

# NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

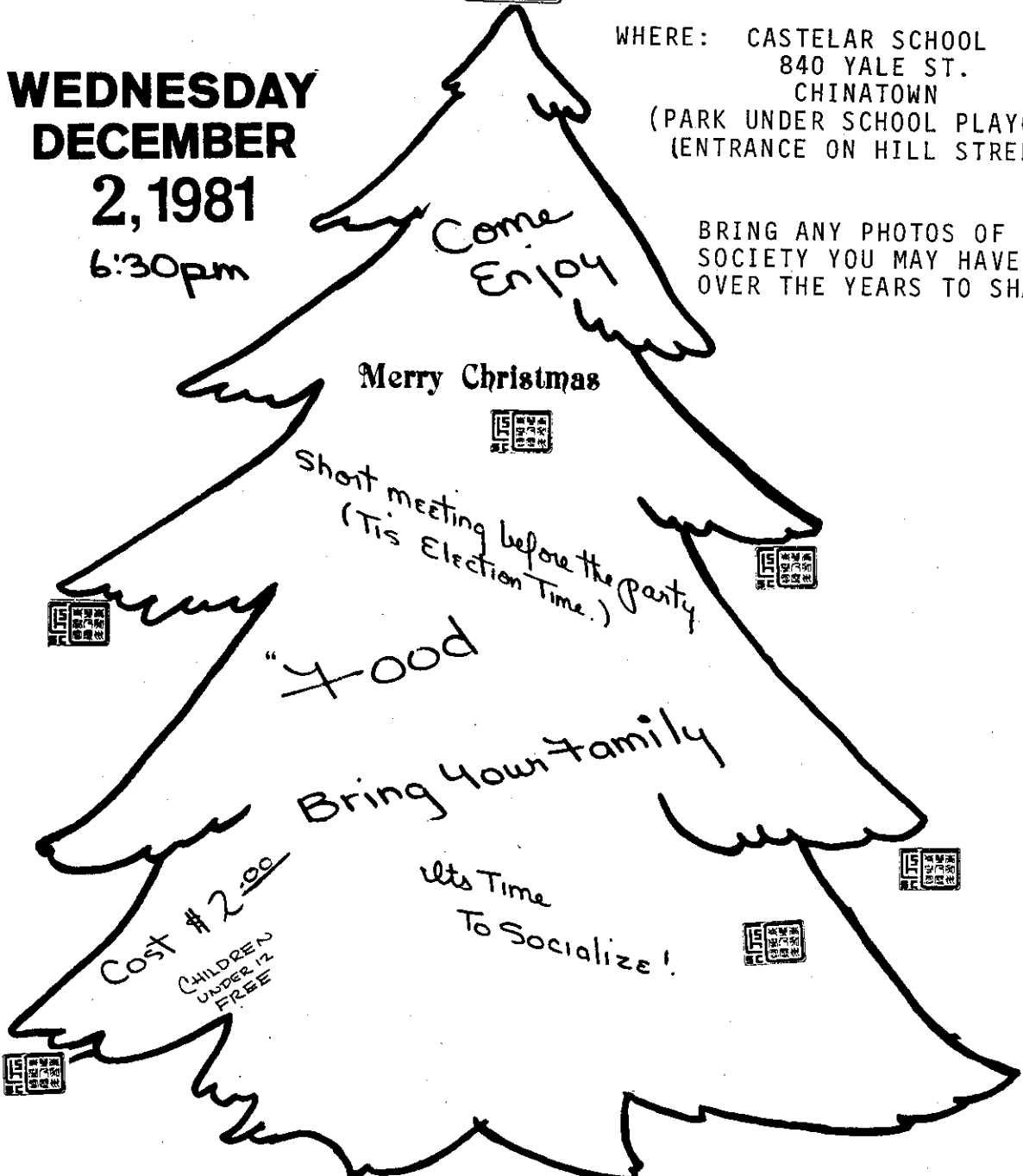
Don't miss the annual Christmas Party!

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER  
2, 1981  
6:30 pm**



WHERE: CASTELAR SCHOOL  
840 YALE ST.  
CHINATOWN  
(PARK UNDER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND)  
(ENTRANCE ON HILL STREET)

BRING ANY PHOTOS OF OUR SOCIETY YOU MAY HAVE TAKEN OVER THE YEARS TO SHARE.



PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY NOV. 30th, 1981 (MONDAY) SO WE CAN ORDER THE FOOD.

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A JOB WELL DONE - Saturday, Nov. 21st marked the end of the Society's sponsored walking tours - Chinatown Los Angeles: Yesterday & Today which was its contribution to the California bicentennial celebration. To climax the success of this project, the tour director, Charles Wong, together with his committee and the 31 docents celebrated with "dim sun" luncheon at the Hong Kong Jade Garden. Joining the group was 51 members of the California Historical Society who had come from various parts of the Los Angeles area to participate in tours of both old and new Chinatown. A plaque was presented to Mr. Joe Dyer, Director of KNXT's Department of Community Affairs in appreciation of the station's generous contribution of \$1,000 which enabled the Society to care out its tour project. Judging from the numerous letters and comments from the public the various tours were a tremendous success, due entirely to the cooperation, dedication and countless hours of research and planning contributed by many CHS members. To these beautiful people "the Society extends a sincere and hearty thank you" for a job well done!!

