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PLEASE NOTE: IN PLACE OF THE REGULAR NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, THE CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS . . .

1991 FALL BANQUET AND AWARDS
Sunday, November 10, 1991
Empress Pavilion
988 North Hill Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

No host cocktails at 5:30 p.m.; 9-course dinner begins 6:30 p.m.
Reservation deadline is October 30. Cost is \$25 per person.
Parking is \$2.00 at Bamboo Plaza with validation.

Pioneer Recognition Awards will be conferred on Chinese Americans who held the earliest technical professional jobs at Los Angeles' Department of Water and Power. The honorees include:

Peter Soo Hoo, Sr.	
George Tom	Jim Fong
Albert K. Wong	Peter Soo Hoo, Jr.
Dora Lau	Sam Sik Low
Herbert W. Tom	Robert Chow
Patrick P. Wong	Robert Woo

If you haven't already RSVP to Dexter Wong, Dinner Chairperson, please do so by calling (213) 809-4043. Check is payable to CHSSC. Mail to: Dexter Wong, 17647 Mapes Avenue, Cerritos 90701.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

On Sunday, October 13, Eugene Moy, Susie Ling, and Munson Kwok gave docents from the Los Angeles Conservancy a slide show and walking tour of Chinatown.

Keep Saturday, April 4, 1991 open -- to reciprocate, docents from the Los Angeles Conservancy will lead CHSSC docents/future docents on a walking tour of the Broadway theatres. Space is limited. Contact Ella Quan (213) 617-0396 if you're interested.

LETTER FROM THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY:

Dear Editor:

Many many of our best, and most sincere thanks to the Society, to Ella, to Munson, to Eugene, to Susie, and to the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for incredible kindness and generosity of your knowledge, hospitality, beautiful literature, delicious beverages, and sensitivity to us. My husband and I were deeply touched at how well you represent the graciousness of the Chinese community to those of us who already admire and look up to it. Our tour on Sunday was most memorable. With deep appreciation, admiration, and fondest regards to you all. I can hardly wait for it to be our turn to reciprocate. We will never match you all, but we will try to make your day as wonderful as you made ours.

Sincerely,

Julie Raskoff
Docent, Los Angeles Conservancy

No matter how far or near, News 'n Notes travels . . .

LETTER FROM LIFE MEMBER, JOHNNY YEE, AT SEA; ENROUTE TO HONG KONG:

Linda Lum and friend had the privilege of taking Johnny Yee down to the harbor before sailing time of M/V President Adams Voyage #31. It was ride for exchange of tour of the ship -- which included all the night lunch a person can handle, all the coffee you can drink -- "special treat" -- Dairy Farm mangos ice cream from Hong Kong. Can not be found anywhere in USA or any other ship.

This container ship is one of the largest ever built. It's so wide; can not get through the Panama Canal -- 130' wide, 903' long, 77,000 displacement tons, cruising range of 22,000 miles on the Far East run.

Get on Johnny's waiting list by calling (818) 572-0459. He'll try and set you up for 1992. Tour is FREE; just a little of your time and gas. Usually he leaves Monterey Park area between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. -- fast tour can be done in 15 minutes, depend on how long the visitor likes to stay.

If Johnny decides to retire 100% -- in the future -- "you'll be missing the boat".

HANK BEHRENS recently moved to Santa Barbara, passed away September 5 -- man of many adventures, travelled all over the world, WWII he was crew member aboard the S/S President Harrison which was captured by the Japanese Navy and he spent the whole war years at the Lunghwa P.O.W. Camp, Shanghai, China. Movie was made of this crew, "Empire of the Sun". He retired a principal of Santa Monica

School District, but kept active as a sailor in the U.S. Merchant Marine to his final days. Best shipmate you ever want to sail with. They do not come any better!

JAKE LEE was a former CHSSC member. He passed away September 13 at Cedar-Sinai Medical Center. He was 75 years old, self-employed artist for 65 years and lived in Los Angeles County for 75 years.

He received his art education from San Jose State College. He was a long-standing member of the National Water Color Society and taught water color painting for many years. Ford Motor Company sponsored a world tour of Jake Lee's water colors and the Air Force Art Program has a permanent collection of Mr. Lee's.

He is survived by his brother, George of Castro Valley, CA; sister, Jennie of San Antonio, TX.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in his name. Memorial services were held October 5 at Crippen Mortuary Chapel, La Crescenta with private inurnment in Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park, Hayward, CA.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED; FOR INFORMATION, CALL THE CONTACT LISTED

1991 FALL DINNER / CHSSC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP -
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
Chinatown tours. Contact: Ella Quan (213) 617-0396.

If you have not yet reaped the rewards of volunteering, consider the many opportunities currently in need at our Society. Your contribution of time and energy will enrich your life in many ways.

MAILING ADDRESS - Any correspondence addressed for CHSSC should be sent to the new mailing address:

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER - Suzanne Smith
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TENURE TRACK POSITIONS IN ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES AT UCLA - The Asian American Studies Center and six departments of the College of Letters and Science at the University of California invite

applications for tenure track positions from specialists in the study of Asian and Pacific American populations in the United States (Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Pacific Islander, South Asian, and Southeast Asians in America). Appointments can be made at any rank from assistant to full professor. All six positions will require teaching and research activities and duties in UCLA's Interdepartmental Program and Organized Research Unit in Asian American Studies, along with those of a host department. In 1991-92, joint searches for Asian American Studies specialists will be conducted with the following six departments: Comparative Literature, Economics, English, History, Sociology, and TESL/Applied Linguistics.

