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Pearl S. Buck International Remains Committed to Education Worldwide

Sponsor Helps Make a Dream Come True

This school year, sponsored child Titaya Gigaew is seeing her dream of attending a university come true thanks in large part to the generosity and continued support of her Pearl S. Buck International sponsors, Alice and Donald Rogers of Columbus, NJ. As she begins pursuing a degree in tourism administration at Burapha University in Chonburi, Thailand, Titaya knows she will have the finances to complete her schooling because the Rogers have promised to assist with tuition expenses each semester for the next four years.

“In my family, we consider education very important,” explains Alice Rogers. “We are committed to Titaya and wanted to finish what we started with her through sponsorship. I believe she has great potential to do something special with her life if given the opportunity.”

Titaya was born and grew up in the coastal trading



town of Chonburi, Thailand. Her father was a house painter and her mother worked odd jobs to help support Titaya and her younger brother. Unfortunate family circumstances—including a car accident that seriously injured and incapacitated her father—left the family in debt with medical

bills, struggling to survive from day to day. Realizing how important it was for Titaya to get a good education, her family turned to Pearl S. Buck International’s Thailand office for help. When she was ten years old

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Hines Ward Teams Up With PSBI to Help Children in Korea



PSBI Board Chairman, John Long Jr. and Pittsburgh Steeler, Hines Ward visit with children served in Korea.

Pittsburgh Steeler and Super Bowl MVP, Hines Ward, has teamed up with Pearl S. Buck International to help biracial children in Korea who still experience discrimination in their country. Born in Korea to a Korean mother and African-American serviceman, Ward hopes his fame and new-found popularity among Koreans will encourage them to be more accepting of biracial people.

On a trip to Korea in early spring, Ward took time out of his hectic schedule to visit PSBI offices, participate in a reception in his honor hosted by PSBI, and interact with about 70 of the children we assist. During his trip, Poongsan Steel, a major Korean steel company, pledged \$100,000 to Ward’s Helping Hands Foundation,

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Pearl S. Buck International

Pearl S. Buck International is a non-profit organization with three distinct functions that operate as one with the common mission of continuing the legacy and dreams of Pearl S. Buck—her commitment to improving the quality of life and expanding opportunities for children and promoting an understanding of the values and attributes of other cultures, the injustice of prejudice, and the need for humanitarianism throughout the world.

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We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Message from the CEO

Pearl S. Buck
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Opening Doors to the World



Janet L. Mintzer, President & CEO

It's that time of year when our sponsored children return to school, and our mission continues supporting the education of disadvantaged children, thanks to our generous Sponsors and Champions. At the same time, activities really heat up at Pearl S. Buck International.

To begin, we are featuring a special exhibit in the Pearl S. Buck House entitled, "Political Pearl" during the months of September and October. Our curator has researched our archives and assembled a provocative exhibit that examines Pearl S. Buck's work as an activist.

Next on stage, our first Vietnam adoption will take place! After quite a lengthy process, we received our license to facilitate adoptions in Vietnam this past June. Our first family will be traveling to Vietnam the end of the month to bring home a baby living in an orphanage so that he can grow up in a loving and caring family.

On September 30th, 2006, the Pearl S. Buck Memorial Hall in Bucheon City, South Korea, will officially open to the public as a tourist center, and I will be attending the grand opening. The Pearl S. Buck Memorial Hall was constructed on the site of the first orphanage established by Pearl S. Buck, and our office in Korea has been selected to manage the facility. We are delighted for the opportunity of continuing the legacy of Pearl S. Buck in South Korea.

On October 15th, we roll right into our Chinese Children's Benefit, which will support the education of disadvantaged children in China and our Teacher Ambassador Program. This year's benefit will include a special Chinese Calligraphy, Photography, and Art Exhibit which features the work of local artists from Zhenjiang, China. The exhibit will conclude with an auction of the prized-pieces.

Our Holiday Festival of Trees Tour opens November 7th, and our annual craft fair will begin November 24th with a special twist this year. The craft fair is being presented by the Pearl S. Buck Volunteer Association!

With so many activities and ways to make a difference, I hope each and every one of you find your niche and get involved. Pearl S. Buck International hopes to continue our growth with your support. Stay tuned for more information – and if you have any suggestions or comments, please let me know.

