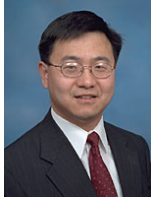




# NACA News



## President's Message



Wei Hu, President

Membership is on our mind at the NACA Board. This includes both recruiting new members and providing superb services to existing members. Membership is important to NACA. Members are the bricks with which an organization is built. An organization is only as strong as its members.

NACA's members are diverse. We have older members, we have younger members. We have second generation Chinese Americans as well as new and old immigrants from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Southeast Asia. As a matter of fact, some of our members are not ethnic Chinese at all, but rather people who share our vision of **building strong bridges and reaching out**. We have members in business, law, academics, medicine, education, almost all walks of life. Diversity is a unique strength of NACA. We must treasure our diversity, and organize programs that are meaningful for our diverse membership.

NACA's members are evolving. Our members today are very much different from our members 25 years ago. Our programs today will set the tone for what kind of people we attract in the next five years, which in turn, will define what NACA will become in the future.

What can we do to help you as our member? What type of new members do you think we should attract? What can we do to attract them? Please drop me a line directly. I can be reached at [weiandlucyhu@gmail.com](mailto:weiandlucyhu@gmail.com).

## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS

### NACA Celebrates Chinese New Year!

by Jian Ouyang

On Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of Chinese Americans (NACA) held its annual Chinese New Year Celebration at China Delight. More than 370 guests from US and China government agencies, corporations, and local communities celebrated with us.



Notable guests included Minister Zeguang Zheng, Deputy Chief of Mission for the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China, Consul General Jingzhou Hua, Consulate Office of the People's Republic of China in Houston, Secretary of State Cathy Cox, Attorney General Thurbert Baker, and many representatives from the Senate, House and senior executives of the who's who of corporate Atlanta. Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong; Governor Sonny

Perdue, Mayor Shirley Franklin, and Lt. Governor Mark Taylor all sent welcoming and warm remarks expressing their congratulations and wishes of goodwill to NACA and to all Chinese Americans.

The evening began at 6:00 pm with a reception followed by the Lion Dance at 7:00 pm to officially start the evening's festivities. The two lions performed traditional routines, and in the end, they magically displayed a "Happy New Year" banner! After that, NACA Chair Lani Wong, on behalf of NACA, wished everybody a happy new year, welcomed our guests and friends, and expressed NACA's sincere thanks to Delta Airlines, Coca-Cola Company, Troutman Sanders, UPS, the Home Depot, and all sponsors for their generous support.

NACA President Wei Hu followed delivering welcoming remarks once again to everybody at the event. Wei then continued by highlighting much of what NACA has accomplished the past year:

- Continued our mentorship program and had our second annual mentorship program in fall;
- Continued building bridges between USA and China, by hosting many Chinese delegations;
- Reached out to the communities, by hosting or sponsoring many activities within the local community;

- Helped in the area of education and scholarships providing awards to GPC, Good Shepherd Service, and ACCA;
- Participated in humanitarian endeavors donating money and time assisting disaster victims.

At the end of his remarks, President Hu introduced Minister Zeguang Zheng and Consul General Jingzhou Hua, who gave short warm speeches to the audience. Minister Zheng summarized China's economic situation and the current status of Georgia's trade with China. He also discussed China's next five-year plan and encouraged companies here to do business with China. Minister Zheng also thanked and presented Lani with a gift for her dedication and contribution to making NACA-Atlanta such a wonderful organization. Consul General Hua presented a gift to NACA warmly accepted by our President Hu.

Past President Judge Al Wong introduced Secretary of State Cathy Cox who delivered her keynote address including warm greetings to Lani, NACA's leadership team, and to everybody present. She said, "Happy New Year to you all. May the Year 4704, the Year of the Dog, be healthy, prosperous and rewarding for each and every one of you, and your families as well". She then praised what NACA has accomplished: "These programs and so many others you have undertaken represent the very best of what Georgia is about. In you we see energetic, committed citizens finding time out of their busy lives to reach out, to lend a helping hand, to mentor, and to open the doors of opportunity to young men and women. I salute every member of the Atlanta chapter for the priceless

contributions you have made, and will continue to make, to build a stronger community."

In respect to business and trade, Cathy Cox said, "After all, China is the world's 4th largest economy, and has seen a 20 percent increase in imports and exports over the last two years. Today, China boasts \$192 billion in annual trade with the U.S., triple the amount conducted in the mid 1990's. And because of efforts in both Atlanta and China to strengthen bilateral relations, China is now Georgia's fifth-largest trading partner, with annual exports totaling nearly \$1 billion. She quoted an interesting statistic: Did you know that more than 65 percent of the containers entering the Port of Savannah originated in China? And what is even more remarkable is that this rapid economic growth shows no signs of slowing".

