

NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Happy Thanksgiving! May you and those you love enjoy a most bountiful thanksgiving season!

How quickly the year is coming to a close. Once again, it's time for our Annual Christmas Potluck Party. Be sure to bring your family and friends. Come and join in the fun! Mark your calendar -- it's just around the corner -- Wednesday, December 4. Details on attached red flyer.

1991 FALL DINNER AND PIONEER AWARDS

by Dexter Wong, Dinner Chair

Our 1991 Fall Dinner and Pioneer Awards Ceremony that was held at the Empress Pavilion on Sunday, November 10, was a resounding success. There were 212 people in attendance who enjoyed a festive evening with family and friends, a delicious nine-course dinner, and a raffle that included a wide range of donated prizes. Most importantly, a well deserved recognition was given to 11 Chinese-American pioneers who worked for the Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles and provided entry into the technical professions for Chinese Americans in Los Angeles.

I would like to thank the following people who donated much of their time to help make this event a big success. Many thanks go to the Dinner Committee members: Randy Bloch, Suellen Cheng, Winnie Cheng, Tom Eng, Elmo Gambarana, Edith Jung, Kipham Kan, Munson Kwok, Bob Large, Franklin Mah, Tom McDannold, Mary Mu, Beverly Picazo, Carlos Picazo, Dorothy Siu, Richard Smith, Betty Soo Hoo, Beverly Hom Tsao, Mike Tsao, Catalina Wong, Cy Wong, and Sue Yee. In addition, many thanks go to the Pioneer Awards Committee members: Munson Kwok (Chair), Suellen Cheng, Lillian Fong, Kipham Kan, Winston Wu, and Mary Yee. Special thanks go to George W. Tom, Sam Sik Low, Jim Fong, and Dolores Wong. Also, many thanks to all our generous friends who graciously donated the beautiful raffle prizes. Finally, I would like to thank the Kwok's for providing the use of their home for the committee meetings and working sessions and for being such cordial hosts.

Donations received: Ms. Anna Lau, \$10; Mrs. Howard Kwan, \$10; Mr. Sam Sik Low, \$100; Mrs. Lucy Soo Hoo, \$100 (in memory of Lincoln Leung); Mr. Patrick Wong, \$100; and Ms. Eleanor Sue, \$25. CHSSC thanks you for your generous donations.

**** Since Dexter Wong can not very well thank himself for his hard**

work, I will do it for him on behalf of the Society. Thank you, Dexter, for your hard work and diligence these past few months in seeing to the many details involved in planning the Fall Dinner with the support of your committee. Job well done! This certainly is good experience for your future plans. You can now proceed with Winnie to your bigger plans ahead of you! Wasn't this worth it??**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

On October 15, Linda Lum and Bob Wu were united in marriage in a small ceremony by Judge Delbert Wong. Shortly after, Bob left on an overseas business trip, so Linda attended the Society's Fall Dinner minus spouse. Bob is anxious to return home, however, not only to wrap up his client's mortgage, but also to go on a belated honeymoon. Congratulations to Linda and Bob!

The Los Angeles Chapter of the Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW) held their 1991 Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 2, at the Golden Ballroom of the New Otani Hotel in Los Angeles. This year's theme was Reaching for Harmony. Marjorie Lee was an honoree for the Outstanding Chinese American Woman Award. Marjorie is the Coordinator of the UCLA Asian American Studies Reading Room. She is responsible for developing the Room into a world-renowned archive of Asian American materials. Ruby Ling Louie, Ph.D. was recognized with the Individual Community Service Award for her more than 35 years of community service, and contributions to increase access to the public library system for the Chinese American community. East-West Federal Bank received the Special Corporate Recognition. It is the nation's first federally-chartered savings institution focused primarily on serving the Chinese American community, for its support and responsiveness to the community.

This was a black-tie optional affair and people attended in their finery. There was entertainment, raffle, and dancing. Bernie Moy won two raffle prizes, both pictures. Present were Tom Eng, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Emma Louie, Tom McDannold, Elmo Gambarana, Gene Moy, Susan Sing, and Bernie Moy, Suellen Cheng, Marjorie Lee and parents, Franklin Mah and friend, Bill Chun-Hoon, Don Loo, Hoover Louie, Ruby Ling Louie, John Louie, Delbert Wong, Dolores Wong, Juliana Cheng, Cindy Fong, Judy Chu, Kenneth Chan, Lupe Chee, and Lillian Fong.

