



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Gung Hay Fat Choy! It's Chinese lunar year 4688 -- the Year of the Horse! (Those born under this sign are said to be self-sufficient, independent, well liked, much admired, cheerful, talkative, but sometimes quick to anger.) Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to those Year of the Horse! Here's wishing everyone peace and prosperity in the new year!

CHSSC FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 7

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Multi-purpose Room -- Castelar School
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown

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

Program: Sweet Bamboo Book Party

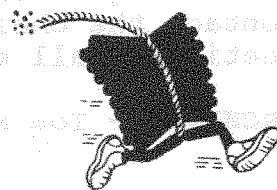


Come join us for a great book party to celebrate the completion of Sweet Bamboo and to meet members of the Leung and Larson families as they speak on their book, Sweet Bamboo: A Saga of a Chinese American Family. The book traces four generations of the Tom Leung family in Los Angeles from the 1890's during the city's formative years and the growth of the Chinese American community here. It is an American success story about survival, enterprise, and leadership and above all, the Americanization process in a city where the Chinese struggled to maintain their community, families, and identity against political and legislative odds.

The late CHSSC member, pioneer Chinese American Journalist, and author of this book, Louise Leung Larson, and her family worked closely with the CHSSC Book Committee to make this book possible today. Because of the untimely demise of Ms. Larson, she was not able to see her book come to fruition. Yes, the book you have long awaited is truly here!

The book will be on sale at the "book party" meeting for a one time offer only -- \$12 (includes tax, no delivery). Orders after February 7 -- \$12.95 + tax + \$3 postage and handling. For more information, please call Ella Quan (213) 291-5388 or Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911.

CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES (see "Calendar of Events").



CHSSC BOARD BRIEFS - The following motions were made at the December 13 Board meeting:

Eugene Cooper moved that the Society support the Moon Festival idea and be one of the co-sponsors. The Society will help prepare the grant proposal to be submitted to the Cultural Affairs Department. The motion was seconded by Sue Yee and carried.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board members, Paul Louie moved that a matter such as the French Hospital or whatever may be historical significance be referred to the Archives Committee which will then study the matter and inform the Board of any proper actions. Sue Yee seconded the motion. After further discussion, Eugene Cooper moved to amend the motion by changing "referred to the Archives Committee" to "referred to the Historic Research and Recognition Committee", and by changing "inform the Board" to "recommend to the Board". The motion was seconded by Tom McDannold. Louie and Yee accepted the amendment. The motion, as amended, was passed.

Tom McDannold moved that the President write a letter of support for Mr. Tim P. Fong. The motion was seconded by Eugene Cooper and carried.

Paul Louie moved that the Board approve Cy Wong to be a new member of the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Tom McDannold and carried.

NOTICE TO ALL OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - Officers are to submit their estimated budgets right away to Bev Picazo. Standing Committee chairpersons are to submit proposed budgets immediately or as soon after committee meets. You may bring your proposed budget to give to Bev Picazo at the February 7 meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES SEEK MEMBERS - At the January 10 general meeting, sign up sheets were made available for members to make their selection of committees they would like to work on. We are asking that if you have an interest, please refer to your "salmon" color Revised Bylaws which were distributed at the September/October general meetings for more detailed information before calling in your choice. We welcome any interested parties to sign up today! We would like very much to have your expertise on board or give you "on-the-job" training. Please call either Kipham Kan (213) 641-2975, Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911, or Beverly Hom (818) 336-7900 to sign up. We look forward to hearing from you.

The standing committees will soon meet to discuss budget and other matters pertaining to their committees. If you would like to attend, please contact the chairperson of the committee for date, time, and location of meeting. Call early!

ARCHIVES - Tom McDannold (818) 706-0782, **PUBLICATIONS** - Ella Quan (213)

291-5388, **HISTORICAL RESEARCH AND RECOGNITION** - Gene Cooper (818) 798-6835, **PROGRAMS** - Bev Hom (818) 336-7900, **FINANCE AND ASSETS** - Paul Louie (213) 664-3808, and **OUTREACH** - Cy Wong (213) 731-1084.