After her speech, Mrs. Cox honored Mr. Zeguang Zheng with a Georgia Honorable Citizen certificate.



To echo this year's "Women's Century" theme, NACA continued its tradition in honoring an outstanding Georgia female citizen. Henry Yu, Past President and Managing Director, presented the NACA Distinguished Award to Dr. Betty Siegel for her accomplishments and honors:

- First woman to head an institution in the 34-unit University System of Georgia;
- In 1996, received the Cobb County Citizen of the

Year Award, the same year she chaired the Board of Directors of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce;

- In 1997, Dr. Siegel was Georgia's Woman of the Year;
- In 1999, Dr. Siegel was named one of Atlanta's "20 Women Making A Mark in Atlanta," and
- She is a member of and former director of the American Council on Education.

"The list of Dr. Siegel's accomplishments and awards goes on and on", Mr. Yu said, "but I would like to also mention two honors that will exemplify her commitment and dedication to



education and citizenship. The first one is Dr. Siegel's favorite. In 1967, she received the "Distinguished Teacher of the Year" Award at the University of Florida. Most recently last September, Georgia Trend Magazine named Dr. Siegel among its twenty most influential Georgians over the past twenty years."

NACA's vice presidents, Mr. Victor Eng and Dr. Jian Ouyang, together gave the closing remarks. Mr. Eng briefly mentioned the projects NACA has done and said, "For future events, we have an end-of-school Chinese Scholarship ceremony in May and our very successful annual mentorship program in September. This program will be in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year". Dr. Ouyang announced NACA's decision to renew its scholarship pledge to ACCA for a second year. With regard to doing business in China, he said, "I'd like to repeat GE

Company Vice Chairman John Rice's philosophy of doing business in China, not win in China, but win with China". Dr. Ouyang praised Lani for her dedication and Wei for his leadership. He also thanked board members and volunteers for their hard work and all guests and friends for coming to the event.

Dancing was the highlight of the celebration. Soon after the music started, Minister Zheng, Consul General Hua, Secretary of State Cox, Al Wong and many other guests showed off their dancing skills. Those not taking to the dance floor took the opportunity to meet and talk with old and new friends. At the very end of this wonderful night, people felt the time was too short, and did not want to leave. Everybody had a very good time

### **Foreign Affairs Office of Wuhan Municipal Government Visit Atlanta**

(by Henry Yu)

NACA Board member Henry Li picked up our guests late Sunday night, February 26. The small delegation was visiting Atlanta as well as 7 other cities in the U.S., headed by Deputy Director Duan Xiaoming, Ms. Li Hong, Deputy Division Chief and Senior Accountant of the Wuhan Finance Bureau and Ms. Jean Cui of the American & Oceanic Affairs Division. Their visit was a follow-up to last November's successful Wuhan delegation visit to Atlanta. Though this was a very short visit, NACA had put together a very good agenda for our guests on February 27, 2006.

NACA hosted a breakfast led by Chair Lani Wong, President Wei Hu and other Board members such as Henry Li, Henry Yu and Advisor Jung Mar. Also in attendance were:

- Dr. Augustine Esogbue, Vice Chair of the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission
- Kevin Langston, Director of International Division of the Georgia Dept. of Economic Development
- Dee Ford, Special Administrative Assistant to Commissioner of Georgia Dept. of Economic Development
- Tom Fricano, Vice President of Member Services of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
- Glendon Thompson, Chair of the International Committee of the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council

During the breakfast, President Wei Hu welcomed the delegation and moderated discussion. Dr. Augustine Esogbue introduced the procedure on how the Atlanta sister city committee selects sister city partners. Mr. Duan discussed Wuhan's strengths and his impression of Atlanta. Mr. Kevin Langston introduced the function of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, and Tom Fricano discussed how the Gwinnett Chamber of commerce contributes from its unique perspective.

Jean Cui mentioned that Wuhan is very interested in concluding the Sister City relationship with Atlanta. In particular, she mentioned the need to proactively identify companies from both sides to exchange dialogue pertaining to potential cooperation. We conveyed to Jean that we already have a list of companies interested in China, Central China in particular. Henry Yu conveyed to Jean that DAS Fortus Technologies of Nashville is very interested in setting up plants in Southern China and in Wuhan. Jean will follow up from Wuhan in courting this potential

investor. Lani conveyed to our guests that our Atlanta Mayor is planning a trip to Wuhan and other Chinese cities in September/October of this year. We also asked Jean to put together a list of Wuhan companies who are interested in Georgia from trade and investment standpoint. We also touched base on the need to expedite the exchange of communication between universities in Wuhan and colleges from Georgia such as Georgia Perimeter College and Georgia Tech.

