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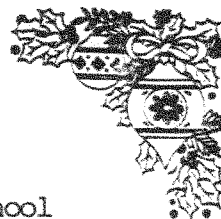
October / November 1988

DECEMBER MEETING — BRIEF MEETING / ELECTIONS / CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 1988

TIME: 6:00 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.



All the hard work behind the planning of our November fall dinner meeting, "L. A. China City Experience", became a reality and a success on November 5. A full report is forthcoming in a future edition of N 'n N. Now it's time to consider our next general meeting, our annual Christmas party on December 7. In order to better assist Kipham Kan and the Board in organizing this once a year get together, we are asking the membership to contact one of the following members (Kipham Kan / 213-839-9233, Dorothy Siu / 213-734-7518, or Bev Hom / 818-336-7900) as to the potluck dish you plan to bring that evening. We would appreciate hearing from each of you before Thursday, December 1, so that we can fill in those dishes that have a smaller response. You have a choice of entree, salad, vegetable, or dessert. Your potluck dish should serve 8-10. Remember — one dish admits two people. If you prefer not to bring a dish, the cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Papergoods, drinks, fried chicken and chow mein will be handled through the CHSSC Board. We look forward to hearing from each of you and hope to see you all on the 7th!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: The Nominations Committee is proud to announce its recommendations for the new officers:

President
Vice President/Program Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary

Kipham Kan
Beverly M. Hom
Suellen Cheng Kwok
Beverly Picazo
Franklin Mah

Suellen Cheng Kwok, Pat Lin, Tom McDannold, Stanley Mu, and Beverly M. Hom are nominated for a two-year term, and Angi Ma Wong is nominated for a one-year term. Franklin Mah, Kipham Kan, Paul Louie, and Beverly Picazo are continuing for another year. New faces will be Patricia Lin (Asian American professor at Cal Poly College, Pomona), Tom McDannold (professor at Ventura College and on Museum Committee), and Stanley Mu (retired engineer).

The Nominations Committee (Elmo Gambarana, Munson Kwok, Bob Large, Paul Louie, Gene Moy and Ella Quan) are presenting these volunteers for a membership vote at the December potluck dinner meeting. All members should strive to attend and vote.

CHSSC JACKET AND CAP: As previously mentioned in our October and November meetings, the Society is looking into "red" CHSSC jackets and caps. As we are trying to meet a deadline, the Society would like to have all orders filled ASAP in time for us to have these items available for "show off" at the 1989 Chinese New Year Parade. If you are interested, you can obtain more information and place your order(s) with Dawes Lee

(213) 221-0440 or Jerry Shue (213) 724-9002. The cost is shown below:

Jacket	Members	\$30 (includes tax)
	Non-members	\$35 (")
Cap	Members/Non-members	\$10 (includes tax)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: New members: We extend a warm welcome to our four new members. They are Juliana Cheng, Marie Louise Cook, Noel Toy, and Carleton Young.

Join the Society now and get two months free! Interested? Call Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911 or the CHSSC number (213) 281-7429.

To keep the Society mailing list up-to-date, members should continue to report any changes of address/phone number to Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

The following corrections/additions are to be included in your membership roster:

Juliana Cheng 680 Plymouth Road San Marino, CA 91108 (818) 799-5813	Rodney and Joy Chow 3500 Foothill Road Carpinteria, CA 93013	Marie Louise Cook 10725 La Batista Fountain Valley, CA 92708
Alice L. Hom 1236 S. St. Andrews Place Los Angeles, CA 90019 (213) 733-7830	David Hsu 12391 Baja Panorama Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 953-7500	Robert Lee 412 Bamboo Lane Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 628-8439
Abel Lem 8912 Reading Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90045 (213) 641-8051	Sue and Ray Lue 1101 Laguna Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90026 (213) 250-4265	Miranda Ow 9820 Exposition Boulevard, #205 Los Angeles, CA 90034 (213) 839-3671
Gerald Pass 1126 Wilcox Place Los Angeles, CA 90003 (213) 465-8282	Franklin Tom 5005 Los Feliz Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90027	Noel Toy and Carleton Young 5506 Tuxedo Terrace Hollywood, CA 90068

A short note from the desk of Joy Chow: We have moved to Santa Barbara County, 4 miles north of Carpinteria. Our place is in the rural area where there are orchards and hot houses. It's a different life style here, much slower pace, no traffic. But we do miss the convenience of big city like L. A. Our new address is 3500 Foothill Road, Carpinteria, California 93013. Sincerely . . . Rodney and Joy Chow.

DONATIONS: Jane Chung donated \$50 to the CHSSC in May 1988 in memory of her husband, Walter Chung, who passed away in May 1981. Walter Chung was a member of the CHSSC. He was interviewed by the late George Yee for the oral history project.

Bessie Loo donated \$10 each in memory of Mamie Leung Larson and Robert Lee (husband of Barbara Jean Lee).

Thank you for your donations!

