



CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

January 1984

Dear Members and Friends,

I pledge, on behalf of the new Board and myself, to carry forward our very rich program of meetings and projects and plans which past officers and Boards have bestowed upon us.

I am reminded also that most people have joined us because we are a friendly and fun outfit in the way we do things and in the variety of things we do. We will try to continue that spirit and tradition.

All these activities, whatever they are, are achieved with people working together. I'd like to suggest that we make this a year of participation. In the months to come, you will be presented the spectrum of the Society's activities so you'll have some choices for an active involvement.

Come forward, volunteer, and help make this a stronger society.

Our organization does face some new challenges. They are positive challenges brought about by our new bigness and by our evolving commitment to create historical products for community use. We will have to be looking at a bit of fund raising this year, to back some very special and worthwhile projects. But I feel that we, you, and other Society supporters will be equal to the challenge and the commitment.

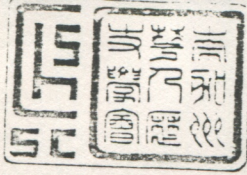
Finally, when one is in the history business. One is blest with something called "perspective". The focus of the history of Chinese Americans in Southern California is here in Chinatown. Right now, some very exciting things are happening. If you don't believe me, look outside Castelar, at the Library, Cathay Manor, up and down Broadway and Hill. Or better yet, look up. At the skyline filled with the steel beginnings of new buildings. I think we are in as important a period as 1938--when New Chinatown was being planned and built. Indeed, "the happenings of today will be the history of tomorrow."

A month ago at a dinner meeting, Franklin Tom, now California's Commissioner of Corporations, and certainly an illustrious native son of this community, called for the building of a new Chinatown Heritage Center for, among other things, "the preservation and exhibition of the history of the Chinese in this country and in Los Angeles." I think Dr. Tom's suggestions need to be considered carefully by all of us.

With your support and active participation, I look forward to a promising and exciting year.

Munson Kwok

(excerpts from remarks, meeting, Jan. 4, 1984)



NEWS 'n NOTES

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AI YAH!! Your editor must be losing her marbles, her memory and her manners! Forgot to wish you a Happy New Year in the last issue of News 'n Notes. So -- a belated but no less heartfelt wish to each of you for a memorable year.

May this year be filled with happiness
And blessings by the score --
Good health, warm friends, and love to share
For a sparkling '84!!

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Following out-going President Eugene Moy's brief review of the Society's various activities and accomplishments, the new officers and board members were duly installed by Howard Quon.

President	Munson Kwok
Vice-President	Evelyn Cucchiarella
Secretary	Mary Yee
Treasurer	Ella Y. Quan
Membership	Kaza Dong

New board members: Al Lum and George Morris

Board members remaining to fulfill their second year: Marion Fay, Elmo Gambarana and Don Loo.

Eugene Moy was presented with a plaque in appreciation of his two years of dedicated leadership, and commendations were given to out-going officers and board members Emma Louie, vice-president; Cindy Fong, secretary; John Yee and Charles Wong, board members.

President Munson Kwok and his staff have not been idle for a moment since their installation. At the first board meeting, plans were formulated for the first few months of 1984:

Feb. 8	Regular meeting: Film - "Sewing Woman"
Feb. 10	*Chinese New Year Parade
Feb. 15	Board meeting
March 3	*Fund raising party for tour map/book
March 7	Regular meeting: Chinese Congregational Church - City Market
March 14	Board meeting
March 24	*Field trip: "Venturing to Ventura"
April 14	Dinner meeting: Su Chang Chan and the Map unveiling
April 18	Board meeting
May 3	Regular meeting
May 9	Board meeting

Regular meetings will start at 7:30 sharp.

*Details elsewhere in this issue

The following chairpersons have been appointed for 1984:

Ella Quan	Women's book committee
Chuck Yee	Self-guiding map production and marketing
Evelyn Cucchiarella	Map fund-raising committee
Evelyn Cucchiarella	Programs committee

Helen Morrison
Margie Lew

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COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 10, Friday - Chinese New Year Parade -- The Society will again participate with a massed American flag unit. Formation starts at Sunset Blvd. and No. Broadway at 7:00 P.M. Sign up at the February meeting, or call Munson Kwok, 828-6911.
- Mar. 3, Saturday- As a fund-raiser for the printing of a self-guiding map of Chinatown, there will be a wine-and-cheese reception at Ed and Evelyn Cucchiarella's home from 2-5 P.M. All donations of "finger food" will be welcome -- chips, dips, cold cuts, etc. The address: 853 N. Vail Ave., Montebello. Phone: 726-1035. Directions: Take the Pomona Freeway 60 East to the Wilcox-Garfield exit. Drive straight for about 1 mile to Vail Ave. Turn right on Vail and drive 3 blocks to 853.
- At the January meeting, George Yee unveiled his rendition of the map, and with his usual expertise, George has developed a masterful piece of work. Members were so enthusiastic after viewing the map that donations were made on the spot. Three members donated \$100 or more -- Ed and Evelyn Cucchiarella, Kaza Dong, Suellen and Munson Kwok, and with donations from other members, a tidy sum was collected. CHSSC hopes to be able to raise the remainder of the necessary funds (total of \$1600.00) at the March reception.
- Mar. 24, Saturday- A field trip to Ventura is being planned, including a visit to Mission Buenaventura (the ninth in a chain of 21 missions built in California by the Franciscan "padres"), a look at some Victorian homes and historical adobe buildings in the area. Lunch will be at Andy's Barbecue. Tour guide will be Roberta Greenwood. More details will be forthcoming, but mark your calendar now, as this sounds like an exciting trip.

