



# NEWS 'n NOTES

**CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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November 1992

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 2, 1992

6:30 P.M.

Multi-purpose Room

Castelar School

840 Yale Street

Los Angeles Chinatown

Parking is available on the school playground. Enter on College Street.

HO! HO! HO! It's the CHSSC Christmas Potluck time. Bring your family to join in the fun. Games and Christmas carols.

For more information please see attached flyer or call Ella Quan at (213) 621-3171.

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## CHSSC HONORS JUDICIAL PIONEERS

Four outstanding Chinese Americans who were the first to attain their particular high judicial office were honored by the CHSSC on November 15 at its 1992 Awards Dinner held at the Golden Palace Restaurant.

Our honorees are Hon. Delbert E. Wong, the first Chinese American Municipal and Superior Court Judge in the continental United States; Hon. Elwood Lui, the first Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal; the Hon. Joyce Kennard, the first Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court; and the Hon. Ronald S. W. Lew, the first and ONLY judge in Federal District Court in the continental United States with Chinese American ancestry.

Dolly Gee, President, and Robert N. Kwan, Past President of the So. Calif. Chinese American Lawyers Association assisted President Sue Yee in presenting the awards to

our pioneers. Ms. Gee and Mr. Kwan's excellent introductions helped us recognize the dedication and great accomplishments in public and community services by each one.

Quoting Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, awards presenter Robert S. Kwan declared, "Historic continuity with the past is not a duty, it is a necessity." Recalling the thoughts of Justice Joyce Kennard, one of the evening's honorees, Kwan further noted that, "a person's achievement should be measured, not by the awards or honors one receives, but by the obstacles one has overcome...we owe a great debt to the Chinese American pioneers of the 19th Century because the social and legal obstacles facing them were enormous." Kwan then traced the use of the law "as an instrument of the majority to oppress the minority" (the Chinese), the subsequent legal battles of the Chinese, the struggle of some to become lawyers to work within the system, and "finally, I believe history has come full

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circle as the era for the success of our judicial pioneers was reached."

The evening was highlighted with honorees' acceptance responses. Their remarks were extremely moving, inspiring, and humorous. It was quite an experience for all 220 who attended.

A lively entertainment was presented by the well-known "Cold Tofu", an improvisation group comprised of actors and actresses of multiethnic background. Four judges were made the stars of the show and surprised the audience with their talent in comedic acting.

Post event stories and pictures appeared in the Chinese Daily News and New Kwong Tai Press.

A successful raffle was led by Cy Wong and his committee members Catalina Wong, Doreen Chan Nakayama, Margaret Lew, Marjorie Lee, and Betty Wong. Thanks to donors of the raffle prizes: Lupe Chee, Tom Eng, Lillian Fong, Charlie Chan Printing, Elmo Gambarana, Golden Palace Restaurant, Margie Lew, Emma Louie, Ruth Lung, Beverly and Carlos Picazo, Sylvia SooHoo, Dorothy Sue, Beverly Hom Tsao, Angi Ma Wong, Cy Wong, Delores Wong, Dexter and Winnie Wong, Elsie Wong, Johnson Yee, Sue Yee, Ward Yee, and the CHSSC itself.

Sincere appreciation to two efficient co-chairs Dexter Wong and Munson Kwok, the Mistress of Ceremonies Angi Ma Wong, and their committee members: Suellen Cheng, William Chun-Hoon, Tom Eng, Jim Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Edith Jung, Kipham Kan, Irvin Lai, Robert Large, Margaret Lew, Don Loo, Emma Louie, Ella Quan, Richard Smith, Zoey Smith, Beverly Hom Tsao, Mike Tsao, Cy Wong, Winnie Wong, Johnny Yee, Mary Yee, and Sue Yee.

Over \$5,000 was raised to support the timely publication of a proceedings for "Origins and Destinations: a conference on Chinese Americans, held in August. Thanks to all who participated.

### BOARD BRIEFS

The Board approved on November 18 Board meeting the followings:

1. Shrine Preservation Committee's request to send out a 3-piece fundraising packet to the CHSSC membership.
2. An allocation to the Program Committee of up to \$200 expenditure for the Christmas Party.

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### SHADES OF L.A.

On October 24, several members participated in the Shades of L.A. Project sponsored by the L.A. Public Library and Photo Friends at the Castelar School. Elmo Gambarana, Suellen Cheng, Marjorie Lee, Eugene Moy, and other volunteers assisted the Library staff in selecting, copying, and recording information from hundreds of precious old photos shared by William Chun-Hoon, Jim Fong, Edith Jung, Sam Sik Low, Eugene Moy, Dorothy Siu, Edith Tom, Lillian Wong, and Sue Yee, among others. Project Director Carolyn Kozo was excited about the great response from the Chinese American community and was pleased to see that the photo collection in the L. A. Public Library is further enriched by the new images gathered. This day was just a beginning -- just as our own "Photo Day" was a start some years ago. Much more remains to be collected. If you have sources please inform Suellen Cheng (213) 626-5240.

