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PUAA-DC
FACTS

Founded in 1993

Affiliates with Pe-
king University
Alumni Association

Has more than 400
members around
DC, Maryland, and
Virginia

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**A Quarterly Newslet-
ter from PUAA at the
Greater Washington
DC Area**

Greeting from the President



Dear members,

The board of directors for 2004-2006 has successfully concluded its term in June 2006. The new board consisting of 9 board members were elected and approved by the general members attending the annual picnic. In the first new board meeting held on June 30th, the roles of the board members were discussed and assigned. I am very proud to introduce our highly motivated and talented board members: vice president Yeqing Li, general secretary Qiufu Xu, treasurer Ren Chen, immediate past president

Hongxia Liu, past president Yirui Mu and Jon Liu, Winnie Lam (for membership development), and Liwei Zhou (for technology management). We are also very fortunate to have 13 associate board members, including many young and energetic alumni who graduated from Beida in 2000's. All of us are thrilled at the opportunity to serve the general members of PUAA-DC.

The first exciting decision by the board is to publish a quarterly issued electronic newsletter. **THIS IS OUR FIRST PUBLICATION!** In the newsletters, we will convey news from the board, our members, Beida, and other PUAA associations in the U.S.; we will review past events and forecast up-coming events for the next 3 to 6 months; we will introduce board members, distinguished alumni, sponsors and supporters to PUAA-DC; In the "Members' Cor-

ner" column, we welcome you to submit your interesting stories or simple notes for old-buddy search, yard sales, job openings. Please help us recognize outstanding alumni who you know well; share your stories about living in Beida or in Washington D.C.; let us know your kids or family whom you are so proud of; In English or Chinese! The newsletters is here to serve you, and it is yours!

Lastly, make sure to check the **IMPORTANT DATES** section and mark your calendar! There are a few events already planned for the rest of the summer and early Fall. Be sure to join them and have fun with us.

Best regards,

Mei Lu

President of PUAA-DC

On behalf of Board of
2006-2008

Annual Picnic at Cabin John

By Yuechen Chi

Peking University Alumni Association for the Greater Washington DC Metropolitan Area (PUAA-DC) held its Year 2006 Annual Picnic on June 10 in the Cabin John Park in Maryland. Under the sunny sky, close to 100 alumni, family members, friends, and guests of Peking University and Former Beijing Medical College gathered for the celebration of summer with barbecue, award ceremony, and board election. Ms. Tina Liu from Maryland and Mr. James Zhang from Virginia won the 2006 PUAA-DC "American Young Scholar" Scholarships to

support their summer long study of Chinese language and culture in Peking University and other cities in China. The scholarships are kindly sponsored by two distinguished alumni, Dr. Qiming Wei, President of American Nanomedicine Academy (AANM), and Dr. Sujuan Ba, Chief Science Officer of National Foundation for Cancer Research (NFCR). Ms. Hongxia Liu concluded her 2004-2006 PUAA-DC Presidency by giving a brief report on the activities held in the past two years, a financial summary and a membership report. The new board of

PUAA-DC was elected and approved by general members with Ms. Mei Lu as President, and other eight members on the board. The new board presented Ms. Hongxia Liu an outstanding service award to appreciate her excellent services to the alumni association, Peking University, and the community. Chinese Embassy delegate led by Mr. Xuejun Qiu joined the picnic and applauded the outstanding contribution from PUAA-DC to the Chinese and American communities. Maryland Delegates Susan Lee and Joan Stern also attended the picnic and gave remarks.



Cabin John Park



Tina Liu and James Zhang



Sujuan Ba



Hongxia Liu and Mei Lu



Susan Lee and Joan Stern



Xuejun Qiu



PUAA-DC 2006 Annual Picnic Group Photo

Cherry Picking

By Yeqing Li

PUAA-DC co-sponsored a cherry picking trip to Hartland Orchard (www.hartlandorchard.com) in Virginia with the China Society on June 17, 2006. Over 200 people participated in this event. We almost picked all the reach-

able cherries within just a few hours. Our former president Qiyun Wang went very early and left the farm with delicious cherry even before most people arrived. Former vice president Xiaodong Zeng family picked over 30 pounds sweet cherries. His

father proudly told people that he picked the most. You can see his joy when he was on a tree (see the middle photo below). Our new president could not go that day. When she wanted to go later, she was told all the cherries were gone.



6. 17. 2006



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Deep Sea Fishing

By Yeqing Li

PUAA-DC members joined the China Society on an ocean fishing trip in Chesapeake Bay on June 25, 2006. Even though strong thunderstorm was forecasted, it could not stop the real fishing fans. The weather came out perfect and everyone caught fish. While our board member Jing Bai did not

catch anything last year, she got a full cooler box of fish. Cleaning fishing became a real headache for her. A Beida couple did not expect to catch anything at the beginning. The husband did not even get a fishing rod. Two of them shared one rod. They went back home with a full bag of fish. Alumnus

Winston Chen, Singtao Daily Washington DC Chief correspondent, wrote a nice report after the trip. Inspired by this trip, Yeqing Li went back to Solomon Island again in July with a friend and rented a small boat. He caught almost 80 fish!



6. 24. 2006

Blueberry Picking

By Mei Lu

On July 8, a sunny beautiful Saturday morning, many members of PUAA-DC gath-

ered around rows of blueberry bushes in Butler Orchard, and picked hundreds of pounds of fresh, delicious

blueberry. It's another event co-sponsored by PUAA-DC and the China Society.



