



Meet Hani! Hyun Kyung Doh

by Dolly Verplank

Hani came to Stanford in July of 2013 with her husband who is a Ph.D. student in the Mechanical Engineering Department. They live in Escondido Village. She had been to the U.S. once before for a short three week vacation in Virginia. This five-year period was to be a new adventure.



She left a lot behind her when she came here. Her family and friends are in Korea and she left two jobs. She was a professional performer of traditional Korean music and she worked with her mom in a custom catering business. The meals were not 'everyday' meals, but were often ordered for special celebratory situations like birthdays or anniversaries. They were individually prepared and artfully packaged.

In her musical life, Hani has played the Komungo, a Korean traditional string instrument, since she was 12 years old. She played in middle school and high school. Both schools

were competitive to enter, well known and supported by the government so as to maintain the interest and practice of traditional music.

For four more years, Hani continued her musical studies earning her degree at the Korean National University of Arts. She performed with the Seoul Metropolitan Youth Traditional Music Orchestra as well as volunteering with a small group of musicians "to introduce Korean music to older citizens" in the community. She expressed a real passion to share music with those who would otherwise have little chance to hear it.

What has Hani been up to since her arrival? She has been so active--a wonderful example to other spouses. Arriving in July meant that there were no classes going on at Bechtel. However, she jumped right into Friday Morning Coffee (FMC). It was tough to go into a group situation feeling "little confidence in English". The amazing thing she did was to convince herself to go up to a group and ask, "May I join you?" She reports that people always welcomed her and were friendly, giving her "courage" to do that again and again. Hani showed me a notebook or journal in which she prepares sentences and phrases which she practices to use in English speaking situations. She rehearses! What a great idea! Now she is comfortable at FMC—comfortable enough that coffee volunteers can ask HER to talk with other newcomers to make them feel more comfortable. She has good friends to meet on Fridays, even though it was such a challenge at first.

FMC offered another special opportunity to Hani. She met a spouse from China who also plays a traditional instrument, the erhu. The two agreed to perform together at the Bechtel celebration of International Women's Day. In a very short time, these two professional musicians learned a traditional song from China and one from Korea and played beautifully together. A Beatles song followed

the two traditional songs, much to the enjoyment and surprise of the audience.

Hani reports being very impressed that there are many free programs here for internationals to learn English. She has benefited from meeting with her EIA partner and studying with her Palo Alto Adult School class. She describes herself as making a "really good adjustment" although it was hard at first.

Love of cooking in Korea inspired Hani to take cooking classes at Bechtel. She enjoyed Bob Paugh's class on American cooking. She loved learning English in that context, as well as learning about American cookware and typical dishes. Here was born the inspiration to teach her own class. To gain self-confidence, however, Hani wanted to have more experience observing how cooking classes were taught in the U.S. She applied for a grant from Spouse Education Fund to take a series of classes at Sur La Table.

In December, 2013, the Spouse Education Fund awarded Hani with a grant to take a class that would enhance and broaden her experience here. Her classmates at Sur La Table

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Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 12

4:00 – 6:00

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President's column

Carolyn Gannon



It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as CCIS president for the past three years—thank you all for this experience! The “job” involved working personally with each dedicated CCIS Board member, with John Pearson and his staff at the Bechtel International Center, with many CCIS volunteers and lots of international students, spouses and scholars.

For nearly thirty years, ever since becoming a CCIS Hospitality volunteer in 1985, I have felt the vitality and connection that CCIS and the I-Center share with the international community at Stanford. If possible, the energy and connection has seemed even stronger in recent years. Perhaps it is the level of openness that seems higher among the international students and spouses; maybe it is the sense of closer bonds and coordination between CCIS, the I-Center, and international spouse-run programs. All of us, I believe, are very lucky to be able to contribute our time and support. We each make a lasting impact on Stanford international students and their families, as they do us. As a result, many of us are developing life-long friendships.

During my tenure as CCIS president, I've appreciated the opportunity to reach a wider audience of internationals and volunteers by developing the current website, by highlighting CCIS's long history with the CCIS Timeline created by Saskia Jogler and Silvia Koch, and having illustrious Stanford international graduates who fondly recall CCIS and Bechtel as keynote speakers at Annual Meetings.

