



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1995 - 7:30 P.M.
Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown
(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)

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

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

CHSSC Office
(213) 621-3171

This meeting will be dedicated to the remembrance of the first 10 years of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. A panel of long-time members will lead the walk down memory lane.

Please share your photos and memorabilia with your fellow Society members at this meeting. Bring your photos (mounted on paper or board) with captions denoting event, date, names of persons or places pictured. We will display them, and have a chance to talk about them.

We need your help in developing an archive of our own history as an organization. Please bring negatives of your photos so we can reproduce some of them. Tom Moy is our CHSSC Historian and will be appreciative of any assistance. We're looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

20th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET PROGRAM. Mark your date for November 17th, 5:30 p.m. for the Chinese Historical Society's 20th Anniversary Party. The theme is "Growing Up With Chinatown," symbolizing the tremendous maturation of Chinatown's community non-profits, of which CHSSC is one. In this same time period, Chinatown has become the cultural and business hub of an exploding Chinese American population, which has nearly tripled in size. The Society plans to recognize several of these notable institutions, such as the Chinatown Service Center, Chinatown Public Safety Association, Friends of Chinatown Library, and Chinese American Citizens Alliance. Each one of these groups has made its mark in making Chinatown a healthier, safer, or better place. This is about half the list that the Society proposes to present. Stay tuned next month for the other half. AND DON'T MISS this unique event. Suggestions, ideas, volunteers, please call Munson Kwok, (310) 645-1369 phone/FAX.)

THANK YOU GOES TO

Bob & Edith Jung for their generous donation towards the cost of the printing of the June 1995 Gum Saan Journal. The cost of printing, like everything else, goes up in price every year. (Remember, the Gum Saan Journal is now sent to subscribers only. If you did not receive the June 1995 issue, you probably did not pay the extra \$5 for a year's subscription. Two issues, June and December, are published each year. Individual copies are \$2.50 each plus tax.

Aurora Bahou, Lillian Fong, Ruth Lung, Jim & Sylvia Soo Hoo, and Frieda Wong for the special treats at our August meeting.

New Chinatown Corporation for donating the use of the shop behind the wishing well for our CHSSC photo displays during the Moon Festival on September 9 & 10. Exhibited were the much-praised World War II Veteran display with the cooperation of the Museum of Chinese American History, the Evergreen Cemetery Shrine display, the CHSSC Heritage and Visitors Center information, and the early Chinatown display. Volunteers included Mai Diep, Jim Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Bob & Edith Jung, Munson Kwok, Don Loo, Gene & Susan Moy, Tom Moy, Jeffrey Tung and his mother, and Cy Wong.

Special thanks to Suellen Cheng for supplying the exhibit materials and for helping with the set up.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY to former Board secretary, Pauline Renee Wong, who injured her right arm recently. We look forward to her help with the October News 'n Notes.

An UP-DATE ON RUTHANNE.....Author Ruthanne Lum McCunn, who had been scheduled to do a book-signing on June 7th of her latest book, "WOODEN FISH SONGS", was unable to do so at that time. A few days prior to that day, Ruthanne was involved in an auto accident, and sustained internal injuries, plus broken bones in both legs. However, from her latest letter, Ruthanne states that she is now well on the road to recovery. Surgery on her legs has been completed, and was successful. In 3-1/2 months, she has gone from being bedridden in the hospital to a wheelchair at home; then a walking cast in late September, and will be "graduating" to crutches whenever she is ready. Great progress in such a relatively short period of time is due to Ruthanne's high spirits and determination, to husband Don's loving support, and to her many friends who gave her encouragement and love.

Ruthanne sends her thanks to members of CHSSC for their concern and good wishes, and hopes to be back on her feet (literally) before too long. By the way, the Society still has a few copies of her new book. Call Ella Quan (213-255-6487) if you wish to pick up a copy for \$20 at the next meeting.

CONDOLENCES to Paul Louie and his family in the sudden loss of his sister in Seattle.

BUILDING FUND

We gratefully acknowledge these recent donors to the Building Fund, which finances the Society's Chinatown Heritage and Visitors Center on 411 Bernard Street. Come visit at OPEN HOUSE, the fourth Sunday of each month, at noon. This month, the Visitors Center will be opened, with exhibits, videos, and gifts, on September 24, 12N to 4 PM. -

Jack and Dorothy Hom, \$1,000
Jack C. and Betty Q. Lee, \$1,000
Israel and Nadine Levy, \$1,000
Jeanette E. Young, \$1,000
Mei Wah Club, \$1,000
Benjamin A. and Doreen Chan Nakayama, \$1,000

Albert and Margaret D. Lew, \$500
(in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary)
Kenneth L. Chan, \$500
Betty Lue, \$500
Stanton Mu, \$500
LIPPOBANK, \$500
Lilliam Lee Hom-Kim, \$500

