



# NEWS 'n' NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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January 1988

### FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 1988

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.

PROGRAM: "The Legend of Anna May Wong"

SPEAKER: Our speaker tonight is Mr. Garland Richard Kyle, author and writer. Mr. Kyle received his B. A. in Chinese Studies from the University of California at Santa Cruz. He has a collection of 50 photos of Anna May Wong. He has done research of Anna May Wong for five years. He published in different papers for the last five years. His current project is Ching-Ling Soong. (She is the sister of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek; the wife of Dr. Sun Yat Sen.)

\* \* \* \* \* See attached flyer "1988 WINTER PROGRAMS" \* \* \* \* \*

### BOARD BRIEFS

Excerpts of Board Actions taken at the January 13 Board Meeting:

P. Louie moved and K. Kan seconded to have the Finance Committee give us a description of their functions and any recommendations for operation for this year; motion passed. B. Picazo will chair this committee.

S. Cheng moved and F. Mah seconded that the Society go ahead and purchase two more dozen flags to match the other 24; motion passed. F. Mah to handle purchase.

S. Cheng moved and L. Fong seconded to authorize Franklin Mah to spend up to \$200 to copy Louise Larsen photos; motion passed.

K. Kan moved and S. Cheng seconded to buy four (4) runs 2" x 4" ads of Linking Our Lives in Asian Week; motion passed. A. Wong to handle.

R. Large moved and P. Louie seconded that the Society accept ten donated books from Peter Leung in exchange for two years' membership in CHSSC; motion passed.

S. Cheng moved and R. Large seconded that we allocate up to \$500 to invite Phil Choy as a consultant to our Board to the Society Museum; motion passed.

BOARD BRIEFS (con't)

P. Louie moved and K. Kan seconded that CHSSC will co-sponsor the Lotus Premiere; motion passed.

For more details, a copy of the Board Minutes can be obtained by contacting Franklin Mah, CHSSC Secretary, (213) 372-9421.

10K FIRECRACKER RUN - Sunday, February 7 - "time" to be announced!

Once again, duty calls! We need volunteers to help serve refreshments to the many 10K runners. As in past years, we need volunteers to help early in the morning to set up the tables, banners, and food so that we will be well prepared to serve each of the runners as they come through the finish line to the refreshment area. At the conclusion of the run, we need to clean up and dismantle the tables in our work area. We should plan to dress warm as it will be quite chilly that hour of the morning. If interested, a sign-up sheet (once again), as well as more updated information, will be provided at the February general meeting. If questions, please contact Beverly Hom (818) 336-7900.

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S PARADE - Saturday, February 13

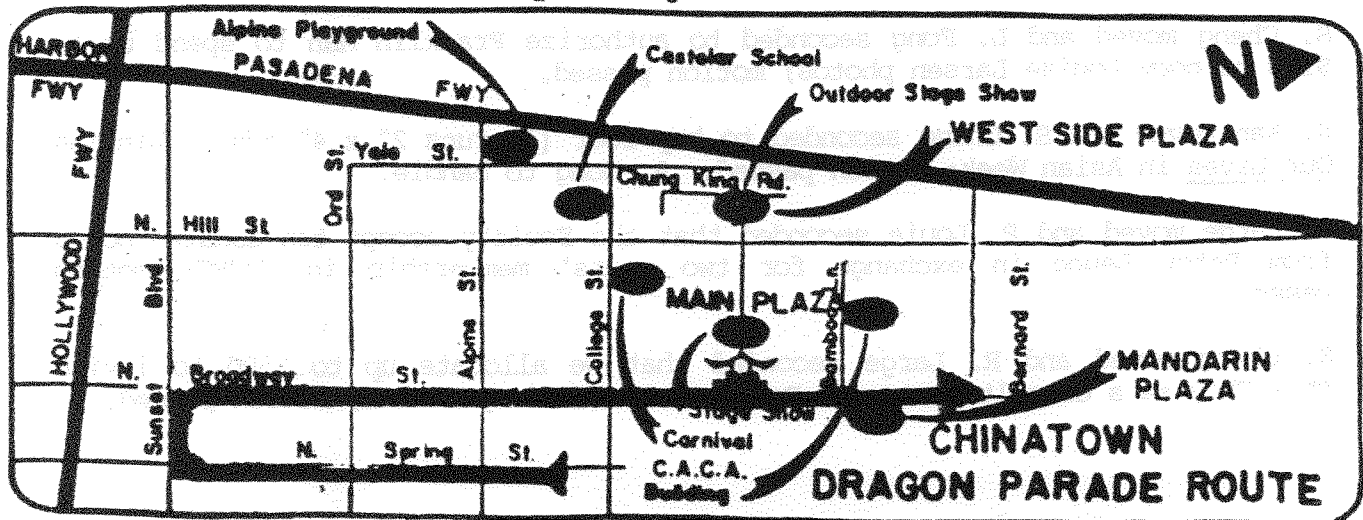
**Parade time:** The Golden Dragon Parade is soon approaching. It's the Year of the Dragon (4686)! Parade will start promptly at 4:00 p.m.!