Interested individuals should send a letter of application and vita to: Professor Don T. Nakanishi, Director, Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1546. The closing date for applications for the position in Sociology is November 1, 1991. For all others, deadline is January 15, 1992 or until the positions are filled. UCLA is an equal opportunity-affirmative action employer.

1992 MISS L.A. CHINATOWN BEAUTY PAGEANT - Applications are available. Contestants must be Chinese, female, single, resident of Los Angeles County, and ages 18-25 on or before February 2, 1992. Fee is \$25; deadline is November 15, 1991. Questions or information, contact Chinese Chamber of Commerce (213) 617-0396.

NEW HOURS FOR CHINATOWN LIBRARY - Effective October 7, 1991:

Monday - Wednesday	12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday - Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

CALENDAR

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ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICAN WOMEN (OCAW) at the New Otani Hotel, Los Angeles. This year's theme, "Reaching For Harmony" recognizes the global movement towards unity and harmony in an ever-changing and diverse world. Honored that evening will be the outstanding Chinese American Woman for her achievements in striving for harmony, an Individual Community Service Award, a Corporate Community Service Award, and a \$1000 scholarship. For information or reservations, contact Kipham Kan (213) 215-3703.

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Jude Narita's **TIGER ON THE RIGHT/DRAGON ON THE LEFT** will be showing every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. until November 6. Admission is \$10/person at the Powerhouse Theatre, 3116 2nd Street, Santa Monica; for reservations, call (213) 466-1767.

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"JOURNEY THROUGH CHINA" by Mr. How Man Wong is a lecture hosted by The Asian Pacific Alumni of UCLA at the James C. West Center, UCLA, 325 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles. The guest speaker, Mr. Wong, is President of the China Exploration and Research Society, and has explored China extensively over the last 16 years. He has also published many articles about China in the National Geographic, Reader's Digest, Los Angeles Times, and other magazines, in addition to winning several awards for his work.

The event is 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will include cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. Advance tickets may be purchased before October 31 through APA-UCLA, c/o Marianne Moy, 15303 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 900, Sherman Oaks, CA 91430. Cost: students \$15, members \$20, non-members \$25, and for membership and admission \$45. Tickets at the door will be \$30 for admission, \$35 for membership. For more information, call Marianne Moy (818) 990-1160.

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CARAVANSERAI - Society member and fine arts photographer, Carol Nye, will present her one-person photography exhibit on October 1 through November 15 at Tekno Gallery, 751 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90038, (213) 931-3777; hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

"Caravanserai" is a body of work which Nye has created as she travels along the Silk Road of western China and while crossing the mountains of Tibet on the way to Nepal. These are confrontational portraits taken on encounters with the non-Chinese population such as Turkish Muslims and Tibetans in the streets and bazaars - photos taken, perhaps, in search of herself as a stranger in a strange land.

Carol Nye is a Chinese-American free lance photographer raised in Macau and educated in the United States. Her documentation of the Chinese community in downtown Los Angeles has been exhibited widely in Southern California, and was included in the "Women in Photography International '89" Exhibition traveling to Seattle, Great Britain, Italy, and Sweden.

Reception - Thursday, October 24, 6-8 p.m. at the gallery. For information, call (213) 931-3777. All CHSSC members are invited to the reception.

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The **LOS ANGELES CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** presents a leisurely stroll (walking tour) through Little Tokyo with Jene McKnight from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come and explore the origins of Little Tokyo, a Buddhist Temple, the cultural center and plaza, the Little Tokyo historic district, and many more. Parking is available in the area for about \$3/day. Tour is limited to 20 persons. Cost of tour is

a \$5 donation payable to LACHS. Wear good walking shoes and dress according to the weather. For reservations, call Jene McKnight (213) 292-7833.

- 18 **FRIENDS OF THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING** at 7 p.m., Community Room, Chinatown Library.
- 20 **CHSSC BOARD MEETING** at Castelar School 7-9 p.m.
- 22 **MISS L.A. CHINATOWN BENEFIT DINNER DANCE AND FASHION SHOW** at Midtown Hilton (Vermont Avenue/Hollywood Freeway) at 7 p.m. Cost: \$40/person. Proceeds benefit Castelar School and the Chinatown Senior Citizens.

thru 24 **FUGITIVE LANDING: A REVOLUTIONARY AT SEA** - an installation-in-progress at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) List Visual Arts Center by May Sun. Ms. Sun has been working in the gallery since September 30; visitors are encouraged to make several visits to meet the artist and observe the development and construction of the piece which will be completed on October 20 and remain on view through November 24.

This full gallery installation, involving video, water and audio, is based on the sometimes secret journeys of Sun Yat-Sen, the radical Chinese statesman (1866-1925) who sailed several times to the United States to solicit support for his vision of a western-style democracy for China.

The Los Angeles-based artist's interest in the topic is both personal and political. Her grandfather was a general in Sun Yat-Sen's army and one of the patriots who traveled to Japan to plan the Chinese revolution.

Partial support has been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. A version of Fugitive Landing was shown at Capp St. Project, San Francisco.

All List Visual Arts Center events are free and open to the public. MIT List Visual Arts Center, Wiesner Building, 20 Ames Street, Cambridge, MA (617) 253-4680. Gallery hours: weekdays 12-6 p.m.; weekends 1-5 p.m.

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CHSSC's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (details to come)

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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: Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Ella Quan, Vincent Wong (APA-UCLA), Carol Nye, and Johnny Yee. Last month's mailing volunteer: "Yours Truly!"

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