



Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1985 GOLDEN SHARK RESTAURANT
6:00PM SOCIAL 400 SO. ATLANTIC BLVD.
7:00PM DINNER (10 Courses) MONTEREY PARK, CALIF.
RESERVATION REQUIRED \$20 PER PERSON

RESERVATION DEADLINE OCT. 14, 1985

AN EXCITING PROGRAM
TO TOP OFF THE
SOCIETY'S

10th Anniversary

ALL
STOPS ARE
BEING PULLED BY
THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE
TO MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE
EVENING.

1975 TEN YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT 1985
A LIFE TIME OF CREATION

A slide show depicting 10 years of Society activities, displays, and entertainment. Come and meet all the past Presidents of our Society.

Special awards presentation honoring GILBERT LEONG and TYRUS WONG are part of the evening's program.

Scheduled to join the celebration are MARCH FONG EU, California Secretary of State, LILY LEE CHEN, Monterey Park Councilwoman, FRANK KWAN, producer, KNBC, JAMES HONG, actor and many others. Join us.... an evening you'll long remember..... coming up fast..... October 19, 1985.

Additional information may be obtained from:

Evelyn Cucchiarella 726-1035 (Montebello) Suellen Kwok 828-6911 (Santa Monica) Ella Quan 291-5380 (L.A.)

Make check payable to Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and mail to Evelyn Cucchiarella, 853 N. Vail Avenue, Montebello, Ca. 90640

Please reserve _____ Tables (for 10 persons @ \$20 ea.)
Please reserve _____ Seats for the Fall Dinner (\$20 ea.)
Enclosed my check for _____.

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NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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OCT. 1985

Editor: Margie Lew

ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November 6, 1985

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Castelar School, Multipurpose Room

840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown

Park on school grounds. Enter from College between Hill & Yale.

AGENDA: Officers' reports

Elections

El Pueblo Chinese American Museum

Christmas Party

Chinatown Culture Center

The Board of Directors nominates the following members for officers and Board members for 1986. Additional nominations may occur at the Annual Meeting. Please submit them to G. Shue, chair, at (213)724-9002.

President: Ella Y. Quan

Vice President: Angela Ma Wong

Secretary: Alfred Soo Hoo

Treasurer: Munson A. Kwok

Membership Secretary: Mary Yee

Board Member: Kipham Kan

Board Member: Marjorie Lee

Six Board members are to be elected: 5 to a two year term, and 1 to a one year in replacement of resigning member Cindy Fong, effective Jan. 1, 1986. Ms. Quan is a continuing Board Member, as are Elmo Gambarana, Don Loo, and Eugene Moy.

PROGRAM*****PROGRAM
* ALOHA!!! *
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* VIOLET LAI with KUM PUI LAI *
* "HE WAS A RAM:WONG ALOIAU of Hawaii" *
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* The history of nineteenth century Chinese immigrants in *
* Hawaii, told by granddaughter- author Violet, with slide *
* show. "Ram" is a family history become a major book and *
* Lai's are on final stops of a successful national tour. *
PROGRAM*****PROGRAM

PIONEERS

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California takes great pride in recognizing

TYRUS WONG
Artist

GILBERT LEONG
Architect

FASHIONS FROM THE PAST

During CHSSC's BIG TEN celebration this year, one of the most outstanding events was the lovely fashion show held on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Castaway Restaurant, high atop a hill in Burbank with a gorgeous view of the city. It was a highly successful event, not only because over 400 reservations were received, but because the entire show was presented with authenticity, professionalism, and much more than a mere touch of class -- in one word -- superfantastic!!

Beautifully scripted, produced and narrated by Barbara Jean Lee, the fashions were presented in three segments:

First -- costumes worn by members of the Imperial Court of the Chou Dynasty. Gentlemen models Gilbert Leong, Chuck Yee, Art Young and George Tom were the essence of royal dignity as the male court members.

Second -- very beautiful costumes from the past and present. Some were more than 100 years old, and many were authentic clothes from the Ching Dynasty. These were modelled by lovely young ladies, many of whom were daughters or friends of Society members.

