



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1997

7:30 P.M.

**Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown
(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)**

SPEAKER: JEFFREY A. OW

A SLIDE PRESENTATION OF ANGEL ISLAND

Come for a "virtual walking tour" through the barracks of Angel Island. Jeffrey Ow, an instructor of Asian American Studies at UCLA and Ventura College, will present slides taken by photographers Erica Lee and Albert Lowe. Jeff, who has been a docent at Angel Island, will discuss where his grandfather and many other relatives were detained due to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act.

Jeff is currently doing research on the Broadway musical and motion picture, Flower Drum Song, and is searching for any individuals who played a role, major or minor, on screen or off, in the production. Please contact Jeff at 310-829-4612 if you have any information to share.

SAVE THIS DATE: WED. JUNE 18

7:00 P.M.

**Special Membership Meeting to
discuss the Bernard St. property
and its financial burden on the
Society.**

WELCOME. BABY CHRISTOPHER JARED QUAN - Proud parents Virginia and Richard Quan announces the birth of their new son, Christopher Jared, born April 29, 6 lbs., 11 ozs, 20 inches. Both mother and son are doing well. Ella Quan is now grandmother of four: Matthew, Andrew, Megan, and Christopher.

SPEEDY RECOVERY to PAULINE RENEE WONG - Pauline, former Board Secretary, suffered a stroke while on a golfing tour in Mexico. After several weeks at a Chula Vista hospital, she is taking therapy at Saddleback Hospital, 24451 Health Center Drive, Room 230 B, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

QUINCI LEE, a junior at U.C. San Diego, is the recipient of the 1997 \$1,000.00 scholarship offered by CHSSC. After arriving in 1990, Quinci was influenced by counselors to major in Sociology and minor in Chinese Studies. She is fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin. She plans to use her skills and education as a social worker or academic counselor at the college level. While living in the Bay Area, Quinci did volunteer work in the community, worked to help her family and also to save for college. CHSSC hopes that the scholarship money will help her attain her goals in helping other ESL students.

S.S. LANE LANE VICTORY CRUISE : Enjoy a one-day cruise into the past. Experience all the excitement of a WW II convoy. Wonderful entertainment, great food, and family fun. Our LIFE member Johnny Yee will be on the cruise on Saturday, July 12 to be your personal guide. If you are interested, contact Johnny by calling 818-572-0459 for more detailed information. Johnny will be at the June 4th meeting to sign you up and/or answer questions.

Boarding: 8:00 am-Cast Off: 9:00 am - Return: 4:30 pm
\$100, adults - \$60 children 15 years and under

CONDOLENCES

To the family of **ALLEN DONG**, a registered World War II veteran, who passed away May 19. He, with his late wife, Kaza, and their family were active in our Society for many years. When they couldn't attend the functions or meetings, they would donate pans of delicious home-made chow mein or raffle prizes. Daughter Beverly and son-in-law Carlos Picazo have been carrying on the tradition.

To the family of **ABEL LEM**, also a World War II veteran registered with us, passed away on April 4th. He enjoyed attending our monthly meetings and the different social functions. Sometimes he found it difficult to drive to the meetings from Westchester in the heavy traffic, but he always managed to find time to keep in touch.

To the family of **STEVEN SASAKI** who passed away suddenly while skiing with his sister. Steven's parents, Yuki and David Fon Lee, have donated money to CHSSC's Scholarship Fund in his memory.

To the family of **GLADYS WADDINGHAM** who passed away April 15th, shortly after the April News 'n Notes went out giving the address of the new convalescent home in Alhambra. Several Society members were planning to visit her when we received the sad news. Munson Kwok was asked to speak at her services and recalled that Gladys Waddingham and her late husband came to know CHSSC about 20 years ago. They both joined and regularly attended our monthly meetings. They brought their friends and other history buffs to Chinatown. In later years when she found it difficult to make the meetings, she would encourage her friends to attend our annual Spring or Fall Dinners, sometimes treating them. Several of us periodically received photos and/or articles which she found that might be of help for our own research. She was Historian of Centinela Valley and Historian of Inglewood.

