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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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APRIL 1994

PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 4, 1994 - 7:30 pm
Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown

FROM ENSENADA TO MARYSVILLE: TRIPS REVISITED

On October 16-17, 1993 CHSSC joined the Chinese Historical Society of San Diego and Baja California in their second great bus tour to study and visit the Chinese of Baja California, and on March 11-13, 1994 our members participated along with the Chinese Community of Marysville the century-old celebration of the birthday of Bok Kai. Highlights of these trips include tours of Ensenada and Tijuana, a Chinese evening banquet with prominent Chinese Mexicans in Tijuana, the Bok Kai parade, a visit to Bok Kai Temple, the burning of our own Good Luck Bomb, a visit to the Oroville Chinese Temple, and the Society Bok Kai dinner banquet. Our program will feature a video and slide show from these trips. We will have a "show and tell session" with participants from these trips sharing their thoughts and impressions of the Chinese Experience in Baja (Ensenada and Tijuana) and Northern California (Marysville and Oroville).

Please join us and bring your photos from these trips.

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Prior to the start of this evening's program, we will have a video showing of our April 23 Annual Spring Dinner. We plan to run this video at approximately 7:00 p.m. Come early and get a good seat.
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1994 CHSSC SCHOLARSHIP WINNER HAS BEEN SELECTED -
Ms. Monique Viengkhou, who is a Junior attending UC Irvine and majoring in Politics and Society/Comparative Culture and minoring in Global Peace and Conflict Studies, is CHSSC's 1994 Scholarship winner. She was one of three finalists who were interviewed on April 16 by our distinguished panel of three judges, Ms. Suellen Cheng, Mr. Eugene Cooper, and Mr. Richard Smith. The

Scholarship Committee would like to thank our judges for volunteering their time and effort to help us select this year's winner.

A short ceremony will take place at the May 4, 1994 general meeting to present Ms. Viengkhou with the \$1000 scholarship award. Please come out to meet our 1994 Scholarship winner.

Many thanks to Dexter Wong (chair) and Winnie Wong who are on the Scholarship Committee. They put in many hours to make the scholarship a reality for the third year. The Society would also like to thank the Chinatown Community Police Service Center for allowing us to use their Community Room for the interviews.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE - The Nominating Committee is working on a slate of officers and board members for 1994-1995. We will be accepting nominations from the floor at our May general meeting. Elections will be held in June.

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The Chinese Cultural and Community Center of Greater Los Angeles, Inc. will holds its first annual **CHINATOWN SPRING: A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC** at Los Angeles Chinatown's Alpine Recreation Center, 817 Yale Street, on Saturday, May 14. It will be a day of learning for young and old alike. The program will provide for a collage of traditional Chinese musical fare.

The morning workshop (11 am - 12 noon) will feature Professor Yen from Pasadena City College. The workshop includes techniques and variations in China's rich archives of musical instruments. Beginning 12 noon - 4 pm, the Chinatown Music Coalition and the Yuet Sing Music Club will offer an array of program of Chinese opera, dance, and selections of instrumental favorites.

Admission is free! So bring your friends and family for a special treat to **CHINATOWN SPRING: A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC** and let your senses delight to the sights and sounds of a Chinese music and cultural fare.

For information, contact Victor Huey (310) 839-1474.

This project is made possible in part by a grant from the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department. We also acknowledge the generous contribution of Kaiser Permanente.

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STAND UP AND DELIVER - It's finally going to happen. Wipe the dust off those neglected articles at the back of your closets or garage, those unused or rarely-used things you never quite could decide to get rid of. Spring cleaning! Yes, Virginia, there is going to be a Society Rummage Sale (I hear you cheering.) Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15, we will hold a no-holds, wide-ranging sale of choice items for one and all. Location will be member Dorothy Siu's back yard, 3337 West 27th Street, south of Adams Boulevard, between Arlington and Seventh Avenues.

Spread out over her green lawn we expect to have all kinds of things for many rooms in the home, patio or the workplace. We need the shirt or blouse off your back, those nice shoes you no longer wear, that incomplete china set, those tools or office items you don't use, those toys, books or clothes your kids won't look at anymore, or those nice clothes that no longer fit.

