



NEWS 'n NOTES

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January 1991

February Program

The Year of the Ram Dinner

honoring Chinatown's Oldest Churches and featuring David Clark's "Improbable Los Angeles"

Join the Society in its New Year's celebration of the Year of the Ram 4689

Saturday, February 2, 1991
at the Shangri-La Restaurant
313 S. Boylston Street
Los Angeles

(Rooftop Parking Available from 4th Street)
5:00p.m. No Host Cocktails
6:00p.m. 9 course dinner

Centennial Honors will be conferred on True Light Chinese Presbyterian Church and the Chinese United Methodist Church
David Clark's "Improbable Los Angeles" is a fast paced, exciting slide presentation that tells the saga of Los Angeles becoming the nation's Dream Spinner, Faith Healer, City of the Second Chance and a World Center of popular culture where anything is possible.

It is not too late for you to attend! For last minute reservations, call Suellen @ (213) 645-1369, Mary @ (213) 542-2409 or Kiphan @ (213) 641-2975.

Because of this dinner, there will be no February meeting at Castelar School.

March Program

March 6, 1991
Castelar School
7:30p.m.

Our program will feature our long-time member Gilbert Leong who will speak on the "Early History of the Chinese United Methodist Church: 1925-1940." Please watch for our next newsletter for the details on what promises to be a fascinating program.

CHSSC's Notes

Sunday, February 10, 1991

CHSSC's Public Relations Committee meeting for the 1992 Chinese American Studies Conference, 11:00a.m. at Stanley Mu's
5025 Boda Place, Woodland Hills, CA 91367, (818) 346-2196. All volunteers welcomed!

Wednesday, February, 20, 1991

CHSSC's Board Meeting. 7:00p.m. at Castelar School.

New Address for the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
Our Society has a new address, please make note of it:
978 N. Broadway, #206
Los Angeles, CA 90012-1729
Also, please note that our previous telephone number (213) 281-7429 is no longer in use. Until further notice, please use (213) 617-0396.

Board Briefs

November 1990. Motions were passed:
• to allow the Historic Research and Recognition committee the authority to discuss preservation options [for the Cemetery Shrine], to write a letter [to the owners of the Cemetery], to enter into negotiations and come back to the Board if any resources need to be committed.
• to give Tom McDannold total permission to talk to the developers [of Yee Mee Loo block] to provide a China City exhibit space.
• to select Jenny Chao as CHSSC's candidate for the UCLA SEED program.

December 1990's . No motion.

A nominations committee has been formed. It includes Ella Quan, Bob Large, Cy Wong, Dexter Wong and Ron Fung. The committee is looking for members willing to serve as Officers or Members of the Board of Directors of the Society.

CALENDAR

New Year Events

The year of the Ram 4689 will start on *February 15, 1991*. "Gung Hay Fat Choy" to all!

Saturday, February 2, 1991

Little King/Queen contest at Alpine Recreation Playground.

Saturday, February 9, 1991

Miss Chinatown Pageant at the Beverly Hilton. Tickets: \$65, \$80, \$125.

February 15-17, 1991

Carnival on the grounds of Castelar School. Programs throughout Chinatown. For more information on the above events, call the Chinese Chamber of Commerce: (213) 617-0396.

• *Saturday, February 16, 1991*

Chinese New Year Golden Parade at 3:00p.m. CHSSC will again participate in the parade as the opening flag-carrying unit. We need every participant we can get. Bring your friends and children! The recommended attire is: red CHSSC jacket or any red top, black or dark pants/skirt and dark, comfortable shoes. We will meet at 2:00p.m. in the staging area for the line up. For more details, please contact CHSSC Parade Coordinator, Johnny Yee @ (818) 572-0459.

• *Sunday, February 24, 1991*

13th Annual Firecracker 5/10k Run/Walk
Volunteers are needed to help set up registration area, refreshments, etc... Volunteers will receive T-Shirt and free lunch and will meet at 5:00a.m., rain or shine, in Little Joe's Parking Lot. Please call Tom Eng @ (213) 826-6084 (evening). He needs lots of volunteers.

Gung Hay

Fat Choy !

Thursday, January 31, 1991

Reception for Mayor Tom Bradley. 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Cost:\$10. Informal Hors d'oeuvres Buffet at which the Chinese American community can voice its opinions and concerns to the Mayor. (213) 617-0396.

Saturday, February 9, 1991

The Historical Society of Southern California invites you to a luncheon and awards ceremony for five Southern Californian Historians receiving the Donald H. Pflueger Award for the Writing of Local History. Cost: \$25. HSSP, 200 E. Ave. 43, LA, CA 90031.

February 15-17, 1991

Conference of California Historical Societies. Symposium on Preservation of Local History in El Centro. Call (619) 356-1604

February 15, 1991

Deadline for submitting nominations for the Los Angeles Conservancy's Tenth Annual Preservation Awards. Call (213) 623-CITY.