Christo: The Umbrellas Joint Project for Japan and USA - At sunrise on October 9, 1991, Christo's 1,880 workers began to open the 3,100 umbrellas in Ibaraki and California, in the presence of the artist. This Japan-USA temporary work of art reflects the similarities and differences in the ways of life and the use of the land in two inland valleys -- 12 miles long in Japan and 18 miles long in the USA.

Society members, Frank and Lupe Chee, returned home from seeing the yellow umbrellas folded and placed at its base -- both sides of the road along Interstate 5 and Tejon Pass and Grapevine area. Due to

that tragedy Christo, the artist, ordered all the umbrellas in Japan (blue) and USA (yellow) closed on October 27, 1991 (four days early) as a memorial to the woman who was struck by a flying umbrella when it broke for its mooring; terrific wind that day.

Life Member Dr. Annie Chin Siu has been appointed to the Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer for the Alhambra Community Hospital. She is the only woman serving on the Board. Serving as the only woman on this Board is not unique for Dr. Siu as she was the only woman in her dental class at UC San Francisco. Concurrently, Dr. Siu is serving as an Elder at the St. James Presbyterian Church in San Gabriel. She is on a task force to aid in the merging of True Light Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles and St. James Presbyterian Church in San Gabriel. The congregation at True Light is predominantly Chinese whereas St. James is mainly Anglo in its membership composition. This is an historical event!

Not only was she the first Chinese woman dentist to specialize in orthodontics in California (1955), she has served as past president of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the Soroptimist Club of Alhambra-San Gabriel, 1986 Woman of the Year, and served on the Boards of West San Gabriel Valley YMCA, United Way, and in 1990 was honored by the Chamber of Commerce with its prestigious Past Presidents' Award. Congratulations, Dr. Annie Chin Siu on your latest success!

Ernest Lun Chun Fong passed away October 30, 1991 from a heart attack at age 62. Ernest and his wife, Grace, were former members. An Ernest Fong Memorial Fund is being administered by the True Light Presbyterian Church, 2500 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031.

CALENDAR

December

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THE CHINA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA invites you and your friends to attend its monthly dinner meeting at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown. Social hour 6:15 p.m., dinner 7:15 p.m. Members \$10; guests \$12. "A Festival of Christmas" is the program for the evening and includes Chinese dancing and Chinese carols. Costumed dancers from the Southern California Chinese Folk Dance Group will entertain you in this Christmas celebration. This dance group is coordinated by Lyda Chee, and sponsored by the Orange County Chinese Cultural Club.

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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN FRIENDS (APAF) OF CENTER THEATRE GROUP present the second event in its Asian Pacific American Playwrights Reading Series: **"The Temple of Mara"** by Chungmi Kim, directed by Roxanne Rogers, produced by Janet J. Song. Program begins 7:30 p.m. with reception to follow. Music Center Annex, Rehearsal Room A, 601 West Temple (at Grand). Free admission, limited

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seating. Pay parking available across the street (east of Annex). Due to overwhelming response to the first reading, please RSVP (213) 972-7373 by November 27.

18 CHSSC BOARD MEETING at Castelar School 7-9 p.m.

January 1992

11 CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA is celebrating its Twenty-Ninth Anniversary on Saturday, January 11, 1992 at the Empress China Restaurant, 838 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, CA. No host bar 6:00 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m. Speaker is Jon Jang, leading Chinese-American jazz musician. Come early and see major acquisitions of Chinese artifacts including the passport of a Ching Dynasty official. Village coaching papers and maps, used for entry into the U.S. during the Chinese exclusion period will also be on display. There will also be a slide presentation of past CHSA events. Cost: Individuals \$35, Individual Patron \$75, Sponsor Table \$500 (for 10), and Benefactor Table \$1,000 (for 10). Checks are payable to: CHSA 1992 Banquet, 650 Commercial Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.

