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Pacific Century Institute Annual Award Dinner: Then and Now

The annual award dinner is one of the highlights of the year for the Pacific Century Institute (PCI) and its partners. The Pacific Century Institute established the Building Bridges Award in 2000 to honor people who have enhanced *relations between Americans and Asians* and who exemplify PCI's commitment of *building bridges to a better future*. It is a time to award someone who exemplifies the principles of PCI and a time for members and supporters of PCI to gather and strengthen relationships. Every year, academics, policy makers, journalists and interested individuals come together at an annual dinner to give out this prestigious award and to celebrate the dedication and the accomplishments of the recipient.

The 2006 Annual Awards Dinner will be held on February 23rd at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Los Angeles. This year's honoree will be Ambassador Raymond Burghardt, who will be honored for extraordinary service in strengthening Asian-American Relations as a distinguished diplomat, influential policy-maker, and innovative orchestrator of productive relationships between America and East Asia. Some of our previous recipients include Dr. William J. Perry (2000), Dr. Robert A. Scalapino (2001), Frank Gibney (2002) and Don Oberdorfer (2003), Lt. General H.C. Hank Stackpole USMC (Ret.) (2004), and The Underwood Family (2005).



William Perry, first recipient of
PCI's Building Bridges award

PCI presented its first Building Bridges Award to **Dr. William J. Perry** at its annual dinner in February of 2000. Dr. Perry was given the award for his distinguished service to America as Secretary of Defense and Special Assistant to the President of the United States and Secretary of State during the sweeping review of U.S. policy towards North Korea. In particular, Dr. Perry has rendered devoted service to

the nation in his endeavor to open new paths intended to achieve normal diplomatic and economic relations between the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. In this venture, Dr. Perry consulted closely with leaders of Japan, China and the Republic of Korea to forge a genuinely cooperative approach to North Korea.

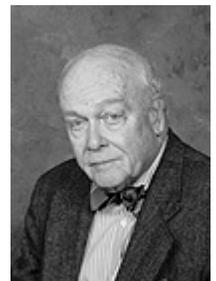


Robert Scalapino (right) receives award from Ken Tuggle

In 2001, PCI presented its second annual Building Bridges Award to **Dr. Robert A. Scalapino**. For nearly six decades Dr. Scalapino has served

the United States as a member of a small but learned corps of scholars who began their study of Asia during the dark days of World War II. Since his work during that conflict, Dr. Scalapino has led the way in educating Americans on the culture, politics, economics, and international relations of Asia. Widely considered the dean of Asian Studies in the United States, Dr. Scalapino has said that "the joy of teaching is to see the accomplishments of your students." His students today are a part of America's civic, business, and academic leadership. Beyond academics, Dr. Scalapino's thoughtful and reasoned influence has extended to presidents and prime ministers, legislators, diplomats, business executives, military commanders, civic leaders and scholars from California to Europe, Russia, the Middle East and across Asia to Korea and Japan.

In the year 2002 PCI presented the 2002 Building Bridges Award to **Frank Gibney** at its annual dinner in February of 2002. Mr. Gibney was given the award for his prominent service to America as a naval intelligence officer, news correspondent, author, editor, publisher, teacher, and dedicated advocate for better relations between Asians and Americans. Mr. Gibney's service to the United States began during World War II



Frank Gibney

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with the "Boulder Boys" who learned the Japanese language and served in the war and Occupation of Japan. After that, Mr. Gibney became a celebrated writer who has enlightened generations throughout the English-speaking world with news dispatches, magazine articles, books, television scripts, edited works, and university courses, all delivered with erudition, coherency, and wonderfully lucid language. In particular, Mr. Gibney founded the Pacific Basin Institute in 1979 in an effort to make people in the Asia-Pacific region aware of their shared values and responsibilities. The Pacific Century Institute recognizes his zeal in seeking mutual respect and open discourse among Americans and Asians and thus holding high the torch of freedom and peace.



Don Oberdorfer (left) with Ken Tuggle and Don Gregg

In 2003 Don Oberdorfer was awarded the 2003 Building Bridges Award. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Don Oberdorfer graduated from Princeton University in 1952 and served as a U.S. Army lieutenant in Korea. He began his journalistic career with the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer and also worked for the Saturday Evening Post magazine. Oberdorfer worked on the Washington Post staff for 25 years as the paper's diplomatic correspondent for 17 years. He also served as the Post's White House correspondent and its Northeast Asia correspondent, based in Tokyo. He covered the Vietnam war as a correspondent in Saigon and in Washington for Knight Newspapers and the Washington Post. He authored a book on the war titled "Tet!", which chronicled the 1968 battle of the same name. Oberdorfer retired in April, 1993, and joined Johns Hopkins University's Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) He has also taught courses at Princeton University. Oberdorfer published a book in 1997 "The Two Koreas: A Contemporary History, on the North-South struggle in Korea" that won the 10th annual Asia-Pacific Book Prize in Tokyo and authored a book "The Turn: From the Cold War to a New Era" on Soviet-American diplomacy in the 1980's. Oberdorfer also wrote a book to celebrate the 250th anniversary of his alma mater, "Princeton University: The First 250 Years."

