



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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May 1991

June Program

Installation Dinner
and a special program
"Exploring Mexicali"

by John Yee

Wednesday, June 5, 1991

6:30 p.m.: Dinner

7:30 p.m.: Installation

8:00 p.m.: Program

Multipurpose Room, Castelar School
850 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown
Free parking on playground

Dinner Donation: \$3.00 per person

The Society's 1991 Installation Dinner will feature Bill Hong's famous special old-time home cooking. The cost of attending is only three dollars per person.

After dinner, the installation of the 1991-92 Officers and Board Members will take place.

The program will feature our member John Yee who will share with us his observations and the highlights of the Mexicali trip. Mexicali was founded by Chinese and is now the capital of Baja California Norte. It has one of the oldest continuous Chinatowns in North America. Today, the community is still going strong in Cantonese and Spanish, not English!

When Johnny speaks, everybody listens. Slides, photos, and videotapes will be displayed by all CHSSC travelers. This will also provide a great opportunity for those who could not make the trip to share in the fun and the knowledge and for those who made the trip to relive it.

Come learn about the Mexicali Chinese.

For dinner reservations (so that we can have an estimate for the food), please call Kipham at (213) 215-3703 before June 3, 1991.

CHSSC's Notes

Calling all docents and would-be docents!

Meeting on Thursday, May 30, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at Castelar School.

Re: Summer Schedule.

We need more docents!

Please consider volunteering.

It's fun, you get to meet people and to promote Chinatown. Call Ella at (213) 617-0396 for more information.

Board Briefs

At the April Board Meeting, the following motions were passed:

- to approve centennial honors for Caroline Chan who is the first Chinese American school teacher.
- to create a certificate in calligraphy to recognize Lim Quon who is the owner of the Formosa Cafe in Hollywood.
- to authorize M. Kwok, S. Mu and S. Cheng to explore the possibility of forming a broader association of historical societies while on a trip to San Francisco to meet two historical societies in the Bay Area.

Next Board Meeting will take place on June 19, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at Castelar School.

The Society received a plaque from the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners who expressed their appreciation for our donation of a computer to the Museum of Chinese American History at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Park.

The By-laws Committee has proposed a new paragraph for the revised by-laws. The aim of the "Purpose" revision is to improve the expression of our Society's mission and to adjust the statement to better describe the Society's present main functions.

Article II - Purpose

~~The purpose of this society shall be to bring together those people interested in history, and especially in the history of the Chinese in Southern California at large. Understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life, gives us a better understanding of our state and nation and promotes a better appreciation of our Chinese American heritage.~~

The purpose of this Society shall be to bring together people with a mutual interest in the history of the Chinese and the Chinese Americans of Southern California. The Society and its members shall perform all the normal functions and activities of an established historical society and community institution in pursuit of gaining, preserving, and communicating knowledge of this important history. Knowing the heritage of our community is basic to maintaining our democratic, American way of life. An understanding of the significant role of the Chinese in Southern California contributes to and promotes a better appreciation of our rich, multi-cultural society.

If you have any comment or suggestion on the proposed modification, please call Munson Kwok at (213) 645-1369.

Message from the out-going President

Since I am editing this newsletter, I thought I would sneak in and hog some space... It is hard to believe that I have been President for two and half years. It is high time for me to give way to our new President, Tom McDannold who will supply fresh energy and know-how to all of the Society's projects. Naturally, Tom is not going to do it single-handedly, he will be assisted by a very capable Board. I know, because without the Officers, Board Members and volunteers whom I have worked with, in the last couple of years, not much would have been accomplished. To all of you, **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!** This is team work at its best, and it is only with team work that the Society can accomplish the bigger and better things that are being planned. On behalf of the last two Boards and myself, I would like to thank all our members for their confidence in us. We do it because we care and we have fun. I hope it shows.

Kipham Kan

Calendar

May 31, 1991. Chinese Cultural and Community Center of Greater Los Angeles' 1991 Heritage Banquet. 7:00 p.m. Golden Palace Restaurant. \$30 per person. Contact Munson Kwok at (213) 336-5441.

June 3, 1991. China Society of Southern California's Meeting. Program features "Islamic Frontiers of China" by How Man Wong. This program was originally scheduled for last January. Explorer, author, photographer and researcher How Man Wong traveled 20,000 kilometers on the Silk Road and obscure provinces in the northwest of China, exploring and living behind the veil of this religious frontier. How Man will tell us a story of accommodation, compromise and confrontation as Muslims struggled to survive in first a Confucian and later a communist environment. \$10 per person. 6:15 p.m.: social hour. 7:00 p.m.: dinner. Call in your reservations to Kipham at (213) 215-3703, before June 1, 1991.

June 4, 1991. Sunless Days: a documentary by Hong Kong film maker Shu Kei. See enclosed flyer.

June 6 - 26, 1991. The last remaining seats V. The Los Angeles Conservancy raises curtain on classic films in historic theaters. Four evenings of classic films and live entertainment at four of Broadway's grandest theaters: the Orpheum, the Million Dollar, the Los Angeles and the State. (213) 623-CITY.

June 7, 1991. The Friends of the Chinatown Library Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner. Mandarin Cove Restaurant at the Bonaventure Hotel. \$15 per person. Complimentary valet parking. 6:30 p.m.: meeting. 7:00 p.m.: dinner. Send your reservation to the Chinatown Library, 536 W. College Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

June 13 - 16, 1991. Conference of California Historical Societies' Annual Meeting. Happenings in the Eastern Sierra. Memorial Hall, Bridgeport, CA. For flyer and form, call Kipham at (213) 215-3703.