Janet L. Mintzer,
President & CEO

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Register online at www.pearlsbuck.org/connections

Introducing Our New Board Members

Marian Jensen Barford

Marian is a retired Community Development Consultant. She was the first-ever Director of the Bucks County Council on the Arts and the co-founder of the James A. Michener Art Museum. She was Chairman of the Bucks County Community College Board of Trustees and served terms on both the PA Arts Council and the PA Humanities Council.

Marian has been a member of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce for over 25 years and is the founder of the Leadership Advancement Program now in its 14th year.

Marian and her husband Harry, reside in Doylestown, PA. They have four children and five grandchildren.



David R. Breidinger

David is the Division Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Comcast Cable's Eastern Division. During his 25-year career with Comcast, he has played an integral part in the company's acquisitions of AT&T, Adelphia and Suburban Cable systems. Recently, David was re-elected as Township Committeeman for Northampton Township, District Two.

David is also involved with many community groups and organizations including serving as Past President of the Trenton Rotary Club, Deputy Governor of Rotary District 7510, is the Chairman of the Trenton Salvation Army Advisory Board and the immediate past President of the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton/Mercer County. He currently resides in Churchville, PA with wife Loraine and four children.



Charles L. "Chip" Huston, IV

Chip is currently the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Chester County located in Coatesville, PA. He received his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Widener University in Chester, PA and his MBA in Finance from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Chip is a Director and Treasurer of *The Huston Foundation*, a family philanthropic foundation founded by his grandfather and great aunt in 1957. He has been a Director since 1985.

Chip is also very involved in the community as a member of the Rotary Club of Coatesville, a church Elder at Paoli Presbyterian Church of Paoli, PA and a member of its Mission Committee.

Chip's greatest role, however, is that of adoptive father to daughters Sarah, age 5, and Laura, age 3. Chip resides with his wife Linda and daughters in Coatesville, PA.



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The Power Charitable Foundation Project Provides Educational and Living Assistance for Vietnamese Orphans

By Hang Minh Pham, Vietnam Director

With limited government funding of only about \$13 per child each month, it is quite challenging for Vietnamese orphanages to operate and provide sufficient support for children living and studying there. Thanks to the commitment of PSBI sponsors, Pearl S. Buck International Vietnam (PSBIV) can now provide additional funding to help with living expenses for children in four orphanages: Birla, Nguyen Viet Xuan, Tay Dang and Binh Luc. Since the approval of a four year funding agreement from the Powers Foundation, PSBIV can expand the support of education, outdoor activities and vocational training to children living in these orphanages.

After two years of funding from the Powers Foundation, a total of \$14,605 USD has been used to provide learning aids, textbooks, school uniforms and desks for over 500 orphans. We are very proud of all the students, most of whom were promoted to the next grade level or will continue on to pursue a college education.

Over 500 students in Vietnamese orphanages have received new desks and textbooks.



Children in Vietnamese orphanage receive new uniforms thanks to PSBIV and Powers funding.

Through the support of the Powers Foundation funding, orphanages are now equipped with sports equipment including badminton sets, swings, and ping-pong tables to encourage and improve living conditions for children. Additionally, 104 orphaned adolescents have been taking vocational training courses on sewing, embroidery, and drawing, providing them with skills that will enable them to earn a living after graduation from the orphanage.

Now in the third year of implementing this project, we have a total of \$7,000 USD for continuing educational and recreational activity support to these orphans. This project has a significant impact on the children living in these four orphanages in Vietnam opening up the possibility of a brighter future. To donate to this project, visit us online at www.pearlsbuck.org/sponsoraproject.

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and in fifth grade, Titaya was sponsored by the Rogers family. In addition to their monthly sponsorship support, the Rogers wrote regularly to Titaya offering encouragement and concern for her personal achievements and progress in school. They also provided extra help for Titaya's education, assisting with such costs as transportation to school and school uniforms. Although Titaya has graduated from the Pearl S. Buck International sponsorship program, the Rogers are continuing to provide her with the financial help she needs to meet the \$2,500 it will cost each year to attend college.

Throughout her family's hardships and financial difficulties, Titaya has remained determined to do well in school and some day go to college. Titaya's hard work and diligence over the years have paid off. Her parents are very proud of Titaya and grateful to the Rogers for their continued commitment to their daughter. With the assistance of Pearl S. Buck International, Titaya has never lost sight of her goal—earning a university degree that will ensure a better quality of life for herself and her family in the future.