In 2004 PCI awarded Lt. General H.C. Hank Stackpole USMC (Ret.) the Building Bridges Award for distinguished service to America and Asia as a brave warrior, dedicated peacemaker and determined scholar. As a marine lieutenant in Vietnam he won the U.S. Silver Star

and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for courage in action, and twice suffered sever wounds. He commanded the U.S. Marines in Okinawa as a major general and was awarded the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun for furthering cooperative relations. In Peacemaking, Major General Stackpole led his sea borne Marines and a seven-nation coalition to save the lives of 37,000 Bangladeshis and to rescue 1.7 million victims of Super Typhoon Marion in 1991. As a scholar he earned an A.B. from Princeton, an M.A. in international affairs from George Washington University and an M.A. in higher education from Stanford.



Lt. General Hank Stackpole USMC (Ret.)

Last year PCI honored the Underwood Family for tireless service to Asia as dedicated missionaries, influential educators and steadfast friends of Korea. For nearly one hundred and twenty years and over four generations, the Underwood family has influenced Korean culture by imparting religion, western sentiments and culture, and promoting education at all levels. The recipient was Mr. Horace Underwood who delivered an address entitled "Open Doors, Closed Doors: the Underwood Family and Korea" at last year's PCI dinner.



Horace Underwood addresses audience at 2005 award dinner

These past recipients and honorees have many things in common but one factor that distinguishes them among many is their *extraordinary effort in bridging the gap between the US and Asia*. These efforts have assisted in the Pacific Century Institute's own undertakings to build bridges for a better future. This year's honoree is **Ambassador Raymond Burghardt**. We hope to see you at our 2006 Annual Award Dinner. For information about the award and the annual dinner, including opportunities for providing sponsorship support, please refer to our contact information.



2006 Building Bridges Award Recipient

Ambassador Raymond Burghardt



For distinguished service to strengthen Asian-American Relations as a distinguished diplomat, Influential policy-maker, and innovative orchestrator of productive relationships between America and East Asia

Ambassador Raymond Burghardt and his wife Susan Burghardt served for some 37 years as eminent American diplomats in East Asia and Latin America, adroitly promoting American interests while building productive and constructive relations with the peoples with whom he served and worked. He has pursued with dedication building public, private individuals, and organizational links between America and Asia.

Following his outstanding performance as Ambassador to Vietnam, Ambassador Burghardt continues his constructive efforts in his first year at the East-West Center in Hawaii: developing the U.S. - Korea Journalist Exchange program, expanding exchange programs for young leaders, women leaders, journalists, political figures and businessmen, speaking eloquently on campuses and to community groups - all with the purpose of creating better understanding between Americans and Asians.

As Ambassador to Vietnam from 1999-2001, he worked assiduously to develop the new, more robust, normalized relationship with our former enemy. Among his innovative contributions were U.S. - funded educational programs such as the Vietnam Education Foundation for science students; more cultural exchanges (jazz bands, artists, the Vietnam exhibition at the Natural History Museum), often in collaboration with private organizations; developing the military relationship, including ship visits; establishing direct air ties. Some views to the contrary in Washington notwithstanding, he found ways candidly to improve understanding on the delicate human rights and religious freedom issues while

still maintaining mutual respect.

As American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Director during the critical period when the first opposition party, the Democratic People's Party, was elected and took office, despite great anxiety in Beijing and Washington that Taiwan would take actions which would provoke a crisis, possibly even war, Ambassador Burghardt received great credit for calming the atmosphere, working patiently behind the scenes to help Taiwan's leaders understand the importance of non-inflammatory rhetoric and working pragmatically with the Mainland. Earlier, as Consul General in Shanghai, he played a similarly adept role as chief interlocutor with China's designated negotiator with Taiwan

In general, over the years, Ambassador Burghardt has been in the toughest places, where raw conflict existed or threatened: Vietnam during the war; Central America, including during the crises of the mid-80's; Beijing, on Tiananmen Square on the night of June 4, 1989, and later bringing dissident Fang Lizhi into the embassy to find refuge; in Korea, which always is a place of conflict; in Manila when terrorist plots by some of the precursors of Al Qaeda became active; dealing with the Taiwan Strait issue on both sides of the Straits; and then back in Vietnam to create a friendly relationship between two countries which were once bitter enemies. In all those situations Ambassador Burghardt unfailingly made a contribution to peaceful outcomes.

