



# NEWS 'n NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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**Happy New Year, everyone!** Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday festivities and some rest and relaxation before getting back into full gear with WORK. It's time to make those "few" but realistic New Year resolutions! Let's all work hard on making 1990 the best year yet!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our January meeting will not take place on Wednesday, January 3, 1990 but on the following Wednesday, January 10! Please mark your calendar to reflect this change.

### CHSSC JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

#### PROGRAM: "Reflections on Fieldwork in Zhejiang Province"

Our program speaker for our January meeting will be Dr. Eugene Cooper, Ph.D. Many of you know Gene as a member of the Chinese Historical Society and the Friends of the Chinatown Library. Though Gene is active in the community, his full time job as Associate Professor of Anthropology at USC keeps him pretty busy. As a Cultural Anthropologist, Gene studies Chinese civilization; contemporary China; economic anthropology; marriage, family and kinship; political economy; peasant society; anthropological theory; urban anthropology; and American folklore.

Gene has a long list of credentials but here's a brief scoop on him ... Gene has received numerous fellowships and grants (1968 -present), involved in professional associations (1974 - present) as well as academic services (1965 - present), and has a long list of publications (both books and articles) in prep as well as in press.

Gene received his Ph.D. from Columbia University, Department of Anthropology (1976) and a B.A., Magna Cum Laude from the State University of New York at Buffalo (1968). His dissertation was titled, "The Social Evolution of Craft Production: The Woodcarvers of Hong Kong".

Gene's presentation (with slides) will share with our society members his experiences conducting research on kinship and craftsmanship in rural Dongyang County. Gene will try to communicate a sense of what daily life is like in rural China, and of how rural communities have been affected by the proliferation of rural industrial enterprises (both private and collective) in the countryside.

Meeting is 7:30 p.m. on January 10 in the multi-purpose room of Castelar School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown. Park on school grounds -- enter on College Street between Hill and Yale Streets.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS WITH BY-LAWS CHANGE:** Beverly Picazo for Financial Secretary and Paul Louie for Treasurer. Election at meeting in January, 1990. Positions of all officers until June 30, 1990 (new By-laws).

**CHSSC BOARD BRIEFS** - The following motions were made at the November 15 Board meeting:

Suellen Cheng moved that the Board strongly support the recommendation that the Life membership dues be \$500 as presented by the By-laws Committee. The motion was seconded by Cy Wong and carried. (Four in favor: Paul Louie, Suellen Cheng, Bev Hom, Bev Picazo and three nays: Cy Wong, Franklin Mah, and Sue Yee.)

Sue Yee moved that the Society confers with the Chinese Culture and Community Center of Greater Los Angeles regarding cosponsoring the Moon Festival, clarifies mutual responsibilities and benefits, and seeks participation of other community groups. The motion was seconded by Cy Wong and carried. Sue Yee will help in the committee.

Paul Louie moved that the Society gives \$20 donations to C.A.C.A. for each time the Society uses the C.A.C.A. Lodge for Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Cy Wong and carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEES SEEK MEMBERS** - As you will recall from our October 4 general meeting, current and revised Bylaws were under consideration at that meeting. It's now that time to officially invite you, the general membership, to sign up for one or more standing committees of your choice (please refer to the "salmon" color Revised Bylaws distributed at the September 16/October 4 meetings). At the December 13 Board Meeting, the following individuals have signed up as follows:

**ARCHIVES** - Franklin Mah, Suellen Cheng, Tom McDannold, and Bob Large.

**PUBLICATIONS** -

**HISTORICAL RESEARCH AND RECOGNITION** - Gene Cooper, Tom McDannold, Bob Large, and Gene Moy.

**PROGRAMS** - Bev Hom, Paul Louie, Sue Yee, Suellen Cheng, and Johnny Yee.

**FINANCE AND ASSETS** - Franklin Mah, Cy Wong, Bev Picazo, Paul Louie, Munson Kwok, and Suellen Cheng.

**OUTREACH** - Bev Hom, Cy Wong, and Angi Ma Wong.

**Note to Board members:** You may sign up for no more than two standing committees. All other CHSSC members -- no limitation on sign ups!

If you are interested in one or more committees, we would be happy to sign you up today. For further information or sign ups, please contact one of the following: Kipham Kan (213) 641-2975, Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911, or Bev Hom (818) 336-7900.

