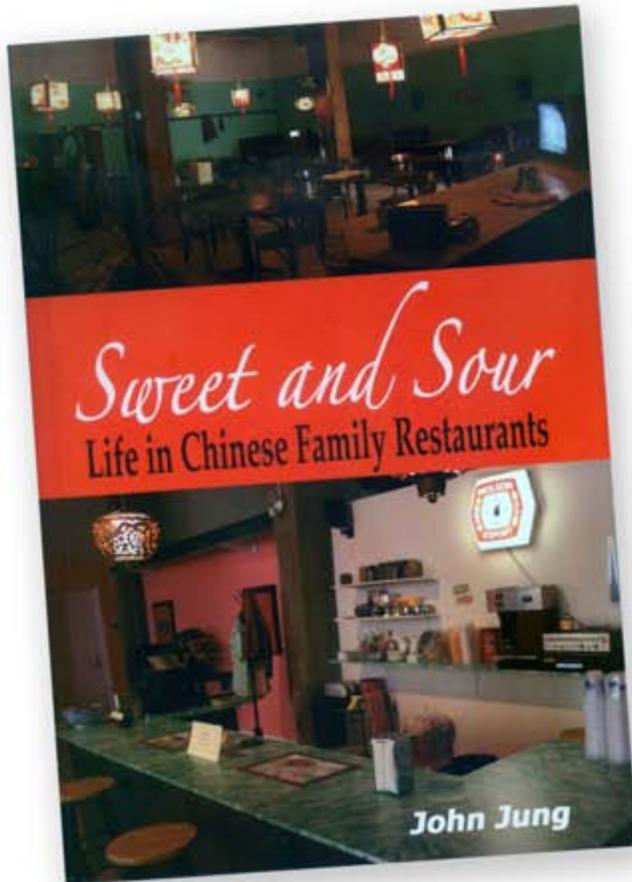




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## Sweet and Sour

*Life in Chinese Family Restaurants*

*Presented by*

**John Jung**

*Professor of Psychology Emeritus*

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

*Castelar Elementary 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.*

Meet author John Jung as he discusses his book *Sweet and Sour*. We will be examining the history of Chinese family restaurants in the United States and Canada. Why did Chinese immigrants enter this business in the late 19th century? What led to their success in attracting non-Chinese patrons, given that Chinese food was unfamiliar to them, many who were hostile to Chinese immigrants as well?

Learn how Chinese family restaurants functioned. *Sweet and Sour* contains narratives by Chinese who grew up in such restaurants, providing rich insights about the role that this ethnic business had on their lives. Will today's franchise and corporate run eateries take over and make the Chinese family restaurant, like the Chinese laundry, become a relic of history?



*Courtesy, Leland Wong*



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## Nominations to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors 2011-2012

The following have been nominated to the Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California Board of Directors of 2011-2012

### Officers

President - Eugene Moy  
Vice President - Gordon Hom  
VP for Programs - Francine Redada  
Secretary - Winifred Lew  
Membership Sec. - Susan Dickson  
Treasurer - Dennis Lee, C.P.A.

### Members at Large for 2-year Term

John Jung  
Richard Liu  
Donald Loo  
Mei T. Ong  
William Tong  
(Open)  
(Open)

### Members at Large returning for 2nd Year of 2-year Term

(Not for Election)

Albert Chang, MD  
Pedro Chan  
Jenny Cho  
Henry Huang

Board members serve from July 1 to June 30.

The Board of Directors meet on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Board members have opportunities to serve on committees such as the Archive Committee, the Programs Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Outreach Committee, etc. Committees meet at various agreed upon dates and times.

Election will take place at the June 1st meeting at  
Castelar Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

## Board of Directors

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Richard Liu  
Donald Loo  
Eugene Moy  
Diane Poon  
William Tong

## Mission Statement

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.



## President's Message

Time races by when you are very busy. My two years as President of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California have flown by in a flash. Despite my lack of board experience, I went full steam ahead to implement my numerous goals and suggestions. In my short time with CHSSC, I have helped save CHSSC money by completing projects by myself or with volunteers: re-roofing the garage, Internet wiring of both houses, installing a heat pump, and installing a handicap ramp.

Under my leadership, CHSSC hired two people for the office: a multi-talented senior staff member and an assistant. Fenton and Simon insure that our office is open 40 hours/week. In addition to interfacing with the public, they are responsible for a wide variety office work. Also, they have redone the inside of 411 Benard Street to create a better museum space in a Victorian era setting and given tours to visitors.

During my tenure I have produced most of the event flyers and emailed them to both members and the public. CHSSC now has a connection with Cerritos, Torrance and Monterey Park Libraries for special events. Accordingly, our organization has partnered with CAM, C.A.C.A., UCLA, the Friends of the Chinatown Library, and Pasadena City College. CHSSC also has a connection to the Chinatown Service Center who has been able to fund 8 interns.

CHSSC has published three books during the past two years. CHSSC co-published two books with Jenny Cho: *Chinatown in Los Angeles* and *Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles*. Published earlier this year, our *Portraits of Pride II*, will help us get nationwide recognition. POP II, which profiles important Chinese Americans, is the culmination of 7 years of work by a core of dedicated CHSSC volunteers.