Ambassador Burghardt's efforts to develop cross-Pacific relations have been brilliantly complemented by the work of his wife, Susan. Mrs. Burghardt developed close relations with the artistic communities in the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan and Vietnam. In Taipei she served as a docent for English language visitors to the famed National Palace Museum. In Korea she was an active participant in the Royal Asiatic Society. In Vietnam, Susan assisted the National History Museum to make its displays more understandable to foreign visitors. At all their recent posts, Susan organized exhibits of local artists and performances by local musicians at their residences. She assisted the artists in their efforts to exhibit their work and perform in the United States. The Burghardts' strong interest in the cultural life of Asian countries was deeply appreciated by the artists, the government and the public at large in those countries.

Ambassador and Mrs. Burghardt's Foreign Service career and their goals now in the East-West Center epitomize the dedicated, patient work required to establish communication and understanding, building blocks of peace, between Americans and the people of Asia. The Pacific Century Institute is honored to award to these tireless advocates of concord in these perilous times its Building Bridges Award on the Twenty-Third Day of February in the Year 2006.





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Project Bridge Update



Project Bridge in an annual collaboration between the Korea Society and PCI. Participants are high school juniors and seniors from New York and Los Angeles. The

primary goal is to create relationships between Americans of diverse ethnic backgrounds and foster mutual understanding between different cultures. Activities during the yearlong program include: monthly workshops on multicultural youth leadership issues and relations; seminars covering the history, language, and culture of Korea; field trips; community service; and, for the students which complete the program, a ten day educational study tour of Korea.



PB leaders Grace Yoo and Fernando Cardenas

This year's Project Bridge students are a great group as all our previous groups have been. The PB leaders are Fernando Cardenas, Victor Sim, Lisa Sueki, and Grace Yoo.

The following is a brief description of this year's Project Bridge activities and what the students have learned thus far and what they plan to study before their trip to Korea. It is written by one of this year's PB leaders, Fernando Cardenas.

Project Bridge has been an ongoing effort between the Korea Society (NY) and the Pacific Century Institute (LA). Each year, a select group of high school students from the LA and NY areas participate in activities which teach them about the Korean culture and other cultures.

The current group was formed late in 2005. So far we have learned about the first Korean immigrants to the United States, we have toured Koreatown, and we have explored the struggle for civil rights through imagery from an exhibition at the Getty Museum.

As is Project Bridge tradition, the newly accepted Youth Ambassadors were enthusiastically introduced to the project with a Welcome Brunch



Welcome Brunch at White Eagle Ranch

which was hosted by our sponsor, Spencer Kim, at his home.

As the Project Bridge 2005-2006 Youth Ambassadors progress through the program, they are learning about cultural and social issues which impact their world in ways they are just now exploring. So far, they have been able to discuss these sometimes abstract and complex issues at length, which reflects their ability and willingness to learn and explore the world. The culmination of Project Bridge, which is the 10-day study tour of South Korea, will, no doubt, be an amazing growing and learning experience for all the Youth Ambassadors. If last year's Youth Ambassadors are any indication, this year's group will also excel in ways that will surprise and delight everyone involved in this project.

Quotes from this year's Project Bridge Youth Ambassadors expressing their thoughts:

* *Marcus Avedis Enfiedjian* – "Eventually I would like to attend Underwood International College at Yonsei University, ... I would also like to become a missionary in Korea and other places in the world."

* *Aneesah Giroux* – "I know that Project Bridge will provide an invaluable experience, and I hope to gain a better understanding of the Korean culture as well as other diverse cultures around me while contributing to my open mind and interest about the world outside of Pasadena."

* *Hugo Hua* – "I am very excited about being a member of project bridge, from this program I hope to understand the Korean culture, the people, and their way of life."

* *Tracy Luong* – "I'm ecstatic about Project Bridge and what the program offers. I hope it will expose me to more aspects of life that I have yet to discover."

* *Kenneth Park*- "I think Project Bridge would be able to contribute to my future goals by helping me build my leadership skills."

* *Brittany Laura Rodriguez*- "As I develop with this program I only wish to be a model of tolerance and unification of people with multicultural Backgrounds."

* *Reco Sanders*- "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, ... I want to take in the Korean culture and understand their view of American culture."

* *Danny Stickar*- "I think Project Bridge will greatly improve my abilities... I hope to bring my knowledge as well as my cultural awareness into the group."



2005-2006 Project Bridge Youth Ambassadors





Save the Day!

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