



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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HOPE EVERYONE HAD A NICE CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEAR'S. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE
BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL . . .

PROGRAM

Wednesday, January 9
7:30 p.m.

CHINESE EXPERIENCES IN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND THE UNITED STATES

Speaker: Dr. John Liu

Dr. John Liu is Assistant Professor of the Program in Comparative Culture at the University of California, Irvine. He will speak on the Chinese experiences in Australia, Canada, and the United States. This topic has been Professor Liu's main area of research. His presentation will provide some interesting aspect of Chinese diaspora in the post-World War II period.

Professor Liu received his Ph.D. in Sociology from U.C.L.A. and is currently Co-chair of the Chinese American Council of the Historical & Cultural Foundation of Orange County. Among his research projects is the oral history project on the Chinese pioneers in Orange County.

Meeting at: **Castelar School**
Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

Parking available on school grounds --
enter on College Street between Hill
and Yale Streets.

December 1990

* * * UPCOMING EVENTS * * *

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| February 2 | CHSSC's Chinese New Year Banquet |
| 15 | Chinese New Year 4689 "Year of the Ram" |
| 16 | Chinese New Year Golden Dragon Parade |
| 24 | 13th Annual Firecracker 5/10K Run |

Membership News

CHSSC WALKING TOURS - Early 1990, Chinese Chamber President Ken Chan offered the telephone services of the Chamber office to help CHSSC with its walking tours. Outreach Committee co-chairs Angi Ma Wong and Cy Wong met to discuss the feasibility and write up some guidelines. With the Board's blessings, they started the tours with news releases to all the local newspapers and magazines. Ella Quan who helps at the Chamber office on Tuesdays and Thursdays agreed to coordinate the tourists and the docents.

On July 14, a special VIP Walking Tour was led by Angi Ma Wong. As a result of that tour and the article in the November Sunset Magazine and articles by the Los Angeles Times Calendar Section and Downtown News, many people have called for tours. The Tours are conducted on the second Saturday of each month.

Docents for these regular tours and four special group tours conducted on Sundays or another Saturday included Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Susie Ling, Eugene Moy, Ella Quan, Cy Wong, and Angi Ma Wong. Tom Eng and Sue Yee have followed some of the tour leaders to familiarize themselves with some of the changes before taking a group of their own. To date we have toured 120 people.

Several of the docents have already guided 3-4 tours. More docents are needed! Please let us know if you're interested. The more docents we have, the less times a tour guide will need to lead a group. People are interested! There is a lot of satisfaction meeting people who want to know the true history of the Chinese here in Los Angeles. Some of the groups have been educators as well as university students.

Call or leave a message for Ella Quan at the Chamber office (213) 617-0396 if you wish to be included in the next docent training session.

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Our member **Gilbert Leong** was honored on December 3 at the Golden Dragon Restaurant for lifetime service and community achievement by the China Society of Southern California. Gilbert also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles. CHSSC members on hand to give morale support were Elsie Wong, Ron Jung, Abel Lem, Lillian Fong, John Yee, Bob Lee, Bessie Loo, Edwin and Beulah Quo. Gilbert gave an interesting speech about his architectural work. (Congratulations, Gilbert! Well deserved!)

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Congratulations to Ben and Doreen Chan Nakayama (and Kenny) on the new addition to their family -- **Kyle Chan Nakayama** -- born Tuesday,

November 27, 1990 at 8:40 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces, measuring 18 1/2". Congratulations to the Nakayama and Chan families!

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SPECIAL THANKS FROM MCAH to Herbert Tom, Robert Large, Calvin and Winifred Lee. Herb has generously donated over 100 hours of services in the past year organizing the Society's files as well as the office of the Museum of Chinese American History (MCAH) at El Pueblo. Bob, Calvin, and Winifred have also donated their time to label and sort artifacts recently acquired from Hin Yuen Hong, an old herb shop, which was closed down for a new development on Spring Street. Their assistance was very much needed and most appreciated.

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1888 CHINESE BURIAL SHRINE UPDATE - By action of the Los Angeles City Council, the 19th Century Chinese burial shrine in Evergreen Cemetery is now a fully confirmed Los Angeles Cultural Historical Monument. The Society extends its gratitude to Councilman Alatorre's office, Roberta Greenwood, the Los Angeles Conservancy, Edwin Carpenter of the Huntington Library and our many members who took time to attend Cultural Heritage Commission meetings, etc.

A shrine preservation committee was formed at our October meeting. The committee's mandate is to represent CHSSC in assuring the monument's preservation after protection under the law has lapsed.

We recently received some excellent 1898 photographs of the shrine and surrounding cemetery to be displayed at a future meeting. Los Angeles County also gave us logs on the Chinese Cemetery for the years

1911-1923. If this information might be helpful to you, please contact Randy Bloch (818) 788-3556.

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George D. Morris passed away on November 22, 1990. He was a communication specialist for the County of Los Angeles. He is survived by his wife, Lisbeth Morris; sons, George D. III, and David Morris; daughter, Marianne Ulfeldt; also two grandchildren. Memorial services were held November 27 at Saint Bede Church, La Canada; internment at San Fernando Mission Cemetery.

