
CIE Regional Reunion in Palo Alto March 2005



Chizu, Ash, Phoebe, John

Thirty CIE members representing four decades gathered at the Palo Alto home of **Jeanne Moulton** in March 2005, taking advantage of the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society being held that week at Stanford University. Those attending were a mixture of CIE folks living and working in the San Francisco Bay area and those attending the CIES conference.



Sharon & Jeanne

Jeanne Moulton and her husband Matt graciously opened their beautiful, century-old, redwood house in central Palo Alto for the occasion. The gathering produced some poignant reunions of folks who hadn't seen each other in decades, as well as a chance for five current CIE students to make contact with members of the extended CIE family. CIE faculty members Gretchen Rossman, **Ash Hartwell** – back after 30 years of field experience to rejoin CIE as a faculty member – and DRE were there as well.



Ash & Susan

DRE spoke briefly, welcoming everyone and providing a brief synopsis of the state of CIE. He spoke of the progress in the CIE Endowment fund drive; thanking the many contributors present and encouraging others join them. Gretchen Rossman shared the news of the search for a new faculty member and future plans for faculty. Discussion then turned to the possibility of a large reunion to celebrate CIE's 40th anniversary sometime in 2008. There was general enthusiasm in support of a reunion along with the realization that planning needs to start soon to make it a reality.



Renuka & Mokubung

Coming from a great distance were **Mokubung Nkomo** and **Renuka Pillay**. Mokubung is currently the Executive Director for Education & Training at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in South Africa and is working at Pretoria University. Renuka has been in Kampala, Uganda for the past seven years working in the Ministry of Education as a senior advisor on a variety of teacher training and curriculum initiatives.



Janna & Flavia

A big surprise was **Susan Carpenter** who flew up unannounced from Los Angeles to attend! DRE was delighted since it had been nearly two decades since he had seen Susan. Susan continues her cutting edge work in peace and reconciliation services, something she pioneered in the early 1970s long before it was a high priority area of study and work.



Mokubung & Kevin

Another surprise was **Kevin Jacobson** who is now doing a doctorate at Loyola University and was there for the CIES conference.



Hassan & Mokubung

The earliest decade was represented by **John Hatch** and **Mike Hagerty**, two members of the second cohort of CIE students, otherwise known as the “4 H” club since there were four students in that class whose names began with “H” – the others were **Jim Hoxeng**, **Peter Higginson**, and then later the fifth, **Mike Haviland**. Mike Hagerty hadn't been seen in decades and was a delight to talk with after all this time. He lives in Carmel and works on the Oakland side of the bay. John Hatch continues to work with AID – in the same department as Jim Hoxeng.



Gretchen, Ash & Phoebe

Jane Benbow, who moved from CARE in Atlanta to AIR in Washington, D.C., was there and took the opportunity to call **Kay Pfeiffer** in Florida. Kay sent her greetings and talked with **Flavia Ramos** and **Hassan Mohamed**, colleagues from her time at CIE. Flavia is very active at American University in Washington, D.C. Hassan has moved to CARE headquarters in Atlanta to work in the division that Jane Benbow built during her tenure at CARE. **David Kahler**, a vice-president at World Education who has been active recently in SE Asia, was also present.



Gretchen, Jane & Flavia

Phoebe McKinney and **Mary Lugton** were there representing more recent graduates. Phoebe and Mary moved to California from Washington in the past year. **Kaki Rusmore** attended and spoke of her work as a Program Officer for management assistance with the Community Foundation of Monterey County in California. She is giving some thought to a doctoral program that combines public health and development education. **Janna Shadduck** was there from UCLA. She will be returning to Amherst next month to defend her dissertation.



Kaki & Jane

As people introduced themselves and spoke about their current work, many also reflected on what their experience at CIE had meant to them. A number commented explicitly on how the learning and insights they had gained on-campus had been directly useful in their careers. Others agreed but couldn't resist the opportunity to roast DRE with a variety of memories, some more apocryphal than others! One of the 4H's claimed to remember an early meeting with the four of them where DRE said “Three of you will graduate and looked squarely at one of them!” Others commented on how they were had to fight to get into CIE despite initial questions about meeting the criteria of the time. DRE, with a grin, suggested that was part of the selection process.



Sharon, Jeanne & Mike

Sending their regrets were **Ellen Licht**, **Mark Lynd** (who arrived the day after the gathering), **Alberto Ochoa**, **Alane Paul Castro**, **Mike Marzolla** (who sent several pictures of CIE folks from the 25 th reunion), and **Yihong Fan** who had originally planned to attend CIES from China.



Mark Lynd