



# NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Appreciation of our Chinese American heritage \* A non-profit organization \*  
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## PROGRAM

### CHINESE JUNKS ALONG THE CALIFORNIA COAST

by

**LINDA BENTZ**  
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Saturday, May 4, 1996

**CHSSC's HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER**  
**411 Bernard Street, Chinatown**

**LIMITED FREE PARKING**  
**with CHSSC validation**  
**N.W. corner of North Broadway & Bernard Street**  
**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

A discussion and slide show will be presented about California-built Chinese junks by Linda Bentz, Patrick Smith, and Hans Van Tilburg. Linda Bentz graduated from UCLA with a degree in Anthropology, and is currently working with the National Park Service investigating Chinese presence on Santa Rosa Island. Patrick Smith earned his bachelors degree from UCLA in History, and a masters degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills in Public History and Historic Preservation. Hans Van Tilburg earned his masters degree at East Carolina University in Maritime History and Nautical Archaeology. He is currently an instructor for the Marine Options Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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**BYLAWS DUE FOR VOTE.** We introduced in the last News 'n Notes a set of bylaws and standing rules that will amend our present Bylaws. They are printed again this issue, and they are due to be voted upon at our May 4 outdoor meeting. Any questions or comments, please call Munson, (310) 645-1369.

**HERITAGE MONTH TRAVELING EXHIBIT** - "Gold Mountain Families: Searching for Chinese American Roots," will be on display at the Chinatown Branch, L.A. Library, corner of Yale and College Streets, for the entire month of May starting around May 1. This exhibit by the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History and El Pueblo Monument will highlight some Chinese American family histories and also feature tips on "how to do it." That is, researching your own family history. Call Suellen, (213) 626-5240.

**JIM CUMMINGS** - The Society's delegation to Jim's service was headed by Pres. Irvin R. Lai and included Cy Wong, Elmo Gambarana and Munson Kwok. Much of Jim's activities with the Society were remembered by his children, grandchildren, and his sister, member Nancy Zaun. Apparently Jim talked a lot about the Society among his family. It was definitely one of his favorite fun outfits. As noted previously, he was on our second Board of Directors. In fact, he is one of our charter signatories on the Articles of Incorporation 20 years ago. We will miss Jim and those good old days.

**BOK KAI** - No, you did not miss the LAST Bok Kai Festival in Marysville. Dr. Paul Chace happily announced at the last meeting that the new Marysville Chinese Historical Society has just been formed to carry out the tradition of the Festival next year and beyond. Write them to P.O. Box 1816, Marysville, CA. 95901. Check with Paul, (714) 743-8609.

**LEO POLITI** - By now, it is generally known that artist Leo Politi, the Cultural Treasure and Icon of Bunker Hill, Chinatown, and El Pueblo, passed away recently at 87. Everyone seems to have a Leo Politi story and this includes many of the long time residents and shopkeepers in Chinatown, who saw him frequently around town and got to know him. He, of course, immortalized one little Chinese girl, Moy, Moy, in one of his famous children's books, often based on the neighborhood most familiar to him. Chinatown is graced by one of his artistic works, the 1977 mural of children which can be seen in an inner courtyard of Castelar School. As recently as two years ago, Mr. Politi made his final grand effort to retouch the vast Biscailuz Building mural at El Pueblo, and with trepidation and awe, Suellen Cheng and her staff colleagues found themselves assisting, as he was too weak then to complete the less critical parts of the job. Dr. Bill Chun-Hoon remembers him best and spoke of him at the public ceremonies (and celebration) of April 22 at El Pueblo, where several Castelar children also performed in honor of his memory.

**'MULTICULTURAL MANNERS'** - Member Norine Dresser has just published her newest book, a manual for survival in the new Los Angeles. Definitely a useful book to have and a fun book to read for all the anecdotes and vignettes. The work deals with cross cultural relations and how to be successful with them. A lot of Chinese and Asian customs and etiquette are covered as well as those of many other groups around the world. Sold at Borders Westwood and other places. Norine, (213) 663-7743. (M. Kwok)

**SUMMER INTERNS SOUGHT** - The Friends of the Museum is seeking local college undergraduate interns for full time 10 week program on oral history and a Chinatown model exhibit, starting June 17. Stipend is \$3,000. Must be majoring in art history, architecture, Asian American studies, museum studies, history, etc. Call Suellen (213) 626-5240. Deadline: April 30, 1996, 5 p.m.

### **SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PILOT PROGRAM at 411 Bernard Street:**

A program has been developed by Susan Dickson/Bill Chun-Hoon and their committee for Los Angeles Unified School District's summer intersession children. This pilot program seeks to teach limited-English speaking students about the Chinese culture, Chinese-American history and the cultural and ethnic diversity of Los Angeles Chinatown. Beginning July 16, classes, ranging from elementary through high school, will be visiting the Center. These visits will last two hours twice weekly. The children will rotate through various activities: calligraphy, cooking, Tai Chi, use of chopsticks, walking tours, origami, tangrams, and Chinese brush painting.