February

15 CHINESE NEW YEAR GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE - starts 2:00 p.m.
Details forthcoming!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WANT ADS

Volunteers are needed; for information, call the contact listed:

CHSSC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE -

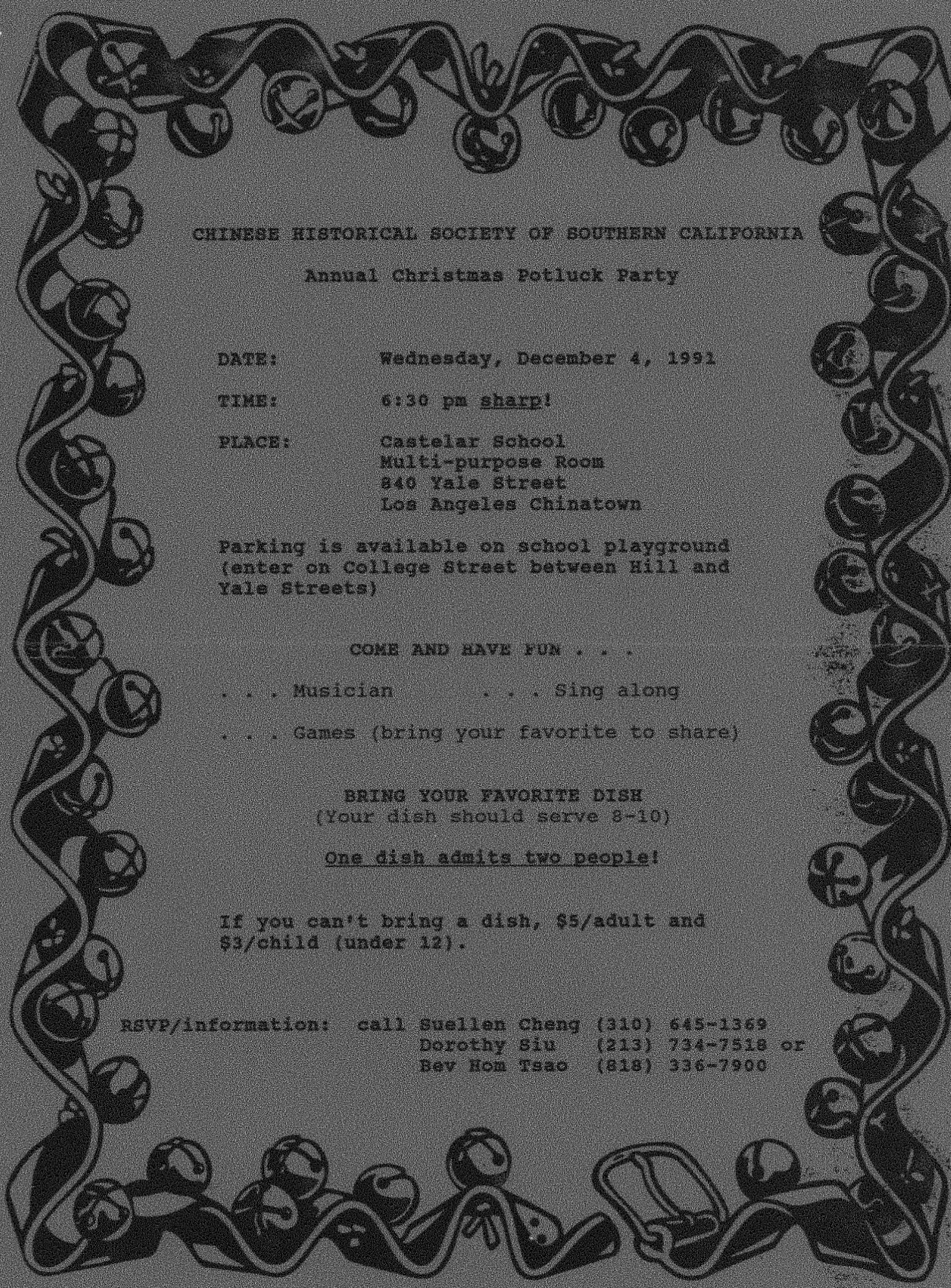
Contact: Dexter Wong (213) 809-4043

1992 CONFERENCE OF CHINESE AMERICANS: ORIGINS AND
DESTINATIONS - Contact: Stanley Mu (818) 346-2196

OUTREACH - Docents are always needed to assist in the regular Chinatown tours. Contact: Ella Quan (213) 617-0396

Recipes for Scholarships - Send in your recipes to The China Society of Southern California. Their cookbook will be most unusual -- one section for Chinese recipes and another for recipes from everywhere else. They've extended their deadline to after the first of the year. Recipe forms for copying your recipes can be obtained by calling Noel Toy Young (213) 466-8952. Her address is 5506 Tuxedo Terrace, Hollywood, CA 90068.