Franklin Mah, \$300
Eugene W. and Susan S. Moy, \$250
Laurence G. Quan, \$250
Bill and Jean Jong, \$200
Linda Y. Lum, \$200
Susan Dickson, \$100
Raymond and Ruth Jung, \$50
Benjamin and Doreen Nakayama, \$50
Susan Dickson
Elmo Gambarana
Munson Kwok
Israel and Nadine Levy
Ella Quan
Pauline Renee Wong

The Sing Keong Lee Memorial Fund, \$1,100

Donors to the Sing Keong Lee Memorial are: Howard & Catherine Chan, Arlene Chang, Chi & Donna Cheng, Dennis & Virginia Cho, Cheryl Coleman, John & Grace Duong, Benjamin & Sharon Hoy, Peter Alan Jue, Mary Kao, Munson & Suellen Kwok, Irvin Lai, Kathleen Lai, Ted Lai, Jimmy & Patricia Lam, Virginia Latimer, Holly Lee, Warren Lee, Priscilla Lee, James Lee, Warren Lee (Diamond Bar), Dennis & Arlene Lowe, Cherylen & Larry Miller, Wayne & Susan Muramatsu, Linda O, Marva Sniffen, Alfred & Bibiana Soo-Hoo, Karin Takusagawa, Meg Thornton, Eric Wat, Heeman Wong, Jr., Heeman & Clara Wong, Thomas & Sharon Yee, Peter Yee.

In slightly more than a year, the Building Fund has collected over \$70,000. This is wonderful progress. However, cash needs to support mortgage payments and developing project and Center program will significantly increase in 1996. Soon, the Society will be calling on all of us, members and friends, to redouble our generous support (both financial and voluntary) in this worthy great effort to give the Society its permanent home and a learning center for the community.

BUILDING COMMITTEE -- L.A. CHINATOWN HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER

The CHSSC has successfully completed the first phase of the project. Phase 1 included raising funds for the down payment on the property for the Center, cleanup of the property which included new paint and landscaping, and holding monthly open houses with interim exhibits since June. We have held a number of special events at the property, such as two BBQ's, a holiday gift boutique, and a reception for the transfer of the Old Chinatown archeological collection.

The CHSSC Building Committee is now gearing up for the next, and very critical, phase of development. Phase 2 involves:

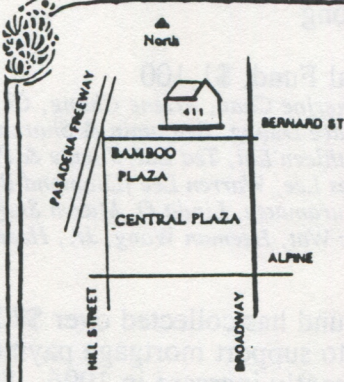
- reducing the seller-financed note on the property
- preparing detailed architectural and engineering plans
- building up a construction fund
- increasing our public relations effort

The public relations effort involves increasing the scope of activities on the site, such as new exhibits, more open house hours, docent training, and publication of a newsletter.

Volunteers are needed and welcomed! There are interesting challenges, the projects are rewarding, and you meet a lot of new people. Please call Eugene Moy, Building Committee chair, at 818-289-2067 if you think you would like to be involved.

The Phase 2 effort obviously involves raising significant funds. Look for our new fundraising appeal in the mail, but CHSSC members are also invited to participate in the process. If you have some contacts, or can facilitate meetings with potential donors, let us know. Contact Nadine Soo Hoo Levy at 818-792-6092 with your ideas.

In the meantime, please come out to our open houses, held on the 4th Sunday of each month from Noon to 4:00 PM. Mark these dates on your calendars now: **October 22nd, November 26th, and December 24th.** We have archeological treasures on display, an exhibit on loan from the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History, videos and slides, and resource books. Bring yourselves and your friends to see **our historic home!**



VISIT

the LOS ANGELES
CHINATOWN HERITAGE
AND VISITORS CENTER

411 Bernard Street, L.A. Chinatown

Information: (213) 621-3171

OPEN 4TH SUNDAY EVERY MONTH
Noon - 4:00 PM
Free Admission

Architectural landmark Archeological treasures
Asian American history videos Chinatown history slides
Resource books Friendly docents Local history exhibit

ENJOY A GREAT DINNER AND HELP A TERRIFIC CAUSE!

Enjoy a fantastic meal in a warm,
cozy ambience and leave

HAVING HELPED EARN PERHAPS
HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS FOR

Chinese Historical
Society of
Southern California
to benefit
Special Projects

Amazing! A fund-raising event where
you can just relax and enjoy delicious
dining with those close to you and then
PAY YOUR CHECK AND TIP AND
KNOW THAT YOU'VE
ASSISTED YOUR GROUP
TO MEET ITS
FINANCIAL GOAL.

FOR RESERVATIONS
PLEASE CALL
SYLVIA (213) 221-5573
CY (213) 731-1084

(RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED
BUT NOT REQUIRED)

Bring your family and friends
to dine at

WILD THYME
CAFE and BAKERY

Wild Thyme Cafe & Bakery at
805 Fair Oaks in South Pasadena

Tuesday Night,
November 7, 1995
3-9 PM

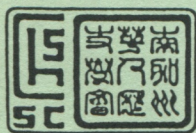
WILD THYME, (at Fair Oaks and
Hope St.)-Fair Oaks offramp,
off the Pasadena Freeway. Go
south a few blocks.