June 22 and 29, 1991. Asian Landscape Design, a seminar by Charlotte Chen. Pacific Asia Museum. \$40 members, \$50 non-members. (818) 449-2742.

Membership News

Awards

Congratulations to "Mama" Quon, Mrs. Him Gin Quon, who recently received an award from the News Media and Restaurant Association as the "Oldest Chef in Chinatown." "Mama" Quon is 95 and still cooking in her kitchen at Quon Bros.' Grand Star in New Chinatown Central Plaza.

Congratulations to Irvin Lai, Munson Kwok and Debbie Ching for receiving the Volunteers of America's Asian American Community service Award at a dinner held May 11, 1991. The presentation was made by Steve Allen who, along with his wife Jayne Meadows, was awarded the Marco Polo Award. Beulah Quo emceed the evening. Steve Allen was a truly charming and witty host. The Chinese American community was well represented, showing its support and respect for the award recipients. The dinner netted a tidy amount for the V of A's China project.

Dr. Judy Chu, former Monterey Park Mayor and current City Council Member and member of our Society, will receive the Citizen of the Year Award from the Monterey Park Boys' and Girls' Club. A special salute dinner is planned for Friday, June 21 at Luminarias Restaurant. Congratulations, Judy!

An Outstanding Volunteer Award will be presented to Herbert Tom by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles on May 23 at City Hall. He is honored for his diligence and contributions to the Museum of Chinese American History Project at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Park. Well done, Herb and thank you!

Our Secretary, Dexter Wong has become engaged to Winnie Cheng. And our Secretary-elect Susan Woo is to be married to Brian Yamazaki. Both couples are planning 1992 weddings. Congratulations to all of you! Come to think of it, there must be something about this Secretary's office. Hmmm...

Former Board Member Elmo Gambarana has gone on to better and more fun things. He has retired! Now, Elmo, you will be busier than ever,... helping the Society! Congratulations!

Judge Delbert Wong's mother, Alice Mar Wong, passed away on March 26, 1991 in the city of Glendale at age 90. And Dorothy Siu's sister, Anna Chung Yip passed away on May 14, 1991. Sincere condolences are extended to both families.

Special thanks to Mrs. Holly Lee for her generous donation to the Society in memory of Louise Leung Larson and Lincoln Leung; to Mrs. Mamie Louie and Mr. S. Chau for their donations in memory of Edwin Leong; and to Jane Chung for her donation in memory of "Walter."

Back up editor Kipham Kan is still at the computer terminal. Bev Hom will be back very soon.

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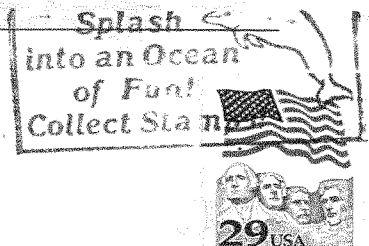
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An Event of
June 4th Tiananmen Memorial Week

Visual Artists Guild

Goddess of Democracy Project

Presents

SUNLESS DAYS

(Meiyou Taiyang Derizi)

沒有太陽的日子

A documentary by Hong Kong filmmaker Shu Kei
which probes the reactions in Hong Kong to the
brutal events in China during 1989.

From The Director

China a father who killed his own
sons

This evening raped his daughter.

China China a living coffin

For thousands of years I have laid
next to you in the earth for nought.

I am entombed by my own breasts.

My body crawls with moss like a
poisonous bacillus.

This poem was pasted up in Tiananmen
Square in May, 1989. Entitled "The Mad
Woman", it was composed by a student.
No one knows his name.

Even today, I can't help but think: Where is
he? Is he dead like so many of the others,
shot or mowed down by tanks on that night
of terror?

If he is still alive, then where is he? In a
windowless cell being tortured? Hiding in
some dark corner like a bird with clipped
wings? Exiled in some foreign land? Or is
he among us, living a life weighed down by
shame?

I want to know the answer, to record with
my camera, to hear the voice of conscience
I'm trying to trace.

-Excerpt from the film's commentary.

Date: June 4, 1991

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Box Office Open 7:00 pm Daily

Place: Vagabond Theater

2509 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, Ca 90057

Admission: \$10 General Admission

\$7 Student with ID

\$25 Donor Ticket

Tickets may be purchased in Chinatown
(Next to Golden Dragon Restaurant)

Paul's 1/2 Hour Photo

942 N Broadway, #101

Los Angeles, Ca 90012

For Further Information Call (213) 539-0234

June 4th Tiananmen Memorial Week

Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 1, 1991

12:00 PM International Human Rights Groups Rally

Federal Building, 11000 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood (near Verteran)

Sunday, June 2, 1991

1:00 PM Memorial Rally

Monterey Park, Barnes Park, (behind City Hall)

Tuesday, June 4, 1991

7:30 PM Film Showing of "Sunless Days"

Vagabond Theater

2509 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, Ca 90057

(east of Vermont, and 1/2 mile from the Chinese Consulate)

A documentary by Hong Kong filmmaker Shu Kei which probes the reactions in Hong Kong to the brutal events in China during 1989.

Tickets may be purchased in Chinatown

Paul's 1/2 Hour Photo (next to Golden Dragon Restaurant)

942 N Broadway

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10:00 PM Candle Light Vigil, Chinese Consulate

501 Shatto Place, Los Angeles (near Wilshire and Vermont)

For More Information Call

(213) 223-3228

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