



NEWS 'n NOTES

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NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November 4, 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). Meeting is in the multi-purpose room.

SPEAKER: Mr. John Kuo Wei Tchen

Mr. Tchen is Associate Director of the Asian/American Center at Queens College (CUNY) and Co-founder/Historian of the New York Chinatown History Project.

He will present a talk on Paul C. P. Siu's excellent scholarly work, The Chinese Laundryman: A Study of Social Isolation. He has just edited and written the introduction for this classic 1930 study. Chinese hand laundries have been an ever-present fixture of the American urban landscape for over 100 years. Yet, little is publicly known about this oh-so-familiar institution. This study is an intimate, insider look at the life and work of Chinese hand laundry workers in Chicago and is one of the most insightful participant observation studies of its kind.

Among his other works are: a traveling exhibit entitled "In the Shadow of Liberty: Graphics of Chinese Exclusion, 1870s-90s" and a slide show entitled "Yun Gee: Portrait of a Painter." His book Genthe's Photographs of San Francisco's Old Chinatown, 1895-1906 (Dover, 1984) received a 1985 American Book Award (Before Columbus Foundation).

He is currently completing a popular history of Chinese laundries in the United States and welcomes any leads or suggestions about this subject matter.

MUSEUM NEWS

We are pleased to announce a major donation of \$2,000 by the **CHINA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**. They now become an Institutional Donor, along with the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California itself. This also means \$3,123.41 of MCAH's \$40,000 challenge grant has been matched.

IN THE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 30 N 'n N MAILING SESSION. Guess who surprisingly dropped in with his parents on our mailing session that evening? Only one guess? Here's a quick clue. He's quite small right now. He thought he come for a preview of what takes place at our mailing sessions. Well, if you haven't guessed it by now, then you're not going to. His initials are BWM! **It's Bernie!** His mom

and dad decided to pay the group a visit (business, of course), and Bernie just happened to be at the right place at the right time. Bernie, you couldn't have timed it better! As a matter of fact, we were just wrapping up our session when all three Wongs (Gene, Susan, and Bernie) made their entrance. What a surprise to all! We must say — everyone was so happy to see you! We see that Bernie is getting an early start with the CHSSC mail!

ASIAN WEEK - NEW LOS ANGELES OFFICE. Reporter Cecilia Chan has joined the staff of Asian Week. Chan is a native of Hong Kong who grew up in Boston area, has a diverse range of reporting experience with two newspapers, a magazine, and a wire service in the Attorney General's press office. Chan earned her journalism degree at Sacramento State University, and worked under award-winning Sacramento Union reporter K. W. Lee in a mentor program.

"I look forward to serving the large Asian American community in Southern California, Chan said. I encourage members of the community to contact me at our office here." (Asian Week, October 16, 1987)

As mentioned in the September issue of News 'n Notes, the Asian Week office is located in the heart of Chinatown at 808 North Spring Street, Suite 628, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 621-2311.

L.A. CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY is putting on a workshop, "Getting to Know Your Local Archives", at the Piper Center. Pre-registration fee is \$15; \$20 at the conference. For further information, please contact Christy Phillips Bourdet at (818) 792-1048.

HENRY QUAN works part time as a travel agent for China Travel Service. He was invited to visit Malaysia. He enjoyed his trip which was first class all the way. A speedy recovery is wished for his wife, Willa. Henry is going to attend a World War II reunion of Chinese veterans in Houston, Texas on October 31, 1987 and November 1, 1987.

RIVERSIDE "10-10" CELEBRATION. The CHSSC marched in Riverside's Third Annual Citrus-Heritage Parade on October 10. The theme was "A Salute to Riverside's Chinese Heritage." We were at the beginning of the parade. Tom Moy and Angi Ma Wong held the CHSSC banner. Marching in the second row were Norman and Angi's two daughters, Wendy and Jaime. Third row was Bob Large, Lillian Fong, and Cy Wong. A 13-year old, Helena Mao also marched with us. As usual, the marchers carried the American flag.

