



# **NEWS 'n NOTES**

## **Chinese Historical Society of Southern California**

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

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**AUGUST 1999**

**W E L C O M E      B A C K !!**

### **PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, September 1, 1999**

**7:00 P.M.**

**CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Multi-purpose Room**

**840 Yale Street**

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

### **FROM COLFAX TO PROMONTORY**

**A Chinese American Heritage Tour, May 7-10, 1999**

### **Slides and Recap by The Participants**

Earlier this year, two dozen CHSSC members joined in a two day historical celebration hosted by the Colfax Area Historical Societies. Festivities included a guided tour along the American River canyon portion, in the Sierra Nevada, of the first transcontinental railroad in the U.S., and the dedication of a marker commemorating the carving of a roadbed by Chinese laborers in the 1860s on the side of Cape Horn, a sheer rock outcrop thousands of feet above the river. From Colfax, many members continued by Amtrak eastward to Promontory Summit, Utah, where we were joined by other CHSSC members to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famous Golden Spike Ceremony of 1869. Planning and logistics for this great tour were handled principally by CHSSC members William and Natalina Chew.

Join us as we share with slides and personal accounts what we saw and learned about the role of Chinese workers in one of the greatest construction achievements in world history.



From GOLD MOUNTAIN to the NEW MILLENNIUM, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chinese-American Conference held at the University of San Diego from July 9-11, 1999 was a huge success. Over 20 CHSSC members and friends attended the conference. The conference was well organized and well attended.



WELCOME BACK!! We, the 1999-2000 Officers and Board of Directors, welcome all of you back from your vacation. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful time. Board meetings continued throughout the summer and many exciting ideas are being planned for the coming year. Our regular meetings will continue to meet at Castelar School on the First Wednesday of each month. We look forward to seeing all of you then.

"THANK YOU," MEMBERS AND FRIENDS . To date, about 250 people have donated to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California's Building Fund --- a total of a little over \$100,000.00. More money is needed to reduce the mortgage payments as soon as possible so that additional money can go towards more programs.

#### 1999 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST CONTINUES

A report of how many members brought in NEW members will be given at the Board Meeting on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Members can still bring in NEW members up to the day of the Fall Dinner (date to be announced). NEW members joining now will be considered members throughout the year 2000. How many can YOU recruit??

Membership Chair, Cy Wong, reported two new members as this is being written. Two Cal State L.A. students have joined, along with a subscription to our Gum Saan Journal. WELCOME to Katherine Yung and Phuoc Eu. They have also volunteered to help with whatever is needed at the Society and/or the Heritage Center. We look forward to meeting them.



**LOS ANGELES-GUANGZHOU SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION** announces that Mayor Riordan recently presented Guangzhou's Yuntai Garden with a street sign marking the distance between the two cities.

**HAWAII CHINESE HISTORY CENTER** introduces a new book. *SUN YAT-SEN IN HAWAII: Activities and Supporters* by Yansheng Ma Lum and Raymond Mun Kong Lum. Distributed by the University of Hawai'i Press. For info, call Leolani Kini at 946-9427.

**MEMBERS WE WILL MISS.** Towards the end of our 1998-1999 year, several CHSSC members passed away. They will be missed. Our condolences to their families.

-**Frederic Hsieh**, LIFE member, passed away at the age of 54. As reported in the L. A. Times, he was a real estate executive and developer who once advertised Monterey Park as "the Chinese Beverly Hills" and helped make it the only city in the U.S. with an Asian majority.

-**Daughter** of member Sylvia Sun Minnick, died in a mudslide near the tragic waterfalls accident in Hawaii this summer.

-**Henry Quan**, former CHSSC member, passed away after a lengthy illness.

-**"Mama" Quon**, one of our Pioneer Award Recipients, and mother and mother-in-law of Edith and Robert Jung, passed away at age 101. She was well-known for her skills as a cook in her Grand Star Restaurant in Chinatown. She cooked until the age of 94.

-**Pauline Renee Wong**, long time member, former Board Secretary, a retired LAUSD educator, and an avid golfer suffered a stroke.

