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PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

7:00 P.M.

**Castelar School - Multipurpose Room
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown
(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)
between Hill and Yale Streets**

Speaker:

**ELAINE ZORBAS
Booktalk / Book Signing**

In her book, Fiddletown: From Gold Rush to Rediscovery, Elaine Zorbas traces the evolution of the town from its heyday with a sizeable Chinese population to its survival as a tiny rural community. Of great interest is Ms. Zorbas' account of Fiddletown's Chew Kee Store and its longtime occupant and preserver, Jimmy Chow.

Ms. Zorbas who has a B.A. in History from U.C. Berkeley and a Master's in Library Science from USC is currently the Head of Research at the Pasadena Public Library.

THANK YOU for all the delicious refreshments at the February meeting to members of the Friends of the Chinatown Library and CHSSC.

DINNER AT CARMINES' on St. Patrick's Day was again successful with over 70 members, relatives, and friends enjoying a delicious Italian meal of their choice. The exact profit will be announced at a later date. If you missed this one, plan on attending our next one in 2-3 months. Watch for Ways & Means Chair Elmo's announcement.

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

First Annual Ch'ing Ming Festival

**Memorial Shrine at Evergreen Cemetery
Saturday, April 4, 1998 - 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

From the 1880's to the 1960's, succeeding generations of Los Angeles' Chinese families held Ch'ing Ming festival at the memorial shrine in Evergreen Cemetery. Ch'ing Ming -- the Pure Brightening -- was a time for families to visit the gravesite, sweep the tomb, and perhaps lay out an offering of food in accord with Confucian tradition. On April 4, 1998, we will honor these past generations and acknowledge their traditional beliefs -- whether or not we still practice them today. Please come and share this commemorative event with us. Refreshments will be served.

A CELEBRITY AMONGST US. - Guess who. It's a male. He is one of our Board of Directors. He has spent more time in China than many of us. He knows how to speak Cantonese and Mandarin - again much better than some of us. He is NOT Chinese but had a big speaking role in a Chinese movie which has been airing on Channel 18 -- speaking in fluent Mandarin!! He recently helped CHSSC receive a grant of to work on our archival materials. You're right!! The celebrity is none other than USC Professor of Archaeology **Eugene Cooper**.

*******VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*******

by Prof. Cooper

The Society's Digital Archive Project is gearing up to produce a photographic archive of our extensive artifact collections for publication on CD-ROM and on the Society's World Wide Web page (www.chssc.org). The project is scheduled to commence on May 1, 1998 and last for about six months.

1. We are in need of Society members with computer input / secretarial skills to help with computerizing the catalogue of artifacts excavated during the construction of the MTA Red Line. Some of this work could be done at home if you have your own computer. Suitable software will be provided by the project director. Otherwise, the work would probably be done at the Society's Bernard Street houses where the photography will also be in progress.

2. We are in need of Society members to help in the transportation of the artifacts to be photographed from their present location in storage in Santa Monica to the Society's Bernard Street houses for photographing, and return to storage in Santa Monica. Your time is of the greatest importance, but if you can also provide a vehicle with which to move the artifacts, that would also be welcome.

If you are interested in joining in this Society project, please contact Jeff Tung, President of the Society, at 310-360-8989.

CONGRATULATIONS, JUDGE RONALD LEW & ROBERT KWAN!

Thanks and much appreciation goes to Dan Louie, Jr. who served many years as President of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History (MCAH). Mr. Louie's dedication and persistent nature helped bring the museum project to where it is today. The Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History have bestowed upon Mr. Dan Louie Jr. the title of Charter President of MCAH. At the same time the Board is happy to announce that Judge Ronald Lew has been elected to the office of President of the Friends of MCAH and attorney Robert Kwan has been selected as its President-Elect. Both men have been serving on the MCAH Board for several years. The goal is to open the museum doors in the year 2000.

HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER UPDATE by Eugene Moy, Building Committee Chair.

Fundraising. Fundraising efforts are continuing through direct mailings and personal contacts with individuals and organizations. A grant consultant has been retained to assist with phase two of one of our grant applications. Several other grant applications have been submitted and we are awaiting responses.

We get visitors. Thanks to the January L. A. Times article, the inclusion of our Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center, located at 411 Bernard Street, on the L.A. DASH bus tour map, and from simply being open every Sunday afternoon, we have received increased visitorship in the past 3 months. We have met folks from all over Southern California, plus a number from out of state, as well as several from China and from Switzerland. A great opportunity to share the history of our nearly 150 year presence in Los Angeles!