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### LINKING OUR LIVES REPRINTS

We are pleased to note that a second printing of Linking Our Lives: Chinese American Women of Los Angeles is being undertaken by the Society. This follows the successful sale of nearly 2,000 copies of the first printing. The book continues to be used as an important source work in Southern California colleges, and requests for single copies come from throughout the nation. The authors have gone on to illustrious pursuits. One continues as an eminent professor (Lucie Cheng), two have become professors (Susie Ling and Sucheta Mazumdar), one has been a Mayor (Judy Chu), one, a top UCLA

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administrator (Feelie Lee), one, a librarian (Marjorie Lee), and one, an historian and curator in Los Angeles, Suellen Cheng.

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## DONATIONS

The Society wishes to acknowledge the following generous donations from Herbert Tom (\$20), Edith Tom (\$10), Jim Fong (\$65), Munson and Suellen Kwok (\$300). Their generous contributions are greatly appreciated.

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## SINGAPORE NEWS

CHSSC helped to host the Singapore Broadcasting Company in their several day in-depth examination of the Chinese of Los Angeles, past and present. This gathering of materials will be part of the three chapter documentary to be shown on Singapore television on the overseas Chinese of North America. Munson Kwok and Emma Louie walked the crew, including producer Steve Guo and researcher Cheng Lai-Yee, through Chinatown, touching on both the historical and the modern day. Much filming was done in New Chinatown and at Castelar School and the Library where "Grandma Storyteller" Margie Lew stands a good chance of being on the final tape with her Chinatown kids. (Margie also was recently featured in City Times, the new Los Angeles Times free weekly in Chinatown.) The crew also interviewed an historic family, the Wilbur Woo family including Councilman Woo.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**ELLA QUAN HONORED BY OCAW.** The 1992 Individual Community Service Award was presented to Ella Yee Quan by the Organization of Chinese American Women at the New Otani Hotel on Saturday November 14. Ella was honored for she "has a long history of service to the community. For over 25 years, she has managed countless efforts and organizations which contributed to the development and growth of Chinatown. Under her leadership, groups such as the L.A.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce; the Chinese Historical Society of So. Cali.; and Friends of the Chinatown Library; just to name a few, are recognized as integral to the community." This is what OCAW said about Ella. A very well deserved award. Congratulations to Ella.

Among the members who attended the award dinner and celebrated Ella's achievement are: Eugene, Susan, and Bernard Moy, Emma Louie, Don Loo, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Tom Eng, Majorie Lee, Linda Lum, Dore Wong, Ken Chan, and Harry Quan. Dore won two top raffle prizes, a bicycle and a print by artist Carolyn Young.

**SUE FAWN CHUNG**, daughter of member Jane Chung, was in Washington, D.C. on October 29 and 30, 1992. Sue Fawn was honored by being chosen to sit on the panel for the National Endowment for the Humanities. This panel distributes twelve millions for worthwhile projects. Her recent paper "Destination Nevada" was presented at the conference on Chinese Americans at California State University, Los Angeles. she makes her home in Las Vegas, Nevada with her husband, Alan Solomon, and two sons.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Elmo Gambarana on his new part-time position at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument as a museum guide.

## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

from Congressman Mervyn M. Dymally was presented to Cy Wong for his accomplishments and to recognize Cy as an outstanding individual who serves as a positive role model. Mr. Clarence Wong from Congressman Dymally's office made the special presentation at the Society's 1992 Awards Dinner on November 15.

## SALUTE TO MARY YEE

Our own Membership Secretary, Mary Yee, recently was saluted in person at a prestigious luncheon by Air Force Lt. General Barry, commander of Space and Missiles Center, with an award certificate for her contributions to the career development of Asian Pacific Islanders in the local Air Force unit. Mary currently is Secretary of the Aerospace Asian American Association. CHSSC members

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Blossom Huey and Munson Kwok, Los Angeles Air Force Base employees, witnessed her well-deserved honors.

### SINCERE THANKS

go to the following members who provided the delicious refreshments at the November general meeting: Lillian Fong, Ruth Lung, Ella Quan, Cy Wong, Al & Margie Lew.

The fresh chives were brought to the meeting by Elsie Inase. Thank you Elsie for sharing.

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### CHINA VISIT

Al Lum, a long time member of CHSSC, just returned from a trip to Canton, China and vicinity and would like to share the following observations with you.

"The primary purpose of the tour was to attend the dedication ceremony of the newly completed Nam Long Hospital and to visit the On Ding School, both near Shekki, the capital city of Chung Shan. The Hawaii delegation consisted of 66 strong, headed by Albert Y. A. Ching, a merchant in Honolulu and brother-in-law of Al Lum, and by Winifred Ching, sister of Al Lum. the fifteen day tour originated in Honolulu, from October 19 to November 2. The group arrived in Hong Kong via China Airline and proceeded to the Chung Shan port on the Pearl River delta, via jet foil. The group was then bussed to the Chung Shan International Hotel.

The Nam Long Hospital dedication ceremony was indeed a gala affair with long lines of welcoming students, lion dancer, drum and bugle corps, firecrackers, and ceremonial speeches. The Hawaii delegation distinguish itself with colorful leis worn by each member. While in Nam Long, the group attended a classical Chinese opera.