-**David Wong**, accountant in Chinatown and husband of former Castelar principal Dore Wong passed away while golfing.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b><u>Saturday – Sept. 4</u></b>	<b><u>City of Los Angeles' 218th Birthday celebration</u></b> El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Olvera Street
<b><u>Thursday – Sept. 9</u></b> 6:00 pm	<b><u>Sesquicentennial Celebration: Reception &amp; Book Signing</u></b> Historical Society of Southern California Judson A. Grenier, author <i>Golden Odyssey: John Stroud Houston, California's First controller and the Origins of State Government</i> For info, call 323-222-0546
<b><u>Saturday – Sept. 11</u></b> 6:00 p.m. \$99 per person & up	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Historymakers Awards</u></b> Westin Bonaventure Hotel, California Ballroom For info, call Naomi @ 213-239-6688



<b><u>Sunday, Sept. 12</u></b>	<b><u>Fiesta</u></b>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Historical Society of Centinela Valley
Free	Centinela Adobe Complex, 7634 Midfield
<b><u>Friday - Sept. 17</u></b>	<b><u>Chinatown Service Center 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</u></b>
5:30 p.m.	Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction, Empress Pavilion
	For info, call 808-1703
<b><u>Saturday – Sept. 18</u></b>	<b><u>Koreatown Parade</u></b>
3 p.m.	Olympic Blvd. between Vermont Ave. & Crenshaw Blvd.
<b><u>Sat. &amp; Sun. – Sept. 18,19</u></b>	<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Philippine Arts &amp; Culture</u></b>
10 am – 6 pm	Cabrillo Beach, San Pedro
Free	
<b><u>Sunday – Sept. 19</u></b>	<b><u>“Garvey Day”</u></b>
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	(in honor of the Father of Monterey Park, Richard Garvey
	Garvey Room of the Museum, Historical Society of M.P.
<b><u>Sunday – Sept. 19</u></b>	<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Annual Thai Cultural Day</u></b>
9:30 am – 5:30 pm	Barnsdall Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd.
Free	
<b><u>Friday – Sept. 24</u></b>	<b><u>Chinese Autumn Moon (Chinese lunar calendar, 8<sup>th</sup> month,</u></b>
	<b><u>15<sup>th</sup> day = moon at its fullest)</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday, Sept. 25</u></b>	<b><u>Moon Festival Arts &amp; Crafts Day</u></b>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	(activities for children of all ages)
Free	Chinese Historical Society of Southern Calif.
	411-415 Bernard Street (North Broadway & Bernard St.)
	L. A. Chinatown

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## **FALL DINNER**

### **CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1999**

**EMPRESS PAVILION RESTAURANT**

**\$40 per person**



**Chinese Historical Society of Southern California**  
**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Immediate Need**

**Application deadline:** opened until filled

**Job Description.**

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) seeks a motivated individual to provide part time office and project assistance. Candidate shall support the daily operations of the programs of the Society under the supervision of the president or his/her designee. Duties shall include most aspects of clerical office operations. Candidate may schedule, coordinate and conduct walking tours. Candidate may also assist in the operation of the Society's Visitor Center and in its fundraising administration. There may be some coordination of volunteers and interns. Initially, work days shall be Thursday through Saturday, for a total of 12-18 hours per week.

**Qualifications.**

High school graduate. Minimum of a two years' college or the equivalent in one or more of the following disciplines required: humanities, social sciences, business administration, or related subjects, is highly preferred. Good writing and very strong oral communications skills shall be required, with bilingual language skills (Cantonese or Mandarin) desirable. Familiarity with office computer tools, software and other office machines must be demonstrated. Candidate must show interests compatible with the goals of the Society. Very good interpersonal, team building, and organizing skills are a plus.

**Employment Conditions:** Range of \$8-12 per hour. No benefits except 3 paid national holidays. Parking and other work expenses paid. Job may grow to full time.

**Application Process**

Applicants can inquire, FAX resume and information to the Society at (323) 222-0856. 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 school and prior job history, and references (1-job or school related, 1-character). Interview of finalists may be conducted by the Personnel Committee. *The Society is a educational, not-for-profit corporation based in Los Angeles Chinatown, serving the community for 24 years.*

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