



# NEWS 'n NOTES

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## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1984

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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..

AGENDA: MINUTES AND OFFICERS' REPORTS  
BUSINESS  
NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1985

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\* PROGRAM: "TEAK: HISTORY, ART AND CRAFTSMANSHIP" -- \*  
\* the development of teak in the 19th cen- \*  
\* tury in the construction of temples, and \*  
\* how this was changed to furniture product- \*  
\* ion in the 20th century. \*  
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\* SPEAKER: Dr. Eugene Cooper, Assistant Professor of \*  
\* Anthropology at USC, has spent over five \*  
\* years in Hong Kong researching this pro- \*  
\* ject. He has been given a grant from the \*  
\* university to continue his reasearch. In \*  
\* December, Dr. Cooper will be going to China \*  
\* for a general anthropology conference in \*  
\* hopes of being allowed to continue his \*  
\* research. \*  
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### FOR YOUR DATE-BOOK

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1984

Annual Christmas Party

\$5.00 per person, or bring a potluck dish or paper goods. \$3.00 for children. The program will consist of Christmas carolling and a "white elephant" exchange, which promises to a fun game. Here's how it works: anyone who wishes to participate will bring a "white elephant" item, Christmas- wrapped. All packages will be placed in a pile, and each participant will choose one for himself (a "white elephant" is something you have around the house, but don't really want or need; you also don't know what to do with it, but can't bring yourself to throw it out!) So here's a good chance to use that item that Auntie Lil or Uncle Chan sent you years ago -- something unusual or practical or silly -- the sillier the better. The Christmas Party committee - Evelyn Cucchiarella, Elsie Wong, Helen Yee - needs persons to bring paper goods and other items.



Call Evie at 726-1035 for information. There will be a sign-out sheet at the November meeting for main dishes, salads, desserts, etc.

#### ELECTION TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

The election committee has announced nominations of officers for 1985. The present officers have indicated their willingness to serve for another term: Munson Kwok, president; Evelyn Cucchiarella, vice president; Ella Quan, treasurer; Mary Yee, secretary, Kaza Dong, membership. Five new board members are Don Loo, Elmo Gambarana, Ella Quan, Gene Moy, Cindy Fong. Please bear in mind that these are nominations. If you would like to fill any of these spots, or would like to nominate someone, please feel absolutely free to do so. Call committee chairperson George Yee at (213) 370-9462.

#### MOTHER LODE TRIP

The fifty participants on the Mother Lode tour of Sept. 28-30 unanimously expressed their complete enjoyment of the trip, which was meticulously planned by John Yee. The group was warmly welcomed at each stop -- Coulterville, Chinese Camp, Columbia State Park, Fiddletown, Nevada City, Auburn, Locke and places in-between. On the bus, John provided the group with numerous historical facts and anecdotes about the various towns and interesting sites along the way. Having a bus driver as careful, considerate and experienced on mountain driving as Mr. Al Munson added in no small way to the pleasure of the trip. The weather was quite pleasant, except for a brief rainfall in Locke, which did not dampen the happy spirits of the group. It can be very truthfully stated that a most delightful time was had by all.

A more detailed account of the trip will be included in a forthcoming issue of the Gum Saan Journal.

SPECIAL NOTE: Tour coordinators John Yee and Ye Editor would like to express their thanks to each participant for his/her cooperation, and they are really happy that everyone enjoyed the trip, which was not only a fun trip, but educational, in a historical sense.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL FALL DINNER

The October dinner held at the Tai Hong Restaurant was enjoyed by over 300 guests. In keeping with the evening's theme -- a salute to Chinese American women -- Beulah Quo was mistress of ceremonies; author-historian Judy Yung was guest speaker (her subject was "Chinese Women of America: Breaking the Stereotypes"); and a special tribute was paid to some very special ladies -- pioneer women Katherine Cheung and She Wing Soo Hoo, and four women strongly dedicated to community service: Barbara Jean Lee, Ruby Ling Louie, Ella Y. Quan and Beulah Quo. It was truly an inspirational evening, and the Society is deeply honored to be associated with each of these women, who have earned their niche in the community many times over.

CHSSC extends thanks to the following for their donations; Honoree Mrs. She Wing Soo Hoo, \$100; Jane Quan, \$35; F. Chow Chan, who was unable to attend, but sent a \$20 donation; and Emery Wong, also unable to attend, but sent \$15 in memory of his grandfather, Mr. Samuel Chang.



THE SOCIETY THANKS.....

