



NEWS 'n' NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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CHSSC OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

PROGRAM: "Living History and Culture - Lighting the Spark"

For over ten years our past president and founding member Angi Ma Wong has been giving presentations to various groups, sharing the history of Chinese America and the colorful of its traditions -- the New Year. Now, finally our members and friends can see this most popular of all of Angi's presentations. Entertaining and informative, this hands-on event has been delighting and teaching audiences of all ages, from the docents of the Gene Autry Museum to school children throughout the southland. Bring your friends and grandchildren for a program not to be missed.

PLEASE NOTE: At the September 16 General Meeting, copies of the current and revised Bylaws were made available to the general membership. A full discussion will be held at our October meeting, at which time hopefully, our revised Bylaws will be accepted. Be sure to bring your copy of the Bylaws to this meeting. There will be limited copies on hand for those who were not present at the last meeting.

Meeting is 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 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.

Mark your calendars . . . On Saturday, November 4, CHSSC will have the pleasure of Ruthanne Lum McCunn speak on her latest work, Chinese American Portraits: Personal Histories 1828-1988, at its **FALL DINNER MEETING**. Special guest appearance by Poon Lim, the World's Champion Survivor who drifted 133 days at sea on a raft when his ship was torpedoed, in McCunn's book, Sole Survivor. Dinner meeting will take place at Golden Palace Restaurant, 911 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 624-2133. No-host cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Members \$22 and non-members \$27. Free parking is provided at Castelar School playground on College Street, between Hill and Yale Streets. Gate closes promptly at 5:45 p.m. Be sure to make your reservations early! Deadline is October 25 to Sylvia Soo Hoo, 4009 Tropico Way, Los Angeles. If questions, contact Co-chairs, Bev Hom (818) 336-7900 or Sylvia Soo Hoo (213) 221-5573.

***** **HELP WANTED** *****

Need docents for historic Chinatown tour on Thursday, October 12.
Interested? For further information, contact Gene Moy (818) 289-2067.

Watching the tragic events in the People's Republic of China has made many of us ask, "What can I do to help?" On June 7, 1989 President Bush

announced that Chinese students may stay in the United States for one year if certain conditions are met. There are significant restrictions to this policy, so it will not be beneficial to many students. There are other options to extend their stay as well. How can you help? You can help by supporting the **Immigration Assistance Project for Chinese students**. This project started on June 23, 1989 at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California. It is a non-profit agency that provides immigration and legal services, and civil rights support to Chinese Americans, other Asian Pacific Americans and others in need. To be effective, the project needs trained personnel to provide information and to give referrals (i.e., staff to conduct seminars with volunteer attorneys, disseminate brochures and other information, and staff to arrange direct counseling of students by staff and volunteer attorneys.) The budget for this project will run about \$90,000 for a year. Funds will be raised from community organizations, foundations, corporations and concerned individuals like us. To date, donations of \$12,000 have been received. Your donation will help give these students an informed choice and hope for the future. Any donation is tax-deductible and is payable to the Asian Pacific American Legal Center - Hotline, 1010 South Flower Street, Suite 302, Los Angeles, CA 90015. The HOT LINE number is (213) 744-1234. Please give generously and encourage your friends to do likewise. Concerned mothers who have shared a common sadness and concern for these students include names of individuals such as Secretary of State March Fong Eu, Dolores Wong, Beulah Quo, Rosemarie Lee, Teresa Sun, Theresa Lum, Lilly Lee, and Lily Lee Chen, just to name a few.

CHSSC needs members for Museum Committee. The purpose of the Museum Committee is to develop programs and projects with other museums including the Museum of Chinese American History (MCAH) at El Pueblo. Anyone wishing to be a part of the CHSSC Museum Committee should contact Bob Large (818) 287-5620.

The Society is in need of **volunteers for Map Committee** to help update the Walking Tour Map. If you are a good writer, graphic artist, photographer, or have any or all of these special related talents and would like to contribute to this project, please contact one of the following: Tom McDannold (chair) (818) 706-0782, Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911, or Stanley Mu (818) 346-2196.

Volunteers are needed for the Conference of Chinese American Studies. If you have any interest or background in staging conferences, we need your help in assisting this committee. For more information, contact Tom McDannold (818) 706-0782, Stanley Mu (818) 346-2196 or Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS - CHSSC members volunteered their time and energy for two recent **GUIDED TOURS OF HISTORIC CHINATOWN**. On Saturday, July 8, member Susie Ling brought her Asian American Studies class from Pasadena City College. A great big thanks to John and Lola Ng, who drove in from Riverside, and to Don Loo, who all led tour groups. John was also rewarded with a hug from one of the students, Ms. Leslie Ann Kawai, the first Asian American Rose Queen, who won that honor only a few years ago. Lucky John!

