



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

Wednesday, December 6, 1995

Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room

840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown

(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)

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**READ ENCLOSED FLYER. Please call and let us know
how many people are coming with you, and
what food item(s) you are bringing.**

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH CHSSC.....

Year 1995, our 20th, was full of surprises and new things to do. We expect that Year 1996 will be even more exciting. Three big projects will be in full swing and we invite your participation: World War II Project, Shrine Preservation Phase II, and the Visitors Center. Plus the meetings, dinners, field trips, special events, and publications. Dues for the 1996 calendar year can be paid now. Enclosed is a dues bill and envelope for your convenience. Remember, dues are the major income for keeping our administrative and project operations going. Help us keep the Society BIG, FAST, and the BEST. Please complete the membership form as soon as possible and mail it back to us in the self-addressed envelope.

SHOWCASES NEEDED - 411 Bernard Street needs some showcases for the displays. Our Heritage and Visitors Center needs showcases to display more of our artifacts, documents, etc. Do you happen to have one or two in your garage? Do you know of any businesses that have closed and may have some showcases stored in their garages? Please let us know or tell them of our need. Call and leave your message on the CHSSC office phone - 213-621-3171. We thank the following people for answering our October wish list:

Mai Diep Lawrence-----video-stereo cabinet

Robert Lee-----ice tea maker & display cases

Pauline Lum-----microwave oven

Daniel Munoz-----10 cup coffee maker

Sylvia/James Soo Hoo-----10 cup coffee maker & table lamp

Folding chairs and folding tables are still needed.

"GROWING UP WITH CHINATOWN"-- CHSSC'S Annual Fall Dinner to celebrate our own 20 years of progress as well as to honor community organizations who grew up with us was a huge success. The community organizations that were honored included:

Chinatown Public Safety Association
Chinatown Service Center
Chinatown Teen Post
Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Los Angeles Lodge
Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Chinese Confucius Temple of Los Angeles and School
Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Friends of the Chinatown Library.

The dinner, held on November 17, 1995 at the Empress Pavilion brought many friends together, many who have not seen each other for a long time due to their busy schedules. Fun was had by all with Mistress of Ceremony Pat Li, President Irvin Lai and Munson Kwok at the mike. A warm and sincere appreciation goes to each and every member who had a hand in helping with the dinner. To Marjorie Lee, Jeffrey Tung, and Munson Kwok who finalized the program, to Marjorie and Jeffrey who stayed up until 3 a.m. to work on the final copy, a special thank you. To those who were not able to attend the dinner, do look for announcements of future dinner and events. CHSSC gets better and better.

SOME NEAT THINGS TO REMEMBER 20 YEARS BY: as randomly listed, incompletely, by M. Kwok at the September Meeting. Lang Station dedication, Fiddletown Chew Kee Store preservation and trips, the Motherlode, salvaging Riverside's Chinatown past, doing the same in Redlands, Southern California Chinese American Oral History Project, 2 trips to Marysville Bok Kai Festival, 2 trips to Hawaii, 3 books published, "Origins and Destinations: revival of the national conference on Chinese American studies," "Gum Saan Journal," "The Golden Wok," the long partnership with UCLA Asian American Studies Center, Bicentennial walking tours of Old and New Chinatown, the self guiding tour map and today's tours, Family History Workshop, starting the Museum of Chinese American History (in Los Angeles), help rev up the Chinese Cultural and Community Center concept, doing City Monument 486: the Chinese Shrine, reviving the "Chinese Moon Festival" in L.A. Chinatown, "Historic Fashion Show," a progressive dinner fundraiser, receiving two big archaeological collections on two old Chinatowns, honoring around 150 people and pioneers---including the Centennial Honors for 2 people! and nine 100 year-plus institutions of the Southern California Chinese, numerous field trips, many parades always with the mass of American flags---a trademark, the Fall Dinners, the more occasional Spring Dinners, field trips around the American West and even to Mexico, 20 years of free monthly meetings, speakers, slide shows, viewgraphs, photos, models, etc., the \$1,000 scholarships to young collegiate historians, World War II Vets oral histories and memory book, AND creation of the Chinatown Heritage and Visitors Center. What did we forget? And what do YOU remember best? Let Ella Quan know --213-255-6487.

DOLLAR-A-DAY PLEDGERS listed below have already pledged to be on our "voluntary multi-year pledging program". Watch your mail for more information on how you, too, can participate.

SUPER BRONZE (\$2,500): \$500 for 5 years

Elmo Gambarana

Albert and Margaret Lew

BRONZE (\$1,050): \$350 for 3 years

Susan Dickson

Tom Eng

John & Lola Ng

James & Sylvia Soo Hoo

George & Helen Wan

Sue and Ward Yee

DR. FRANKLIN NG TO SPEAK - The January 3, 1996 regular meeting of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California will be a joint meeting with the Friends of the Chinatown Library to hear Dr. Franklin Ng, Editor-in-Chief of the recently published Asian American Encyclopedia. This six volume encyclopedia with more than 2,000 entries is the "first reference book of its kind encompassing six of the largest Asian American groups (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Asian Indian and Vietnamese) as well as Pacific Islander and other smaller groups.