Fabulous gourmet-preparation
and wildly imaginative food combina-
tions are waiting for you. Cozy cafe atmos-
phere and a fascinating menu will delight your
family and friends.

We offer incredible giant Brittany crepes and the
latest in pastas, pizzas and salads are served-up long-
side inventive beef, chicken and seafood entrees.
The service and surroundings are up-scale and European
cafe-friendly, but nothing on this menu exceeds \$9.95.
We cater to tykes of all sizes, too.

Come join us. We'll help you meet your fund-raising goals
in great style.





• The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California •
proudly presents its

20TH ANNIVERSARY FALL DINNER-DANCE

*Celebrating Our First 20 Years "Growing Up With Chinatown"
and*

Honoring Chinatown's Community Organizations

*(including Chinatown Service Center, Chinatown Public Safety Association,
Friends of Chinatown Library, Chinese American Citizens Alliance,
Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and others)*

Friday, November 17, 1995

EMPRESS PAVILION

988 North Hill Street

Los Angeles Chinatown

(\$2.00 Parking with Validation at Bamboo Plaza)

6:00 p.m. Social Hour (No-Host Cocktails)

7:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

9:00 p.m. Dancing

Emcee: PAT LI, star of stage, screen and television

Exhibits: Suellen Cheng



For more information, contact: Elmo Gambarana (213) 733-2927
or Sue Yee (213) 617-0396 (day)
(818) 799-8396 (evening)

(Proceeds benefit the Society's many educational and historical projects)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 8, 1995

Please send your reservation form and check for total amount payable to CHSSC to:

CHSSC

PO Box 862647

Los Angeles CA 90086-2647

___ \$50/person ___ \$500 "Silver" Table ___ \$1000 "Gold" Table ___ \$1500 "Diamond" Table

Please reserve: ___ seats @ \$50 \$ ___ enclosed
___ Table @ \$ ___ \$ ___ enclosed

___ I will be unable to attend, but here's my tax-deductible donation of \$ ___

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

(For tables of 10, please list names of all guests on reverse)

COMING EVENTS

Monday, October 2 - **60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the China Society of Southern Calif.** will feature Honorable Ronald A.W. Lew, U.S. District Court Judge, Monday, 7:00 p.m. at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 N. Broadway, Chinatown, \$12.00 per person. RSVP to Gambarana (213-733-2927) for a seat at the Society table or to Rina Rae Sherman, 319 S. Gardner St., L.A. 90036 (213-936-0327).

Friday, October 6 - **ASIAN YOUTH CENTER** will be holding its fifth annual dinner and silent auction at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant, 901 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello. For more info, call 818-309-0622.

Friday, October 6 - Diana Wong presents THE 'LABYRINTH' - an art, music and dance performance. Wong is an artist with an international background. This event will take place between 6 & 8 p.m. at the Art Bank, 6300 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 103, Los Angeles 90048. Telephone 213-655-3352.

Friday, October 6 & Saturday, October 7 - **CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES** will be held at the Holiday Inn in Auburn. For more info, call Barbara Van Riper at 916-885-2074.

Saturday, October 7 - **The Taoist Temple Preservation Society** in China Alley, Hanford, presents the 16th Annual Moon Festival from 12-5 p.m. Free Admission.

Thursday, October 12 - **MONTEREY PARK HARMONY MONTH** - 25 FREE tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis to CHSSC members for movies at 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. at the Edwards Theater in Monterey Park on S. Atlantic Blvd). Features will be 1. "Picture Bride", 2. "Me Familia", 3. "Double Happiness". Call Munson or Suellen Kwok on 310-645-1369 phone or FAX.

Sunday, October 15 - 2 to 4 p.m. **30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** of the Historical Society of Centinela Valley will feature a special community program at the Centinela Adobe Complex at 7634 Midfield, Westchester. Free admission.

Saturday, October 28 - **ASSOCIATED HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY** (AHSLAC) mini-conference hosted by the Burbank Historical Society will take place at the Gordon R. Howard Museum Complex, 115 N. Lomita (corner Olive & Lomita), Burbank. Reservations at \$2 each and lunches at \$6 each. Info - 818-792-1048.

Friday, November 10 - **CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA** will be having a benefit dinner dance at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. This event is a fundraising campaign to build a **National Chinese American Museum and Learning Center**. Entitled "A Celebration of Roots", the occasion will be to honor Chinese American Veterans of the Armed Forces. Tickets are \$100 per person. For info, call Bea Wong (415-391-1188).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22. - OPEN HOUSE at 411 BERNARD STREET -
Noon to 4 p.m. COME ONE, COME ALL. Come and see the
exhibits and all the improvement the volunteer members have
made.

DEADLINE - the 15th of each month is the deadline for any articles you wish to submit to the News 'n Notes.