



NEWS & NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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JUNE MEETING

May 1987

DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 1987
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Castelar School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown (park on school grounds — enter on College Street between Hill and Yale Streets)

SPEAKER: Roberta Greenwood is a member of CHSSC. She is an Archaeologist. Presently she is a Research Associate at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. Her spectrum of work covers pre-historic and historic sites. She received her degree from Boston University and UCLA.

Our program tonight is "From Canton to California". Roberta's slides will be on her findings of artifacts and potteries from early Chinese settlers here in California. She will tell us how they took their experiences from China and put it to work here in California in the agricultural, water construction and the mining fields.

IN THE NEWS

On April 25, San Francisco's Gum Moon Women's Residence in S. F. Chinatown honored two society members: Margie Lew as Gum Moon's Distinguished Alumna and Judy Yung as the Outstanding Asian Women of the Year Award. Gum Moon especially recognized Margie's contribution to the society as a volunteer teacher, librarian, and for her love of people. Judy was honored for her dedication and contribution to the study of Chinese American women.

Society member Albert Lew officially retired May 1, 1987 from his position of eight years as a Carpenter with the Department of Water and Power. His co-workers threw a luncheon for him and he received a beautiful Samsonite luggage. Two weeks have passed and Al is still working hard — only this time it's at home. Now that he's retired he plans to get the house up to standard — changing windows, painting both inside and outside, and attending to a few other household items. He's enjoying retirement. He can't get use to all this time. What does Margie have to say about this? Margie thinks Al might get underfoot. Margie will have to go back to work to escape Al. Both are enjoying babysitting with the grandchildren. What fun??? Now that Al is retired, they plan to do a little traveling and soon. June 1 — Watch out Vegas, here they come! And travel plans may include New England in the fall. One thing Al and Margie want to say to CHSSC is ... "We will always continue to stay in touch with the Society and help wherever we can."

IN THE NEWS (con't)

Welcome home, Buelah! Buelah Kwoh just came back from Shanghai where she's been making a film.

On May 7, the L. A. Chinatown 10K Race Committee hosted its 9th Annual Firecracker 10K Awards Banquet at Miriwa Restaurant, Los Angeles. In attendance were CHSSC members, Angi Ma Wong, Al Soo-Hoo, Kipham Kan, and Beverly Hom. Angi accepted a \$250 donation check on behalf of CHSSC while Kipham and Beverly accepted a separate donation check on behalf of the Friends of the Chinatown Library of which they are members too. The evening started off with a good dinner followed by a program consisting of introductions of 10K Race Committees current and new, presentations of appreciation plaques, community awards, and scholarship fund. All in all it was a fun evening.

On May 30, our President Angi will travel to Blacksburg, Virginia to speak at the 20th Anniversary of Chi Delta Alpha, the oldest women's service organization at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Angi was the organization's founding president during her junior year at VPI.

The June General Meeting will be our last meeting until after summer. As per usual, CHSSC has no meetings in July and August. We will see you all on Wednesday, September 2, at 7:30 p.m. In the meantime, have a fun-filled summer. Stay cool!

CALENDAR

Wed., May 27 to
Sun., July 26

CHINA TRADE: 1870 - 1930
Santa Monica Heritage Museum
2612 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA (213) 392-8537

Opening reception: May 27 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Exhibition dates: May 28 thru July 26

Sat., May 30 to
Sun., May 31

CITY ROOTS FESTIVAL (sponsored by the City of L.A.)
A celebration of new immigrants traditions at
Griffith Park near merry-go-round.
Free admission! Free parking!

Sun., May 31
Time: 12:00 NOON
Cost: \$17.50

Mei Wah Club presents **CHARISMA '87** Fashion Show and
Luncheon featuring Ruth Yoon Fashions
Almansor Court
700 South Almansor Street
Alhambra, CA
For reservations, call Lorraine Yee (213) 222-3252

Sun., June 14
Time: 3:00 p.m.

CHSSC BOARD MEETING at Angi Ma Wong's home
28928 Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA (213) 541-1809

CALENDAR (con't)

Thurs., June 18 to
Thurs., June 25

CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

33rd Annual Meeting (Ventura, CA)

Includes walking tour of old San Buena Ventura, Ojai, Santa Paula, non-guided tour of Fillmore, stagecoach inn tour, state park facilities, and Channel Islands National Park. Sign-up sheets and maps provided. Register by 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 20, at the Registration Desk at the Ventura Sheraton Hotel. Tours begin Sunday, June 21, from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. For further information, contact Angi Ma Wong.

Sat., June 27
Time: 10 to 4 p.m.

CHSSC's RAP SESSION RETREAT will take place at Nature Friends Clubhouse in Sierra Madre. The purpose of this retreat is to further discuss the role of the Museum in the Society and other back burner items (i.e., office space, book projects, building preservation, walking tour, oral history, etc.). Sandwiches and drinks may be purchased there. Attendance is limited to the first 35 people who enroll. Sign-up sheets and maps will be provided at the June meeting. For further information or interest, please contact Bob Large (818) 287-5620 or Marji Lee (213) 825-5043.

July

No LOTUS FESTIVAL - Cancelled due to lack of funds, but be ready by next year.

BOARD BRIEFS

CHSSC Financial Statement for 1986: Completed our analysis for 1986 and it can be made available to the past and present Treasurer.

