



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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July 1991

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHSSC PRESIDENT

Greetings:

What a year this promises to be! The newly elected board, meeting during the summer, and many committees have put together another exciting calendar. In fact, the entire year's general meeting program has been organized and printed. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite your friends. As always, we will keep you informed about on-going activities such as the Moon Festival (September 21), New Year's Parade (February 15), Fire Cracker 10K (February 23), the Museum of Chinese American History, Old Chinatown artifacts, the Chinese cemetery shrine, the Rose Institute's Chinese American survey, and the 1992 Conference of Chinese American Studies. New projects include work on the installation of a commemorative plaque at Eagle Rock and establishment of a scholarship fund for students pursuing the study of Chinese Americans.

Have a great year!

Tom McDannold
CHSSC President 1991-1992

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CHSSC ADDRESS - Please note that the Society's address and telephone number has changed. It is now 978 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The telephone number is (213) 617-0396. The address and telephone are actually that of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce who has graciously given us desk space and use of their address. Make the necessary corrections on any pamphlets or brochures that you give to others. Paul and Emma Louie, whose Redcliff address was previously used, are given a big THANK YOU for acting as the Society's post office for over 15 years.

CHSSC 1991 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER - Please take a few minutes to review your listing on the enclosed roster. Corrections should be forwarded to Franklin Mah (213) 372-9421.

PROGRAMS - If you have any questions or future program ideas, please contact Vice President, Suellen Cheng, at (213) 645-1369.

LOTUS FESTIVAL '91 - The Society's favorite fruit -- ice-cold fresh pineapple -- was the featured attraction in its annual Lotus Festival booth held at Echo Lake Park the weekend of July 13 and 14. Starting at 8 a.m., setting up the furniture, knives, cutting boards, and signs; getting to the hard-selling of the juicy slices on a stick; its energized members kept arriving, sleeves rolled up, keeping the pineapple moving out to the eager hands of its thirsty customers all through the day. An innovation this year was carrying of a picket-type sign with trays of the cutup fruit out into the festival grounds in two-person teams by Angi Ma Wong, Richard Smith, and Elmo Gambarana. The fast-moving days ended quickly Saturday at 5 p.m., Sunday at 8 p.m., when the pineapples were all sold out.

In-between transformation of fruit into the glissening yellow treat, there was always time to chat and laugh, and sample other food treats at neighboring booths, as well as admire the bountiful lotus blossoms in the lake just behind them.

Bouquets of thanks go out to weekend workers Beverly and Carlos Picazo, Tom Eng, Lillian Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Franklin Mah, Gene Moy, Cy Wong, Mary Yee, Sue Yee, Ron and Helen Yee; aided by Sum Sum and Tien Tien Chan, Elsie Inase, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Bob Large, Don Loo, Ann Lau, Ruth Lung, Dorothy Siu, Tom McDannold, Angi Ma Wong, Jason Wong, and Beverly Hom Tsao.

Having replenished the treasury again, the above volunteers admired their suntans and happy hours together, all with one thought: "Wait'll next year!"

HAPPY RETIREMENT, JIM! ENJOY!! James Soo Hoo, husband of Sylvia Soo Hoo, has joined the ranks of the retired. He started his teaching career in Santa Barbara for nine months. Then he moved to the Montebello Unified School District for 33 years, teaching the first and second grade.

CHILIVISIONS V - The Visual Communications fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's Plaza, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles. An array of local Asian American community organizations will participate in this year's chili cook-off (5 p.m.) and screening of selected films in the Japan America Theatre (7:30 p.m.). One of the chili chefs at the cook-off is our very own Society member, Tom Eng, who will represent the Chinatown 10-K Committee. (Cook 'em nice and hot, Tom!) The chili cook-off ceremonies is hosted by Joey Miyashima of the improvisational group, Cold Tofu. Actress Tamlyn Tomita will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the film screening. The screening, "Pioneering Visions," will feature Steven Okazaki's Academy Award winning film for short documentary, "Days of Waiting." The film tells the story of artist Estelle Peck

Ishigo, one of the few Caucasians interned with Japanese Americans during World War II. Other films will be announced later.

Tickets for Chili and Pioneering Visions \$21, children under 12 \$12, Pioneering Visions only \$7 -- For reservations/tickets, call Visual Communications (213) 680-4462 or Japan America Theatre Box Office (213) 680-3700.