NACA Chair Lani Wong and Advisor Jung Mar lead the delegation to visit the CNN Center and the Coca-Cola Company after the breakfast. NACA also hosted lunch a lunch for our guests after a very busy and productive morning. Joining us was Charles Whatley, Manager of Business Development of Atlanta Development Authority. Deputy Director Duan enjoyed very fruitful conversation with Charles in a more relaxing atmosphere at Chin Chin 2.

After lunch, Lani gave a quick tour of the Carter Center and sent our esteemed guests to the airport in the afternoon.

It is indeed gratifying to know that Wuhan is very aggressive in the Sister City project. More importantly, NACA will continue to be a bridge and facilitator to building a better relationship between China and Georgia.

### **Vice Chairman of Chinese Congress Dinner**

(by Christina Liao)

On Saturday, March 25, NACA hosted a dinner at Royal China restaurant to welcome the delegation led by Professor HAN Qide, Vice Chairman of the

Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) in China and President of Medical School at Peking University. The delegation includes Professor Han's wife, Professor YUAN Ming, Deputy Dean of School of International Studies at Peking University and his assistant, Professor DONG Zhe, Director of Health Science Center at Peking University. The delegation was accompanied by Mr. FANG Li, Deputy Consul General at Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Houston.

Professor Han was here to receive the Woodruff Medal of Honor from Emory University, a prestigious award that has been handed out only 8 times since its inception in 1978.

During the dinner, Professor Han, Professor Yuan, Mr. Fang and the rest of the delegation enjoyed exquisite food and great conversation with NACA representatives Lani Wong, Wei Hu, and other board members and



friends. Topics of conversation included the promotion of Chinese culture in the U.S., encouraging trade and educational exchanges between China and the U.S., and the pursuit of the sister city relationship between Atlanta and Wuhan, a major Chinese city. The conversations were fruitful, enlightening, and filled with laughter and good will.

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**Emory University Lunch and Learn**  
(by Victor Lai)

As part of its commitment to mentorship, NACA sponsored a panel discussion at Emory University on Sunday, March 12, 2006 with the Chinese Student Union at Emory (CSUE). Approximately fifteen graduate students attended the event to hear career advice from a distinguished group of speakers.

Among the panelists were Mr. Rengen Li (a supplier diversity manager at The Coca-Cola Company), Mr. Jack Wen (senior manager at GE Energy), and Mr. Victor Lai (attorney at Drew, Eckl & Farnham). Also in attendance were Mr. Jung Mar (NACA advisor) and Mr. Henry Yu (investment banking executive at SunTrust). The event was an overall success and continues NACA's long history of assisting students who study in Georgia.

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**Students & Scholars Celebrate Chinese New Year 2006**  
(by Hao Lu, Emory University)

As the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dog, arrived, Chinese students and scholars from around the greater Atlanta area gathered to celebrate on the first day of the New Year, January 29th, 2006 in Glenn Memorial Church at Emory University. The celebration was organized by Association of Chinese Students and Scholars at Atlanta (ACSSA) and sponsored mainly by Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Houston and National Association of Chinese Americans in Atlanta (NACA). Chinese Student Unions from Emory University, University of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University hosted the celebration.

This annual celebration presents Chinese students and scholars at Atlanta as well as international

friends from other countries with the opportunities to share and enjoy authentic Chinese cultural performances such as dance, song, talk show, drama and so on. This year, twelve performances from four Chinese Students Unions at Emory, UGA, GT, and GSU as well as some other Chinese organizations attended the celebration. Drama Interview describes an entertaining story about a Chinese student who returns to China to start his career and find a girlfriend after he has obtained his Ph.D. degree in the U. S., but encounters something unexpected when he is dating. Romance by Lullwater (Zai Shui Yi Fang), a Chinese country music performed by Xi Wang, speaks the nostalgia of those who have left home for too long a time. Chinese Student Bing Lu and Irina Nikiforova from Georgia Tech brought their creative ballroom dance Dream and Fly to the celebration. Chen Xiao Dance School at Atlanta brought Chinese dance such as Celebration of the New Year and Kang Ding Liu Liu. Oriental Son Kung Fu School and Tai Chi Academy of Wushu & Accupressure brought wonderful Kung Fu performance as well. The audience also enjoyed other performances and had a wonderful time. For those international friends, the celebration was a precious experience to find out about Chinese culture.

