



NEWS 'N NOTES

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, MAY 6, 1998

7:00 P.M.

**Castelar School - Multipurpose Room
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown
(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)
between Hill and Yale Streets**

Speaker:

**AIMEE E. LIU
Booktalk / Book Signing
Slides**

Aimee E. Liu's novel draws on family stories, photos, letters and historical documents to tell the story of her grandparents' forbidden love in America and in China. He was a Chinese scholar - revolutionary, she was a white American who tutored him English. When the 1906 earthquake struck San Francisco, he saved her life. Together for 30 difficult years, mainly in war-ravaged China, discrimination haunted them and their children. Slides will accompany her talk.

Liu is also the author of FACE, a novel about an Amerasian photographer and Solitaire. She was an associate producer for NBC's TODAY show before turning to writing full-time.

THANK YOU, CHSSC members and friends, for all the delicious refreshments at the March meeting.

CHSSC CELEBRATES CH'ING MING AT MEMORIAL SHRINE IN EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Bundled against the weather, a small crowd of Society members and friends gathered on Saturday, April 4th, paying homage to early Los Angeles Chinese by re-initiating the Ch'ing Ming festival that was held in Evergreen Cemetery for almost a century, until the 1960's. A brief ceremony was led by Board Chairman Irvin Lai under the large canopy set up for the event. CHSSC Board Member and USC Anthropologist, Dr. Eugene Cooper, spoke on the ritual, symbolism, and meaning of Ch'ing Ming. Three commemorative pine trees were then planted beside the shrine's wrought-iron fence. The shrine was adorned with red foiled-covered pots of bright-red azaleas. Delicious varieties of dim sum were served to participants.

Due to the rainy weather, the event was modestly attended; however, many present felt it was a meaningful activity -- one they look forward to sharing each year.

Correction. The March issue of News 'n Notes stated that USC Professor and CHSSC Board Member Eugene Cooper is a Professor of Archaeology. When in fact, he is the Professor of Anthropology. However, within the Society, he is Chairman of the Artifacts Committee.

*******VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*******

by Prof. Cooper

The Society's Digital Archive Project is gearing up to produce a photographic archive of our extensive artifact collections for publication on CD-ROM and on the Society's World Wide Web page (www.chssc.org). The project is scheduled to commence on May 1, 1998 and last for about six months.

1. We are in need of Society members with computer input / secretarial skills to help with computerizing the catalogue of artifacts excavated during the construction of the MTA Red Line. Some of this work could be done at home if you have your own computer. Suitable software will be provided by the project director. Otherwise, the work would probably be done at the Society's Bernard Street houses where the photography will also be in progress.

2. We are in need of Society members to help in the transportation of the artifacts to be photographed from their present location in storage in Santa Monica to the Society's Bernard Street houses for photographing, and return to storage in Santa Monica. Your time is of the greatest importance, but if you can also provide a vehicle with which to move the artifacts, that would also be welcome.

If you are interested in joining in this Society project, please contact Jeff Tung, President of the Society, at 310-360-8989.

*******JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS*******

(Read enclosed flyers)

-Program / Volunteer Coordinator for CHSSC.

-Summer Intern Opportunity for Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, City of Los Angeles

DRUM BARRACKS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM is housed in the last remaining major building of Camp Drum in Wilmington. Regular tours of the museum are offered Tuesday through Thursday at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00 and 1:00; Saturday and Sunday at 11:30, 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30. The Drum Barracks Civil War Museum is located at 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, CA 90744. For more info, call Director Marge O'Brien at 310-548-7509.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Saturday April 25 11 a.m - 1:15 p.m. Free Admission</p>	<p>The Opium War Presented by the Pacific Basin Institute at Pomona College Mudd Theater/Claremont School of Theology 1325 N. College Ave., Claremont (corner of Foothill Blvd. & Harvard) Limited seats. For more info, call Dr. Pedro Lourerio 909-607-8065 or Edie Young 909-607-8035</p>
<p>Sundays April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Noon - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center Exhibits open to the public. Free Admission</p>
<p>Friday May 1 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>My America - 1997 Sundance Award Winner PBS (check your local listings) A rollicking ride across the changing terrain of American culture, Renee Tajima-Pena's new documentary odyssey recaptures the spirit of Jack Kerouac's novel, <i>On the Road, Asian American Style.</i></p>
<p>Thru May 3 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Pacific Overtures 1st production of East West Players at David Henry Hwang Theatre 244 S. San Pedro St. Suite 301 Los Angeles 90012 Contact Suzanne Hee 213-625-7000 for more info.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY May 6 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>CHSSC MONTHLY MEETING Castelar Elementary School 840 Yale Street, L. A. Chinatown</p>
<p>Sunday May 10</p>	<p>FIELD TRIP TO PROMONTORY SUMMIT, UTAH See Johnny Yee for final instructions.</p>

Friday
May 15
6 p.m.

CHSSC's SPRING DINNER
Empress Pavilion
Speaker: Arthur Dong, famed playwright
Send your reservations in TODAY.

*****Raffle Prizes Needed*****
(Call Susan Dickson 626-792-8454 or
Ella Quan 213-255-6487)



Please reserve _____ seat(s) at \$40.00 per person \$ _____
_____ table(s) for ten people at \$400.00 per table \$ _____
I am unable to attend, but enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution. \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____

Please list attendees sitting together on the back of this form.

