

NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

April 1980

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Anyone interested in taking this trip should contact his area representative for car-pooling information.

Central area: Emma Louie 664-3808
East L. A.: Gerry Shue 724-9002
West L. A.: Howard Quon 393-7339
South Bay: Chuck Yee 542-2409
Northeast area: Margie Lew 222-4375

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Betty Y. Chen
Kingsley Y.M. Kau
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*** MONTHLY MEETING ***

DATE:

May 7, 1980 First Wednesday of each Month.

PLACE:

Castelar Elementary School, Multipurpose Room

840 Yale Street

Los Angeles Chinatown

TIME:

7:30pm - 9:30p.m.

AGENDA:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Program

Lotus Festival Field Trip -San Luis Obispo Golden Wok Others

PROGRAM:

CHINESE BASEBALL TEAM - 1927

George Yee will conduct an interview with six members (Allen Chan, James Chan, William C. Chan Walter Chung, Ray Lue and Kenneth Ung) of the 1927 Chinese Baseball team. A year in preparation --hear about the struggle to form a team, the equipment they had and the games they played. It's the American game of baseball --- played Chinese style.