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Community Committee for International Students at Stanford University

CCIS Programs

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+ International Women's Circle + Loan Closet + Professional Liaison + Spouse Fund

Professional Liaison Program *--by Carolyn Gannon*

This year's Professional Liaison Program (PLP) had a special twist to it; rather than have a one-time meeting with a local professional person in their career field, several of the PLP applicants wanted to provide volunteer services in their field to a local company or organization.

What is the Professional Liaison Program? It's a CCIS program that provides spouses with an introduction to a person in their same professional field, giving them an opportunity to learn how his or her profession is practiced in the US and the Bay Area. Most PLP applicants have put their own professions on hold while their spouse is attending Stanford, and this program gives them a starting point for a local network in their field.

PLP applicants this year include:

- Fashion and costume designer from Germany
- System Analyst from Israel
- Human Resource Manager from France
- K-8 Teacher from Argentina
- Earth Sciences professor from China
- Medical doctor from Uruguay
- Pharmacists (two) from Taiwan and France
- Wedding Coordinator from Japan
- Aromatherapist from England
- High-School Language Teacher from Germany
- Educational Administrator from Korea



The "twist" this year is that the costume designer has become a valuable costume creator for TheatreWorks; one pharmacist is volunteering at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) pharmacy and is helping the second pharmacist through the process of getting her pharmacy permits and introducing her to volunteering at PAMF; and the medical doctor is volunteering several days a week at Stanford Hospital as a smoking cessation advisor. While creating volunteers is not a goal of the PLP, it has been a wonderful side benefit this year.

Many thanks to the many professional contacts who volunteered their time to meet with the PLP applicant, and many thanks to those who made professional contact referrals. The connections with local professionals will be remembered by each PLP applicant long after they leave Stanford. <>

NAFSA 56th Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland *—by Charlene Ward*

NAFSA is the leading association in the field of international education and exchange.

The Values statement is: "NAFSA's members

share a belief that international education advances learning and scholarship, builds respect among different peoples, and enhances constructive leadership in the global community."

More than 6,200 international educators, policy experts, leaders, and community programming individuals, representing 90 countries and the United States participated in this conference which included 190 learning sessions and numerous special events and programs. Plenary speakers were Dr. William E. Kirwan, Chancellor, University System of Maryland; Dr. Madeleine K. Albright, 64th United States Secretary of State; guest speakers Richard W. Riley, former Secretary of Education, Stephen Lewis, UN Secretary Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, and Jean-David Levitte, Ambassador of France to the US. It was an active and invigorating conference.

During this conference attendees involved with community programming met at various times to discuss individual programs. Dee Gustavson has attended many conferences; I have attended two with her, and we always hear other attendees state that CCIS, Stanford, has "set the standard" for community-based programs. They also give us new ideas. At a former conference, Dee heard about a University having potluck dinners for the community and international students and families, and another program as a venue for local and student musical talent. She and Chula Morel-Seytoux put the two ideas together



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A Note from your President . . .

It's time for me to say goodbye as my two-year term as President comes to an end on June 30. The new slate of officers for the 2004-05 year is:

John Heron, *President*
Betty Ogawa, *Vice President*
Dave Gustavson, *Secretary*
Carolyn Gannon, *Treasurer*



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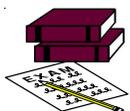
The last two years have been fun, fascinating, busy, and extraordinary. With all my heart I want to thank the Board members I have had the privilege to work with. They are all very dedicated and hardworking volunteers. These Board members and you make CCIS the successful organization it is and has been for 51 years.

Last year we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of CCIS with a Reception and a special program during our Annual Meeting, both in May. It took a lot of work from a lot of people but together we made it happen. I hope you have been into the I-Center to look at the "Decade Posters" hanging in the Back Lounge (one poster per decade in the life of CCIS and the I-Center). These posters tell the story of how one man's (Werner Warmbrunn) vision became an organization that is imitated and envied at nearly every other College and University in the United States and many countries around the world.

That seems like a pretty bold statement but I can attest to its being a fact, having just returned from the NAFSA 56th Annual Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland. NAFSA is the leading association in the field of international education and exchange. For more information about what NAFSA is and why we attend, please read the special article in this newsletter.

We began this year with the Community Advisors welcoming 508 international students and scholars/researchers. This total does not include their spouses and children. The Bus Tour (to U.C. Berkeley campus and San Francisco highlights) was sold out with a 25-person waiting list. The Homestay program arranged homes for all applicants, the English Classes were full every quarter, and the English-in-Action program is still busy matching international students or spouses with community volunteers, the Cooking Classes were all successful. All our programs had a good year. We brought in new volunteers from a talk that John Heron gave to a local Rotary Club. So this year has also been very busy for everyone.