George served as a CHSSC Board Member 1984 and 1985. CHSSC sends its condolences to the Morris Family.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Hmmmm . . . some free time on your hands??? How would you like to be a part of our planning team in putting together some real neat programs in the coming year? The only requirement is that you be interested and ready to go. We're always looking for good, dependable, hardworking folks who have some time on their hands. If you're interested, please contact one of the following:

Centennial and Pioneer Awards Committee - Munson Kwok (213) 645-1369

Chinese New Year Banquet Committee - Mary Yee (Chairperson) (213) 542-2409

13th Annual 5/10K Run - February 24
Tom Eng (Coordinator)
(213) 826-6084

Note: If you know of any sponsors or Corporate sponsors for this event, please contact Tom ASAP.

Programs for our general meetings - Suellen Cheng (213) 645-1369

Conference of 1992 (late August) - Stanley Mu (818) 346-2196

Note: Volunteers are needed to chair the Finance and Public Relations Committees of this conference. Corporate sponsors are needed for funding as well. Any information, please call Stanley ASAP!

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CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, the Center for Pacific Rim Studies at UCLA, the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA, and the California State University, Los Angeles invite participation in a conference on the theme **CHINESE AMERICANS: ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS**, to be held in **late August, 1992**. The conference program will include panels and activity-oriented workshops presently being organized on the following topics:

WORKSHOPS

Talk Story/Oral History
Film and Video
Curriculum Development
Federation of Chinese Historical Societies?

PANELS

Two decades of scholarship in Chinese American Studies
Minorities within a Minority (e.g., Chinese who have immigrated to America from countries other than China)
Inter-ethnic Relations and the Chinese American
Political Activism in the Chinese American community
Chinese American literature
Women, Work and Community
Transformation and Development of Chinese American Communities
Chinese American Entrepreneurship
Chinese Americans and the Entertainment Industry
Presenting Chinese American History: the role of Chinese Historical Societies

Proposals for papers on the above topics or full panels and workshops on subjects not listed here are welcome. It is the hope of the organizers that contributions will be forthcoming from community activists as well as academics, and that the conference reflect the broadest possible participation. **Proposed paper or panel/workshop topics, together with abstracts, should be sent before May, 1991 to:**

Chinese Americans: Origins and Destinations Conference
Center for Pacific Rim Studies
11250 Bunche Hall
UCLA
Los Angeles, CA 90024-1487

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CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE FELLOW PROGRAM 1991-1992: The program allows 17 college graduates to become Senate staff members for 11 months beginning in October, 1991.

If you are interested in learning about issues at the state level and helping solve some of the problems facing California, the California State Senate Fellow Program offers an excellent opportunity.

Filing deadline for applications is February 20, 1991. Questions, call (916) 445-0924 or (916) 278-6906.

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Received letter dated November 27, 1990 from Board Member, Norma A. Lum, of the Hawaii Chinese History Center, informing us of their great loss of historical researcher author, **Tin-Yuke Char**, who passed away on June 17, 1990 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He had a great respect for CHSSC and shared some common interest presentations with our members at various times. Mr. Char, along with his wife, Wai Jane Char, contributed immensely to the recording of the history of the Chinese in Hawaii, both through Hawaii Chinese History Center and other publications. HCHC will dedicate its annual meeting

in January, 1991 to a "Retrospective on Tin-Yuke Char".

CALENDAR

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Monday, January 7

Gene Autry Museum and the Chinese community "Chinatown Dig Collection" - 9:30 a.m. at the Gene Autry Museum. If you are interested in attending, call Kipham Kan (213) 215-3703. Reservations required!

Monday, January 14

The China Society of Southern California cordially invites the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the Friends of the Chinatown Library to its January dinner program meeting featuring **Mr. How Man Wong** who will talk on the **Islamic Frontiers of China** at the Golden Dragon Restaurant - Social hour 6:15 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$9.00 CHSSC members, \$10.00 non-members. **RSVP before January 11** to Suellen Cheng (213) 645-1369 or Bev Hom (818) 336-7900.

Wednesday, January 16

Asian Pacific American Friends of Center Theatre Group is proud to sponsor the gala benefit performance of **THE WASH** by **Philip Kan Gotanda**. Mark Taper Forum, Music Center of Los Angeles County, 135 North Grand Avenue, LA, (213) 972-7680.

thru Sunday, January 20

East West Players presents "Doughball" a memory of adolescence in a chaotic time, of a place, the Venice Japanese American community obon festival, that was an island buffeted by the outside world. Venice, California - the Summer of 1970. Two friends, the cousin who survived Vietnam, and the dream girl, on the last night of the carnival. Call (213) 660-0366.

thru Sunday, January 27

AJA 6 Keisho Okayama "A Show of Painting", at the Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles (213) 628-2725.

Thursday-Saturday, May 2-4

Northwest & Southwest Oral History Associations - Bally's Casino Resort, Reno Nevada. Theme: "The Evolving West". Deadline for abstracts: 1/15/91. Contact: Mr. Art Hansen, Department of History, California State University at Fullerton, Fullerton, CA 92634.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes -- Staff contributors in this issue: Ella Quan, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Lillian Fong, Randy Bloch, Bob Lee, Tom Eng, Eugene Cooper, and Norma Lum of HCHC. Special thanks to Mike Tsao for his support and assistance in last month's mailing.

ITEMS FOR NEWS 'N NOTES are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to:

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Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

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