



# NEWS 'n NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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May/June 1988

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** There are no meetings in June, July, nor August. The progressive dinner (June 5) has taken the place of our regular June meeting. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 7**. More details to come in the July/August News 'n Notes.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Come and join the celebration! The Los Angeles Chinatown Central Plaza would like to invite the founders, merchants, senior citizens, young people, tourists and guests to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Los Angeles Chinatown Central Plaza. Founded on June 25, 1938, Chinatown is planning a gala festival to celebrate its Golden Anniversary. Members of the Chinese community, including the Chamber of Commerce, Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC), Castelar Street School, the family associations, Merchants Association, Chinatown Corporation and others, are working together to make this once in a lifetime event something that will be remembered for years to come.

The 72-page special souvenir booklet titled, "The Golden Years of Los Angeles Chinatown", produced by CHSSC for The Los Angeles Chinatown Corporation, will be available for sale on June 25. Cost is \$3. Featured in the souvenir booklet will be six historic articles, many historic photos -- never before seen -- from the old families -- a collector's item. The booklet will highlight the grand opening of Chinatown 50 years ago as well as special moments throughout the past. It is available for purchase at stores and restaurants throughout Chinatown during its celebration.

The Los Angeles Chinatown Fiftieth Anniversary Committee consist of Winifred Lee (Chair), Ronald Louie (Co-chair), Lawrence Chow, Don Haley, Bill Hong, Edith Q. Jung, Larry Jung, Robert Jung, Munson Kwok, Barbara Jean Lee, Curtis Lee, Ann Q. Lowrey, Ella Y. Quan, Wallace Quon, Peter SooHoo, Jr., Roland SooHoo, Norman Wong, and Lucille SooHoo Yee.

The Brochure Committee consist mainly of members from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC). They are Ella Y. Quan (Chief Editor), Munson Kwok (Editor), Franklin Mah (Photographer), Suellen Cheng, Lillian Fong, Beverly M. Hom, Karen Lew, Ronald Louie, Doreen Chan-Nakayama, Peter SooHoo, Jr., and Cy Wong. Logo and cover design by Ronald Louie.

At this time HELP is needed by the 50th Anniversary Dinner Committee. If interested in helping, please call Anna Lowrey (213) 722-1264 as soon as possible. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. at Hong Kong Low. Cost is \$30 per person.

Help is also needed for the walking tours on June 24 and 25. Contact Gene Moy (818) 289-2067 as soon as possible.

For more information on this special celebration, see "Schedule of Events" on next page.





**CHSSC "FIRST" PICNIC:** You heard right. We have it! Here's your chance to socialize "beyond the limits". As you know, it's very difficult to socialize when all we have is the usual 10-15 minutes break at our monthly general meetings. Well, it's different on August 6. Come out and join us for our "first" picnic. We have reserved Saturday, August 6, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Heritage Park (Shelter B) in Cerritos. Mark your calendars now! In order to make this a successful and memorable event, we are asking the membership for its cooperation and support in helping the Picnic Committee organize a picnic of this size. Many things need to be done. Let's all pitch in and make this a real fun and grand time. If you would like to help, please contact one of us listed below or see "information" contacts listed on your picnic flyer.

PICNIC COORDINATORS:	Bev Hom	(818) 336-7900
	Ron Jung	(213) 383-0451
FOOD COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:	Henrietta Yuan	(213) 463-1385
	Ann See	(213) 464-4739
GAMES COMMITTEE CHAIR:	Kipham Kan	(213) 839-9233

Take a few minutes to look the flyer over, fill out the tear-off slip and return **ASAP** to Henrietta Yuan, 521 North Gramercy Place, Los Angeles, CA 90004. Be sure to fill out the form completely. This will make the job a little easier for the committee. The earlier you reply, the better are your chances of getting your first choice on your potluck. You will be notified by someone from the Food Committee of your food category.

**Rules, Regulations, Suggestions - No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the park.** Pets must be on a leash. Play equipment is available on a checkout basis at the park office. Be sure to clean up your reserved picnic area before you leave. **The following must be observed when using the "Heritage Island"** - no bikes on island, no barefeet, no rollerskates/skateboards, no climbing on roofs, no wading, no swimming, no fishing. These are just a few of the rules and regulations for your consideration and safe use of the park.

Spread the word to your family and friends. Take this time to fellowship with one another without any time constraints. We hope to hear from you real soon and look forward to seeing you on August 6!