Make checks for total amount payable to:

CHSSC, P.O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647

Wednesday
May 20
6:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting
CHSSC Office - above Phoenix Bakery
Everyone welcome

Sunday
June 7
Noon - 3 p.m.
\$7.00

22ND ANNUAL BARBECUE
Historical Society of Centinela Valley Calif.
Centinela Adobe Complex
7634 Midfield, Westchester
For more info, call Pres. Utter 310-676-4363

Fri - Sun.
July 31-Aug.2
\$75

SIXTH ANNUAL ASIA CONFERENCE
Presented by Chinese American Citizens Alliance
USC Taper Hall Auditorium, Room 101
For info, call James Lau 310-412-0393 or
Munson Kwok 310-336-5441
Due date: July 6, 1998

NEWS 'n NOTES DEADLINE : All articles must be in to the P.O. Box by the 15th of the month to be considered in that month's News 'n Notes.



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SUMMER INTERN OPPORTUNITY

UNDERGRADUATE MULTICULTURAL SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

The Museum of Chinese American History at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument is seeking two undergraduate multicultural summer interns. They are to work with the El Pueblo staff to create a new interpretive exhibit showcasing the artifact collections of the Museum of Chinese American History.

Training will be offered in the areas of exhibit development, oral history, research with archival materials, and collection management. The interns will also have the opportunity to attend four events with other Getty summer interns which will be held by various cultural organizations during the grant period.

QUALIFICATIONS: The internships are open to currently enrolled undergraduates who are members of ethnic groups that are under-represented in professions related to museums. Applicants should 1) have completed at least one semester of college by June 1997; 2) not graduating before December 1997; and 3) be a resident of or attending college in the Los Angeles area. The applicants must also have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Computer literacy is desired.

DURATION:	June 15, 1998 to August 21, 1998
HOURS PER WEEK:	40 hours
STIPEND:	\$3,000 for ten-week period*
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:	5:00 p.m. May 5, 1998
FOR INFORMATION:	Call (213) 626-5240 or 680-2525

Please send a cover letter stating your interest in applying, a resume of qualifications, and two letters of reference to:

Suellen Cheng, Curator
El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument
125 Paseo de la Plaza, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90012

*Funding for the interns is provided by a grant from the GETTY GRANT PROGRAM.

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Program/Volunteer Coordinator

Immediate Need

Application deadline: opened until filled

Job Description.

Candidate shall support the day-to-day operations of the projects and programs of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California under the supervision of the president or his/her designee. Candidate shall coordinate and conduct walking tours, and will assist in their development and marketing. The candidate may also give support to the preparation and marketing of the Society's publication and other Chinese American educational tools and materials. The candidate may also give support to maintenance and development of the Society's Archives. Duties may include some aspects of office operations and management, including the supervision of interns. Coordinating volunteers will be an important, frequent task. The work week will be Tuesday through Saturday, for a total of 20-24 hours per week.

Qualifications.

Minimum of a bachelor's degree in one or more of the following disciplines required: humanities, social sciences, business administration, marketing, public relations, or related subject. Demonstrated knowledge of Asian American studies or history also highly preferred. Good writing and very strong oral communications skills shall be required of the successful candidate. Very good interpersonal, team building, and organizing skills will be essential. Bilingual abilities involving Chinese language are desirable. Experience with computers and software for business and office applications is expected.

Employment Conditions: Range of \$10-15 per hour. No benefits except 3 paid national holidays. Parking expenses paid. Job could grow to long-term, full time.

Application Process

Applicants can FAX resume and information to the Society at (213) 621-3171. Or mail to: CHSSC Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA. 90086-2647. Or e-mail to Munson Kwok at <munsonak@aol.com>, entitling your message "CHSSC job".

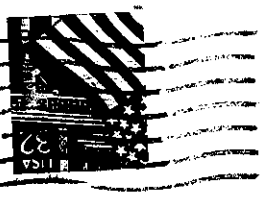
Applicants are expected to submit resume, including academic background with GPA and prior employment experience, references (1-job or school related, 1-character), evidence of availability, and a 300 word or shorter statement on long term career goals. Interview of finalists shall be conducted by the Personnel Committee. Further information may be obtained from Munson Kwok, (310) 336-5441 or by e-mail (preferred). *The Society is a educational, not-for-profit corporation based in Los Angeles Chinatown, serving the community for 23 years.* ###3/98

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1823 Kenora Drive
Paul G. Chace

ACTIVE: Paid to Dec. 31, 1997

Final Remittance

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ () _____

Please include me on the membership roster that will be available to members only.

I am interested in helping with:
 Programs Publications Research
 Membership/Publicity Fundraising
 Other _____

- GUM SAAN JOURNAL (2 issues annually).....\$5.00
- ACTIVE, annual..... \$ 25.00
- ADDITIONAL, annual..... 10.00
(spouse, same household)
- CONTRIBUTING, annual..... 10.00
(senior citizen over 60 years, student)
- INSTITUTIONAL, annual..... 50.00
- LIFE..... 300.00
- CORPORATE, annual 100.00
- LIFE PATRON1,000.00
- DONATION: Please accept my tax-deductible donation(s) to the following fund(s)
 General \$ _____ Scholarship \$ _____
 Publications \$ _____ Shrine \$ _____
 Heritage Center Building Fund \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHSSC
WE ARE A TAX-EXEMPT NON-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

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