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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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THEY SERVED WITH PRIDE

a presentation by

K. MONTGOMERY HOM

with a show of slides and artifacts

Wednesday, May 3, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.

Castelar School Multipurpose Room

(free parking on playground)

840 Yale Street, L.A. Chinatown

General meetings are held
the first Wednesday of every
month except July and August

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Mr. Montgomery Hom, executive producer of a film in progress entitled **THEY SERVED WITH PRIDE**. Mr. Hom is an avid student of United States military history. In the summer of 1992, Mr. Hom began exploring the basis for a film project using material donated by Col. William Strobeidge, U.S. Army ret., (former chief of historical services at the Center of Military History, Washington, D.C.). Existing documents from the National Archives, veterans' biographies, oral interviews, and wartime periodicals were also collected.

THEY SERVED WITH PRIDE will be a docu-feature revealing a rich diversity of wartime assignments for Chinese American men and women serving in civilian, government, and military roles which ultimately led to change, growth and modernization of the Chinese American community in postwar America.

INVITATION. You are invited to the Press Conference celebrating the transfer of the Old Chinatown-Abaplasa Street archaeological collection from Catellus and MTA to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. **Come and view our major media event on, Thursday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. at the Heritage and Visitors Center, 411 Bernard Street, Los Angeles Chinatown.**

MUSEUM OF CHINESE AMERICAN HISTORY. In actions taken by the El Pueblo Authority Commission recently, the Museum of Chinese American History in Los Angeles is headed toward more than doubling of its planned space to 6,500 sq. ft., adding the second floor of the North Bay of the Garnier Building and several interconnecting basements.

CHSSC SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded to two outstanding students this year. Scholarship Committee Chairperson Winifred Lew and her selection committee consisting of Suellen Cheng, Eugene Cooper, and Stanton Mu announced that Johnny Lai from Pomona College and Levin Sy from UCLA will be awarded the Dorothy Siu Memorial Scholarship at our Spring Dinner on May 26, 1995.

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PHASE ONE OF CHINESE MEMORIAL SHRINE'S RESTORATION COMPLETE!

Rising colorfully and brightening the surroundings of Evergreen Cemetery's south-eastern corner, the masonry wall, fence, gate and steps around the 19th Century Chinese Memorial Shrine is a reality.

The wrought-iron fence surrounding the Shrine is painted a deep orange. Landscaping will include the planting of roses or bougainvillea. A Commemorative plaque identifying the Shrine as a Los Angeles historic site will be provided by the City.

We extend our appreciation to all members of the society whose support made construction of the Shrine's protective enclosure a reality. **Please join us** as we celebrate the completion of this phase of restoration. The ceremony will be held **SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1995 at 1:00 P.M.**

CENTINELA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Gladys Waddingham has done it again for us! A picture of the Evergreen Shrine with its completed iron fence appears in the March 1995 HSCV Newsletter as "An Interesting Place to Visit." Thanks, Gladys. Don't forget the BBQ, June 11.

BEULAH QUO just completed one of her most enjoyable parts in years, performing at the Monday night readings of the Asian Pacific American Friends of Center Theater Group. She played the lead role in "Melody, Melody," a delightful story of Chinese women refugees in Hong Kong during the '60s. The play is by a 93 year old playwright, Jinsie K. Chun, who was in the audience to receive congratulations. And how is this for backup to Beulah. Also appearing were Tamlyn Tomita, Jeanne Sakata, Jeanne Mori, Sab Shimono, and the increasingly famous Amy Hill. All stars whom we are beginning to recognize. Society members in attendance included Elmo Gambarana, Fred Gong, Sue and Ward Yee, and Munson and Suellen Kwok.

CONGRATULATIONS to George Kiriya who recently won the election of the Los Angeles Unified School District 7th District Board of Education seat. The seventh district includes the cities of Hawthorne, Gardena, Carson, Lomita, San Pedro, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, parts of South Los Angeles and Rancho Palos Verdes. George and his wife Iku were CHSSC members for many years. George's most recent position is principal of Gardena Community Adult School where he has worked for the past 14 years.

