



# NEWS 'n NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### Reminder!

**Potluck Picnic**  
Saturday, August 18, 1990  
11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please invite your family and friends to join us for our annual picnic at

Heritage Park - Shelter B  
18600 Bloomfield Avenue  
Cerritos, CA

For more information or directions, call Beverly Hom at (818) 336-7900 or Kipham Kan at (213) 215-3703.

Admission is by one dish (entree, salad, dessert) of your choice serving 8 - 10 people. Drinks will be provided!

Plenty of parking! Come early and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship! Bring your favorite games!

• See You There!

### Moon Festival

Sunday, September 2, 1990  
12:00 p.m. (noon) - 11:00 p.m.

Alpine Recreation Center / Castelar School

After all these months of preview, it is finally upon us and do we have a super event in store for you!

- Authentic dances
- Classical Music
- Arts, Crafts, Foods
- Moon Poetry
- Storytelling by renowned author Frank Chin
- Chinese Kwun Opera (Free! You have to pay \$15 to see it as an event of the LA Festival)
- Banquet and Ceremonial Dress Presentation
- Moonviewing Ceremony and Mobile Telescope
- Lantern Parade

And much, much more!

For more information, call (213) 281-7429

For banquet information, call Kipham at (213) 215-3703

- If you would like to really participate in the Moon Festival, VOLUNTEER!
- We need help to man booths, to set up and take down, to help serve tea and mooncakes at the moonviewing.
- If you can give 4 hours of your time, you will get a beautiful T-Shirt, adorned with our colorful and distinctive logo!
- To volunteer, please call Kipham at (213) 215-3703 or Julie Lee at (213) 475-4959. Thank you!

August 1990

### September program

*You are cordially invited to*

A Special Preview of

## The Chinese Chess Piece

by May Sun and Guy Giarrizzo  
Staged and directed by Guy Giarrizzo

Illusion, reality, revolution . . .

Four women — Katherine Cheung, an aviatrix; Anna May Wong, a movie star; Gong Peng, a revolutionary; and a dreamer — face off on a giant Chinese Chess board in a surreal game to claim their place in history.

Featuring: Beulah Quo; May Sun; Marilyn Tokuda; Jing Hong Zhang.

Costume Designer: Terence Tam Soon; Composer/Music Director: Nathan Birnbaum; Lighting Designer: Margaret Anne Dunn; Set Designers: May Sun and Guy Giarrizzo; Production Stage Manager: Steven R. Donner.

The Chinese Chess Piece is a curated event of the Los Angeles Festival (it costs \$15 to see it in its regular Festival run).

**Wednesday, September 5, 1990 at 8:00p.m**

Hollywood United Methodist Church (in the Gymnasium)  
(N. W. corner of Highland & Franklin, parking lot adjacent to church)

Informal reception at 9:30 p.m.

Admission : \$8.00 (for CHSSC members)

Please call in your reservation to

Kipham Kan at (213) 215-3703.

We will return to a regular meeting at Castelar School in October. Watch for next month's News 'n Notes for the exciting program we have planned for you.

## CALENDAR



Los Angeles Birthday  
Monday, September 3, 1990

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Park

Invitations are in the mail! If you have not received yours and you are interested in participating, contact Suellen Cheng at (213) 626-5240.



Asian Business League's Sixth Annual Picnic  
at Will Rogers State Historic Park in Pacific Palisades

Sunday, August 19, 1990

Activities begin at 10: a.m. with a hike along the Nature Trail and polo from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Entry fee is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. For more information, call Janis Tanji at (213) 687-2907 or Naomi Kuromoto at (213) 383-9694.



*Asian American Friends of Center Theatre Group*  
cordially invite you to  
**An Evening With Philip Kan Gotanda**  
Tuesday, August 21, 1990  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wine and dim sum hors d'oeuvres will be served  
Shangri-La Restaurant  
313 South Boylston (3rd and Boylston)  
Los Angeles  
Free parking available on the roof, enter from 4th St.