A very special "thank you" to the following:

- ...the Fall Dinner committee co-chairpersons Cindy Fong and Susan Sing and their committee for their time and expertise in planning this very successful affair. Special thanks to Kaza and Allen Dong for the honorees' lovely corsages, and for planning the delicious dinner menu.
- ...the Photo Exhibit committee members Steve Leong, Linda Lum, Al Lum, Eugene Moy, Dolores Wong, who put together a very attractive exhibit-- "Chinese Women of America - 1834 to 1982" -- which was enjoyed by persons of all ages from the Chinatown community. Thanks also to exhibit docents Ruby Louie, Grace Chow, Munson Kwok, Dorothy Siu, Dolores Wong, Rosemarie Lee, Suellen Kwok, Sue Yee, Bernice Sam, Frank and Lupe Chee, Abel Lem, Anita Jeung, Charles Wong, Susan Sing, Lillian Fong, Henry Welcome, Helen Lee, Kaza Dong, Elsie Wong, Tom Moy, John Eng, Alice Joe, Elmo Gambarana, Gene Moy, Wallace Huey, George Wong, Moon Dea, Don Loo, Charles Fong.
- ...to John Yee for the many hours he spent in preparation for the Mother Lode tour -- hours of research on historical facts; numerous phone call to coordinate the Saturday night dinner in Auburn, the lunch plans, and arrangements made with historical societies and various groups concerning the tour's arrival at a number of towns, plus a myriad of things that needed to be done. A superb job, John, and no one could have done it better. No wonder this turned out to be the GREAT Mother Lode expedition!!

THE BOOK CORNER

Books for Christmas -- the perfect gift. Here are some suggestions: Member Ruthanne Lum McCunn is offering a 50% discount to CHSSC members on her three books:

AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE CHINESE IN AMERICA (Paperback)

Regular price - \$6.95    ½ price - \$3.50 plus tax

THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD (Hardback) Regular price \$10.95    ½ price \$5.50 plus tax  
(Paperback)    "    "    \$5.95    ½ price \$3.00 plus tax

PIE-BITER (Hardback, illustrated in color, Chinese & English) plus tax

Regular price - \$11.95    ½ price - \$6.00 plus tax

Books will be on display at the November meeting. Orders should be in by Nov. 12. Please call Margie Lew, (213) 222-4375.

CHSSC is publishing its first book - LINKING OUR LIVES: CHINESE WOMEN OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. Paperback. \$9.95, with special discounts to members and to non-members until Dec. 31, 1984 (see flyer)

New member George Koenig has written "BEYOND THIS PLACE THERE BE DRAGONS", a very attractive book, limited edition (1,000 copies only). History of early Death Valley period and the first settlers, with the Chinese involved at a later date. Call (818) 780-0489 for information.

CHINESE WOMEN OF AMERICA, 1834-1982, by Judy Yung and Vincente Tang, based on extensive archival research and oral history interviews with 250 women of different generations, backgrounds and experiences. Contact Chinese Women of America Research Project, Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearny St., Third Floor, San Francisco, Ca 94108.



# MISCELLANY

CHSSC is approaching its 10th anniversary. Plans are being made to commemorate this important milestone. A committee is being formed, and the Society needs many volunteers to assist with the various projects. Please call Evie Cucchiarella at 726-1035.

Munson Kwok gave a talk to the Alhambra Historical Society at the Alhambra Library on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Topic: the history of early Chinatown in Los Angeles.

## UCLA CENTER FOR THE ARTS 1984/85 SEASON

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH LISTING OF FALL TICKET AVAILABILITY

<u>ARTIST</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Juilliard String Quartet	Fri	10/26	8 pm	Wadsworth Theater
Juilliard String Quartet	Sat	10/27	8 pm	Wadsworth Theater
Acting Company	Thurs	11/1	8 pm	Royce Hall
Acting Company	Sun	11/4	8 pm	Royce Hall
Ping Chong & Fiji Company	Sat	11/3	8 pm	Wadsworth Theater
Eugene Istomin	Fri	11/16	8 pm	Royce Hall
Kol Demama	Sun	11/18	8 pm	Royce Hall
Electric Phoenix	Fri	11/30	8 pm	Wadsworth Theater
Minoru Nojima	Sat	12/1	8 pm	Royce Hall
Marilyn Horne	Tues	12/11	8 pm	Royce Hall
Alwin Nikolais Dance Co.	Sun	12/16	8 pm	Royce Hall
New World Quartet	Sun	1/6	8 pm	Wadsworth Theater
Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane & Company	Fri	1/11	8 pm	Wadsworth Theater
Mummechanz	Sun	1/20	2:30 pm	Royce Hall
Paul Taylor Dance Company	Sun	1/27	8 pm	Royce Hall
Bejart Ballet	Tues	2/12	8 pm	Royce Hall
Bejart Ballet	Wed	2/13	8 pm	Royce Hall
European Chamber Orchestra	Wed	2/20	8 pm	Royce Hall

\*\*\*\*\*Chinese Historical Society Of S.C. contact: Don Loo, (213)208-5382 home;(213)206-8569  
up to three days before event. \$1 tickets on first come, as available basis.