**BITS OF NEWS** - **CURRENT NOMINATING COMMITTEE** consist of Paul Louie (Chair), Munson Kwok, Ella Quan, and Cy Wong. (Cy Wong replaces Elmo Gambarana who resigned.) Thank you, Elmo, for serving on the Nominating Committee.

**THE CHILDREN OF CASTELAR SCHOOL NEED OUR HELP!** - Castelar is participating in a pilot recycling project. They are collecting discarded white paper (black ink only), e.g., office memos, letters, photocopies, computer printouts, etc. Funds from the project will be used for campus beautification projects and science materials. Let's help them out - bring recyclable paper to our monthly meetings or call Dr. Bill Chun-Hoon, Principal, at (213) 626-3674, to pick up any large quantities.

**CHINESE BOOKS DONATED** - Members of the Lions Club International in Taipei, Taiwan, have donated about 700 Chinese books to the South Pasadena Library. "The books have been circulating like mad." The Chinese-American Club of

South Pasadena helped to arrange the donation, according to Lisa Yang, one of the club's directors. The Lions gave the Chinese-American Club about 2,000 books, and the group donated some of the fiction, nonfiction and children's books to the library. The remaining 1,300 books will probably be used by the club's Chinese language school in South Pasadena. To celebrate the gift, the library on November 18 held a demonstration of Chinese brush painting and an exhibition of Chinese paintings. Last year, the Taipei Lions donated 10,000 Chinese books to the Monterey Park Library, resulting in a controversy over whether the public library's foreign language collection would overshadow the English language books. In the case of South Pasadena, the community and library were pleased to receive the books.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT** - Congratulations to Chuck and Carolyn Woo on the birth of their son, Brent Preston Woo, born October 21, 1989. Society members, Bill and Margie Yee, are the proud grandparents. Congratulations to the Woo and Yee families!

**BIG SISTERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT** - Big Sisters of Los Angeles is looking for Asian female volunteers who could become role models and friends for our Little Sisters ages 6-16. Your support, acceptance, and time would mean a world of difference to a young girl. We ask that you be a woman 21 years or older, have an insured car, and be willing to spend three hours a week with a Little Sister from a disadvantaged or immigrant background. A commitment of at least one year is required. If you would like to share in this special experience of helping a girl to grow up, please contact Canossa Chan, Asian Pacific Outreach Project Coordinator, Monday-Tuesday at (213) 933-5749 or Wednesday-Friday (818) 280-4983.

**RESEARCH SUBJECTS SOUGHT** - California School of Professional Psychology doctoral student is looking for volunteers to participate in a research project. Only one hour of time is needed to complete questionnaires focusing on culture and socially prescribed women's roles. If you are a Chinese female 18-65 years of age, English and or Chinese-speaking, please contact Stephanie Lee (213) 461-6171. All information is confidential.

**ANNIE CHIN SIU, D.D.S. and TIM K. SIU, M.D.** - Life members, Annie and Tim Siu, have been recognized for their achievements as follows: Annie C. Siu is the Immediate Past President of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce. She has been appointed to the Alhambra Community Hospital Board of Directors and the Cathay Bank Advisory Board. On the other hand, on December 15, 1989, 10 a.m. on the campus of California State University of Los Angeles, the unveiling of the peace plaque was awarded to Tim K. Siu for his role as Rotary International District Governor (1987-1988) in promoting international goodwill, global understanding, and world peace. Congratulations, Drs. Annie and Tim Siu!

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** - At our last Board meeting for the year, it was announced that our total membership for 1989 is 375 members.

Roster updates:

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Los Angeles, CA 90018  
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Grace Chow  
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Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
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We have two new members to the CHSSC who signed up at the Friends of the Chinatown Library Christmas Party on December 18. They are Anthony Y. Hui

and Fred Gong. Welcome Anthony and Fred to CHSSC!

Anthony Y. Hui  
1344 Kellam Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90026  
(213) 977-0457

Fred Gong  
12750 Matteson Avenue, #8  
Los Angeles, CA 90066  
(213) 397-7313

**Membership renewals:** annual membership is on a calendar year basis - January 1 to December 31 of each year. Still only \$15 for regular, \$20 for couples, \$5 for seniors and students. Don't forget to renew your dues! In order to continue to receive News 'n Notes, Gum Saan Journal, flyers, and other correspondence, your membership renewal must be received before March 31, 1990. Mail early! Check is payable to CHSSC. Mail to Franklin Mah, 2210 Grant Avenue, #1, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. For membership information, contact Franklin Mah (213) 372-9421.

