



NEWS 'n NOTES

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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, December 5, 1984

TIME: 7:00 P.M. ~~7:00 P.M.~~ **EARLIER**

PLACE: CASTELAR SCHOOL, Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Parking: on school grounds. Enter on College St.
between Hill St. and Yale St.

PROGRAM:

PARTY!!

AND SHORT MEETING...



CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER--HEIGH HO!!

Please come to the Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:00 P.M. Adults:\$5 (or potluck dish) Children: \$3.

The Christmas party committee--Evelyn Cucchiarella, Helen Yee, Elsie Wong, Anna Lowrey, Marilyn Quon and Bob Large--have planned a really exciting evening with entertainment, Christmas cards, and a special guest for the kiddies! What promises to be great fun is the "White Elephant Exchange", where each participant brings a gift wrapped item (something that's been on the shelf for years, but no one knows what to do with it!). Here's your chance to put it to good use--and remember that "one man's trash is another man's treasure." Your "white elephant" can be silly, funny, useless, practical, antique or whatever. But join in the fun--be a participant and being something!

One of the highlights of the Society's Christmas celebration is the potluck buffet. Such wonderful cooks our members are! Many have indicated what type of food they will bring; chairperson Evelyn says that more donations of chow mein and rice are needed. The committee will need help--come early (5:30-6:00) to assist with the decorating, setting the tables, etc. Call Evelyn, 726-1035 for information.

OUR VERY OWN BIG TEN

1985 will be CHSSC's tenth anniversary--a significant milestone. To celebrate this great event, a committee has been formed to plan special programs and projects. Committee chairperson is Evelyn Cucchiarella; committee members are Stan Lau, Al Soo Hoo, Tom Moy, John Ng, Susan Sing, Emery Wong and Marie Wong. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should call Evelyn, 726-1035.

THE SOCIETY THANKS

---Professor Eugene Cooper for the donation of his book "The Wood-Carvers of Hong Kong." Eugene was guest speaker at the November meeting; his presentation, "Teak: History, Art and Craftsmanship" was a fascinating account of his experiences in Hong Kong and China while researching this subject.

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Stan Lau was one of several speakers at a day-long Leadership Workshop at the Monterey Park City Hall on Saturday, November 10. In addition to Stan, who is a dynamic speaker, there were several Chinese Americans who have achieved success as leaders in their respective fields--Judge Ronald Lew, recently appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court; Jennie Wong, vice-president of Mitsui Manufacturer's Bank; Stewart Kwoh, attorney; Frank Kwan, television producer; Shu-Jen Yen, professor of psychology at Cal State Long Beach; and Sam Law, former student body president at UCLA. The purpose of this workshop, attended by students in the 13-18 age group, was to encourage the young people to fulfill their goals, to show them how to develop leadership qualities, to demonstrate the art of being assertive, to help them resolve and understand their individual identity crises. The session was well-attended by almost 200 Asian students.

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Jan 2 -- Speaker: Jean Bruce Poole, Senior Curator at El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park. Subject: Grand Opening of the Chinese Museum. Jean will give an up-date on the plans and progress of this project.

Feb 6 -- Speaker: Gerald Jann, editor of Jade Magazine. Will be interviewed by Paul Louie on the history of the magazine, and on Gerry's growing up years in Hollywood and the Chinese community.

Mar 6 -- Prof. Tom McDannold, professor of Earth Science at Ventura College. Subject: Los Angeles Chinatown--1870 to 1950.

MISCELLANY

A Christmas presentation, Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," is being presented by the Association of Asian/Pacific American Artists on Friday and Saturday, Dec 21 and 22 at 8 pm., and matinees on both days at 3pm.

Location: Japan American Theatre

244 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles

Donation: \$10 orchestra children (under 12) \$5
\$8 balcony

Call Jocelyn Lew, 466-0566, for tickets and information.

The producers will be our member Beulah Quo and Susan Inouye. Featuring Alvin Ing, Robert Ito.

DONATION

We acknowledge the donation of \$50 by Allen and Kaza Dong on the occasion of Kaza's Woman of the Year Award from the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council.

MEMBERSHIP

The following dues adjustments were passed at the Nov 7, 1984 Regular Meeting:

Contributing Member:	\$5	NO CHANGE
(Senior citizens over 60 or students)		
Active Member:	\$15	EFFECTIVE Jan 1, 1985
Spouse of active member	\$5	NO CHANGE
(or each additional member of same household of active member)		
Institutional Member	\$25	NO CHANGE
Life Member	\$200	EFFECTIVE Nov 7, 1984
Life Member (husband & wife)	\$300	EFFECTIVE Nov 7, 1984

Obviously increases have been made in the Active(regular) and Life Memberships. These are the first increases in any dues since the founding of the Society in 1975 and we expect them to last for a while.

For old Active Members willing to renew BEFORE Jan 1, 1985, we offer the old Active Member rate of \$10. So get your renewals in to Membership Secretary Kaza Dong by the end of December and join in the Big 10th year activities.

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The full Board of Directors had presented these proposals Nov. 7 because costs had caught up with the Society. Estimated cost of services and benefits to members in 1985 will be \$14.50 per member while present dues income, with our "mix" of membership was \$8.70 per member, a significant deficit. With the newly approved structure and the same "mix", the average dues will only rise to \$12.33, about 55% of services and benefits include historical projects and Gum Saan Journal, 33% are mailings costs, and 12%, administration.

To complete our dues restructuring we present the following By Laws amendment. The objective is to offer opportunity to those who desire to support the Society more strongly. A Life Patron and the Corporate Membership are tentatively to be \$500 memberships.

First Reading of By-Law Amendment:

Article III, Membership and Dues, to be amended as follows:

Section 2. Membership shall be of six classes:

- a. Active member: Any person interested in the purposes of the Society shall be eligible.
- b. Contributing member: Student or senior citizen shall be eligible. A senior citizen shall be a person sixty years of age or over.
- c. Institutional member: Any business firm, organization, board, school, or library interested in the history of the Chinese in Southern California and the purposes of the Society shall be eligible.
- d. Life member: Only a person shall be eligible.
- e. Life patron: A person interested in offering exceptional support to the purposes of the Society shall be eligible.
- f. Corporate member: Any business firm or institution offering exceptional support to the purposes of the Society shall be eligible.

For further information call Munson Kwok, (213)828-6911.

Action will be taken on the By-Law at the December meeting.