



Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation (AIISF) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote a greater understanding of Pacific Coast immigration and its role in shaping America's past, present and future. Through an array of interpretive programs and educational partnerships, the Foundation preserves the Immigration Station site, a National Historic Landmark, as a place that honors the complex story and rich cultural heritage of Pacific Coast immigrants and their descendants.

Dear Eddie,

As summer winds down, we head into a very busy period of work at the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation. First and foremost is the Annual Fundraising Dinner on September 12. We appreciate all the support you have shown us and look forward to gathering once more to celebrate as we approach the reopening of the Immigration Station on February 15, 2009.

Wishing you all the best,

Eddie Wong
Executive Director

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NEW DISCOVERIES, NEW BEGININGS

Mark you calendars for Friday, September 12 for the AIISFs Annual Fundraising Dinner. Held at the Westin San Francisco Market Street hotel, the evening begins with a special book signing at 6 pm with authors Robert Barde (Immigration at the Golden Gate), Li Keng Wong (Good Fortune: My Journey to Gold Mountain), and Laurence Yep (The Dragons Child). Come meet the authors and share a glass a wine with your fellow AIISF friends.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Erika Lee, Associate Professor of History and Asian American Studies at the University of Minnesota, addresses this years theme, New Discoveries, New Beginnings, with her presentation, Angel Island Histories: New Stories from Americas Pacific Gateway. Erika Lee and Judy Yung are co-authors on an AIISF-sponsored book due out in 2010. The book will focus on the experiences of Filipinos, Japanese, Koreans, Mexicans, Russians and others who also passed through the U.S.



Immigration Station at Angel Island.



Pianist/composer Jon Jang, whose Chinese American symphony premiered in February 2008 at the Sacramento and East Bay symphonies, will give a unique performance/talk about his new work, *Angel Voices*, a symphony dedicated to the Angel Island immigration experience. Jon will describe how he interprets newly discovered poems at Angel Island as musical compositions.

If you would like tickets, please contact Julie Phuong at info@aifs.org or call 415 262-4429.

AIISF JOINS IMMIGRATION NETWORK

Eddie Wong, Executive Director of AIISF, attended the founding conference of the Immigration Network, a project of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience. Dave Matthews and Casey Lee from the Angel Island State Park joined Eddie. Members of the network include the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, the Levine Museum of the New South, The Lower East Side Tenement Museum, El Paseo de Norte, the Japanese American National Museum, the Wing Luke Museum, and others. The coalition met from Aug. 8 to 13 in Pocantico Hills, NY to develop dialogue programs to engage the public in examining historical and contemporary aspects of immigration policy.

Read about the coalition at www.sitesofconscience.org. For more information about the Immigration Network, call Eddie Wong at 415 262-4430 or write to him at ewong@aifs.org

NEW AIISF LOGO, NEW ADDRESS



We would like to express our thanks to the Taproots Foundation and its team of volunteer designers, branding experts, and project managers who worked with AIISF over the past eight months to create a new, modern look for the organization. A special note of thanks goes to Forrest Gok, AIISF Board Secretary, who kept the process moving along. Tell us what you think of the new logo by sending your comments to

info@aifs.org.

Along with the new logo, we also have a new address: 50 Francisco St., Suite 110, San Francisco, CA 94133. We are sharing office space with our friends at the California State Parks Foundation. The new phone number is 415 262-4429. Our fax number is 415 772-8969.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The AIISF Board welcomed four new board members at its June 11, 2008 meeting. They are as follows: Henry Der, community activist/educator/consultant; Buck J. Gee, software industry executive and philanthropist; Peggy Song, senior corporate counsel at Symantec; and Howard Ting, management and strategic consultant.

UPCOMING IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF PASSAGES

- Sneak preview of Angel Island Immigration Station Reopening, Feb. 15, 2009
- Interview with Laurence Yep and Kathleen S. Yep, co-authors of The Dragons Child, a new childrens book about a father and sons journey from China to Angel Island in the 1920s.

If you would like your friends and family to receive this e-newsletter, please send their e-mail address to Julie at info@aiisf.org

See you on September 12 at the AIISF Fundraising Dinner.

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