



# NEWS 'n NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### MOTHER LODE TRIP

THE DAY has finally arrived -- Friday, Sept. 28, the beginning of the Society's greatly-anticipated trip to the Mother Lode country -- an area inhabited by thousands of Chinese laborers during the latter half of the 1800's and the early 1900's. We now have a 51-passenger bus; reservations have been confirmed at the following two motels:

Friday night, Sept. 28

Sonora Towne House Motel  
350 So. Washington St.  
Sonora Phone: (209) 532-3633

Saturday night, Sept. 29

Motel 6  
10271 Folsom Blvd.  
Rancho Cordova (East Sacramento)  
Phone: (916) 362-3262

Parking is provided, through the courtesy of the Department of Water and Power, at 600 E. Temple St. (corner of Vignes St.). The bus will be there at 7:00 A.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT!!

### WHO'S IN THE NEWS

- ...Welcome to the Society's 50th Life Member, Mrs. Yuck Lee Moy, mother of past president Eugene Moy.
- ...Congratulations to Chuck and Mary Yee on their 25th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated with a surprise dinner-dance given by the couple's five wonderful children -- Kathy, Mimi, Lydia, Glenn and Mark. A number of the Yees' friends from CHSSC put together a "money tree", which included two silver Olympic coins and the following message:  
"You've spent 25 years together  
With sweet-memories to have and to hold,  
Today you have both won your "silver",  
It's time now to "go for the gold"!
- ...Indefatigable Susie Ling has been appointed to three teaching jobs at Pasadena City College, U.C. Irvine, and Cal State Long Beach.
- ...Congratulations to Ruthanne Lum McCunn, the recipient of the American Book Award 1984, for her delightful children's book, "PIE-BITER".  
(More on Ruthanne's books elsewhere in this issue).

### A REMINDER

The dinner meeting on Saturday, October 20 will replace the regular Wednesday monthly meeting.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Member,

An article printed in "Los Angeles" Magazine, September 1984 has come to the attention of the Board of Directors. It is entitled "The First Chinatown," by Bruce Henstell, on page 198.

If he or she can, we ask each member to read the article with an open mind. In a few days, a special mailing of the Society will send you supporting materials regarding this piece. If your reaction motivates you to comment, please write:

Editor  
Los Angeles Magazine  
1888 Century Park East  
Los Angeles, CA, 90067

The Board is writing the magazine to protest the inaccuracies, distorted statements, and negative tone in "First Chinatown."

Munson Kwok, President

CALENDAR

October can be a busy month for all of you. Don't miss the Fall Dinner and the Photoexhibit!!!!

SEP 28, 29, 30: THE GREAT MOTHER LODGE AND LOCKE EXPEDITION.

OCT 4, Thursday: Society Board of Directors meeting; Castelar; 7:30 PM.

OCT 10-26, Wednesday: OPENING, Chinese Women of America 1834-1982 Photoexhibit; Chinatown Library Community Room, 536 W. College St., free.

OCT 11, Thursday: GALA reception for Photoexhibit; Chinatown Library; 6-8PM. All members and friends welcome. Free.

OCT 13, Saturday: "Iron Spikes," Anaheim Hilton, 6PM; dinner-dance fundraiser.

OCT 18, Thursday: Boys Scouts Good Citizen Awards to Judge Delbert Wong and Dolores Wong. Sheraton Grande, 333 S. Figueroa. Dinner fundraiser.

OCT 20, SATURDAY: ANNUAL FALL DINNER, TAI HONG, CHINATOWN, 5:30 PM.

OCT 21-NOV 3. "From Rancho to Resort," 200th year of Nieto Land Grant.

OCT 26, 27, 28: Asian American Studies Conference, UCLA

OCT 27: Confucius Day Ceremonies and dinner. Alpine Rec. and Castelar.

NOV 2: Friday, Nisei Veterans Coordination Council Women of the Year: Kaza Dong; Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda, El Segundo; 6:30PM; dinner-dance

NOV 7: Wednesday, Regular meeting. Elections and Prof. Eugene Cooper, USC, on "Teak: History, Art, Craftsmanship."



EL PUEBLO CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM. This project is beginning!! Some 1900 square feet of space on two floors is to be filled with attractive exhibits on the history of the Chinese in Los Angeles and the Chinese in Old Chinatown. The target for the grand opening is two years, at the same time as the completion of the Garnier-Pico block restorations by the Old Los Angeles Company. On September 13, Munson Kwok, Evelyn Cucchiarella, Eugene Moy, and Suellen Cheng met Senior Curator Jean Bruce Poole to beginning organizing the Park's Museum Advisory Committee.

