



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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March 1985

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 1985

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Castelar School, Multipurpose Room
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown
Park on school grounds. Enter from College Street between N.
Hill and Yale Streets.

AGENDA: Tenth Anniversary: Hawaii trip
Riverside Field Trip
Fashion Show
Photographic search and collection
El Pueblo Museum
"Linking Our Lives" book party planning

* MOTHER LODE BY VIDEO *
* Presented by Producer/Director/Narrator *
* ED CUCCHIARELLA *
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* View the great adventure of the Society's *
* most extensive field trip to date to the *
* legendary Mother Lode, to Nevada City, and *
* to Locke and home. Relive this tour. Bring *
* your albums and pics for a fun evening. *
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CALENDAR

- MAR 28-30. Society for California Archaeology Meeting. San Diego
APR 3. CHSSC Regular Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Castelar
APR 16. Friends of Chinatown Library annual meeting. 7:00 P.M.
Library. "Snuff bottles."
APR 18. CHSSC Board Meeting. Thursday 7:30 P.M. Castelar. All welcome.
APR 21. Craft & Folk Art Museum. 2 P.M. "Storytelling: Chinese
Folk tales. Traditional Chinese folk print exhibit. 934-3082
MAY 1. CHSSC "Linking Our Lives" Book Party. 7 P.M. Castelar.
***APR 1. CHINA SOCIETY MEETING at General Lee's; Reverend Wilson Wong
speaker, "Chinese Culture & Christianity". For more information,
call Robert Lee--(213) 628-8439.

"THE LADY" NEEDS A LIFT!!

On Oct. 28, 1986, "The Lady", more famously known as the Statue of Liberty, will be celebrating her centennial birthday. For such a momentous occasion, "The Lady" must look her best -- and that is the reason why she is undergoing a tremendous restoration project to prepare her for the BIG day.

For all these many years, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France to America to celebrate the great friendship between two countries, has stood as a symbol of freedom and hope. She has welcomed millions of immigrants to this "promised land" with these touching phrases written by poet Emma Lazarus:

".....Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Today, due to the ravages of time and harsh weather, the Statue has been weakened, with several sections declared unsafe for visitors. Funds have been solicited to provide for the restoration of this great "Lady". Americans from all walks of life are sharing in this historic occasion -- large business corporations, small private companies, school children, the "man in the street".

At the Society's March meeting, it was suggested (and approved by the Board and attending members) that CHSSC as a historical society would accept donations from members and friends to share in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

Please send all donations to Margie Lew, 2346 No. Indiana Ave., Los Angeles, 90032, or phone (213) 222-4375 for information. Make your tax-deductible checks payable to: THE LADY, or to STATUE OF LIBERTY. It matters not whether your contribution is large or small -- every dollar helps -- and will represent your part in keeping the Torch of Liberty burning bright for the next hundred years....and the one hundred years after that.....

SERRA BICENTENNIAL. Bob Large has passed along a notice on "Tres Dias de Campo, a Memorial Day encampment commemorating the 200th anniversary of Father Junipero Serra's passing. There will be music, games, entertainment, and historical talks. Co-sponsored by the Los Angeles City Historical Society. Debs Park. Monterey Hills. (213)256-7779.

MORE DONATIONS. Rose Luey has donated \$25 in honor of Helen Young's birthday anniversary. Rita Westil has given \$20 in memory of Florence Lum's mother. Munson Kwok received \$25.00 honorarium from U. C. Riverside and he donated it to the Society.

AAPAA. In a gala, first time ever event, the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists staged a star filled buffet dinner, entertainment, and media awards ceremonies at The Palace on Mar. 18. Besides AAPAA officers who are Society members (including Mariko Tse, AAPAA Secretary), we spotted members Ron Jung and Florence Jung, Lillian Fong, Ella Quan, Howard and Marilyn Quon, Munson and Suellen Kwok, Paul and Emma Louie, Sonora Wong, Dolores and Delbert Wong, Dr. Allen and Frieda Wong, Anita and Bill Jeung. Pioneer artists were presented, and tribute paid to James Wong Howe.

1985 CO-HISTORIANS OF THE CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. We are proud to announce that two of our founding members have been honored as historians of the Society for 1985. They are:

Margaret Lew

Paul Louie

Mr. Louie is a Consultant for the Human Relations Commission, County of Los Angeles and Ms. Lew is, as noted last month, actively retired. As the year proceeds, we will look forward to interesting recollections from this team.

FIDDLETOWN SUCCESS!!! Chuck and George Yee have just reported that their "cousin", Dr. Herbert Yee of Sacramento, has happily announced that the Fiddletown museum (Chew Kee Store) will be receiving \$80,000 from the recently mandated California state preservation funds. Congratulations to the folks in Fiddletown and Dr. Yee!!! The money is much needed if this historic structure is to be saved. These funds will require a 10% community match. Details to follow.