Main restrictions are printed matter -- no Reader's Digests, news, consumer or weekly magazines, trade or professional books. Fiction or non-fiction, mystery, and childrens' books OK. All clothing be clean, no missing buttons or tricky zippers, accompanied by specific size; bring own hangers if possible. No jewelry with missing stones or clasps. No unworkable machines. No pets, food or drink brought on to site. Lastly, only cash or checks accepted. Do allow yourself lots of money and time to browse.

Contributions accepted between May 2 to May 6, 9:30 am to 6:30 pm at Dorothy's front porch, with prior notice. Call Rummage Chairman, Elmo Gambarana, (213-733-2927), or Ella Quan (213-255-6487) any morning before May 6 for any transportation difficulties or item questions.

But all this can happen only if there are many hands and minds at work. Scores of volunteers are needed, ladies and gentlemen, to help collect, sort, price and arrange all these fine goods; the more volunteers, the less the work, and more pleasure for all.

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CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM - Are you registered to vote this coming primary election day, June 7? You should be. On the ballot, there is an initiative bond measure Proposition 180, Park lands, etc. The State of California will be giving money for environmental and historic sites. If passed by the voters, the Chinese American Museum at El Pueblo Park, in Garnier Building, will receive \$500,000 (!) for the museum to be built.

To help you, CHSSC will have Voter Registration forms available at the May and June meetings. You fill it out and the Society will mail it for you. So come to the Wednesday meetings, or look for those long white forms at your post office to register. Support your museum!

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ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS - THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE ON CHINESE AMERICANS - This 300-page paperback book presents the collection of papers assembled by UCLA Professor Lucie Cheng and the Conference Panel Committee for the third conference on Chinese American Studies held August 28-30, 1992 in Los Angeles. To order your copy today, please send a check, payable to CHSSC. Mail to: CHSSC Book Department, P.O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647. Cost: \$15 per copy + \$1.24 each (sales tax) + \$3.00 (postage & handling for each book) = \$19.24.

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MEMBER NEWS - Congratulations to CHSSC member **Miriam Matthews** who was recently honored by Cal State Dominguez. A scholarship has

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been named in her honor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 7: CHSSC BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Society Office. This will be a planning meeting to see where we go from here in terms of getting all the people, resources, and scheduling in line.

May 17: NINTH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES ASIAN PACIFIC FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL - Gala opening night celebration -- A Tribute to Guy Lee featuring Rodgers and Hammerstein's Flower Drum Song, a film by Henry Koster -- at Japan America Theatre, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles Little Tokyo, 7 pm Opening Night Program Reception to follow. \$25 - screening and gala opening night reception, \$10 - screening only. RSVP before May 9 to Visual Communications, 263 South Los Angeles Street, Suite 307, LA 90012, (213) 680-4462.

May 18: CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 pm, CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Parking is available at Mandarin and Bamboo Plazas.

May 22-25: GOLD RUSH TOUR - Sail San Francisco Bay on Californian, two nights aboard Delta King, visit Coloma, Gold Discovery site, Placerville, Empire Mine, Star Mine, Nevada City, Malakoff Diggings - \$600 + \$130 hotel. Interested? Call (818) 792-6758.

August 19-20: National Conference: "From Memories to Aspirations: The Chinese American Experience" Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii (Note: By now, most of the CHSSC members should have received in the mail materials for this conference. For information/forms, contact Munson Kwok (310) 645-1369.)

**** SUBMIT YOUR PAPERS ****

September 17-18: 5th Annual Chinese Moon Festival

Items for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to: Bev Hom Tsao, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Items submitted after the due date may not always be included in this issue. If necessary to call regarding CHSSC business, please call before 9:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday.

Special thanks to contributors in this issue: Don Loo, Dexter Wong, Elmo Gambarana, Ella Quan, and Munson Kwok. Last month's mailing volunteers: Mike Tsao and yours truly!