PROF. STANLEY CHAN. With his recent passing, the Chinese American community has lost one of its key pioneers in education. Among his life achievements was the founding of the Political Science Department at what is today's Loyola Marymount University. That occurred shortly after World War II. In Los Angeles Chinatown history, Dr. Chan is one of the important founders of the St. Bridget's Catholic Center. Working with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to bring the Catholic mission to Chinatown, he suggested, then helped organize the Center during the WW II years, and later founded a Chinese School. (The Society scrapbook collection of Sr. Noeme Crewes hails from this earliest era of St. Bridget's.) With Dr. Chan's passing, we also mark the remarkable end of the Chan brothers legacy. All highly educated men in China who received their final degrees in the U.S., one brother would become a professor of English literature at Pomona College, another would become a professor of Chinese at Stanford University, and a fourth would be active in medicine here in Southern California. These achievements occurred in an era when admission to such professions in the mainstream community was nearly impossible for Chinese Americans. Our condolences to the family of Dr. Chan.

'ASIAN AMERICAN BOOKSLAM: AN EVENING OF ASIAN AMERICAN LITERATURE. Saturday, May 13, 1995 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Monterey Park city Hall City Council chambers, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park. Free Admission. For more information call 310-825-1006.

OCAW NAMES ITS 1995 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Jamie Lee, President; Suzanne Ho, Executive Vice President; Jane Yeh, VP of Finance; Joanna Huang, VP of membership; Louise Pai, VP of Programs; Christine Lee, VP of Public Relations; Jeanne Wong, VP of Resource Development; Christine Huang, Historian; boardmembers-at-Large Que Dange and Henel Chen; Julie Lee, Immediate Past President; and Community Interns Marcella Chang, Emily Chen, Jennifer Cheng, Helen Guo, and Kimberly Yip.

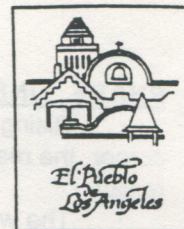


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SUMMER INTERN OPPORTUNITY

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UNDERGRADUATE MULTICULTURAL SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

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The Museum of Chinese American History at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument is seeking two undergraduate summer interns. They are to work with the El Pueblo staff in developing interpretive exhibits on the history of Chinese Americans in Los Angeles.

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Training will be offered in the areas of exhibit development, oral history, research with archival materials, and collections management. The interns will also have opportunities to attend three seminars to be held at various cultural organizations during the grant period.

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QUALIFICATION: Undergraduate student in history, museum studies, or related fields. Ability to communicate well orally and in writing. Knowledge of Chinese language is preferred.

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DURATION: June 19, 1995 to August 25, 1995

TIME: Full-time

STIPEND: \$3,000 for the ten-week period*

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: May 10, 1995

FOR INFORMATION: call (213) 626-5240

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The application should include a resume of qualifications and two letters of reference. Applications should be addressed to:

Suellen Cheng, Curator
El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument
125 Paseo de la Plaza, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90012

* Funding for the interns is provided by a grant from the GETTY GRANT PROGRAM.

HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBIT

The exhibit which includes over 50 historical photographs and memorabilia donated by local vets and their families depict the Chinese American involvement in America's 1940s conflict, part of their contribution to U.S. history.

The historic display is now at

Standard Savings Bank in the San Gabriel Square.

WORLD WAR II VETS REACHED OUT TO STUDENTS. Last month, San Gabriel High School requested the WW II historic display for their library. (Lorraine Tom, school librarian, initiated the contact because she knew the Social Science classes were studying about WW II. Ms. Tom was present at our April meeting.) It was suggested that some veterans from CHSSC give a talk to the students. Suellen Cheng and Jim Fong took charge and were able to interest some of our WW II Vets who went in uniform.