BIT OF NEWS: If you came to the general meeting on September 7, you saw that the ground was all broken up near the back end of the Chinatown Library. Through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Chinatown Library, there will be a much needed expansion of the library. The library will be on the first floor and four classrooms for Castelar School will be on the second floor. Construction will be approximately nine months, according to Bill Chun-Hoon, Principal of Castelar School. There will also be a new lunch shelter constructed.

SYMPATHIES: Arthur Hing Young (known to most of us as Art Young) was born January 11, 1913 and passed away September 27, 1988. Art is survived by son, Hobart Young; daughter-in-law, Tina Young; and brother, Waey Young. Art came from Zhongshan, Kwongtung Province at an early age. He grew up in Fresno, California and finished high school there. In World War II, he was with the Army in European Theater; in Normandy, France serving and receiving distinguished unit badge; European African Middle Eastern Campaign, received good conduct medal. He attended Rudolf School of Art in New York, getting his degree in 1941. He continued courses at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, 1942. He worked with Corp of Engineers in New York. Later moved to Los Angeles working at California State Bureau of Reclamation in 1951; for 35 years was with California State Department of Transportation (since 1953). Earlier years he was a member of True Light Presbyterian Church; had served as church treasurer. Community interests with Chinatown 10-K Run, Lotus Festival, Dragon Boat Festival, and Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. Art was a perfectionist in whatever he tried to do. Excellent and wonderful cook, especially Chinese dishes. Has gourmet touch in cooking.

Pioneering journalist, Louise Leung Larson, passed away at her Topanga home early Saturday morning, October 1, from a massive stroke. She was 83 years old. Larson was the second oldest of eight children. She was born at 903 South Olive Street in downtown Los Angeles. Her father, an herbalist and scholar, prospered in his new country and the family moved to an 18-room house he built at Pico Boulevard and Union Avenue in 1914. Larson was one of the first Chinese-Americans to work on a metropolitan daily newspaper in Los Angeles, and perhaps in the country. Her career began in 1926 when, just out of USC, she was called on to replace a drunk reporter and cover city elections for the Los Angeles Record. She later reported for the San Francisco News and the Chicago Times. While Larson hated Chicago, she loved the Times, where she covered the Al Capone tax evasion trial and interviewed Albert Einstein. It was in Chicago where Larson married a United Press reporter. She moved back to Los Angeles in the mid-1930's, freelancing for a time before joining the staff of the Los Angeles Daily News in the early 1940's. Here she reported on Madame Chiang Kai-shek who was touring the country raising money for China's war with Japan. After taking time off to have children, she began covering Topanga and Malibu for The Outlook in 1958. She retired in 1971 but continued to work part time until 1975. She was enmeshed in writing her family's history. (Larson was a member of CHSSC and author of the book, Sweet Bamboo. The Society is planning to publish her book. The Book Committee is continuing to work closely with Louise Leung Larson's family to make progress in the publication of this book.) In 1983, she received the "Woman Warrior" lifetime achievement award from the Asian Pacific Women's Network. She was honored along with Rose Bird, Chief Justice of California. Later that year, the state Senate passed a resolution honoring her contributions to journalism. In 1984, her work was honored in a cultural exhibit "Chinese Women of America: 1834-1982" at California State University, Los Angeles. In 1988, Larson was honored as a pioneer at the Society's June Progressive Dinner and in September, the Asian Journalists Association honored her at a gala banquet. She is survived by sons, Dan Larson of Topanga and Stan Larson of Arcata, and daughter, Jane of Portland, Oregon. She has three grandchildren. The family held a private service in Los Angeles on Sunday.

CHSSC extends its condolences to the families of Art Hing Young and Louise Leung Larson. We will miss each of them dearly.

CALENDAR: Thursday, October 27 - Tuesday, November 22: "Junctures, Disjunctures & Fusions: Asian American Artists" - Rancho Santiago College Art Gallery Lobby (714) 667-3177 or 3173. Gallery hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday/Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 30 - Friday, December 16: "The Streets of Dai Fau" (Arnold Genthe's photographs of San Francisco's Old Chinatown) Gallery hours: Sunday - Friday 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Other times by appointment. This exhibition is made possible in part by funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and the Natural Heritage Trust. Sponsored by the New York Chinatown History Project, 70 Mulberry Street, 2nd floor, New York (212) 619-4785.

Friday, November 11: "The Lost Tribe of Manchuria". CERA (China Exploration & Research Society) presents an illustrated lecture by Mr. How Man Wong, National Geographic photojournalist, writer, and explorer at the Miriwa Restaurant, 750 North Hill Street, Los Angeles (213) 687-3088. Reception/exhibit of rare articles collected during the expedition (6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.), dinner (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), and illustrated lecture on the history, development and present status of the Ewenki tribe and video tape of the Ewenki (8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.). Donation: \$25/person for members of CERS and one guest and \$35/person for non-members of CERS. Checks are payable to CERS, 4028 Chaney Trail, Altadena, CA 91001. RSVP before November 7. For further information, call CERS (818) 791-5339.

