



# NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## PROGRAM

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP, COMMUNITY AND RECENT CHINESE IMMIGRATION TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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a lecture presentation by  
**Wellington K.K. Chan**  
Professor of East Asian History  
Occidental College

**Wednesday February 1, 1995 @ 7:30 P.M.**  
Castelar School Multipurpose Room  
(free parking on playground)  
840 Yale Street, L.A. Chinatown

Dr. Chan will discuss the dramatic rise in Chinese immigration to Southern California since the 1970s, bringing with it a new and thriving business and residential community in the San Gabriel Valley as well as major changes to the Los Angeles Chinatown community. He will include some thoughts of how we can work towards a better and more effective community spirit, and one that is more visible and can speak with a stronger voice to the larger mainstream American community.

**CHSSC SCHOLARSHIP** - Our Society is pleased to announce that we are again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving undergraduate student this year due to a generous donation left by Dorothy Siu. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 3, 1995. Interviews will be held either April 8, 1995 or April 15, 1995.

Undergraduate students who meet the following qualifications are invited to apply:

- Presently a full time student with Sophomore or Junior standing in an accredited college or university in Southern California
- Minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Pursuing Chinese-American studies in the humanities or social sciences

Application forms are available

through the college or university Financial Aid Office,  
by writing to CHSSC, P.O. Box 862647, L.A. 90086-2647,  
by leaving a request on the CHSSC phone 213-621-3171,  
or leaving a request to Ella Quan on 213-255-6487.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

**TO PROUD PARENTS, DEXTER & WINNIE WONG** on the birth of their son, Ethan Nicholas, born January 6, 1995, 5 lb. 14 oz., 19 inches long. The parents were planning to attend our Jan. 4th meeting in the rain, but didn't quite make it.

**TO JOHNSON YEE AND ROSALYN KOLLING CHEN** who were married January 7, 1995 at the Mission Inn in Riverside. Mary Yee Kwok was the matron of honor and Andy Kwok was best

man. Groomsmen were John Yee and Bill Yee. We wish them much happiness.

**CONDOLENCES to Tyrus Wong** and his family in the recent passing of Tyrus' wife, Ruth Kim Wong, after a long illness. Ruth and Tyrus have been dedicated members and long supporters of CHSSC.

**THEATER PARTIES:** As of publication date, 16 people have signed up to view the epic film "To Live" at Laemmle's Sunset 5 Theatre on Saturday, January 21. The Ways & Means Committee would like to thank everyone who attended, Laemmle Theatres, and Samuel Goldwyn Distributors. For those of us looking forward to seeing the preview performance of "The WomanWarrior" at the CTG-Doolittle Theatre in Hollywood Friday, February 10, an extra special treat has been added. After the performance, the theatre management is arranging an informal meeting with members of the cast in the lobby. Theatre parking next door costs \$5 (five dollars). There are also other nearby lots. We have reserved and prepaid for 45 people. Please plan to be at the theatre lobby by 7:30 p.m. that night. Elmo Gambarana will look into places for those who wish to get together for dinner. Please call him at 213-733-2927 if you have any questions, or leave your message with Ella Quan 213-255-6487 who will relay your questions.

**SOCIETY BREAKS GROUND FOR SHRINE RESTORATION** - Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Thursday morning, January 12th, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights. The event was well attended by members of the Shrine Committee, CHSSC Board members, other CHSSC members, Chinatown leaders, City Councilman Richard Alatorre, and representatives of other elected officials.

This joyous event, the culmination of almost 5 years of effort, was marked by poetry recital in English and Chinese, presentation of flowers, and meaningful speeches.

The Department of Cultural Affairs' General Manager, Adolfo Nodal, remarked in his statement "most of us are so busy maintaining mainstream history that the rest gets lost. This is a wonderful attempt to change that. We are going to be with you all the way on this."

The groundbreaking ceremony was reported in several Chinese language daily newspapers, the Los Angeles Times, the City Times, and the Japanese-American daily, Rafu Shimpo. Additionally, several elected officials sent certificates of recognition to the Society for its work to restore the shrine.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** - Your membership status may not be reflected on the label if you sent in your renewal this past month. If you have not sent in your renewal with your renewal notice, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that the **Gum Saan Journal** is a subscription item and will cost \$5.00 for the year. Those of you who renewed your membership may not have received the renewal notice. If you wish to subscribe to the Gum Saan Journal for 1995, you must send a check for \$5.00. The December, 1994 Gum Saan Journal is delayed. That issue will go to every member. Beginning with the June 1995 issue, the Journal will be sent only to those who have subscribed.

