

Friends of the International Center of Princeton University

30 Years of Conversation and Friendship

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President's Corner

As we celebrate our **thirtieth anniversary**, we welcome you to this first issue of our newsletter. You will receive the newsletter twice a year so you can stay informed about the programs and activities sponsored by the Friends of the International Center.

The Friends have built **bridges of understanding** among people of many nations since 1974 by offering **the hand of friendship** and **the gift of language** to international graduate students, visiting scholars, and their spouses at Princeton University.

Our tutors and hosts offer conversation programs and a home visit program that help the international visitors become more comfortable speaking English and more knowledgeable about American customs and culture.

Together, volunteers and participants create a **common path** that leads to greater respect and tolerance, a vital connection in today's world, wouldn't you say?

Anne Bolick, *President*



Our volunteers and participants 'glow' in mutual respect and admiration.

Meet Our Participants

The graduate students, visiting scholars and spouses who participate in the Friends' programs represent many countries, but all share a common desire—to practice English and learn about America. The Friends help them do this by offering individual and group conversation programs and a host program.

Meet **Bin Zuo** from Wuhan, China, a Fulbright Visiting Fellow and Professor of Psychology. Bin attends the Friends' group conversation program twice a week. "I must learn to speak English better because I am doing research in America with young children."

Then, there is **Jeanny Kang**, from Korea, whose husband is a visiting scholar. In Korea, she volunteered regularly with the Women's Hot Line. Jeanny would like to do some volunteering in the United States, but she wants to first practice her English skills.

A hearty welcome to all our participants, who together represent thirty-five nations!

Program Participants

2003 – 2004

Individual English Conversation

75 students & scholars, 75 tutors

Group English Conversation

75 students & spouses, 15 tutors
(Includes some community members)

Host Program

65 students, scholars, & spouses, 65 hosts

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Friends Support the International Center

In addition to sponsoring programs in tutoring and hosting, the Friends work **in partnership** with the International Center of Princeton University by donating 77% of our budget to support the Center's programs for international students. Among the activities the Friends co-sponsor are the International Festival; weekly Chinese luncheons; cultural, social and speakers programs; receptions and holiday parties, and trips to Broadway.

Friends Present Award

Each year, the Friends award a stipend to an international graduate student in recognition of his or her excellence in teaching undergraduates at Princeton University. The winner for 2004 is **Pedro Silva Goldbaum**, a doctoral candidate in physics from Brazil. His wife, Mariele, attends the English conversation group.



Pedro Silva Goldbaum, his wife, Mariele, son, Felipe, 2, and Anne Bolick, President of the Friends of the International Center.

To Get in Touch

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To Our Alumni:

Tell us about yourselves by e-mailing Hanna Hand at hhand@princeton.edu.

Voices From Our Friends

Occasionally, alumni of the Friends' conversation and host programs will write us to express their gratitude for our efforts on behalf of the international community. One such letter is from a participant who returned recently to her country:

"You made me feel accepted and respected as a foreigner. I was met with open hearts and helping hands. I will always remember your kindness."

Sometimes, we hear from a volunteer. One such person is **Victoria Garcia**, a former member of the Friends Board of Trustees and Lecturer in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Cultures at Princeton University:

The positive spirit and generosity of the Friends and the remarkable warmth and wisdom of Paula Chow [Director of the International Center] unite people of diverse backgrounds. Princeton becomes more than a campus — it becomes a real community of friends.

Friends' Budget

The Friends of the International Center is a non-profit organization that is funded through tax-deductible contributions from individual supporters and from interest on an endowment. Though we help co-sponsor numerous activities of the International Center of Princeton University, we do not receive any funds from the university.

In order to raise funds in support of our programs and activities, we undertake a yearly appeal.

Budget Expenditures

77% for Friends' programs, teaching award and contribution to International Center programs.
23% for administrative expenses, such as administrative assistance, mailing, printing, computer maintenance.

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