At the first meeting, Jim Fong introduced Robert Jung, Winifred Lee, Albert Lew, and Johnny Yee each of whom spoke to one class of Social Science students of their experiences during WW II. Our group was so impressive that they were asked to return to speak to the second Social Science class. Since there were a number of Chinese immigrant students who didn't quite understand enough English, Robert Jung returned a third time with Jim Gee and Steve Wong to speak in Chinese to this group.

A job well done, VETS! We're proud of you.

REFRESHMENTS- Thank you goes to each of the following members who brought delicious refreshments to our April 5 meeting: Lupe Chee, Dr. Eugene Cooper, Lillian Fong, Winifred Lew, Ruth Lung, Mary Mu, and Dolores Wong.

LOTUS FESTIVAL - 18th Annual Lotus Festival is scheduled for July 8 & 9 at Echo Park Lake. Free Admission, Free Shuttle from parking, Island Flower Show, Dragon Boat Races, Asian & Pacific Islander Foods, Arts & Crafts, Entertainment, and Boutique. CHSSC will participate this year again with an information booth.

"30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CENTINELA VALLEY-1965-1995" written and published by Gladys Waddingham (CHSSC member) is now on sale for \$18, tax included, with all profits going to the Historical Society of Centinela Valley, 7634 Midfield, Westchester, CA 90045.

"WOODEN FISH SONGS" will be presented at the Chinese Cultural Center, 750 Kearny Street, San Francisco on Friday, May 5, 1995 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Cost=\$20.00 per copy+ \$3.00 postage & handling.

AUTHORS ON ASIA - Dr. John Wills Jr., Professor of History at USC, will discuss and sign his latest book at the Pacific Asia Museum Bookstore on Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

"LIVING THE CALIFORNIA DREAM: 150 YEARS IN SANTA MONICA CANYON"

An architectural tour of historic Santa Monica Canyon co-sponsored by the L.A. Conservancy and the Canyon Charter School on Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the L.A. Conservancy at 213-623-CITY.

WINDOWS ON HISTORY. April 28-May 29 - Tour the historical downtown districts of Grass Valley, Nevada City, and Truckee with a "tour guide from the past." See photographs of century-old streetscapes displayed in the shop windows of today. Sweeping changes in America's growth. The opening of the west. Migrations of pioneers, Chinese, cornish, goldseekers. The coming of the railroad. Electricity. The automobile boom, depression, and war.

CYCLING CHALLENGE IV. L.A. Wings presents Universal Studios, Hollywood Cycling Challenge IV in Chinatown on Sunday, May 21, 1995 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bring the whole family down to Chinatown and enjoy the fun and excitement. Come root for your local team the L.A. Wings battle the Houston Outlaws and the San Francisco Shakers.

'MOVING THE MOUNTAIN'. Visual Artists Guild in association with the USC Dept. of Anthropology will be presenting a pre-theatrical screening of an award winning film, "Moving the Mountain", on Saturday, April 29, 1995, 2:00 p.m. at the Norris Theater in USC. The film is directed by Michael Apted who is nominated for an academy award for his fiction film "Nell" with Jodie Foster. Following the screening, there will a panel discussion based on the movie.

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RUMMAGE SALE FLEA MARKET



at Pasadena City College parking lot, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd. (Hill Ave.)

Sunday May 7, 1995 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WE need your donations NOW. We need your small appliances, small indoor & outdoor furniture, dishes & giftware, art objects, toys, linens & rugs, jewelry, good clothing for adults & children, shoes, office & computer equipment, sports equipment, books (no Readers Digest or magazines), tools, patio equipment, useable Christmas decorations, etc. Especially Chinese items.

Deliver/ drop them off at Dorothy Siu's front porch, 3337 W. 27 St., L.A., from Saturday April 8 to Friday April 21, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (located between Arlington & 7th Aves., S/o Adams Blvd. Use 7th Ave. S/ Adams. Gray house with 2 hedges in front). Advance notice requested. Can't come over ? Call for possible pickup.

