



北美洲台灣婦女會24屆年會 NATWA 2012 Annual Convention

Dates: April 19 – 22, 2012
Place: Crowne Plaza, San Jose/Silicon Valley
777 Bellew Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035 Tel. 408-321-9500

Time of Registration: Now to March 15, 2012

Send Your Registration to: Sue Yang P.O. Box 2492, Dublin, CA 94568

Dear NATWA Sisters,

I would like to start this letter by wishing you and your family Happy Lunar New Year!!

Just like so many of you who love Taiwan and are concerned of her future and the welfare of her people, I returned to our mother land to cast my vote in the Elections of the President and the Legislators in January. I met with so many of Jyou on many occasions, such as at the convention of World Federation of Taiwanese Association, and the NATWA gathering in Tamsui. I was so touched by the sentiment that many of you have shown toward our homeland. And then we were in distraught after the result of the election. We realized that there is a long and hard journey ahead in order to elect a female president in Taiwan. Let us continue our endeavor for achieving our goal in the days and years ahead.

At the end of 2011, the Nomination Committee proposed a list of President-elect and District Representatives. They also established the Election Committee on January 1, 2012 according to the NATWA guidelines. The Election Committee consists of the following members: Anna Chang, the President of NATWA; Isabel Kao, in charge of printing and distributing of the ballots; Ho-Hui Wu, in charge of collecting the ballots, and Ann-Ling Chien, in charge of tallying of the ballots.

Here is the list of the proposed officers whose names will be on the election ballots for the year 2012-2013:

President-elect: Mei Lu

District Representatives: Ruey-Huey Chen (Northeast District), Wen-chun Lu (Great Plains), Meng-fen Su (South), Agnes Hsiao (Southwest).

We will cast our ballots by mail as our practice in the past. The ballots will be mailed to you in early February. Please follow the directions as listed and mail it to the Election Committee by April 10, 2012.

During the Mid-year Convention held in Detroit, a proposal was drafted to establish the collaboration between NATWA and the Garden of Peaceful Home in Kaohsiung. On January 5, a group of more than 20 NATWA members visited this home for the troubled teenagers. We were met and welcomed by the representatives from the Social Services of the Kaohsiung City Government and the Managers of the Home. After receiving the detailed briefing, 5 of our members filled out the application forms for "adoption". We need a total of 19 applicants to make this proposal work. Please contact me if you are interested in establishing a contact with one of the young people from this home.

The Spring Issue of the NATWA Publication has been mailed out to you. Thanks to the diligent work of Julia Chang and Mei Lu, the issue is one month ahead of the schedule!

Last but not least, I would like to share with you the information of the NATWA 2012 Annual Convention planning, registration and airline ticket purchasing. The convention starts on Thursday, April 19 and ends at noon on Sunday, April 22. The tours of the local areas start in the afternoon of that day, and followed by the 3-day 2-night tour on April 23 to the late afternoon of April 25. If you would like to participate in its entirety, book your airline tickets from 4/19 to 4/25. You may fly in either to San Francisco (SFO) or San Jose (SJC). Please refer to the enclosed information sheets for details. The convention site is located in the Milpitas Square, an outdoor shopping center with many restaurants. We will enjoy two luncheons in two different restaurants. We plan to stroll over during the midday breaks from the meetings and enjoy the warm spring time of sunny California.

If you are interested in joining us at the convention in April, please take action immediately and send out the application form, reserve your hotel room with Crowne Plaza, and purchase your airline tickets.

Please read the following 4 pages for detailed information.

Sincerely,
Anna Chang
President of NATWA (2011-2012)
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**North America Taiwanese Women's Association
2012 Annual Convention (April 19 – 22, 2012)
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Registration Form**

English Name: _____ Taiwanese Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____ (for confirmation)

Spouse / Family Member Accompany you – English Name _____ Relationship: _____

Taiwanese Name: _____ Tour Room Type (Single / Double) Roommate _____

Are you a NATWA year 2011 member? Yes No The first time you attend NATWA convention? Yes

(1) Registration Fee: (per person)

A: NATWA member and spouse \$40/ per person **\$40 X _____ = \$ _____**

B: Non-member \$70/ per person **\$70 X _____ = \$ _____**

(2) Meal Plan : **A: 4/20 – B, L, D, S 4/21 – B, L, D, S 4/22 – B** **\$210 X _____ = \$ _____**