**CONDOLENCES** - Life member, Alice Hom, passed away on November 25. She is the sister of CHSSC member, Elsie L. Wong. Alice used to be quite active - attending general meetings, dinners, and other activities. While confined to a wheelchair, she managed to come out with the help of her son, Philip. CHSSC sends its condolences to the family of Alice Hom.

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, October 29, 1989 - Saturday, February 3, 1990:** New York Chinatown History Project presents new exhibition: **"Both Sides of the Cloth" - Chinese American Women in the New York City Garment Industry.** Gallery hours Sundays and Saturdays 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.; other times by appointment. Exhibition is at 70 Mulberry Street, 2nd Floor, New York (212) 619-4785. This multi-media exhibit tells the story of Chinese American women garment workers in New York City through photography, slideshow, oral histories, and quilt project.

**Monday, January 8:** The China Society of Southern California will hold its January dinner meeting at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown (6:15 p.m. social hour; 7:00 p.m. dinner). The speaker is Dr. Philip Leung, Professor of History at California State University, Los Angeles. His presentation is "Chinese Culture in Singapore" where Dr. Leung was an Associate Professor at the National Singapore University. Reservations may be made by calling Rina Rae Sherman (213) 936-0327 prior to the meeting. Cost is \$10 per person for program and dinner.

**Thursday, December 7 - Saturday, January 13:** **"Art and Democracy"** is an art show by artists (e.g., Diana Wong, Tom Van Sant, et al) to express their feelings on the democracy movement in China. Diana Wong, one of the artists, is owner of Merging One Gallery. Another artist, Tom Van Sant, is the artist who designed the Goddess of Democracy statue that stood on a bridge in downtown L. A. Civic Center back in June. The exhibit unfolds with the events that took place in China and goes beyond China to encompass the concept of "freedom" in a global sense. The intent is to keep the dialogue alive, to create a space for that dialogue, and to honor the work of these selected artists. Exhibit is on display at Merging One Gallery, 1547 Sixth Street, Santa Monica, (213) 395-0033. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 22:** Friends of the Chinatown Library General Meeting --



optional dinner 5:30 p.m. at Tai Hong Restaurant; meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room, Chinatown Library. For info, call Ruby Louie (213) 628-2496 or Dolores Wong (213) 662-6081.

**Wednesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m.:** CHSSC Board Meeting at CACA building. Info or questions, contact Kipham Kan (213) 641-2975.

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**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 back.

**"Program" suggestions for monthly meetings?** Call Bev Hom (818) 336-7900.

**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.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes -- staff contributors in this issue: Suellen Cheng, Doreen Chan Nakayama, Bill and Margie Yee, Gene Cooper, Paul Louie, Lillian Fong, Tim K. Siu, Anna Lau, and Lloyd Noakes. November 28 mailing session supporters: Dorothy Siu, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Cy Wong, Lillian Fong, and Elmo Gambarana. Thanks, Dorothy, for providing your home for our mailing session! Thanks, everyone, for your help and the food treats! Richard and Kipham . . . thanks for taking the mail to the post office for me! (Hope it wasn't too heavy!)

Items for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing to News 'n Notes Editor, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.  
**Reminder:** The editor would appreciate the cooperation of Society members and friends in submitting any articles for N'nN by the 15th of each month. (The absolute deadline!) Items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor. Thank you!

Beverly M. Hom  
N 'n N Editor

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Now that 1989 is coming to a close, I like to thank each and everyone of you who have supported me this year while I've been wearing "two" hats -- serving as your editor as well as this year's Vice President of Programs. Thank you ("you and I know who we are") for your contributions to the News 'n Notes, helping with the mailing sessions, program suggestions, Chinese New Year festivities -- Annual Firecracker 5K/10K Run and Chinese New Year Parade, and supporting me in putting together this year's fall dinner program. And thanks to those who I pulled in to help me along the way. Thank you for making my job just a little easier! Looking forward to working with many of you in the new year!

**MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE FILLED WITH  
ABOUNDING JOY AND HAPPINESS!**

**HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**