



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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January 1987

FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 1987
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Castelar School, 840 Yale St., Los Angeles Chinatown
(Park on school grounds -- enter on College St., between Hill and Yale Sts.)

AGENDA: Chinese New Year parade, committee reports

PROGRAM: Speaker will be Mr. Him Mark Lai, foremost historian of the Chinese in America, and the author of numerous articles, essays and books.

CHSSC and UCLA's Asian American Studies Center are co-sponsoring a reception and lecture honoring the publication of Mr. Lai's latest book, A HISTORY RECLAIMED - An Annotated Bibliography of Chinese Language Materials on the Chinese of America (see accompanying flyer).

Mr. Lai will autograph copies of his book during the reception following the lecture. Join us for this very outstanding event!

GUNG HAY FOT CHOY!! YEAR OF THE HARE 4685!!

 Exciting news! CHSSC members Tyrus Wong and Gilbert Leong will be honorary co-Grand Marshals of the Golden Dragon Parade on Saturday, Feb. 14 (Grand Marshal will be Peter Wang, producer of "The Great Wall").

 And CHSSC will again lead the parade carrying American flags, a proud and beautiful tradition for the Society. Elmo Gambarana is parade chairperson, and has issued a call for marchers -- the more the merrier! Sign up at the February meeting, or call Elmo at (213) 666-4496.

Parade date: Saturday, Feb. 14, 4 P.M. However, with such a large group, everyone should meet at 3 P.M. in order to have time to pin on sashes, pick up flags, get last minute instructions, and line up in position.

Assembling: Near the corner of Ord and North Spring Sts.

Parade dress: Please wear the 10th anniversary T-shirt or white blouse, shirt or sweater with black/dark skirt or trousers and dark shoes. And don't forget to wear your membership pins!

Parade route: From Ord and Spring Sts. to Macy St; then north on Broadway down to Bernard St. (1½ miles), where we disassemble, and can then watch the rest of the parade pass by.

Sounds exciting, doesn't it? So why not bring your family and friends and join us for this historical and "fun" event? See you at 3 P.M. on Saturday, Feb. 14.....

INSTALLATION

CHSSC's officers and Board members were installed at the January meeting by Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo.

President - Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809	Board Members - Lillian Fong (213)234-1062
Vice President - Mary Yee (213) 542-2409	Beverly Hom (818)336-7900
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Membership - Suellen Kwok (213) 828-6911	Mark Mehlert (213)733-5758

BOARD BRIEFS (from January Board meeting)

Firecracker 10K Run -- Sunday, Feb. 8, 9 A.m. The Society will be assisting at the refreshment stands.

Museum Committee -- Munson Kwok, Bob Large, Gene Moy, Al Soo Hoo, Angi Wong.

Finance Committee -- to oversee the finances and funds of the Society. Members are Ella Quan, Paul Louie, Munson Kwok, Gene Moy, Kiphan Kan, Angi Wong.

New business -- Dr. Alfred Edward Lee Memorial Fund will be established to handle donations in his family's behalf; floral arrangement from CHSSC will be sent to Chuck Yee's funeral on Wednesday, January 14.

Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 P.M. at Kiphan Kan's home, 9051 Cattaraugus Ave., #5, Los Angeles. Phone: (213) 839-9233. All are welcome to attend.

CONDOLENCES

The Society extends sympathy to Life Member James Soo Hoo on the recent death of his mother, Mrs. Helen Soo Hoo, also a CHSSC member.

GET WELL SOON, ANNA MARIE!

Best wishes for a good recovery to Anna Marie Hager, who suffered a stroke several months ago, and is now at home recuperating under the devoted care of her husband, Everett. Cards may be sent to Anna Marie at 2639 Peck Ave., San Pedro, 90731.