Exhibits, booths, and other activities were running throughout the day until 5 p.m. both outside and inside at the Riverside Municipal Museum, Riverside Public Library, and the Riverside Art Museum. Lion Dancers and Dragons and members of the Chinese traditional orchestra Spring Thunder were at hand performing near the pavilion site.

The crowds began to gather just before 1:30 p.m. for the dedication of the Riverside Pavilion. Present for the ceremony included Mayor and Mrs. Ab Brown (Riverside's Mayor), Secretary of State March Fong Eu, Republic of China representative Dr. Ta-Jen Liu, some representatives of political figures in the State (e.g., Governor George Deukmejian's office), Riverside Chinese Pavilion Committee members and speakers, family and friends.

The CHSSC sales/information table took in \$123.00. Items on sale included

LOL, Chinese candies, fortune cookies, pavilion commemorative plates, pavilion pins, pavilion souvenir books, bamboo chopsticks, sandalwood soap, and Joss "incense" sticks. Also given out were CHSSC membership brochures and the Museum brochures. At the other end of the table were note cards, etc. for sale and petition sign-up sheets to save the Redlands Chinatown.

Note: In exchange for helping the Chinese Pavilion Committee sell some of their items, we were given the sales/information table free of charge instead of the usual \$25.

Approximately at 5 p.m., we dismantled our sales/information table and then gathered for a group photo at the steps of the Riverside Pavilion. Immediately following that, Society members then gathered in caravans for a tour of the Chinatown archaeological site, the marker, and the street sign that still reads "Wong Way". From there, we went for a quick bite at Sizzler's. Some members made other arrangements for dinner and then rejoined us at 7 p.m.

"Celebrating Our Chinese Legacy" was the Saturday evening program at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium. The Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Sun-Yiu Fung, Co-Chairman of the Chinese Pavilion Committee. The Friends of the Riverside Public Library (a volunteer support group which assists the work of the library) sponsored Maxine Hong Kingston's appearance that evening. Mrs. Kingston is an internationally known author famous for her books, China Men (which received the 1980 American Book Award) and an earlier work, The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts (which won the 1976 National Book Critics Circle prize). She read an excerpt (beginning on page 410 of her 800 pages) from her new book Tripmaster Monkey — His Fake Book, which is due to be completed by December this year. Following Mrs. Kingston's reading, awards were made by The Great Basin Foundation (Clark Brott as presenter) and the Chinese Pavilion Committee (David Chang and Dr. Fung as presenters). Of the awards presented, 25 were from the Great Basin Foundation, 5 from the Chinese Pavilion Committee, and 3 Certificates of Appreciation from Dr. Peter C. Y. Leung, Professor in the Asian American Studies, UC Davis.

Six Society members won awards from the Great Basin Foundation. The inscriptions on their plaques read: **Wendy Eads and Ida Eads** for extraordinary effort in coordinating food for the 1985 Chinatown Centennial Ball and in promoting the memory of Riverside's Chinese pioneers, October 10, 1987. **Eugene Moy** whose efforts as liaison and many services in memory of the pioneer Chinese helped make the Riverside Chinatown Dig and the "Wong Ho Leun" Book Project successful, October 10, 1987. **Tom Moy and John Ng** for outstanding help in the Chinatown Dig, the Chinatown Centennial Ball, and the "Wong Ho Leun" Book Project, October 10, 1987. Tom also received the WHL book. **Harry Lawton** was named Honorary Historian by the Great Basin Foundation. He received a print of an oil painting of Riverside's Chinatown in 1892 painted by Lillian Whaite, a local artist. The oil painting, which was donated by the artist's nephew from Oregon, was donated to the Museum. Mr. Lawton is the principal author of Wong Ho Leun — An American Chinatown. Lawton is a noted writer and teaches Creative Writing at UC Riverside. He works as a Management Services Officer for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, UCR.