Volunteers needed for essential sorting & pricing of the items. A dozen or two of us will gather at Dorothy's back lawn like last year, on Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & 23, 8:30 to 5 p.m. For the rest of you who can't come down to stay and help, we would welcome some food or beverage you can drop off to us BY 10 a.m. either day.

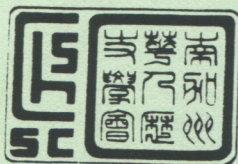
Supplies needed: folding tables & chairs, clothes racks, hangars, price tags, plastic bags.

Questions to Elmo Gambarana (213-733-2927) or



Tax deductible receipts available on request.

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The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
celebrates Asian American Heritage Month
at its 1995 Spring Dinner

"The Role of the University of Southern California in the Chinese American Experience"

Friday, May 26, 1995

5:30 p.m. Registration & Reunion • 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Empress Pavilion Restaurant

988 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California

8:30 p.m. - Dancing



From the early 1900's to the present, the University of Southern California has been one of the top private universities of choice for many Chinese students. In the 30's and 40's, several active student clubs flourished at USC, providing fellowship and friendship to those who came to study. This year, CHSSC recognizes those students, many of whom represented the creme de la creme of China's academia, and who played a significant role in the building of the Chinese community in Los Angeles. Those who chose to stay after completing their studies also played an important part in the development of Southern California's aerospace, entertainment, and other industries and businesses.

CHSSC invites all USC alumni to join us in celebrating and remembering their Trojan years and help us to find classmates for a night of reunion and renewal of friendships.

Proceeds support CHSSC's many projects and publications. For further information, contact: Sue Yee (213) 617-0396 Dr. Alan Wong at (818) 967-4545, Gene Cooper (818) 798-6835, Angi Ma Wong (310) 541-8818 or the CHSSC office (213) 621-3171. Duplicate forms below as necessary. Reservation deadline: May 19, 1995.

Reservation for 1995 CHSSC Spring Dinner

Please mail this reservation form and check payable to CHSSC to: CHSSC, P.O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647.

☐ Please reserve _____ seat(s) @ \$35. each = \$ _____

For tables of 10, list all guests on a separate sheet and return with this form. Tickets will be held at the registration table for pick up upon arrival.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____

TOTAL check amount enclosed \$ _____

☐ I am unable to attend, but please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ _____ to support CHSSC's projects.

ATTENTION: ALL CHINESE USC ALUMNI

CHSSC wants to hear from you. Please complete the following form and return it to CHSSC, P.O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647.

Name _____

Years attended USC _____ to _____

Major field(s) of study _____

Degree(s) _____

Memories, names of friends, hangouts, extra-curricular activities, etc. that you'd like to share (use separate sheet of paper if necessary):

Ticket price will be \$10 at the door. Advance ticket purchase is \$5. Tickets may be purchased after March 31 at Paul's 1/2 Hour Photo, 942 N. Broadway #101 at Chinatown. Limited seating available. For reservation and for further information, please call Ann Lau (310)539-0234 or Eugene Cooper (213)740-1905.

"THE REPEAL and ITS LEGACY" - proceedings for the November 1993 conference, a publication of the Chinese Historical Society of America and the Asia American Studies Department at San Francisco State University. \$25 + 8.5% sales tax + \$4 postage/handling. Send check payable to Chinese Historical Society of America, 650 Commercial Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.

AHSLAC MINI-CONFERENCE, The Associated Historical Societies of Los Angeles County (AHSLAC) are presenting a mini-conference on May 13, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Torrance Historical Society Museum, 1345 Post Avenue. Reservations \$2, box lunch with dessert table \$6. Make check payable to AHSLAC and mail in care of Shea, 13613 Barlin Avenue, Downey, CA 90242.

CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL MEETING - FOLSOM on June 22-25, 1995. Call 818-792-1048 for information.

1995-1996 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS will be announced at our May 3rd General Meeting. Additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Please be sure the one you nominate has consented to run for the office.

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