**THANK YOU** to Ben & Doreen Nakayama, Munson & Suellen Kwok, Al & Margie Lew, Ruth Lung, and Sylvia Soo Hoo for the delicious refreshments at our January meeting.

### **CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

1995 Southern Spring Symposium  
February 17, 18, 19, 1995  
Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society  
Heritage Junction Historic Park, Newhall  
For information, please call (805) 254-1275

**NEWS 'n NOTES deadline** is the 15th of each month. For your information to be processed in time for the month's New 'n Notes, the material must be received in the Post Office Box by the 15th. The limited volunteer staff wants to get them to you early, notifying you of the next meeting, so that you can plan to join us. Thank you for your understanding.

## 1995 Marysville Bok Kai Festival Excursion Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

**Friday night, March 3, 1995, Arrival (916) 674-8824**  
**Best Western Bonanza Inn, 1001 Clark Ave., Yuba City, CA 95994**

Society has group rate, each room with two Queen beds @ \$132 for the two nights. North from Sacramento, take Hwy 70 to Marysville (or Hwy 99 to Yuba City). In Marysville turn west on Hwy 20; this is 10th St. in Marysville, and the highway becomes Colusa Ave, the main E/W st through Yuba City. The Bonanza Inn has a big sign and sits on Colusa Avenue, just four blocks east of Hwy 99 at Clark Street.

**Saturday morning, March 4, 1995, Bok Kai Festival Parade Line-Up**  
**9:45 a.m. sharp, Assemble in parade "Staging Area A."**

*Wear red Society jackets, caps, & black trousers as uniform.*

Our parade Staging Area A is located on D Street between 6th & 7th Streets in Marysville. Free parking is available north of 9th St. and west of E St. If early, the best parking at Ellis Lake north of 9th St. March passes temple and back up C St.

**11:00 a.m. sharp. Parade starts promptly and lasts two++ hours.**

**Afternoon, free schedule.** On your own, visit temple, festival entertainment stage, exhibits, shops, Chinese opera, vendors' street markets, lucky lion dancers. Visit **Bok Kai Temple** on Front Street at D Street, Marysville, Fri-Sat-Sunday. Major street performances by lion dancer troupes about 2:00-3:00 p.m. in front of each society halls, on Saturday & on Sunday. Town has lots of architectural delights.

**6:00 p.m. Society Banquet - Chinese Garden, 812 Gray Ave., Yuba City**  
This restaurant is two big blocks west and two blocks south of the Bonanza Inn, in plaza on Gray Ave. Free parking. Superb banquet menu planned, \$13 per person.

**Sunday, March 5, free schedule.** Bok Kai Festival conts. from 9:00 a.m. On your own, revisit Bok Kai Temple, festival entertainment stage, exhibits, vendors' street markets, shops, lion dancing thru town. Worshippers buy their individual lucky bombs at Temple and fire them off in the adjacent park, where many families also picnic on pork, buns & sweets. Consider a quick trip to: (1) Oroville Chinese Temple Museum, 1500 Broderick at Pine St., Oroville, 40 minute drive to north. (916) 538-2497; or (2) Museum of Classical Ming Chinese Furniture, (916) 692-3104 at Renaissance Vineyard & Winery, Renaissance, CA, in Sierra foothills, 40 minute drive east on Hwy 20, north on E21 for 12 miles, east on E20 for 3 miles, south on Rice's Crossing Road 3 miles.

**4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 1995. Firing of Temple's Lucky Bombs**  
Procession from Bok Kai Temple to C and Front Street, for bomb firing contest.  
Bomb competition last to about 5:30 p.m. End of festival.

Monday++, personal tours of Historic Chinese Sites in No. Calif. w Johnny Yee.

Make your own personal travel arrangements; suggest airlines to Sacramento w car rental. For information, contact either Paul Chace (619) 743-8609 or Johnny Yee (818) 572-0469

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**Reservation tear off.** Sign up early. Motel deadline is February 21, 1995.