Third -- an authentic wedding dance performed by Sheri Chow and David Wing Tse, with the traditional tying of the knot in a wide red ribbon to signify their unity. Following the dance, ten gorgeous wedding costumes were shown, some belonging to a grandmother, mother, or aunt of the pretty models.

Behind the scenes -- imagine, if you will, two small dressing rooms filled with 15-20 people at any given time, in the midst of costumes, boxes, bags, make-up accessories, and sundry other items -- a state of confusion and frustration, to put it mildly. And yet -- when each model made her appearance on center stage, she was calm, poised, unruffled -- and pretty as a picture! Quite an accomplishment, and with no small effort on everyone's part.

To top off this excellent fashion display -- like extra icing on a cake -- there were a large number of raffle prizes to be distributed, including a camera, a lovely embroidered Chinese jacket, banquet tables for 10, beautiful fruit baskets, and various other prizes.

Certainly an event such as this could not have been such a huge success without the expertise of a few and the cooperation of many. The Society extends a heartfelt "thank you" to EVERYONE who had a part, whether large or small, in making this an outstanding part of the BIG TEN celebration. Special thanks are extended to the following:

- ...Barbara Jean Lee, for the many hours spent in putting the show together, and for giving it that professional touch.
- ...Doreen Chan, chairperson, and her wonderful committee who coordinated the entire event and tied all the loose ends together in record time.
- ...Cindy Fong, for handling the reservations, making many last-minute requests for changes without "blowing her cool".
- ...Suellen Kwok and Doreen Sam who performed miracles in seeing that the models had their appropriate costumes on, and that all buttons were buttoned and all snaps were snapped (bear in mind those hard-to-button Chinese "frogs" and the tiny dressing room!).
- ...the members of the Los Angeles Chinese Women's Juniors for their assistance.
- ...the Coordinating Council of North American Affairs and all individuals who shared their treasured costumes and heirlooms.
- ...the numerous businesses and individuals for their generous contributions of raffle prizes and various other items.
- ...Allen and Kaza Dong, son Kenny and daughter Beverly Picazo for the hours spent in wrapping the very attractive wine-and-fruit baskets.
- ...Sure-pak owner Vi Quan for the specially-made plastic bags imprinted with Tyrus Wong's impressive 10th anniversary logo, which were filled with souvenirs for each guest.
- ...Kim Tsai of Photo King, and the Carol Nye Studios who took many beautiful photos of the models.

...and, of course, special thanks to the lovely models (female) and the handsome gentlemen who brought beauty and class to this outstanding show. The audience was charmed, as was demonstrated by the warm and enthusiastic applause. On a scale for excellence of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the very best), this event rated a definite 10 PLUS!!

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Beulah Quo will be honored in San Francisco on Oct. 26 at a dinner held at the Ocean Restaurant. The event will help to raise funds for the recently opened Asian Women's Resource Center at the Gum Moon Residence Hall, a "home away from home" for young working women. Beulah will deliver the keynote speech at the dinner. She will be presented with an award as the Outstanding Asian Woman of 1985. Congratulations, Beulah, on yet one more of your well-deserved honors.

On Oct. 11, CHSSC hosted a slide show and walking tour for a group of visitors from a number of foreign countries. Southern California was the last leg of a regional cultural tour which began in Washington D.C. Sponsored by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, Office of International Visitors' Program, the tour was designed to introduce ethnic cultures and historical information of the various regions in the United States. The visitors represented Ghana, India, Ireland, Japan, Nepal, Tobago, Trinidad, New Zealand, Poland, Pakistan, Nigeria, Senegal.

COMMUNITY DINNER

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce will host their installation dinner at the Golden Palace Restaurant. One of the two speakers scheduled for the event will be County Supervisor Ed Edelman, who will discuss the issues concerning Lot 45 in Chinatown, which is the proposed site for a Chinese Cultural Center. For information and reservations, call the Chamber at (213)617-0396.