Our programs continue to be useful and creative. That is not to say that we are standing still. This coming year John Heron will be working on some new and inventive ways of promoting CCIS and its programs to the community, also the Chairs of our programs are finding ways to improve each program. So with that thought in mind, I'd like to thank you all for your support during the last two years. One person can only do so much, but together anything is possible!



Thank you, and I'll miss you.

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NAFSA Honors I-Ctr. Director Pearson

CCIS is pleased and proud that at this 56th Annual NAFSA Conference, John Pearson, I-Center Director, was honored for his services currently on the Board of Directors of the NASFA Conference Planning Committee and other areas of service detailed below.

John's young son proudly helped him accept this award. Below is the text of the award:

Congratulations, John!

"SECUSSA is a NAFSA acronym which stands for "Section on US Students Abroad."



"There are many NAFSAns who give willingly of their time and knowledge, but far fewer who inspire others to new challenges and who lead with such warmth and good humor. This recipient of the Homer Higbee Award is a lifelong SECUSSAn who has expanded his scope and brings a big picture view to issues. He is known for his generous time devoted to mentoring others and for his quick wit. It is for his long list of contributions to NAFSA and NAFSAns that John Pearson is worthy of this award.

John's role as Director of Stanford University's Bechtel International Center gives him an excellent perspective on all aspects of the world of exchange and his service to NAFSA is extensive. He has chaired SECUSSA, the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Conference Planning Committee, he currently serves on the board of directors. He has played a key role in several important SECUSSA publications. These are only the high points. His real legacy is all those professional colleagues that he's helped over the years.

Perhaps as important as his service is the way he serves. He's never too busy to answer a phone call or an email. The heart of NAFSA is people who care about their colleagues, their students, their institutions and who in their own way work to make a contribution to international understanding. He influences with charm, humor and kindness. He gives to NAFSA in the same way Homer Higbee did – offering expert advice, service and mentoring without a lot of fanfare.

The association is a better place with his involvement. John is deserving of this honor."

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to form our very successful Potluck Music Nights once each quarter. I talked with an educator from Finland who said they have implemented a type of Homestay program that is well received. Another educator from Japan is trying to get a Hospitality program started. At one session Gwyn Dukes, I-Center Advisor to International Families, manned a table on "Family Programs," and it was crowded for the full 90 minutes with many ideas freely exchanged. Dee and I returned this year with renewed enthusiasm and new ideas. <>

Every year, between August and September, Bay Area residents can look forward to wonderful things. Late sunsets, warm weather, arts and wine festivals, people filling parks and backyards with delicious aromas from barbecues, and, as we get into September, the hustle and excitement of another school year. With the new school year, comes another annual ritual – a group of international students having a warm welcome into the homes of Bay Area families as their first experience in the US. There is the very popular Homestay program run by CCIS, a fun and easy way for Bay Area families to help Stanford’s international students get acclimated to the US and make new and often life long friends with young people from other cultures.

The goals of the Homestay program are very simple and appealing. It focuses on incoming Stanford international graduate students and scholars, particularly those who have not been to the US before and who have nobody locally who can provide them with a taste of life in the Bay Area. The Homestay duration is short, but during that time the student gets a ‘guided tour’ of day-to-day life in American families, a quick ‘how-to’ on the way things work here, and, most importantly, a chance to share his/her background with the family and build some long-lasting relationships. Most students find it a vastly richer and more positive experience than going straight to the dorm and never having the chance to learn about life outside the routines of the University. As for the host families, it gives them a chance to show a young student the best of America – its friendly people – and cross cultural borders to make a new friend.

There are many families who have participated in Homestay for several decades, and have great stories to tell. One had the wonderful experience of becoming such good friends with one of their students that they attended his wedding in India and were part of the ceremony! Another asserts that they have made lifelong friends with students from every continent and have someone to visit wherever they go. As for the students, their Homestay experience reduces their anxiety about how they will adjust to this new place and they have a lasting memory of the warmth and helpfulness of their hosts. One engineering student who had never traveled was amazed that he didn’t feel homesick at all because his Homestay family treated him like one of their own. A young couple (some graduate students come with their families) wanted to preserve the flowers their host gave them as a memento of the first and best experience in their time here. As one student from China put it, “American people are really very nice and hospitable and they shared so much with me”.

