

NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The Chinese Historical Society is invited to a preview screening of the third season of "Los Angeles History Project", the KCET Emmy award-winning series on the rich diversity and dramatic struggles upon which Los Angeles was built. The series includes "Hollywood Strike", "Sister Aimee", "Chinatown: Between Two Worlds" and "Harbor Wars" which will all be shown on KCET during the month of November.

The preview screening will take place on
Thursday, November 15, 1990
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
at KCET
4401 Sunset Boulevard,
Los Angeles, CA 90027.

"Chinatown: Between Two Worlds" is produced and written by Arthur Barron. It is about L.A.'s Chinatown — a place not quite China and yet not quite America — as seen through the eyes of three generations of residents. It's the story of the struggle of a people for family, community, identity and acceptance in the face of the most profound, enduring prejudice experienced by any immigrant group in the city's history. The Chinese Historical Society participated in the production through its representative, Emma Woo Louie (and not Emma Wong Louie, as it was reported last month. Sorry for the mistake, Emma!). And our Board Member, Suellen Cheng is the Historical Consultant of the production.

KCET is making about fifty (50) tickets available to the members of the Society. You must make a reservation and tickets will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. Please call Kipham Kan at (213) 215-3703. If you are greeted by Kipham's answering machine, please leave your name, phone number and number of reservations.

Please make your reservation as soon as possible!

Please Note: There will be NO meeting on Wednesday November 7, 1990, our usual general meeting date.

Oct. November 1990

Theatre Party

The Chinese Historical Society is also planning a theatre outing to go see "Songs of Harmony", an American Comedy by Karen Huie,

Sunday, November 18, 1990
at 2 p.m.
East West Players,
4424 Santa Monica Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90029.

If we can get a group together, ticket cost is \$9.00 per person (\$3.00 off from the regular admission).

In "Songs of Harmony", a Chinese New Year's celebration set against the hard edge of New York City, brings together three sisters and their immigrant parents for a long over-due family reunion. The homecoming for the daughters represents their struggle to reestablish family ties. An unexpected visit from some one from the past adds an element of surprise to the celebration. It is a delightfully poignant family comedy. Playwright Karen Huie won critical acclaim in the "Chairman's Wife" at East West Players earlier this year. "Songs of Harmony" is directed by Heidi Helen Davis and the cast includes Rodney Kageyama, Cici Lau, Lauren Tom, Kimiko Gelman, Nancy Long and Francois Chau. The Los Angeles Times described the performance of Cici Lau as a "movable feast" and Francois Chau is "a strong character that encapsulates the best of the East and West." Please call Kipham at (213) 215-3703, if you are interested in this event.

CALENDAR

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Saturday, November 3, 1990

The University of California Chinese Alumni Association, Southern California Chapter invites you to its 1990 Traditional Fall Banquet featuring Dr. Chang-Lin Tien, Chancellor of UC Berkeley, Dr. March Fong Eu, Secretary of State and Beulah Quo, Actress/Community Leader as MC. Golden Dragon Restaurant. 7:00 p.m. \$25 per person. (213) 227-9270.

Monday, November 5, 1990

Asian Pacific American Friends of Center Theatre Group invite you to an Evening with Gordon Davidson, Artistic Director of the Mark Taper Forum. Wine and Dim Sum. 6:30-9:00 p.m. Music Center Annex, Room C. \$12.00 for APAF-CTG Members, \$15.00 Non-members. (213) 972-7680.

Monday, November 5, 1990

The China Society of Southern California will feature storytelling by Janet Woo at its dinner meeting. Golden Dragon Restaurant. 7:00 p.m. \$9.00 Members. \$10.00 Non-members. (Janet was part of the program of our Moon Festival in September). (213) 936-0327.

Saturday November 17, 1990

The Chinese United Methodist Church is celebrating its Centennial with a Thanksgiving Service at 4:00 p.m. at 825 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, followed by a dinner reception at the Golden Palace Restaurant. Tickets are \$16.00 each. For more information and RSVP (213) 687-0264.

Saturday, November 17, 1990

Visual Communications invites you to its 20th Anniversary Celebration featuring "Visual Communications: Claiming a Voice", an innovative new video production by Arthur Dong. Japan America Theatre. 8:00p.m. Champagne and cake reception following program. \$100.00 for single ticket, \$75.00 each, for two or more tickets. (213) 680-4462.

Saturday, November 17, 1990

Chinatown Public Safety Association Free Annual Crime Prevention and Safety Fair. 10:00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at Castelar School, featuring Self-defense/martial arts demonstrations, children's performances, Operation Kidprint, Earthquake Preparedness etc...

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 •The Chinese Historical Society will have a booth as part of its community outreach and participation. Volunteers are needed.
 •Please call Kipham at (213) 215-3703.
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Monday, November 19, 1990

The Friends of the Chinatown Library will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00p.m. Optional dinner at Tong Sing on College St.

Wednesday, November 28, 1990

CHSSC Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at C.A.C.A. Lodge. Please note Change from usual date of 3rd Wednesday of the Month, due to Thanksgiving.

