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Dr. Brian Hu presented "Taiwanese American Film Directors" in Culture & History Lecture on 4/1/15



TACC senior choir performed at TAHW opening night

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Dr. Chen Chiu-Shan talked about TACC Bridge Club in April Life--experience Seminar



Dr. Huang Mei-Yun presented "Appreciation of Taiwanese Language" in Culture & History Lecture on 4/22/15

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Professor Harrod Chen talked about "Conjoined Twins: A Fascinating Story" in 4/25/15 Understanding Science Lecture Series



Professor Liao Ping-Hui talked the book titled "The Big Fat Surprise" on 6/6/15 Book Club



Hiking Club members at Torrey Pine State Reserve and beach on 6/20/2015



Panelists talked about their traveling experience in June Life--experience Seminar



An H. Sun talked about "Technology Stocks" in 6/7/15 Investment Club

# 2015 San Diego Taiwanese American Heritage Week Reports



Professor Liao Ping-Hui talked about "Memorable Moments in Taiwanese Cinema History"

Taiwanese community of Greater San Diego area celebrated its 2015 Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) from May 16th to May 23rd. During this week-long celebration, all programs were held in the facility of Taiwanese American Community Center (TACC). At the opening ceremony in the evening of May 16, Mrs. Song-Mei Peng was honored and received the "Kuan Chen Memorial Mother of the Year" award. In addition, six high school seniors in San Diego area: Maggie Chen (Rancho Bernardo HS), Aurora Espinora (Patrick Henry HS), Christina Mansoor (El Cajon Valley HS), Liza Megally (San Pasquel HS), Quoc Nguyen (Crawford HS), and Terry Shih (Westview HS) received the TAFSD High School Scholarships. This year's "Taiwan Award", one of the top prizes in the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair, was awarded to Anthony Kang of Canyon Crest Academy. After the award ceremony, a special concert "Our Songs" coordinated by Carol Ou Lin and Song-Mei Peng highlighted the opening night event. The performance included TACC senior choir, hip-hop dance by Freeman Kuo, Quintet performance led by pianist, Professor Ching-Ming Cheng and violinist, Mr. Paul Lee and finally the KaraOK duet and sing along.

Other programs of the TAHW celebration included the forever popular annual Taiwanese Food Bazaar, Taiwanese movies showcase, and a special History & Cultural seminar by Professor Liao Ping-Hui.

In the closing ceremony on May 23rd, a Presbyterian pastor Omi Wilang from Taiwan kicked start the ceremony with a seminar about the current status and the future of Taiwanese aborigines. After the talk, a concert performed by "Taiwanese Aborigines Culture Tour" group. The performance included dance, musical instruments, and songs from different aboriginal tribes. The audience was totally engrossed by the profound beauty of their native languages and music and concluded this year's Heritage week in a high note.

## Edward Teh-Chang Cheng 1946 – 2015 By Wendy Cheng

Edward Teh-Chang Cheng (鄭德昌) was born on November 23, 1946 in Pingtung, Taiwan and passed away on May 31, 2015, in Rancho Santa Fe, California. He was the fifth of six children born to Cheng Shui-Ping (鄭水平), an architect, and Li Tsai-Ying (鄭李財英), a homemaker. As a child, he loved to eat bananas, and did very well in school, despite skipping it occasionally to go watch movies with his best friends. Although his mother wanted him to go to medical school, he selected nuclear engineering as his first choice instead, and was accepted at Tsinghua University in Hsinchu. During his senior year there, he reluctantly woke up early one morning at the coaxing of a friend to go help coach a pretty, freshman physics major, Shu-Ching (賴淑卿), in tennis. It turned out that she did not need any coaching from them; however, the moment he saw her, he would say later that he knew "something would happen." They were both active in the mountaineering club, of which he was the founder and captain, and climbed some of the highest mountains in Taiwan. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in nuclear engineering from Tsinghua, completed his compulsory military service, and left for the United States to enroll as a Ph.D. student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in August, 1972.



He and Shu-Ching were married in June, 1973. Their son, Eric Hauh (鄭皓), was born in 1975, followed by a daughter, Wendy Hsin (鄭昕), in 1977. While living in Madison, he and Shu-Ching were also active in the Wisconsin Taiwanese Association, of which he served as president from 1975-1976. He completed a dissertation on fusion

energy, “Application of Variational Methods to Fusion Reactor Blanket Studies,” under the guidance of Professor Bob Conn, and earned a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering in 1976. He had wanted to become a professor, but his leadership in the Taiwanese Association put him on the Kuomintang blacklist in Taiwan, and opportunities in the US for a foreign candidate in a highly specialized field were scarce. Instead, he accepted a job with General Atomics as a research scientist, and the family moved to San Diego in August, 1978, driving from Wisconsin for ten days with two young children and Shu-Ching’s brother, Jen-Jong, in the car as well. The family lived first in Clairemont, and then moved to the coastal, North County suburb of Del Mar in 1981. In 1987, they moved to Rancho Santa Fe, where they would stay. Edward especially loved the privacy and the orange grove in the Rancho Santa Fe house.

During these years, Edward was part of the international fusion research community and made many friends. He attended numerous international conferences and symposia and visited most of the leading nuclear energy research centers in the world. A trip to Berlin soon after the fall of the Berlin Wall in particular made a strong impression on him. In 1987, martial law was finally lifted in Taiwan, and in 1989, Edward and Shu-Ching were able to return to Taiwan for the first time in over ten years, and for the first time with both of their children.