BITS OF NEWS

WHITE PAPER RECYCLING PROJECT - Please save discarded white paper [black ink only] (e.g., office memos, letters, photocopies, computer printouts, etc.) for Castelar Elementary's recycling program. Funds from the project will be used for campus beautification projects and science materials. Please call Dr. Bill Chun-Hoon, Principal, at (213) 626-3674, to pick up any large quantities or bring them when you come to our regular monthly meetings.

OUTREACH - A group of educators came to Chinatown on Saturday, December 2, 1989, to participate in workshops, see a narrated slide show, go on a walking tour, shopping, and to eat Chinese food for lunch. Herbert Tom rounded up the CHSSC volunteers for docents, hosts, hostesses, clerks to sell CHSSC pins and various literature and members to handle the slide projector. The following volunteers were there to help -- Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Al Soo Hoo, Don Loo, Beverly Hom, Cy Wong, Lillian Fong, Gene Moy, Ben and Doreen Chan Nakayama, Bill Chun Hoon, Franklin Mah, Susie Ling, and Jean Bruce Poole. A total of \$49 was collected from sales, pins, Golden Years, Sole Survivor, Chinese American Portraits, and Chinese American Forum.

Below is a letter addressed to CHSSC pertaining to the above visit. Dated December 19, 1989 - Dear Ladies and Gentlemen: Judging by the reviews that this office has received to date, our efforts were successful! Your time, energy, talents, and expertise, have again served to expand the horizons of the teachers of this district. You have ultimately invested in the creation of a world whose environment may one day be free of racial tension and violence. Ethnic and racial diversity may one day be appreciated as the asset that it is. As an integral component of the evaluation process, the evaluations composed by the teachers will be forthcoming. You are definitely of star quality and I look forward to strengthening the partnership we've formed. Best wishes for a happy holiday and a new year bursting with inspiration, hope, and peace. Sincerely, Jeanne Akashi, Director, Los Angeles Unified School District, Asian Pacific American Education Commission.

PACIFIC ASIAN MUSEUM has been designated a California State Historic Landmark.

The **CHINATOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT** celebrated their tenth anniversary on January 23 at Cathay Manor Senior Housing Complex. There was a party and lion dancers. Mayor Tom Bradley presented a congratulation certificate to Munson Kwok who represented the Chinatown Community Advisory Committee. Secretary of State, March Fong Eu, also brought a scroll for Munson Kwok. Don Toy did the translation into Chinese. Suellen Cheng helped to cut the huge cake. Attending were Irvin Lai, Al Soo Hoo, Jean Bruce Poole, Lillian Fong, Ronald Fung, Alvina Lew, and Paul Louie.

MARIKO LANIADO-TSE, a CHSSC member, is now the Program Director of The Wellness Community Westside, an organization that provides free psycho-social services to cancer patients and family members. The Wellness Community also offers lectures and presentations on stress management, nutrition, relaxation techniques, and many other areas. She is delighted to be involved with a program that offers a place where participants can fight for recovery from cancer and regain a sense of hope. If you know of anyone who might need these services, please have them call (213) 393-1415.

ASIAN AMERICANS TODAY -- Tomorrow and Yesterday is a new weekly English newspaper focusing on American Peoples and Communities of Asian Heritage in Southern California. The paper is being launched in February, 1990. Its purpose is to tell the story of Americans of Asian heritage to the whole community of the greater Southern California area which has become the Gateway to the Pacific Rim. At present, there is an absence of such a paper and there is a need to fill this void. Citizens of Asian heritage need to know what their people are doing here and how we can unit together to be of a common voice in affairs which affects us all -- to be decision-makers in our communities, business, government and politics. CHSSC member, Alvina Lew, has been a photojournalist for two Asian papers in San Francisco for the past five years. She would like to see better coverage of what's happening in the Asian communities. If you have any input that you would like to share in the "premiere" edition of this paper to coincide with the Chinese New Year celebration -- the Year of the Horse, please contact Alvina Lew at (213) 594-9380 or fax (213) 431-9542. A \$20 annual subscription will list your name as a "Premiere" subscriber in the "Premiere" edition. Lifetime subscription is \$250.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - At the January 17 Board meeting, we have a total of 172 members for 1990.