Thursday, February 21, 1991

Asian Business League, Winter Open House, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 6:30p.m.-9:30p.m. Presentation of new ABL Board members, officers and activities for 1991. (213) 383-9694 (day) or (213) 839-6187 (night).

Monday, March 18, 1991

AAPAA 7th Annual Jimmie Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Fritz Friedman, Wenda Fong and Christopher Lee are the executive producers of the event. At press time, it has been learned that Akiro Kurosawa, the much acclaimed Japanese director will be present at the event. For more information, call (213) 874-0786.

Sunday, March 31, 1991

Los Angeles Marathon
300 volunteers are needed to cheer runners on in Chinatown, from 8:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. If you are interested, please mail your volunteer application to, or call Gene Moy, 516 N. Campbell Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801, (818) 289-2067.

Community Issues

Amerasia Bookstore, 129 Japanese Village Plaza, Little Tokyo, needs your continued support to survive. Your patronage will be appreciated. If you know of any potential investor, call Friends of Amerasia Bookstore, (213) 825-3415.

The Office for Civil Rights has found some evidence of Asian Discrimination in UCLA's Graduate Math Department. The Asian Pacific Alumni of UCLA continues to monitor the situation. If you are interested in this issue call Don Phan at (213) 459-0226 or Dolly Gee at (213) 487-5700.

The Asian Pacific Education Commission is calling for supplementary materials and staff development and support in the adoption by the LAUSD of the new social studies texts for grades K-8. Warren Furutani has called for a public

hearing on Thursday, January 31, 1991 at 1:30p.m. at 450 N. Grand Ave., Rm H-160. If you are interested in this issue, call Julie Lee at (213) 974-7286 (days) or (213) 475-4959 (eves).

AAPAA has maintained a very active role in the "Miss Saigon" controversy. *Miss Saigon* is a hit musical in London produced by Cameron Mackintosh (*Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*). It was scheduled for a Broadway debut in early 1991. Jonathan Pryce (the award winning actor playing the role of the Eurasian engineer in the production) is a white actor. Tony Award winners David Henry Hwang and B.D. Wong (*M. Butterfly*) spearheaded a protest on the casting of a Caucasian in one of the show's principal role.

Membership News

Congratulations to our Life Member Lillian Lee Kim of Baltimore, Maryland, for being one of five winners of the coveted "Geri" award, thus making her a member of the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. The "Geri" is the geriatric Nobel Prize for humanitarian community service by excellence. Each year since 1987, the state of Maryland has honored five senior citizens for their selfless service to others regardless of race, creed or color.

For Lillian, this award is certainly well-deserved. For many years, she has devoted much of her time to helping people of all ages and races. She has been a volunteer for the Department of Social Services, Naturalization and Immigration, and for Social Security. For more than 30 years, Lillian has directed the teaching of Cantonese and Mandarin at Grace & St. Peter's Chinese Language School. She also translates English correspondence and writes letters for those unable to read and write English. She is truly a "pillar of her church" Grace & St. Peter's, by being very active in all church programs. Along with your family and your many friends in Baltimore, CHSSC salutes you Lillian, for receiving this wonderful award.

Your News 'n Notes editor, Beverly Hom has announced her engagement to Mike Tsao. Congratulations, Beverly & Mike!

Suellen Cheng has become a permanent staff member at El Pueblo Historic Monument. She is the principal staff member working on the Museum of Chinese American History.

CHSSC is very saddened to learn of the passing of two of its pioneer honorees: Keye Luke, the famous actor and Lim Poon, the record holder of sole survivorship at sea. CHSSC presents its sincere condolences to the two families.

We have to thank Ruth Lung, Lillian Fong for the delicious refreshments and Susan Sing for Gene Moy's birthday cake served at our January meeting. Thanks!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes — Staff contributors in this issue: Johnny Yee, Vincent Wong, Al Soo Hoo, Margie Lew, Ella Quan, Paul Louie, Susan Woo, Julie Lee, Tom Eng, Gene Moy, Lillian Fong, Stanley Mu, Emery Wong. December mailing was handled by Beverly Hom and Mike Tsao.

ITEMS FOR NEWS 'N NOTES are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to Beverly Hom, News 'n Notes Editor, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

Bev M. Hom
News 'n Notes Editor

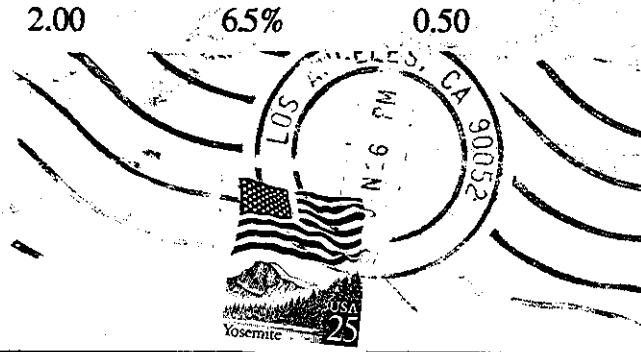
Kipham Kan (who will take the blame for this month's errors)

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