The On Ding School visit was also memorable with lines of welcoming students, firecrackers, etc. Albert Ching is the Honorary Principal, since funds to construct this school was raised by him from oversea Chinese in Hawaii.

Al Lum visited his ancestral village of Tai Cha in the Nam Long district. What a thrill it was to discover his family home still intact!

Other cities visited were Shun Tak, Pun Yu, and Shao Hing. Of course we visited Choy Hung, the home of Dr. Sun Yet Sen, father of Republic of China. China is showing vigorous growth under capitalism. High rise commercial and residential buildings are springing up, especially in Sun Jun, just across the Hong Kong border, in contrast with my previous visit in 1988.

Of course, no visit to China is complete without a shopping spree in Hong Kong. We returned to Hawaii, all richer and wiser for the experience." -- Al Lum.

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**CONDOLENCE** to Professor Zheng Kui-Yi and his family on the loss of his wife Y. Y. Tang. Ms. Tang was an artist and has devoted her life to painting for more than sixty years. To pursue her career in painting, she has studied and visited in many countries. Ms. Tang passed away on October 5, 1992 at age 88.

**Condolence** also goes to the family of George Kit Wong who died on September 23, 1992 in Long Beach at age 86. He was often referred as the "Shrimp King" of the Spring Street. In 1988, the CHSSC honored Mr. Wong for being a Chinatown pioneer.

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**INVITE YOUR FRIEND** to become a CHSSC member. Membership makes great holiday gift. Dues are only \$15 member and \$5 additional, same household, or senior; \$25 institutional member; and \$200 life member. Mail dues payable to CHSSC to Mary Yee, Membership Secretary, 4721 Konya Drive, Torrance, CA 90503.

Please add the following address to your CHSSC Membership Roster:

Ann Lau & Spencer Chan  
2405 Grand Summit Road  
Torrance, CA 90505  
(310) 539-6435

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## SCHOLARSHIP

The Second Annual \$1,000 Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Scholarship for college students in Chinese American Studies will be given in Spring 1993. Donations are welcome to support the Scholarship Fund. Please make checks payable to "CHSSC"---designated Scholarship Fund---and send to:

Dexter Wong  
CHSSC Scholarship Chair  
17647 Mapes Avenue  
Cerritos, CA. 90701

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

1. UCLA History Department invites applications for a junior-level tenure-track appointment in Asian American History. Deadline: January 1, 1993.
2. The Department of Economics and the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA invites applications for a junior-level tenure-track appointment for an economist, who specializes in Asian American Studies. Deadline: December 15, 1992.

3. The Department of Asian and Asian American Studies at California State Univ., Long Beach invites applications for a tenure-track position in Asian American Studies.

For more information please call Suellen Cheng at (213)626-5240 or (310)645-1369.

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**HONEY MOON IN CHINA** Your editor Bev Hom Tsao and Mike Tsao finally have the opportunity to enjoy their honey moon in China. In her absence, Suellen Cheng is asked to prepare this issue of News 'n Notes and is solely responsible for any mistakes.

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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.

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**Special thanks** to contributors in this issue: Lillian Fong, Munson Kwok, Albert Lum, Ella Y. Quan, Dexter Wong, and Sue Yee. Last month's mailing volunteers: Mike and Bev Hom Tsao.

## CALENDAR

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| December 2  | 6:30 P.M. CHSSC Christmas Party. Don't Miss It!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| December 5  | 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Workshop on "New Research in Chinese Women's History", 6275 Bunche Hall, UCLA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| December 5  | 3 - 5 P.M. "Talking Story of the Wuliang Shrine" will be presented by Professor Wu Hung of Harvard University at the Lenart Auditorium, UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History. Admission is Free. The shrine was built in 151 A.D. and its carvings represent the foremost "pictorial history of Han art in Chinese history. Scott Gruber (310) 206-8984. |
| December 7  | China Society presents Chinese "PIPA" music by Artist Jane Chin, Quingyu Fu, and Shufeng He. \$12 per person. For reservation please contact Ms. Rina Rae Sherman (213) 936-0327.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| December 16 | CHSSC BOARD MEETING -- 6:30 P.M. meeting at the CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway. All members welcome.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

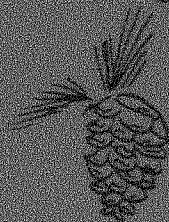




# Season's Greetings

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

### BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

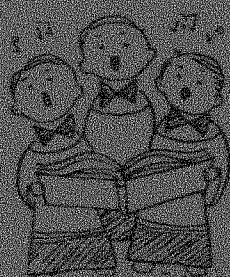


ONE DISH ADMITS TWO PEOPLE  
(YOUR DISH SHOULD SERVE 8-10)

IF YOU CAN'T BRING FOOD  
IT'S \$5.00 PER ADULT  
\$3.00 PER CHILD  
UNDER 12

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1992

TIME: 6:00 P.M.



### COME AND HAVE FUN

RSVP - HOW MANY ARE COMING?  
WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING?



FOR INFORMATION CALL OR LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH  
ELLA QUAN (213) 621-3171

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Los Angeles Chinatown

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BETWEEN HILL & YALE STREETS