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 - Florence See Leong, wife of Gilbert L. Leong, passed away on December 27, 1989, in Pasadena, California. She was long active in The China Society of Southern California, the Kong Chow Benevolent Association of Southern California, The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, and The Chinatown Public Library. The family business of her father, Fong See On, was honored in recognition of a century of business achievement in 1988 by the Chinese Historical Society's centennial award. Munson Kwok in his eulogy for Florence Leong at the memorial service held on January 4, 1990, paid tribute by stating, "We, in the community, will remember Florence Leong for her contributions to our cultural arts and to our institutions. We will remember her sense of appreciation for our common heritage and history. We, as friends, will never forget her warm, cheerful disposition, and her gentle refined spirit."

In the last N'nN we mentioned the passing of Life member, Alice Lee Hom. Alice was born in San Francisco, California on October 27, 1917 and passed away on November 25, 1989 in Torrance, California. Services were held at the Old North Church, Forest Lawn - Hollywood Hills on November 29.

CHSSC sends its condolences to the families of Florence Leong and Alice Hom. We will miss them dearly.

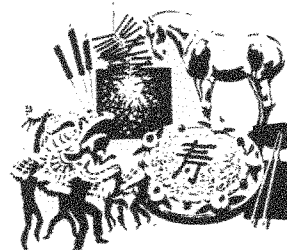
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thru 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.

Saturday, February 3: Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Beauty Pageant will be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Boulevard. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., with pageant and dancing at 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$125, \$90, \$65/person. SPECIAL NOTE: CHSSC member, Ruby Ling Louie, will be honored at the Coronation Pageant. If you haven't already heard, she's this year's Grand Marshal at the Chinese New Year Parade. Come wave to Ruby!

Sunday, February 4: 12th Annual Firecracker 5/10K Run. Race starts at 8:20 a.m. (5K) and 8:30 a.m. (10K) at North Broadway and College Street, continues through Elysian Park, around Dodger Stadium, and back to Chinatown. Pre-race activities include lion dancers, firecrackers, celebrities, prizes, and Miss Chinatown. Entry fee is \$10 (or \$15 with a t-shirt). Limited edition of commemorative sweatshirt designed to signify 12 years, which completes a full cycle of the Chinese lunar calendar. Also on sale will be past years race t-shirts. For more information, call (213) 613-1950. NOTE TO CHSSC VOLUNTEERS WHO SIGNED UP TO HELP -- PLEASE ARRIVE BETWEEN 5:30-6:00 A.M. TO HELP SET UP TABLES AND REFRESHMENTS. MEET BEHIND LITTLE JOE'S RESTAURANT (IN THE PARKING LOT) FOR WORK INSTRUCTIONS. AFTER THE RACE, WE WILL CLEAN UP OUR AREA AND MEET FOR LUNCH. LOCATION OF LUNCH FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THAT SAME MORNING. SEE YOU BRIGHT AND EARLY!

Monday, February 5: The China Society of Southern California will hold its February 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 Professor Milton Meyer, Professor Emeritus of the History Department, at California State University, Los Angeles. His presentation with slides will illustrate the history and diversity of the minority groups inhabiting China's land borders. Reservations may be made by calling Rina Rae Sherman (213) 936-0327 prior to the meeting. Cost is \$9 members / \$10 non-members for program and dinner.



Friday - Sunday, February 9-11: Chinatown Community Carnival at Castelar School (North Hill and College Streets) -- for fun, food, and rides. Hours are Friday 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m., Saturday noon-11:00 p.m., and Sunday noon-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 10: At 3:00 p.m. the Golden Dragon Parade will highlight the Chinese New Year celebrations in Chinatown. The parade runs down Spring Street and Broadway. There will be lion dancers, floats, drill teams, bands, celebrities -- you name it, it's here!

