

## The House of Lew 劉

A Han Dynasty Genealogy  
A 5000 Year Heritage  
The Journey to America

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Free parking - enter via College Street  
Refreshments will be served

This event is free and open to the public

## Elizabeth Lew Author



Author and historian Elizabeth Lew was born in Oakland, California in 1924 at the Pacific Coast Cannery, which was co-managed by her grandfather, Lew Chuck Suey, a native of Doo Suey Village in Toisan. She later moved to Antioch, California, where her father, Lew Wah Chew, helped manage the West Shore Canning Company. Ms. Lew will be in conversation with CHSSC board member Professor Clem Lai on June 5, 2013 to discuss her recently published 547-page history of the Lew family

in the United States and in China, *The House of Liu*, which traces the history of Liu family from the Han Dynasty to the present. This impressive self-published work took five years to research and to write, relying on Chinese and English language sources, including village and surname histories and the National Archives. Ms. Lew will discuss the writing of her book and how her family's history encompasses the Chinese American experience and beyond.



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## Nominations to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors 2013-2014

The following have been nominated to the Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California Board of Directors of 2013-2014

### Officers

President - Susan Dickson  
Vice President - Eugene Moy  
VP for Programs - Gordon Hom  
Secretary - (Open)\*  
Membership Sec. - Kelly Fong  
Treasurer - Richard Liu

### Members at Large for 2-year Term

Steven Ng  
Mei T. Ong  
William Yuen  
(Open)\*  
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### Members at Large returning for 2nd Year of 2-year Term (Not for Election)

Su Chen  
Jenny Cho  
Clement Lai  
Winifred Lew  
Francine Redada

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 5th meeting at  
Castelar Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

## Board of Directors

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## 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.



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## 2013 Golden Spike Awards Dinner

On May 18, 2013, in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of New Chinatown, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California hosted its annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner. The Golden Spike Award honors those that have made a major impact on the Chinese American community. This year's honorees included founding businesses of New Chinatown: Grand Star Jazz Club, Jin Hing & Co., K.G. Louie, Phoenix Bakery, Phoenix Imports and Sincere Imports. These family businesses are still operated today by the descendants of the founders. The society also honored individual icons Jack Ong, Milton Quon and Cy Wong.





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## In Memoriam

### Tim K. Siu



Tim Keen Siu was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 3, 1926. He was one of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Siu Kwai Ching. The family lived a simple life on Kukui Street until the attack on Pearl Harbor, which forced them to move to California. He went to UC Berkeley to study for a year and then enlisted in the Navy to serve his country. After his return to Berkeley he attended medical school at UC Irvine. Time complete his medical internship and residency in anesthesia at the LA County Medical Center.

While at Berkeley, Tim met and fell in love with a beautiful dental student named Annie Chin. The sweethearts married in 1954 and moved to the Los Angeles area. The young couple settled in Alhambra to begin their wonderful journey and had four girls: Susan, Jennifer, Tina, and Valerie.

Dr. Siu had a private practice in anesthesia for over 30 years, working primarily out of San Gabriel Valley Hospital. He was well respected by the surgeons, adored by the nurses and loved by his patients.

In his community, Tim was a generous with his time and money through many philanthropic organizations. He served as President of the Alhambra Rotary and went on to become District Governor of Rotary District 530. He was on the Board of Directors for multiple organizations: the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA, the Disaster Committee of the American Red Cross, and the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center. Tim also served on the Board of Councilors of CSU Pomona, CSU Los Angeles and the USC School of Pharmacy.

The city of Alhambra has benefitted tremendously from the community service of Tim Siu. He participated in the City of Alhambra Planning Commission, Alhambra Civil Service Commission, and the Committee to Build the New Alhambra Police Station. He and Annie co-chaired the committee to raise funds for a new Alhambra Public Library as well.

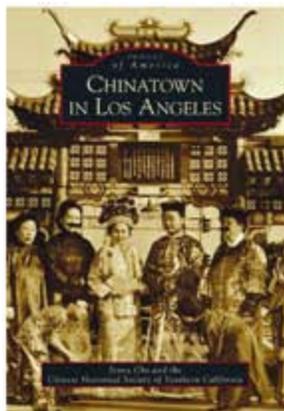
Involved in the Chinese community, Tim contributed to the Chinese Historical Society, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the Chinese Public Service Association, and the Chinese American Museum. He served as President of the Chinese American Physicians Society of Southern California.

Dr. Tim Siu committed his life to family, education, community and service above self. He is survived by his loving wife Annie; his daughters Susan, Jennifer, Tina, and Valerie; sons-in-law Arthur and Winston; grandchildren Monica, Alice, Joyce, Michelle, and Daniel.