MARGIE LEW

ELECTION TIME - It's that time of the year again. Come and Vote for the cabinet of your choice to take over the reins of the Society for the next year. Our thanks to the nominating committee - headed by Kaza Dong along with Howard Quon and Betty Tong, who will present a slate of candidates. Nominations will be open to the floor. Right after the election, we will have our Christmas party. The News & Notes are arriving a bit late due to the fall dinner. We want you at the ELECTION & CHRISTMAS PARTY. But PLEASE R.S.V.P. BEFORE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, so we can insure having enough food. Call your area representative NOW. See you there.

FALL DINNER - The Society's annual dinner was held at the Tai Hong Restaurant on Saturday evening November 21st, honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Mei Wah Club, an organization consisting of a number of civic-minded Chinese women whose main concern was to give assistance and encouragement to the Chinese community as well as other communities in the area. The slide presentation and commentary was presented by Betty Jean Wong Lee and Betty Tong highlighting the club's many and varied activities throughout its 50 years of existence. Because of its high ideals the club's contributions to the Community and to other worthy causes were numerous as well as outstanding. To commemorate the special occasion a plaque was presented by the Society to the Mei Wah Club. Chuck Yee, assisted by Mary Yee (who gave the biographies of the ladies) presented each of them with red roses. They were escorted by Howard Quon, Allen Dong, Eugene Moy and Charles Wong to the stage where they received an ovation from the Society. Charles Wong, Society's Vice President and Project Director to Chinatown Los Angeles: Yesterday & Today Walking Tour presented a brief history of the tour from the very beginning to its successful ending. To complete the evening "and the evening is never complete until this happens" Secretary George Yee had the crowd in stitches as he made a very special offer to the audience (See details elsewhere in this newsletter). Since George is such a "hard act to follow" there was nothing else for President Chuck Yee to do, but to adjourn the meeting which he did. Our thanks to our dinner Chairman - Allen Dong and his committee Kaza Dong, Kathy Kwan (future member?) Ken Dong, Margie Lew, Helen Young, Mary Yee, Ella Quan, Emma Louie, Lillian Fong, Elsie Yee, and Marilyn Quon.

(Thanks also to Glenn Yee for the calligraphy and to George Yee for fabricating the plaques.)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU Our thanks and appreciation to Lillian Fong for her generous gift to the Chinatown Library in the Society's name. By adding the major portion to our Society's initial donation, a total of \$1,000 was contributed, and our Society's name will be engraved in the entranceway of the library. Lillian has always been a dedicated supporter of our Society and we thank her!!

WELCOME to our new life members- The latest to join our life members are Allen and Kaza Dong. Thank you Allen & Kaza.

AN OFFER YOU CANNOT REFUSE - In an effort to break the 200 membership record this year, George Yee "the man who can do almost anything" will offer 4 hours of his valuable service to some lucky new member who joins the society between now and December 2nd. On December 2nd, at the Society's Christmas party, the names of all the new members who signed up before the deadline will be thrown into a hat and the winner will be drawn. The lucky person will get 4 hours of his service - fixing anything from appliances to cars. George can also cook and serve you a dinner. He can teach you martial arts so you can defend yourself. He can give you a massage. He can do an oil painting to your specification. He can do your gardening or mow your lawn. You name it and George will do it! George will provide the service and the winner will provide all material costs. George said, "Any old member (and we are referring to time not age) who signs up a new member, he will even include their name into the drawing," so sign up your in-laws and see the marvel of the man who can do anything!! Once in a lifetime - let George do it.

SPEAKER Stan Lau will be presenting a talk on the early Chinese in Los Angeles to the California Federation of Women's Clubs at a luncheon to be held at General Lee on December 11, 1981.

CONGRATULATIONSTO OUR SCREEN & TV STARS, To Jocelyne Lew on the "Jeffersons", Soon Teck-Oh on "Magnum P.I." and Beulah Quo and Soon Tech-Oh who were filming in China for many months the mini-series "Marco Polo."

JAMES WONG HOWE EXHIBIT The People's Republic of China sponsored a James Wong Howe exhibit this past October. Beulah Quo's documentary "James Wong Howe - the Man and his Movies" was screened. The government invited Society member, Sonora Babbe Howe to be present.

HERITAGE SQUARE - Our Society will again have a booth at the Heritage Square on December 6th (Sunday) in South Pasadena. We will be selling butterflies as a fund raiser. The hours are 10am - 6pm. Money raised will be used for the printing of the Chinatown Los Angeles Yesterday & Today booklet. We need volunteers to man the booth. Please contact Helen Young - 283-4532.

DONATION Our thanks to George & Elsie Yee for a donation to the Society on the occasion of their son, David's graduation from dental school and his marriage to Mona Mar, which took place in San Francisco.

CENTINELA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY invites you to attend Christmas Open House (first Sunday night after Christmas (Dec. 27) of the Centinela Adobe complex. The grounds will be lighted with about 200 luminaries (candles in sand in paper bags.) 6L30pm to 8:30pm.

MAY WE WISH EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!- Chuck & Mary Yee

NEWS' & NOTES will be published each month, containing details of coming events, community affairs and news items pertaining to Society members. Please send all information to Mary Yee, 4721 Konya Dr. Torrance, Ca. 90503 or call 542-2409.