We need your support! It's great fun marching in the parade. We will each be carrying U. S. flags. We ask that you wear a red top or CHSSC's red jacket/gold t-shirt, black slacks, dark shoes, and have a smile on your face. If you meet these qualifications, you're in! If you would like to march with us in the parade, contact Johnny Yee, CHSSC Parade Coordinator, (818) 572-0459 for more information. Updated information will be available at the February 7 meeting. Tentatively, plan on meeting in Chinatown by 1:30 p.m. Parking will be a crunch this day! Go early and carpool!

FULLERTON MUSEUM CENTER, 301 North Pomona Avenue, Fullerton, California (714) 738-6545 -- Wednesday, February 7: "Beijing '89: China and the Media" -- panel discussion featuring Jan Carol Berris, National Committee on China - U.S. Relations, 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$5 (\$3 for members); reservations required. **Thru Sunday, February 11:** "The End of an Era" is an exhibit of extraordinary photographs by Sam Tata which documents the changes in China during the revolution in 1949, focusing on images of Shanghai -- the street life, the foreign community, and the shift of power to communism. A dramatic and revealing exploration into China's history, this exhibit is courtesy of the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, an affiliate of the National Gallery of Canada.

Wednesday, February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

Friday - Sunday, February 16-18: Conference of California Historical Societies Southern Symposium (Heritage Park), Santa Fe Springs, California. Topic: Preservation Progress: Giant Steps in a Small City. For more information, call (213) 868-7738.

Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.: CHSSC Board Meeting at CACA building. Information or questions, contact Kipham Kan (213) 641-2975.

Thursday, February 22: 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. The Asian Business League of Southern California will be holding their Winter Open House at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Blue Ribbon Room, 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. Admission is \$5 members, \$7 non-members. New ABL Board members and officers will be introduced and activities for 1990 will be announced. Hors d'oeuvres will be served; no host bar. For more information, call Katherine Wong (213) 256-4125, Vincent Wong (213) 473-2148, or Henry Yee (213) 255-3847.

Monday, February 26: Friends of the Chinatown Library General Meeting -- optional dinner 5:30 p.m. at Seafood King Restaurant, 934 North Hill Street, Los Angeles; meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room, Chinatown



Library. For information, call Ruby Ling Louie (213) 628-2496 or Dolores Wong (213) 662-6081.

Sunday, March 4: The City of Los Angeles Marathon V -- Volunteers are needed to cheer the runners on mile after mile. You can make the difference by showing your support to help the runners meet their goal of completing the 26.2 miles to the Finish Line. If you are interested, please contact Gene Moy (818) 289-2067 for application forms or sponsorship. Invite your family and friends! It's alot of fun!

Friday, March 9: Chinese American Women Leadership Council (a volunteer council of concerned women) sponsors a gala Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner. Proceeds to benefit a non-political Chinese students and nationals Immigration Assistance Project of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California. Cocktails 5:30-6:30 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m. at the Empress Pavilion Restaurant, Bamboo Plaza, Los Angeles Chinatown. (PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE: Originally this event was scheduled for Saturday, March 3 at the Shangri-La Seafood Restaurant, Los Angeles. Plans have changed!) Cost: \$45/person; checks payable to CAWLC-APALC. All contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. If you would like more information or ticket purchase, please contact Kipham Kan (213) 641-2975.

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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes -- staff contributors in this issue: Munson Kwok, Lillian Fong, Mariko Laniado-Tse, Vincent Wong (ABL), Dolores Wong, China Society, and the Fullerton Museum Center. December 27 mailing session supporters: Dorothy Siu, Jeannette Young, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Cy Wong, and Lillian Fong. Thanks, Dorothy, for providing your home for our mailing session! Thanks, everyone, for your help and the food treats! Richard and Kipham . . . once again, thanks for taking the mail to the post office for me!

Thanks to the following people who provided refreshments at the January 10 general meeting: Dorothy Siu, Frieda Wong, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Ella Leong, Lillian Fong, and Anna Lowrey.

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