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to four new Life Members -- Frank Chee, Marjorie Chun-Hoon, George Sheu, and Edith Sheu. And a warm welcome to new members Moon S. Dea, Dr. and Mrs. David Wong.
-Playing Santa Claus to 200 pre-schoolers and kindergarteners at Castelar School on Friday, Dec. 19, were four CHSSC members -- Stan and Dora Lau, Bernice Sam and Margie Lew -- and two members of the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association, Sam Sperling (retired), and John Chan. The children's eyes fairly sparkled when they talked to "santa", and received a bag of "goodies" from him. Actually, the volunteers had just as much fun as the youngsters!
-Congratulations to Beulah Quo, who will be honored by the Stockton Arts Commission on Jan. 27 with the presentation of the Career Achievement Award at the Commission's 10th annual Arts Recognition Dinner at the Stockton Hilton. Beulah, an Emmy Award-winning television, stage and screen actress, and producer, was born and raised in Stockton, and has been active in numerous community organizations there and in southern California. This is only one of many awards bestowed on Beulah, and all have been well-deserved.

ONCE MORE, A SAD FAREWELL

Again, in a matter of months, the Society has lost one of its own. Another light has been dimmed, another star has waned, another friend is gone -- Chuck Yee, who passed away on Jan. 9, was sadly mourned by family and friends on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes. Each of his five children -- Kathy, Lydia, Mimi, Glenn and Mark -- touchingly shared favorite memories of their Dad, paying tribute to his love and devotion to them. Several friends spoke of Chuck's warm friendship, of his dedication to his fellow man, and of his beautiful Christian life. He was a man wholeheartedly devoted to his family, to his community, to his church. The following phrases, eloquently spoken by Munson Kwok on behalf of the Society, show the love, respect and warm feelings everyone had for this most unusual human being.

"Chuck Yee was one of the most active, most dedicated member of the Society. He was founder and charter member, Life Member, director, past president and museum founder, as well as organizer, planner, innovator, entertainer -- and much more. Any project he worked on, any committee he served -- all were done with careful planning and with great pride in the finished product -- the Lang Station Centennial, the annual Lotus Festival, the Walking Tours and the Tour map, the semi-annual dinners, the Society's various brochures and certificates -- all had that unique "Chuck Yee" touch.

"Chuck was intensely proud to be an American, and was not afraid to display his patriotism. He was also proud of his Chinese ancestry, and of the achievements of Chinese Americans in this country.

"Chuck, with his devoted wife Mary and their children, showed us the power of love and unity in the family, and the wonderful things that can be accomplished when the bonds are strong and love is shared. He reached out to embrace us in that warmth and closeness, to make us all part of an extended family."

Thank you, Munson, for expressing so well the spirit and philosophy that Chuck has passed on to us. The Society extends deepest sympathy to Mary and her family, and hopes that they will find comfort and peace in the months and years ahead.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Words cannot describe my sadness at the loss of this warm and loving friend. Chuck was much too young to leave this world. He had so much more living to do. However, in reading again the family's 1986 Christmas letter, I feel happy that he and his sweet Mary and their wonderful children had such a memorable year together, doing all the things a close-knit family enjoys -- a trip to New York for the Statue of Liberty Centennial, and a visit to Niagara Falls, a Caribbean cruise, the Society's field trip to Angel Island, a cruise to Ensenada, Mexico, the family's first wedding, and so many other events. A busy, happy year, with many beautiful memories to be cherished forever.

The last time I saw Chuck was at the New Year's Eve party he attended with the Mariners, (a group of married couples from his church, True Light Presbyterian Church). Chuck greeted me with the usual warm bear-hug, and we wished each other a "Happy New Year". The last thing I said to him was "You take good care of yourself, okay?" He promised he would. But that was not to be ----- And so, in farewell, I say to him,

"Good night, sweet prince,

--- and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest ----"***

I will miss you, dear friend --- so very, very much.

Margie

**From "Hamlet", by William Shakespeare

HUNTING FOR TREASURES?

The Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club Juniors will be a part of the Flea Market at Pasadena City College on Sunday, Mar. 1, 7 A.M. - 3 P.M. Club members are asking for donations of books, household items, clothing, toys, bric-a-brac, dishes, or whatever, as long as they are in good condition. Please bring your donations to the February meeting, or call Beverly Hom, (818) 336-7900, or Doreen Chan, (213) 726-9064. Proceeds from this event will be given to Chinatown Library for the new Children's Wing, and to the Society's Museum Fund.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 5 - Mar. 8 World premiere of "Wong Bow Rides Again", by Cherylene Lee, and presented by the East West Players. The play is the history of a fourth generation Chinese American family, recounted as they travel by bus on a gambling excursion to Las Vegas.