SOCIETY CALENDAR

- Nov. 2. "Golden Fields". A tribute to Chinese farming pioneers by the Chinese American Council of the Historical & Cultural Foundation of Orange County. Irvine Hilton. Sat. 6 PM. \$50. CHSSC is a co-sponsor. Member Prof. PAT LIN presents slides.
- Nov. 6. ANNUAL MEETING and Election. Castelar. 7:30 PM. Chinese Hawaiian Pioneers and authors KUM FUI LAI & VIOLET LAI "He Was a Ram" and family history methods. Slides.
- Nov. 12 OR 19. Board of Directors Meet. Tues. 7:30 PM. Castelar. Call Munson Kwok to confirm. All are welcome. (213)828-6911
- Nov. 16. Centennial Ball. Riverside Chinatown Association. \$25. CHSSC is a co-sponsor. Call Cindy Fong (213) 254-7622.
- Nov. 23. 15th Convention Dinner of Chinese American Faculty Assn. Honoring the historic achievement of Delaware Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo. Bonaventure Hotel. 6 PM. \$24. CHSSC is co-sponsor. Call M.Kwok, (213)828-6911 or Suellen, 825-7626.
- Dec. 4. Society's traditional Christmas party. Castelar. 6:30 PM. \$5. Evelyn Cucchiarella (213) 726-1035.

EL PUEBLO CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM

Significant progress has been made on planning the museum and its interior structure in the last few months. Architects Peter Snell and Gilbert Leong have arrived at an attractive, cogent design which will also allow restoration of the Garnier Building museum space to the 1900-1910 period. Major features will include a 3D version of Sun Wing Wo's interior. (This is noted Chinatown CPA Billy Lew's family store.) Another major exhibit will be a Kuan Ti shrine. In the last month Jean Poole has assembled a major proposal for \$93,000 for building construction from the State Park and Recreation preservation bonds act fund (Prop. 18). A large number of support letters accompany this proposal, including those written by Munson Kwok for the Society, Howard Quon for the C.A.C.A., and one from the Old Los Angeles Co., the developer. The necessary political support has been expressed by Secretary Eu, Mayor Bradley, Senator Torres, Assemblywoman Molina, Councilman Lindsay, and Councilman Woo. Quon and Kwok have led an effort to attain parts of this support. In addition, the Park has committed \$50,000 of its own funds for construction. Eugene Moy has met the Society's committee on El Pueblo and reviewed the progress. Further discussion will be given at the Annual Meeting in November.

Now is the time for Members interested in research, collecting, L.A. Chinatown, grants development, exhibit planning, and fund raising to come forward. Munson Kwok, (213)828-6911 or Eugene Moy, (818)243-7601. This project has become exciting!!! It is beginning to roll.

CULTURE CENTER

The Society has advocated a cultural and community center because meeting space for heritage programs and gallery or exhibit space does not exist in L.A. Chinatown. The Chinatown CRA has announced a bond issue in which \$2,000,000 (of \$12M) is allocated to the cultural center effort. Last Friday, Oct. 25, Supervisor Edelman publicly announced before 900 at the Chinatown Service Center dinner that at least a portion of Lot 45 will be set aside for a cultural center.

BOOK NOOK

The holiday season is coming. Here are some good buys.

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This work presents for the first time a rich part of the fascinating community of Los Angeles Chinese Americans. Women played an increasing major role in creating social community, developing identity, and providing strong continuity for Chinatown. They were pioneers in outreach and the exploration of new professions. 138 pages, 6" x 9", 26 period photos, 1 map, glossary. paperback. ISBN 0-930377-00-1. Single copies \$9.95 retail. Publisher: Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. SPECIAL RATES: 1-5 @10% disc. to Members; 6-30 @ \$8.46. Add sales tax (6.5%) and \$1.50 postage and handling for each copy. Checks payable to CHSSC and orders to: CHSSC:BOOK DEPT. 4205 La Salle Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. 90062

He was a Ram:Wong Aloiau of Hawaii. By Violet Lai with Kum Pui Lai. Cloth. \$25. Publisher: Hawaii Chinese History Center and U. of Hawaii. Make checks payable to "HCHC Wong Aloiau Project" and mail with return name and address to "Harold W. Aloiau, HCHC Wong Aloiau Project, 46-144 Ohala St., Kaneohe, HI 96744.

NEW MEMBERS.