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Become a Part of the Sponsor Experience

By Marie Taylor, Opportunity House Coordinator

Sponsor one of these children today by calling 1-800-220-2825 or visiting our website at www.pearlsbuck.org/sponsor

By sponsoring a child, you can share a lasting, meaningful relationship with a disadvantaged child in one of our program countries. This one-to-one connection gives your sponsored child access to health services, educational opportunities and assistance with books, tuition, and clothing.

For less than \$1 a day, you can make a lasting difference in the life of one of these children...



Sirinan
Thailand

Sirinan is a 10-year-old Thai girl who lives with her family in Chonburi province. She has a close relationship with her older sister as her mother passed away. Their father is very ill and he can hardly support the girls. Sirinan's Aunt works to help support living expenses.



Christian
Philippines

Christian is an active 14-year-old Filipino boy in the 6th grade. He enjoys playing basketball with friends and dreams of becoming a pilot someday. Christian lives with his parents and brother in a small house made of cement and galvanized iron. His father earns just \$20.00 a month to support the family.

Long
Vietnam

Long is a 6-year-old Vietnamese boy living in the Birla Children's Center in Hanoi. After his father passed away, it was extremely difficult for his mother to care for him because she is paralyzed. She had no choice but to turn him over to the orphanage.



2006 Korea Summer Camp

By Kyung Kyun Li, Korea Director

Pearl S. Buck International Korea (PSBIK) successfully hosted our annual Summer Camp Retreat in July at the Olympic Parktel Hotel in Seoul, Korea. 67 Amerasian and Kosian children participated in the camp which lasted three days and two nights. The children realized that they are loved by people in society, learned the importance of friendship, and improved their competence to thrive in a single-race nation.

Highlights of the camp included a bus trip to the Kanghwado white sandy beaches and a classical music concert. After the concert, the children listened to music and drew pictures. They also received medical examinations provided by the Asan Medical Center and were treated to a magic show at Magic-topia before the closing ceremony.

PSBIK deeply appreciates Olympic Parktel Hotel for providing accommodations to the camp participants; 67 biracial children, 23 caregivers, 17 volunteers, 3 PSBIK staff and 8 sponsors. Special thank you to Chaplain Samuel J.T. Boone (8th Army Command), Mrs. Ann Stephens with her son Andrew, Mrs. Choi, Hang Ja (Chair of American Forces Spouse Club), LTC Andrew Bossard and 4 local sponsors who supported the retreat.

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which was designated to support Pearl S. Buck International programs in Korea.

On a second trip to Korea a few months later, Ward starred in two public service announcements for Pearl S. Buck International.

Be sure to visit our website at www.pearlsbuck.org for the latest updates on the release of our public service announcements with Hines Ward.

Director's Report

By Leonette Boiarski, Director of Welcome House® and Opportunity House Programs

As an adoptive mother and adoption professional, I knew the day might come when I would be making the call to my child's school about curriculum issues and adoption. When it happened, I was ready with websites, information and support to make sure that I could provide help with this topic because teachers often do not receive formal training on adoption issues. We assume that educators are aware of, and know how to be sensitive to issues that face adopted children. In 2000, the U.S. census reported that 25 out of 1000 school-age children are adopted, and one in six adopted children is of a different race than their adopters.

Despite these statistics, educators may not be familiar with the specific issues that many adopted children experience. They may not be aware that most adoption-focused incidences of teasing and bullying go unreported to parents and school officials. Teachers may not realize that many common school projects can make adoptees feel excluded, isolated and singled out, such as bringing in baby photos, a family tree assignment, a simple Mother's Day or Father's Day assignment, or assignments tracing genetic traits.

There is a need for adoption education for both adopted and non-adopted children. The portrayal of adoption in mass media and literature is often based on myths and stereotypes which leaves most of the population with an unrealistic view of adoption. Students look to their teachers for accurate information and a supportive environment, so educators need to be aware of adoption issues and how they impact the self image of children who were adopted.

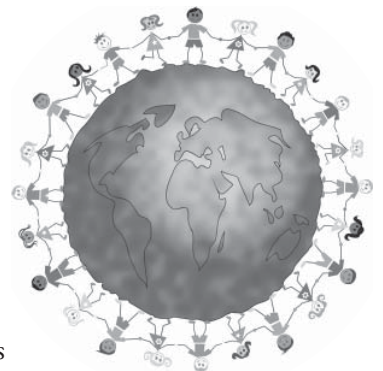
Since children do not generally learn about adoption in school settings, they often seek information directly from their friends who were adopted. Educators can benefit from adoption specific training to give them strategies to help their adopted students respond to these questions and to educate students about adoption without singling out the adopted student.

