

NEWS'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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SPECIAL NOTICE

FALL DINNER MEETING

Saturday, Oct. 1, 1983 6:00 P.M.

New Moon Restaurant 912 So. San Pedro St.

Speaker - Dr. Alexander Saxton, Professor of
History, UCLA

Special Guests - Mr. and Mrs. W. Young Louis

Dr. Alexander Saxton is the author of "The Indispensable Enemy", and with his wealth of information on the history of Chinese labor, will discuss Chinese enterprise in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in America, and its significant impact on Chinese communities in the United States and also in China.

Special guests Stella and W. Young Louis are long-time residents of San Luis Obispo, and very active volunteers in their community. CHSSC will also be celebrating Mr. Louis' 90th birthday.

In June of 1980, the Society sponsored a field trip to San Luis Obispo, visiting the historic places where early Chinese pioneers lived and worked. A special highlight was a visit to the famous Ah Louis Store, built in the late 1800's by Ah Louis, father of W. Young Louis. The building has been declared aCalifornia State Monument, and stands today as a silent testimony to the pioneering achievements of Ah Louis, whose various business enterprises included that of being a labor contractor of Chinese workers.

Ruth and Tyrus Wong, dinner committee chairpersons, will gladly accept any offers of assistance. Please call them at 353-6420.

Remember the date -- Saturday, Oct. 1 (this event will replace the regular monthly meeting). Seating capacity at the New Moon is limited to 200 persons. Further information will be included in the September News 'n Notes.

LOTUS FESTIVAL

Ice cold pineapple, anyone???

The Society's participation in the annual Lotus Festival in Echo Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10, was a great success. After expenses, there was a profit of over \$1100.00. And, of course, none of this would have been possible were it not for the expert planning of coordinator Cindy Fong and the wonderful help and cooperation of the Society's

faithful members and their families and friends. Cindy and CHSSC extend

thanks to the following:

Janette Chun, Steve Chung, Evelyn Cucharelli, Kaza Dong, Lillian Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Suellen and Munson Kwok, Ann Lau, Dawes and Helen Lee, Al and Margie Lew, Don Loo, Emma and Paul Louie and son Alan, Anna Lowrey, Hanh Ngoc Ly, Lydia Ly, Gene Moy, Tom Moy, Melissa and Philip Ng, Howard Quon, Gerry Shue, Susan Sing, Regina Wong, Carolyn Woo, Elizabeth Yee, Sue and Ward Yee, Kenneth Yee, Allen Yee. Two visiting doctors from mainland China -- Dr. Leio Si and Dr. Qing Shang Wang -- applied their surgical skills in cutting the pineapples. And how could the Society get along without those marvelous Yees -- Chuck, George, Johnson, Glenn, Kathy, Mark, Mary, and Mimi.

So, a big THANK YOU to each of you, and to anyone else whose name was

omitted -- unintentionally, of course!!

A SPECIAL WORKSHOP WITH VERY SPECIAL RESULTS

CHSSC Vice-president Emma Louie and coordinator of the workshop on "Family History for the Chinese American", happily reported that the session was a spectacular success. The workshop was held on Saturday, July 23 at the Rolfe Hall Auditorium on the UCLA campus, and was cosponsored by CHSSC and UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

Over 50 persons signed up for the workshop, which in itself was a portent of a successful venture. Among the 48 persons who attended, there was a mother-and-daughter team from Oakland, who expressed their delight in sharing in this event. There were also participants from Orange County, and representatives from several Chinese newspapers.

After a brief welcome from Lucie Cheng, Director of AASC, and Gene Moy, CHSSC president, the various speakers followed through with their spec-

ific topics:

Munson Kwokland Paul Louie explained in detail how they first became interested in genealogy research; Janet Wong, UCLA student, pointed out the necessity of deciding what is most important and necessary in compiling a family history; Gladys Muller, president of the Whittier Area Genealogy Society, showed the group how to fill out a family tree chart, and how to read the census records; June Mei, researcher at AASC, talked about Chinese kinship terms, and how to differentiate between the father's and mother's sides of the family; Tim Dong, Assistant Director of AASC, discussed the many highlights of Chinese American history, including the various immigration laws which had significant effects on family genealogy; Gary Shumway, Professor of American and Oral History, Cal State Fullerton, gave helpful hints on how to obtain information about the family; George Yee and Ella Quan displayed their individual family trees, which they had previously put together.

The Society extends thanks to everyone who participated in the workshop, and a special thanks to each of the speakers, to Tom Moy, Registrar, and to the Committee members -- Munson and Suellen Cheng Kwok, Al SooHoo, Don Loo, Tom Moy, Paul and Emma Louie.

From beginning to end, both speakers and participants were genuinely pleased with the program. The audience was especially eager and attentive, the speakers were excellent as well as accomodating, and Emma Louie's unique and well-planned venture was another "plus" in the Society's many achievements.

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Stan Lau, first president of CHSSC, who reached a significant milestone in his life -- his 60th birthday. To celebrate this special day, Stan invited 60 friends and relatives to dinner on June 4 at the Fortuna Restaurant in Monterey Park (owner-chef Danny Wong won first prize in the 1980 Golden Wok Chinese Culinary Arts Exhibition, sponsored by CHSSC, and expertly coordinated by one Stan Lau). Danny's culinary talents were very much in evidence, as the various dinner courses brought exclamations of delight from the diners.

With his customary wit and warmth, Stan shared with everyone the amusing, significant and touching times in his life when his friendships first began, and how they blossomed through the years.

Congratulations, Stan, on your 60th, and may happiness and good health follow wherever you go.

Welcome to the following new members: Henry K. W. Fong, Jeanette and Jesse Pinion, Emery Wong (who also donated a generous sum in the name of his employer, Reliance Electrical), Bobby and Suzanne Fong from Kentucky (a gift from Bobby's sister, CHSSC member Cindy Fong).

A reminder -- a CHSSC membership makes an ideal gift for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas -- a gift for all reasons.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1983

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Multipurpose Room

840 Yale Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

PARKING on school grounds. Please enter on College Street between Hill Street and Yale Street.

PROGRAM: "ANCIENT CHINESE STONE ANCHORS???

SLIDE SHOW and PANEL DISCUSSION by Mr. Dan McCaslin

and Mr. Paul Chace

******************************** Mr. Dan McCaslin is a research archeologist who * teaches at the Marine Sciences Institute at the * University of California at Santa Barbara. He will discuss the discovery of several unusual stone anchors off the Palos Verdes Peninsula in 1975 and the controversy over their origin. had been conjectured that these were ancient * Chinese anchors. Subsequent to the discovery of these anchors, McCaslin has been diving and mapping the site where still other anchors remain * embedded. * Mr. Paul Chace is a well-known archeologist who * lives in Escondido. Long an active member of our Society, he began investigating these anchors because of his interest in Chinese American history. Mr. Chace believes these are not * * * Chinese, but Portuguese anchors. * * * * Both men bring their expertise in the field of * archeology and will share their views of this important discovery. Are these or are these * * not ancient Chinese stone anchors? * * * * * * * JOIN US, AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FOR THIS * THOUGHT-PROVOKING PROGRAM. *
