



FEBRUARY 2011



Grand Opening of New Chinatown, Los Angeles - June 25, 1938 Photo: Harry Quillen - Courtesy of the Roger LeRoque Collection

## Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles

Author and CHSSC board member Jenny Cho will present and speak about her latest book. This publication features over 100 years of postcards depicting Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles. Although designed for mass consumption, postcards are a vital means of preserving history.

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 6:30 p.m.

*Castelar School  
840 Yale Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012*

Free parking - enter via College Street

*The event is open and free to the public.  
Refreshments will be served.*



## CHSSC Library / Reading Room

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California is seeking donations to help furnish the new Library / Reading Room at 411 Bernard Street. Assistance in organizing the book collection is also needed. Please contact the office for additional information.

The Society expresses sincere appreciation for the hard work of Simon Chhuor, Alex Eng, Erika Eng, Ben Fong, Gilbert Hom, Gordon Hom, Winifred Lew, Eugene Moy and Robert Verre-Nguyen in the building of our new library.



Special acknowledgement to:

**Mr. Steve Lin,  
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The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California was organized in November 1975. The purposes of the Society are:

- 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in southern California;
- 2) to pursue, preserve and communicate knowledge of this history; and
- 3) to promote the heritage of the Chinese and Chinese American community in support of a better appreciation of the rich, multicultural society of the United States.

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All benefits of 100 x 100 Club membership.  
2 complimentary tickets to Annual Gala Dinner.

### Student/Senior (60+)

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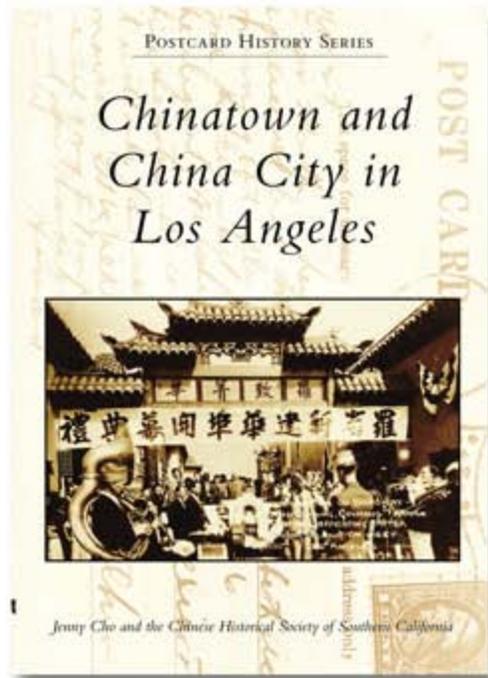
Meet author Jenny Cho  
at CHSSC meeting on Feb. 2nd.

## Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles

Author: Jenny Cho and the Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California

Release date: January 17, 2011

\$21.99 plus tax/shipping & handling



This book chronicles the representation of Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles through historic postcards. At the turn of the century, postcards were an inexpensive means of keeping in touch. Throughout the U.S., Chinatowns and Chinese residents became popular subjects of postcards, especially for tourists. By 1900, the Chinese population of Los Angeles City and County had grown to over 3,000 residents who were primarily situated around an enclave called Old Chinatown. When Old Chinatown was razed to build Union Station, Chinese business owners led by Peter SooHoo Sr. purchased land a few blocks north of downtown to build New Chinatown. Both New Chinatown and another enclave called China City opened in 1938, but China City ultimately closed down after a series of fires.

These historic postcards from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, the Roger LeRoque Collection, local archives, and the author provide a valuable record of Old Chinatown, New Chinatown, and China City. It is a follow-up to our previous publication, "Chinatown in Los Angeles."



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# Portraits of Pride II

## *Chinese-American Legacies—First 160 Years in America*

**Arrival of 3,000 Copies in L.A. Chinatown is Imminent. Please Pre-order Today!**

In February 2011, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) will receive the first 3,000 copies of *Portraits of Pride II: Chinese-American Legacies—First 160 Years in America* (PoP II). Initial copies will be available to the public at \$40 per book. The balance of the initial 3,000 print run will then be designated for, and distributed to, public, school, and college libraries across North America. Ultimately, more than 20,000 copies will see print—with the public at large and our nation's youth benefiting tremendously.

The cover of the new volume is decorated fancifully by a steamship and Chinese junks crossing the Pacific Ocean—rendering the book's cover with a lyrical beauty. The oceangoing imagery overall, is further enhanced by the new historical anthology's thirty-two *Portraits of Superstars and Unsung Heroes*; five *Group Portraits of Pioneers* (monographs); and eighty-six photographs.

A few years ago, L.P. Leung, our *Portraits of Pride Book II* Editor-in-chief and Project Director, succinctly described the *Portraits of Pride* book series' mission and the focus of *Portraits of Pride II*: "*Portraits of Pride II* responds to the need for a source book emphasizing pride in the accomplishments of Chinese Americans." Speaking on another occasion, he elaborated:

We are inspired by the lessons of the Wen Ho Lee case to show the positive image of Chinese Americans. The Chinese American experience is not taught in the history classes of our public schools. *Portraits of Pride I* led the way, tracing the period of Chinese American history from the Great Depression through World War II. Now, *Portraits of Pride II* and the Pop series will be a perpetual record of historical source material for our school and public libraries and also for our homes, atop our coffee tables.