Participation in the program is very easy. Host families fill out an information sheet about themselves and their homes (pets etc.), and students fill out applications about their background and needs so we can make the appropriate matches. Students arrive sometime between the end of August and mid-September, and though they do not need full time help, the host families should be able to spend some quality time with their students for the three to five days that they will be with them. If you are interested in this program please send an email to homestay@CCISStanford.org

English In Action —by Joyce Garbutt

WANTED:

Several women volunteers (who will be at home this summer) are needed to take an English In Action partner. Currently there are only seven, all women: two post-docs, one grad student, and four spouses. Several of these have specifically requested women partners. Please help make this year’s matching a 100% success!

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Loan Closet —with YOUR help

WANTED:

In early September your volunteer help is requested and needed in organizing the Loan Closet prior to arrival of the new graduate students. When students can move into their on-campus housing the tempo increases and more help is needed to work with each person who wants to borrow from the Loan Closet by listing the items each chooses on a provided form along with the student’s name and campus address. It’s not a difficult job, but each loanee needs individual attention.

The Loan Closet can always use more blankets, pillows, irons, toasters, study lamps (*not high intensity*), dishes, rice cookers, etc. in good condition.

To volunteer or donate, call Mid (321-4026) or Chula (366-1407).

Things I've wanted to know:

NAFSA: used to stand for “National Association of Foreign Student Advisors,” but since the organization has expanded it is now named: **NAFSA: Association of International Educators.** “NAFSA” is no longer an acronym but was kept for a symbolic purpose.



Dave & Dee Gustavson

CCIS board members welcomed community members, visitors, and volunteers at the **International Festival** on May 8. Many people came to hear the outstanding entertainment presented by the international student organizations in the big white tent. Board members who staffed the CCIS table at the festival were Dave and Dee Gustavson (Secretary and Activities Chair, respectively), Usha Sekar (Homestay Chair), Chula Morel-Seytoux (Loan Closet), Ann Rutherfordale (Spouse Education Fund), John Heron (Vice Pres.), and Bernie Greenburg (Community Advisors).

About 35 people, some wearing traditional dress or accessories of other countries, attended the **Potluck/Music Night** held at the I-Center on Sunday evening, May 16. David Giovacchini and Joe Bettencourt, two musicians from the AHL-I-NAFS group, presented the musical program. They provided new and interesting musical sounds by fusing elements of jazz, electronic, and world musics, combining improvisation with electronic dance rhythms.



Left, Incoming President John Heron, below (back view), Outgoing President Charlene Ward. Outgoing I-Center Hostess, Buki Papillon, and graduate students at right volunteered information about their experiences in International Center and CCIS programs. Relating incidents regarding the welcome they felt through I-Center outreach, they also indicated the likelihood that each will become an agent for change when they return to their home countries. <>

Charlene Ward,

Outgoing President and Volunteer

Charlene has just completed a two-year marathon as president of the Community Committee for International Students (CCIS) at Stanford, which included organizing and carrying out the celebration of CCIS 50 years existence. But that's not all; she's been a lifelong volunteer in varied areas such as Home School Association, PTA, Soccer Mom, Little League, Basketball, and Project Read with the Menlo Park Library helping adults learn to read. She first learned of the CCIS and the International Center while walking with a friend in a group called "Walkie Talkies." That's how she met Darlene Jones, a volunteer English Teacher at the I-Center. Darlene's volunteer work inspired her to find out more about the International Center. Charlene's first volunteer work with CCIS was as part of a team to start a new CCIS program called "Professional Liaison" the work of which is detailed on the front page of this newsletter by Carolyn Gannon. Charlene says she will stay involved with all parts of CCIS but, for now, she will spend a bit more time with her husband and her neglected garden. Thanks, Charlene, for all you do! <>

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- Aug. 5 CCIS Board Retreat
- Aug. 7 Potluck/Bar-B-Que Saturday, 6PM, I-Center
- Sept. 13-26 Community Advisors Orientation of incoming Graduate Students, 9 AM--5PM, Mon.--Fri.
- Sept. 27 First day of classes

You are invited to attend the Potluck Picnic & Bar-B-Que at Bechtel International Center on **Saturday evening, August 7** at 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish of food to share. Also bring meat or vegetables for your family if you wish to barbeque. Drinks and table service will be provided. Community people, internationals, children...all are welcome. There is no charge. If you have questions, you may contact Dee Gustavson at:

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