 24 and 31: No meetings; the International Center is closed.

Happy Holidays!

Gerogina Sham • Jennie Chin • Keiko Hirai • Lynn Jahn • Tashu Malik • Madelaine Rast • Doris Sant'Anna • Mary Woo
Alice Blake-Stalker • Uhood Al-Ali • Cheryl Garrett • Midori Iwamiya • Naoko Nakanishi • Tomoe Nakashima



Head chef Shohreh Karimaghaei with her husband, Arya Iranmehr, at practice dinner



Some of our scholarly waitstaff: Eileen Collyer from Chile, Laurent Fattet from France, Gautam Akiwate from India, and Sascha Duttke from Germany



Georgina Sham works on Iranian Dinner programs and is not in the least phased by having to run out for fresh cartridges at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the event



Friends scholarship recipient Haleh Yazdi is one among a number of Farsi speakers helping to prepare the Iranian meal



The trio of fearless leaders: Shohreh Karimaghaei, Liz Fong Wills, and Katya Newmark



It takes many to roll the more than a thousand tiny beef meatballs for *kalam polo*, a traditional Persian rice dish with meat and cabbage. Our “rollers” come from Peru, U.S., Iran, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Brazil



The finished *kalam polo*. Presented at each table on large platters, all dishes were served family style

A Dream and a Dream Team

—by Liz Fong Wills, Ethnic Dinner Chair

Our President **Katya Newmark** had a dream that our fundraising dinners could be more than just dinner and a travelogue. She envisioned a dinner that would showcase the rich culture of a people and their country. She chose Iran, because most of us know very little about it and have not traveled there, knowing only mostly negative things that we see in the media. Luckily for us, she had met some very charming UCSD grad students from Iran who are great ambassadors and helped her to realize her dream.

Our guide to Persian cooking was **Shohreh Karimaghaei**, a computer engineer by training and a photographer by interest, who also happens to be a fantastic cook. She is from Shiraz, and is married to **Arya Iranmehr**, an Iranian Ph.D. student in ECE. Assisting Shohreh was the biggest cooking crew that we have ever had, twice the size that we have had at some of our previous dinners. These included two new volunteers who were personal friends of Shohreh and an Iranian postdoc. We needed the large number because of the labor-intensive *salad olivieh* (grated potatoes!) and *kalam polo* (tiny meatballs the size of garbanzo beans).

Our “Dream Team” consisted of **Payam Aghasae** (an Iranian postdoc), **Dee Biller** (an American cooking instructor and caterer), **Darang S. Candra** (a Master’s degree student at IR/PS from Indonesia), **Jim**



Judith & Dan Muñoz and Ruth Newmark enjoy cocktail time in Oceanids Pavilion



Victor Dhooge, Jerry Fitzsimmons, Ajit Varki, Chris Wills



Priscilla Moxley, Laurette Verbinski, Maria Foulks, Josie Foulks



The tables are set with festive ribbon, gold platter under bouquet of flowers, dinner programs, and *kashk bademjan*, an eggplant, walnut, cheese dip appetizer



Arman Fazeli Chaghoooshi, President of the UCSD Cultural Iranian Student Association



Louise Engleman, Stuart & Carol Smith, Lou Adamo—four of the 110 people fed

Chase (an American who likes to cook), **Richard Chim** (a devoted volunteer and Ph.D. candidate from Hong Kong), **Yoan Eynaud** (an oceanography postdoc from France), **Keiko Hirai** (a longtime volunteer from Japan), **Elisabeth Marti** (a faithful helper originally from Switzerland), **Alicia** and **Jorge Meneses** (longtime volunteers from Peru), **Renate Schmid-Schoenbein** (always ready to pitch in where needed with roots in Germany), **Frederick Soldau** (La Jolla dentist and enthusiastic volunteer who likes to travel and eat), **Cindy Serrière** (French wife of the French postdoc), **Miracema Ueyoshi** (a Brazilian married to a Japanese), **Mira Vendler** (also a longtime Brazilian volunteer), and **Ginny Young** (a Chinese-American married to a Saudi and a Friend we can rely on for help).

In case you don't remember, the original "Dream Team" was the U.S. basketball team that won the gold medal at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, and was a phenomenon on and off the court. Our

Dream Team is a little different, but just as spectacular! As Katya put it: "Our dream team is decidedly shorter but no less mighty!"