B: 4/21 – B, L, D, S 4/22 – B **\$123 X _____ = \$ _____**

Please check if vegetarian : Vegetarian

(3) Tours :

A: 4/22 afternoon San Francisco City tour **\$42 X _____ = \$ _____**

B: 4/22 afternoon Monterey Bay tour **\$65 X _____ = \$ _____**

C: Three days – Lake Tahoe/Reno tour **\$299 X _____ = \$ _____**

D: Tour Single Room Additional Charge **\$160 X _____ = \$ _____**

E: Lake Tahoe Boat Tour **\$42 X _____ = \$ _____**

(4) Late charge (postmarked after 3/15/2012) **\$20 X _____ = \$ _____**

Total Check Enclosed: US\$ _____

Make your check payable to NATWA

Mail to: Sue Yang P. O. Box 2492, Dublin, CA 94568

I like to join 4/19 1 pm the aircraft carrier USS Hornet museum tour

Please provide your flight information

	Date	Time (am, pm)	Airlines	Flight Number	Airport
Arrival					SFO or SJC
Departure					SFO or SJC

I, the undersigned, agree to assume all responsibilities for any injury and damages incurred to my family (name listed) and myself and make no claims against the NATWA related to the activities for the period of 4/19 – 4/25, 2012

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____



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People Who Can Answer the Questions That You Might Have:

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Sue Yang sucyyang@hotmail.com
Julie Yu 408-263-6315 juliechyu@yahoo.com

Nearby Airports:

San Jose Airport (SJC) - Free Shuttle Bus to Crowne Plaza
San Francisco Airport (SFO) - Take a taxi to Crowne Plaza (Please refer to the information below under "Transportation from Airport to Hotel")

Important Information for Booking Airline Tickets:

1. Please arrive on April 19.

Board meeting starts at 6 pm. All serving officers* must arrive before the meeting begins.
(*District Representatives, Local Chapter Reps, Past Presidents)

2. If you plan to join the half-day tour, your return flight should be after 10pm on April 22 leaving from SFO, or on the following day, April 23.

3. If you plan to join the 3-day 2-night tour, the return flight should be after 9pm on April 25, leaving from SFO.

Tours: Tour A: San Francisco City Tour, April 22, half day
Tour B: Monterey Bay/17 mile Drive tour, April 22, half day
Tour C: Lake Tahoe/Reno tour Three days 2 nights, 4/23 to 4/25

Fees:

1. Registration

- member (who have paid the annual membership) and spouse US\$ 40
- non-member: US\$ 70

2. Meals-

- A. US\$ 210, 4/20-21 (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), 4/22 breakfast, 4/19 (evening snacks)
- B. US\$ 123, 4/21 (breakfast, lunch, dinner), 4/22 (breakfast), 4/20-21 (evening snacks)

3. Tours –

- A. US\$ 42, San Francisco City Tour (a lunch is included)**
- B. US\$ 65, Monterey Bay/17 mile Drive tour (lunch included)**
- C. US\$ 299, Lake Tahoe/Reno tour (3 days 2 night)**
(4/23 breakfast, 4/25 lunch included, other meals are not included)
- D. US\$160, single room charge**
- E. US\$ 42, Lake Tahoe cruise**

4. Late fee charge: US\$20 extra after March 15 by postal mark

Hotel Reservation:

- 1. Special rate for NATWA members for 4 nights - 4/19, 4/20, 4/21, 4/22. at US\$ 79 (Single/Double) plus Tax per night. Rate for other days are US\$139 plus tax per night.**
- 2. Contact Crown Plaza for reservation by March 30.**
- 3. If you plan to join the Lake Tahoe/Reno Tour, check-in/out dates are 4/19 – 4/23.**
- 4. Reservation by phone: 1-888-233-9534 (Mon.- Fri. 9am – 8pm)**
Group name: NATWA
Reservation on-line: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/natwa>

Transportation from Airport to Hotel:

- **San Jose airport (SJC)**
The hotel shuttle is provided in 30 minute increments from the San Jose International Airport. Call the hotel directly by using the courtesy phone in the baggage claim area upon arrival. Press the hotel icon that connects to the hotel lobby. The hotel will send the shuttle.

