

# NEWS 'n NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CHLIFORNIA

March 1980

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Renew your 1980 membership NOW! Contact George Yee, Membership Chairperson at the March meeting.

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Exciting news! The Board of Directors has approved the Golden Wok Awards project, which will take place in late October. The purpose of the project is to exhibit the culinary skills of the best Chinese chefs in the southern California area. Historically, Chinese paintings, ceramics, and callingsphy have achieved world-wide recognition through various exhibits. However, the display or competition of Chinese food has not been given the same public exposure.

The project director for the Golden Wok Awards will be Stan Lau; assistant director will be Jerry Shue.

One of the planned activities in conjunction with the awards will be the publication of a cook book, stressing historical aspects of Chinese cooking. The dditor will be Margie Lew; assistant editor will be Ruth Wong. Society members are requested to submit family recipes, as well as items of historical culinary interest.

For further information, or offers of voluntary service, please contact Stan Lau at 481-6949 (office).

The Chinese New Year souvenir book will be available at the March meeting, at \$2.00 per copy, half of which goes to the Society. Among severaliinteresting articles will be the story of Society member Ah Louis, descendant of a famous family of early Chinese pioneers in San Luis Obispo. This should be of special interest, since the Society's field trip, tentatively scheduled for June, will be a journey to this area. Other articles include brief histories of outstanding Chinese women in southern California, and a writeup on member Tyrus Wong. Since this is 4678, Year of the Mah-Lo (Monkey), the magazine's cover is one of Tyrus' prize-winning paintings, with the subject being --- monkeys!! What else?

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....Robert and Edith Jung, who donated \$100.00 in honor of the marriage of their son Clifford to Evelyn Shimose, and the marriage of their daughter Wendy to Reid Takahashi.

.... George and Elsie Yee, who donated \$50.00 in celebration of the marriage of their daughter Jennie to John Lue.

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#### \*\*\*\* MONTHLY MEETING \*\*\*\*

Date:

April 2, 1980 First Wednesday of each month.

Place:

Castelar Elementary School, Multipurpose Room

840 Yale Street

Los Angeles Chinatown

Time:

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

AGENDA:

Old Business

New Business

Field Trip - San Luis Obispo Golden Wok Oral History L.A. Bicentennial Others

Lotus Festival Others

PROGRAM:

"Victor Quan: A Case of Chinese in Show Business"

Mr. Victor Quan

Mr. Victor Quan is one of our Society's Oral History Project subjects. As a third generation Chinese American, he will provide an insightful account of Chinese in the entertainment industry (radio, record, film) from the 1930's into the 1970's through the vehicle of his personal triumphs and setbacks. Of special import, Mr. Quan will discus how his traditional Chinese upbringing and classical background assisted his adaptation and rise in the unpredictable entertainment industry.