**Assembling:** We form near the corner of Ord and North Spring Streets. We ask that all marchers in the parade arrive early (3:00 p.m.) so that each of you can pin on a red sash, pick up a flag, and line up in formation.

**Parade dress:** Please wear our 10th anniversary T-shirt or white blouse, shirt, or sweater with black/dark skirt or trousers. Be sure to wear dark, comfortable shoes! And don't forget to wear your CHSSC membership pin!

**Parade route:** The parade covers about 1½ miles, down Spring Street, to Macy, up North Broadway, down to Bernard Street. From here, we will disassemble (hand in our red sashes, safety pins, rolled-up flags, etc.) and watch the rest of the parade. At about 5:00 p.m., the evening is ours to enjoy!

Step out for some fun and good exercise! Mark your calendar now and bring your family and friends for some marching fun on February 13. If you're interested in joining us, please give Beverly Hom (818) 336-7900 a call or be sure to sign-up at our February meeting.



### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The program segment of January's general meeting was quite unlike any program held in the recent past. There was no speaker, slide show, nor even party. By some accounts, it was not even any fun. It was truly a work session.

Kipham Kan and Angi Ma Wong presided jointly over the program which was aimed at gathering input from the membership. There were group discussions on CHSSC wants and needs. In addition, a survey was distributed to those in attendance. This survey solicited comments, suggestions, and evaluations of Society functions and operations. It also asked for a prioritizing of CHSSC projects. However, the main focus of the survey was to find out how the membership can help the Society in its activities, events, and projects.

The response to the survey was good. Lots of ideas, suggestions, and comments resulted. The diversity of member's interests and priorities was apparent. As was the willingness of the members to get involved in different activities. However, it also became clear that in order to ever take on all the activities that the members wanted, the Society needs to better utilize its membership resources and abilities. There is a lot of talented members in the Society. All that is needed is to better organize to make use of those talents. It was decided that the survey should be extended to the entire membership body. The attached survey (modified and expanded from the original) is the result.

This survey is our first attempt to assess the talents, abilities, and the volunteering spirit of our entire membership. We intend for it to be issued to the members periodically as well as to all new members. It will be used as our volunteer base for 1988 events and activities, so it is important that everyone who can help the CHSSC during the year (members and non-members) fill out and return the survey. Please return the survey to Suellen Cheng. For those members who have not yet renewed their membership for 1988, you are reminded to send in your dues along with the survey or bring it with you to the February 3 meeting.

