



NEWS & NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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March 1990

CHSSC APRIL GENERAL MEETING

"JOINT DINNER MEETING" WITH CHINA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Date: Monday, April 2 (not Wednesday!)

Time: Social Hour - 6:15 p.m. Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Costs: China Society and CHSSC members: \$9; Non-members: \$10

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!! If you would like to attend the dinner meeting, please RSVP no later than Saturday, March 31, to Kipham Kan (213) 641-2975 or Bev Hom (818) 336-7900. Checks are payable to China Society. DO NOT MAIL CHECK! Please bring with you that evening!

Place: Golden Dragon Restaurant
960 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown

Program: **Making a Film in Hong Kong** (an illustrated talk)
Our speaker will present a slide show on the making of a film in Hong Kong and the new Territories -- how a film like this is put together. Some of the spots used on location to simulate the actual setting of Changsha, Huana in 1979 will be shown. Information about the cast and crew and the story will be given. There will be a brief discussion on the social conditions observed during our speaker's stay in Hong Kong and the new Territories.

Speaker: She has become one of the most active and distinguished members of the Asian American acting community. She is a successful producer, housewife, hostess, mother and grandmother. Not bad for someone whose acting career began quite by accident when she appeared in "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing". She has appeared in "Flower Drum Song," "The Sand Pebbles," "MacArthur," "Chinatown," "Marco Polo," "Steve Allen's Meeting of Minds," "My Three Sons," "Hawaii Five-O," "The Children of An Lac," "An Apple, An Orange," "Paper Angels," "General Hospital," -- just to name a few. She is a charter member and Vice President of the AAPAA (Association of Asian Pacific American Artists). She served as Vice President of United Way's Region V Board of Directors; a board member of El Nido Social Services; an active supporter, past president and board member of China Society; and popular mistress of ceremonies for many different functions -- from benefits and gala openings to

social meetings and 80th birthday parties. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in sociology. After earning her B. A. at the University of California at Berkeley and an M. A. at the University of Chicago, she taught sociology at Los Angeles Community Colleges and at Ginling College in Nanking, China. In 1968 she became the first Asian American to produce and moderate TV public affairs programs on the Asian community. She later produced "James Wong Howe: The Man and His Movies." For that documentary, she became the first Asian American woman to win a Hollywood-area Emmy. She is dedicated to public service. Her training ground was the YWCA in Berkeley, where she headed the community service department in college. The YWCA in Los Angeles has recently presented her with their Silver Achievement Leadership Award for Volunteer Community Service. More recently she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists. She got her "Jimmie" on March 19 at the televised awards. She was honored for her career and professional achievements and her numerous community projects over the years. Who is she? Come join us as we welcome our very own CHSSC member, Beulah Quo!

CHSSC BOARD BRIEFS - The following motions were made at the February 21 Board meeting:

Eugene Cooper moved to receive the Financial Summary. The motion was seconded by Paul Louie and passed.

Tom McDannold moved that the Board recommend to the general membership to establish dues for life members at \$200 per person. The motion was seconded by Paul Louie and carried with one nay. Paul Louie moved to transfer the existing life membership fund to an interest bearing account. The motion was seconded by Eugene Cooper and carried.

Eugene Cooper moved that the implementation of donations in memory of Alice Hom be subject to the Society's guidelines which distinguish memorial funds from donations in memory of persons. The motion was seconded by Paul Louie and carried.

Tom McDannold moved that the Board approve the proposed budget and the concept presented by the Archives Committee. The motion was seconded by Paul Louie and carried.

Tom McDannold moved that the Board ask Emma Louie to be the liaison person. Emma Louie will be directed to find out what the KCET expects from the Society. The motion was seconded by Eugene Cooper and carried with one abstention (P. Louie).

SOCIETY FIELD TRIP -- Friday-Sunday, September 28-30, 1990 -- to tour the Josh House and Mother Lode Expedition to Northern California. Roundtrip is about 1500 miles. Cost is under \$150 (excludes lodging expenses). At this time, the cost includes two box lunches and admission to couple of Josh Houses. Details need to be worked out. All that is required at this time is a \$10 deposit (payable to Margie Lew) to reserve a space on the bus for the trip. Motel arrangements are on your own. Be sure to send downpayments to motels in both locations listed below. [Rates go up next month.] Be sure to identify yourself with CHSSC group. Request room with two beds, upstairs, quiet corner. Adjustments will be made upon arrival.

Friday night, 9/28

Motel 6
505 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA 95965
(916) 532-9400

(Reserve as "AP" for CHSSC)

Saturday night, 9/29

Motel 6
2760 Cleveland Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 546-1500

OUTREACH - Past President Angi Ma Wong is keeping busy as usual with her outreach speaking engagements around town. Here's a short list of what's happening . . .

