

伍 Next Generation News

BULLETIN OF THE NGG, ENG FAMILY BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES

Board of Directors Elected and Committees Established at June NGG Meeting

A diversity of talent and vision make up the Board of Directors of the Next Generation Group (NGG) of the Eng Family Benevolent Association, elected at the June 4 general meeting. The first official NGG Board includes **Lance Eng**, president; **Wayne Ng**, co vice-president; **Serena Ng**, co vice-president; **Alex Eng**, chief financial officer; and **Janice Ng**, secretary. The group members agreed to adopt the current Bylaws of the parent Association regarding elections of officers for the Board, responsibilities and term of office.

Assisting the NGG Board in its duties and activities will be standing committees with specific areas of focus and responsibilities: Finance/Fundraising; Communications/Marketing; Social/Membership; Legal Affairs; and Special Projects.

Among the major topics the Board addressed was the ongoing discussion of the group's legal status in relation with the parent organization. It was agreed that the Legal Affairs Committee would review options and recommend solutions. Mem-



Members surround the elected members of the NGG Board of Directors, seated, from left, Janice Ng, Wayne Ng, Lance Eng, Alex Eng and Serena Ng. Back row from left: Darren Ng, Alan Ng, Rick Eng, Steven Ng, Tracy Quinto, David K. Ng. Photo courtesy of Janice Ng.

bers also were encouraged to bring ideas for activities designed to increase new membership and promote the group's visibility. Social events were not discounted: ideas like outdoor activities, road trip and concerts will celebrate new connections and cement established friendships.

The next NGG general meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, July 9, at 11:00am, at the Clubhouse. The agenda will be posted on the NGG website for download.

Following adjournment of the meeting, members proceeded to the Golden Dragon Restaurant to participate in the Parents' Day luncheon hosted by the parent organization.

Congratulations Mike Eng on Nomination Win

The Next Generation Group would like to extend a warm congratulations to Mike Eng on winning the Democratic nomination in the June 6 Primary election for the California State Assembly seat representing the 49th District, which includes the cities of the San Gabriel Valley. Mike will face challengers from the Republican and other parties in the November election.



Save this date: Sunday, July 9, 2006, 11:00am is the next NGG meeting. Location: Eng Family Association. For details, email laengassoc@gmail.com.

The NGG website
www.storyzoo.net/laeng

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NGG President's Message



As we embark on this historical moment for the (E)Ng Family of turning the NGG concept into reality, we have made a conscious decision to say "Family Matters." It is with great excitement and energy that we believe we can continue the legacy and impact of the (E)Ng Family for future generations and have a positive impact in our community.

In our inaugural year, we will be focused on organizational planning. We have many assets to help accomplish this, but the most important asset we have is ourselves. In our fantastic group of diverse skills and talent, we will be laying the foundation for the NGG. It is upon this strong foundation that we will be able to build into the future.

Lance Eng grew up in Minnesota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota. While working in the family restaurant business, Lance was instilled with a hard work ethic, and a business acumen. A busy real estate professional, his private time is spent volunteering, playing tennis, mentoring, and going to church.

Oral History Family Project

by Steven Ng

According to the Oral History Association, "Oral history is a method of gathering and preserving historical information through recorded interviews with participants in past events and ways of life. It is both the oldest type of historical inquiry, predating the written word, and one of the most modern, initiated with tape recorders in the 1940s."



As one of our first projects, the NGG can honor our elders, those who established the Ng Family Benevolent Association, by collecting, preserving, and treasuring their stories about China, coming to America, and their life in America. This will involve collecting stories in the form of oral histories and produce a series of programs made available on the Internet.

The oral stories we collect would be made into a series of audio programs which we would share over the Internet as downloadable audio files called *pod-* →



Janice Ng exemplifies the NGG member motivated by community involvement. A financial advisor/retirement planning specialist for Morgan Stanley, she tirelessly campaigned for Mike Eng in his election bid for the 49th District of the California State Assembly, from working the phone bank to hanging door flyers. In addition to Mike's public service accomplishments in immigration and education, Janice admires the way he made everyone who came to help feel very appreciated and important "[The experience] allowed me to learn and understand more about the political process," said Janice, pictured above with other campaign volunteers.

casts. Though we would collect many hours of stories, we will only use a fraction of what we collect in order to produce a cohesive program. The rest of the audio we collect would be made available for other members of the Ng family for research and to make their own programs.

The scope of production will require the efforts of members of NGG to help in the collection of oral histories: finding interviewees, planning and conducting interviews, translating, and writing the audio programs from those stories.

Finally, we can also collect the stories of our contemporaries, as we are the ones who bridge the cultural gap between those born in China to the Americans born for the benefit of the generations to follow. I encourage all of you to think about this project and the importance of honoring those who preceded us and enriching those who follow in our footsteps.

Interested in knowing more about the programs, events and activities of the Next Generation Group? Email for more information at laengassoc@gmail.com.