For reservations and additional information, call (213) 972-7680.

Tickets are \$12 each.

Philip Kan Gotanda is a third-generation Japanese-American playwright, born and raised in Stockton, California. A critically acclaimed writer, he has written a number of plays including *Yankee Dawg You Die*, *Song for a Nisei Fisherman* and *The Wash* which will be presented on the mainstage of the Mark Taper Forum. Mr. Gotanda is a Guggenheim Fellow for 1990 and the Rockefeller Foundation Playwright in Residence at the Mark Taper Forum. An Evening with Philip Kan Gotanda will include discussion of the mechanics of creating a play and the development of his own personal aesthetic as an Asian Pacific American writer.

Ongoing until October 15, 1990

Tulare City Historical Museum's Special Exhibit:  
*"The Chinese Influence."*

The exhibit tells the story of the Chinese who came to California to help build the railroads, and stayed to farm and open businesses. They brought with them a culture that enriched the community and left its marks even today. Featured are a rare collection of clothes including a lovely old Mandarin costume from the 1800's, plus artifacts loaned by the Santa Cruz county and Burris Park museum and Hanford's Taoist Temple. Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for children. Address: 444 W. Tulare Ave., Tulare, CA 93275. Tel: (209) 686-2074.



## Rockefeller Residency Fellowships

in the Humanities 1991-92

American Generations: The Asian Pacific Program

The Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, is offering Residency Fellowships in the Humanities for 1991-92. Sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation, the fellowships provide both scholars and community individuals an opportunity to conduct research or complete a project at the Center. The theme is "Inter-generations: Generational, Cultural, and Community Change."

Applications are due by December 31, 1990. For information, contact Russell Leong, Program Coordinator, Asian American Studies Center, Rockefeller Fellows Program, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, CA 90024. Telephone: (213) 825-2974.

## In Memoriam

Nadav Laniado-Tse, husband of our member Mariko Laniado-Tse passed away on June 30, 1990 in Seattle, Washington, in a tragic accident. He was on a photographic assignment for a film production. A memorial service was held on August 4, 1990. Donations can be made in his memory to the Wellness Community-Westside at 1235 5th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401. Mariko, words are inadequate to express our deepest sympathy for this tragic loss.

The descendants of Phillip Wong, Sr. and Emile Wong, Sr. and Nathaniel Wong, Sr. wish to thank Johnny Yee of the CHSSC for the flags donated to Cy Wong to place on the graves of their ancestors during the July 6, 7, 8, family reunion held in Campti, Louisiana.

## CHSSC'S SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION OF 19TH-CENTURY CHINESE BURIAL SHRINE GETS NOTICED!

On Wednesday, August 8, 1990, the Los Angeles City's Cultural Heritage Commission voted unanimously to recommend that a 19th-Century Chinese burial shrine located in a corner of the Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights be declared a historical monument. The Commission characterized the shrine, built in 1888, as a fitting memorial to early Chinese immigrants and a testimony to the contribution of Chinese pioneers to the history of this city. If the City Council agrees with the recommendation, the shrine will be protected for one year, during which time, the Society may help define the appropriate actions to be taken for its permanent preservation.

The application for the designation of historical monument was originated by Randy Bloch, a writer and history buff. Mr. Bloch asked the Society to support his nomination. The Society agreed enthusiastically.

When the Commissioners took a tour of the site on July 25, 1990, members of the Society were there to greet them and explain the significance of the two kilns and stone altar that constitute the shrine. The kilns were used to burn offerings for the departed. Emma Louie brought paper money and incense sticks for a much appreciated hands-on demonstration. The Commissioners' visit was reported on the first page of the Metro section of the *Los Angeles Times*. There was a picture of Emma giving explanations to the Commissioners and a comment from Emma was singled out as the "On the Record" quote of that day! Chinese media members were also present as well as representatives of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.