We needed help in addition to the cooking. **Joan Adamo** took care of reservations. **Georgina Sham** did the name tags and programs with help from **Gail Fliesbach**. **Candace Kohl** was the artist who made the flower arrangements, using proteas from her garden and beautiful roses kindly provided by a friend. **Carol Smith**, **Stuart Smith**, and **Katya Newmark** recorded the event in pictures. The publicity was handled by **Kristine Kneib**.

Sekanjabin, a refreshing Iranian cucumber-mint drink, Shiraz wine, and sparkling water were served by **Matthew Costello**, **Jerry Fitzsimmons**, and Katya's and Matthew's daughter, **Danya Costello**.

Jennie Chin coordinated the waitstaff: **Gautam Akiwate** (Ph.D. student from India), **Eileen Collyer** (postdoc from Chile and a cook at our Andean Ethnic Din-



Asoka & Janine Mendis, Arya Iranmehr & Shohreh Karimaghaei, Jerry Linkon & Kay-Lan Foo, Yoan Eynaud, Cindy Serrière

ner), **Justin Costello** (an American third generation volunteer at the International Center), **Sascha Duttke** (Ph.D. candidate and 2013 *Ruth Newmark Friends Scholarship* recipient), **Laurent Fattet** (French postdoc), and **Wolfgang Moens** (a Belgian postdoc).

The fascinating after-dinner presentation was organized by **Arman Fazeli Chaghoooshi**, a Ph.D. student in ECE and head of the Iranian graduate student organization on campus. **Alireza Sarebanha**, an Iranian Ph.D. student in Structural Engineering, showed us his PowerPoint presentation with dazzling photos from all over Iran. A Ph.D. student



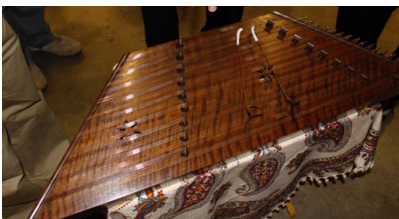
Alireza Sarebanha provides a photographic tour of Iran



Photos of two of many Iranian architectural wonders shown on the virtual tour
Door knockers indicate different entrance for women (left) and men (right)



An engrossed audience



Moein Khazraee and his santur

in Computer Science and Engineering, **Moein Khazraee**, amazed us by playing a santur, an ancient musical string instrument. The music's complex sounds and rhythms carried us back to the world of the Persian Empire. **Haleh Yazdi**, an Iranian-American and a 2014 Friends scholarship recipient, was invited to speak by **Ruth Newmark**. Haleh (who also helped in the kitchen) told us about how she spent the past summer in Iran doing cross-cultural research for her Ph.D. thesis in psychology.

Judging by the many comments, everyone agreed that the dinner and the presentations were wonderful. And we look forward to many other fundraising dinners at which we can not only raise money for scholarships, but raise the level of awareness of the attendees about little understood and often misunderstood parts of the world.

A Few Comments

"The evening was successful for all involved, attending and working alike."—**Elisabeth Marti**

"All the food was fabulous; Shohreh is surely a talented chef! The travelogue with all the beautiful pictures was fascinating; we learned so much about the country. The santur music was outstanding—beautiful and exotic."—**Janine & Asoka Mendis**

"I just want to take a moment to say how much I appreciate the opportunity you gave our Iranian people to show our culture. My warmest thanks for all of your hard work and outstanding contributions as a team for Ethnic Dinner Fall 2014. I know how much time and energy this work demanded, and I deeply appreciate all of your efforts to make the evening a great success."—**Shohreh Karimaghei**

"I enjoyed my whole day with the great group and really appreciate the photolog of everyone who helped; it will bring back warm memories of people, meatballs, and laughter."—**Ginny Young**

"When I first heard about Shohreh putting *kalam polo* on the menu, I said to myself: 'Why does Shohreh choose this dish, which is tricky to prepare?' But when I ate it, I was amazed, and can say that it was better than my grandmother's!"