Wednesday, December 5, 1990

CHSSC's traditional Christmas potluck! Please watch out for the announcement next month! If you would like to help or have any ideas to make it more fun, please contact Dexter Wong at (213) 809-4043.

Board Briefs

The following motions were passed in the August and September Board meetings:

- To support L.A. History Day every year.
- To decide by March 1, 1991 to stay in or pull out of the 1991 Moon Festival if the issues [pertaining to co-sponsoring it with the CCACC] cannot be resolved.
- To accept and approve the 1990/91 budget proposal [by the Administrators of the Museum of Chinese American History Fund].

Scholarship

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California has been selected by UCLA Extension as a SEED partner. SEED means Scholarship to Encourage Extension Diversity and its goal is to co-sponsor scholarships for deserving students who could not otherwise afford to attend UCLA Extension. As a SEED partner, CHSSC is asked to identify and select one qualified candidate to participate in the program. This candidate is eligible for a scholarship for career, degree-credited and/or personal development courses taken — up to a total of eight courses.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact Kipham at (213) 215-3703.

CHSSC's Field Trip

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Johnny Yee, leader of the CHSSC's Field Trip which took place September 28-31, 1990 made the following report:

A small group from the CHSSC had a most enjoyable and successful trip to the Joss Houses and Mother Lode of Northern California. Since we had to cancel the charter bus due to the last minute defection of many members, we traveled by private car and were able to extend the trip for an extra day and take many side trips. We covered 1,900 miles. The main stops were Marysville, Oroville, Weaverville, Eureka, Redwood Highway, Mendocino, Ukiah, Wine Country, Locke and San Luis Obispo. The side trips were of the most interest since many of the sites visited were unknown to many of us.

We went to the following places:

- *Richvale*, the heart of California rice fields, with a street named Cal Rose;
- *Weaverville Battle Field*, site of the first Tong War fought in California;
- *Caspar Bay* where the Hee family arrived after sailing from China in 1850. They were the survivors of a group of six vessels of which only two made it. Bob Nash, one of CHSSC's first members led an expedition there and found a sunken vessel and brought back some artifacts in December 1975;
- *Mendocino* where a Joss House built by the Hee family has been handed down from generation to generation. It is still used today by the family which is the only Chinese family in Mendocino. It is the only building painted red and green in this historical town where the city code dictates what can be done;
- *Rio Vista* where a special tribute was given at the Chinese Cemetery to the memory of the Chinese pioneers who were blown up aboard the steam boat "Yosemite";
- *Cambria* which houses one of the only two or three remaining "modest" Joss Houses in California. A fine welcome committee greeted our group. The local newspaper came out with a photographer and subsequently reported our visit on its front page. The old timers remember the Chinese gathering kelp in the area and on Chinese New Year, gifts of Lychee nuts and coconut candy were exchanged. We saw an old photograph of three Chinese taking a roasted Barbecued pig out of the oven;
- *Port San Luis* where Ah Louis of San Luis Obispo contracted a Chinese crew to build a narrow gauge railroad from Port San Luis to San Luis Obispo and Los Olivos for a total of 76 miles. This is also the bay where Teddy Roosevelt sent the great "white fleet" of battleship around the world.

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Membership News

Our past president, Dr. Munson Kwok was a panelist in a session of the California Committee for the Promotion of History 1990 Conference, held October 26-28 in Redlands on Issues in History. The session's topic was "El Pueblo de Los Angeles: History in Conflict." Other panelists were Jean Bruce Poole of El Pueblo, who is also one of our members, Gloria Ricci Lathrop from Cal Poly Pomona who presented the history of the Italians and William Estrada of the Los Angeles Mexican Conservancy. Dr. Kwok presented the "Chinese Contribution", a detailed history of the Chinese presence around the Plaza

The Association of Asian Pacific American Artists' eighteen-member board elected its officers on August 27, 1990. Elected President was our very own Vice-President, Paul Louie. Congratulations, Paul! AAPAA and we are very fortunate to have you in our leadership.

The Organization of Chinese American Women, Los Angeles Chapter has given its 1990 Individual Community Service Award to Dolores Wong. Congratulations, Dolores! The Award is so well deserved.

We have to thank Sylvia Soo Hoo, Christine Yee Hollis, Suellen Cheng, Dorothy Siu and Lillian Fong for the delicious refreshments served at our October meeting. Thanks!

In Memoriam

CHSSC was saddened to learn the passing away of Lincoln "Mincie" Leung, brother of Louise Leung Larson, the author of *Sweet Bamboo* which CHSSC published. The Society offers its sincere condolences and deep sympathy to the Leung Family.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes — Staff contributors in this issue: Lillian Fong, Dolores Wong, Munson Kwok. October mailing was handled single handedly by your supereditor, Beverly Hom.

ITEMS FOR NEWS 'N NOTES are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to Beverly Hom, News 'n Notes Editor, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

Bev M. Hom
News 'n Notes Editor

Kipham Kan (who will take the blame for this month's errors)

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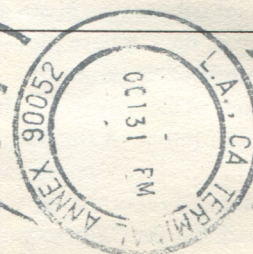
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