Next, the Pavilion commemorative plate plaques were presented to Clark Brott and Harry Lawton, members of the Society. Also, Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Dr. Peter Leung to the Great Basin Foundation (c/o Clark

Brott), the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Fung. Dr. Leung is known for his book, One Day, One Dollar.

Other speakers that evening included Elizabeth Irving (President of the Friends of the Riverside Public Library) and Dr. Jerry Gordon (Director of the Media Resources Center, UC Riverside).

A special treat of the evening was when the Media Resources Center of UCR presented a documentary film, "When They All Still Lived", produced and directed by James T. Brown and Peter Lang, for our viewing.

Immediately after the program, Mrs. Kingston and Mr. Lawton were available for a short time to autograph the Wong Ho Leun book at the front of the auditorium. At that point, most everyone exited the auditorium to a lower level to enjoy the very healthy but delicious refreshments provided for all to enjoy. Most of us had our fill before our trip back to L.A.

Earlier in the day, in front of the press, Angi Ma Wong presented David Chang with a CHSSC membership pin in gratitude for his good works.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS. Members, Lucille Fong and Eddie Goo-Sun, had a third grandchild. Their daughter, Sunceri, and her husband, Dr. Jim Ingersoll, had an eight pound baby girl on September 23, 1987 at 9:23 a.m. Congratulations to all!

Congratulations to Society member, Richard Quan, and his wife, Virginia, on the birth of their new baby boy, **Matthew Ryan Quan**, born on Thursday, October 15, 1987 at 9:15 p.m. Everyone is doing fine. Also, congratulations to the proud grandparents, Society members, Ella Quan (Past President of CHSSC) and her husband, Harry. Society wishes the entire clan the very best of wishes on this very happy occasion.

ANNIVERSARY. Marge Quon and Oliver Ong celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the first part of October. The late Howard Quon served as a ring bearer at their wedding.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHSSC ROSTER. Please note these corrections to your current roster. Miyoko and Kay Nakagiri (not Nmakagiri). Florence H. Jung's address should read: 19128 S. Owen Way, Cerritos, CA 90701.

Any name, address or phone corrections? Please contact Membership Secretary, Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL MUSEUM GIFT SHOP. Anyone interested in purchasing the Riverside pavilion pins (\$3), souvenir books (\$3), or commemorative pavilion plates (\$10) should contact Wendy Eads (714) 683-4418. They're still available for sale at the Museum Gift Shop.

The Riverside Municipal Museum purchased ten copies of Linking Our Lives to have on sale in their gift shop. Also on sale is One Day, One Dollar.

THANK YOUs

"10-10" RIVERSIDE CELEBRATION. A message from Wendy Eads: I would personally like to thank all members who came out and helped out at our sales table. Those helping at the table were Ida Eads, Wendy Eads, James Koga, Judy Lee, Dorothy Siu, John and Lola Ng, Kipham Kan, Beverly Hom, Eugene Moy, Bob Large, Richard Smith, Lillian Fong, Cy Wong, and Howard Hew. Special thanks to James Koga and Judy Lee, who were first at the scene, to help set up with the information table. Thanks for bringing your special Chinese pictorial rubber stamps and the display signs for our "for sale" items.

CHSSC thanks the following: David Chang, Pavilion Committee Co-chairman and Restaurateur, for his donation of one box of fortune cookies to our sale table. Chinese Pavilion Committee for providing free lunches to all CHSSC members who worked at the sales/information table.

And thanks to Angel (Wendy Ead's white teddy bear) who supervised at the sales/information table.

FALL DINNER - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18. A message from Mary Yee: The Fall Dinner was a huge success! It was a very good evening. I want to thank everyone that worked on the committee. The committee worked very hard. And I want to especially extend my thanks to Sylvia and Jim Soo Hoo and Edith Jung who made the raffle a huge success. And how big a success? \$599 to be exact!