I hope you will come to the May 12th CCIS Annual Meeting to vote on officers for next academic year and to hear the inspiring words of three speakers: MaryAnn Saunders, long-time co-chair of CCIS English Classes; Philippe Leroy, MD and GSB class of 2015; and Professor Ruzena Bajcsy, Stanford Ph.D. '72, renown leader in Artificial Intelligence and family friend of the Ginny Spears family since 1967.

With gratitude,

Carolyn

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were fast talking Americans, like the professional teacher, but Hani rose to the challenge and truly enjoyed it. She was happy to learn about “American ways of cooking chicken, seafood, risotto, and steak”. After experiencing this class, Hani was ready for her own class. During Spring quarter, Hani will teach her own four session class in Korean cooking at Bechtel. Her “mission” is to introduce simple Korean cooking using ingredients that can be easily found in ordinary local markets.

It is impressive that Hani has accomplished so much in just eight months. What about the rest of her stay here? She talks about her interests going beyond just music. She enjoys the variety of people she meets at Bechtel as well

as through her husband and his engineering friends. Hani is thinking about focusing her interests on cooking and food because those topics are more widely interesting than the specialized area of music. Because she cannot work here, she imagines her five years will be “volunteering years”. Her goals include continuing to improve her English, as well as having a child in the near future. She is considering the idea of teaching cooking with children, while she is here or when she returns to Korea.

We are glad that Hani is here visiting. She offers us so much and is a true inspiration to other visiting spouses.

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As we move towards the close of another academic year I would like to take this opportunity to honor a CCIS volunteer who was not only involved with CCIS for many years but whose caring for international students and their families will be remembered through donations to the Spouse Education Fund and to programs for families of international students and scholars. For over 20 years, Jane Reber volunteered at the Bechtel International Center as an English in Action Volunteer. As her children noted, Jane "worked with many foreign students and helped them develop their vocabulary and, most of all, their confidence. As a result, she got to know numerous students personally and they remained friends long after they left the program. She even visited several of them in Southeast Asia and got to know their families." We know that is not an uncommon experience for CCIS members. Jane was also a photographer, world traveler, and her family's genealogist. She had a lifelong passion for learning about the arts, foreign languages, and keeping current with technology. She lived life to its fullest by following her favorite saying, "If you rest, you rust."

Jane sadly passed away in November of 2011. Jane's children contacted me to offer a donation in her honor. As her daughter Rori, wrote, "Due to the long relationship she had with the Center, and the special place it had in her heart and her life, we would like to make a donation in her honor. We'd like to remember the many years she volunteered at the International Center and the meaningful friendships she made."



Jane Reber

This is such a nice gesture not just for the support we can now offer through the Spouse Education Fund and to families or international students and scholars but also because of the sentiment expressed by Rori. It gives us pause to reflect that in the very hectic world in which we live that the friendships made between CCIS members and our international students and scholars are both meaningful and lasting.

With best wishes,

John

CALENDAR

Monday, May 12, CCIS Annual Meeting, 4:00 P.M.

Friday, May 23, Friday Morning Coffee Spring Swap - 10:00 A.M.

Monday, June 9, CCIS Board Meeting, 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, June 24, English Classes begin for summer

Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 2015 Officers take office

CCIS Annual Meeting

Dr. Ruzena Bajcsy, the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting, will speak on the topic: My Life and how Stanford University, the Bechtel International Center and CCIS helped shape me. She is a pioneer scientist in



Artificial Intelligence and was a 1967 CCIS Homestay student.

She was born in Czechoslovakia in 1933. Her father was a civil engineer and her mother a teacher, who died when Ruzena was three years old. The family was Jewish and although her father converted to Catholicism, when they still were in danger, it didn't always work. For several years they were protected because her father's skills were needed by the government, but when Nazis took control in 1944, her parents were taken. Ruzena and her sister became orphans under the care of the Red Cross.