CHSSC has continued its efforts in community outreach. As CHSSC president, I have represented our organization for many public events: fundraisers, banquets, seminars, and lectures. Likewise, I represented CHSSC as a Board Member of the Chinese American Museum. Also, CHSSC has continued its tradition of Ch'ing Ming celebrations and summer picnics. The two memorial walls at Evergreen Cemetery were finally completed with the input of CHSSC members.

I want to thank everyone for their support. Our recent fundraising dinner was one of our most successful events. In order to continue working towards fulfilling our mission, CHSSC needs volunteers: event planners, field trip organizers, computer savvy helpers, gardeners, and walking tour guides. CHSSC can find a place for anyone who loves to stay busy. The other way you can support CHSSC is through donations. Through your continued generosity, we can better fulfill our mission.

As the in-coming Vice-President, I plan to continue my active service for CHSSC.

Gordon Hom

## 36th Annual CHSSC Gala Dinner



President Gordon Hom making introductions.



The "Golden Spike Awards".



CHSSC publications including recently published *Portraits of Pride II*.



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Miranda Hoh our Mistress of Ceremonies.



CHSC Board of Directors and 2011 Honorees.



Silent Auction.



Guests settling in for an evening of celebration, great food and fun.



Tyrus Wong accepting his award.



(l-r) Derek Chew, Stewart Kwoh, Frank Jao, Tyrus Wong, Kim Tachiki-Chin, Col Mark Toy, Josh Homann, Gordon Hom and Rosana Hsu.



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## In Search of Gold Mountain

*A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California*

At the May CHSSC meeting, Murray K. Lee made a presentation on his recently published book, *In Search of Gold Mountain, A History of the Chinese in San Diego, California*. a selection of photos and maps provided a summary of San Diego's Chinese origins.

Murray K. Lee is the Curator of Chinese American History at the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum. He is also the coordinator of the San Diego Chinese American Oral History Project.



Photos: O.C. Lee



## Tree Planting at the Memorial Wall

*Los Angeles County Crematorium*

On Saturday, April 30th, CHSSC members/volunteers utilized their landscaping skills at the memorial wall. Present was Peter Chen, Susan Dickson, Gilbert Hom, Gordon Hom, O.C. Lee, Michael Lew, Taoist Master E Man, Eliabeth (Liz) Wong, Gay Yuen. The Memorial Wall honors 174 burial sites of unknown persons (*a significant number were of Chinese descent*) discovered during the construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension.



Photos: O.C. Lee





## Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

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### Community Calendar

**Tuesday, May 31, 2011 7:00pm - Free**

**Lisa See with her new book "Dreams of Joy"**

Book talk and sale afterwards

Cerritos Public Library 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA

<http://menu.ci.cerritos.ca.us>

**Wednesday, June 1, 2011. 6:30 pm - Free**

**John Jung's Book "Sweet and Sour, Life in Chinese Family**

**Restaurants"** Meet author John Jung as he discusses his book *Sweet and Sour*. We will be examining the history of Chinese family restaurants in the United States and Canada.

Castelar School 840 Yale St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

<http://www.chssc.org> <http://sweetsour.yolasite.com>

**Sunday, June 5, 2011 12:00 - 4:00pm - Free**

**Family Festival** - It's the museum's 40th anniversary, and will be celebrating with a pan-cultural birthday. Come enjoy fun crafts, performances, demonstrations, hands-on activities and of course free admission to the galleries.

Pacific Asia Museum - 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 449-2742 [www.pacificasiamuseum.org](http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org)

**Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m.**

**Indications of Chinese Arrival to America Before Columbus.**

Lecture and Book signing by Charlotte Harris Rees.

In a gentle informative style, Charlotte has challenged everyone's version of the history of Americas.

Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library

318 S. Ramona Avenue Monterey Park, CA 91754

**Friday, June 17, 2011, \$15., Members Free**

**Fusion Friday: Dragons and Drums**

Dragons and Drums are the inspiration for this month's mix of art, culture and fun. Enjoy live performances and dj music, try hands-on activities, enjoy the galleries, chat with curators, and sample the region's hottest gourmet food trucks. Asian-inspired or cocktail attire recommended.

Pacific Asia Museum

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[www.pacificasiamuseum.org](http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org)

**Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m.**

**Tsinoy: Chinese in the Philippines**, Lecture by Professor Susie Ling, Associate Professor of History/Asian American Studies at Pasadena City College

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<http://menu.ci.cerritos.ca.us>

**July 29 - 31, 2011**

**Commemorating Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Visits to Los Angeles**

WELCOME BANQUET July 29, Friday, 6:30 pm

Empress Harbor Restaurant,

111 N Atlantic Blvd, 3/F, Monterey Park, CA 91754

OPENING CEREMONY July 30, 2011, Saturday, 11 am

Oneonta Congregational Church,

1515 Garfield Ave, South Pasadena, CA 91030

EXHIBITION TOUR 2011 July 30 - 31

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