Katya: Working with you and your lovely friends in Friends of International Center was a nice opportunity for us to meet you all and enjoy working together with you. I am glad that everything went as you had in mind, and I need to thank you again for giving us this opportunity to be unofficial ambassadors of Iran."—**Alireza Sarabeha**

"Thank you so much for organizing last night's wonderful Iranian dinner! It was a real pleasure to be invited to the event and to become better acquainted with the Friends of the International Center. I am so happy to have been welcomed into such a kind family, and I look forward to attending more events and meeting more friends."—**Haleh Yazdi**

Mark the Date



NEXT
ETHNIC DINNER
A CELEBRATION OF
CHINESE NEW YEAR
AND
FUNDRAISER FOR
FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Saturday, Jan. 31, 6:30
International Center

Friends Scholarships: Help Us Reach Our 2014-15 Goal of \$100,000

—by Ruth Newmark

Upon learning that SIO's **Mindi Summers**, one of the Friends 2012-13 scholarship recipients, had received her doctorate degree this June, several of us sent her a congratulatory note, to which I received this reply: "Thank you so much for the congratulations and well wishes! *I could not have completed my thesis without the Friends scholarship and I try to tell everyone I know about it (my italics).*"

From **Matt Guevara**, one of our undergraduates we heard: "I studied in England at the London School of Economics, one of the best universities in the world. I loved being a part of the huge and diverse city, and it's my goal now to return to work in London. After my studies, I backpacked through Western Europe for a month. I learned so much about the world and myself and definitely brought back a different world and life perspective. I appreciate all of the help the Friends of the International Center was able to give me, and I want to let you know that this entire life-changing experience would not have happened without you all."

In her May 2014 acceptance letter, M.D. candidate **Lindsey Youngquist** enthused: "Thank you! I am so grateful for this exciting news about the Friends of the International Center Scholarship. This scholarship will enable me to continue to carry out the research and service work in South Asia that I feel so connected to."

Notes like these inspire us to make the Friends scholarship program ever more meaningful to as many UC San Diego students as possible, first by raising increas-

ing sums of money, and second by strengthening our partnership with the University.

Thus, it was encouraging to receive confirmation from the Graduate Division, the School of Medicine, Student Affairs, the Financial Aid Office, and our own International Center's Programs Abroad Office that they are delighted to continue to partner with us on this important cause. "We very much value this partnership and appreciate all that

Dear Friends of the
International Center,

I cannot express my gratitude for your generosity, but I am going to do my best to sum up how I feel.

First of all, I must thank you all for the existence of the Friends. I thank you for your kind and giving hearts, knowing that you are making a special type of investment in the future of world changers.

I thank you for believing in me and investing in the adventure that I am going to be embarking on this fall to study at National Taiwan University. I am incredibly excited to gain friendships halfway across the world and to immerse myself in a culture incredibly different from my own.

Michael B. Jones

*Sixth College
International Studies/
Political Science major
(3.91 GPA)*

So Family Scholarship recipient

you do for our students" and "We are deeply grateful for the wonderful work of The Friends!" are representative of comments received.

With such strong University backing, and the generous support of our membership, the Friends Board hopes to substantially increase the number of scholarship awards this year.

Please help us in these efforts by attending our fundraising Ethnic Dinners and donating merchandise to and shopping at our Resale Shop. Of course, outright gifts of money are greatly appreciated, and we hope that you will respond favorably to our appeal.

As President **Katya Newmark** so powerfully put it in her end-of-year-giving letter:

- Because of **YOUR** donations, last year **YOU** were able to help 44 students realize their dreams of studying abroad, of gaining exposure to new cultures and people, and of undergoing transformative experiences.

- Students' expressions of gratitude fill our monthly *Newsletters* to remind **you** how much **your** donation and trust means to them.

- With **YOUR** help, this year we hope to make at least 50 students' dreams come true. **YOUR** donation will make so many dreams a reality.

By pooling our own and University resources, the Friends of the International Center hope to award \$100,000 in 2014-15 international scholarships.

That will be a milestone worth celebrating!.

SCHOLARSHIP LETTER

June 2014

Dear Friends of the International Center,

I hope all is well with the end of the school year and another round of international programs beginning. In 2013, I was one of the Friends scholarship recipients (Global Seminar, Math in Rome), and I wanted to check in with you and let you know how I am doing—how I'm using the experience you and others helped me to afford.

My experiences in Italy last summer have helped to embolden me in my pursuits, as well as to enlighten me regarding other cultures and people. Since that time I've been involved with a number of organizations, most notably as a study abroad ambassador through the STARS program at the International Center, and as a team member for the Global Water Brigades trip to Honduras during spring break. That last one was quite an eye opener.