Growing up she was caught in all the turmoil that took place in Czechoslovakia during the Cold War. As an excellent student, education was the way ahead for her. With a master's and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering she began research in the very early days of computers. In 1967, she came to Stanford for continued study, but when the Russians invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968, she was unable to return home.

Although we would like to tell more of her story, respect for the copyright of the source of our information prevents us. You can, however, read the source yourself on-line. It is a fascinating interview she made in 2002, with Janet Abbate for The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc. http://www.ieeeahn.org/wiki/index.php/Oral-History:Ruzena_Bajcsy

Also speaking at the Annual Meeting will be John Pearson, Bechtel's Director; Mary Ann Saunders, Co-Chair of the CCIS English Classes; and Philippe Leroy, an international graduate student.

Officers for 2014 – 2015 will be elected.

60th Anniversary of CCIS Brings Sadness As Well as Celebrations

It is with appreciation for all that our early leaders have done—their wisdom and pragmatic commitment has deeply influenced CCIS—that we wish to recognise the recent loss of some of our most valuable members.

In Memory of Don Granholm

Don had an active career as a lifelong educator. He served as a science teacher and principal at several high schools in Washington state before moving to California in 1956. He taught chemistry at both Cubberley and Palo Alto High School for over 20 years.

"Don and his wife Mary shared a passion for building international relations, especially one person at a time. Their hosting of international students began while their son Dean was in high school, with a one-year stay by Ethiopian exchange student Eabisa Guteta, who with his family remains a close part of their circle. For many years thereafter they opened their home to students through the CCIS where Don was an active volunteer. He served on the SEF committee for several years, hosted at the I-Center's reception deal, and taught in CCIS's English program.

Don and his family were not the kind to sit

around doing nothing. In addition to volunteering for Homestay his wife, Mary Granholm, also served as president of the United Nations Association in Palo Alto and of the AAUW.

In their wide-ranging travels throughout the world, Don and Mary often stayed at the homes of families whose children they had hosted. Don's photographs of their travels are legendary, demonstrating both his eye for beauty and the spirit of friendship that he and Mary fostered on their adventures together."

In Memory of Lee Harwood

A longtime CCIS member and leader who, with her husband, Wilson Harwood, was active in entertaining many international students in their home here over several decades. The couple shared many interesting experiences living around the world in Egypt, the Philippines, Kuwait, Peru, and England. Wilson worked with SRI International and other organizations, and maintained an active interest in world affairs as well as their friendships with international students. The Harwoods moved to the Sequoias 27 years ago, and are survived by their three children,

five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Lee, age 88, ziplining in Mexico

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CCIS Associates share memories at their luncheon

The Associates are a group of former Board members who wish to keep in touch with the latest happenings within CCIS and at the I-Center, and who continue to support the CCIS and enjoy renewing their friendships from their years together in the organization. This group was envisioned as a way to insure the continual renewal of leadership within the organization, and yet to maintain contact with former leaders who are no longer as active. The Associates meet two to three times a year to get an update from the I-Center director and CCIS president, and to hear a speaker on a topic of international interest. Current board members often join them, enjoying the chance to continue their friendship. At this Associates meeting the group heard reminiscences from three current CCIS members whose parents were active in CCIS, and whose lives were enriched by frequent contacts with Stanford's international students when they were growing up. (Photos are on page 6.)

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Lee Harwood will be remembered in CCIS for her vivid, lively spirit, her bright and inquiring mind, and her warm interest in and hospitality for Stanford's international students.

In Memory of Jane L. Reber

In 1989, our mother began volunteering with the English-in-Action program as a tutor. Little did she know this would blossom into an integral twenty-two-year relationship with her students, spanning multiple countries and much travel.

Each year she helped spouses develop their vocabulary, and most importantly, their confidence. As a result, she got to know numerous students personally, and they remained friends long after they left the program. She kept in touch and visited several students of the English-in-Action program in South Korea and Japan and got to know their families.

The beauty of this program was that it enabled her to mentor, discuss current affairs and ultimately forge lasting friendships. She was a dedicated world traveller and passionate photographer—what a perfect combination of mentorship, friendship and profession.

She got more than she gave from supporting the confidence and development of so many of the students and spouses. It was rewarding to her to see them build their speaking confidence—one of the more challenging aspects of learning English.

