

APHAFIC annual meeting

APHAFIC held its eighth annual meeting at Emerald Chinese Seafood restaurant on May 22nd, 2010. A total of 55 people attended. This meeting featured an invited talk by Dr. Rodger Scott, English secretary of Rape of Nanking Redress Coalition (<http://www.rnrc-us.org/>) on " Why American know so little about Japanese atrocities during WWII ".

In his talk, Dr. Scott focused on the following issues: 1) Why the Japanese government should make an official apology and pay reparations for the crimes against humanity the Imperial Japanese government and troops committed in China and other Asian countries during the Pacific War, 2) Why he thinks it's in Japan's self-interest to do so, 3) That Emperor Hirohito was a war criminal and should have been put on trial as Adolf Hitler would have been if he had been captured, 4) Why he believes the U.S. government chose not to prosecute the Emperor and many other war criminals, 5) Why, in his view, the U.S. sanitized the wartime role of the Emperor and covered-up the massive war crimes of the Japanese forces to ensure a more orderly post-war occupation and reconstruction and to minimize the likelihood that Japan would become an ally of the U.S.S.R., 6) Why he believes those who are committed to making the government of Japan come to terms with its shameful crimes against humanity should ally ourselves with progressive Japanese who have strongly criticized Japan's war crimes and the Japanese government's support of U.S. interventionist foreign policy (teachers, for example, who are fired for opposing the singing of the fascistic National Anthem in public schools), and 7) Why he believes critics of Imperial Japan would be taken more seriously by the people and government of Japan if we acknowledged the moral failings of our own countries (some examples: the oppression of people all over the world by Western colonial powers, France's domination of Indo-China for 100 years which was quickly followed by the U.S. intervention in Vietnam, the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and now the U.S. is in a similar position, and for Americans to have moral credibility in Japan, we need to recognize the evils of institutionalizing slavery, decimating the Native Americans and taking their land, and the centuries of oppressing our Latin American neighbors and intervening in their national affairs).

He thinks the most effective methods to convince the Japanese government to make an official apology and to pay reparations are

1. Using books like Iris Chang's in literature, political science and humanities courses
2. Buying ads in major publications, like the New York times, in the future
3. Campaigning when appropriate against Japan getting a seat on the U.N. Security Council until the Japanese government issues a formal apology and makes some moves toward reparations
4. Promoting screenings and other forms of distributing movies on Japan's war crimes
5. Making alliances with progressive Japanese groups and individuals
6. Acknowledging positive actions by the Japanese such as economic and technological assistance and scholarships
7. Inviting students and faculty from prestigious Japanese universities to visit sites in China and other Asian countries related to Japanese acts against humanity
8. Showing support for and making alliances with groups critical of Japan's whaling policies and the slaughter of dolphins

9. Considering economic boycotts of some Japanese products

Dr. Rodger Scott's talk provided some different perspectives toward the awareness of the tragedies during WWII in Asia. Many audiences had long discussions with him after his talk.

At the annual meeting, members of outreach program received certificates of recognition for their hard work of visiting San Diego high schools and Chinese schools since 2007 to introduce history of WWII in China. The members recognized were Jack Meng, Professor Pao-chin Chu, John Vroman serving Flying Tiger, Michael Lee, David Hu and Col. Frank Mason, ex-pow.



Nancy Lo presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Rodger Scott

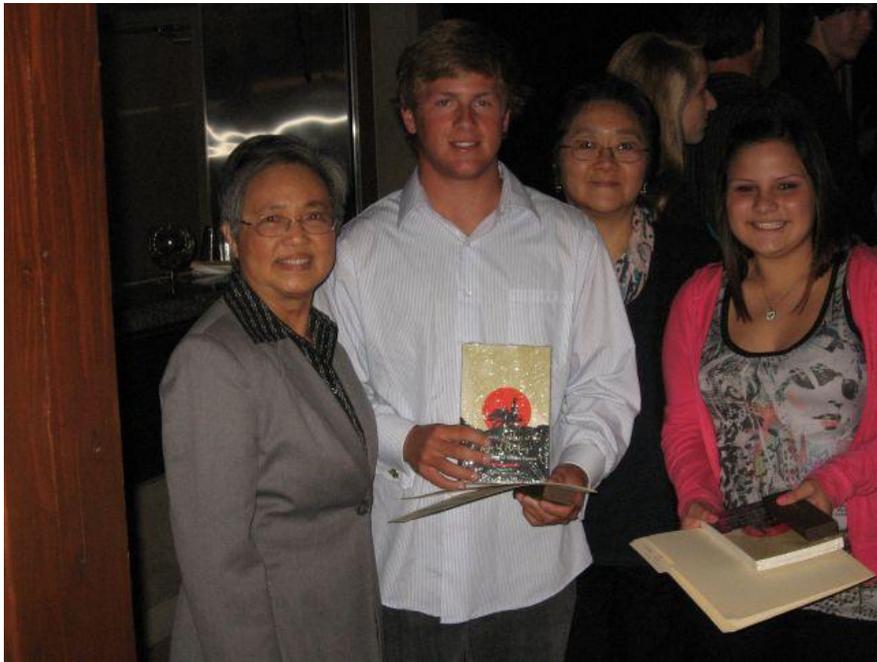


Outreach program members: Jack Meng, John Vroman, Professor Pao-chin Chu and Dr. Alex Chuang receiving certificates of recognition from Nancy Lo.

Outreach activities:

Four Point Loma High School students of history class of Mr. Patrick McElhane were recognized for essays they wrote about their reflection after watching the movie "Nanking" at the fifth Annual Point Loma History Awards Banquet at Bali Hai Restaurant in the evening of June 9th, 2010. The four winners were chosen from a total of 30 students. APHAFIC donated \$200.00 cash award to the high school and Nancy Lo presented cash award, certificate of recognition and a copy of American Goddess at the rape of Nanking, a story about Minnie Vautrin to each of the four students: Jacob Ladow, Lucia Mendez, Evalina Monreal and Michelle Garcia.

APHFIC outreach program members: Jack Meng, Pao-Chin Chu, Alex Chuang and David Hu, visited Sun Yat-Sen Chinese language school on April 22 and spoke to students of AP, Credit and adult classes, about WWII history in Asia. Jack Meng gave a brief history of Sino-Japanese wars dated before WWII. Dr. David Hu presented a talk on the contributions of Madam Chiang Kai-Shek to her country by showing a CD of the speech of Madam Chiang Kai-Shek on 'War and Peace', the first Asian female leader, to the US congress in February, 1943. Madam Chiang made effort to take care of children of military personnel who died during WWII after the Nationalist government moved to Taiwan. Both Professor Pao-Chin Chu and Dr. Alex Chuang gave the testimony of their own experience and family suffering during WWII.



Nancy Lo presented certificates, cash awards and books on the Goddess of America at the rape of Nanking to two Point Loma high school students, Michele Garcia and Jacob LaDow, with Mary Yan-Lee, an APHAFIC board member between two students.