March 13 - Chinatown Tour for John Thomas Dye School
March 31 - San Fernando Chinese School
April 5 - California State University at Long Beach
May 9 - Palos Verdes S.T.E.P. Program
May 12 - South Bay Chinese School

DOLORES WONG to be honored the Athena Award (the highest award given by the YWCA) for volunteer/community service. This award has been given to only four or five women in past years. YWCA's Sixteenth Annual Leader Luncheon on Wednesday, April 4, will be honoring the leadership role of women at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, California Ballroom. No host reception at 11:00 a.m. followed by 12 noon luncheon. Cost is \$100. For more information, call YWCA (213) 482-3470.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS in the Yee clan - Two Yee cousins, Carol Lowe (daughter of Johnny and Esther Yee) and Lydia Wong (daughter of Mary Yee) have given births this month.

Gabriel Lowe was born March 2, 1990 at 7:12 a.m. in San Diego, California weighing 7 1/2 lbs., 18". Congratulations to the new proud parents, Curtis and Carol Lowe, and grandparents, Tim and Bernice Lowe and Johnny and Esther Yee.

Darci Jessica Wong was born March 7, 1990 at 2:39 a.m. in Los Angeles, California weighing 6 lbs., 19". Congratulations to the new proud parents, Barry and Lydia Wong, and grandparents, Mary Yee and Mr. and Mrs. Wong.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - Some time ago, Norine Dresser requested information from members regarding the Chinese Militia, which served as a local affiliate of the National Guard for a brief time at the onset of World War II. She has interviewed a few former militia members and would

like to talk to any others who can remember anything about their own participation in this organization or about their friends or family members who belonged. Please call Norine Dresser at (213) 663-7743.

THANK YOU LETTER TO CHSSC - Dear Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, Thank you so much for letting us borrow the photo albums. We really appreciate it. The information and pictures will make our Golden Jubilee special indeed! Many, many thanks! Sincerely, Tim Chan and the parishioners of St. Bridget's Catholic Chinese Center.

* * * * * **BOOK CORNER** * * * * *

SOCIETY PUBLISHES NEW BOOK - SWEET BAMBOO is an intensely personal, affectionate memoir by pioneer Chinese American journalist Louise Leung Larson. The book traces the Tom Leung family from the Sun Duck County, Guangdong, China village of Sweet Bamboo through its evolution into a modern American family. It is a personal history, seen with a skilled reporter's eye, set against the background of a great City's formative years. The book tells an American success story about survival, enterprise, resourcefulness, and pluck. Above all, it describes the Americanization process of a close knit Chinese family as it struggles to preserve its heritage and develop its new identity reflecting two cultures, against a sometimes harsh social, political, and economic environment. (To order copies, see the attached flyer.)

ECHOES OF OLD CHINA by K. S. Tom is a book which researches the history of traditions, cultures, and values of China. The book is printed by the University of Hawaii Press. Cost: \$20 (hardbound). To order copies, please contact Dr. Bill Chun-Hoon at (818) 799-3585.

CHINESE CUSTOMS by Rev. Henry Dore was first published in French in 1911. It was the first of an eight volume series on Chinese superstitions. Dore had lived in rural China during the late nineteenth century. This reprint is of the M. Kennelly English translation, first published in 1914. The book is \$19.95, but will be offered to CHSSC members for \$17.80 + tax (\$19) by Jin Hing Company, 412 Bamboo Lane, Chinatown. See Bob Lee. No mail orders. Hours 1:00-7:00 p.m., closed Wednesdays.

Jin Hing Company also has Volumes 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the original **Researches into Chinese Superstitions**, T'uswei Printing Press, Shanghai, 1915-1920 for exhibit only.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - As of the March 21 Board meeting, we have a total of 270 members. Renew today (no later than March 31) in order to be included in the next Society roster.

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. 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.

Address/phone updates - any changes should be directed to Franklin Mah, Membership Secretary.