Our family has donated to the CCIS and I-Center to provide programs, services and educational grants to Stanford international spouses and families in Jane's name for many years to come as a loving tribute to our mother and the many years and relationships that began there. She loved being a part of the program and looked forward to her new student

matches and the weekly meetings. We hope it inspires others as much as it did for her and for many years to come.

Sheldon, Rori and Kate Reber

In Memory of Ginny Spears

Ginny Spears' involvement with the CCIS spanned its entire 60-year history, from the founding in 1953 through the Holiday Luncheon last December, which she attended at age 97. She and her family took great pleasure in opening their home to international students from Stanford, and many of them became life-long friends, sending their children and grandchildren to visit the Spears family over the years. Their three sons benefitted from their early familiarity with people from around the world, and son Bob continues as an active CCIS member and homestay host.

Ginny and Andy Spears met as students at Stanford, and married after his graduation from law school in 1940. After a few years in Long Beach, Seattle and San Francisco, they moved back to Palo Alto in 1947 and became active members of the local community. With her warm-hearted spirit, generosity and outgoing nature, Ginny first became active in student exchanges through the American Field Service and served on the board of the Mid-Peninsula YWCA for many years. would be drawn towards the CCIS when it was founded in 1953. She became a valuable leader of the organization and lent her considerable energy, enthusiasm and good will to the CCIS in many capacities – president, problem solver, creator of new programs, and more.

Former I-Center staff member Gwyn Dukes shares these memories:

"Ginny was the CCIS president when I first joined the staff of the I-Center, and I've been

fortunate to have kept in touch with her through all these years. She was full of energy and life and fun, and a much loved and admired leader within the CCIS. She had a wonderful way with people, and gave so much of herself to the international students and to the CCIS. Ginny had great generosity and warmth, and was a joy to be with. She often went "beyond the call of duty". I'll never forget the time we needed to feed a busload of international students I was taking on a ski trip (and wondering what to feed them all!), and Ginny showed up with a huge pot of home-made spaghetti sauce to cover our first meal in the mountains!"

That's the kind of person she was!"

"In addition to serving as president during two different decades, Ginny played a major role in establishing the Spouse Education Fund (SEF) in 1985. The I-Center director, Lee Zeigler, asked her to be the first chair of the Spouse Education Fund Committee of the CCIS, and she led the team in setting the guidelines for this program. I had the pleasure of working with Ginny and the SEF Committee to launch the program and see it through its formative period. This year, to honor her memory, we are creating a Ginny Spears Award as part of the Spouse Education Fund."