*Dr. Tim Siu was a longtime member and supporter of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and was a 2012 honoree.*

## Jenny Cho will be signing copies of Chinatown in Los Angeles

Where: Costco  
2207 West Commonwealth Avenue,  
Alhambra CA 91803  
When: Saturday, June 15th, 2013;  
12:00 — 3:00 p.m.



Author Jenny Cho, a writer and educator specializing in Asian American Studies, is a second-generation Chinese American writer who credits her parents with instilling in her a love of history. These vintage images from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and several invaluable collections span the 150-year evolution of Chinatown in Los Angeles.



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# Roy Nakayama



Roy Shigeki Nakayama, 93, passed away at Kaiser Hospital in Baldwin Park on Sunday, May 5.

Roy was born in Helper, Utah on August 29, 1919. Roy was a resident of Riverside County for more than 80 years and a resident of Glen Avon (Jurupa Valley) for 67 years.

Roy was interned during World War II at camp one in Poston, Arizona.

Roy and Lillian, his wife, were involved with the Glen Avon Elementary School PTA and he served as PTA President.

He was Cub Scoutmaster of Pack 29 at Glen Avon Elementary School in the 1950's.

Later Roy and Lillian were part of the Riverside Flower Show and he served as its President in 1979.

Roy also served as a Boy Scout Commissioner for Riverside County. Roy was elected to Jurupa Unified School District from 1969 to 1977 and was Board President in 1970. Roy served as clerk of the board four times.

Roy was predeceased by his wife, Lillian (Okano) Nakayama.

Roy is survived by his four sons, Benjamin (Doreen), Roderick (Caror), Clifford (Sharon) and Brian; his brother Tom (Ruth) Kotow, sister Kiyoko Shimizu, brother George (Edith) Kotow, sister-in-law Tomiko Nakayama, sister-in-law Rose Kotow, sister Julia Nakasone and brother-in-law Howard Okano; his four granddaughters, Jennifer, Karina, Jacqueline, and Blaine; and his four grandsons, Alexander, Kenneth, Kyle, and Rayce; and many nieces and nephews.

## Los Angeles Chinese Drum and Bugle Corps Volunteer as Landscapers

On Saturday May 4, 2013 the L.A. Chinese Drum and Bugle Corps, led by Cliff Uyeda spent the day at CHSSC headquarters performing a major landscaping overhaul. Out-of-control bushes were whacked, weeds were removed and a lot of debris was disposed. The society deeply appreciates the hard work and care from the Corp.





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# Pilgrimage to Wawona and Sing Peak

Sponsored by the  
*Chinese Historical Society of Southern California*

Commemorating the contributions of early Chinese in  
Yosemite National Park – road builders, famous cooks,  
service workers and more.

Scheduled Events:

**Saturday, August 3rd**, The Sing Project Dinner:  
A celebratory dinner in historic Wawona to “kick off” the project.

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Discussion of plans for future events and to promote Chinese history  
in the Sierras.

**August 5th – 7th** Pilgrimage to Sing Peak:  
For experienced backpackers, a small group will ascent  
Sing Peak (10,552'), on the southeastern border of Yosemite  
National Park, reaching the summit on or about Aug. 6th.

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### Community Calendar

**Wednesday, June 5, 2013 6:30pm**

**Meet Author Elizabeth Lew**

Castelar Elementary School 840 Yale St. L.A. 90012  
Free Parking – enter via College Street  
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**Saturday, June 15, 2013 12:00 —3:00pm**

**Book signing with author Jenny Cho**

**Costco 2207 W Commonwealth Avenue, Alhambra CA 91803**

The history of Chinatown in Los Angeles is as vibrant as the city itself. In 1850, the U.S. Census recorded only two Chinese men in Los Angeles who worked as domestic servants. During the second half of the 19th century, a Chinese settlement developed around the present day El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument.

Chinese Americans persevered against violence, racism, housing discrimination, exclusion laws, unfair taxation and physical displacement to create better lives for future generations. When Old Chinatown was demolished to make way for Union Station community leader Peter SooHoo Sr. and other Chinese Americans spearheaded the effort to build New Chinatown with the open-air Central Plaza.

Unlike other Chinese enclaves in the United States, New Chinatown was owned and planned from its inception by Chinese Americans. New Chinatown celebrated its grand opening with dignitaries, celebrities, community members and a dedication by California governor Frank Merriam on June 25, 1938.

**Saturday, June 15, 2013 5pm-midnight**

**Chinatown Summer Nights & 75th Anniversary Celebration**

Central & West Plazas  
943-951 N. Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
[www.chinatownla.com](http://www.chinatownla.com)

**Saturday, June 22, 2013 10:00am**

**The Great Chinatown Hunt**

Throughout Chinatown  
\$40 per person  
[www.racela.com](http://www.racela.com)

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