Chinese New Year is the most important festival in the Chinese tradition. It celebrates the fruitfulness of the past year and the advent of a new year. People also bestow to each other during the celebration best wishes for success and happiness. In Chinese lunar calendar this year, 2006, is the Year of the Dog which follows Monkey Year (2004) and Rooster year (2005). Dog runs the eleventh out of twelve animals in Chinese Zodiac and people

born in Dog years (2006, 1994, 1982...) are believed to be responsible, honest, and compassionate.

### **NACA Sponsored UGA Chinese New Year Festival**

(by Henry Li)

As a continuous effort to support Chinese students attending in the Georgia University System and a part of NACA's mentorship initiative, NACA sponsored the Chinese New Year Festival hosted by Chinese Student Union of UGA on February 11, 2006. The event was the major festival for UGA Chinese students to celebrate Chinese New Year and promote Chinese culture. NACA was one of major sponsors for the event. The event featured a variety of Chinese foods and Chinese culture performances. NACA board liaison for UGA Chinese Student Union, Henry Li attended the event. Prior to the event, NACA's leadership team – Wei Hu, Henry Yu, and Jung Mar, has hosted a successful mentorship event for the UGA students. In the Chinese New Year's event, Ms. Bin Xu, president of UGA Chinese Student Union, sincerely appreciated NACA's sponsorship and continuous support to the activities of UGA Chinese Student Union.

### **Georgia China Alliance 2006 China Day Celebration**

(by Henry Yu and Wei Hu)

The Georgia China Alliance (GCA) celebrated its second annual China Day on March 9, 2006. This year's celebration includes two parts – a morning session at the State Capital, and a business-oriented dinner event at Georgia World Congress Center.

As a part of the morning celebration, special guests from the Chinese Embassy in Washington D.C. first secretaries Zhong Chuanshui and Wang Zhongnan addressed local business people and politicians. They were then introduced to the Senate Chamber of the Georgia general assembly, together with the president of China's Jilin University. NACA's president Wei Hu and former secretary Guanming Fang attended the morning session at the state capital.

NACA Board member Henry Yu, Senior Advisor Jung Mar, NACA Treasurer Ethel Mar, NACA member Guanming Fang attended the evening session at Georgia World Congress Center. Over 100 people attended this annual dinner with First Secretary Zhong Chuanshui and Wang Zhongnan, who were well received by the enthusiastic crowd. Senator Sam Zamarripa, Chair of GCA and Executive Director Rongrong Liu made opening remarks and introduced GCA to the audience. First Secretary Zhong discussed the future cooperation between China and Georgia. The First Secretary commented on China's need to increase current economic growth while at the same time to be conscious of the social and environmental aspects of the growing Chinese economy. Though Chinese government would like to double per capita gross domestic product by 2010, government wants to reduce energy consumption. In attendance were representatives from Delta, SunTrust Bank, Summit Bank, GE Energy, Zoo Atlanta, CNN, and Coca-Cola among others.

NACA's own Wei Hu, Henry Yu, and Guanming Fang are members of the Board of Directors of GCA, and NACA is one of GCA's Founding organizations.

### **NACA WELCOMES DELEGATION OF CANTON FAIR**

(by Henry Li)

As many of us know, for many years before China's opening up, the Canton Fair (formally known as the China Import and Export Commodities Fair) was the only avenue through which the outside world can reach into China for Trade. This semi-annual event started in 1957 and will be the 99<sup>th</sup> session this spring.

From March 5 to March 7, 2006, NACA coordinated and welcomed a delegation from the Canton Fair,



led by its vice chairman and the president of the for-profit arm of the fair, Mr. Chen Barong. NACA

arranged for their visit to the America's Mart, the Metro Chamber, the Coca-Cola Company, and Home Depot.

In the evening of March 6, NACA arranged for a press conference and invited on the delegation's behalf the local media, including Global Atlanta, World Journal, China Tribune, Duowei Times, and Atlanta Chinese News. As a result, the delegation received good media coverage.



Many NACA members had a chance to meet with the Canton Fair delegation. If you missed meeting with them but would know more about the Canton Fair, please contact NACA's president

Wei Hu or secretary Olivia Wu for additional information.