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Mark Your Calendar

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, July 29th

Seminar US News Media Industry and Its Report on China
Speaker: Michael Marshall, Editor-in-Chief,
United Press International (www.upi.com)
Time: 3:00PM to 5:00PM
Place: Triway Enterprise, Inc.
1401 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1011, Arlington, VA 22209
Admission: FREE Admission

Saturday, August 5th

- Pool Party at Montgomery Square-Copenhaver Swim Club (MSCSC). 5PM-8PM. Water Games, Table Tennis Mini Tournament, Basketball/Volleyball competitions, Adults Against Kids. The private swim club will be reserved for our members, your family and friends. Admission: \$4 (member), \$5 (non-member), up to \$15/family. Bring your picnic basket and home cuisine, or choose from board cooked barbecue platters.

September Forum

- Watch out for the announcement of the seminar/forum about education and citizen's rights. PUAA-DC is planning to host a seminar to discuss issues closely related to our lives, such as education and how we best utilize our legal rights. If you have ideas, please let us know by writing to newsletter@puaa-dc.org

Month of October

- Cultural Festival: join month long cultural events and performances hosted by various organizers (not PUAA-DC) in Lisner Theater, Kennedy Center and other concert halls in our area:
September 30: Chinese Songs and Folk Dances show
October 1: Huang-Mei Opera
October 12: Concert by Song Zuying - the world-renowned folk song singer
And many more: Check your local newspapers

Month of November

- Thanksgiving Appreciation Party: hosted by president or vice president exclusively for the families of board members, associate board members, volunteers, sponsors and supporters of PUAA-DC. The whole-hearted dedication to PUAA-DC from board members, volunteers and supporters will be rewarded with the warmest friendship and hospitality.

Month of December

- Ski trip to Seven Springs, PA: Potomac Ski Club is organizing its annual ski trip to Seven Springs Ski Resort. 2,3 or 4 days group packages are available from December 22 to December 26. PUAA-DC will be there for some "COOL" fun. Contact Mr. Geider Chen, 301-926-7132.

Members' Corner

Brainstorm for Newsletter Name

Be creative, be special, be memorable. If you come up with a name accepted, you will receive a \$10 award good for any future PUAA-DC event. Send email to newsletter@puaa-dc.org

Anything from members, yard sale, job openings, networking, people search

We welcome any submissions from YOU! Submit to newsletter@puaa-dc.org

Angel's Will—Liwen Elementary School Founded in Guangxi Province

By Mei Lu

Ms. Liwen Dong, a beloved mother and close friend of PUAA-DC passed away 3 years ago. PUAA-DC helped Liwen's family to establish a memorial fund under her name and raised several thousands of dollars. With this fund, in 2006, a brand new elementary school in Guangxi province is built and named after Liwen, hosting a few grades of young and eager students who otherwise would

not have an opportunity to learn. Many thanks to Yirui Mu, past President of PUAA-DC, Ran Zhang, and a few PUAA-DC

members to help fulfill Liwen's will. May Liwen rest in peace.



Bentley College awards Maryland Schooler for leadership



- From Asian Fortune

Bentley College named Lumay Wang of Bethesda, Maryland, (daughter of Ms. Hongxia Liu and Dr. Jianye Wang, both PUAA-DC members - editor's note), as one of the year's rising leaders. Wang received Tomorrow25, an international leadership competition award launched by the college to identify exemplary high school juniors. Wang accepted the

honor along with 24 other recipients April 26 at the Bentley Leadership Forum, a series of forums presented in cooperation with TIME magazine to spotlight critical issues in business ethics, leadership and social responsibility. The 2006 Tomorrow25 will appear in a national ad in the May 15, 2006 issue of TIME as part of Bentley's national campaign.

About Us

Board Members:

Mei Lu, Physics (1986-1990)
Yeqing Li, Sociology (1988-1992)
Qiufu Xu, Physics (1979-1983)
Ren Chen, English Literature (1997-2002)
Hongxia Liu, International Politics (1981 – 1985)
Yirui Mu, International Politics (1978 -1982)
Jon Liu, Physics (1978 – 1982)
Liwei Zhou, Geophysics (1984 – 1988)
Winnie Lam, East Asia Studies (1995-2000)

Associate Board Members:

Karen Wong, Chemistry (1963-1969)
Wei Cao, Chemistry, Graduate (1997-2000)
Jing Bai, Chemistry (1990-1994)
Zhongbin Yin, Physics, (1989-1991)
Xinyuan Che, English Literature (2001-2005)
Yuechen Chi, Geophysics (1979-1983)
Chongzhi Zang, Physics (2001-2005)
Dongdong Wang, Environment (1998-2005)
Wenjun Ruan, Psychology (1984-1988)
Jie Zhou
Yi Cai
Yang Hong
Zhaoyuan Ma

Join PUAA-DC

Be a proud member of PUAA-DC and enjoy members-only benefits

Apply online at <http://www.puaa-dc.org/membership.htm> and send your membership dues (\$10/family/year) to:
PUAA-DC, P.O.Box 2022, Kensington, MD 20891

Editors for the newsletter

Contribute your talent in writings or simply help edit the newsletters. Only four times a year. Your efforts will always be visible by all members and greatly appreciated.

Volunteers to serve the associate board

With your help, we will be able to organize much more events and be more creative and productive. We have work on technology (websites and listserv), memberships and program development. All volunteers will be able to attend board-only/volunteer-only events.

Next Newsletter

Next newsletter will be published on October 31.

For intermittent news, please visit PUAA-DC website: <http://www.puaa-dc.org>.

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