CONFERENCE OF 1992 - Stan Mu, Director of the Conference of 1992, welcomes any volunteers who wish to help us with this conference. If you are interested, please contact Stan (818) 346-2196 and sign up early as to the areas of support (i.e., specific committees, areas of interest, etc.). We can use as much help as we can get -- **WE NEED YOU!**

OUTREACH - Calling for docents! We need more docents! Consider volunteering! Interested? Call Ella Quan (213) 617-0396 for summer schedule.

THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD - Ruthanne Lum McCunn's book, Thousand Pieces of Gold, has been made into a film with the same title. It is currently showing at Goldwyn's Pavilion Cinema, Pico and Westwood. Ruthanne, longtime friend of the Society, fictionalized the account of Lalu, a Chinese woman who spends her life in Idaho of the 1880's. A L.A. Times review who states that the "... film takes a rich, sympathetic alternative look at American frontier life ... spectacularly subtle." Geography quiz time: The film states that Lalu settled down by the River of No Return. What is the river's correct name?

Samuel Goldwyn Pavilion Cinemas, 10800 Pico Boulevard (between Overland and Westwood on Pico), (213) 475-0202.

Elections were held for officers of the **FRIENDS OF THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY** for the year July 1991 to July 1992. Elected were Cindy Fong, President; Richard Smith, Vice President; Tom Eng, Secretary; and Franklin Mah, Treasurer. Board of Directors include Suellen Cheng, Lillian Fong, Elmo Gambarana, and Jeannette Young.

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HELP WANTED - Assemblywoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, 56th Assembly, is looking for a good person to be her representative to the Asian American communities. Her district embraces Chinatown, Little Tokyo, parts of Lincoln Heights, and parts of Filipinotown. This is a unique position with a great chance to learn the practical political process with a fine, very likeable official. One would also learn a lot about the diverse communities in central Los Angeles. Certainly this position can be regarded as a good one for early career growth. To inquire, write Assemblywoman Roybal-Allard, 5261 East Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90022.

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AUTUMN MOON CELEBRATION - Saturday, August 24, at 8:00 p.m. an enchanting evening of Chinese heritage and culture featuring music and dance hosted by the Bowers Museum at the Orange County Performing Arts Center, 600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Evenings performance include the Award-winning young dancers, Lin Long Dancers of Taiwan; beautiful Chinese traditional and classical dances; Yip's Children's Choir of Hong Kong; and the First Place Gold Medal Winner of the 1991 Piano Competition. Donations are Orchestra seats \$25, second tier \$15, and third tier \$10. Proceeds will benefit the Bowers Museum. To order your tickets, make check payable to: OCCCC, c/o Frank Sun, 6102 Palisade Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Donations are non-refundable. OCCCC is a non-profit, non-political organization.

RETURN TO GOLD MOUNTAIN (Coloma, CA) - A Chinese-American Pioneer Festival to enhance the awareness of the contributions of the Chinese people during the Gold Rush. On October 12, there will be a celebration to honor the rededication of the Chinese store located in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. Marshall Gold Discovery Park Association, P. O. Box 265, Coloma, CA 95613, (916) 622-3470. Music/entertainment, food, tours, fun for kids, and it's free!

The longest running multi-cultural celebration in Los Angeles, the **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MASKS**, was created in 1976 to celebrate the diverse heritage of all Angelenos by uniting the various cultures through the common theme of the mask. The free two-day event will take place October 26 and 27 in Hancock Park.

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ADDITIONS TO THE CHSSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS . . . some items listed here are for your interest and may not necessarily be endorsed by the Programs Committee . . .

Sunday, August 18: **CHSSC ANNUAL PICNIC** - Alhambra Park, Site A
(Note: The picnic was previously scheduled for Saturday, August 17, but it has been changed to Sunday. Please make this change on your calendar.)

