

Letter from the President



US-China Peoples Friendship Association

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Join Us for USCPFA's 50th Anniversary Celebration in D.C.

Dear friends of the Chinese people,

Over these many years, the USCPFA chapters across the United States have provided the momentum and the impetus to create ways to extend the hand of friendship to our Chinese friends here and in China. Many different kinds of programs and activities have been developed and implemented. They include teacher and student exchanges, friendship of the arts tours, exhibits and performances, and the building of orphanages, schools and water projects.

There have also been sporting events, cultural and educational exchanges, pen pal programs, language classes, sharing of books on China, videos, documentaries, PowerPoint presentations, film studies, potluck dinners, holiday events and friendship newsletters.

The Center for Teaching About China has helped so many teachers and students over the decades. At the national level, the quarterly publication of the *US-China Review* reports these friendship events on its pages, and shares important historical, educational, and cultural information on China. Not only is an informative and exciting convention held biennially, but a seminar on U.S.-China relations highlighting China experts, historians, authors and diplomats is held in the alternate years. The last three national events have been held virtually.

Such gatherings give us many opportunities to learn about one another. Sharing our memories, our pictures and our experiences has brought us closer together, and we are all the better for it. USCPFA and CPAFFC are devoted to the important work of building lasting friendship and peace. Since our formal founding in 1974, USCPFA members have shared remarkable adventures and experiences with each other. Because we are *lao pengyoumen* (old friends), we seek shared visions of peace and new friendships on the dawn of the next fifty years.

Now we are on the verge of the first in-person Washington Seminar on U.S.-China Relations since Covid, to be held at the Hilton Arlington National Landing Hotel near our nation's capital. This event is occurring on the 50th anniversary year of the founding of USCPFA on October 16, 17 and 18, and you are all invited.

Come join us for the Wednesday evening welcome reception from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on October 16. On Thursday, October 17, we will visit the Chinese American Museum and participate in an exciting evening at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. Friday, October 18, plans for a stellar program are underway, including the 50th anniversary luncheon. We will recognize the "pioneers" of USCPFA and others who have given their time and energy to make USCPFA relevant in our cities and communities across America.

See details online at www.uscpfa.org. A link will also be provided on the website to register for the seminar. Plan now to attend the USCPFA 50th anniversary. Further information will be sent out to chapter presidents and other members.

I encourage all USCPFA members and friends to attend this event. Invite Sister City friends in your communities to register and celebrate with us. Invite those who realize the major accomplishments of the Chinese people and the Americans who work with them to develop good relations between our peoples. The importance of a shared vision of respect and peace for now and the future between our peoples is our utmost purpose and labor of love.

In friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Diana C. Greer'.

Diana C. Greer
President of USCPFA