CHSSC's FIRST PUBLISHING VENTURE

A book on Chinese American women, co-written by CHSSC and UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, will be titled (tentatively) "Linking Our Lives: History of Chinese American Women in Southern California". The book will be dedicated to Helen Lim Young, who was a loyal and staunch supporter of the Society as well as numerous Chinatown projects. Monies in her memorial fund will be used for this project. To complete the book, CHSSC needs photos of Chinese women at work or at home, involved in church activities or community events. Call Suellen Kwok, 828-6911, or Ella Quan, 291-5388 if you have pictures that can be used for this book.

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

Many thanks from Ella Quan, past membership chairperson, to all CHSSC members for their help and cooperation which made "my two years in office superb years!" Ella states that 1983 ended with 320 members -- 41 Life Members, 3 Institutionals, 74 new members, and 202 renewals. 1984 is starting out with a BIG BANG, with 56 renewals. The Society's first Life Member for 1984 is Dolores Wong, who received this as a Christmas gift from her husband, Judge Delbert Wong. Congratulations, Dolores, on being the first for '84!

Membership rosters are being passed out at the February and March meetings. Please ask for your copy and any others you can personally deliver, to help the Society save on postage fees.

Now is the time to re-new your membership dues for 1984. The very reasonable rates are still only \$10.00 per member (plus \$5.00 for spouse); senior citizens and students, \$5.00; institutions, \$25.00; and Life, \$100.00. Send checks to CHSSC, 1648 Redcliff St. Los Angeles, 90026.

A MEMBERSHIP (ANNUAL OR LIFE) MAKES A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR
ALL SEASONS AND ALL REASONS!!

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to CHSSC members who have been elected as officers for 1984 for the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA): Howard Quon, President; Stan Yep, Secretary; Ella Chung, Treasurer; and Robert Jung, Sentinel.

What a great pleasure to see Anna Marie and Everett Hager at the January meeting. The Hagers, who contributed an article on the Dragon Boat, Ning Po, for the Dec. 1979 issue of the Gum Saan Journal, seldom leave their home and hearth in the evenings. However, they drove all the way in from San Pedro to see the film "Moving Mountains", and to greet old friends and meet new ones (Ye Editor, among others).

Member Jocelyn Lew, daughter of George and Mabel Lew (also members), will appear in a commercial advertising La Choy Chinese Foods on the Johnny Carson show on Tuesday, Jan. 31, on NBC Channel 4, 11:30 P.M.

CHSSC EXTENDS THANKS

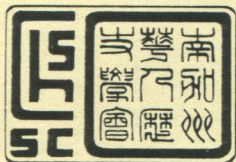
...to Marjorie Dong for her donation of special photos, which will be a welcome addition to the Society's Oral History Materials Collection.

...to Dr. Edward A. Chow of San Francisco for his donation of "Conference on Health Problems Related to the Chinese in America, 1982", containing pertinent historical statistics.

MISCELLANY

On March 30, the Asian Pacific Association is sponsoring a "Las Vegas Night", with a buffet and dance band, to raise funds for three junior college scholarships. For further information, call Evelyn Cucchiarella, 726-1035.

A special 5-week China tour for students is being co-sponsored by the Pacific International Corporation, Jinan University, and China Travel Service. The itinerary includes Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Jinan University, Guilin, Beijing, Xian, Zhangzhou, Nanjing, Shanghai and Hangzhou. Departure date is June 17. Total cost, approximately \$2,300, includes all land and air transportation, hotels, meals, and banquets, 1½ weeks at Jinan University, 3½ weeks fully escorted nine-city tour, and several special events. For further information on student eligibility and other details, call Charles Wong, 256-3452.



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REGULAR MEETING

TAKE NOTE

DATE: SECOND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1984

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: CASTELAR SCHOOL, Multipurpose Room
840 Yale Street

Los Angeles, CA, 90012

PARKING on school grounds. Enter on College
Street between Hill Street and Yale Street

AGENDA: OFFICERS' REPORTS: Secretary
Treasurer
Membership

SELF-GUIDING MAP

BOOK REPORT
CHINESE NEW YEAR'S PARADE
NEW BUSINESS

1984 WALKING TOUR

FIELD TRIP, Mar. 1984

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Yee
Ella Quan
Kaza Dong
Chuck Yee
Ev. Cucchiarella
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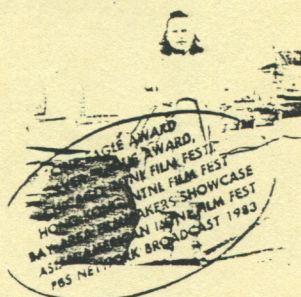
Gerald Shue
Ev. Cucchiarella

PROGRAM:

SEWING WOMAN

LORRAINE DONG, Ph.D

Introduction by Susie Ling, UCLA



Dr. Dong will discuss the development, writing, and production of this excellent, prize winning short film about her mother and other Chinese American women who encountered similar experiences. From war-torn China to a new life in America, *Sewing Woman*, based on oral histories and on Zem Ping Dong, is the immigrant woman who worked in Chinatown sewing factories for over 30 years. Seldom-seen footage shot in a factory, historical footage, and old photos are interwoven to trace *Sewing Woman's* life.

Don't miss this gem of a film and the insight to be provided by the co-creator-author.