Publications - "Life in Little Gom-Benn: Chinese Immigrants Society in Riverside 1885-1930" is the Riverside Municipal Museum's most recent publication. California Council for the Humanities funded this publication for the Riverside Municipal Museum. Due to the initial costs of typesetting and photographic reproduction, only 1000 copies were printed. They are charging \$1.50 per copy in order to raise funds for any reprinting costs. Would CHSSC be



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Annual Christmas Potluck Party

DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 1991

TIME: 6:30 pm sharp!

PLACE: Castelar School
Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

Parking is available on school playground
(enter on College Street between Hill and
Yale Streets)

COME AND HAVE FUN . . .

. . . Musician . . . Sing along
. . . Games (bring your favorite to share)

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH
(Your dish should serve 8-10)

One dish admits two people!

If you can't bring a dish, \$5/adult and
\$3/child (under 12).

RSVP/information: call Suellen Cheng (310) 645-1369
Dorothy Siu (213) 734-7518 or
Rev Nom Tsao (818) 336-7900

interested in marketing any copies? If interested, contact H. Vincent Moses, Curator of History, City of Riverside, Historic Resources Department, Riverside Municipal Museum, 3720 Orange Street, Riverside, CA 92501 (714) 782-5273.

"Burning Cane", UCLA'S Asian Pacific American Student Literary Journal, contain writings by Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino, and Japanese American students from UCLA and other campuses. It contains short stories, prose, and poetry about growing up in Asia or Los Angeles, about memories of Hawaii, Taipei, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, and Vietnam, about experiences with family, friends, and lovers, as well as an illustrated children's story. To order your copy, send \$7 plus California tax and \$1 for handling to UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Professional Position - Rank: Associate Librarian/Librarian, Position Title: Assistant Head, Department of Special Collections, Salary Range: \$35,052-\$59,316. The Department of Special Collections houses the Library's central collection of rare books, manuscripts, and other groups of research material because of their rarity or physical format. The collection is primarily in the broad subject areas of the humanities and the social sciences, with particular strengths in California and western history, 19th and 20th century British and American literature, children's books, the history of photography, popular literature, fine printing, and early Italian imprints. This individual would be responsible, under the general supervision of the Head of Special Collections, for managing state-funded operations in Manuscripts, Rare Books, Public Services, and University Archives; review and manage department's state budget; supervise department's staff in these divisions (2 librarians; 10 FTE staff), and work directly with Head of Special Collections to develop comprehensive policies for department. Candidate for appointment shall have a professional background of competence, knowledge, and experience to assure suitability for appointment to this series -- a professional degree from a library school with an accredited program, criteria for promotion include professional activity outside of the library, University and public service, research and other activity.

If interested in this position, write to: Dr. Rita A. Scherrei, Associate University Librarian, Personnel and Administrative Services, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1575. The application letter should include a complete statement of qualifications, a full resume of education and relevant experience, and the names of three persons who are knowledgeable about the applicant's qualifications for this position.

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: Lupe Chee, Dexter Wong, Lillian Fong, Dr. Tim K. Siu, Chinese Historical Society of America, Asian Pacific American Friends (APAF) of Center Theatre

Group, UCLA, Riverside Municipal Museum, The China Society of Southern California, and Linda Lum Wu. Last month's mailing volunteers: Me and my faithful husband, Mike Tsao. Thank you for your help!

Publications Price List

	No. pages	Cost	CATax	P/H
Linking Our Lives: Chinese American Women of Los Angeles	138	9.95	.81	1.50
Sweet Bamboo: A Saga of a Chinese American Family	227	12.95	1.06	1.50
1990 Chinese Moon Festival. Los Angeles Chinatown	48	2.00		1.50
Walking Tour Map, Revised		1.50	incl.	incl.
Gum San Journal (June and December issues free with membership). Otherwise, per issue		2.00	.16	0.50

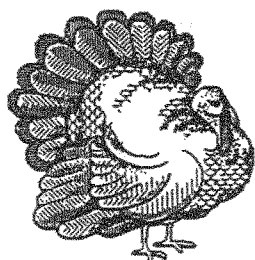
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