

Point Loma History Awards Banquet on June 9, 2016

Point Loma High School held the 11th Awards Banquet at Bali Hai Restaurant on June 9, 2016. APHAFIC donated \$250.00 cash award toward the event. At the banquet, five Point Loma High School students of history class of Mr. Patrick McElhaney, Social Studies Department, Point Loma High School, were recognized for essays they wrote about their reflection after watching the movie "Nanking". Mary Yan-Lee, our secretary, attended the banquet and presented cash award, certificate of recognition. Five books were given to Mr. McElhaney to the best 5 students: Faith, Love & the Railroad, Memoir of a POW of the Japanese Imperial Army 1942-1945 by Reginald Bulled.

After Pat introduced APHAFIC, stating that he participated in the 2011 peace and reconciliation tour in China sponsored by APHAFIC, Mary presented a short talk to congratulate all present and expressed pleasure that they all excelled in history as a subject. As students step into their bright future, they will find that history will provide valuable lessons in guiding their path. Mary also clarified that our association actively promotes not just historical truths related to the Nanking Massacre but also issues with the Comfort Women, biological warfare and human experiments, all of which Japanese government has not yet apologized or amended. Mary ended with congratulations again to all the students present and parents who encourage their interest in history.



Mary Yan-Lee presenting a talk at the Point Loma history award banquet with students (photo provided by Mr. Patrick McElhaney)