Internally, the Society has created the El Pueblo Chinese American Museum Committee with Eugene Moy as chair. Research, planning, acquisition of exhibits, grants, fundraising, publicity, and public relations. This committee will become the biggest Society committee. This exciting project will be THE major Society effort for the community in the next 2-3 years. It promises to fulfill a main Society dream: a place to tell the L.A. Chinatown story. Join now at the glorious start. So far we have Gene Cooper, Bob Large, Edith Jung, Kaza Dong, Dorothy Siu, Elmo Gambarana, Howard Quon, Paul Louie, Sam Joe. We need many others: Call Gene Moy (818) 243-7601.

THANKS. We thank new member Saykin Fu for assisting the Society administration.

#### EVENTS.

PHOTOEXHIBIT. The Chinese Women of America 1834-1982 Photoexhibit is co-sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the Friends of the Chinatown Library. The tentative schedule is October 10-26, Wednesdays through Sundays, 1-5PM. Also Saturday mornings 10AM to 1PM. Admission free. More docents are needed. Phone Dolores Wong, 662-6081, or Steve Leong, 838-6257.

"IRON SPIKES." The Chinese American Council of the Bowers Museum (Santa Ana, Orange Co.) is paying tribute to the Chinese railroad builders and their descendants in a fund raising dinner dance. We have identified over 10 families for them from members and oral history projects. Speaking will be Thomas Chinn, noted historian from S.F., member Dr Pat. Lin. Also Frank Kwan, KNBC, and Rosalind Chao narrating a Peking opera costume show. \$35 per. To CAC/Bowers Foundation, Box 8245, Newport Beach, CA 92658. Dinner 6PM; Anaheim Hilton, 777 Convention Way, Anaheim. Info. call Munson Kwok, 828-6911.

GOOD CITIZENS DOLORES AND DELBERT WONG. Call Howard Quon 393-7339 or Munson Kwok, 828-6911.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR KAZA DONG. Dinner-dance at Hacienda Hotel Crystal Ballroom. Dick Ducar, music. \$20 per. Call Munson Kwok for tickets, 828-6911.

RANCHO TO RESORT. A major celebration of the Nieto Grant 200th from Oct 21. Fiesta, exhibits, symposia, and climatic banquet Nov 3. CS Long Beach, Rancho Los Alamitos, Los Cerritos, L.A. Network For Education. Call Dorothy Abrahamse 498-4431 or Sharon Olson 498-4546.

CONFUCIUS DAY. A celebration in praise of education and ethics. The ceremonies are traditional in the Chinese culture. Besides free public events on Oct. 27, there will be a dinner. Munson Kwok 828-6911.



## BOOK CORNER.

### INTRODUCING THE SOCIETY'S FIRST BOOK:

"Linking Our Lives: Chinese American Women of Los Angeles." To be introduced at the Fall Dinner and be published by early November. This 100 page soft cover book will cost less than \$10. Watch for it!!! A joint project of the Society and the Asian American Studies Center, UCLA.

"One Day, One Dollar. Locke, California and the Chinese Farming Experience in the Delta," by Peter C.Y. Leung. Mr. Leung will be our special guide on the Motherlode Expedition. Book costs \$14 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling to Chinese/Chinese American History Project, 1355 Arlington Av, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

"The Chinese American Experience: Papers from the Second National Conference on Chinese American Studies," \$24.95 plus 6% tax plus \$1.50 handling to NCCAS, c/o Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearny St. 3d floor, San Francisco, 94108.

"The New Asian Peril, Report of a Hearing on Rising Anti-Asian Bigotry by the L.A. Co. Commission on Human Relations," free, Paul Louie, 974-7654.

CHASSC member Ruthanne Lum McCunn has had three outstanding books published. She has made a most generous offer to Society members. For an order of a total of 50 books (combined titles permissible), Ruthanne is extending a 50% discount and free shipping. Special requests for autographs and inscriptions will be honored. Offer good until Nov. 30, 1984.

1. AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE CHINESE IN AMERICA comes with a Teacher's Guide (upon request) that contains vocabulary and comprehension questions, suggested activities and a bibliography for further reading. Suitable for all ages, with many illustrations and photographs. Paperback - \$6.95
2. PIE-BITER comes in both a Chinese and an English language edition. It tells the story of a true Chinese-American hero who lived around the same time as John Henry and Paul Bunyan. 31 full-color illustrations. Hardcover only. \$11.95 8 1/4" x 10 3/4".
3. THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD is the true story of a Chinese-American pioneer woman who survived poverty and slavery on the American frontier. The heroine, Lalu Nathoy/Polly Bemis, is featured in the exhibit on Chinese Women of America. Has been optioned for a film. Photos. Hardcover \$10.95 Paperback \$5.95

With Christmas just around the corner, an autographed copy of any or all of these books would be ideal gifts for family and friends. There will be copies on display at the October dinner meeting and at the November meeting. For information, or to place your order, call Margie Lew, 222-4375, or write to 2346 N. Indiana Ave., Los Angeles, Ca 90032.