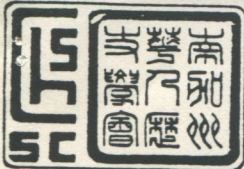


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MOTHER LODE -- HERE WE COME!!

Historical Highway 49 -- Coulterville, Chinese Camp, Sonora, Columbia, Butte, Plymouth, Fiddletown, Auburn, Locke, Nevada City -- small towns steeped in history and events pertaining to the early Chinese pioneers. These are the places to be visited by the Society's Mother Lode tour group on Sept. 29-30. All seats on the 47-passenger bus are filled.

- Friday, Sept. 28 Check in at 7:00 A.M. Leave at 7:30. Overnight stay at Sonora Towne House Motel
- Saturday, Sept. 29 Overnight stay at Motel 6 in Rancho Cordova (East Sacramento)
- Sunday, Sept. 30 A visit to historic Locke before heading for Los Angeles. Arrival time approximately 7:30 PM.

Parking -- The Society was able to obtain parking facilities for the weekend through the courtesy of Mr. Irving Willner, Engineer in Charge, Department of Water and Power, Ducommon Street Maintenance Yard. The lot is located at 600 East Temple St. (corner of Vignes St.). From Sunset Blvd and North Broadway, drive south on Broadway 2-3 blocks to Temple St., then turn left, driving on Temple to Vignes. The lot will be locked for the weekend.

Meals -- Breakfast for the three days will be "on your own". However, to save travelling time, lunch and dinner is planned as follows:

- Friday - Pack your own lunch to eat on bus or at Coulterville at approximately 1:00 P.M.
Dinner - individual discretion.
- Saturday - Lunch - box lunches to be ordered, \$4 - \$5.
Dinner - group dinner in Auburn, \$10.00.
This is the only meal we will have together in a restaurant. However, it is optional.
- Sunday - Lunch - box lunch, \$4 - \$5.
Dinner - arrival time in Los Angeles at approximately 7:30 P.M.

It is suggested that you bring enough fruit, drinks and "nibbles" for the three days.

Please be prompt - 7:00 A.M. - in arriving at the parking lot on Friday morning. There is a full schedule for each day, so we will need to leave on time.
Anyone driving? Please notify us if you plan to meet the group at any specific stop.

John Yee and Margie Lew will be at the September meeting to answer any questions. Please try to attend. However, anyone unable to be at the meeting will be contacted by phone. For further information, call Margie Lew, 222-4375.

EDITOR'S SPECIAL REPORT Margie Lew

Dateline: July 28, 1984, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

OPENING CEREMONIES - GAMES OF THE 23RD OLYMPIAD -- magnificent -- outstanding -- heartwarming -- touching -- unforgettable -- beautiful -- superb -- wonderful -- overwhelming. Are there any other words? I consulted with Mr. Noah Webster, and he volunteered two more -- indescribable and unsurpassable. And, believe me, every word rings true.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of my daughter Barbara, I was able to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event. After watching the Olympic torch relay in Alhambra a few days before, this was the thrilling climax to an exciting week.

On this lovely summer evening, the Coliseum was filled to capacity, and the air fairly tingled with anticipation. I will never forget the warm feeling of brotherhood as everyone, regardless of race, color, or creed, became as one; nor will I soon forget the unabashed surge of patriotism -- the thrilling strains of the "Star Spangled Banner", the flag-waving, the chants of "U. S. A! U. S. A!", the pride and joy of being Americans.

Then came the athletes -- 7,800 strong, representing 140 nations -- what a magnificent group, each one seeming to burst with personal pride and happiness for being a part of this 23rd Olympiad. And how can I ever forget the roar of the crowd when Old Glory came through the tunnel and into the stadium with her 589 exuberant athletes, a sight that brought tears to one's eyes, a lump to one's throat, and thrills down one's spine? Ah! such a moment was this -----

What truly impressed me was the warm and generous welcome given to each country's athletes as they marched proudly around the stadium with their beautiful flags; but what really touched me deeply was the equally warm and generous welcome extended to Saidur Rahman Dawn, the lone athlete from the tiny, new nation of Bangladesh (I would gladly have traded my Olympic pins -- all ten of 'em! -- to have been able to shake Mr. Dawn's hand and congratulate him for his courage and enthusiasm). A track and field contender (100 meters), he is known as the "fastest man in Bangladesh", and although he did not break any records (at least not this time around), to me he is a winner in a truer sense, by his genuine belief in the spirit of the Olympic creed, which is:

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

- Baron Pierre de Coubertin,
Founder of the modern Olympics

Such were my sentiments on this memorable day, sentiments shared by millions of people the world over. As Mr. Webster suggested, this day of the Opening Ceremonies was indescribable and unsurpassable, a day filled with memories to treasure.

And so I must say "Thank you, my daughter" for this chance of a lifetime to witness a magnificent expression of brotherly love, faith in mankind, and a hope for universal peace. I was never more proud of

my fellow Americans for their spontaneous warmth to all participating countries, and for their genuine love and pride for their own U.S.A.

GOD BLESS AMERICA -- LAND THAT WE LOVE!!

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Ella Quan on her highly-deserved promotion as Assistant Principal of Eastman Avenue Grammar School. This promotion is long overdue for Ella, who is as efficient and dedicated in her various positions with the Los Angeles Unified School District as she is with her many commitments with CHSSC and the Chinatown community. Ella will begin her new assignment on August 23.

No wonder Kaza and Allen Dong are smiling! They are the happy grandparents of a baby girl, born August 20, to keep company with big sister Lucinda, who is all of 16 months old. The proud parents are Kenny Dong and his wife Kathy. Congratulations to all!

Welcome to new Life Members Lucie Cheng and Elsie L. Wong, and new members Dr. Zheng Kui-Yi, George Shue and Edith Shue.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The photo exhibit, "Chinese Women in America 1834-1982" will be shown at the Chinatown Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library from Oct. 8 through Oct. 28, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. Volunteers are needed to "sit" with the exhibit, and answer questions for the public, some of whom may not be able to read.

For information, call Suellen Kwok, 828-6911.

Deepest sympathy is extended by CHSSC to the family of members George and Mabel Lew, on the loss of their daughter, Ella, wife of Dr. Fred Chung, also Society members. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 11.

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