Wednesday, August 21: **CHSSC BOARD MEETING** (7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Castelar School)

Saturday, August 24: **VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS' FUNDRAISER**
"ChiliVisions V" (Chili cook-off and film screening)

Saturday, August 24: **AUTUMN MOON CELEBRATION** (Costa Mesa, CA)

Friday, September 6: **ASIAN YOUTH CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER**
(Monterey Park)

Saturday, October 12: **RETURN TO GOLD MOUNTAIN** (Coloma, CA)

Saturday-Sunday, October 26-27: **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MASKS**
(Los Angeles)

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OTHER ORGANIZATION NEWS

ROSE INSTITUTE - Last month our newsletter mentioned a small group of CHSSC members and others who visited the Rose Institute on June 22. My apologies to you, Dr. Ruth Wu, for the error. Correction: Dr. Ruth Wu is a Life member of CHSSC.

ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICAN WOMEN (OCAW) 1991 ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS - Nominations for the Organization of Chinese American Women - Los Angeles, 1991 Annual Awards Program, are now being accepted in three categories and for one \$1,000 scholarship.

The "Outstanding Chinese American Woman" award is presented to a woman of Chinese ancestry who has demonstrated active leadership in the community and who serves as a role model for Chinese American women. The "Corporate Community Service" award recognizes a corporation or business which has a record of commitment and support to the Asian American community. The "Individual Community Service" award is presented to an individual (male or female) who has a history of actively serving the Asian Pacific community and who works to enhance the image of Chinese American women.

Additionally, nominations are being accepted for a \$1,000 scholarship to enable a women of Chinese descent, to pursue further education or to enter or re-enter the job market with added skills.

All awards will be presented at an awards dinner program slated for fall. Completed nomination entries must be received or postmarked by August 20, 1991. Nomination forms and information can be obtained by calling (213) 475-4959.

ASIAN YOUTH CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER - Friday, September 6, Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, at 6 p.m. For info, call: Florence Kwan, Asian Youth Center, 9032 Mission Drive, P. O. Box 305, Rosemead, CA 91770, (818) 309-0622.

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Items for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to: Bev Hom Tsao, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

Special thanks to contributors in this issue: Tom McDannold, Franklin Mah, Gene Moy, Suellen Cheng, Tom Eng, Julie Lee, Elmo Gambarana, Lillian Fong, Visual Communications, and Asian Youth Center. Last month's mailing volunteers: Special thanks to two very hard workers -- my niece and nephew, Hong and Kui Cao!

Publications Price List

	<u>No. pages</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>CA Tax</u>	<u>P/H</u>
Linking Our Lives: Chinese American Women of Los Angeles	138	9.95	7%	1.50
Sweet Bamboo: A Saga of a Chinese American Family	227	12.95	7%	1.50
1990 Chinese Moon Festival, Los Angeles Chinatown	48	2.00	7%	1.50
Walking Tour Map, Revised		1.50	incl.	incl.
Gum Saan Journal (June and December issues free with membership). Otherwise, per issue		2.00	6.75%	0.50

Mail Orders to: Ella Y. Quan, CHSSC Publications, 4205 S. La Salle Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS
(September 1991 - August 1992)

