



NEWS 'n NOTES

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No Monthly Meetings in July and August.

Meetings will resume on
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1997
(Watch for August News 'n Notes)

7:30 P.M.

Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown
(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)

RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY. Over 70 people attended the 19th Century Chinese Memorial Shrine Restoration Completion and Re-dedication Ceremony on Saturday, June 28 at 11 am at the Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles. Led by Chairman of the Board, Irvin Lai, the attendees (including government officials, historians, Chinatown community leaders, and members and friends of CHSSC) were given a short overview of the shrine and its significance. Speakers included:

Keynote Address: Archaeologist Roberta Greenwood, Cotsen Prize winning author of *Down by the Station, Los Angeles Chinatown 1880-1933*.

Remarks on the Challenges of This Project: Architect Barton Choy

The Importance of Protecting Historic and Cultural Reminders: UCLA Prof. of History, Dr. Leonard Pitt, author of the new volume, *Los Angeles A-Z*

Words on the Lives of Los Angeles' First Chinese Americans: Suellen Cheng, Museum of Chinese American History at El Pueblo Monument

Special Guest: Dr. Po-Ming Lin, conservation engineer

CHSSC President Jeffrey Tung introduced the Shrine Preservation Committee and the CHSSC officers and board members.

The ceremony ended with a delicious plate of roast pig, a variety of dim sum, and a cold drink.

CHSSC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

Paul G. Chace, Ph.D. - "Dancing With the Dragon - California Style" is the title of a free slide lecture by historian Paul G. Chace on the state's Chinese cultural heritage; the lecture coincides with the opening of the exhibit "Gum San: Land of the Golden Mountain" at the Old Courthouse Museum in Santa Ana. The exhibit, also free, traces Chinese history in the West from the gold rush to the early 20th century; it features more than 40 Cibachrome prints of surviving Chinese sites shot by Barry Peril, a selection of historic black and white photographs chronicling daily life and more than 50 artifacts. The show is sponsored by the California Council for the Humanities and was developed by the High Desert Museum of Bend, Oregon. The exhibit ends August 28. Old Courthouse Museum, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana. Regular exhibit hours: 9 am- 8 pm Mon-Fri. (L.A. Times 6-1-97)

Professor Gene Cooper was recently a guest speaker for the US-China Peoples Friendship Association of Long Beach, CA. His talk was entitled "HONG KONG: "End of an Era, Beginning of a New One." Professor Cooper did his Ph.D. research in Hong Kong where he lived from 1972-74. He taught for a year at the University of Pittsburgh, and later returned to Hong Kong to teach at the University of Hong Kong from 1977-80. More recently, he has conducted field research in Zhejiang province, PRC and has a new book coming out soon with M.E. Sharpe entitled "Economic Reform and Flexible Production: the artisans and entrepreneurs of Dongyang county." He is also the author of several widely-respected anthropology studies. At present, Professor Cooper teaches anthropology and East Asian studies at USC. He holds a B.A. in anthropology from SUNY Buffalo; and the Ph.D. in anthropology and East Asian studies from Columbia University.

Pauline Renee Wong is recuperating at a relative's home. We wish her the best and hope to see her soon.

"THANK YOU" and MUCH APPRECIATION from Eila Guan to Margie Lew and others who have helped set up the chairs and coffee supplies for the monthly meetings.

"THANK YOU" for the June meeting refreshments to Blossom Huey, Dorothy Lew, Ruth Lung, Edith & George Sheu, Sylvia Soo Hoo and Noel Toy Young.

CONDOLENCES to Cy Wong in the recent loss of his sister.

S.S. LANE LANE VICTORY CRUISE: Enjoy a one-day cruise into the past. Experience all the excitement of a WW II convoy. Wonderful entertainment, great food, and family fun. Our LIFE member Johnny Yee will be on the cruise on Saturday, July 12 to be your personal guide. If you are interested, contact Johnny by calling 818-572-0459 for more detailed information.

Boarding: 8:00 am-Cast Off: 9:00 am - Return: 4:30 pm

\$100, adults - \$60 children 15 years and under.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

- May 23 - Sept. 14 **POWERFUL MEMORIES, HOPEFUL VOICES**
Autry Museum of Western Heritage
An exhibition developed by 5th grade students of
Castelar School and Mount Washington Elementary
School.
- Saturday & Sunday
July 12, 13 **20th ANNUAL LOTUS FESTIVAL**
Echo Park Lake, Los Angeles
CHSSC will have a booth. Come and help.
- Thursday
July 17, 1997
Reception 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm **NINTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER**
"From Vision to Reality"
Keynote Address: Robert T. Matsui, U.S. Congressman
U.S. House of Representatives
Awardees: Judge Delbert & Mrs. Dolores Wong
Regency Ballroom, 711 S. Hope St., L.A.
KIKKVP: Linda Akutagawa at LEAP (213)485-1422
- Sunday
July 27
Noon to 4 p.m. **L.A. CHINATOWN HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER Open**
411 Bernard Street, L.A. Chinatown
213-222-1918
- Friday
Sept. 5- 10 **CALIFORNIA RAIL & SAIL**
Associated Historical Societies of L.A. County
6 Day Motorcoach Tour
For info: 818-792-1048
- Friday
September 19 **THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**
Chinatown Service Center
For info: 213-253-0880
- Friday - Sunday
Oct. 10-12 **5th Conference on the Chinese American Experience**
"Where is Home? Chinese in the Americas"
For information, contact Ms. Thuy Linh Nguyen Tu
269 Mercer St., 6th Fl., New York, NY 10003-6687
212-998-3700, FAX 212-995-4705; e-mail: tnt4204@is4.nyu.edu
www.nyu.edu/pages/apa.studies
- Friday - Sunday
Oct. 10-12 **1997 Chinese-American Intercollegiate Conference**
Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Students Association
Harvard University, Boston, MA
For info: 617-493-6234; FAX 617-493-1630
agchung@fas.harvard.edu
- Saturday, Sunday
Nov. 15, 16 **Santa Clarita Valley County Fair**
A Valley wide County Fair at Newhall Park to benefit the historic
landmarks of the Newhall Elementary School auditorium, the
Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Auditorium at Hart High School,
and a community cultural arts fund.
For info: 805-254-6437

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: News 'n Notes editor, Gum Saan Journal editor, Walking Tour coordinator. Please call Ella Quan 213-255-6487 if you are interested.

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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