



# NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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February 1987

## MARCH MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 1987  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Castelar School, 840 Yale St., Los Angeles Chinatown  
(Park on school grounds -- enter on College St., between Hill and Yale Sts.)

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\* SPECIAL NOTICE! \*  
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Member Tyrus Wong is a man of many talents, one of which is kite-making. His artistic creations are unique and breathtakingly beautiful. As part of this year's Chinese New Year celebration, some of Tyrus' kites have been on display at the Chinatown Library. To celebrate the exhibit's closing, the Library will remain open at a later hour on Wednesday, May 4, in order that CHSSC members may view these exquisite kites. At 7 P.M. on that evening, the Friends of the Chinatown Library will make a special presentation to Tyrus, after which members can then proceed directly to the Society meeting.

Don't miss this opportunity to honor a great artist and to see his delightful creations!

SPEAKER: Dr. Abraham Hoffman, author and teacher at Taft High School in the Social Studies department. He will have an interesting story to tell about one Charles Tong Sing, seaman on the U.S.S. Jeannette, who was the first Chinese arctic explorer in 1879. Seaman Sing was honored by the U.S. government for heroism at about the same time that Congress voted for the passage of the infamous Exclusion Act of 1882, which suspended the immigration of Chinese into the United States, among other discriminatory policies.

## WONG BOW RIDES AGAIN

The East West Players' new presentation, WONG BOW RIDES AGAIN, by Cherylene Lee, has drawn great interest from the community. It is a historical drama about one of the Chinese American pioneer families in Los Angeles.

The Society is having a "group party" on Sunday, March 1, at 8:00 P.M. However, there are only 10 seats available, with a discount of \$2.00. Anyone interested should contact Angi Wong, (213) 541-1809 as soon as possible.



## NO RAIN ON OUR PARADE!!

The fates were kind as skies cleared and the sun came out on Saturday, Feb. 14, following a few days of gloomy skies and medium-to-heavy rainfall. The promise of a sunny day was good news for Society members and their families and friends who had planned to march in the Golden Dragon Parade celebrating Chinese New Year in Los Angeles Chinatown. As usual, the marchers made an impressive sight as they proudly carried American flags, again loaned to the Society through the courtesy of the Monterey Park Lions Club. Leading the group was Norman Wong, followed by the Society's beautiful red-and-gold banner and two enchanting little girls from the younger set, Tim-Tim (sweet) and Sum-Sum (hearts), daughters of Spencer and Ann Lau Chan. And all the way from Oakland came Ernie Chann to join the Society in this event -- a really nice gesture.

This year included two "firsts" in the Society's participation in the parade -- the first time for CHSSC members Tyrus Wong and Gilbert Leong, artist and architect respectively, as co-Grand Marshals, who seemed to be having as much fun as the spectators while acknowledging the applause and greetings from their many admirers. What a pair of charmers these two gentlemen are! Another "first" for the Society was a parade float, sponsored by Adolph Coors, and depicting three generations of Chinese Americans with the theme, "Linking Our Lives". Riding on the impressive-looking float were Beth and Wilbur Woo, Frieda and Allen Wong. Representing the current generation were Jason, Mimi, Wendy and Stevie, charming children of President Angi Wong and her husband Norman. Receiving a lion's share of attention and cheers was "Dusty", Jason's rabbit, who appropriately celebrated his "Year of the Hare". Also in the parade were Mayor Tom Bradley, California Secretary of State March Fong Eu, newly-elected First District Councilwoman Gloria Molina, Councilmen Mike Woo and Richard Alatorre and many other well-known persons from the political and entertainment worlds.

The Society's participation in the Golden Dragon Parade has become a tradition since the first time in 1977. The group has always been well-received, and this year again had its share of applause from "boosters" along the parade route (including Ye Editor, who normally is a typically quiet Asian, but who tends to get "vocal" and "noisy" at parades, especially when CHSSC and Old Glory come marching by!!)

## MANY THANKS -- AND THANKS AGAIN!

President Angi Wong and the Society extend a warm "thank you" to the following members for their outstanding participation during the month of February:

- ....Elmo Gambarana, chairperson and coordinator for the New Year's parade.
- ....Ella Quan, chairperson for the parade float committee.
- ....Jim Cummings, for his part in securing the flags from the Monterey Park Lions Club, and returning them intact.
- ....Norman Wong, chief flag carrier and parade leader.
- ....Beverly Hom, chairperson for the 10K Firecracker Run committee and volunteers.
- ....Margie Lee, for coordinating the book party honoring historian Him Mark Lai at the February meeting.
- ....and everyone who participated in the parade, whether as marchers, float-sitters, organizers, or whatever!

## MUSEUM DONORS

Jack C. and Betty Lee	\$1,000.00	Donor
Gladys Waddingham	25.00	Active Friend
Philip Silverman	100.00	Sustaining Friend

## RIVERSIDE CHINATOWN PROJECT

A request for proposal (RFP) has been issued for a feasibility study for an historic park on the site of Riverside's Old Chinatown. The issuing agency is the Riverside County Parks and Recreation, History Division. The size of contract is approximately \$40,000, and the proposal due date is March 18. Those interested in bidding may ob-







Again, my thanks to one and all for doing more than your share in seeing that everything went along smoothly. Now that the 10K Run is over for this year, take time to relax and rest up, and I will see you same time, next year.

Beverly Hom

#### CHINESE AMERICAN STUDY TOUR

Charles Wong and Cindy Fong will be leading a study tour for Chinese American students from June 30 to Aug. 4. Sponsored by PIC Travel Service and Wuyi University, the tour includes 17 days at Wuyi University in Jiangmen with weekend excursions to Taishan and Zhongshan; 11 days of touring Guilin, Beijing, Xian and Guangzhou; a summer camp festival in Guangzhou; and 2 days in Hong Kong. The cost for this 36-day program is \$1,695 (subject to change). Since enrollment is limited, interested parents and students should contact the tour guides as soon as possible. A reservation deposit of \$200 is due no later than March 15. For reservations and information, call:

Charles or Cindy (213) 256-8330

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469 E. Badillo St.,

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, Mar. 1 Flea Market at Pasadena City College, 7 AM to 3 PM, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club, Jrs. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Society's Museum Fund. Call Doreen Chan (213) 726-9064, or Beverly Hom (818) 336-7900 for information.
- Monday, Mar. 23 The Association of Asian Pacific American Artists' Third Annual AAPAA Media Awards Dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Conrad International Ballroom, 9876 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills. No Host cocktails: 6:00 P.M. Dinner: 7:15 P.M. Awards and Entertainment: 8:15 P.M. Tickets: \$100, \$250, \$1,000 Please contact Suellen Kwok, (213) 828-6911
- April and May UCLA Center for the Performing Arts will present artists Dai Rakuda Kan, Zara Nelsova, Nina Weiner & Dancers in April; Daniel Pollack, and the Kronos Quartet in May. Group tickets are \$1.00 per person. Call Don Loo, (213) 208-5382, for dates, time, location and reservations.

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the

To:

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ACTIVE, annual \$ 15  
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INSTITUTIONAL, annual 25  
LIFE 200  
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LIFE PATRON 500

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