This Heritage Center program can run only with volunteer help. You can commit to one date or multiple dates. Summer is a time of travel, but please save these dates: 7/16, 7/18, 7/23, 7/25, 7/30, 8/1, 8/3, 8/6, and 8/8. Call Susan Dickson (818) 792-8454 or Ella Quan (213) 255-6487.

## **Proposed Bylaws Revisions**

Amended in Board Motion 03/20/96. By: Munson Kwok

### **BYLAWS**

#### **Article VII, New Section 3b and 3c.**

b. The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, incapacity or resignation of the President. This Officer shall assist the President as directed.

c. The Vice President for Programs shall chair the Program Committee. *This officer shall be responsible for the development of all programs for the Society, including educational programs.*

#### **Article VII, New Section 3d.**

d. The Vice President for Development shall be responsible for the development of all major capital projects and assets of the Society. This officer has the chief responsibility for major fundraising in support of development efforts.

#### **Article VII, New Section 3e.**

e. The Vice President for Operations shall be responsible for the daily operations of the Society's administration and projects. This officer shall have oversight responsibilities for the Archives, Historical Research and Recognition, Outreach, and Publications Committees. This officer shall develop personnel requirements and shall supervise paid and voluntary administrative staff.

#### **Article VII, New Section 3...(labelling only).**

f. Secretary; g. Treasurer; h. Financial Secretary; i. Membership Secretary; j. All officers shall perform other duties as provided by the bylaws or as required by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article VII, Section 1. Officers.**

a. In order of succession, the officers shall be, the President, First Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

b.(1). The President, First Vice President, and Secretary can serve for a maximum of two (2) consecutive service periods...

#### **Article VI, Section 1. *Qualifications and Composition.***

*When taking office, members of the Board of Directors must be Society members in good standing.* The officers and directors-at-large together shall constitute the Board of Directors.

#### **Article VI, Section 2. Number.**

The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than thirteen (13) members and no more than nineteen (19) members.

#### **Article VI, Add Section 8. Restriction on Interested Persons as Directors.**

No more than 49% of the persons serving on the Board of Directors may be interested persons. An interested person is (a) any person compensated by the corporation for services rendered to it within the last 12 months, whether as a full-time or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation paid to a Director as a Director; and (b) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law or father-in-law of such a person. However, any violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any transaction entered into by the corporation.

#### **Article VI, Add Section 9. Compensation and Reimbursement**

Directors and members of committees may receive such compensation, if any, for their services and such reimbursement of expenses, as directors or officers, as the Board may determine by resolution to be just and reasonable to the corporation at the time that the resolution is adopted. The resolution is to be passed by a two-thirds vote of the full Board of Directors.

### **STANDING RULES**

#### **NEW ARTICLE IV. RULES FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT for DEVELOPMENT.**

A major capital project or asset is construed to be one exceeding \$5,000 in the aggregate. A major fundraiser is construed to be one exceeding a projected gross of \$15,000.

**WILBUR WOO HONORED**, LIFE MEMBER of CHSSC, will be the first Asian Pacific American recipient of the International Student Center's Neil H. Jacoby Award. The 13-year-old Jacoby Award is the International Student Center's highest honor. Named after Neil H. Jacoby, founding dean of UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management and one of the founding members of the center, the accolade is presented to those individuals who have enhanced international and intercultural understanding through their professional or volunteer endeavors. For more than 30 years, Wilbur Woo has been fostering trade relations between California and Taiwan and has served as a committee member and delegate for many state and national issues relating to Taiwan and Asia. (excerpts from Asian Week, April 12, 1996.) CONGRATULATIONS, Wilbur !

**REQUIEM by Elizabeth Sung** a film viewed and enjoyed by CHSSC members and friends at our February meeting has received an award. Elizabeth Sung submitted the film to the Film Festival in Houston, Texas and was notified that **REQUIEM** has won an award. She thanks CHSSC again for the use of 411 Bernard Street in which to do their filming and to Cy Wong for expediting a letter of recommendation for her to enter the American Films Institute for an advance course in directing. Out of 400 people interviewed, Elizabeth Sung was one of 20 to be accepted to the Institute. We're very proud of Elizabeth and her husband and we're proud to have played a part in the making of this award-winning film.

**HELP WANTED!** The Society's Finance and Assets Committee is looking for anyone willing to work on bookkeeping and accounting matters, helping to track its many projects and programs. It would help if you are familiar with office computer tools such as Microsoft Office or the equivalent. Call Munson Kwok, (310) 645-1369.

**THANK YOU** to each and everyone who brought treats to the April meeting:

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to open 411 Bernard Street an extra weekend on a Sunday. Right now, CHSSC is having Open House on the 4th Sunday of each month between 12 - 4 p.m. Many people have voiced a desire to see it on more than the one Sunday. Please call Ella Quan, 213-255-6487 or leave a message at the office phone, 213-621-3171.

**AN AMERICAN CHINATOWN** by Wong Ho Leun will be on sale at all CHSSC meetings, dinners, and other events. The book comes in two volumes (over 700 pp) for a low price of \$75.00.

