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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, January 5, 1994 - 7:30 p.m.
Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown

"BEHIND THE MICROPHONE"

The Modern Topical Views of a Chinese American Woman in Broadcasting ...
Speaker: Sandra Gin

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Our speaker, Ms. Sandra Gin is a news reporter/producer and has been a pioneer in dealing with Asian American issues in television. Between 1982-1986, she was a news reporter/producer of a unique prime time public affairs program that dealt with Asian American issues entitled PERCEPTIONS in the NBC-affiliated KCRA-TV station in Sacramento. She has won five Northern California Emmys for her documentaries dealing with diverse issues ranging from the Vincent Chin case to Japanese American redress. One of the shows won the outstanding documentary award from Asian Cine-Vision in New York in 1984. In 1985, Sandra Gin was awarded YWCA Woman of the Year Award in Sacramento. At present, she lives in Los Angeles where she is a reporter for the CRUSADERS, a Disney/Buena Vista Productions program on NBC. Ms. Gin will show a video of some of her work and share her experiences with us, especially as a woman in broadcasting.

COME MEET JEFFREY TUNG - The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the Friends of the Chinatown Library invite you to meet Jeffrey Tung. Jeffrey Tung, and a long-time family friend, Dana Wu, co-authored a book on Chinese-American history for children and young adults. The Chinese American Experience, which is published by Millbrook Press, was written after Jeffrey graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. Jeffrey will discuss the process of writing a book from conception to publishing and promotion. Jeffrey and Dana have promoted their books in libraries, schools, bookstores, and museums in California as well as in Seattle and New York City.

Jeffrey Dao-Sheng Tung, who was born to immigrant parents, grew up in the San Fernando Valley. While at Berkeley to study Architecture, Jeffrey became interested in knowing more about his ethnic heritage. Eventually, he decided to major in Ethnic Studies along with Architecture.

In 1993, Jeffrey was appointed to the Los Angeles Unified School District's Asian/Pacific American Education Commission where he functions as a liaison between the school district and its diverse population.

Jeffrey is currently working as Deputy Director of Christian Student Fellowship at UCLA. He is involved with education and community outreach with young people and adults.

Jeffrey's talk and book-signing will be on January 15 at 2:00 at Castelar School in the Multi-purpose room.

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1994 SPRING DINNER -- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Our 1994 Spring dinner will (tentatively) be focused on the history and the role that the University of Southern California (USC) has played in the lives of Chinese Americans in Southern California. We are in the planning stages and volunteers are desperately needed to ensure that the event will be a success. If you would like to help us in either organizing or working on the spring dinner, or if you know someone who attended USC in the early years (1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's), please leave a message with Ella Quan at (213) 255-6487.

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LET'S JOIN IN MARYSVILLE'S BOK KAI FESTIVAL - The Society is organizing a bus excursion to participate in a real Chinese Village type festival. With three million firecrackers, a parade through town, gongs, a new golden dragon, music, roast pigs, lucky bombs, foods, etc., the Bok Kai Festival will be celebrated in Marysville, on Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13, 1994. The Society could even join in the Saturday morning parade through the city streets, banquet together, enjoy visiting the historic Bok Kai Temple, and even purchase a lucky bomb for the new year.

Each year for over a century, the Marysville Chinese community has traditionally celebrated the birthday of Bok Kai on 2-2, -- in part as the finale for Chinese New Year festivities. Bok Kai is the central deity figure in the Chinese community temple, a historical landmark, (and he has been considered the protector of the town). In recent decades the entire community, from the City Council to the Girl Scouts, have all joined together in this civic celebration, and many Chinese Americans come from throughout the Bay Area.

Participating in the Bok Kai Festival would be fun, informative, historical, and a major 2 1/2 day excursion. Marysville is one hour north of Sacramento, so it is an eight hour bus trip. We need your commitments to join in so the Society can confirm motel accommodations and arrangements.

