



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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March 1988

APRIL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 1988

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Castelar School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown (park on school grounds — enter on College Street between Hill and Yale Streets). Meeting is in the multi-purpose room.

PROGRAM: Chinese Folk Prints (see "Spring 1988 Programs" flyer)

SPEAKER: Our speaker this evening is Mr. Ted Wu, Architect/Industrial Designer. Mr. Wu was born in Shanghai. In 1971, he formed his own firm specializing in graphical and exhibition designs. Mr. Wu has taught graphic design at the Arts Center College of Design in Pasadena.

He is presently working on the signage for the World Cruise Center in the Port of Los Angeles and on the concept and design of the Chinese Historical Park in Riverside.

He will be presenting his exhibition on Chinese Folk Prints at the Craft and Folk Art Museum (CFAM) and he will be showing some actual prints from the David Chau Collection. These prints are very rare because most of them were pasted on walls and doors or burned.

MUSEUM OF CHINESE AMERICAN HISTORY: Recent donations to the Chinese American Museum Fund, the trust fund for MCAH, include Ellen and Ray Peter - \$20, Riverside "gang" (Wendy Eads) - \$104, George Wong - \$5, and Marilyn Quon - \$100, in memory of Howard Quon. All donations continue to be matched, dollar for dollar.

NEW CHINATOWN 50TH ANNIVERSARY: As we have previously noted, New Chinatown Central Plaza is celebrating its historic 50th Anniversary on the weekend of June 25. CHSSC has joined The Los Angeles Chinatown 50th Anniversary Committee. Our specific task is to provide material for an historic brochure. This collectors item, the limited edition brochure, will be entitled "Golden Years of Los Angeles Chinatown". The brochure subcommittee (us) now seeks any photos, recollections, or memorabilia about New Chinatown over the past 50 years. Did Madame Chang ever visit the Plaza? When and how was the East Gate, the Sun Yat Sen statue dedicated? The only big event we have on record so far is Fergie's (Duchess of York) recent visit. We also plan over ten types of articles so writers, photographers, layout people, are also sought. Please contact Ella Quan (213) 291-5388 or Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911 with your historic information or your help. We need it all now!!

CHSSC BOARD MEETING - March 9: Topics discussed included 1988 CHSSC budget, office space status, Spring Dinner update, Eagle Rock plaque, organization of Society's archives, bulk order of archival storage materials, and Society participation in Lotus.

Board minutes will be available at the April 6 General Meeting. To obtain your copy, contact CHSSC Secretary, Franklin Mah (213) 372-9421.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: As of March 9, we have 89 life members and 164 renewals. Total membership is 253. Welcome to our newest life member, Al Soo Hoo, and our new members this month, Mrs. Franklin Tom and Don Toy.

To keep the Society mailing list up-to-date, members should continue to report any changes of addresses or phone numbers to Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

DONATIONS: Recent donations to CHSSC include L. Kwan - \$5, Amytis Barrett - \$10, Mei Lin Leung - \$5, and Lee and Bill Minderhout - \$50. Thank you for your donations.

Henry Welcome, one of our members, donated a copy of the Overland Monthly, dated August, 1893 to the Society and inside is an article called the Chinese Through an Official Window — talking about the Chinese who first came to the United States.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Society will be ordering a copy of **SAMFOW: The San Joaquin Legacy** by Sylvia Sun Minnick for its archives. Members interested in the Chinese history of the Stockton/San Joaquin area can purchase this book from Beverly Picazo, 1128 West 126th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044 before May 1st. Cost is \$26.63 + shipping. Book brochure will be available at April general meeting.

In response to the presentation by Teena Stern and her suggestion of the Society helping the membership in **bulk ordering archival storage materials**, the Society will be ordering materials for its own needs in two phases. In the first phase, the Society will be ordering acid-free storage boxes in bulk. Members interested in ordering these boxes should notify Franklin Mah (213) 372-9421 by May 1st. Estimated cost per box is \$2.50. Reference catalog (University Products, Inc., page 7 #540-0771) will be available at the April general meeting for inspection and order sign-ups. Ordering of photo albums, mylar envelopes, and the like will take place in the second phase. Look for our announcement in June-July 1988.

Linking Our Lives, as advertised in the recent issues of the East West Newspaper, has brought in several extra sales — one from Darien, Illinois and one to be sent as a gift to Santa Barbara, California. Remember, limited supply of our first publication. Don't put it off any longer. For purchase/information, contact Ella Quan (213) 291-5388.

The December, 1987 issue of **Gum Saan Journal** with an article by Emma Woo Louie entitled, "The History and Sources of American Family Names of Chinese Origin", has sparked much interest. Several people have ordered additional copies (seven so far). The Seattle Post has requested and received permission to reprint the article in their paper. This article is only a part of a whole book which Emma is in the process of completing. For extra copies, contact Margie Lew (213) 222-4375.

Evy's video . . . Ed and Evelyn Cucchiarella have created a VHS video tape based upon many of the CHSSC events and trips over 1982 to 1987. This is a carefully edited 3.5 hour effort, narrated by Evy, with Ed's clever quips. This wonderful work is the best record we have, to date, of what CHSSC is and what CHSSC has done over the recent years. Congratulations, and our thanks to Ed and Evy for their dedication to the Society!!

IN THE NEWS: CHSSC member, **Betty Evans**, is the 1988 President of the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society. Congratulations, Betty!

Congratulations to the newlyweds, **Ben and Doreen Nakayama!** They were married on February 27 and spent their honeymoon in Hawaii.

Congratulations to **Barry and Lydia (Yee) Wong** who were married December 12, 1987. Lydia is the daughter of Mary Yee and the late Chuck Yee.