DONATIONS. Margie Lew has presented \$100 to the Society to mark the occasion of her retirement. Thank you, Margie. This year, she is occasional editor of News and Notes (not this month), an editor of Gum Saan Journal, and has just assumed the important new post of Historian.

GLADYS WADDINGHAM writes that her "biggest project...., "The History of the First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood," is now at the printers. It is a book of 328 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 in size, and with 251 photos." This work will be sold for \$12--far below actual production cost. The project is dedicated to her late husband, Francis. We have also learned that Mrs. Waddingham has received the Auld Lang Syne Award from the Occidental College Alumni Association for 64 years of service to the college.

THE (RIVERSIDE) CHINATOWN DIG. Finds from excavations of the Wong Ho Leun (Riverside Chinatown) site will be discussed in four papers to be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for California Archaeology, San Diego, March 28-30. The finds will be discussed Thursday, March 28, 8 A.M. during the symposium on Overseas Chinese Topical Studies, chaired by member Paul Chace. The paper is entitled "Promoting Anthropology in Community Heritage: The Riverside Chinatown Investigation," by Clark Brott and Chace. Also given will be "Feng Shui: Chinese Geomancy at Riverside's Chinatown," by Fred Mueller, Jr., "Turtle Husbandry at Riverside," MacDonald, and "Market Fisheries: Evidence from Riverside's Chinatown," Collins and Roeder.

Finds have included building remains prior to 1893, a brass dragon vase handle, a Mongol horse, a porcelain bracelet and spoons, medicine bottles, jugs and pieces of other Chinese ware. Students from Palomar College have been working the dig. Dig volunteers call (619) 224-8340.

CLIPPINGS. Elsie Louis has set us a wonderful set of articles noting the 72 year marriage of members Wong Young and Stella Louis. The story was published on---what else?---Feb. 14, 1985, Valentine's Day in the San Luis Obispo County Telegram/Tribune. The USC Trojan Family had a featured piece on member Prof. Gene Cooper. The writeup is accompanied by a neat photo of Gene, looking much like Indiana Jones.

10TH ANNIVERSARY. Chair Evelyn Cucchiarella reports all activities are moving into action. DON'T MISS

HAWAII TRIP. 20 out of 30 bookings have been made. August 2-9. Members to call Helen Lee pronto for reservations: (213)221-0440 or Tour Chair Al Lum, (213)648-5487 or (213)421-5934.

RIVERSIDE FIELD TRIP. May 18. Visit Chinatown site. Dig in action. History Symposium. Grand opening of Chinatown photoexhibit--Riverside Museum. No host lunch and/or dinner. Hurry. Bus is about filled. There will be a cost. Eugene Moy (818)243-7601.

EL PUEBLO TOUR. June. Museum site visit. Chair Suellen Cheng

PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM AND GARDENS. Gardens designed by Gilbert Leong. Snuff bottles collection. Sushi lunch. Chair G. Leong.

LUNCHEON HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW. September. Chair Doreen Chan.

10TH ANNIVERSARY CHSSC T-SHIRTS. Just what you have been waiting for. Beautiful color. Special design by Tyrus Wong. The perfect souvenir for the Society's year. Watch for details. Chairs Dawes Lee and Gerald Shue. Art Young, Bob Large, Eugene Moy, Susan Sing.

plus four other events for a total of ten. Follow the flyer in April. Volunteers needed and welcome. Evy. Cucchiarella (213) 726-1035.

BOOK NEWS. Chair Ella Quan reports "Linking Our Lives" is selling well. WATCH FOR

BOOK PARTY with authors and oral history participants. Reception. Slide show. Panel. May 1, Wednesday. Castelar School Multipurpose Room. This major event will be the Society's presentation of the published work. Come get your copies autographed. Cosponsored with Friends of Chinatown Library as an Los Angeles City Asian Pacific American Heritage Week event.

COMMUNITY. In February-March the Society has created public appearances of the book and authors for the

Chinese American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California 23rd Convention (dinner-dance).

California State University, Los Angeles Chinese Women's Scholarship Fund dinner. Author Judy Chu presented Society slides from the book and covers were used as centerpieces.

Organization of Chinese American Women and LA City Employees Asian American Association. City Hall Tower reception and book display. The display was coordinated by member Linda Lum.

OUTLETS. "Linking Our Lives" is now available at UCLA Bookstore and El Pueblo State Historic Park, and in San Francisco at the Chinese Culture Center, Chew Chong Tai (oldest Chinatown stationery store), and East Wind Bookstore.