For departures back to the airport, please make reservation in advance with the front desk.

- **San Francisco Airport (SFO)**
NATWA has contracted the following two shuttle services: Rate \$60/per trip, per person. Additional passengers add \$5/ea. 7am ~ 9pm, gratuity is not included; additional charge applied after 9pm. Make reservation by either e-mail or phone:

- 1. Joe Yang joyservice@hotmail.com mobile: 408-623-5186**
- 2. Andy Ju Andyju70@Hotmail.com 408-406-1039 or 510-585-5296**

You may also search for other shuttle services on line.

NATWA 2012 Convention Tours

A. San Francisco City Tour (Stop at San Francisco airport-SFO)

4/22 12:00pm depart Crowne Plaza , 7:00 pm return to Crowne Plaza.

Discover one of America's most picturesque and culturally diverse cities-San Francisco. Highlights include: Golden Gate Bridge, Palace of Fine Arts, Lombard Street, Fisherman's Wharf-Pier 39 and China Town.

B. Monterey Bay, 17 Miles Drive and Camel Tour

4/22 12:00pm depart the hotel , 7:30 pm return to the hotel.

Monterey Bay: A visit to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula just isn't complete without a rendezvous with Old Fisherman's Wharf.

17-Mile Drive: Is widely recognized as one of the most scenic drives in the world.

Carmel: World-renowned for its European charm, beautiful white-sand beach, performing arts, and hundreds of shops, art galleries, and restaurants, Carmel-by-the-Sea was rated a top-ten destination in the U.S.

C. 4/23-4/25 3天2夜 Reno & Lake Tahoe 之旅

暢遊 Virginia city 、Reno 、Lake Tahoe 、Sacramento

4/23 - 8:00 am depart Crowne Plaza, stop at Truckee for lunch, tour Virginia city,
4:30 pm arrive at Reno. Check in at Silver Legacy hotel
(Breakfast included, Lunch and Dinner on your own)

4/24 -10:00 am depart the hotel for Lake Tahoe.
10:30 - 5:00pm free activities in Lake Tahoe.

-2 Hour Dixie Cruise \$42

-South Shore Shopping Venues

-Gondola Ride \$32

5:00pm check in at hotel Harrah's Lake Tahoe
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on your own)

4/25 - 8:30 am depart the hotel for CA capital - Sacramento

12:20 pm Lunch @ Buffet

1:00 pm Tour Capital Building, Old Town, return to S.F.

6:00 pm stop @ San Francisco Airport (SFO)

7:30 pm arrive at Crowne Plaze

(Lunch included, Breakfast, Dinner on your own)



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Theme: 〈愛心、關懷〉 “Love & Compassion”

(節目正在籌備中)

4/19/12 (Thursday)	4/20/12 (Friday)	4/21/12(Saturday)	4/22/12(Sunday)
	7:00-7:30 am Morning Exercise		
	7:00-8:45 am Breakfast		
Welcome to San Jose/Silicon Valley	8:50 am-12:00 pm 會員大會 General Assembly	9:00 am-12 pm 主題演講 Keynote Speech	9:00 - 11:00 am NATWA II 11:00 – 11:30am Closing Ceremony 閉幕典禮主持
	Spouse Program 9:00-12:00 pm		
	12:20 – 1:30 pm 午餐 Lunch		12:00:00 pm
3:00 pm 開始報到 Registration start	1:45 – 5:00 PM 節目 Program	1:45-3:45 pm 同心圓 NATWA round tables	Tour begins
6:00 -9:00 pm 理事會開會 Board Meeting	4:00-5:30 pm 新生訓練 New Board Members Orientation	3:55 - 5 pm 節目 Program	半日遊 12 pm 開始 Half day tour starts at 12 pm
8:00 - 09:30 pm 認親結緣 Ice Breaker	6:00 - 8:00 pm 頒發獎學金 Scholarship 晚餐 Dinner	6:00 – 10:00 pm	明年再相會 See You Next Year!
09:30 – 10:30 pm NATWA Cookbook presentation	8:00-10:00 pm 矽谷之夜 Silicon Valley Night	晚餐 Dinner/ 挪大之夜 NATWA Night	
	10:00 – 11:00 pm NATWA Cookbook presentation	10:00 – 11:00 pm NATWA Cookbook presentation	