A message from Franklin Mah: Many thanks to CHSSC members, Richard Smith, Barkley Lee, Bob Large, and Al Soo Hoo for their helpful hands in setting up as well as taking down all of the audio visual equipment. Without their help, I could not have handled this evening on my own. And special thanks go to Chong Lew for assisting in the "camera" shots to help me capture the moments of this evening's program.

Fall Dinner Committee thanks Mr. T. T. Kan (Kipham's dad) and Mr. Yen for the design and the outstanding fine work on the scrolls presented to our honorees, Mr. Fung Chow Chan and Mr. Lun Chan.

LETTERS /CARDS TO THE SOCIETY

POSTCARD FROM JOHNNY YEE: Hello! Hello! Exotic Far East. Please ask the membership to excuse me from the meeting for next couple of months. I rejoined the M/V President Washington Vog #45 as of September 1. Will be on the Far East run to Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea till I get back. Regards to all, Johnny Yee

LETTER FROM GEORGE M. BARTON (dated 9/23/87 from Hanford, California): Dear Anji: I am certain I speak for every member of the group from Hanford when I attempt to say a hearty, "THANK YOU" for everything your people did for us while we visited your fair City.

The hospitality was absolutely outstanding, the food is beyond compare and the members who took us on the tour are priceless. Our tour guide, "Al" did a wonderful job of outlining everything in such an informative way.

As a manufacturers representative years ago I had the pleasure of selling furniture to the Chinese retail merchants in the San Francisco Bay Area,

Sacramento and Stockton, and came to revere these dealers most highly.

This tour was most interesting, and surely the most informative I've ever seen.

Please express my most sincere gratitude to the members of the society, and it is my hope that we meet again soon.

Very truly yours, George M. Barton

CALENDAR

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| Tues.
10/27 | Friends of the Chinatown Library General Meeting.
Optional dinner at 5:30 p.m. Golden City Restaurant and meeting at 7:00 p.m. For further information, contact Ruby Ling Louie (213) 628-2496. |
| Wed.
11/4
Sat.
11/14 | CHSSC November General Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

CHSSC Board Meeting - call Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809 or Kipham Kan (213) 839-9233 to confirm date and place. |
| Sat. - Sun.
10/3 - 11/15 | "Nature Recycled" - handmade papers by Pale Tom.
Reception Saturday, October 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Pacific Asian Museum, Foyer Gallery, 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101 (818) 449-2742.
<u>Foyer Gallery Hours:</u> Wednesday - Sunday 12:00 - 5:00
Artwork available for purchase. |
| Fri. - Sun.,
11/20 - 11/22 | A National Conference sponsored by The Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW) presents "Chinese American Women: Today and Tomorrow" to be held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, Universal City. (See attached flyer.) For further information or registration brochure, contact Helen Wang (818) 289-6730 (eve.) or Barbara Lee (818) 285-2128 (day) or write OCAW, P. O. Box 3278, Alhambra, CA 91803. Or you may wish to contact CHSSC member, Linda Lum, (818) 280-3859. Linda is the OCAW President, L. A. Chapter. |
| Thurs. - Sat.
9/3 - 11/7 | Irvine Fine Arts Center "Poetics of the Chinese Brush" presents the following <u>special events on 9/30-11/14</u> at 4601 Walnut Avenue, Irvine, CA 92714 (714) 552-7078.

<u>9/30 - 11/14 (6 Wednesdays)</u> "The Art of Knot Tying" (Daisy Lee). Materials included. Must be over 14. |

NEW MEMBERS

We are proud to announce that we have reached the milestone goal of 400 (count 'em) — 400 members strong in 1987. The lucky new members who helped us achieve our goal are Richard and Annette Harbinger, our 400th and 401th members. At our Fall Dinner, we added another new member, Ligea Logan, bringing our total membership to 404.

Our new members this time around are Adele Kane, Kathryn C. Kwok, Ruth Lung, Richard G. and Annette W. Harbinger, Mrs. Fred Q. Wong (Alice), May Sun, and Ligea Logan.

A warm welcome to all new members!