### CHSA CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Chinese Historical Society of America (CHSA) celebrated its 25th "Silver" Anniversary on Saturday, January 16, at the Empress of China Restaurant in San Francisco with some 440 in attendance. CHSSC President, Angi Ma Wong, attended the all day celebration beginning with the Society's museum open house, silent auction of Asian artifacts, and finally wrapping up the evening with a banquet and program. Among those members and friends in attendance, she was able to meet the new CHSA President, Madeleine Leong, who is planning to come to Los Angeles in the very near future. She also got a chance to meet Thomas and Daisy Chinn. Thomas is the Founder of the CHSA. Proceeds from the events will establish the Society's Permanent Site Fund.

### MUSEUM NEWS

The following donations were made to the Chinese American Museum Fund: Steve and Ella Leong \$100; Lupe Chee \$50 in memory of her mother, Mrs. Lai Fong Lee; transferred \$1,000 from Alfred E. Lee Fund to the Museum Fund in honor of Dr. Lee. Many thanks to these supporters. Donations continue to be matched \$1 for \$1. Your dollar is worth two to MCAH.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A warm welcome to our newest members: Kevin K. Fong, Vern Leigh, Jason Woo, Collin Lai, Melodie Bahou, and Aurora Bahou. As of January 13, 1988, only 50 members renewed their membership. With our 87 life members and 6 new members, the Society starts the new year with 143 members.

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Bill Mason (213) 483-1402  
1303 Allesandro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026

Tom Moy (714) 688-3315 (home)  
9505-39 Arlington Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

To keep the Society mailing list up-to-date, members should continue to report any changes of addresses or phone numbers to Suellen.

Just a reminder . . . don't forget to renew your membership for 1988! If questions, please contact Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

ASIAN UNDERSTANDING PROGRAM - Pasadena City College

January 25 8:00 p.m. KPCC FM 89 Host: Mr. John Kobara

REPARATIONS UPDATE - Redress for the Japanese Internees has become a very sensitive and controversial issue. Recently the Civil Liberty Act of 1987 was recently passed in the House, and is coming up for a vote in the Senate at the end of this month. In this live show, the specifics of the bill will be discussed, as well as who is opposing it and why.

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 23: Surprise ? ? ? **HAPPY "80th" BIRTHDAY, Dorothy Siu!**  
Many happy returns!!

Saturday-Saturday, January 23 thru March 26: The California History Center at De Anza College, Trianon Building, 21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino, CA 95014 is hosting an exhibit "**Chinese Gold: The Chinese in Monterey Bay Region**". The exhibit hours are Monday-Friday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 and Saturday 10:00-2:00. The exhibit is closed February 12-15. This exhibit is funded in part by De Anza Associated Student Body.

Saturday, January 30 (2:30 p.m.): **Classes on clay sculpture.** Mr. Will David will demonstrate his technique in clay sculpture at the Pacific Asia Museum courtyard.

Saturdays (ongoing): **Classes on Tai Chi.** Mr. Chao-li Chi teaches this ancient art of exercise which promotes relaxation and rejuvenation. Classes begin 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. every Saturday at the Pacific Asia Museum. Cost is \$6 per session; first session is free.

CALENDAR (con't)

Wednesday, January 27 (10:00-6:00): Culture Center Public Meeting at Chinatown Library's Community Room (upstairs). For more information, contact Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911.

Thru Sunday, January 31: Pacific Asia Museum presents an exhibition of Chinese paintings by Professor Zhang Bing-Yao (the first Chinese artist to travel around the world by bicycle). The exhibit can be viewed Wednesday-Sunday from Noon to 5:00 at 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena.

Thursday, February 4 (7:30 p.m.): Community Feedback Meeting for the Chinese Culture and Community Center. Meeting is to be held at Castelar School. If you have any questions, please call Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911.

Saturday, February 6 (6:00 p.m.): Miss Chinatown Beauty Pageant at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, cost: \$55 and \$70. In addition to viewing the contestants, the evening includes cocktails, dinner and dancing. Several hundred people are expected to attend.

Sunday, February 7: 10-K Firecracker Run - time will be announced at next meeting.

Friday-Sunday, February 12-14: Carnival in Chinatown.

