



NEWS 'N NOTES

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
*Appreciation of our Chinese American heritage * A non-profit organization*
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Wednesday, November 5, 1997

7:00 P.M.-SOCIAL HOUR

7:30 P.M. - BUSINESS & PROGRAM

Castelar School - Multipurpose Room

840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown

(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)
 between Hill and Yale Streets

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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH

MISS CHINATOWN

(a slide show and talk)

The reigning Los Angeles Miss Chinatown, Christina Wu, will give us her unique perspective of the Miss Chinatown experience -- from being a contestant to the pageant to the job itself. Not only will she tell of events she has attended and the people she has met, she will outline her responsibilities as Miss Chinatown. We will gain insight about what she has gone through as Miss Chinatown and what she has learned. Also, Christina, with some of her court in attendance, will give us an update for coming events. Christina Wu was born in Taiwan and moved to the United States while in elementary school. Christina is a USC graduate in business and has worked in public relations. She is a current board member of OCA as well as a member of APEX, and CAUSE.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT goes to LIFE member Paul Louie who recently compiled some important documents naming the founders of the Society and giving a history of how CHSSC was started. The material was duplicated and placed into two binders, one for our archives and one for the office. Thank you, Paul, for donating these papers to us.

THANK YOU for the October Meeting refreshments: Lupe and Frank Chee, Mary Yee Kwok, Winifred Lew, Ruth Lung, Sylvia Soo Hoo, and Noel Toy Young.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!

- Members to serve on the November 7th Dinner Committee
Call Susan Dickson, 818-792-8454, 213-621-3171
- Raffle Prizes valued at \$25 and over for November 7th Fundraising Dinner. Call Susan Dickson, 818-792-8454, 213-621-3171
- Editor for monthly News 'n Notes
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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday CHSSC Monthly Meeting
November 5 Castelar School's multi-purpose room
7:00 p.m.

Friday CHSSC's FALL FUNDRAISING DINNER
November 7 Empress Pavilion
6:00 p.m. 988 N. Hill St., L. A. Chinatown
"Chinese American Success: How to be Successful in Free Enterprise"; Guest Speaker, Wesley Ru

For reservations and further information, contact
Susan Dickson 818-792-8454
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Please reserve _____ seat(s) at \$60.00 per person \$ _____
_____ table(s) for ten people at \$600.00 per table \$ _____
I am unable to attend, but enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution. \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____

Please list attendees sitting together on the back of this form.

Make checks for total amount payable to:

CHSSC, P.O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647

Wednesday CHSSC's ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER
December 3 Castelar School's Multi-purpose Room
(see coming flyer)

DUTY & HONOR: A Tribute to Chinese American WWII Veterans of Southern California.

Pre-publication order date has been extended to December 31, 1997.

See enclosed flyer.

Dates and times for pickup will be announced later.

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.



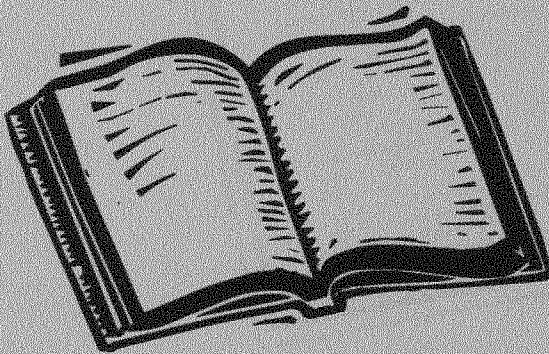
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PRE-PUBLICATION ORDER FORM

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A Tribute to Chinese American WWII Veterans of Southern California



*This is your chance to own a piece of history!
This special, limited edition, commemorative
publication will feature 200 pages of essays and photos
dedicated to Southern California's Chinese Americans
and their experiences during WWII. Learn about these
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Extended to **December 31, 1997— \$33.00** (add CA sales tax & shipping)

Retail Price: **\$36.00** plus CA sales tax & shipping, if necessary

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(please see back)