**CHINA CITY:** The Society is moving on to another exciting project -- a history of China City, for the coming Fall Dinner program. Photos, information or recollection of the China City are been sought. Please call Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809 or Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911.

**DONATIONS:** The Society wishes to thank the following for their generous donations: Sam Chang's family (\$200) and S. T. and Renee Ma (\$50) in memory of Mr. Sam Chang, Robert Large (\$100), Louise Leung Larson (\$70), Arthur E. Dong (\$15), 10-K Run Committee (\$500), Professor Wei-Lin Lei (\$75), Santa Monica Heritage Museum Docents (\$65) and Frank and Lupe Chee for their donation of some family Chinese opera records dated back to the early 50's.

**SPRING "PROGRESSIVE" DINNER DONATIONS:** Sponsors of our dinner included California Chinese Club, Los Angeles Chinatown Corporation, Bank of Trade, East-West Federal Bank, 7-Up Bottling Companies of Southern California and

First Public Savings Bank. Donations toward Sweet Bamboo include Lulu Kwan and Lena Bare (\$25), Kenneth and Grace Matsukawa (\$100) and Virginia Latimer (\$15). Our donors include East-West Federal Bank (pens and keychains), Milton and Rosalind Chang, Ed and Evelyn Cucchiarella and Ruth Sperling.

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California is grateful for the support of all our sponsors, donors, friends, families in the success of our Fundraising "Progressive" Spring Dinner. Thank you to all of you who have made this event possible. Because of space limitations and time of printing, details of this dinner will be featured in the July/August New 'n Notes.

**IN THE NEWS:** If you haven't heard, CHSSC has its own phone now. That number is (213) 281-7429. You can call this number and listen to the calendar of events for CHSSC or if you have questions, you can leave a message and someone will return your call shortly. Why don't you try out this number today and see what you get?!?!

On June 4, **Suellen Cheng** talked about CHSSC's oral history projects at the "Oral History and Community: A Beginning Workshop" at California State University, Dominguez Hills. Present were society members Tom Moy, Marianne Cushnie and about 25 others.

**Congratulations Dolores and Delbert Wong!** They recently became proud grandparents for the "first" (and "second") time. Yes, two grandsons born six days apart. They are **Sandy Pitts**, born in New York on April 16 and **Ryan Wong**, born in Los Angeles on April 22. Congratulations to all — mom, pop, and all the grandparents on the birth of two great boys!

**BOOK CORNER:** A new book in Chinese on member Katherine Cheung, a Chinese American pioneering woman aviatrix, was published in Yen Ping, China last year. Copies are available at \$2.50 each plus postage. Only ten copies left. Contact Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

Any one or all of these books can be purchased through St. Gertrude's Academy, c/o Sister M. Katherine Manderseld, St. Gertrude's Museum, Box 107, Cottonwood, ID 83522. They are Idaho Chinese Lore (\$4.73), Polly Bemis (\$4.15) and Pioneer Day (\$11.55). Please add \$1.50 per copy (for postage and handling) for the first two books and \$2.50 per copy for the last book which is hard cover.

The cost is \$10 a copy for One Day, One Dollar (The California Legacy of the Chinese Agricultural Pioneers) by Peter Leung, UC Davis. Since we will not meet until September, please send your check (if you are interested) c/o Angi Ma Wong, 28928 Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274. Check is payable to CHSSC. Deadline is June 24.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** A very warm welcome to our three new life members, George Wong, Jr., Robert Large, and Dr. David Hsu and our 14 new members: Cynde Stoll, Stanley Yep, Ben and Wai Kam Hom, Ed Smith, Bill Rockhold, Paul W. Wormser, Arthur E. Dong, Raymond and Elsie Chan, Eula Lee Geisert, George Tom, Irvin R. Lai and Ron C. Quan. Total membership, as of June 8, is 297.

Sam Chang, our pioneer farmer of 103 years old who was honored by CHSSC in 1986, passed away Friday, May 27. Services were held June 4. CHSSC sends its condolences to the family of Sam Chang.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** (con't)

**Address update:** Patricia Lin 12511 Mitchell Avenue, Mar Vista, CA 90066

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.

**CALENDAR: Monday - Thursday, June 6-30: "Strangers in a Strange Land"** -- The City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department cordially invites you to attend a photographic exhibition by Carol Nye. Artist's Reception is Thursday, June 9, 7-9 p.m. City Hall Gallery, Los Angeles City Hall, 201 North Main Street, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles.