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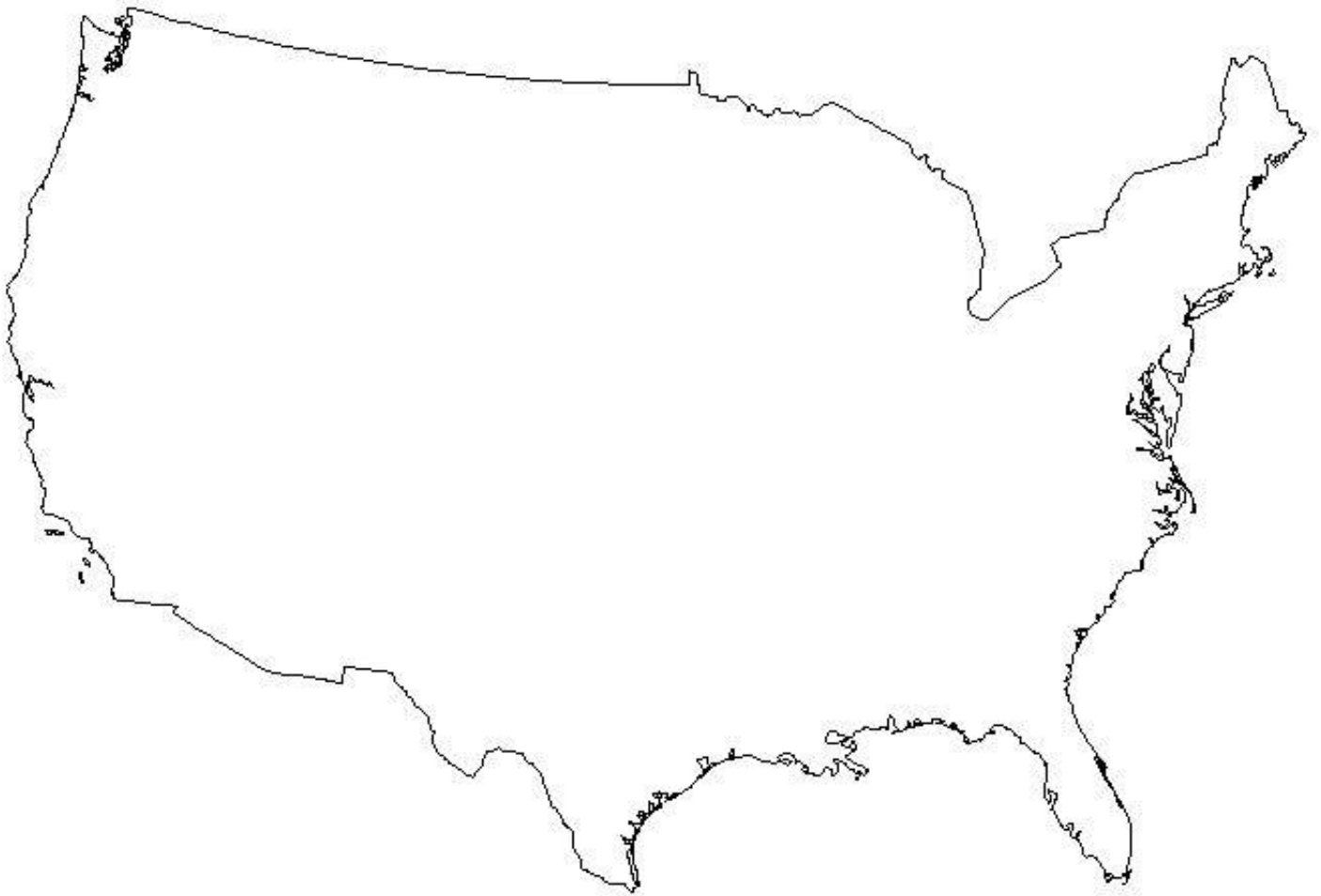
This page is for English in Action volunteers, and maybe a few from Hospitality. The idea is to give some suggestions of topics you might want to discuss with your English in Action partner. Not all of EIA is vocabulary and grammar, and, hopefully, old war stories.

Our partners travel around California and the West looking for specific locations on their GPS. It's like parachuting in without the area reference that a good road map will give you. Perhaps an appreciation of some general American geography would be helpful. A detailed map of the U.S. occupies the next page. As reference it may help locate some of the features that can be put on these maps. You can also Google **mountains of the USA** for a good collection of printable maps.

Map 1. • label water boundaries: Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico. If you can, mark in the Great Lakes and label them.

- draw the outline and label the following mountains: the Appalachian chain and the Rockies. Sierra Nevada and Cascades aren't labeled on the detailed map, but you can mark them if you like. Also the Coast Range.
- a good question to ask your partner is, "What do they see on the map?" You may be surprised at what they see. If they have a hard time getting started, you can ask them to compare the east and west coasts. Bays and river estuaries are sparse out west. How might that affect ship building, trade, and fishing?
- You can also compare the size of Long Island in New York with the puny islands off California's coast. It stretches from New York harbor to the eastern border of Connecticut, 118 miles. It is larger than Ireland, Jamaica, and Hokkaido. It is bigger than Rhode Island. The population in 2012? 7,686,912. As a state it would be 13th in population. In contrast, the most famous California island, if not the biggest, is Catalina—twenty two by eight miles—had a 2010 population of 4096. The biggest of the Channel Islands is Santa Cruz at twenty-two by roughly four miles. It stands out on this map south of Santa Barbara. ☺ Santa Cruz is controlled by the National Park Service and the Nature Conservancy.

Maps 2 and more will come in future newsletters.





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