Saturday, February 13: Chinese New Year's Parade - start time: 4:00 p.m. Details forthcoming at February meeting.

Wednesday, February 17: Gung Hay Fat Choy! (Happy New Year!) Year of the Dragon (4686).

Sunday, February 21: UCLA Tour - Need docents! Interested? (See "Want Ads".) Contact: Gene Moy (818) 289-2067.

Tuesday, February 23 (7:00 p.m.): Friends of the Chinatown Library "Social" dinner at Triple Crown Restaurant. If interested, contact Kipham Kan (213) 839-9233 or Beverly Hom (818) 336-7900.

Monday, March 21 - Annual AAPAA Media Awards Dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. U. S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye will be the recipient of the AAPAA Lifetime Achievement Award. He will be recognized for his accomplishments and impact as a positive role model. For further information, please call the Association of Asian/Pacific American Artists (AAPAA) at (213) 745-7016 or 745-7017.

Saturday, April 9: History Day in Los Angeles - "Frontiers in History - People, Places, and Ideas". This is an annual event of student achievement in historical research at the USC Campus. If any historians who are interested in being a judge for students research papers for History Day, please call Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809 before January 29.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT James and Lorraine Yee have become grandparents for the first time. Their daughter, Joni, and her husband, Edward Wong, have a baby girl, Melissa Jayne Wong, born December 1, 1987. Congratulations to the Wong and Yee families.



CONDOLENCES Sam Gee passed away recently. He was one of the pioneers honored at our 1986 Fall Dinner. CHSSC sends its condolences to the family of Sam Gee /Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gee.

Spencer Chan, one of our pioneer oral history interviewees, passed away last week. He is the brother of Carolyn Chan.

THANK YOUS

Thank you for the refreshments for our first meeting of the new year -- Ella Leong, Lillian Fong, Cy Wong, Beverly Picazo, Suellen Cheng, and Sylvia Soo Hoo.

Thanks to Richard Smith for his \$5.00 donation to the Society.

WANT ADS

**Calling for DOCENTS!** In need of docents for the February 21 UCLA tour consisting of 25 students. Any one who would like to learn some history and meet new people should come on out and give it a try. If interested, please contact Gene Moy (818) 289-2067. If you've never been a docent and would be interested in helping out, please contact Gene right away!

If you would like to **suggest programs** to be considered for future meetings, please call Kipham Kan, Vice President/Programs at (213) 839-9233.

**Lotus Premiere** (Arthur Dong film) will need the Society's help in doing just about all kinds of things. They need **PEOPLE POWER!** For further information, contact Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809.

**Reminders for the 1987 Board Members:** If you haven't submitted your "How To" notes to Angi Ma Wong, please do ASAP! Also items for the Society Archives go to Munson Kwok or Suellen Cheng.

Want to try out your baking talents on us? We're game! Be sure to contact Sylvia Soo Hoo, Refreshment Chair, (213) 221-5573 to **sign up for refreshments**. There is still room in March, May, and June.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Thanks so much!

In the last issue of N'nN, I inadvertently forgot to thank my many supporters for their hard work, long hours, and continued support of N'nN. To each of you, I want to extend my deepest appreciation for the support and devotion you have given to me in 1987. Thanks so much . . .

**1987 staff contributors:** Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Angi Ma Wong, Lillian Fong, Kipham Kan, Franklin Mah, Helen Morrison, Bob Large, Johnny Yee, Paul Chace, Christie Bourdet, Margie Lew, Ella Quan, Eugene Moy, Mary Yee, Wendy Eads, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Ron Jung, Elmo Gambarana, Al Soo Hoo, Don Loo, and Linda Lum.

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EDITOR'S NOTE (con't)

Staff contributors to this issue of N'nN: Angi Ma Wong, Kipham Kan, Franklin Mah, Lillian Fong, Suellen Cheng, and Munson Kwok.

December 22 mailing session supporters: Dorothy Siu, Franklin Mah, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Suellen Cheng, Norman Dachtler, Howard Hew, and Lillian Fong.