A larger group came on Wednesday, July 19. Approximately 40 teachers assembled by Susan (Wong) Houganson from two UCLA programs, one a creative writing project, the other an institute for Asian Pacific American literature, were treated to tours by Kipham Kan, Emma Louie, Cy Wong, and Eugene Moy.

Thanks to all our spirited volunteers for making time in their busy schedules to help share with others the knowledge we have learned about our Chinese-American heritage. The UCLA tour also netted a donation of \$250 which will go toward upgrading our tour materials. A final note of thanks is due the **Los Angeles Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA)** for the use of their meeting hall to assist with the tours.

LOTUS FESTIVAL was held on July 15 and 16 at Echo Park. We sold "pineapple-on-a-stick". Our net proceeds was \$556.75. It was quite a successful two days considering we have not had a Lotus Festival for two years. **Carlos and Bev Picazo** would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following members and friends who came out to support and help at the Lotus Festival. They are **Dorothy Siu, Lillian Fong, Mary Yee, Elmo Gambarana, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Sue Yee, Marian Leng, Jeff Leng, Dawes Lee, Ann Lau, Ada Wong, Angi Yim, Ron Yee, Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Pearl Kwok, Emma and Paul Louie, Angi Wong and family, Anna Lowrey, George and Helen Wan, Barkley Lee, Beverly Hom, Ben and Doreen (and Kenny) Nakayama, Dexter Wong, Peggy and Reger Wong, Eugene and Susan (and Bernie) Moy, Johnson Yee and friend Rosalyn, Anita and Bill Jeung, Richard Musgrave, Franklin Mah, Bob Large, Robert Lee, Don Loo, Jerry Shue, and Johnny Yee** (long distance support and assistance in coordinating our booth). If your name was left out, please let us know. Also, thanks go to those members and friends who came out to say "hi" and to purchase our delicious and sweet pineapple slices. Let's hope that next year's Lotus Festival will be as successful as this year's, if not better.

Special thanks to **William and Henrietta Yuan**, this year's co-chairs for arranging **CHSSC'S "SECOND" PICNIC** held on Saturday, September 9, at Heritage Park in Cerritos. It was a very beautiful day for a picnic. The turnout was smaller than last year, but just the same, we had plenty of food, fun and games. Can't go wrong with water balloons! Just ask **Alan Bergman** and **Steve Yeager** (No, not the celebrity, but close enough!). And once again, special thanks to **Tommy and Marilyn Yee** for reserving the picnic site and for providing **McD's** big ice cooler for our orange punch. Thank you, picnic goers, for your participation in this year's picnic! Looking for 1990 picnic chair or co-chairs. We'll sign you up! It's not hard work at all! Just ask **Bev Hom** or **Ron Jung**, last year's "first picnic" co-chairs. Would we kid you?!?!? Any interest, please contact **Bev Hom** (818) 336-7900.

BIT OF NEWS - The CHSSC was on the committee that helped with the **208th Birthday of the City of Los Angeles on September 4.** The celebration was held in the Old Plaza at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Park from 9:30 a.m. and throughout the afternoon. Enjoying the celebration and omelette brunch were **Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Florence and Gilbert Leong, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, James and Shirley Lau, Ronald Fung, Elmo Gambarana, Lillian Hung, Barkley Lee, Jean Bruce Poole, Miriam Matthews, Marianna Cushnie, and Lillian Fong.** The CHSSC had a table to sell and offer free publications. A total of \$32 was collected for the sale of "One Day, One Dollar", "The Golden Years", and Los Angeles Chinatown Walking Tour maps.

In the evening, **Richard Smith** appeared on television (channel 11), 10:00 news. He made remarks about the birthday celebration and Los Angeles.

Member **Lilly V. Lee** who is the sister of board member **Stanley Mu** will be honored by the Asian Support Group, California State University, Los Angeles. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 17, at the New Otani Hotel in Los Angeles. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information, call the University Development Office (213) 343-3060.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - As of the September 21 Board meeting, we have 370 members including 92 life members, 136 active members, 40 additional/spouse members, 72 seniors, 23 additional seniors, 5 students, and 2 institutional members. If there are any corrections to the membership roster, please contact Membership Secretary, Franklin Mah (213) 372-9421.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, September 30-October 1: Autumn Moon Chinese Art Festival presented by the Pan Pacific Performing Arts, Inc. in collaboration with Bowers Museum (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Free admission -- open to the public -- children welcome. The Bowers Museum is located at 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana (two blocks south of the Santa Ana Freeway on Main Street), (714) 972-1900. Festival includes children's art exhibit, collector's painting, calligraphy, and artifacts exhibit, contemporary artists exhibit, dynasty costume exhibit, artists demonstration of brush painting and calligraphy, children's art activities, taste of the Orient (Asian Food Fair), art materials and books, selected art works available for purchase, instructional and demonstrative video displays, and storytelling for children.

