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**ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVING HISTORICAL ACCURACY OF  
FOREIGN INVASIONS IN CHINA (<http://APHAFIC.org>)**

南京大屠殺八十週年紀念會  
**The Commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nanking Massacre**  
1:30-4:30pm, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday  
**La Jolla/Riford Branch Library (858-552-1657)**  
**7555 Draper Ave, La Jolla, CA 92037**



The Association for Preserving Historical Accuracy of Foreign Invasions in China (APHAFIC) held a commemoration on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, from 1:30-4:30 pm at La Jolla/Riford Branch Library in memory of victims of the Nanking Massacre. Approximate 80 people attended the memorial. The opening remarks by Dr. Nancy Lo, APHAFIC President stressed that despite of the denial of Japanese government toward the history of WWII in Asia, we hope Japan will not whitewash students about WWII history. A formal apology will bring the real peace to the world. The WWII history of Asia should be made known to the students and general public so that we will learn from the history and the atrocity, like Nanking Massacre, will not happen again.

Mr. Patrick McElhaney, a 23 year veteran teacher of History in San Diego Unified School District, AP US History and AP Psychology Teacher, Point Loma High School, gave a talk entitled ‘Teaching History of Nanking Massacre 80 Years Later’. He described his participation of the 2011 China Study Tour organized by the Global Alliance for Preserving the History of WW II in Asia (GA, <http://www.global-alliance.net/>) and sponsored by APHAFIC . He and other educators studied World War II in China, specifically focusing on the Japanese abuse of civilians and the perpetrating of war crimes. Mr. McElhaney endeavors to provide the context and insight to this complicated history of WWII so that future generations do not forget and prevent human rights’ abuses from occurring again.

Mr. Mark Liu, curator of Hall of American Heroes during Nanking Massacre on "Why does Nanjing Massacre matter to us?". Mr. Liu reminded us that during the 6 weeks of occupancy of Nanking by Japanese military, many foreigners who could have left Nanking decided to stay in Nanking to help local Chinese. Among them were American, Germany and French people, like John Robe, a German businessman, Minnie Vautrin, an American missionary, and president of Ginling College, John McGee, an American missionary, Robert Wilson, an American medical Doctor, and John Fitch, the head of the YMCA in Nanking. We need to remember them as they saved and helped many Chinese during that time. To remember those foreign heroes, Hall of American Heroes during Nanking Massacre was established and opened in January, 2016. In early November this year, a monument to commemorate Dr. Robert O. Wilson was unveiled at United Methodist Church, Arcadia, CA 91007. The Hall of American Heroes during Nanking Massacre may be changed to the Hall of Righteousness and Peace

Dr. Alex Chung, the former executive director of San Diego Chinese Historical museum talked about 'My childhood 1937-1946'. In his speech, Alex recounted some memories of his childhood days during the Sino – Japanese War. One story is the day that his mother took him and his sister to the train station in Xiaguan (下關), Nanking. While they were waiting for the train, an air raid commenced. Throughout the entire train station, the frenzied crowd fled. Only Alex and his sister were with their mother and helplessly sitting on their suitcases because they were sick with malaria and fever and could not move. Over the war years, countless horrible events happened.

Camille Chang (常毓雯), a student of Northern County Chinese School and the first place of essay contest, gave a talk about her thoughts after watching 'Nanking'. Before watching the film, she never knew about this history. Even though she was born in the US, she, as a Chinese descendant, has compassion toward history in China. For what happened in Nanking, Chinese may forgive but would never forget. We need to know the history and such atrocities would not happen again.

Dr. Nancy Lo presented certificates of recognition and cash award to winners of essay contest: First place: Camille Chang, \$250.00, Second place: Mindy Ning (寧俊童) \$150.00, Third place: Shannon Yeow (姚宇馨) \$100 and honorable mention: Michael Liu (劉耀仁) \$50. Jack Meng presented the book of *Rape of Nanking* by Iris Cheng to Ms. Mary Wu, the principal of Northern County Chinese school.

The APHAFIC board members: Nancy Lo, Jack Meng, Winnie Davis and former board members: Alex Chuang, Claudia Ma, and Howard Chang, led the attendees to pay Tribute to Nanking Massacre victims with flowers, and a moment of silence.

The audience listened to the superb piano performance of Mr Yu Dan on Liebstraume No. 3 by Franz Liszt (愛之夢), followed by Ensemble performance of San Diego Chinese Choir society directed by Ms. Lucy Lin with three songs: 1. 河邊對口曲(Dialogue between 2 Peasants on the bank of The Yellow River). 2. 黃水謠 (Ballad of The Yellow Waters) and 3. 龍的傳人 (Descendants of the Dragon).

Mr. Jack Meng, APHAFIC VP, delivered the closing remarks. He thanked three speakers for their talks. He praised the students of North County Chinese School for their effort to study the accurate history. The students are the ones to carry the torch for the future. Last but not least is to remind us of Iris Chang's 1997 book-*The Rape of Nanking – the Forgotten Holocaust of WWII*. She re-ignited the almost forgotten history and educated people of Western World about the horrible and painful history for humankind. She had given the voice to one of the world's profound tragedies. We should give the same voice and carry the baton for future, which is actually the meaning of this event. We all should be proud of having participated in this event.

The attendees enjoyed refreshments after the program. In addition to the formal program, four posters were displayed: each on the overall history of the Rape of Nanking (Dec. 1937-Feb. 1938), Arson and Looting, Brutal execution, and International Committee for Nanking Safety zone. Among the WWII book display was the newly published 'Torn memories' by Tamaki Matsuoka.



Attendees at the meeting.

APHAFIC members and speakers: Winnie Davis, Nancy Lo, Alex Chung, and Bonnie Kane, Mark Liu, Patrick McElhaney, and Jack Meng.



APHAFIC board members, present and past, Jack Meng, Nancy Lo, Howard Chang, Alex Chung Claudia Ma, and Winnie Davis, paid tribute to victims of Nanking massacre



Nancy Lo presented certificates of recognition and cash award to students with Mary Wu, principle of Northern county Chinese school, essay winners from Northern county Chinese school: first place: 常毓雯 Camille Chang, second place: 寧俊童 Mindy Ning, third place: 姚宇馨 Shannon Yeow and honorable mention 劉耀仁 Michael Liu



The Ensemble, San Diego Chinese Choir Society directed by Ms. Lucy Lin