Friday, November 11 - Sunday, November 27: "L. A. River/Chinatown". May Sun in collaboration with Peter Brosius and Tom Recchion announce a new exhibit called L. A. River/Chinatown that tells some untold stories about the history of L. A. Chinatown. Utilizing an environment consisting of four large white tents, this installation evokes the living quarters of Chinese railroad workers who settled along the embankment of the L. A. River in the 1870's. Each tent will tell a story juxtaposing the elements of visuals, sound, text, smell and lighting. The exhibit opens in Santa Monica Museum of Art, 2437 Main Street, Santa Monica (213) 451-5850. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16: CHSSC Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Meeting place to be announced.

Wednesday, December 7: CHSSC's Annual Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m. (see attached flyer).

WANT/HELP ADS: Call (213) 281-7429 for an update on the Society's calendar of events. Questions? Leave a message and someone will call you shortly.

Transportation? Bessie Loo, CHSSC member, needs ride to meetings. She lives in West Hollywood. Please call (213) 652-9928 if you can help.

Articles for Gum Saan Journal? Society is seeking articles on Chinese American history for the next issue of Gum Saan Journal. Questions or information? Please contact Ella Quan (213) 291-5388 or Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911.

We still need volunteers to help staff our office space "once a month" at El Pueblo (State Parks Office, 128 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles, 213-620-3343) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. or 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Free parking is provided for volunteers working at the office. Our office space is donated by the State Parks. For information, contact Howard Hew (818) 843-5943 or Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809.

Book Corner: Copies of SAMFOW: The San Joaquin Chinese Legacy is still available at the next general meeting or by mail. Check is payable to: A Bridge to the Past. Cost is \$26.50 (includes tax; this is for "in person" purchase); \$28.75 (includes tax, shipping and handling). See order form below.

ORDER FORM

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LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN: THE GOLDEN YEARS 1938-1988, a book detailing the history of Los Angeles' Chinatown, has been published by the 50th Anniversary Committee and the Los Angeles Chinatown Corporation. It will be distributed by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California by mail or available at K. G. Louie Store and others in Central Plaza, Los Angeles Chinatown.

The 72-page book contains many rare, never-before-published photographs of Chinatown and is available for purchase at the following price per copy which includes tax, postage and handling. Checks are payable to CHSSC. Send to CHSSC, Book Department, 4205 South La Salle Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062.

	Purchase at general meetings	By mail (includes tax, postage and handling)
CHSSC Members	\$3.00	\$4.50
Non-members	\$5.00	\$6.50

*** THE FOLLOWING ARE PUBLICATIONS OF THE GREAT BASIN FOUNDATION (GBF) ***

MOON LEE ONE (Life in Old Chinatown, Weaverville, California) by Clark W. Brott. 1982, 138 + v pp., 71 illustrations. Cost: \$18 non-member / \$16.20 GBF member.

WONG HO LEUN: AN AMERICAN CHINATOWN (edited and published by GBF; with a special dedication by Maxine Hong Kingston). Occasional papers of the Great Basin Foundation, No. 2, 1987. **Volume 1:** 405 pp, 200 illustrations color/B&W; **Volume 2:** 555 pp, 300 illustrations color/B&W. Cost: \$105 non-member / \$94.50 GBF member.

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1236 Concord Street
San Diego, CA 92106

Lost and Found: There were several serving utensils left behind from the August 6 CHSSC First Picnic. Did you lose anything? If so, please call Bev Hom (818) 336-7900. Also, if anyone found a gold chain with the initial "W", would you please call Cy Wong (213) 731-1084.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes -- staff contributors in this issue: Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Lillian Fong, Angi Ma Wong, Dolores Wong, Christie Bourdet, Great Basin Foundation Center for Anthropology, China Exploration & Research Society, Elmo Gambarana, Helen Morrison, and Paul Louie. September 27 mailing session supporters: Kipham Kan, Ben and Doreen Chan Nakayama, Franklin Mah, Suellen Cheng, Howard Hew, Richard Smith and Lillian Fong.

Items for N'nN are always welcome! Please submit in writing to News 'n Notes Editor, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Deadline is the 15th of every month! Items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor.

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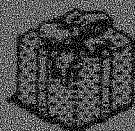
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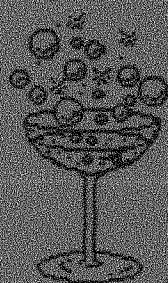
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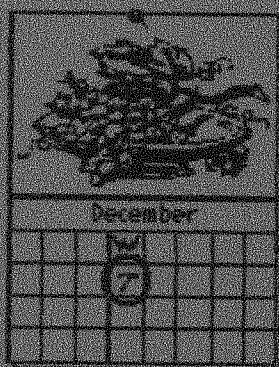


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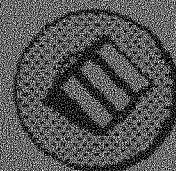
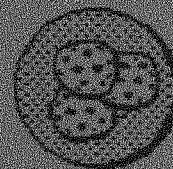
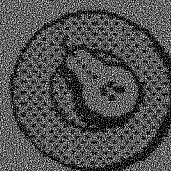


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