**USPS Atlanta Performance Cluster's Second Annual Women's Empowerment Luncheon 2006**

(by Hong Wills)

On March 25, 2006, NACA representatives attended the United States Postal Service (USPS) Atlanta Performance Cluster's Second Annual Women's Empowerment Luncheon 2006. The event was held at Villa Christina at Perimeter Summit. The annual luncheon is an initiative of the Postal Services to celebrate March Women's History Month. This year's theme was to recognize "Women with Vision, Courage, and Determination". After an inspiring keynote speech by Dr. Cherry Collier and a delightful musical selection by employees from the Norcross Post Office, three employees were presented with "A Woman with Vision", "A Woman with Courage", and "A Woman with Determination" awards respectively. Ms. Barbara Danzy, Manager – Diversity, thanked NACA for its continued support of the Postal Service.

**Minister Zheng Zequang, Minister & Deputy Chief of Mission in the U.S., the People's Republic of China Visit to Atlanta, February 4-6, 2006**

(by Henry Yu)

It was indeed a memorable visit for Minister Zheng. Through the arrangement and facilitation of NACA, Minister Zheng and his Third Secretary Wu Shifan experienced southern hospitality by touring the Margaret Mitchell House, World of Coca-Cola, CNN newsrooms, Centennial Olympic Park, and Georgia Aquarium.

During the February 4 NACA Chinese New Year Celebration, Minister Zheng was proclaimed Honorary Citizen and goodwill ambassador of Georgia by Secretary of State Cathy Cox. The Minister also spent relaxing moments during a dumpling party hosted by Lani and John Wong, making dumplings and watching the Super Bowl with friends of NACA.

From the business and networking perspective, Minister Zheng had the opportunity to meet with Lt. Governor Mark Taylor, Senior Vice President Hans Gant of Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Chairman & CEO Phil Kant of Turner Broadcasting Systems, and representatives of local companies such as CNN, Coca-Cola, UPS, Home Depot, Troutman Sanders, Tivoli, SunTrust, etc.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Leventhal, we were able to witness an historical event at the House Chamber. Despite the very short notice, a special bill was sponsored by Representative Joe Wilkinson to allow Minister Zheng to speak to the Assembly. For the first time, a Chinese House Representative Charlice Byrd introduced and recognized Minister Zheng on the Chamber Floor. Minister



Zheng's remarks touched many of our Representatives when he mentioned that China is Coca-Cola's 4<sup>th</sup> largest export market and Georgia's cotton export to China is critically important. The highlight and splendor of the trip ended with a blast when Minister Zheng received a standing ovation at the Chamber. Many Representatives flooded to the door to take pictures with Minister Zheng.

The visit from Minister Zheng signifies China's growing economic influences and the vast opportunities between China and Georgia. China has the 7<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world and is growing at very high rates. Currently, China ranks third in global trade. Led by Chair Lani and the entire Board, NACA has successfully completed another important event reinforcing its motto of "Building Strong Bridges and Reaching Out". Special thanks to NACA Advisor Jung Mar, who took countless pictures during the Minister's visit to Atlanta. Hats off to the NACA Board and volunteers!

**Dates to Remember**

For additional information, visit [www.naca-atlanta.org](http://www.naca-atlanta.org)

**About NACA**

National Association of Chinese-Americans  
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The national headquarters for NACA is located in Washington, D.C.

There are ten local chapters in the

United States. The Atlanta Regional Chapter was inaugurated in 1980 in conjunction with Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping's successful state visit.

The Atlanta Chapter of NACA has continued to organize and sponsor activities that bring together Chinese dignitaries, local Georgia government officials as well as community and business leaders. NACA's mission has been as a facilitator to promote cultural, educational, scientific, and business relationships between these parties. NACA

also strongly encourages Chinese-American to participate in the American political process while preserving Chinese heritage in the American culture.

### Membership Information

NACA memberships are available in these categories: Permanent - \$1000, Honorary - \$100, Corporate - \$100, Family - \$25, Single - \$25 and Student - \$15. For membership application, please visit our website at

[www.naca-atlanta.org](http://www.naca-atlanta.org)

**REMINDER: Membership fees for 2006 are due, and 2005's are past due.**

### MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We extend a warm welcome to all our new members! Our newest members include:

Xiaodong Huang  
Elsa & Chen Kuo, Summit Bank  
Helen Wang  
Kai C. Yong  
Brian Zhang

#### CONGRATULATIONS! ...

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**Let NACA know if you have someone or something to include here!**

### NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We extend an invitation to you to send articles, announcements and information that might be of interest to the Chinese-American community, throughout the year.

Forward any submissions to Andy Wong at [wong.andy@comcast.net](mailto:wong.andy@comcast.net).

**NACA Event Volunteers needed. Please contact a Board Member to get "plugged in!"**



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