The *Portraits of Pride* ("PoP") series seeks to eradicate negative stereotypes of Chinese Americans in fields such as high technology. *Portraits of Pride II* is also essentially a hardbound, 288-page textbook in the guise of an elegant coffee table book. PoP II's format differs significantly from the first *Portraits of Pride* volume. For example, in the new book's "Group Portraits" section, Editor-in-chief L.P. Leung and Lucky Owyang have compiled a highly detailed study on Chinese Americans in Agriculture. Also, in the Group Portraits section, a chapter on

Chinese Americans in Transportation was prepared for the new book by former CHSSC vice-president, William F. Chew, who wrote an authoritative work on that subject in 2004. In addition, Ms. Linda Bentz has authored a Group Portrait on Chinese Americans in the fishing industry and Chinese fisheries in California.

The section on Chinese American "Portraits of Superstars and Unsung Heroes," incorporating 32 individual profiles, includes chapters on virtuoso cellist Yo-Yo Ma; architect I.M. Pei; David Wong, co-developer of the antidepressant, Prozac; Flossie Wong-Staal, co-discoverer of the virus that causes AIDS; and, the late Iris Chang, author of *Thread of the Silkworm*; *The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II*; and *The Chinese in America*.



The *Portraits of Pride* series' mission and purpose is:

1. To fill the "Missing in History" gap left by Chinese Americans;
2. To deepen and increase awareness of the positive contributions of Chinese Americans;
3. To identify role models for our younger generation;

4. To build upon and extend the work done by *Portraits of Pride I* and upcoming CHSSC projects;

5. To broaden and extend the *Portraits of Pride* "Free Library Book Program"; and

6. To support and mentor succeeding generations of Chinese American historians.

We also wish to state the requirements for a candidate to be profiled in *Portraits of Pride II*:

1. Chinese American scientists whose deeds have impacted the USA with global consequences who are mostly unknown to the general public;
2. High-achieving Chinese Americans in non-scientific fields who may or may not be well-known; and
3. Chinese American winners of the Nobel Prize.

For more information on *Portraits of Pride II* and to purchase the new book (single copies may be pre-ordered for \$40), please telephone 323-222-0856 (CHSSC's office) or 323-222-1918 (*Portraits of Pride*'s office).



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### Community Calendar

**Wednesday, February 2, 2011 6:30pm**  
**CHSSC Meeting - Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles**  
Presented by the author Jenny Cho  
Castelar School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
The event is open and free to the public. [www.chssc.org](http://www.chssc.org)

**Saturday, February 5, 2011, 1:00pm**  
**112th Golden Dragon Parade**  
Come celebrate 4709 the Year of the Rabbit  
Beginning at Hill Street & Ord Street, Los Angeles Chinatown  
[www.lagoldendragonparade.com](http://www.lagoldendragonparade.com)

**February 6, 2:00pm, Authors on Asia**  
Book Launch/Afternoon Tea for *Cantonese Yankee*  
Louise Tang uses her own family history as the basis for this provocative and compelling ancestral story.  
Pacific Asia Museum  
46 N. Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101  
Tel: 626.449.2742 ext 12  
[www.pacificasiamuseum.org](http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org)

**2011 LA Chinatown Firecracker 5/10k Run/Walk**  
**Saturday, February 12, 2011 Bike Ride 9:00am: Start**  
Nite n' Day Festival 10:00am - 10:00pm: Free to the Public  
**Sunday, February 13, 2011 7:30am: Opening Ceremonies**  
5K Run/Walk 8:00am start - 10K Run 8:30am start  
Kiddie Run 9:45am start  
Nite n' Day Festival Noon - 4:00pm: Free to the Public  
[www.firecracker10k.org](http://www.firecracker10k.org)

**Wednesday, February 23 at 7 p.m.**  
**Cara Chow on her book for teens called "Bitter Melons."**  
A Chinese American student at an academically competitive school in San Francisco, accidentally finds a hidden talent.  
Cerritos Library 18125 Bloomfield Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703

**Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m.**  
**Oliver Chin on his children's book "Year of the Rabbit"** from his popular annual series Tales from the Chinese Zodiac.  
Cerritos Library 18125 Bloomfield Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703

**Friday, March 11, 2011**  
**Lantern Festival Banquet -**  
**Celebrating the book launch of Portraits of Pride II**  
Empress Harbor Restaurant  
111 N. Atlantic Blvd., Monterey Park, CA 91745  
[www.camla.org](http://www.camla.org)

**Save the Date:**  
**Annual Chinese Historical Society**  
**of Southern California Banquet**  
**Saturday, May 21, 2011**  
**Empress Pavillion**  
**988 N. Hill Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**