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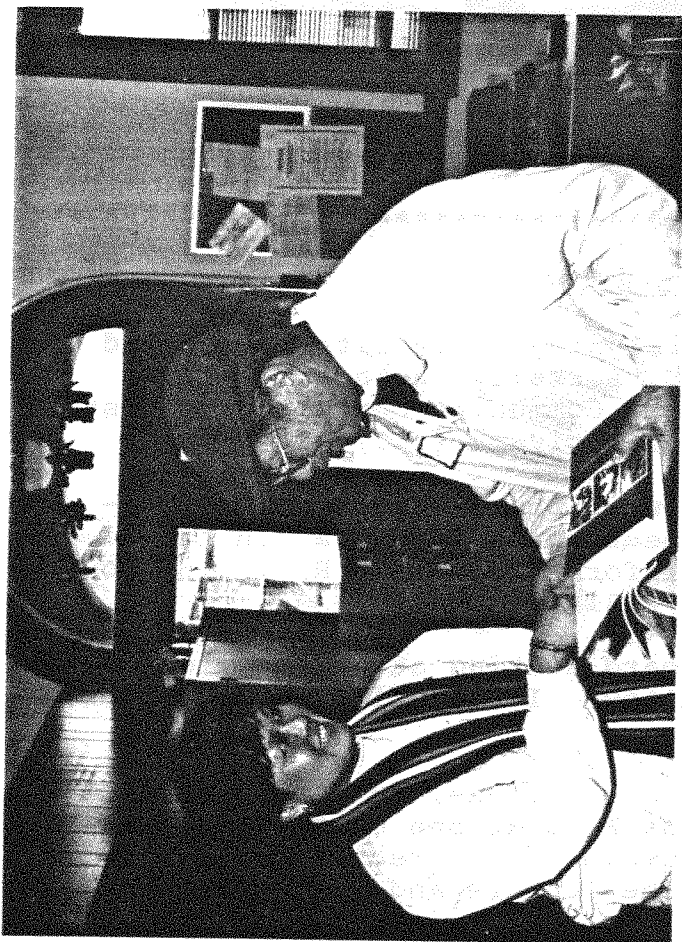
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MINI TRIP TO SAN DIEGO - As mentioned in last month's News 'n Notes, a small group left rainy L. A. for San Diego on Saturday, February 17, to tour San Diego's Chinatown. The following photos, taken with Johnny Yee's camera, captured a little of what took place. To show our gratitude for the warm welcome and fellowship by CHSSDBC, CHSSC Vice President Bev Hom presented a copy of our first publication, Linking Our Lives, along with four copies of the current and past issues of the Los Angeles Chinatown Souvenir Books, and a copy of the Immigration Bicentennial Commemoration Book, 1988-1989 to CHSSDBC President Tom Hom. In return, CHSSDBC President Tom Hom presented our group with copies of the Chinese Community Church's Centennial Calendar, 1885-1985; Chinese Community Church Centennial Celebration Book, and a copy of the City Planning Department Report No. 87-502 re Chinese/Asian Thematic Historic District. As you can see, we had a great time!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 8, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: A Book Signing Party with Dr. Ronald Takaki, Professor of Ethnic Studies, U. C. Berkeley, author of Strangers From A Different Shore at Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena. Info: call George Kiriya (213) 323-2686.

Monday, April 16: Friends of the Chinatown Library General Meeting -- optional dinner 5:30 p.m. at Tong Sing, 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.

Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.: CHSSC Board Meeting at CACA building. Optional dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Happy Valley. Information or questions, contact Kipham Kan (213) 641-2975.

Thursday, May 24, 8:00 p.m.: The Institute of Archaeology is pleased to present a slide illustrated lecture on the Excavations of the Original Chinatown in Los Angeles by Roberta Greenwood. Lecture is one hour, followed by Q&A session and reception. The lecture and reception are free

to the public. Details forthcoming!

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.

TWO POSITIONS OPEN AT CHINATOWN BRANCH LIBRARY - Youth Adult Librarian and Children's Librarian. Qualifications: U. S. citizenship/permanent resident Master of Library Science (MLS), bilingual (Chinese/English) preferred. Cantonese, Mandarin, or Vietnamese speaking okay. Experience helpful and desirable, but not mandatory. For more information, contact Elsa Wu (213) 620-1209.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CENTER (ECC) - Need additional volunteers to help with afternoon class (1:30-3:00) at Chinatown Library. Interested, please call Marian Leng (213) .

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.

"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: Angi Ma Wong, Beulah Quo, Munson Kwok, Bob Lee, Johnny Yee, Lloyd Noakes, and Norine Dresser. February 28 mailing session supporters: Ben and Doreen Nakayama, Dorothy Siu, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Cy Wong, Lillian Fong, and Johnny Yee. Thanks Ben and Doreen for your warm hospitality as usual. Thanks, everyone, for your help and the food treats! Thanks, Kipham, for taking the mail for me! Thanks to the following people who provided **REFRESHMENTS** at the March 7 general meeting: Dorothy Siu, Lillian Fong, Nancy Zane and Sylvia Soo Hoo.

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!

. . . Bev M. Hom, N'n N Editor



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