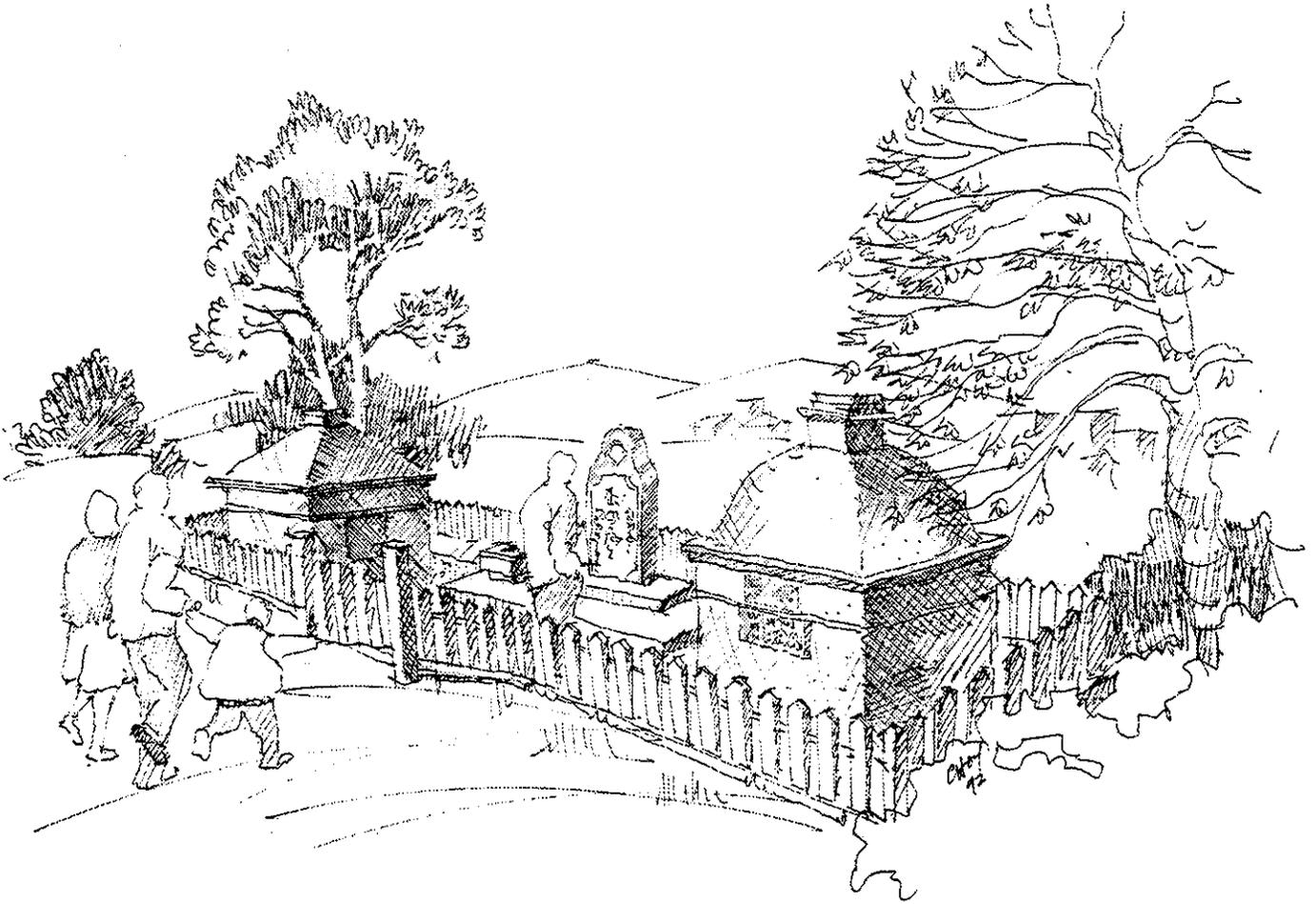
"THANK YOU" and MUCH APPRECIATION to Winifred Lew and Ruth Lung for coming early on Wednesday, May 7, to help set up the chairs and coffee supplies for the meeting.

"THANK YOU" for the MAY meeting refreshments to Elmo Gambarana, Anita Lim, Ruth Lung, and Noel Toy Young.



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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

**19TH-CENTURY CHINESE MEMORIAL SHRINE
RESTORATION COMPLETION AND RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY**

Saturday, June 28, 1997, 11:00 A.M.

Evergreen Cemetery, 204 N. Evergreen Avenue, Los Angeles

(RSVP: 213-621-3171)

Evergreen Cemetery is easily reached by taking First Street east from Downtown, approximately 1 1/2 miles to Evergreen Avenue.

Please don't miss this event! Chairman Irvin Lai promises dim sum and a whole roast pig will be served!!

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“Chinese American World War II Veterans of Southern California” Research Project

• Project Description •

- ◇ **Why** is the Society searching for Chinese American WWII veterans?
 - To re-claim a neglected part of American history: the participation of Southern California Chinese Americans in World War II.

- ◇ **What** are the goals of this Research Project?
 - To locate and identify as many Chinese American WWII veterans who either lived in Southern California before or after WWII.
 - To publish a limited edition commemorative book, tentatively titled, **Duty & Honor: Chinese American World War II Veterans of Southern California**, that will include historical essays and a “Roll Call” section containing photos and military service information of all veterans who come forward to register. (Publication will be filed with Library of Congress)
 - To co-produce with the Museum of Chinese American History a slide module w/ accompanying audio-cassette narration (for presentation and educational purposes only).

- ◇ **How** does this Project intend to accomplish these goals?
 - Will compile a Master Roster of Chinese American WWII veterans who lived in Southern California either before or after WWII.
 - Will register veterans; also interview if time permits and veterans willing.
 - Will copy & return borrowed photos and memorabilia for the Society’s photo archives and commemorative book publication.
 - Will create “A Polaroid Scrapbook of Veterans Today”, with veterans’ current addresses and phone numbers.