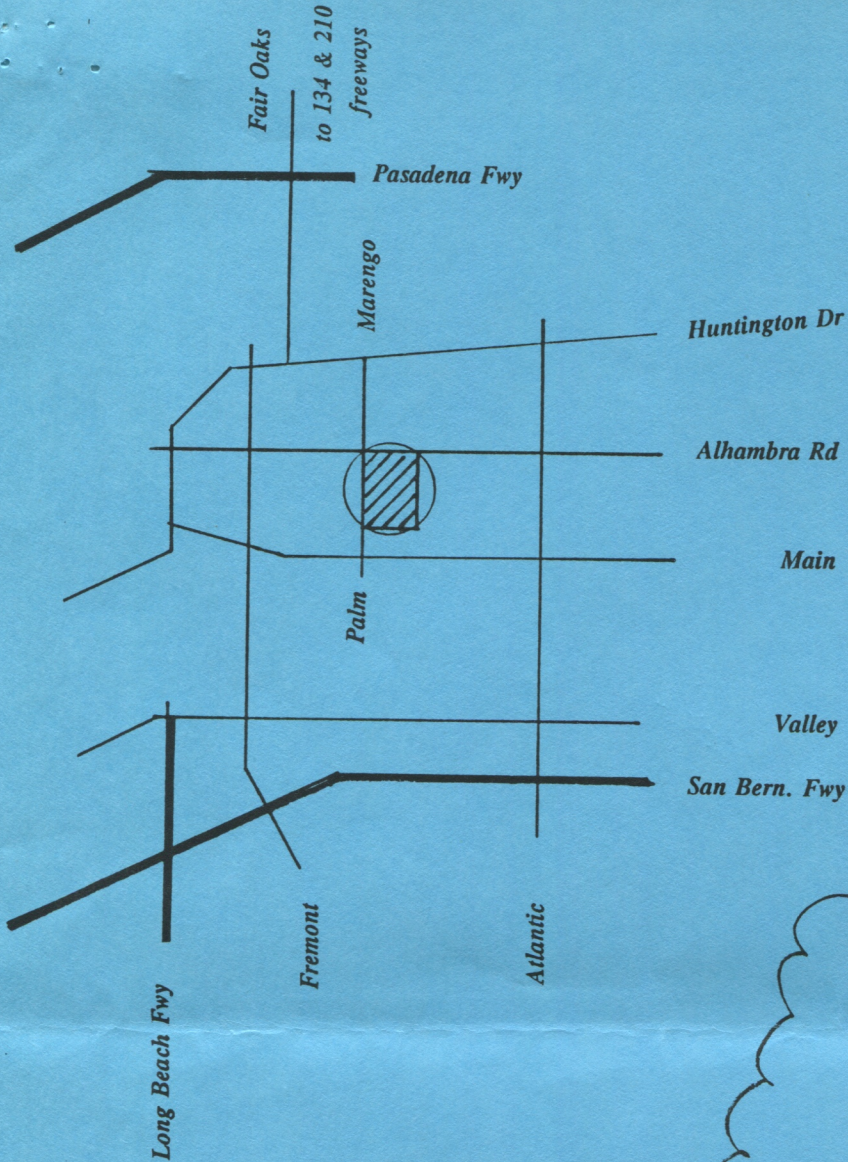
September 4 Wednesday	"Political Economic Transformation of Chinatown" by Dr. Paul Ong, Professor, UCLA
September 21 Saturday	1991 Chinese Moon Festival, Los Angeles Chinatown
October 2 Wednesday	"Remains To Be Seen: Uncovering the History of Old Chinatown" by Ms. Lynn Kronzek, Writer and Consultant
November 9 Saturday	Fall Dinner (Pioneers Recognition & Centennial Awards) Location to be Announced.
December 4 Wednesday	Christmas Party
January 8, 1992 Wednesday	The Odyssey of An Artist: An interview with Tyrus Wong
February 9 Sunday	"The Quest for Equality and Liberty: Chinese Before the U.S. Supreme Court" by Dr. Stanford Lyman, Professor, Florida Atlantic University Chinese New Year Banquet. Location to be announced.
March 4 Wednesday	"'A Most Excellent Field For Work': Christian Missionary in the Chinese Community in Los Angeles, 1871-1891." by Dr. Michael Engh, Loyola Marymount University.
April 4 Saturday	"Los Angeles History: the Broadway Theatres" by the Los Angeles Conservancy. Location to be announced.
May 6 Wednesday	Annual Meeting and Committee Reports
June 3 Wednesday	"Chinese in the Global Village" by Dr. Philip Leung, Cal State University, Los Angeles. Installation of the new Board of Directors and Officers.
July 11-12 Sat & Sun	Lotus Festival, Echo Park
August 28-30 Fri- Sun	"Chinese Americans: Origins and Destinations", National Chinese American Studies Conference, California State University, Los Angeles.

Unless noted otherwise all events and programs will be held at the Multi-purpose Room in Castelar School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown.

Some dates and places are subject to change. Please contact (213) 617-0396 for more information.