What Educators Need to Know About Adoption- Doylestown, PA. On November 2nd, 2006, Jane Cramer, Assistant Director of Welcome House® will be participating in this workshop to increase educators knowledge of adoption. For details, go online and view the Welcome House® e-Newsletter at www.pearlsbuck.org/welcomenews.

51st International Day - The Family Fun Continues



Families from the surrounding community gathered on Saturday, June 10th, for a fun-filled day of multicultural entertainment on the historic grounds of the Pearl S. Buck House for Pearl S. Buck International's 51st Annual International Day. More than 1,200 people attended this year's event, enjoying traditional dance, musical and storytelling performances representing such countries as China, Korea, Ireland, Russia, Cambodia and Africa. In addition, children participated in a variety of activities including international crafts, relay races, games, and the opportunity to take a swing at a piñata.



"This day is our gift to the community," said Janet Mintzer, President and CEO of Pearl S. Buck International. "I really enjoy watching the families as they stroll on the grounds, participate in many of the interesting activities we organize, and have the opportunity to see all the dancers and performers from other countries."

Proceeds from International Day will be used to fund general operating support for the organization's humanitarian programs that promote cultural understanding, as well as improve the quality of life and expand opportunities for children worldwide.

PSBI Receives Adoption License in Vietnam

By Jane Cramer, Assistant Adoption Coordinator



Hang Minh Pham, PSBI's Vietnam Director, officially receiving PSBI's adoption license from Dr. Vu Duc Long, Director of the Department of International Adoption of the Ministry of Justice.

On May 25, 2006, Pearl S. Buck International received its license to provide adoption services for Vietnamese children. Pearl S. Buck International has a long history of assisting disadvantaged children in Vietnam and is very pleased to add adoption services to our existing humanitarian programming in Vietnam.

We were thrilled to receive our first referral of a handsome 3 month old boy within a few weeks of our licensure. He is matched with a family, and we are waiting for the final approval from the Department of Justice in Ho Chi Minh City. Once approved, our first family will be traveling to Vietnam to bring home their son.

At the end of June, we also received referrals of two waiting children with special needs. An, an 8 month old little girl, was born with a cleft lip and palate. Hien, a 14 month old little girl, has spent most of her life in a hospital due to a heart condition and tuberculosis. She was recently released from the hospital and is ready to join a family.

We have many families interested in pursuing the adoption of these lovely little girls and expect that they will be officially matched with their new families soon. If you are interested in adopting a waiting child, please contact Heather Carter at 215-249-0100 x136 or hcarter@pearlsbuck.org, and she can inform you about new referrals we expect to receive soon. You may also visit the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi's website at http://hanoi.usembassy.gov/orphan_visas.html, to learn more about the adoption process.

Welcome House® Mentoring Program

By Lisa Moravec-Senior, SWAN Program Coordinator

The Welcome House® Adoption Mentoring Program continues to be a great success. We currently have 5 adopted children matched with adults who were also adopted and who share similar interests, preferences and ethnicity. Mentors and their mentees meet each month and work on fun projects during which they share their thoughts and feelings about a variety of issues and experiences. Mentor, Kimberly Nelson states, "The great thing about the Mentoring Group is that it not only gives us all a chance to have fun and enjoy each other's company, but it also provides the opportunity to build friendships with other adoptees who have been through similar experiences. The children say that they like the mentoring program because they can express their feelings about being adopted and know that there is someone else who has been in their shoes. My mentee, Laura, told me that the Mentoring Group is helpful because she can talk to people who *really* know what it's like to be adopted from another country."

Adoption Mentoring provides a special kind of caring and supportive relationship between kids and adults who have been adopted based on mutual trust and respect. The Adoption Mentoring Group meets on the first Saturday of every month at PSBI. We have children and teens adopted from China, India, Russia, and the Philippines waiting to be matched with a mentor. For information about becoming a mentor or enrolling your child in the program, please contact, Lisa Moravec-Senior at 215-249-0100 x138 or lmoravecsenior@pearlsbuck.org.





Local Schools Tour the Pearl S. Buck House

By Kristen Froehlich, Curator

School Tours are more fun than ever at the Pearl S. Buck Historic Site! “*Me and my class loved it so much. I would like to come there again!*” exclaimed a 2nd grade visitor. Although most students come from the Pennridge Middle Schools, our school tour program is adaptable to all grade levels and students from private, public & home schools.