In order to accomodate other Asian ethnic groups invited to this meeting there will be for this meeting only, a modification of the regular meeting format at the Castelar School multi-purpose room.

Revised Meeting Format

6:30 p.m. - Meet Dr. Franklin Ng and view a display of the encyclopedia

7:00 p.m. - Presentation by Dr. Ng with a question & answer period

8:00 p.m. - Refreshments

8:15 p.m. - CHSSC business meeting

Dr. Franklin Ng, a professor in the Dept. of Anthropology at California State University at Fresno, was a presenter at the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California conference and a contributor to the Society's publication: *Origins and Destinations*.

THANK YOU for the November meeting refreshments to Elmo Gambarana, Lillian Fong, Margie Lew, Winifred Lew, Ruth Lung, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Helen Wan, and Noel Toy Young.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Clarence Lee who recently passed away. Clarence was a senior citizen member of CHSSC. He was a member of the Guardsmen, a Chinese basketball team. He leaves his wife Bette who is also a CHSSC member.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 2, 1995

BOUTIQUE (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and FREE WALKING TOUR of Chinatown (11 a.m.-3 p.m.) at 411 Bernard Street - our new home and Visitors Center. Come and do some early holiday shopping.

- Saturday, December 2, 1995
Saturday, January 6, 1996
Saturday, February 3, 1996
- World War II Vets** are encouraged to come to a Breakfast Reunion from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at our new home, 411 Bernard St. You can look through our CHSSC WWII Polaroid Vets Scrapbook and see who else has come and what they look like today. Come and help us add to and preserve the history of the Chinese in America and Southern California.
- Saturday and Sunday
December 2-3, 1995
- BANNING RESIDENCE MUSEUM** presents a traditional Victorian family holiday from 100 years ago from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$5. For info, call 310-548-7777.
- Tuesday - Sunday
January 2-7, 1996
- Aloha Honolulu Tour** by the Society of Architectural Historians to the historic sites of Honolulu and Oahu. Reserve with \$500 deposit by December 5. For additional info, call Jeff Samudio, 213-962-4585.
- Saturday, January 13, 1996
- Chinese Historical Society of Greater San Diego and Baja California** proudly announces the Grand Opening of their museum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following will be a great party at the Marriott Hotel (Harbor Drive) in the evening. Call Murray Lee, 619-272-2366 or write to P.O. Box 99626, San Diego, 92169.
- Saturday, January 20, 1996
- Autry Museum of Western Heritage** presents a conference ...Los Angeles History: Old Venues, New Vistas from 8:30-4:30. \$35 Regular; \$30 HSSC & AMWH members; \$25 teachers. Registration fee includes conference, box lunch, admission to museum, refreshments and extensive resource packets. Call 213-222-0546 for additional information.
- Saturday and Sunday
March 23-24, 1996
- Bok Kai Festival** - Mark the dates of March 23-24, 1996, on your calendar for next year's Bok Kai Festival. This traditional Marysville Chinese community celebration has been held since 1880. The festival events are a grand Saturday and Sunday party. We are looking forward again to having a Society delegation marching in the historic Bok Kai Parade on Saturday morning and enjoying the many other festivities. A local banquet dinner is planned. Members will assemble in Marysville, 45 miles north of Sacramento, on Saturday morning. Travel arrangements and motel reservations are best made individually. The Bonanza Inn in nearby Yuba City is recommended, but advance reservations are necessary this festival weekend. Johnny Yee will lead a side-trip to historic Chinese locations in the Mother Lode for those with an extra day or two for touring. Contact Paul Chace (619-743-8609) or Johnny Yee (818-572-0459) for more details.

GIFTS FROM CHSSC with Holiday Discount at the Christmas Potluck

	Regular Price	Special discount*
.Linking Our Lives	\$11.00+ tax + s/h	\$10.00 *
.Sweet Bamboo	\$13.00+ tax + s/h	\$12.00*
.Origins & Destinations	\$25.00+ tax + s/h	\$20.00*
.CHSSC cup	\$ 5.00+ tax + s/h	\$ 3.00*
.Wooden Fish	\$24.95 + tax + s/h	\$20.00*
.1996 C.A.C.A. National	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.50*
Art Contest Winners Calendar		

*Wed., Dec. 6, 1995 only



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appetizers . salad . main dish . vegetable . rice . dessert

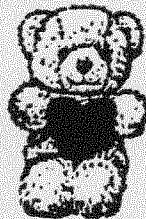
Each person is to bring enough food to serve 5 people, OR
pay \$5 per person at the door.

FOOD . FUN . SOCIALIZING

Bring your family and friends to share food, fun and fellowship
in a relaxed and casual atmosphere.

R.S.V.P. by December 1

Call SUE YEE 213-617-0396 or 818-799-8396



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