2004 Installation Dinner

By Mason Fong, News Letter Editor

The more than 150 members and guests at the May 27, 2004 LACAAEA Installation Dinner at Almansor Court in Alhambra dined on caesar salad, cornish game hen or vegetarian lasagna, and strawberry swirl cheesecake. The event's Master of Ceremonies was Sheriff's Department's Chief Paul Tanaka, and the Keynote Speaker was Sheriff Lee Baca. An invocation was made by Reverend Peter Chung of the Mandarin Baptist Church, while entertainment was provided by Daniel Ho and Faith Rivera.

The scholarship presentation was handled by Board member Gaylord Imura, who awarded \$500 each to the following students of LACAAEA members: Janice Fong, CSULB, daughter of Alfred Fong, Health Services; Brenda Shen, UCLA, daughter of Anna Shen, District Attorney; and Michelle Yokota, UCSD, daughter of Miles Yokota, Mental Health.

The installation of Officers was overseen by the Honorable Sam Ohta, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. The Association's Officers are: Henry Yee, President, Sheriff's; Ernie Takemoto, Vice President, Probation; Wendy Watanabe, Vice President, Auditor- Controller; Karen Lee, Recording Secretary, Internal Services; Catherine Mak, Corresponding Secretary, Health Services; and Anna Shen, Treasurer, District Attorney.

The Service Awards were overseen by Board member Phillip Ow, who presented the George M. Ban Memorial Award to fellow LACAAEA Board member, Monica Schmid. The evening culminated in the distribution of door prizes by Board members Mason Fong, Catherine Mak, Howard Takata, and Henry Yee.



(L to R) LACAAEA Officers Karen Lee, Catherine Mak, Anna Shen, Wendy Watanabe, Ernie Takemoto, and Henry Yee pose with Sheriff Lee Baca.