



# NEWS & NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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April 1982

### SPRING DINNER MEETING Saturday, May 1, 1982

Topic: THE EXCLUSION LAW OF 1882: A CHINESE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

Speaker: Dr. Loren Chan

Place: Szechuan Palace - 727 N. Broadway (Food Center)

Time: 6-6:30 PM, No-host cocktails; 6:30 PM, dinner

Cost: \$14.00 per person

For reservations, send check to Mrs. Anna Lowrey, 540 E. Fernfield Dr., Monterey Park, Calif. 91754.

For information, call Anna Lowrey, 722-1264; Kaza Dong, 629-7717; Mary Yee, 542-2409; Suellen Cheng Kwok, 828-6911.

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#### Tentative route schedule:

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Guangzhou (Canton)	1 day	Hangchow	1 day
Beijing (Peking)	4 days	Quilin	2 days
Xi-an	2 days	Guangzhou(Canton)	2 days
Suzhou	2 days	Village, optional	3 days

Group tour ends in Guangzhou (Canton) with flexible individual schedule to either return immediately to Hong Kong or visit a village.

Cost: \$2,500 includes round trip LA/HK air fare, all transportation, hotels, meals, and special shows in China. (Hong Kong, hotel only.)

Deposit \$ 300 No refunds after Aug. 1, 1982

Balance due 2,200 Final due date: Aug. 1, 1982

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Organizers: Dr. Charles Wong, Mrs. Edith Jung, Mr. Ben Hom.

For information, call Charles Wong, 256-8330, or 256-3452

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NOTE: This tour is not sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

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As this newsletter must go to press immediately, these few sentences do not do justice to the significance of this journey back to Lang Station. As the shortage of time prevents a more detailed account of this event, the June issue of News 'n Notes will carry a complete story.

WELCOME to new Life Members Edith and Robert Jung, and Charles Wong.

#### THE SOCIETY THANKS

Helen Morrison, for the delicious cakes and other "goodies" so generously shared by her at the monthly meetings. Helen says that she loves to bake -- lucky us!!

Al Lum, for his interesting and amusing account of the customs and traditions observed by the Chinese in Hawaii during the past and in the present.

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## COMING EVENTS

May 22, the date for the Santa Barbara field trip, is fast approaching. Plans include a chartered bus, a trip to the Chinese section of the town, a visit to the museum and civic center, a "bring your own" picnic lunch, and a buffet dinner at the Skandia Restaurant before starting for home. Please make reservations as soon as possible by sending your check for \$14.00 (round-trip bus fare) to Margie Lew, 2346 No. Indiana Ave., Ca. 90032. The dinner cost, \$5.00-\$6.00, is to be paid individually at the restaurant.

The bus will leave at 9:30 A.M. sharp, in front of Castelar School on Hill St. Parking is available in the school's underground parking lot. For further information, call Margie at 222-4375.

On Sunday, June 6, 2 P.M., John Yee will give a talk on the Mother Lode country to members of the Monterey Park Historical Society in the new City Hall, 320 W. Newmark in Monterey Park. Call Bob Gerrard, 289-7090 for information. Everyone is welcome.

1982 Asian Pacific American Heritage Week - A variety of events includes the following: May 8 - Workshop on "Nutrition and Hypertension" at the Kaiser Permanente Mental Health Center Auditorium, 765 W. College St., Los Angeles. Time: 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. No admission fee. Call Royal Morales or Delia Goggins, 385-1474. The program includes a panel presentation, group discussion, how to's of nutrition, 10 steps to control high blood pressure. May 11 - Chinese Movie Programs, Montebello Regional Library, 1550 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello. Dates and time: May 11, 6:45 P.M.; May 13, 6:45 P.M.; May 15, 2:00 P.M. Call Florence Wang, 722-6551. No admission charge. The program includes current Chinese movies made in Hong Kong and Taiwan, spoken in Mandarin with English and Chinese subtitles. May 12 - Immigration Naturalization Service and the Asian Pacific Community, Castelar Elementary School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, 5:30 to 9:00 P.M. No admission fee. Call Amy Ming, 851-5854, or Michael Woo, 664-5053. May 12 - Chinese Motion Picture Feature Films, Alhambra Public Library, 410 West Main St., Alhambra, 2:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. No admission fee. Call Deborah Clark, 570-5028. The program includes current Chinese feature films, made in Hong Kong and Taiwan, spoken in Mandarin with English and Chinese subtitles. May 12-13 - Film program, San Gabriel Library, 500 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel. May, 12, 7:30 P.M.; May 13, 3:30 P.M. No admission fee. Call David Camp, 287-0761. Program for May 12 includes two films: "Chinese Americans: Early Immigrants" and "Chinese Americans: 20th Century". Program for May 13 includes 1 film, "Ming-Oi, the Magician". May 15 - Banquet sponsored by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, held at the Golden Palace, 913 No. Broadway, 6 P.M., cocktails; 7 P.M., dinner. Cost: \$15.00. Call Dr. William Tom, 629-1768. This event celebrates the 70th anniversary of the CACA. May 16-19 - "MARCO POLO", 10 hour miniseries, KNBC, Channel 4, evenings (see local TV listings for specific times). Society members Beulah Quo and Soon Teck Oh are two of the Asian actors featured in this film. Others are James Hong, Jesse Dizon, and one of China's most prominent actors, Ying Ruo Cheng.

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#### MEMBERSHIP GOAL

Our goal for 1982 is 300 paid-up members. If you are renewing, mail in your money today. If you have not joined yet, we enthusiastically encourage you to send in your dues now. Ella Quan, Membership Chairperson, will have membership applications at the May 1st dinner.