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MARCH PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 6, 1991

7:30 P. M.

Castelar School

850 Yale Street

Los Angeles Chinatown

"EARLY HISTORY OF THE CHINESE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 1925-1945"

The Chinese United Methodist Church, just recently honored by the Society for a Centennial of service to the Chinese American community, will be discussed further by long-time member Gilbert Leong. During the period to be described, the church played an important role in the Chinese American history of Los Angeles. The Society is pleased to have Gilbert Leong share his personal observations of the church's development and growth, and his family's participation, during the pivotal period of the transition from Old to New Chinatown. Slides and rare photographs will be shown.

Gilbert Leong graduated from the University of Southern California. He is a pioneering Chinese American architect and artist, and was honored as a Pioneer by the Society in 1985 during the Tenth Anniversary Celebrations.

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't paid your dues, IT IS TIME!! Names will be deleted from the membership list on April 2nd. Don't let it be yours, or you will no longer receive the News 'n Notes nor the Gum

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Saan Journal. Regular membership is only \$15, \$20 to include a spouse, \$5 for seniors or students, and \$25 for institutional members. Get out your checkbook right now and mail a check to Mary Yee, Membership Secretary, 4721 Konya Drive, Torrance, CA 90503 . . . Thanks!

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Address Update

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220 South Olive Street, Apt. 714
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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LOS ANGELES MARATHON Sunday, March 3

Volunteers are still needed to help cheer the runners on. Mile 6 in Chinatown is the place. The time is from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. Questions or information, please contact Gene Moy (818) 289-2067 immediately!

CHSSC's NEW ADDRESS/PHONE

Just in case you didn't pick this item up in the last newsletter, here it is again ...

Chinese Historical Society of
Southern California
978 North Broadway, #206
Los Angeles, CA 90012-1729
(213) 617-0396

Be sure to write this down!

New Year Events

CHSSC'S NEW YEAR'S DINNER

CHSSC's New Year's Dinner was a huge success -- 278 people attended the February 2nd dinner at the Shangri-La Restaurant and enjoyed immensely our guest speaker, noted historian David Clark, with his fast-moving, humorous slide presentation on "Improbable Los Angeles". Al Soo Hoo was our MC.

Centennial honors were given to two of Chinatown's oldest churches. Marji Lee gave a brief but enjoyable history on True Light Presbyterian Church (1876) and Sue Yee on The Chinese United Methodist Church (1887). Plaques were presented by Paul Louie to Rev. Peter Lai, Senior Pastor at TLCPC and to Rev. Mimi Ko for CUMC. Plaques were also presented to Rev. Philip Lee, Rev. Joseph Ma, and Dr. Wun Won as the pioneer pastors. True Light was well represented with over seven tables.

We raised approximately \$1,600 which will be used for our many projects. The raffle was a huge success thanks to Edith Jung and Cy Wong. Thanks to our dinner committee who did a good job consisting of Dexter Wong, Elsie Inase, Richard Smith, Mary Mu, Cindy Fong, Doreen and Ben Nakayama, Lillian Fong, Tom Eng, Georgia Woo Oswald, Al Soo Hoo, Beverly Hom, Mike Tsao, and Ronald Fung. SPECIAL THANKS to Munson Kwok, our Centennial Awards Chairperson; Suellen Cheng; Kipham Kan; Franklin Mah; and Mary Yee, Dinner Chairperson. Job well done!

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CHINESE NEW YEAR GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE Saturday, February 16

Once again, under the coordination of life member, Johnny Yee, the Society took the lead in this year's parade. The parade extended well over two hours. It was a very big success and our group of 60 consisted of Society members, family, friends, and supporters who came out to march,

carrying our U. S. flags of many sizes. Everyone in our group wore yellow ribbons in support of our Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf. Directly behind the two lead flags was a giant yellow ribbon made and carried by Ann Lau and her children along with a few of our younger supporters.

After the parade, the group (40 of us) dined together at Golden City Restaurant on Hill Street.

Many thanks to Johnny Yee for all his hard work and for taking charge of this annual event from beginning to end! And many thanks to our many volunteers who continue to come out every year to support us.

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13TH ANNUAL FIRECRACKER 5/10K RUN Sunday, February 24

This year's Firecracker Run was under the leadership of Race Director Tom Eng and his committee. This year is the beginning of the second 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac.

There must have been at least 1500-2000 runners. Volunteers from CHSSC came out with the rest of the crowd at 5:00 a.m. to help set up the area with tables, signs, refreshments, t-shirts, and trash receptacles. There was plenty of work for everyone. Once the runners came in, we were put to some pretty fast and hard work.