Saturday, October 7: The Taoist Temple Preservation Society presents its 10th Annual Moon Festival from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at China Alley in Hanford, California. Admission is free; includes tours of Taoist Temple, authentic Chinese food, Tai Chi and Kung Fu demonstrations, and Chinese folk dancing. Performances at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14: The Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW) will present a workshop exploring intimacy in relationships -- "The Yin and Yang of Relationships: Reconciling the Differences Between Men and Women". Guest speaker will be Psychotherapist, Barbara Lee. Workshop hours are 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Garfield Medical Center, 605 North Garfield Boulevard (Special Services Building, 2nd Floor, Inservice room), Monterey Park (first driveway south of Hellman; parking in rear. Members \$5 and non-members \$8. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Diane Ho (714) 891-8576.

Wednesday, October 18: CHSSC Fall Dinner Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Ben and Doreen Chan Nakayama's home, 263 Bloom Drive, Monterey Park (213) 726-9064. For more information, contact Bev Hom (818) 336-7900.

Thursday, October 19: USC's Asian Pacific American Support Group will celebrate its Fifth Annual Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency, Los Angeles. Cocktails (6:00 p.m.) and dinner (7:00 p.m.). Four outstanding community leaders will be honored; have significantly contributed to the betterment of the Asian Pacific American community. They are Jae Min Chang (Publisher/Editor, Korea Times Los Angeles), Yoshi Honkawa (VP, Government and Industry Relations, Cedar Sinai Medical Center), "our very own" Honorable Delbert Wong, Superior Court Judge retired, and Joselyn Yap (Executive Director, Sunrise Community Counseling Center, Inc.). For further information, call Asian Pacific American Student Services (213) 743-4999.

Sunday, October 22: The Mei Wah Club presents its annual charity event, Autumn Equinox 1989, a fashion show presentation of exclusive designs from Ambience et cie at 12:30 p.m., Castaway Restaurant, 1250 Harvard Road, Burbank. Donation: \$22. Fashion designs are available for immediate sale.

Entertainment and door prizes. Proceeds go to club charity fund. For reservations or information, call Sylvia Wong (213) 291-7213.

thru Sunday, October 22: Autumn Harvest, a Chinese painting exhibition of Professor Liu Po-Nong and his students at the Foyer Gallery and Auditorium of the Pacific Asia Museum, 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena 91101, (818) 449-2742.

Monday, October 23: Friends of the Chinatown Library General Meeting - optional dinner 5:30 p.m. at Royal Gardens; meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room (Chinatown Library).

Thursday, October 26: CHSSC "Extended" Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. sharp! Meeting place is tentatively at Kipham's. (Kipham to confirm with Board members.)

thru Saturday, October 28: The Woman's Building presents "Crossing Cultural Boundaries". Society member, Carol Nye, will display her work entitled, "Chinatown, black and white photography with text". Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday, noon - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 1727 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, (213) 221-6161.

Saturday, October 28: Chinese American Family History and Genealogy Symposium/Workshop from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearny Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108. Event is sponsored by the Cheng Society of America, Chinese Culture Foundation and the Chinese Historical Society of America. Pre-registration deadline is October 20. Fee: \$10. Workshop participants will be entitled to attend all sessions and receive the workshop materials. Lunch will not be provided. Registration is limited and only preregistrants are assured of a place in the workshop. Check is payable to CAFH.

Two of the featured speakers in this one-day symposium/workshop are CHSSC members, Emma Woo Louie and Him Mark Lai. Emma will speak about Chinese Surnames in America and Him Mark on Researching Your Ancestral Tree: A Chinese American Perspective.

Saturday, November 11: OCAW's Annual Awards Banquet. For more information, contact Sharlene Tso (818) 572-0192 or 572-0093.

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? Welcome any suggestions you may have for our monthly meetings. Please 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.

Interested in helping with refreshments? Sign up for refreshments by calling Sylvia Soo Hoo (213) 221-5573.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes -- staff contributors in this issue: Angi Ma Wong, Gene Moy, Carol Nye, Camille Wing, Sylvia Wong, Beverly and Carlos Picazo, and Lillian Fong. August 31 mailing session supporters: Dorothy Siu, Franklin Mah, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Marian Leng, Jeffery Leng, Lillian Fong, Ben and Doreen Chan Nakayama. To keep us company for the evening, Baby Kenny Nakayama joined us for his first mailing session! Thanks, Dorothy, for providing the use of your home for our last mailing session and for filling us up with pizzas "galore", chips, and sodas. And special ice cream treat from Richard and Kipham! Thank you, all!

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. (This is the absolute deadline!) Items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor. Thank you!

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N'nN Editor