A school tour group can range in number from 10 to 120 students. Large groups are divided and each smaller group is presented with a schedule of activities. A visit lasts about three hours and a typical schedule might include the following: Origami, East Wind or West Wind interactive guessing game, House Tour, Chopstick lesson, Chinese Box Lunch Sampler, Chinese Children Next Door (students listen to a recording of Pearl Buck reading this story and then discuss the cultural differences it illustrates). A volunteer will stay with each group, assisting in activities and then leading the House Tour. This allows the students a chance to have a Pearl S. Buck expert available throughout the day and the volunteers enjoy the opportunity to interact with the students for more than an activity or House Tour.

Students aren't the only ones commenting on the rich new experience of a Pearl S. Buck Historic Site visit. A few teachers remarked, *The day you've created sounds absolutely perfect...and thank you for such a good day at the Pearl Buck House... [and] for taking such personal care of us.*



Students on a tour of the Pearl S. Buck House have a lesson in using chopsticks practicing with goldfish crackers.

First Lady Accepts 'The 2006 Pearl S. Buck Woman of the Year Award'



Pearl S. Buck clay bust, to be cast in bronze for the 2006 Woman of the Year Award.

This spring, Pearl S. Buck International was informed by the White House that First Lady Laura Bush was “pleased to accept” the 2006 Pearl S. Buck Woman of the Year Award. This award is given to women who make outstanding contributions in the areas of cross-cultural understanding, humanitarian outreach, and improving the quality of life and expanding opportunities for children around the world. Past recipients of this award include such distinguished and accomplished women as Audrey Hepburn, Toni Morrison, Corazon Aquino and Lee, Hee-ho.

Among her many contributions in the areas of humanitarian outreach and cross-cultural understanding, Mrs. Bush was chosen to be the recipient specifically for her work on behalf of public/private partnerships between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Project Hope, and other private health care organizations that help equip and train pediatric health care professionals worldwide, her support for the initiative to build a National Children's Hospital in Iraq, her service as Honorary Ambassador for the Decade of Literacy of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), as well as her continued commitment to efforts that educate people throughout the world.

Thanks to local artist Chris Dunham, this year's Pearl S. Buck Woman of the Year Award will have a new look. Dunham has created and donated a beautiful and strikingly life-like clay sculpture of Pearl Buck, which will be cast in bronze by Tom Considine of Considine Studios in Lansdale, PA. Considine is also donating his expertise, time and materials for this project, as well for the production of future Woman of the Year awards.

Mrs. Bush has been invited to visit Pearl S. Buck International this fall for an award presentation luncheon and for the opportunity to take a tour of the Pearl S. Buck House. As we learn more details, we'll post updates on the website, so be sure to visit www.pearlsbuck.org for the latest information about a visit from the First Lady.



News from the Curator

By Kristen Froehlich, Curator

Visitors, volunteers & staff have enjoyed exploring aspects of Pearl S. Buck's life and times in depth through a series of changing thematic exhibits. The celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the publication of *The Good Earth* in March and April, was very popular and attracted both television and newspaper recognition. Every room on the tour was in bloom during the *Festival of Flowers* in May and June. A variety of arrangements were contributed by local florists and members of the Pearl S. Buck Volunteer Association. *Personal Pearl* featured suits, gowns, hats, gloves & purses worn by Pearl Buck matched when possible with photographs of the author in the garments. Many visitors were delighted for the opportunity to share a more intimate sense of this world famous woman. The fourth exhibit, *Political Pearl* will run from September to October and will examine through her own words, the author's work as an activist. The Holiday House – Festival of Trees running from November 7th – December 31st will include several trees inspired by Pearl Buck's writings. Look for a unique interpretation of Pearl Buck's writing on food, her own cookbook collection in the kitchen, and a tree decorated to honor the 75th Anniversary of *The Good Earth*.



During the 'Personal Pearl' exhibit at the Pearl S. Buck House, beautiful gowns worn by the author were featured.

Preservation Project

Design, survey and exploratory work have been the focus of the Preservation Project during the Spring and Summer. To develop the best solutions to our structural problems, engineers from Keast & Hood first have to document the manner in which the Pearl S. Buck House was constructed and the modifications to the original building. We anticipate that roof repairs will begin in November and will not impact our Holiday House Tours.

