

NEWS 'n NOTES

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

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

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

6:30 P.M.

CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Multi-purpose Room

840 Yale Street

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

HOLIDAY POTLUCK & BOUTIQUE

(see flyer)

GREAT NEWS!! EXCITING NEWS!!

A CHALLENGE FOR THE MILLENIUM

THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

A RAINBOW ON THE HORIZON

"It's always darkest before the dawn", so goes the old saying. Now the dawn seems to have come for the Society. CHSSC has been given a major donation of **\$100,000** to help pay off the existing mortgage on the Heritage and Visitors Center located at 411 and 415 Bernard St., Los Angeles. The donors will remain anonymous for the time being (at their request), but they did state that their offer will be in the form of a "challenge fund" – a 2-for-1 deal. And there is a time limit – by the year 2000, or a short time beyond. Otherwise, the society may lose the donation when it reverts back to the donors.

Realizing the significance of the society's goal of discovering and preserving Chinese American history, the donors stated that their main purpose for this donation -- and a very generous one, we might add -- was to "make a difference" to a worthwhile cause. In this case, it would help the Society to finally have a place to call its own, without major encumbrances, -- place where its members could continue to fulfill its goal of bringing awareness of the Chinese American heritage to the present and future generations of all Americans. This, in turn, will bring a greater understanding of the struggles and hardships endured by the early Chinese pioneers.

At the October Board meeting, the officers unanimously approved the proposal given by the donors, and were enthusiastic about the Society's ability to meet the challenge. Let's hope this enthusiasm is contagious to all members and friends of the Society.

So, -- is this a "chance of a lifetime", or what? Lightning may not strike twice this time -- so let's

MEET THE MILLENIUM WITH A BANG!! and

BEAT THE CHALLENGE WITH ZEST !!!

Margie Lew

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SATURDAY, DEC. 19, 1998 .

Read the enclosed letter to all our Veterans. Duty and Honor: Chinese American World War II Veterans of Southern California will be ready for pickup and / or purchase on Dec. 19. (read letter)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1999

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION !! ALL HIGH SCHOOLS...

Classes '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s

Torrance Cultural Center, 12 noon to 4 p.m., \$12.50 per person

Buffet lunch -- all you can eat. Dancing!! Music by Mr. Lee

For info, contact Prudy Ginn 626-355-0568

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HAVE A BALL!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1999

Chinese New Year Banquet to support the Los Angeles Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center. (read flyer)

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1999

Field Trip to Promontory Summit, Utah for the annual re-enactment of the completion of the Transcontinental railroad. More details to follow.

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.