This year was my last with UCSD. I am now going on to pursue my Ph.D. in biostatistics at the Harvard School

of Public Health. I hope to continue using my experience abroad in the future, with the idea of performing medical and disease research at an international level. My one goal is to help and affect as many people as possible in the most positive manner I can. These dreams have been made possible with the help of many, including you and others at the International Center. I can't thank you enough.

Sam Tracy

When I shared this note with Jim Galvin, director of Global Seminars, Jim responded: "Thanks so much for this update. Sam is an excellent example of what study abroad can do to help motivate students to achieve excellence. Thank you for the Friends continued support for study abroad in general, and Global Seminars in particular." — Scholarship Committee Chair

Donations

The Fall brought us a great number of donations, which must have kept the Friends Corresponding Secretary, **Elisabeth Marti**, busy with acknowledgments. We hereby thank our wonderful donors publicly.

Several people made extra donations when they made their reservations for the Iranian Dinner, a fundraiser for Friends international scholarships; others had different reasons. We are grateful to **Heli & Alan Hoffman, Danièle Rodé, David Jordan, Maryruth & Charles Cox, Alice McCauley, Ann Bowles, and Laurette Verbinski**.

Katherine Hodges, Miriam & Igor Gavrilkina, Ke Hu & Ke-Wei Zhao made their donations in memory of **Matilde Saslow**.

Carol & Stuart Smith made a handsome contribution to the *Smith Scholarship* that by their preference is earmarked for a graduate student in the sciences.

Katya Newmark & Matthew Costello and their children, **Danya**

and **Justin Costello**, made a most generous contribution to the *Ruth Newmark Scholarship* in celebration of the 63rd wedding anniversary of their parents and grandparents, **Ruth & Leonard Newmark**.

Renate Schmid-Schoenbein tells us about an unexpected and most welcome gift to our scholarship fund:

"The autumn of 2014 has been full of excitement for our longtime and legendary member **Luna Fung** and her husband, **Yuan-Cheng (Bert) Fung**: It was Luna's 92nd birthday, Bert's 96th birthday, and their 65th wedding anniversary!

"During their long lives, Luna and Bert continuously provided steady, creative, and inspirational leadership during UCSD's early growing years and beyond, each in their own way:

"Back in the late 1960s, while Bert was instrumental in founding the Bioengineering Program at UCSD, Luna became a most active

volunteer at the newly-initiated International Center on campus. She dedicated herself with passion to the English tutoring program, ethnic dinners and countless other social events; she served as the Friends' Co-Chair in the 1970s, and, together with her good friend **Lily Lin**, inspired the creation of the Resale Shop in 1981. Until just a few years ago, Luna still volunteered at the Resale Shop on 'her day,' every Friday morning.

"In order to celebrate Luna's and Bert's triple milestones, their children, **Brenda** and **Conrad**, put on a big party in honor of their parents. One major challenge was to come up with an appropriate birthday present for Luna, until Luna's friend and lunch club partner of many years, **K. C. Chien** (herself a Friends of the International Center life member), had a brilliant idea: K.C. invited the other lunch club members to make donations to the Friends Scholarship Fund

in Luna's honor. Soon, the donation drive took on a life of its own, with many other of Luna's and Bert's friends and colleagues sending in contributions. By the time of the celebration, a substantial amount was raised, allowing the Friends Scholarship Committee to establish a named *Luna Fung Scholarship*.

"The moment at the party when Luna received the poster announcing the *Luna Fung Scholarship*, her eyes lit up, and her smile indicated that she indeed appreciated this present.

"Thank you, Luna, for all you have done for the Friends, and a big thank-you to all who have made this tribute to Luna possi-



Luna and Bert Fung, 2010

ble: **Margaret & William Chang, Eileen & Ted Chen, Kuei-Mei & Joseph Chen, Annie & Peter Chen, Li & Koun Ping Cheng, Grace & I-Chung Chien, Kuang-Chung (K.C.) & Shu Chien, Sophie Chien, Agnes & Alexander Chuang, Kitty & Arnost Fronek,**

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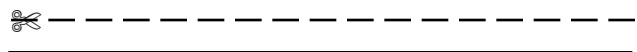
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