- ◇ **When** will this project be completed?

>>> July, 1997 ... if the Society can register at least 200 veterans! <<<

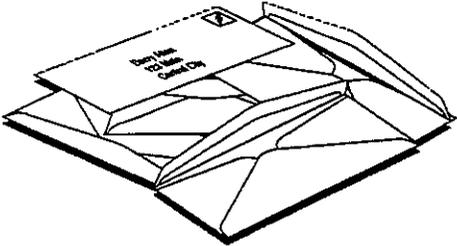
- ◇ **Questions?**
 - Call Museum Curator Suellen Cheng (213/626-5240); WWII veterans Jim Fong (213/295-0616) or Irvin Lai (213/735-1331); Project Coordinator Marjorie Lee (310/825-5043 day or 310/676-4288 eves.); or Research Assistant Lili Yin Yee (310/824-7930).



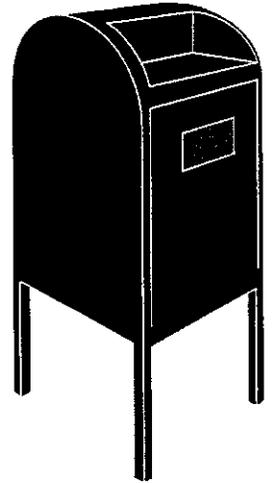
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REGISTER BY MAIL



**It's over, but it's
not over... yet!**



Registering in person in Chinatown is over, but *you can still register by mail through ~~May 31!~~ June 23*

Since October 1996, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California has collected over 600 names and succeeded in registering 200 Southland Chinese Americans who served in the Armed Forces during WWII. We believe their dedication, loyalty, and contribution to America should be remembered and documented, so we are conducting this important research project. The Society NEEDS YOUR HELP in locating more WWII vets! To REGISTER our WWII veterans is TO PRESERVE this neglected part of American history.

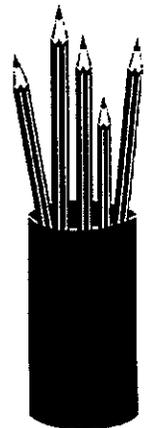
What do you need to register and be included in the Society's publication?

This is what you can do:

- FIND - ***Original portrait-type photo of veteran in uniform.***
- FIND - ***Discharge/separation papers to verify military service.***
- MAIL TO - **Marjorie Lee**

**CHSSC WWII Veterans Project
UCLA Asian American Studies Center
3230 Campbell Hall
Box 951546
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546**

- PHONE - day 310/825-5043, eves. 310/676-4288
- BE PATIENT - While we photo-archive copies of your document. *They will be returned to you!*
- CELEBRATE - With the Society at its upcoming Veterans' Tribute planned for this fall. Your family and friends are invited to this special event and book reception!
Save this date!



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

- May 23 - Sept. 14 **POWERFUL MEMORIES, HOPEFUL VOICES**
Autry Museum of Western Heritage
An exhibition developed by 5th grade students of
Castelar School and Mount Washington Elementary
School.
- Sunday
May 25
Noon to 4 p.m. **L.A.CHINATOWN HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER**
411 Bernard Street, L.A. Chinatown
213-222-1918
- Thursday - Sunday
May 29 - June 1 **CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION CONFERENCE**
California Preservation Foundation
For info: 510-763-0972
- Saturday
May 31
10 am - 4 pm **ELEGANCE, STRENGTH, & STRIKING BEAUTY**
Artist Cheng Bing from Beijing, China
San Diego Chinese Historical Museum
404 Third Avenue, San Diego
1:00 pm - lecture by artist
For info: 510-763-0972
- Wednesday
June 4
7:30 p.m. **LAST MONTHLY MEETING for fiscal year**
Castelar School's multipurpose room
840 Yale Street, L.A. Chinatown
- Sunday
June 8, 1997
Noon - 3 pm **22nd ANNUAL BARBECUE**
Historical Society of Centinela Valley
Centinela Adobe Complex
7634 Midfield, Westchester
\$7 donation for steak or chicken
For info: 310-649-6272
- Wednesday
June 18
7:30 pm **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
Castelar School - Multipurpose Room
- Thursday-Sunday
June 19-June 22 **CONFERENCE OF CALIF. HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**
43rd Annual Meeting, Chico, CA
"Those Who Came Before" - the first settlers of the
Upper Sacramento Valley and their impact on Calif.
Includes guided tour by private vehicles to Bruff's
Camp on the Lassen Trail.
For more info, call 916-877-6649.
Reservation deadline, June 5, 1997.
- Saturday & Sunday
July 12, 13 **20th ANNUAL LOTUS FESTIVAL**
Echo Park Lake, Los Angeles
CHSSC will have a booth. Come and help.
- Friday
Sept. 5- 10 **CALIFORNIA RAIL & SAIL**
Associated Historical Societies of L.A. County
6 Day Motorcoach Tour
For info: 818-792-1048

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.