Actress **Beulah Kwoh** was one of four outstanding women honored by the Asian/Pacific Women's Network. The Seventh Annual Woman Warrior Awards Dinner was held February 19, 1988 at the Biltmore Hotel.

Angi Ma Wong has been named West Coast Editor of the Chinese American Forum, an east coast based publication which was established in 1984. CAF is published quarterly and is a non-profit independent publication open to diverse views for educational purposes. Besides being President of the CHSSC, Angi is Coordinator of Public Relations for the Adult Division of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Note: Writers are invited to contribute articles bridging the cultural gap between Chinese-Americans of different generations and also between Chinese-Americans and fellow Americans in general. For more information, contact Angi at (213) 541-1809.

Ruby Ling-Louie gave a tour of the L. A. Chinatown Branch Library to the queen and her court.

A slide show presentation of Chinatown, yesterday and today, was given to Miss L. A. Chinatown and the princesses by **Eugene Moy** and **Franklin Mah**.

There were 38 students from UCLA, Cal State L.A., and other universities who came to visit Chinatown on February 21. **Ruby Ling-Louie** talked about the Chinatown Branch of the L. A. Public Library at the CACA building. **Franklin Mah** handled the slide show equipment and **Eugene Moy** narrated the slide show of Chinatown. Docents were **Eugene Moy, Charles Wong, Chong Lew, and Susie Ling**. Giving moral support were **Susan Moy, Bernie Moy, Sue Yee, and Lillian Fong**. L. A. Chinatown walking tour maps and Friends of the Chinatown Library literature were distributed.

A party celebrating Chinese New Year was held at the City Hall Tower on February 24 which was given by Councilpersons, **Michael Woo, Gilbert Lindsay, and Gloria Molina**. In attendance were **Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Allen and Frieda Wong, Al Soo Hoo, Angi Ma Wong, Ronald Fung, and Lillian Fong**.

Recently **Angi Ma Wong** gave a Chinatown walking tour to **Judith Parks** of the Downtown News and on a separate occasion, to **Lennie McGuire** of the Herald-Examiner.

On Saturday, March 12, CHSSC members (Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Franklin Mah, Dorothy Siu, Howard Hew, Lillian Fong, and Beverly Hom) came out to help Arthur Dong and Rebecca Soladay, producers of the LOTUS film, with the mailing of flyers to announce the Los Angeles Premiere of Lotus on April 20. Angi Ma Wong was unable to attend due to a cold.

CALENDAR

Tuesday thru Thursday, March 1 - 31: Exhibition of Chinese Artists at China Art Gallery, 320 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, (213) 858-6906. Including paintings by Pat Tom.

Sunday, April 10: "City Day" will be celebrated by a festive luncheon and program at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. This event will commemorate the April 4, 1850 incorporation of the City of Los Angeles. Cost: \$20. For more information, contact Christie Bourdet (818) 792-1048 or Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809.

Wednesday, April 13: CHSSC Board Meeting at Kipham Kan's (213) 839-9233.

Wednesday, April 20: Lotus Premiere (7:30 p.m.) at the Writer's Guild Theater, 135 South Doheny, Beverly Hills. For more information, contact Visual Communications (213) 680-4462 or CHSSC members Angi Ma Wong, Dolores Wong, or Suellen Cheng.

REFRESHMENTS: Thank you for providing refreshments for our March meeting — Sylvia Soo Hoo, Mary Yee, Ruth Lum, Cy Wong, and Nancy Zuan.

WANT "HELP" ADS: Lotus Premiere (Arthur Dong film) needs your help — selling tickets, log and send out tickets, and reception at premiere. For further information, contact Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809, Dolores Wong (213) 662-6081, or Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

Transportation? Helen Morrison would appreciate a ride to the monthly meetings. If you can assist, please call Helen at (213) 389-1533.

Program suggestions? Contact Kipham Kan, Vice President/Programs at (213) 839-9233.

Help with refreshments? Contact Sylvia Soo Hoo, Refreshment Chair, (213) 221-5573.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your continued support of News 'n Notes — staff contributors in this issue: Kipham Kan, Franklin Mah, Ella Quan, Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Angi Ma Wong, Christie Bourdet, and Lillian Fong. February 19 mailing session supporters: Kipham Kan, Franklin Mah, Richard Smith, Dorothy Siu, Lillian Fong, and Ron Jung.

Items for N'nN are always welcome! Please submit in writing or call (818) 336-7900. Deadline is the 15th of every month! Items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor.

Beverly M. Hom
News 'n Notes Editor



The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

**is pleased to announce its
Spring 1988 programs**

Wednesday, April 6, 1988

Chinese Folk Prints

Ted Wu, architect/industrial designer

The signage for the Bradley International Terminal at LAX and graphics and space planning for the Press Center of the 1984 Olympic games are among Ted Wu's major projects.

His exhibition on Chinese Folk Prints at the Craft and Folk Art Museum will be spotlighted in the evening's presentation.

Wednesday, May 4, 1988

Growing Up in Chinatown: The Life and Work of Edwar Lee

Moonbeam Tong Lee, author

The life of Edwar Lee, the first American-born Chinese to enter the Christian ministry in the Methodist Church in 1935 and a lifelong community volunteer, is told by Moonbeam Tong Lee. Written to celebrate Lee's 85th birthday, this biography chronicles his extensive work and contributions to the Bay area Chinese community, while offering a glimpse of life as a Chinese-American who grew up in Chinatown.

**7:30 p.m. Castelar School
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
For information call: CHSSC (213) 828-6911**

FREE PARKING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS (enter from College Street)