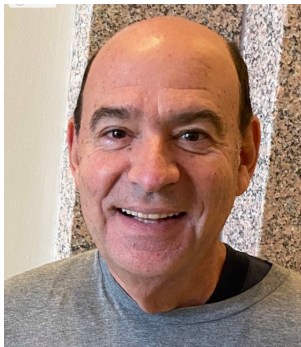




CCIS NOTES

January/February 2025

CCIS volunteers continue to serve international graduate students, visiting scholars and their families at Stanford University. Read about some of our programs and events!



"Notes at the Top"

Jeff Greenwald - President of CCIS

Come- Join the CCIS Board!

We appreciate all our community members who volunteer 2-10 hours per month of their time to help build "community" for our Internationals and our Postdocs. They support our 11 programs serving the 1350 International students, their spouses and families.

We have a few openings on our board. Please email me if you might be interested- Jeff Greenwald- president@ccisstanfordu.org to introduce yourself! Or pop by any Wednesday morning at 10:30 am in the Bechtel Center for the International Spouses Coffee, held each week. Let's chat over a cup of coffee and have one of Bob's special coffee cakes that he bakes each week.

By serving on the Board, running a program, or contributing to our Stanford scholar families, you just might make your own community a little friendlier!
.....And in case you were wondering what our 11 CCIS programs are.....

Arriving at Stanford:

- (1) Homestay
- (2) Community Advisors
- (3) Loan Closet

Living in America:

- (4) English classes
- (5) English in Action
- (6) Hospitality

Getting Together:

- (7) Global Chefs
- (8) Spouses Coffee

For Spouses:

- (9) Spouses Education Fund
- (10) Career and Job Search
- (11) Professional Liaison

.....Got an idea for a 12th program? Let's chat!

in friendship-

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Thanks for being a part of CCIS and supporting our
International Community at Stanford.

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INTERNATIONAL SPOUSE COFFEE **Wednesday Morning Fun**

The International Spouse Coffee is a fun time for spouses and members of CCIS to gather together, especially when a special theme can be featured.

This program is an ideal opportunity for internationals and local residents to meet other and learn about programs, events and helpful resources in the Bay area. This weekly event is co-sponsored by CCIS and the Bechtel International Center.

The group needs more coffee/tea cups. Please join the fun and bring a cup or two!



Valentine's Day Fun

Hearts were the theme for the Valentine's Day celebration. Participants had fun posing with the cutout panel.

The next special celebrations will be commemorating the following-
International Women's Day - Wednesday, March 5
Nowruz - March 19

Meet Reg Ford

A new board member joined CCIS last fall- Reginold Ford as the Vice President. Using his own words as an introduction he states-

Few places could have been a better setting for childhood than the wooded hills of the Hudson Valley, few public schools as good as Chappaqua's for introducing math, history, literature, and science to a young mind. Then Yale, UC Berkeley, University of Virginia, Stanford, SRI International. Cynthia and I married shortly after graduating college, and both made careers in computer technology at SRI, working with multi-national project teams. Favorite places include art museums and concert venues in European cities and gardens in the English countryside. On-line video courses make it easy to live the life of a perpetual student in retirement, including music theory, AI, medical science, art history, world history. Current projects include gardening while listening to audiobooks in the wooded hills above Redwood City, learning electric guitar, CCIS English-in-Action, and now the broader CCIS community.

We welcome Reg and are thankful for his interest in contributing to the board and the CCIS community.



Remembering Karen McNay

The board recognizes the passing of a great supporter of CCIS- Karen McNay. This newsletter article is not a long enough tribute to her dedication to CCIS and the many activities that she lead.

Former board member Karin Meiswinkel states that "Karen was a unique powerhouse. She gave so much to the community. There were multitudes of



wonderful internationals that she took under her wing."

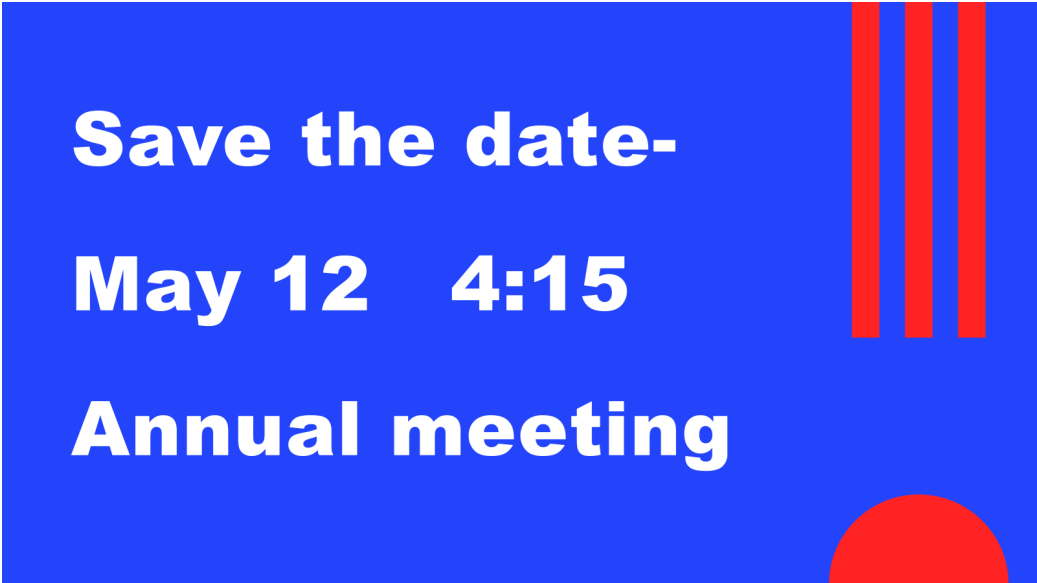
"Although Karen's official CCIS roles were focused on the arrival period for new international students, her home was a year-round home-away-from-home and hangout for the students that she had hosted and their friends.

It gave Karen great pleasure to welcome them, and to forge friendships with their parents, as well. And they were all eternally grateful and returned her love and generosity" Gwyn Dukes wrote in a condolence letter to the family of Karen.

Karen hosted many students and guests for great Thanksgiving dinners. Her generosity, kindness and caring created a real community of Stanford international students.

For many years she served as the Chair of the Homestay program. Karen carefully matched international students with host families to ensure a great experience for both participants. Later she became the leader of the CCIS Community Advisers, helping newly arrived students learn about local resources and activities.

CCIS would not be the organization that it is today without the many years of support from Karen McNay.



Save the date-
May 12 4:15
Annual meeting

A word from the editor

As the newsletter editor, I hope you will enjoy learning more about what's happening at CCIS. Your feedback is welcome--send an email to notes@ccisstanfordu.org.

Pamela Baird

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