WANT ADS

RECIPES. A call for recipes! Wendy Eads is compiling a cookbook, Riverside Chinatown Centennial Cookbook. It will contain historical anecdotes and human interest stories. She is open to any contributions you have to offer to the book. Looking for simple and easy-to-prepare foods for festive occasions. You will be recognized for your recipes -- sorry, no honorariums! If you hit on restaurants, a plug will be made for the restaurant(s). Any recipes can be submitted in writing or hand delivered to Wendy Eads at the November 4 General Meeting. Deadline for recipes is November 30, 1987. Any questions, please direct them to Wendy Eads at (714) 683-4418.

Christmas is near! Have you made your purchases yet? Try this on for size **SOCIETY PRODUCTS!** They're great gifts! If you're interested in any one or all of these items, the following individuals should be contacted:

<u>Linking Our Lives</u> (LOL)*	\$9.95 + S/H	Ella Quan	(213) 291-5388
<u>Gum Saan Journal</u> *	\$2.00/copy	Margie Lew	(213) 222-4375
CHSSC Pin	\$3.00	Bev Picazo	(213) 757-0520
CHSSC Map	\$1.00	Munson Kwok	(213) 828-6911 or
		Mary Yee	(213) 542-2409

* There's a discount if you order in large quantities.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP. We need your help! If you have an interest or talent in photography, the Society is looking for you! We are trying to develop a pool of photographers to help us with projects within the Society. Some of these will include copying photographs, cover Society events, photograph old buildings, and others to be developed. If any of this sounds interesting to you, you have the experience or talent, or you just want to learn, give us a call. We need people from all areas. Supplies will be furnished or reimbursed. Contact Franklin Mah at (213) 372-9421.

Programs? All program suggestions should be directed to Mary Yee, Vice President/Programs at (213) 542-2409.

Welcome any "bits of news" for future issues of News 'n Notes. Please submit in writing or by phone to Bev Hom (818) 336-7900 by the 15th of each month for the next issue of News 'n Notes.

NOTE: As there are deadlines to be met, I would appreciate your cooperation in submitting your input to me for review on time -- namely, no later than the 15th! There is very little time for preparation (usually less than a week) in order for you to receive your copy before the next general meeting. Articles received after the 15th will be published in the next N 'n N. Articles submitted will be printed at the discretion of the editor.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Suellen Cheng - THANKS for a very fine job on the CHSSC Roster! It's going to be very handy!

Eugene Moy - THANKS for such an excellent and very detailed map to our "10-10" Riverside celebration trip.

Kipham Kan, Dorothy Siu, Lillian Fong, Franklin Mah, Doreen Chan, Ben Nakayama, Suellen Cheng, Howard Hew, and Al Soo Hoo - THANKS for such efficiency in assembling our huge News 'n Notes/Gum Saan Journal mailing on September 30. (And thanks, Ella Quan, for taking a headstart on stamping the envelopes for us. And thanks, Doreen, for bringing the heavy duty stapler! It works!!)

Contributions to this issue of N 'n N were made by Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Angi Ma Wong, Franklin Mah, Mary Yee, Wendy Eads, Lillian Fong, and Ella Quan.

OOPS . . . AN AFTER THOUGHT! Thanks to the following raffle donors to our Fall Dinner who were not listed in our program in time for the printers: Allen Dong - two license plates, "TCBY" (The Country's Best Yogurt) - 300 5 oz. yogurts, and Buffum's Department Store at the Glendale Galleria - restaurant passes.

FLASH! Mr. F. Chow Chan, whom the Society honored at its Fall Dinner Meeting on October 18 and Mrs. F. Chow Chan have made a most generous donation of \$10,000 to the Museum fund. This amount will be matched by a grant which will automatically double the amount to \$20,000. The donation is the largest ever to the Society. Society thanks Mr. and Mrs. Chan.

In addition, Mr. F. C. Chan and his wife, Wai-Hing, have joined the Society as life members. Society extends a very warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Chan.

Beverly M. Hom
News 'n Notes Editor

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SO.CAL.
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