The couple continued to be actively involved in the Taiwanese community. From 1979 to 1980, Edward served as the secretary of the Formosan Association for Human Rights, which was then headquartered in San Diego. He was a board member of the Taiwanese American Foundation of San Diego for twelve years, and started and chaired the Taiwanese culture and history lecture series held at the Taiwanese American Community Center for many years. The series included renowned speakers such as novelists Lee Chiao (李喬), Tzeng Ching-wen (鄭清文), and Huang Chuan (黃娟). Edward and Shu-Ching were also instrumental in establishing the Lai Ho & Wu Cho-liu Endowed Chair in Taiwan studies at UC Santa Barbara. Poet and scholar Tu Kuo-ch’ing (杜國清), the first holder of the chair, reflected on its significance in a poem inspired by an evening at the Chengs’ house, “Viewing the Night- Blooming Cereus”:

The scent of night-blooming cereus grows ever stronger  
in the deepening night a Southern California summer night  
with a pressing chill in the air as we continue to chat  
unreservedly of how life began to blossom  
and bear fruit after emigrating abroad  
How the native literature of Taiwan  
is striking root in the United States

In 1990, Edward left General Atomics to work independently as a research scientist, which he did from an office in Solana Beach until retiring in 2006. Beginning in the early 2000s, he started to write poetry and essays, acting upon a longtime interest that he had previously not been able to realize. He wrote in Chinese, in a modern, freeform style. His favorite topics included his childhood, science and philosophy, nature, and the history and politics of Taiwan. In 2005, he published his first book of poems, 綠色瞬間 (The Green Flash), which also included photographs. In 2014, he published a second book, 練習詩 (Practice Poems), which included over 150 poems, photographs by his son and daughter, and an appendix of English translations. In these years, he particularly valued his friendship with and the encouragement of poet Li Min-yong (李敏勇), writer Tzeng Ching-wen (鄭清文), and Tzeng’s daughter, Angela Tzeng (鄭谷苑), a psychology professor.

Edward was well loved by his family, friends, and many in the Taiwanese community for his knowledge, intelligence, unusual worldview, and unique sense of humor. He loved making jokes with friends and especially younger family members, drinking beer and eating sausage (tastes developed from his time in Wisconsin), and Snickers bars. He was also fond of playing the slot machines at Pala Casino. In his later years, one of his favorite activities was to walk in the orange grove and smell the orange blossoms in the spring, or admire the camellias and night-blooming cereus at home while drinking wine and talking with friends.

In 2013, he was diagnosed with late-stage lung cancer. He spent his last two years undergoing multiple rounds of treatment, completing his second poetry book, and spending time with family and friends. He passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. Edward Cheng is survived by his wife Shu-Ching; son Eric, his wife Pam, and their son Mako Edward; and daughter Wendy and her partner Juan. He will be dearly missed.

## Hiking Club

**Date:** 07/04/2015 Saturday 9AM

**Place:** San Dieguito Lagoon Trail, Del Mar

**Gathering place:** Lagoon Trail Head at San Andres Dr.

**Date:** 07/18/2015 Saturday 9AM

**Place:** Blue Sky Ecological Reserve - Poway

**Gathering place:** Parking Lot

**Date:** 08/01/2015 Saturday 9AM

**Place:** Moonlight Beach State Park, Encinitas

**Gathering place:** Parking Lot by 3rd Street

**Date:** 08/15/2015 Saturday 9AM

**Place:** Oceanside Harbor Light House (harbor side)

**Gathering place:** Oceanside Harbor Parking Lot 1 (Free) by Riverside Drive

**Date:** 09/05/2015 Saturday 8AM

**Place:** Highland Valley Trail at Rancho Bernardo

**Gathering place:** Trail head parking lot

**Date:** 09/19/2015 Saturday 9AM

**Place:** Torrey Pine State Reserve

**Gathering place:** State park road side parking Lot

## Health Seminar

**Time:** August 29th, 2015, Saturday, 2:00 PM

**Topic:** Yoga Therapy Workshop—Yoga for Lower Back and Guided Meditation

**Speaker:** Professor Doris Lu-Anderson, Ph.D.

Yoga is a popular mind and body practice in the United States. In 2013, the number of people (aged six years and older) doing yoga were around 24.13 million in the United States. After practicing yoga, many people realize that the techniques in yoga can benefit more people in various ways. Thus, yoga therapy is evolved. According to International Association of Yoga Therapy (IAYT), Yoga Therapy is the process of empowering individuals to progress toward improved health and well-being through the application of the philosophy and practice of Yoga. According to the well-known yoga instructor, Dr. Judith Hanson Lasater, yoga therapy is the use of the techniques of yoga to create, stimulate, and maintain an optimum state of physical emotional, mental, and spiritual health.

More physicians and psychiatrists are looking into yoga from therapeutic perspective. More studies were done to explore the benefit of yoga in different populations (e.g., PTSD, depression, visually impaired). Yoga instructors gradually realize that they can help more than just teaching asana. The presenter will demonstrate several popular techniques in yoga therapy that people can apply in daily life.

Dr. Lu-Anderson's academic background includes a Ph.D. degree in Sport Management from Florida State University, an Executive MBA degree from San Diego State University, a Master of Science degree in Health and Physical Education from Louisiana Tech University, and a bachelor degree in International Business from Ming Chuan University, Taipei, Taiwan.



## Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Celebration

**Date:** September 19th, 2015, Saturday 5:30PM

**Place:** TACC Auditorium

**Ticket:** \$10 before 9/19/15; \$12 on 9/19/15

**including:** Bento, moon cake and drink

**Tickets can be purchased from SDTCA board members or at Taiwan Center front desk.**

San DiegoTaiwanese Culture Association cordially invites you to this wonderful, fun-filled event. The fourth annual Cenzone Tech. Inc. scholarships will be presented.

