

JANUARY 2011



Photo: Tom Eng

The 2011 Little King & Queen Contest of Chinatown

The annual Little King and Queen Contest of Chinatown sponsored by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California was held on December 11, 2011 at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association building. For over 40 years, this contest has been open to boys and girls of Chinese descent ages 5 and 6 years old.

The emcees were this year's Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Queen Jani Wang and the First Princess Janice Jann. The Judges were City of Rosemead Councilwoman Polly Low, the Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Second Princess Dow-Ning Kou, and the Third Princess Nebula Gu. The contestants were interviewed on stage and judge on their responses, appearance, composure, and personality. The kids were all very cute and fun to watch.

The winners were crowned by Chamber President Chester Chong and the reigning 2010 Little Court. The new 2011 Little Court is: Little Princess Malina Au, Little Prince Jason Lue, Little Queen Clarissa Sukoko, and Little King Theodore Hom. Of course, Theodore is the son of Chinese Historical Society's Gilbert Hom and Linda Chong. The Little Court will be celebrating Lunar New Year by making an appearance at City Hall, riding in the Golden Dragon Parade, and attending the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Chinese New Year banquet.

The January Society Meeting has been cancelled due to the need for a new venue. The Society is currently in search of a new meeting place and apologizes for the inconvenience. If you have any suggestions please contact us.



Kai Sun "Terry" Wong

July 1, 1927 - October 26, 2010

Place of Birth: Buffalo, New York

Wife: Mei Goon Wong

Parents: Sam and Lee Shee Wong

Siblings: Older brother Tom & a younger brother

Children: Robert and Christine, Jeffrey Loretta and Jimmie

Grandchildren/Great-Grandchildren: Kira and Peter, Kevin and Karen, Michael, and Brennon



Schooling: Middle School and High School in New York

Active Duty: Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, Military Police

Military Achievements/Honors: Honorable discharge fom Army, Corporal Military Police rank

Other jobs: Laundromat employee for parents

Hobbies: Active member of the Chinese Historical Society and Badge Collectors Club

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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.

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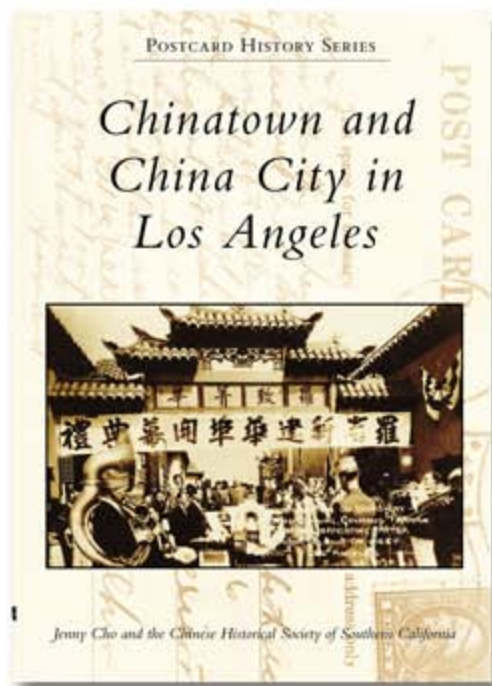
January 17, 2011 Release!

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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The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California would like to express deep appreciation to those that removed the deteriorated roofing and installed new roofing on the Archival Building on December 3rd & 4th. The project was completed just hours before a major rainstorm. L-R: Ben Nakayama, Gilbert Hom, Peter Chen, Eugene Moy, Gordon Hom, Fenton Eng and Marvid Quon. Not pictured: Simon Chhuor, O.C. Lee, Elizabeth Wong and Boy Scout Troop 329 of Monterey Park. (Photo by O.C. Lee)

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Wei-Chan U.S.A., Inc.**

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Community Calendar

Monday, January 10, 2011 7:30 pm Free

Lecture - The Lucky Ones: One Family and the Extraordinary
Invention of Chinese America

Mae Ngai, professor of history at Columbia University and author of *The Lucky Ones*, tells the story of three generations of a Chinese American family whose members—immigrant brokers and interpreters—both protested and profited from the Chinese Exclusion Act. Passed by Congress in 1882, the act banned Chinese immigration to the U.S. until its repeal in 1943. No reservations

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108
www.huntington.org/cal_event_detail.aspx?d=1/10/2011

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 11:00am to 5:00pm

Lunar New Year Free Family Festival

to be held at Pacific Asia Museum
46 N. Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101
www.pacificasiamuseum.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

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

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

**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**