In the last three weeks, we are pleased to welcome new LIFE members (#58 to #62). They are:

58. Kim Kwok Tsai
59. Him Goon Quon
60. Dr. Allen Wong

61. Dr. Tim K. Siu
62. Dr. Annie Chin Siu

We also welcome Harry Lawton of University of California, Riverside. Kim Tsai is owner of Photo King, a community minded store which helped much on our Fashion Show event. Him Goon Quon is a pioneer and owner of Quon Bros. Grand Star, the historic restaurant in New Chinatown. Dr. Tim Siu is active in community, and is on the President's Board of CSULA while his spouse Dr. Annie Siu was honored last year at CSULA as a pioneer woman dentist. Mr. Lawton was instrumental in reviving interest and support in Riverside Chinatown. More on Dr. Wong below.

MEMBERSHIP PINS

While we welcome new members, the Society is proud to announce that new pins are now available:

LIFE pin: As a benefit of LIFE or LIFE PATRON membership, each person in this category will receive his or her pin free. LIFE member pins will be available for pickup at the November and December meetings. About half of you have not picked up your pins. Please do and BE PROUD!! LIFE members only may purchase additional pins at \$5 per pin.

REGULAR pin: The very attractive REGULAR MEMBERSHIP pin (for all non-LIFE categories) will be on sale for the first time at the November Annual Meeting at \$3 per pin. These promise to be collector's items.

DONATIONS.

We acknowledge with great thanks the following donations:

Charles V. Appel, \$100, in memory of Victor Quan
F. Chow Chan, \$50, occasion of the 10th Anniversary Dinner
Beth Woo, \$100, occasion of the Anniversary Dinner
(Ms. Woo is Councilman Michael Woo's mother)
George Morris, \$20, occasion of the Anniversary Dinner

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Dr. Allen Wong, one of our Charter members and now one of our newest LIFE members. He has become President of the Chinatown Service Center for 1986. This organization is the most important for providing community services for the people of Los Angeles Chinatown. Located in Cathay Manor, another community success, it has a multi-million dollar budget.

BROTHERS

Meanwhile, Dr. Andrew Wong, brother of Allen and also one of our LIFE members, has received full page featured article treatment in the "Tribune/News" in the San Gabriel Valley. Also outstanding and deeply involved in community, this Dr. Wong is better known to us as President of East West Players. He is also a cofounder and current President of the San Gabriel Valley Chinese Cultural Association for 1986. He was La Puente Chamber's Man of the Year in 1982.

UCLA OUTREACH

Once again, the UCLA concert and cultural series have been made available to us for \$1 per person for the event. Availability is limited. Plan ahead at least 3 weeks. Contact our coordinator, Don Loo, (213) 208-5382 for list of events and arrangements.

CHSSC MEMBERS: CONTACT CINDY FUNG (213) 254-7622
FOR RESERVATIONS, OVERNIGHT ARRANGEMENTS, DIRECTIONS, BY
NOV. 8, 1985

Come to the

Chinatown Centennial Ball

A semi-formal fund-raiser to assist in publication
of the results of the Chinatown Archaeological Project.*
ORGANIZED BY THE GREAT BASIN FOUNDATION OF SAN DIEGO

Saturday, November 16, 1985, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

University of California, Riverside
Commons Dining Area

Donations: \$25 per person
(\$10 for Students and Retired Citizens)

Special Guest Emcee: James Hong
of Dynasty, Falconcrest,
Hawaii Five-O and Marco Polo renown

Join us and enjoy

- The dazzling floorshow of contemporary and classic Chinese acts directed and presented by James Hong.
- A live band playing a wide range of dance music including songs from China
- Chinese Fortune Tellers
- Chinese calligraphy and shadow art
- No-host bars
- Authentic Chinese hors d'oeuvres
- An incredible raffle opportunity—a fabulous seven-by-nine-foot handwoven Chinese wool rug

For ticket and special donor information contact:
(714) 684-0704

*The books can be ordered during the ball at a special pre-publication rate. Golden Circle and Sponsor donors will be mentioned in the book.

FOOTNOTE: THERE WILL BE A SYMPOSIUM AT
RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL MUSEUM ON THE SUBJECT
STARTING AT 10AM, SAME DAY. EUGENE MOY (818) 243-7601