"Bits of news" for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing or by phone to Bev Hom (818) 336-7900 no later than the 15th of the month. Because of space limitations and/or news items received after the 15th, your item may not appear in this issue of N'nN. Also, news items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor.

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Beverly M. Hom  
News 'n Notes Editor



CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
Membership Survey

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME/WORK  
Address : \_\_\_\_\_ City : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in assisting the CHSSC at the following events(mark all that apply) :

<input type="checkbox"/> Chinatown 10K Run	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese New Year Parade	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Dinner
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinatown 50th Anniversary	<input type="checkbox"/> Lotus Festival
<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, (list) _____		

I am interested in helping the CHSSC on the following projects(mark all that apply) :

MUSEUM -

<input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> As needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, (list) _____	

ORAL HISTORY -

<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct Interviews	<input type="checkbox"/> Translation	<input type="checkbox"/> Transcribing
<input type="checkbox"/> Photographing/Recording	<input type="checkbox"/> As needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, _____

BOOK/PUBLICATIONS -

<input type="checkbox"/> Typing	<input type="checkbox"/> Editing/Proofing	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> As needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, _____

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESERVATION -

<input type="checkbox"/> Photographing Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Photographic Immigrants	<input type="checkbox"/> Copying Photographs
<input type="checkbox"/> Darkroom	<input type="checkbox"/> As needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, _____

OTHER -

☐ Describe \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help the CHSSC in the following activities(mark all that apply) :

ADMINISTRATIVE -

<input type="checkbox"/> General Typing	<input type="checkbox"/> Word Processing	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff An Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Filing/Shelving Material	<input type="checkbox"/> Make Phone Calls(local)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pickup/Delivery
<input type="checkbox"/> Bookkeeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Write Acknowledgements	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, _____

GENERAL/SPECIAL MEETINGS & EVENTS -

<input type="checkbox"/> Room Setup & Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/> Decoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Man Tables/Greetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Ushering	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Take Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, _____

PUBLICITY -

<input type="checkbox"/> Write News Releases	<input type="checkbox"/> Write Publicity Announcements	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write Book Reviews	<input type="checkbox"/> Write Articles For News & Notes(film,music & live	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/> events reviews or other topics as appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Host/Emcee	<input type="checkbox"/> CHSSC Publicity Representative/Outreach	
<input type="checkbox"/> Solicit New Members	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentor New Members	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking Tour Guide
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit/Display Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit/Display Setup	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit/Display Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Man Exhibit/Display	<input type="checkbox"/> CHSSC Speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual

I am willing and able to lend the CHSSC help and expertise in the following areas :

<input type="checkbox"/> Legal	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Editing	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Design/Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Research
<input type="checkbox"/> Video Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> History
<input type="checkbox"/> Archives	<input type="checkbox"/> Translation	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese(written)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese(spoken)
<input type="checkbox"/> (list dialects spoken) _____			

Additional items or comments may be added as appropriate. Use back side for more space.  
Return this survey to: Suellen Cheng, 1514 Princeton Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404.





## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

is pleased to announce its  
1988 Winter Programs

**Wednesday, February 3, 1988 7:30 p.m.**

### The Legend of Anna May Wong

**Garland Richard Kyle, author and writer**

Discover the mystique of Chinese-American actress Anna May Wong who took the world by storm and created a stereotype. Rare photographs of Wong whose co-starred with such film greats as Douglas Fairbanks, Marlene Dietrich, Lana Turner and Anthony Quinn will be shown during this fascinating presentation.



**Wednesday, March 2, 1988 7:30 p.m.**

### Preserving Your Family's Historical Documents

**Teena Stern, archivist**

**El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Monument**

Your family's photographs, documents, diaries, and other records represent its history. Learn the professional techniques by which you can safely preserve them for posterity.

**Castelar School Multipurpose Room  
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**FREE PARKING on school playground (enter from College Street)**

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