Thanks everyone for your support in volunteering to work so hard the day of the race. Every bit helps!

After the race was over, volunteers got together for lunch at Hong Kong Low. Boy, did that meal taste good!

Special thanks to Tom Eng for his continued hard work and his loyal

support of the Firecracker Run.

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RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS!!!

Don't throw those Christmas cards away!!! Recycle!!! If you don't know what to do with your Christmas cards, any type of greeting cards, calendar pictures, please bring them to the CHSSC meeting and Margie Lew will take them off your hands. If you haven't seen Margie's work on these cards, you've been missing out on something very wonderful. She puts a very special touch in her handling of them. Interested, call (213) 258-2362.

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Membership News

DONATIONS have been received from the John Thomas Dye School, the Magic Carpet Tours, St. Vincent de Paul School, and the Glenfeliz Elementary School for Chinese New Year presentations and tours by Past President, Angi Ma Wong.

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Members of the CHSSC might like to visit a new exhibit of the artifacts and historical photographs of Old Chinatown, which will open on March 5 and continue until April 26. The materials will fill 17 display cases in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building, 811 West 7th Street, downtown Los Angeles. The building itself is well worth a visit, as an example of the city's architectural heritage.

The artifacts are from the collection excavated along what was once Apablaza Street, where Union Station stands now. The work was done in the area where Metro Rail is being constructed, in compliance with historic preservation law, and a report is being prepared by Greenwood and Associates, with the help of outside consultants and many members of the CHSSC.

Other single cases of cultural material have been placed in Union Station, at the Metro Rail Information Office on West 7th Street, and at the office of Rapid Transit District, 425 South Main Street, 6th floor.

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On January 25, 1991, the annual Past President's Award was presented to Chinese Historical Society of Southern California life member Dr. Annie Chin Siu for her effective leadership and voluntary participation in activities beneficial to the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce and the community for her unselfish contribution of time and energy in the interest of others and for her productive and continuing action to promote and strengthen the principles of free enterprise and community self reliance.

This award was signed by President of the Alhambra Chamber James Holmes, who is also Senior VP of Far East Bank in Alhambra. The affair was attended by over 325 people. Supervisor Michael Antonovich, representatives from Congressman Marty Martinez, Senator Charles Calderon, Alhambra School Board Member Sophie Wong, State Representative Xaveria Bercerra and members of the Alhambra City Council.

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Former member, Ben Wong, passed away. He is the son-in-law of life member Katherine Cheung, the aviatrix. Ben used to own an auto repair shop. Sympathy is extended to wife, Doris, and the rest of the family.

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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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HONOR TO CHSSC MEMBER JUDY LIU

After seven years of teaching at the University of San Diego, sociologist Judy Liu has won her share of awards, including her current designation as "California Professor of the Year".

In 1988, five years after joining the faculty at USD, the students voted her professor of the year. Last spring, she was one of 700 professors nationwide selected to receive the Sears Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. And then last fall, she was given her current designation (see above) by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the largest association of educational institutions in the country.

Judy lives for those moments of illumination, so she keeps the box on a shelf in her office, the trophy of a light-bulb hunter. "The rewards of teaching are those few students you really touch," she said. "You literally see the light bulb go on."

Congratulations, Judy! Honor well deserved!

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CALENDAR

Monday, March 4

The China Society of Southern California - Dinner Meeting
6:15 p.m. - Social hour
7:00 p.m. - Dinner
Cost: Members \$9; non-members \$10

Program: An American Chinese in Cambodia - Rev. Jack Ong

... and from the Hwa Yi Chinese Ethnic Dancers, Jeannie and Mamie Hong will perform.

Information: (213) 936-0327

Saturday, March 9

CHSSC's Public Relations Committee Meeting #2 for the 1992 Chinese American Studies Conference
2:00 p.m. at Kipham Kan's
5424 West 76th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(213) 215-3703

All volunteers welcomed!

Monday, March 18

1991 AAPAA Media Awards
The Beverly Hilton Hotel
(International Ballroom)
Beverly Hills, CA
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Cocktails
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Dinner
8:00 p.m. - The Presentation

Cost: \$100 per person

Fritz Friedman, Wenda Fong, and Christopher Lee are the executive producers of this event. The much acclaimed Japanese director, Akira Kurosawa will be present at the event.

Volunteers are needed for this gala event. For further information, call (213) 874-0786.

Wednesday, March 20

CHSSC Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Castelar School

Monday, March 25

Friends of the Chinatown Library
General Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Dinner at Tong Sing
625 West College, #109
7:00 p.m. - Meeting at Community Room (Chinatown Library)

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