In the past month student groups from UC Santa Barbara, Occidental College, and UCLA have toured the Heritage & Visitors Center as part of their tours of Chinatown. These tours were augmented by slide shows, printed materials, or tour guides originating from the Heritage & Visitors Center. We have seen a number of students bring friends or family back to our Heritage Center to see our exhibits and books.

Did you know that Bernard Street is named after Juan (Jean) Bernard, a native of French Switzerland? Mssr. Bernard, like many Europeans, came by way of the Horn in search of gold. He was known to own a brickyard on BuenaVista Street (now Broadway), but in the late 1870's, after marrying Senorita Susana Machado, he bought a winery and vineyard at Third and Alameda Streets. The brickyard property was subdivided, and on October 10, 1883, two lots from the Bernard Tract were sold to J.H. Whitney. On July 6, 1886 the two lots were purchased by Philipp Fritz, an emigrant from the Alsace region of France. Fritz then build three homes on the lots in 1886, 1888, and 1892. Census records show that most of the neighbors on Bernard Street were of French origin. Thus the CHSSC now occupies one of the most historic properties in one of the most historic neighborhoods in Los Angeles!

Tongue-in-Cheek Award from L. A. City Historical Society Newsletter, March 1998.

"In a Society Newsletter last year, Irene Tresun - past president - promised a lollipop to anyone who gave the right answer as to which one of the seven wonders of the ancient world still exists. Sid Adair and CHSSC member **Elmo Gambarana** were the only members who knew it, or took the trouble to contact her. Each received a special twirling lollipop. (P.S. the correct answer is the Pyramid at Giza).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	CHSSC MONTHLY MEETING
April 1	Castelar Elementary School
7:00 p.m.	840 Yale Street, L. A. Chinatown

Saturday	Ch'ing Ming Festival
April 4, 1998	Memorial Shrine @ Evergreen Cemetery, 204 N. Evergreen Ave.
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Corner Evergreen & First St., Boyle Heights

Saturday	Chinese Children's Hats Exhibition
April 4, 1998-----	Opening Reception
Exhibition through April by San Diego Chinese Historical Museum and	
San Diego Chinese Art Society	
Lecture: Prof. Phylis Lan Lin	

Sundays
April 5, 12, 19, 26
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center
Exhibits open to the public.

Saturday
April 11
8:30 a.m.

"Building Chinese American Heritage: Archaeology, History, Material Items, Performance.....& Food"
Hyatt Islandia Hotel, Ballroom B, Mission Bay, San Diego, CA
1998 Annual Meeting, Society for California Archaeology
The full program with 33 sessions is available at "www.scanet.org"
For detailed info, call 619-222-5323 or 760-743-8609.

Saturday
April 11
Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Procession @ 2:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals
El Pueblo Historical Monument and the Merchants of Olvera Street

Wednesday
April 15
6:30 p.m.

CHSSC Board Meeting
969 North Broadway (above Phoenix Bakery)
Everyone welcome.

Friday
April 17, 1998
11:30 a.m.

10th Annual Golf Classic
The Chinatown Service Center
Los Verdes Golf Course
7000 West Los Verdes Dr.
Rancho Palos Vrdes, Ca 90275
For info, call 310-377-7888

Thurs.-Sunday
May 7-10
Architerctural

23rd Annual Calif. Preservation Conference
Co-hosted by Calif. Preservation Foundation (CPF) & Berkeley
Heritage Association (BAHA)
For info, call 310-763-0972

Friday
May 15

CHSSC's SPRING DINNER
Empress Pavilion
Speaker: Arthur Dong, famed playwright
W A T C H FOR FLYER

Tuesday
May 19

1998 Awards Dinner
UCLA Asian American Studies Center
Regal Biltmore Hotel
Honoring Sumi Sevilla Haru, Angela Oh, Minoru Tonai, Charles Woo
For more info, call 310-825-2974

Sunday-Saturday
July 12 - July 18
\$1200 per person

USDA Forest Services/Heritage Expedition / So. Oregon Univ.
Archaeology of the Chinese Miners' Legacy
Fee pays for lodging in Ashland, meals, speaker fees, and other project costs.
At least 80% of the net proceeds will go to the enhancement of Chinese and other archaeological and historic sites in the Rogue river and Siskiyou National Forests.
For more info, call Jeff LaLande, (541) 858-2302 or 2200

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.