Asian American Journalists Association: CHSSC has been invited to participate in the 1987 Convention of Asian American Journalists Association in Los Angeles in September. The Society has been asked to develop a bus tour of Asian American communities for the AAJA to include histories of some of the different Asian communities. In addition, we may have an exhibit booth opportunity. Chairing the Bus Tour Committee is Mark Melhert with committee members Suellen Cheng, Kipham Kan, and Al Soo-Hoo. For further information, please contact Angi Ma Wong.

June CHSSC Board Meeting: Meeting was previously scheduled for Saturday, June 13. That date is now changed to Sunday, June 14, 3:00 at Angi's. As we have lots to cover, let's all be there and on time!

Excerpts of Board Actions taken at the April 8, 1987 CHSSC Board Meeting:

M. Yee moved and S. Cheng seconded that the Society provide input to Wilbur Woo regarding the proposed West Coast Monument to Immigrants being developed by Mayor Tom Bradley; motion passed. M. Kwok will chair this committee.

BOARD BRIEFS (con't)

Excerpts of Board Actions . . . (con't)

B. Large moved and B. Hom seconded that the Society participate in the 1987 Lotus Festival; motion passed. Committee chair to be designated.

S. Cheng moved and B. Large seconded that the Society accept the invitation of the Asian American Journalists Association to assist in finding or developing an appropriate exhibit for their 1987 national convention to be held in Los Angeles in September; motion passed. Committee chair to be designated.

B. Large moved and M. Yee seconded that the Society participate in assisting the Chinatown Merchants Association and the Chinatown Property Owners Association in their celebration of the 50th anniversary of New Chinatown (Central Plaza); motion passed. Committee chair to be designated.

B. Large moved and S. Cheng seconded that the Society participate in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Union Station; motion passed. Committee chair to be designated.

M. Lee moved and K. Kan seconded that the following projects be undertaken for further discussion of feasibility and significance: building preservation, China City, oral history, book projects, and booth exhibits. Motion passed.

M. Yee moved and M. Lee seconded that the Society commission qualified members to systematically photograph historically significant landmarks of the Chinatown area, reimbursing the member for reasonable costs.

THANK YOUs

A special thank you to our life member, Grace Wong Chow, for her generous donation of \$100 to CHSSC on the occasion of her 88th birthday.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Al and Margie Lew at the May meeting to recognize them for their contributions and support to the Society for so many years since the organizations founding.

On Sunday, May 3, the Society took part in the Cinco de Mayo Celebration at El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park by operating a Pepsi drink booth from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Society thanks its volunteers for giving up a Sunday for their participation in this celebration . . . Bob Large, Kipham Kan, Suellen Cheng, Lillian Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Al and Margie Lew, Dawes Lee, Jia-Ming Liu, and Angi Ma Wong and family. The Society made \$150 profit. (Correction: Make that \$151 — we later made another extra \$!)

Thank you to the L. A. Chinatown 10K Race Committee for its generous donation of \$250. CHSSC congratulates Carole Nakano, 1986-87 Race Director, and her committee for a job well done. Best of Luck to Jerome Tong, 1987-88 Race Director, and his new committee. See you in 1988!

Thank you, Margie Lew, for being such an "outstanding" editor for News 'n Notes these past six years. Aren't you going to miss all this? You will be a

THANK YOUs (con't)

hard act to follow. You will be happy to know that it now takes two people to do your job. What's your secret?

And thank you, Ella Quan, for stepping in and "doing it all" to see that News 'n Notes got printed, collated, stapled, stamped and stamped again, and into the mail in time for everyone's enjoyment. Job well done! Thanks so much, Ella, for all your hard work!

Al and Margie Lew, Frank and Lupe Chee, and Lillian Fong . . . Thank you for bringing the "goodies" to the May meeting.

HELP WANTED

We need your help!!! Any news or announcements for future issues of News 'n Notes should be submitted in writing or by phone to Al Soo Hoo (213) 259-8894 or Bev Hom (818) 336-7900 by the 15th of each month for the next issue of News 'n Notes.

"Projects" Sign-up Sheets need volunteers. Any questions or additional information, please see Bob Large or Angi Ma Wong.

CHSSC welcomes any program suggestions you may have. All program suggestions should be directed to Mary Yee, Vice President/Programs Chair at (213) 542-2409.

A refreshment chairperson or co-chairpersons is needed to coordinate "goodies" for our monthly meetings. We need someone to contact 2-4 persons each month to provide snacks. This person (and his/her committee of choosing) would also be responsible for setting up as well as cleaning up the area after each meeting. Volunteers are always needed to bring snacks. Sign up at the next meeting. Anyone interested should contact Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809 or Mary Yee (213) 542-2409.

CONGRATULATIONS to Drs. Bill Chun-Hoon and Judy Chu, who were among those honored by Mayor Bradley as outstanding Asian Pacific American Educators during the recent Los Angeles Asian Pacific American Heritage Week.

FRENETIC ACQUISITIONS. The Museum of Chinese American History is now the proud owner of a large (5' diameter by 4' high) revolving lantern. A donation of Senator Alan Robbins of Van Nuys, by way of Saykin Foo, this old piece consists of hand painted silk panels on hand tied bamboo framing. Thanks to Al Lew for moving the lantern/chandelier to El Pueblo. (M.K., S.C.K.)

NEW CHSSC MEMBERS. A very warm welcome to the following new members:

George Quan

Cy Wong

Tom R. Lancaster

Janice Foy

Calvin and Winifred Lee

S E E Y O U A L L S E P T E M B E R 2 . . .

Al Soo-Hoo and Bev Hom
News 'n Notes Co-Editors

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