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The Society's Bok Kai Festival Excursion schedule includes:

Friday, March 11, 1994

- 3:00 p.m. - Leave Los Angeles for Marysville
- 11:00 p.m. - Arrive at motel (Marysville)

Saturday, March 12, 1994

- 9:00 a.m. - Bus to staging area for Bok Kai Parade
- 11:00 a.m. - March in Bok Kai Parade through streets
- 1:00 p.m. - Lunch (on our own)
- 2:00 p.m. - Visits to Bok Kai Temple
- 3:00 p.m. - Street Fair and festival entertainments
- 6:00 p.m. - Society Bok Kai dinner banquet

Sunday, March 13, 1994

- 10:00 a.m. - Bus from motel to festival (Downtown Street Fair)
- 11:00 a.m. - Lucky bombs sold at temple
- 12:30 p.m. - Lion dancers in front of society hall
- 1:00 p.m. - Festival street entertainments
- 2:00 p.m. - Leave on bus from Marysville
- 10:00 p.m. - Arrive home in Los Angeles

Alternatively, if we stayed later to view the traditional competition to capture the Temple's Good Luck Bomb rings on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., the bus would arrive home at 2:00 a.m. This is the only community in America that still stages this old Chinese style bomb firing ritual. The most-lucky Number Four Bomb is auctioned off, usually for about \$2,000. Thereafter the athletic competitions to capture the rings fired from the remaining Good Luck Bombs is a spectacular event. It is worth staying to watch, if we are hardy enough to arrive home after midnight.

Excursion Costs:

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| Motel rooms (Friday and Saturday) | \$132.00 |
| (Single or double occupancy at this group rate) | |
| Chinese dinner per person (Saturday night) | 12.00 |
| Bus fare (per person) | 50.00 |

(The bus and driver would be needed each day to get us to and from events; the motel is two miles from downtown festival and dinner restaurant.)

Breakfasts, lunches, and snacks on your own is best

Tentative Total \$194.00

Since the total cost of the bus is \$2,167.13 (46 passengers), the fare per person will depend on the number of passengers. To keep costs down, we need to have the maximum number of passengers. To keep costs down, we need to have the maximum number of passengers. We also need to make reservations now for the bus and motel accommodations. This will be a very interesting and

fun trip. For further information and reservation, contact:

Dr. Paul Chace: (619) 743-8609

Don Loo: (310) 206-8569 (after 1/5/94)

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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFERS 1994 SCHOLARSHIP - The CHSSC is once again offering its annual scholarship to students pursuing Chinese-American studies.

The CHSSC was founded to discover, recognize, and increase awareness of Chinese-American history. An appropriate way to accomplish that purpose is to offer an annual scholarship to students who want to learn more about the Chinese contributions to American history.

Qualifications for the CHSSC Scholarship include: presently a full time student with Sophomore or Junior standing at an accredited college or university in Southern California, a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0, and taking relevant course work in Chinese-American studies within the humanities or social sciences.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Chinese Historical Society (CHSSC), Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647. Applications should be postmarked no later than March 4, 1994. Finalists will be contacted for an interview.

For more information and application forms, students are asked to contact their college's financial aid office or the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California by writing to the address above or calling (213) 621-3171.

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MAKING WAVES II - Asian Women United of California invites submissions and proposals for Making Waves II (working title), a new anthology of writings by and about Asian American women.

The format for this volume has not been finalized. (First volume included essays, poems, short stories, interviews, and memoirs covering a variety of themes and issues written by and about Asian American women.) Suggestions and submissions of proposals may be sent to: Asian Women United of California, c/o Elaine H. Kim, Asian American Studies, 3407 Dwinelle Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Fax is (510) 642-6456. Deadline: January 15, 1994. (Note: Submissions will not be returned.)

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MINNICK - GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR (November 15) - CHSSC member, Sylvia Sun Minnick, has been named Deputy Director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation by Governor Pete Wilson. As Deputy Assistant Director/Community Liaison for the department, Minnick will oversee 268 state parks. She becomes the highest ranking Asian-American in the department. Minnick is currently Stockton's City Councilwoman. She does not

plan to step down from this post. There are too many important issues coming forth that she does not want to miss. Minnick has a master's degree in history from California State University, Sacramento, and is the author of SAMFOW: The San Joaquin Chinese Legacy. She is the owner and publisher of the Heritage West Books in Stockton. In 1989 she was elected to the Stockton City Council representing central and downtown Stockton. Congratulations, Sylvia, on your latest success! Thank you for taking a closer interest in our state parks and communities!

1994 MEMBERSHIP DUES - Beginning January 1, 1994 the membership dues for the CHSSC will change as follows: Individual \$25 and additional member of the same household \$10, Contributing/Senior \$10, Life \$300, Institutional \$50, Corporate \$100, and Life Patron \$1,000. Membership dues are January 1-December 31. Don't forget to renew your 1994 membership!

WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST, THOUGHTS, OR REMEMBRANCES OF CHINESE FOOTBINDING AND SHOES FOR BOUND FEET? I received a letter from Mrs. Beverley Jackson of Santa Barbara. She is a friend of CHSSC Life Member, Dolores Wong. She is completing her three year research and work on her book on Chinese footbinding. She is very interested in covering a chapter in her book in which she might speak over the phone or interview individuals who have thoughts or recollections of their mothers, aunts, grandmothers whose feet had been bound. And, as an American of Chinese descent, how do you feel about this custom that lasted for more than 1,000 years? A custom that caused great pain, one in which women took pride in their feet and made such beautiful shoes. For further information, please write or call: Mrs. Beverley Jackson, P. O. Box 5118, Santa Barbara, CA 93108, (805) 969-3341 or Fax (805) 969-0066.

LEM QUON - Memorial Services were held for Mr. Lem Quon of the Formosa Cafe on Saturday, December 18, 2:30 p.m. at Little Church of the Flowers in Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, Glendale. His passing was due to chronic heart problems. He was 83. Don Loo and Cy Wong represented the CHSSC at the service. A card and flowers were sent by the CHSSC. CHSSC sends its deepest sympathy to the family of Lem Quon.

PROTECT YOUR PHOTOS - You can prevent your cherished photos from becoming irreparably damaged. Place your pictures in suitable environments so that they can be enjoyed by generations to come.

Many expert archivists and historians feel that a whole generation of photographic images are lost because people had stored them in "magnetic" photo albums. Such toxic albums -- made with poly vinyl film and cardboard pages -- give off vinyl chloride gas and peroxide vapors which can harm your prints.

Spotting and discoloration of photographs can also occur as a result of contact with light, moisture, and other chemical vapors. Thus, avoid putting your albums in the attic, basement,

or trunk, and garage.

The best storage containers for photos are archival quality materials. Today's technology offers us acid-free albums and storage boxes in addition to Mylar sheet protectors and safe slide sheets. Artcarved and University Products are just two companies that manufacture excellent photo storage supplies. (Artcarved products are available at fine photography studios and University products can be reach at 1-800-628-1912.

Since basic retouching for damaged photos is expensive, investment in quality albums can save you many headaches. So, this year, look for PVC-free photo albums to protect your holiday memories.

Interested in receiving a copy of **ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS: PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1992 CONFERENCE ON CHINESE AMERICANS?** CHSSC intends to publish this 8 1/2" x 11", 300-page soft cover volume, with a target publication date of March 31, 1994. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Society at: CHSSC, P. O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647, (213) 621-3171.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 16-January 23: "Arthur and Leila", by Cherylene Lee -- a bittersweet comedy about an aging brother and sister in search of their family heritage. Featuring Nancy Kwan and Dana Lee. For information /showtime, call East West Players (213) 660-0366 (Monday-Friday 2:00-6:00 p.m.).

thru December 30: "The Way of the Brush" Yang Zhiguang & Ou Yang (Chinese brush painting and oil painting) - Reception: 6:00-8:00 p.m. on December 3 at Merging One Gallery, 1547 Sixth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 (310) 395-0033, hours Wednesday-Saturday, 10:30-6:00 p.m.

January 19: CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Parking is available at Mandarin and Bamboo Plazas.

February 5: Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Pageant
February 10: Chinese New Year Day (4692 - Year of the Dog)
February 19: Golden Dragon Parade
February 25: Chinese New Year Banquet
February 27: 5K/10K Race

March 12-13: Bok Kai Festival (Marysville)

April 3: Easter

August 19-20: National Conference: "From Memories to Aspirations: The Chinese American Experience" Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii

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Note: For forms, contact Munson Kwok (310) 645-1369

September 17-18: 5th Annual Chinese Moon Festival

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. Items submitted after the due date may not always be included in this issue. If necessary to call regarding CHSSC business, please call before 9:00 p.m., Sunday thru Thursday.

Special thanks to contributors in this issue: Susan Dickson, Sylvia Sun-Minnick, Beverley Jackson (friend of Dolores Wong), Cy Wong, Susan Woo-Yamasaki, Dexter Wong, and Don Loo. Last month's mailing volunteers: Yours truly!

" HAPPY NEW YEAR!! "

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