FIELD TRIP TO PROMONTORY SUMMIT, UTAH
MAY 10, 1998 CELEBRATION

Suggestions from Johnny Yee:

1. Make your motel and car rental reservations NOW - by phone - no money up front.
2. Mention CHSSC. Get your foot inside the door.
3. Maps will be provide at April 1st (Wednesday) meeting.
4. Bring your Society's red jacket.

- Arrive in Salt Lake City on May 9th (Saturday)
- Pick up rental car at airport.
- Check in motel at Brigham City, UT
- Be at Golden Spike National Park by 10:00 a.m. on May 10th (Sunday).
- Return to Salt Lake and catch flight back into LAX evening on May 10th.

Suggestions from Bill Chew: (310-823-6291)

1. Direct telephone # for South West Airlines is 800-435-9792
 Round trip regular fare is \$146 each
 Senior Citizen (65+) is \$136 each
2. Bring warm clothes for visiting the Golden Spike Historic Site. It may be cool in May.
3. Bring camera and lots of film. Film purchased at site is costly.
4. Discuss with your friends who are traveling to share a car or van before making transportation reservations.

Johnny has booked his flight with **Betty Cheng of Air & Sea Tours, Inc.**, 300 S. Garfield Ave. #205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Phone 626-288-8195 or 8141; FAX 626-288-2511.

Betty is off on Thursdays, no Saturday or Sunday.
 Her hours are 9:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Direct phone no. 626-288-2283.

South West Airlines

Lv. LAX 8:15 a.m. Arr. Salt Lake 11:05 a.m.
 Lv. LAX 9:35 a.m. Arr. Salt Lake 1:45 p.m.

Lv. Salt Lake 6:45 p.m. Arr. LAX 7:40 p.m.
 Lv. Salt Lake 7:25 p.m. Arr. LAX 10:20 p.m.

Rental Car

Alamo -	1-800-327-9633) Senior, auto club about \$40 per day
Avis -	1-800-331-1212) for compac unlimited mileage
National -	1-800-328-4567)

Motels & Hotels near Promontory:

1. Crystal Inn, 480 Westland Drive, Brigham City, 435-723-0440 (\$50-\$60)
2. Western Inn, 2301 W. Main, Tremonton, 435-257-3399 (probably same \$)
3. Howard Johnson, 1167 S. Main, Brigham City 435-723-8511 (probably same \$)

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Program/Volunteer Coordinator

Immediate Need

Application deadline: opened until filled

Job Description.

Candidate shall support the day-to-day operations of the projects and programs of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California under the supervision of the president or his/her designee. Candidate shall coordinate and conduct walking tours, and will assist in their development and marketing. The candidate may also give support to the preparation and marketing of the Society's publication and other Chinese American educational tools and materials. The candidate may also give support to maintenance and development of the Society's Archives. Duties may include some aspects of office operations and management, including the supervision of interns. Coordinating volunteers will be an important, frequent task. The work week will be Tuesday through Saturday, for a total of 20-24 hours per week.

Qualifications.

Minimum of a bachelor's degree in one or more of the following disciplines required: humanities, social sciences, business administration, marketing, public relations, or related subject. Demonstrated knowledge of Asian American studies or history also highly preferred. Good writing and very strong oral communications skills shall be required of the successful candidate. Very good interpersonal, team building, and organizing skills will be essential. Bilingual abilities involving Chinese language are desirable. Experience with computers and software for business and office applications is expected.

Employment Conditions: Range of \$10-15 per hour. No benefits except 3 paid national holidays. Parking expenses paid. Job could grow to long-term, full time.

Application Process

Applicants can FAX resume and information to the Society at (213) 621-3171. Or mail to: CHSSC Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA. 90086-2647. Or e-mail to Munson Kwok at <munsonak@aol.com>, entitling your message "CHSSC job".

Applicants are expected to submit resume, including academic background with GPA and prior employment experience, references (1-job or school related, 1-character), evidence of availability, and a 300 word or shorter statement on long term career goals. Interview of finalists shall be conducted by the Personnel Committee. Further information may be obtained from Munson Kwok, (310) 336-5441 or by e-mail (preferred). *The Society is a educational, not-for-profit corporation based in Los Angeles Chinatown, serving the community for 23 years.* ###3/98