East Wind OR West Wind

Can you determine the origin of these tea cups?

East Wind OR West Wind interactive guessing game is a hit with students and teachers. Named after Pearl S. Buck's first published novel, this new school activity provides students who tour the Pearl S. Buck House a greater interest and experience with the artifacts displayed within and emphasizes Pearl Buck's role as a bridge builder between East and West. Buck herself stated, "... [my] background explains this house which is, in itself, a mixture of East and West."

The novel, *East Wind, West Wind* tells the story of a Chinese man who is educated in America but returns to live in China. The game uses PowerPoint presentation software to provide students with typical characteristics of Asian and Western art and furnishings. Then they are challenged to guess if the artifact displayed on a screen is from the East or West. Students who play the game before touring the Pearl S. Buck House look much more attentively at the artifacts on display and enjoy noting those they already saw in the game. Students that play the game after touring the House often remark in which room an artifact was located, and generally think they will win the game and guess the origin of all artifacts correctly.



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Campaign for Historic Preservation Progress

\$830,000 of \$1.2 million Goal Secured

By Anthony Luna, Development Director

PSBI has begun preservation work on the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark with 68% of the \$1.2 million goal secured. The Campaign seeks to ensure structural stabilization and stem water infiltration that severely threatens future public safety and access and the integrity of Pearl S. Buck's intact collection. The award-winning architectural firm Farewell, Mills and Gatsch, completed a detailed survey of the building's physical condition and documented necessary repairs through detailed drawings. Internal walls, ceilings and floors will be explored next to confirm structural deficiencies and determine appropriate methods of repair.



Janet Mintzer, President & CEO of PSBI noted, "We are thrilled that we have reached nearly 70% of our goal and are indebted to those individuals and organizations that have generously supported this historic campaign. However, in order to be successful, we must raise an additional \$400,000, so that we can ensure that the Pearl S. Buck House and Pearl S. Buck's legacy remain an important source of education and inspiration for future generations." To learn more about the Campaign for Historic Preservation and to donate today, visit www.pearlsbuck.org/campaign or call Anthony Luna, Development Director at 215-249-0100 x130.

2nd Annual 'A Taste of the World' Gala Raises Over \$28,000

Over 200 people and 24 vendors attended 'A Taste of the World' gala presented by **Byers' Choice**, raising a total of \$28,115, more than \$7,000 over last year! Our live auction included hot ticket items as "Pear Blossom" a one of a kind, Byers' Choice, Ltd. caroler hand-made and signed by **Joyce Byers**. Named after the character "Pear Blossom" in Buck's famed book *The Good Earth*, and made exclusively for Pearl S. Buck International and 'A Taste of the World', it sold for \$1,000. Also, Hines Ward Pittsburgh Steeler (Super Bowl XL MVP) and PSBI's new partner, donated an autographed jersey accompanied by a photo & certificate of authenticity which sold for \$1,200 after an exciting bidding duel!

Thank You to all of

our sponsors,

participating establishments, attendees, and the volunteers, staff and Board Members of Pearl S. Buck International for making this event a great success!

Mark your calendar for our next 'A Taste of the Word' Gala, Friday, May 18, 2007.

Special thanks to Board Members, **Jane McKenna** and **Sandy Bates** for co-chairing the event.



Top: There was something to eat for everyone at 'A Taste of the World' with 24 participating vendors. Left: Guests actively bid on over 20 items at our live auction.



Visionaries Please Apply... to Ensure Your Future and the Future of Children in Need

By Anthony Luna, Development Director

Have you, like many of our friends and donors, ever considered contributing to the future of PSBI by making a planned gift through your estate? Are you interested in learning more in general about estate planning options and other planned giving options that can enhance your retirement income or give you tax benefits? Would you like to ensure that Pearl S. Buck's Vision of helping children continues for decades to come?