Send with your reservation check made out to **Frankiin Mah** at:  
Mr. Franklin Mah, CHSSC Financial Secretary (310) 372-9421

2210 Grant Avenue, #1, Redondo Beach, Ca 90278-4332

Bonanza Inn, rate is \$132, includes both Friday and Saturday nights for two people,  
two queen-size beds in each room [Sign up early for CHSSC guaranteed room space]:  
(Names) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ \$132 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening banquet, Chinese Garden, \$13 per person:  
(Names) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ \$13 each \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHINATOWN HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER: OUR NEW HOME!**

By the time you read this newsletter, escrow will have **closed** on the CHSSC's purchase of the historic property at 411-415 Bernard Street. The Society has now successfully completed the first step toward establishing a permanent office and developing a center to preserve our community's rich heritage. The Building Committee wishes to thank the many donors who gave generously to make this first step possible. (SEE ATTACHED LIST OF DONORS). All donors of \$500 or more (founding donors or higher category) will be permanently recognized in a prominent location in the new Los Angeles Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center.

**MORE FUNDRAISING.** We have achieved our first goal for the Center, and must now move forward to the next goals. We must set aside sufficient funds to meet our note payments for at least 2-3 years. We need to begin formal architectural and engineering design. Some preliminary work, such as foundation reinforcement, should be done right away. To build up the CHSSC Building Fund, established by the CHSSC Board solely for this project, the Fundraising Co-Chairs, Ken Chan and Nadine Soo Hoo Levy will be working with the project's Advisory Board to bring in major contributions. The Grants subcommittee has begun the grant application process with several prospective foundations, and the Building Committee has been laying the groundwork for assistance from government agencies. However, big donations, grants and government loans all require substantial matching contributions from private community sources. Therefore we ask for continuing help from all CHSSC members, either through personal contributions or by referrals to individuals, businesses, or organizations who may be able to help. CHSSC members are invited to be proud ambassadors for our project, which we know will increase the public awareness of our Los Angeles and Chinatown heritage. Please share your ideas with us. Call or drop a note with Eugene Moy, Building Committee Chair, at 818-289-2067.

**ADD CLARIFICATION:** prospective donors may be interested in knowing that PLEDGES are welcomed, and that annual donations may be credited toward a HIGHER DONOR LEVEL. Call Nadine Levy 818-892-6092 for details.

**ADVISORY BOARD FORMED.** The CHSSC Board of Directors will be making important decisions in the development of the Heritage and Visitors Center. To assist the Building Committee in the planning and fundraising, a new Advisory Board has been formed. We are honored that the following community leaders have agreed to join the Advisory Board: F. Chow Chan, John Fong Chin, George Ching, Gim Fong, Saykin Foo, Barbara Jean Lee, Lilly V. Lee, Robert Lee, Gilbert Leong, Ronald Lowe, Lyle Low, Derek Ma, Mama Quon, Walter Soo Hoo, Kim Tsai, and Wilbur Woo.

**OPEN HOUSE AT 411 BERNARD STREET:** Saturday, February 18, noon - 6:00 P.M. To welcome the Chinese New Year, an Open House will be held at our new home in conjunction with the L.A. Chinatown Golden Dragon Parade. We'll be inviting the thousands of visitors to Chinatown that day to tour our new property. **Volunteers are needed** to greet the public and help sell CHSSC publications. This will be an important public relations & fundraising opportunity not to be missed! Please call Gene Moy, Building Committee Chair at 818-289-2067 to offer your help.

**CALL FOR L.A. MARATHON VOLUNTEERS, SUNDAY, MARCH 5.** One of the great spectacles in Chinatown every year is the sight of 20,000+ persons running, walking, skating, or wheelchairs on their way to personal glory, the 26.2 mile run known as the Los Angeles Marathon. This year, for the sixth straight year, the emerging Chinatown Cultural & Community Center of Greater Los Angeles, Inc. will be a co-sponsoring charity for Mile 6, the Chinatown Mile. The CCCC-GLA has been using this opportunity to increase awareness of its ongoing planning efforts. For the Marathon, CCCC-GLA has been organizing the 100-200 volunteers needed to provide course security and runners' aid within Mile 6. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Duty hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Registered volunteers will receive free, a high-quality T-shirt and a voucher for free entry to the Quality of Life Expo at the L.A. Convention Center in the two days preceding the Marathon. As in previous years, free "goodie bags" with merchandise and coupons, will be given to all volunteers. To be eligible for these items, you **MUST REGISTER** with Gene Moy @ 818-289-2067 by January 30 or very shortly thereafter.