**WILD THYME** Fundraiser on April 9 was another success, thanks to Sylvia Soo Hoo for all the hours she devoted to organizing the event. CHSSC profited over \$300 at the first fundraiser. This time, George Lee, a good friend of Al & Margie Lew's, donated a generous amount before he even sat down to eat. By 7 p.m., Sylvia reported that we already had 150 guests. Remember, Wild Thyme counts everyone and anyone who eats there between 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. We get a percentage of the net.

**BEULAH QUO**, CHSSC member, actress and producer, has been appointed by Governor Wilson to the California Gold Discovery to Statehood Sesquicentennial Commission. The Commissioners have been charged with the task to "mold and direct the Sesquicentennial into a beneficial and financially successful event of global stature", under Executive Order W-74-94.

**SYLVIA SUN MINNICK**, Executive Coordinator, who dedicated herself wholeheartedly to the Sesquicentennial effort from July 1994 through February 1996, left the position to run for a seat in the Assembly. Her indomitable spirit and drive will be missed. This is an opportunity to thank Sylvia for getting California 150 and the Sesquicentennial planning effort successfully through its initial growing stages. Best of luck! Sylvia is also a CHSSC member.





Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

## 1996 Spring Dinner

Friday, May 17, 1996

Empress Pavilion

988 North Hill Street  
Bamboo Plaza, Los Angeles Chinatown  
(\$2.00 parking with validation)

6:00 p.m. Meet and Greet (no-host cocktails)

7:00-9:00 p.m. Eight-course Chinese Banquet and Program

Program to include...

- **Loni Ding—educator, writer and film maker discussing her series "Ancestors in America" with excerpts from *Coolies, Sailors and Settlers***
- **Cultural Entertainment**
- **Slides of the restoration of the 19th Century Chinese Funerary Shrine**
- **Raffle and Door Prizes**

Proceeds to benefit the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California  
and its many educational and historical projects,  
including the Final Phase of the restoration of the 19th Century Chinese Funerary Shrine.

For more information, please contact:

Elmo Gambarana, 213-733-2927  
Jeffrey Tung, 310-247-7550

Sue Yee, 213-617-0396  
Tom Moy, 714-248-9647

**Please make your reservations by May 8, 1996**

Printing of flyers donated by the law offices of Grebow, Maruyama, Prinster and Yee

Please send this reservation form and check for total amount payable to CHSSC to:  
**CHSSC, PO Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647**

Please reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$35 per person \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Table(s) for 10 people at \$350 per table \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend, please accept my tax-deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**HUBERT FONG**, LIFE MEMBER, passed away on March 25, 1996 at the age of 71 from a brain tumor. He was buried in Forest Lawn, Glendale. He leaves his wife Lucille, three children - Christina, Priscilla, Roderick - and several grandchildren. Hubert was a corporal in the Army during World War II. He attended Woodbury College and was a bookkeeper for several firms. He and his wife attended our World War II dinner party. Our condolences to the family of Hubert Fong. (by Lillian Fong)

**CO-DIRECTOR** wanted for Asian Americans United's Summer Youth Program to work 40 hours a week in South Philadelphia from July 1 to Augst 23, 1996. Applicants must submit a resume and a letter of interest to Asian Americans United, ATTN: Cassandra Lor, 801 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 by April 30, 1996. For more info, call (215) 925-1538 from 9 am to 5 pm.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Friday  
April 26, 1996  
7 p.m.

"A Tribute to my Father, Pak On Lee (Ng)"  
by Ruth Lee, Chinese Cultural Center, 750 Kearny Street,  
San Francisco.

Sunday  
April 28, 1996  
12 - 4 pm

OPEN HOUSE AT 411 Bernard Street  
Come for a visit.

Saturday  
May 4, 1996  
2 p.m.

CHSSC's REGULAR MEETING  
Heritage & Visitors Center, 411 Bernard Street

Friday  
May 17, 1996  
6 pm - 9 pm

CHSSC's SPRING DINNER  
Empress Pavilion Restaurant

Saturday  
May 18, 1996  
2 pm

AN AFTERNOON AT THE SHRINE  
Evergreen Cemetery  
1st Street & Evergreen, Boyle Heights  
Call Sue Yee (213) 617-0396 for details.

Sunday  
May 26, 1996  
12 - 4 pm

OPEN HOUSE  
411 Bernard Street

Sunday  
June 9, 1996  
Noon - 3 pm

ANNUAL BARBECUE  
Centinela Valley Historical Society  
Park on County lot on 83rd Street, west of Hindry  
Transportation to Adobe

Thursday - Sunday  
June 20 -23, 1996

CONFERENCE OF CALIF. HISTORICAL SOCIETIES  
Theme: Antelope Valley - Heritage of a Desert Frontier:  
Native Americans, Pioneers, and Aerospace Exploration.  
Call Norma Gurba at (805) 723-6250 / 723-6251.

**NEWS 'n NOTES DEADLINE : All articles must be in to the P.O. Box by the 15th of the month to be considered in that month's News 'n Notes.**