



## LOUISE WANG

Louise has fond memories of her childhood in Shanghai. She was born in 1925 to parents who had both graduated from American colleges, Ohio State and Columbia. The fourth child of five, she began piano lessons at the age of nine. It has been her passion ever since.

Her peaceful childhood was shattered when Japan invaded China in 1936 and she heard planes flying overhead and dropping bombs on downtown Shanghai. She was 11 years old. The next three years were spent fleeing from one Asian country to another until her mother brought her and her brother to Hong Kong. Her older siblings were already studying in the United States so her mother then decided to bring everyone to Ohio because they still did not feel safe.

Louise continued her education in Ohio, graduating from High School when she was 16. She attended Oberlin College for two years, then switched to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston to study piano seriously. It was during those College years that she learned to play bridge.

When visiting a pianist cousin in Berkley she met her future husband, also from China. He was a graduate of CalTech in Civil Engineering and already working with an architectural firm. He was so kind and gentle she knew they would be happy together. Married at 20, she had 50 years of happiness with him, raising two boys and two girls, continuing with her piano by taking lessons and teaching piano to many children in the Bay area.

After Nixon opened relations with China, she and her children were able to visit and meet all their relatives on both sides. It was an amazing experience for her children and she has returned three times, witnessing the many changes there.

One fateful day, when Louise lived in the Bay Area, invited to substitute as a partner in a duplicate bridge game, she and her partner came in first. Louise was hooked!

Thirty years ago, when she and her husband retired to Los Osos, she became involved with the newly starting Morro Bay Charity Club and directed it until she was 80. She was also Club Manager and volunteered for any need. She loves the game and hopes to play as long as she can. She is now a Gold Life Master with almost 4000 points.

Trivia moment! When Louise moved to Los Osos she came across the name Dixie Hsu and contacted her. They discovered that they had gone to the same school in Shanghai.