The theater is located at 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. For ticket information, call (213) 660-0366. There is a \$2.00 discount for groups of 10 or more.

June 30 - Aug. 4 Charles Wong and Cindy Fong will be leading a study tour for Chinese American students. Sponsored by PIC Travel Service and Wuyi University, the tour includes 17 days at Wuyi University in Jiangmen with weekend excursions to Taishan and Zhongshan; 11 days of touring Guilin, Beijing, Xian and Guangzhou; a summer camp festival in Ghuangzhou; and 2 days in Hong Kong. The cost for this 36-day program is \$1,695 (subject to change).

Under the supervision of Charles and Cindy, this promises to be a most enjoyable and educational experience for overseas Chinese students. Since enrollment is limited, interested parents and students should contact the tour guides as soon as possible at (213) 256-8330. A reservation deposit of \$200 is due no later than March 15.

1986 DONORS TO CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM FUND

Billy and Anna Lew	\$1,000.00
Soo Hoo (Ned, Nadine, Ivy, May, Dale)	\$1,000.00
Bill and Marjorie Chun-Hoon	\$1,000.00
Paul and Emma Louie	\$ 200.00
George and Edith Sheu	\$ 100.00
Guy and Elsie Ho	\$ 100.00
Charles and Cindy Wong	\$ 100.00
Ron and Helen Yee	\$ 25.00
Pauline Lum	\$ 25.00



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1987

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Happy new year to all of you. What an exciting year it promises to be! The arrival of 1987 means that we are one year closer to realizing our dream of a museum that will tell the story and significance of the Chinese American presence in Southern California. With no formal publicity prior to the fall dinner meeting and mostly through word of mouth, already we have collected over \$40,000 in donations toward our goal.

I feel greatly honored and very humble that you have chosen me to serve as your president during the coming year. As such, I am proud to be a part of the Society, a highly-respected and visible organization that has grown from a founding group of about a dozen to one which boasts a membership of close to four hundred; an organization known for its credibility and involvement in the greater Los Angeles community as well as throughout the State.

It has been through your energetic and enthusiastic support that the Society has grown in the past twelve years. It has been through your dedication and loyalty that the Society has remained dynamic and strong. And it has been through your caring and affection that the Society membership enjoys a wonderful fellowship that can be treasured by all. No one can attend one of our meetings without feeling the vibrant warmth generated there.

This year, share that energy, dedication, and enthusiasm by informing your friends, neighbors, and local community of Society events. The visions and goals of the founding members should not be hoarded, but spread so that many may be educated and enlightened about what Chinese Americans have done and are doing in Southern California.

Your ideas and suggestions for programs, speakers, meetings, and field trips are always welcome. All of us on the Board of Directors are only a phone call away. Please let me know how I can better serve you as your president this year.

May you and your families be blessed with good health, happiness, and prosperity in the Year of the Hare.

Angi Ma Wong

you're invited...

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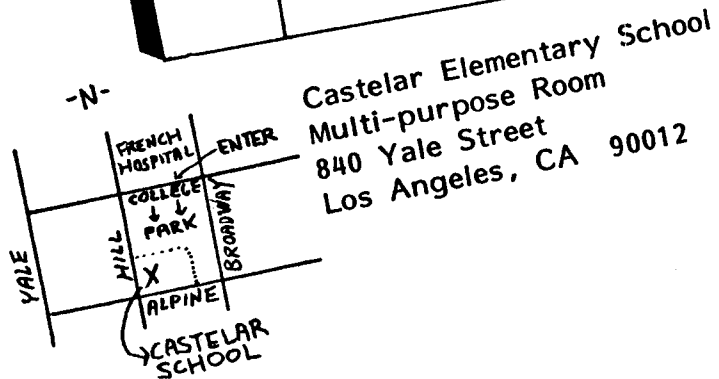
HIM MARK LAI

February 4, 1987
Wednesday
7:30-9:00 PM
Reception/Lecture
Refreshments/Booksigning

Him Mark Lai is the foremost historian
of the Chinese of America, and the
author of numerous articles, essays,
and books.

A HISTORY RECLAIMED is the
first reference guide to Chinese
language materials on the Chinese of
America, with over 1500 items listed in
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to a book party!