CHSSC PICNIC

(Thomas Guide 37-A3)



PLACE: Alhambra Park - Site A (Alhambra)
 DATE: Sunday, August 18, 1991
 TIME: 11:00 a.m. - Dusk
 PICNIC COORDINATORS: Susan Sing and Eugene Moy
 Beverly Hom and Mike Tsao
 GAME COORDINATOR: Alan Bergman
 COST: One POTLUCK DISH of your choice (serving 8-10)
 or if no dish, \$5.00 payable to CHSSC
 INFO/QUESTIONS: . . . and no dish participants, please call
 Beverly Hom Tsao (818) 336-7900

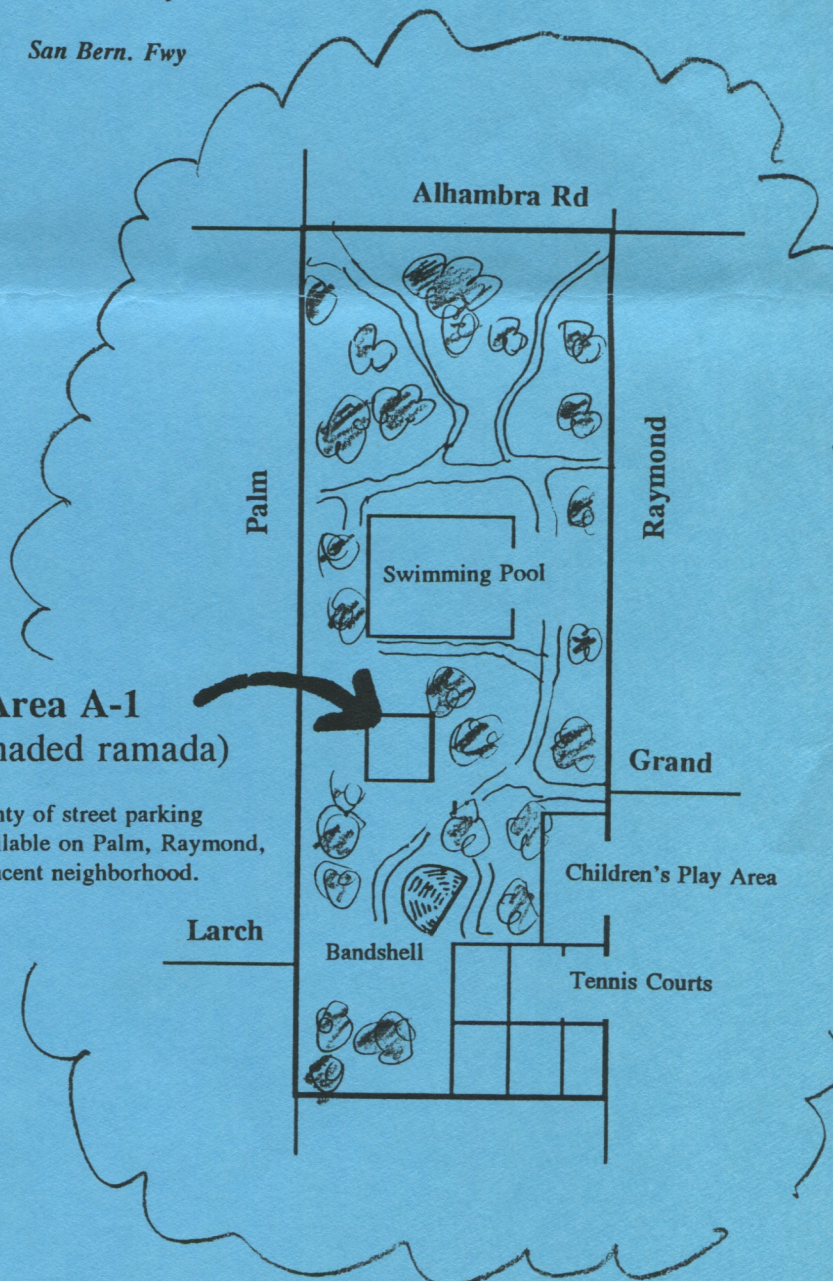
From Pasadena and 134/210 Fwys:
 Fair Oaks exit
 Right (south) on Fair Oaks
 Left on Huntington Dr.
 Right on Marengo,
 Marengo becomes Palm

From San Bern. Fwy (I-10):
 Fremont exit north
 (toward S. Pasadena);
 N. on Fremont
 Right on Alhambra Rd to Palm

From L.B. Fwy (I-710):
 N. to end freeway
 Right on Valley
 Left on Fremont
 Right on Alhambra Rd to Palm

Picnic Area A-1 (large shaded ramada)

Plenty of street parking
 available on Palm, Raymond,
 adjacent neighborhood.



POOL HOURS: 2:00 - 5:00 PM
 COST: \$1.25 - Adults
 \$1.00 - Children (under 18)