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Pick up at Tribute/Reception or CHSSC meeting = _____
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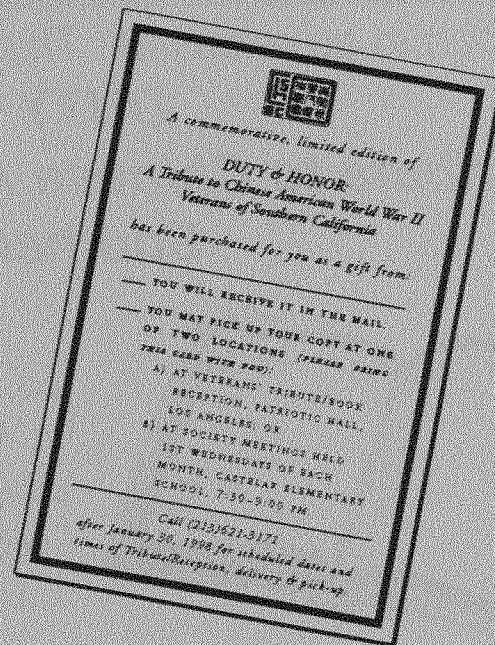
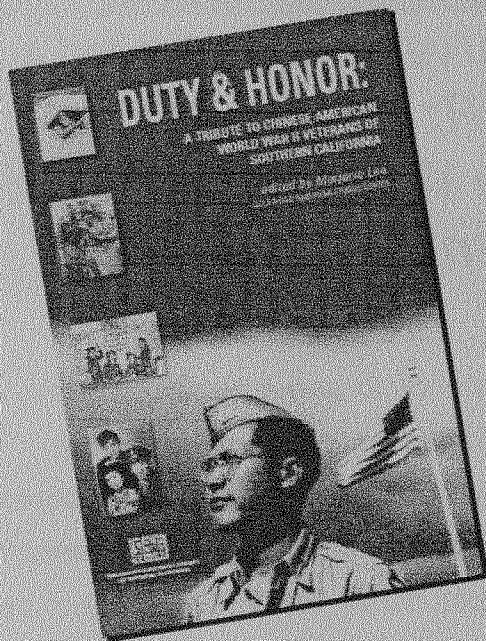
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**This extended offer expires
December 31, 1997!**

Looking for a great gift idea? Then order a copy of
**Duty and Honor: A Tribute to Chinese American
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for your friends or loved ones. Gift Certificates are available now.



Now you can purchase a gift certificate for your friends or loved ones just in time for the holiday season. They can receive their very own personal copy of this memorable commemorative book delivered to them through mail or it can be picked up at the upcoming Veterans' Tribute/Book Reception, or at the CHSSC monthly meetings in Chinatown. These great gift certificates can be purchased through mail or at the November and December CHSSC monthly meetings. You will automatically receive your complimentary gift card for holiday giving if we receive your order by Monday, December 15, 1997.

Autumn in New York

by Munson Kwok

Where is Home? That rhetorical question was the inspiration for much examination and dialog at the 6th, although billed as the 5th as CHSSC held the 4th and the 5th was in Honolulu, the 6th Chinese American Studies Conference held during the spectacular Indian summer weekend of October 10-12 in New York City at New York University. This first-ever gathering of the type east of the Sierras generated a record attendance of over 300, signaling that Chinese Americans on the east coast had come of age as a revitalized social force and that the cadre of serious scholars and community organizations there is growing. In addition to examining the traditional subjects of history, "Where is Home?" took on much of the trappings of a cultural festival reflecting the eclectic good taste of Prof. Jack Tchen, the principal organizer.

Thus the opening night included poetry and prose and the intellectual call for conference participants to examine the new issues. Some of this flavor was expressed in one sequence, in which the diversity of the Chinese American world (at least as seen from New York) was soundly emphasized by a sequence of speakers speaking Chinese American community issues, or their common denominator, who were not Chinese American. These included James Early, African American representing the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Tom Bender, intellectual historian and dean at NYU, the Hon. Nydia Velazquez, Member of Congress and a professor, every bit the equal of our Lucille Roybal-Allard in voicing the cause for immigrants, and Elizabeth Yeampierre, an organizer from Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Sunset Park was shown to be a unique neighborhood in which Latino and Chinese have coexisted in exemplary harmony.

The theme of diversity was continued at Saturday's luncheon when a panel of Chinese Americans described what it was like to be New Yorkers, although they weren't quite. Tony Chan, filmmaker, once was a Hong Kong immigrant, Fay Chiang is their renowned regional poet, Fabiana Chiu is once a Peruvian who is a museum expert, "Charlie" Chin, raconteur, now lives in San Mateo, and Cindy Hsu, a military brat just blowing into town as new CBS anchor. The point was brought home that virtually everyone is an immigrant or first generation native-born. Another difference in demographics is a preponderance of Spanish speaking Chinese, from the Caribbean and South America.

On the cultural side, highlights included introduction of Loni Ding's new completed opus, *Ancestors in America Part II: Chinese in the Frontier West: An American Story*. Students presented dramatic readings of Ruth Ann Lum McCuum's *Wooden Fish Songs*. New was the multimedia panel showing works in progress and the ideas for exciting new national Web sites.

True to the New York City tradition for activism, the Conference passed a resolution protesting NYPD police brutality against an old man in his own apartment in Chinatown. He was a retired medical scholar and college professor. This August outrage had gone unanswered.

Sunday, enjoying the sun and the dense, colorful promenade of New Yorkers that the unseasonable warmth brought out in Greenwich Village and in Chinatown, our CHSSC contingent took the informative Museum of Americas walking tour and discovered their World War II monument on the outskirts of Chinatown. Our delegation of Paul and Emma Louie, Jeff Tung, Marji Lee, Charles Wong, Jim Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Calvin and Winnie Lee, and Munson and Suellen Kwok, and Jeff Ow had the most memorable time that included one last NY Chinatown feast orchestrated by the rediscovered Dr. June Yuet Mei, lead staffer of the Southern California Chinese American Oral History project nearly 20 years ago.

"Where is Home?" remains unanswered, but we moved closer to knowing it. ###