CHSSC's Board of Directors voted to issue a resolution calling for the shrine to be designated historical monument. This resolution was presented by President Kipham Kan to the Cultural Heritage Commission just before it voted to recommend that designation. Several CHSSC members were in attendance: Emma Louie, Cy Wong, Suellen Cheng. The Commission's vote was greeted with delight by everybody present. Randy Bloch's dedication and hard work and the Society's support are making the city take notice of its Chinese pioneers.

## CHSSC's field trip in September

September 28-30, 1990

Tour of the Mother Lode and Joss Houses

So far, 34 people have signed up but we need 13 more! If you are interested but haven't signed up yet or if you know somebody who might be interested, call Margie Lew right away at (213) 258-2362. *If we do not fill the bus, we may have to cancel the entire trip!*

Right now, the plan is to leave on Friday September 28, at 7:00 a. m. sharp! If you live out of town, you should plan to stay in town the night before.

Bring a lunch for the first day of the trip.

Your \$135 fee will cover two box lunches and one dinner. Checks are payable to Margie Lew (and not CHSSC), 5518 Via Marisol, Los Angeles, CA 90042. And remember to make your own lodging accommodations:

Friday night 9/28

Motel 6  
505 Montgomery Street  
Oroville, CA 95965  
(916) 532-9400  
(Reserve as "AP" for CHSSC)

Saturday night 9/29

Motel 6  
2760 Cleveland Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 546-1500

If you need a "roommate", please contact Margie.

Parking arrangements for all participants' cars for Friday through Sunday are being looked into. You will be advised as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

Does anybody have a bull horn? If so, Johnny Yee would like to borrow for the trip.

All musical instruments are welcome along for entertainment!

## Lotus Festival

The Lotus Festival was held on July 14 and 15, 1990 at Echo Park. CHSSC had its traditional booth of pineapples-on-a-stick and sold out 35 cases of pineapples. We netted more than \$500, which will go towards our general fund. There was a heat wave that week end but that did not deter our hardy volunteers who came out not only to help but also to sample some of the Asian Pacific Islander performances, arts and crafts, and foods. And as promised, the lotuses of the lake were in full bloom, making a graceful background for the bustling activities and the dragon boat races. Our volunteers were (in no particular order): Carlos and Beverly Picazo, Dawes Lee, Elsie Inase, Bob Large, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Mary Yee, Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Beverly Hom, Elmo Gambarana, Lillian Fong, Gene and Bernie Moy, Susan Sing, Angi Ma Wong, Jason and Steven Wong, Tom Moy, Tom Eng, Franklin Mah, Sue and Ward Yee, Susan Woo, Ann Lau, Barkley Lee, Lydia Tan, Don Loo, Ben, Doreen and Kenny Nakayama, Dorothy Siu.

## News from the Membership

Bob Large will be retiring from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power — Electrical drafting on Friday, August 31, 1990, after 25 years of service. A luncheon in his honor will be held on Friday, August 17, 1990, 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Palace Restaurant, 913 N. Broadway, Chinatown. Price is \$13 per person. Contact Mickey Wong at (213) 481-5254 or Art Heredia at (213) 481-5251. Also, an Open House will be held on Friday, August 31, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. at DWP.

Bernard Moy, our youngest member, just celebrated his third birthday. Happy Birthday, Bernie!

August is anniversary month for a few of our member couples. Happy Anniversary to you all!

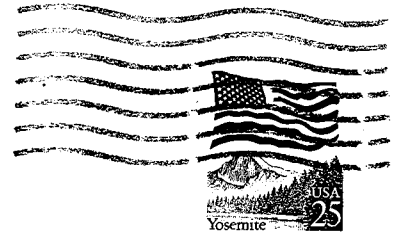
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes — Staff contributors in this issue: Lillian Fong, Dolores Wong, Paul Louie, Cy Wong. June/July mailing session supporters: Ben and Doreen Nakayama, and Beverly Hom.

**ITEMS FOR NEWS 'N NOTES** are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to Beverly Hom, News 'n Notes Editor, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

Bev ~~M. Hom~~  
News 'n Notes Editor

Kipham Kan (who will take the blame for this month's errors)

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