**Thursday - Sunday, June 23-26: Conference of California Historical Societies 34th Annual Meeting (Concord, California).** Call (209) 946-2169.

**Thursday - Sunday, June 23-26: Chinatown's 50th Anniversary Celebration** (see page 2 for "Schedule of Events").

**Wednesday - July 27: CHSSC Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Kipham Kan's.**

**Saturday - August 6: CHSSC Picnic - Heritage Park (Shelter B) - Cerritos.** Picnic is 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Mark this on your calendar NOW!)

**REFRESHMENTS:** Thank you for providing refreshments at our May meeting -- Dolores Wong, Edith Shue, Ella Leong, Anna Lowrey, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Dorothy Siu and Suellen Cheng.

**WANT "HELP" ADS: 50th Anniversary Banquet** -- Dinner Committee needs your help! Interested? Call Anna Lowrey (213) 722-1264 ASAP!

As part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration, **Guided Historic Walking Tours of New Chinatown (Central Plaza)** will take place on Friday, June 24, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Society needs docents to help out. What are you doing on the 24th? 25th? Interested? Call Gene Moy (818) 289-2067 ASAP!



**CHSSC Fall Dinner Committee (China City)** needs volunteers to help organize this great event. Need chair or co-chairs! Contact Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809.

**Video** - Ed and Evelyn Cucchiarella created a 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. Anyone interested in video, the cost is \$5 (includes video plus postage and handling). **Be sure to state whether BETA or VHS.** Contact **Evy Cucchiarella** at 70-875 Dillon Road, Sp. 53, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 or call (619) 329-4879.

**"Calling All Collectors"** -- looking for people who collect things. Five of anything makes you a collector. Call Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

**Help with refreshments?** Contact Sylvia Soo Hoo, Refreshment Chair, (213) 221-5573. "Home-made" goodies, fruits or otherwise welcomed!

WANT "HELP" ADS: (con't) Program suggestions? Contact Kipham Kan, Vice President/Programs at (213) 839-9233.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your continued support of News 'n Notes -- staff contributors in this issue: Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Angi Ma Wong, Evelyn Cucchiarella and Mary Yee. April 25 mailing session supporters: First of all, thank you Munson and Suellen Kwok for providing your home at very short notice (due to Kipham's illness) for our mailing session. Thank you Dorothy Siu, Suellen Cheng, Lillian Fong, Franklin Mah and Al Soo Hoo.

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. Note: Next issue is July/August!

Beverly M. Hom  
News 'n Notes Editor

# The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California



BASKETBALL

TENNIS COURTS  
(across the street)

BASEBALL


# PICNIC

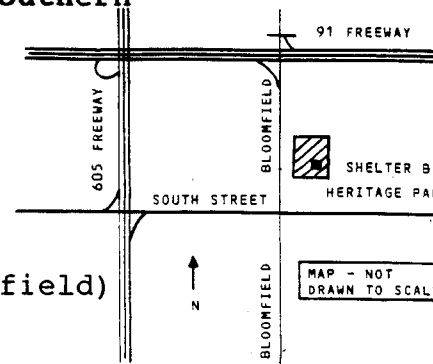
CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Come on out and join in the fun, sun, food, games, prizes, not to mention the good company of your fellow members and friends of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

HERITAGE PARK  
ISLAND


SOCCER

- DATE:**  Saturday, August 6, 1988
- TIME:** 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- PLACE:** Heritage Park (Cerritos) - SHELTER B  
18600 Bloomfield (183rd Street/Bloomfield)  
(across from Cerritos High School)
- ADMISSION:** By potluck dish only! One potluck dish per person. (Servings: enough for your family + 6)



Lemonade will be provided. No alcoholic beverages!!!

For information, please contact one of the following closest to your area:

-  Bev Hom (818) 336-7900  
Ron Jung (213) 383-0451  
Kipham Kan (213) 839-9233  
Dorothy Siu (213) 734-7518  
Richard Smith (213) 419-6214  
Ben & Doreen Nakayama (213) 726-9064

We encourage carpooling where possible!

**PLEASE RSVP BEFORE  
JULY 23 BY RETURNING  
THE TEAR-OFF SLIP BELOW.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred potluck dish (circle): entree salad dessert

Choice #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP before July 23 by returning your reply slip to:**

Henrietta Yuan  
521 North Gramercy Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90004

You will be notified by  
the Food Committee of  
your food category.

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