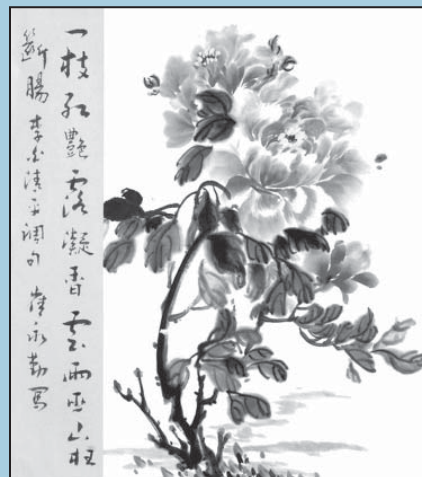
If this is you, please become a founding member of the Visionary Society of Pearl S. Buck International! The Visionary Society was created to recognize and honor those of you who have thoughtfully provided for PSBI's future by including us in your estate plans through a bequest, a life-income arrangement, or other planned gift. The Visionary Society offers many giving opportunities that benefit you and PSBI. From gifts of cash, stock and insurance to real estate and bequests, the Visionary Society is designed to assist you in planning your contributions with the latest tax ramifications in mind. To learn more about this new program and how you can become a founding member, please visit the new Visionary Society website at www.pearlsbuck.org/plannedgiving or call Anthony Luna, Development Director at 215-249-0100 x130.

Chinese Children's Benefit and Chinese Calligraphy & Art Exhibit

Pearl S. Buck International will host the 3rd Annual Chinese Children's Benefit on Sunday, October 15, 2006 from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. As part of the event, a Chinese Calligraphy & Art Exhibit will be take place in the Cultural Center beginning Wednesday, October 11, 2006 and end in an auction at the event. Event Sponsors will be invited to the exclusive VIP reception prior to the event.

The Chinese Children's Benefit will support the Pearl S. Buck Class at Zhenjiang No. 2 Middle School in Zhenjiang, China and the Pearl S. Buck Teacher Ambassador Program. This culturally rich evening of family fun will feature a buffet Chinese dinner, a silent auction and raffle, and a distinctive line-up of Chinese musical and dance performances.

Purchase tickets, become an event sponsor, or donate an auction item online by visiting www.pearlsbuck.org/CCB.



60 handpainted pieces brought from Zhenjiang, China will be on display at the Chinese Calligraphy & Art Exhibit then auctioned at the Chinese Children's Benefit.

Pearl S. Buck House Membership

By Anthony Luna, Development Director

You're invited to join a growing number of community members that are discovering the legacy of author, humanitarian and activist Pearl S. Buck by becoming a member of the Pearl S. Buck House today!

Household Membership allows you and your family to enjoy one year of unlimited tours of the Pearl S. Buck House for two adults and up to four children. Additional benefits include discounts on special community activities and purchases in the Pearl S. Buck International Gift Shop and a complimentary admission to International Day, our largest celebration of the year! Senior, individual, business and gift memberships are also available.

To register for a House Membership, visit us online via our secure server at www.pearlsbuck.org/membership or call 215-249-0100 for more information.

Calendar of Events

Chinese Children's Benefit & Chinese Calligraphy and Art Exhibit

Benefit: Sunday, October 15, 2006, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$37/Adults, \$20/Children 12 and under, and no cost under 3.
Support PSBI efforts in China at this gourmet Chinese buffet dinner, silent auction, and entertainment.

Art Exhibit: Wednesday, October 11 to Sunday, October 15
10:00 am - 4:00 pm. *Bid on calligraphy, photography and art brought from Zhenjiang, China.*

Hilltown Halloween Festival, \$5/carload
Saturday, October 28, 2006, Noon - 7:00 p.m.
Rain date: October 29, Noon - 7:00 p.m.
Hay rides, pumpkin painting, a children's costume parade and evening bonfire will highlight this fun-filled community event.

Annual Craft Show, \$2/person
Friday, November 24 to Sunday, December 3, 2006
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily
The regions best artisans and crafters come together in this juried collection of crafts, gifts, fine-art and antiques.

***Sign up for events at 215-249-0100 visit www.pearlsbuck.org. Unless otherwise noted all events are located at the PSBI Headquarters in Perkasié, PA.**

Holiday Festival of Trees Tour,

\$8/regular admission, \$7/seniors & students
Friday, November 7 to Saturday, December 31, 2006

Tour Schedule:

Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m., 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: Noon, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Monday: November 27, 10:00 a.m., 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m

Welcome House® Adoption Program

Information Meetings*

Wednesday, September 20, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday, November 15, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

For a full list of PSBI's events or to register for an event, visit us online at www.pearlsbuck.org/events

Answers from *East Wind* or *West Wind* on page 9:

Left: West Wind - A ceramic or soft-paste porcelain tea cup decorated in the "Lusterware" technique, made either England or the U.S., date circa 1830s.

Right: East Wind - A true or hard-paste porcelain tea cup decorated with a blue & white floral motif made in China, date undetermined.

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