



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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NO MONTHLY MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER!!

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Sign up for the special workshop on FAMILY HISTORY FOR THE CHINESE AMERICAN, co-sponsored by CHSSC and UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

Date -- Saturday, July 23

Place -- Rolfe Hall Auditorium, UCLA

Time -- 9:00 A.M. (registration) to 4:00 P.M.

Cost -- General, \$5.00 Student, \$2.50

This unique and exciting program will introduce the various sources and techniques that can be utilized in compiling a family history. Call Chairperson Emma Louie, (213)664-3808, for registration or further details.

LOTUS FESTIVAL

Remember these dates -- July 9-10, Saturday and Sunday.

The Lotus Festival will be held at Echo Park on these two days. This is the one big opportunity of the year for the Society to raise money for its treasury by selling pineapples on a stick. The Festival, an event celebrating the arts, crafts, and foods of the various Asian cultures, will be open from 10:00 AM to 9 PM. Many members have signed up as volunteers, but more help is needed, especially between the hours of 4:00 PM-9:00 PM on both days. Chairperson Cindy Fong will be anxiously waiting to hear from you. Please call her at 254-7622 after 5:00 PM.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Society's oral history project is winding down to completion. Suellen Cheng and Debbie Hansen have been working on the indexing and summarizing phases. June Mei has completed the English translation of the pure Chinese interview tapes which were transcribed in China. Thanks to new space-age technologies available through the efforts of Gerald Shue and Munson Kwok, and the assistance of Xenobus Company, the technically complex aspects of the indexing tasks are being accomplished with the use of a word processor and data base management.

Two recent donations to the Oral History Project collection include a copy of "Angelenos - Then and Now", through the courtesy of Judge Delbert Wong, who is featured in one of the chapters; also donated was an 8 x 10 photo of Chinese pioneer aviatrix Kathryn Cheung and her airplane.

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Life Member Lupe Chee retired on April 15 after 25 years of service with the City of Los Angeles, and was honored at a reception given by her co-workers and many friends in City Hall. Public Works Board President Maureen Kindel presented Lupe with a plaque acknowledging her years of outstanding service to the City. On May 19, Lupe was again honored at a dinner sponsored by the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association. She is now very happily enjoying her retirement with her husband Frank, a former Water and Power employee. Congratulations, Lupe, and best wishes for many years of health and leisure.

Elsie Wong celebrated not just one, but two happy occasions. On May 15, she and her husband Roger were honored at a banquet, given by her two sons Vincent and Wesley Ten, to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. The following month, on June 5, Elsie was honored at a luncheon celebrating her retirement after 20 years of service with the County of Los Angeles. Congratulations, Elsie, on your "20-20" celebration.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!!

A Life Membership was presented as a birthday gift to Judge Delbert Wong from his wife Dolores. Welcome to the club, Delbert!

And a warm welcome also to the following: Doreen Chan, Benjamin Chin, Elsie Inase, Mona Loo, Marlene Engle, Linda Lew Kim, Gary Lew, Luci Suehiro, and Sam Wong.

President Gene Moy made it a family affair by bringing as new members his mother, Mrs. Yuek Moy; his sisters Mary Moy (from Visalia) and Lana McCord (from Belfair, Washington); and his brother William.

Membership Chairperson Ella Quan is happy to announce that the Society now has 278 paid-up members. Let's try for that magic number, 300!!

SUMMER EVENTS

In the San Francisco Bay area:

"Chinese Popular Religion", created by Eve Armentrout-Ma, at the San Mateo County Historical Museum, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo. This exhibit ends June 30.

Photo exhibit - "Chinese Women in America 1848-1982", beginning in August, at the Chinese Culture Center.

"Pear Garden in the West", photo exhibit on Chinese opera and theatre history, beginning in August in the Bank of America building concourse.

"Bicycling Through China" - slide travelogue by Bert Schwarzchild, presented at the Marina Branch Library, Chestnut and Webster Sts., on June 28, at 7 P.M.

In southern California:

To celebrate the bicentennial of the land consignment ("grant") to the Dominguez family, a gala will be held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel on Sept. 30. In addition, there will be an outdoor pageant on Sunday, Oct. 2, held on the Dominguez Adobe grounds. At one time, this land grant consisted of 75,000 acres north of the harbor, west of the Los Angeles River, and south of Rosecrans Blvd. This area includes Long Beach, Harbor City, San Pedro, Hawthorne, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes -- all the South Bay area where a con-

siderable number of Society members reside.

To one and all -- have a happy, care-free, fun-filled, restful and exciting summer. And see you in September.

MOVE THE MOUNTAIN

How did the Chinese build those tunnels in the mountains? How were they able to "move" the mountains? Come and see for yourself. This 20 minute film produced in China will give you first hand look into how the Chinese might have built the railroads here in America.

Discussion period led by David Fon Lee and Jeni Lee Wong will follow. Host will be Dr. William Chun-Hoon, principal of Castelar School and one of Society's Life Members.

DATE: Wednesday, July 27, 1983
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: CASTELAR SCHOOL Multipurpose Room
PARKING: On playground. Enter on College Street near Hill Street.

DON'T MISS OUT!!!!!! If you know someone who is NOT receiving our News N' Notes, it's most likely he/she is not a member. Help them join. We have more exciting programs ahead.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBER \$10
ADDITIONAL FAMILY \$ 5
MEMBER(SAME ADDRESS)
CONTRIBUTING MEMBER \$ 5
(STUDENT & SENIOR
CITIZENS - 60 YRS)
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER \$25
LIFE MEMBER \$100

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Please accept my application for membership as _____ member in the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

Enclosed is my remittance in the amount of _____ for annual dues.

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ Date _____

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