

NEWS & NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

June 1980

DESTINATION: SAN LUIS OBISPO.....

This is your last chance, friends, to sign up for the Society's field trip to San Luis Obispo on Saturday, June 21. As of now, there are a few seats still available. Join the group for a day of fun and relaxation, and learn about the history of the Chinese pioneers in the San Luis Obispo area.

A few suggestion: ...pack a lunch to eat on the bus; cold drinks in cans; bring a California map, sun glasses, camera; bring noisemakers, horns, flags (for a scheduled meeting with the Southern Pacific train); wear comfortable walking shoes.

John Yee has spent many hours making contacts in San Luis Obispo, and planning the itinerary for this exciting trip:

6:30 to 7:15 A.M. -- Passengers will be boarding the bus; departure will be at 7:30, or as soon as everyone is on board.

11:30 A.M.-----First stop - Avila Beach at Port San Luis. From then till dinnertime, there will be stops to see the Chinese railroad camps, the Southern Pacific depot, a Chinese farm and brickyard, the famous Ah Louis general store, the also-famous Madonna Inn, and a tour through Chinatown.

6:00 P.M.-----Dinner at the San Luis Bay Inn (The Millionaire's Club) at Avila Beach.

8:00 P.M.-----Departure for Los Angeles.

See you all at 6:30 A.M. on Saturday, June 21, at Castelar School. Call Margie Lew, 222-4375 for information.

THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY HAS FRIENDS -- MANY FRIENDS

What a beautiful evening it was! The Chinatown Library's Celebration and Benefit Dinner at the Golden Palace Restaurant on Friday, May 16, was an inspirational and heart-warming event. Two of the most dedicated supporters of the Chinatown Library are Society members Ruby Ling Louie and Dolores Wong, who worked diligently with the community to organize the Friends of the Chinatown Library. Not surprisingly, the group was successful in reaching its minimum goal of \$100,000 for the Library's building and expansion fund. For its part in this very worthwhile venture, the Society sent a \$100 donation; several members made their own contributions -- Edith and Robert Jung, \$10,000; Grace Chow, \$5,000; from each of the following, \$1,000 -- William Chun-Hoon, Edwin and Beulah Kwoh, Dorothy Siu, Lillian Fong, Benson Fong, Hoover and Ruby Louie. A good number of Society members attended the dinner.

All donations to the Library building fund, large or small, are most welcome, and may be sent to: Friends of the Chinatown Library
536 West College St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

AN ALL-AMERICAN ASIAN AMERICAN.....

A noteworthy honor was bestowed upon past Society president George Yee when he was presented an award by Aerospace President Eberhardt Rechtin on May 9. George was named the "Asian-Pacific American of the Year (1980)". Throughout his 17-year career with Aerospace, he has demonstrated an innovative approach to complex engineering design problems, and has made noteworthy contributions to several space programs. George has been a staunch supporter of the Society from its very beginnings. Anyone who knows him can vouch for his complete dedication to numerous worthwhile causes in the community, earning him the well-deserved title of "Asian-Pacific American of ANY Year"!!

As of May 22, 1980, the Oral History project shows the following:

Completed interviews:	78
Interviews in progress:	28
Volunteer hours:	618
Names collected:	213

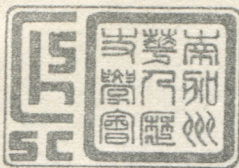
June Mei has returned from a trip to mainland China after an absence of several months. She will have many interesting and fascinating accounts of her adventures to share with Society members in the near future.

The Golden Wok Awards committee is still accepting favorite family recipes for its cook book project. Please send them to Margie Lew, 2346 No. Indiana Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90032.

THE LOTUS FESTIVAL

The Lotus Festival will be coming up on July 12 and 13. We need your help in manning our pineapple booth. This is one time of the year when you can help us raise the money we need for our many ongoing projects, just by donating an hour or two. Encourage your kids to come out and help us SELL, we need them. Contact our Chairman, Howard Quon, 393-7339.

The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society's campaign to save the Saugus Station has been overwhelming. Their goal of raising \$58,00 by June 30th (enough to move the station and set it on its foundation) has reached over the halfway mark. The station will be moved to a site adjacent to the William S. Hart Park. Any donations will be welcome. The Santa Clarita Society has been a staunch supporter of our Society. For further information, call Mrs. Ruth Newhall, 259-1234.



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MONTHLY MEETING

Date: June 4, 1980, First Wednesday of each Month.

Place: Castelar Elementary School, Multipurpose Room,
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles, Chinatown

Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Agenda:

OLD BUSINESS

Finalized Plans for the Field
Trip - San Luis Obispo
National Conference of Chinese-
American Studies, Oct. '80
Lotus Festival

NEW BUSINESS

Plans - L. A. Bicentennial

PROGRAM

PHOTO EXHIBIT

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A New Wave for the 80's--Progress Through Understanding