



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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December 1991

Merry Christmas, everyone! It's been a very busy year for many of us, and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the new year once we wrap up the old one. Don't forget to finish up on all those little last minute things for Christmas! Enjoy your holidays!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

JANUARY PROGRAM

CHSSC is pleased to present "An Evening with Tyrus Wong" -- Artist, fun creator, and humorist. He will be showing examples of his life work over a span of 60 years from art school, Disney, and major studios, paintings, drawings, illustrations, greeting cards, kites, and the art of fishing. Also that evening we will have a dialog with an Old Friend and Contemporary -- Gilbert Leong, Architect. Join us for an exciting program as we start off the new year.

DATE: Wednesday, January 8, 1992

TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP!

PLACE: Castelar School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles,
Multi-purpose Room. Park on school grounds.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

In place of our February program, which normally would occur on Wednesday, February 5, CHSSC invites you to the **1992 Chinese New Year Banquet "The Year of the Monkey"** on Sunday, February 2. Our program speaker is Dr. Stanford M. Lyman. His talk will be "The Quest for Equality and Liberty: Chinese Before the U.S. Supreme Court". RSVP deadline: Saturday, January 17. For additional information, contact Julie Lee (310) 475-4959.

DATE: Sunday, February 2, 1992

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - Social
6:00 p.m. - Dinner

PLACE: Dragon Inn Seafood Restaurant
700 North Spring Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

COST: \$18 per person, payable to CHSSC.

(See attached flyers!)

UCLA Research Library Receives Oral History Project

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California proudly announces the transfer of all materials of the Southern California Chinese American Oral History Project into the Special Collections of UCLA's prestigious University Research Library. This pathfinder project was conceived by the Society in partnership with the UCLA Asian American Studies Center in 1979 as a first specific study of the history of the Chinese American community in Los Angeles. The transfer marks the completion of the project.

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* In honor of this occasion, a reception will be held at *
* **Castelar Elementary School, Multi-purpose Room, on Saturday,** *
* **January 11, 1992, at 2 PM.** A short program and exhibition of the *
* materials will be followed by light refreshments. Please come and *
* participate in the celebration. *
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The materials of the Project include over 400 hours of audio tape and eight bound volumes of the printed summaries and indices.

The Southern California Chinese American Oral History Project has provided the basis and inspiration for one major book, Linking Our Lives, the story of the Chinese American Women in Los Angeles. The Project has also provided materials and background for several articles and linguistic studies.

The Society will introduce a new oral history project concept focusing on the watershed year of 1938 in Los Angeles Chinatown when the old community was dislocated by Union Station and the New Chinatown and China City were raised.

Companion to the Project is the Southern California Chinese American Oral History Collection (SCOH) managed by the Society. This collection has over 1500 flat items and has provided numerous original photos for graphical layouts and articles over the last ten years.

For more information, please contact Suellen Cheng at (310) 645-1369.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE SPACE - We're in the process of getting office space. If anyone has any desks, folding chairs, or long tables to donate, we appreciate them. Reserve your calendar to help paint on Saturday, January 18 (previously set for January 11), at 10:00 -- let us know if you're free to paint and wear old clothes! We'll meet at 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown. For more updated information, contact: Ella Quan (213) 291-5388 after 6:00 p.m.

SHRINE - Negotiations are continuing with Evergreen Cemetery to establish the Chinese Cemetery Shrine.

REMINISCENCES WRITING CONTEST FOR LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS AGED 60 AND OVER - Los Angeles City residents aged 60 and older are invited to write their reminiscences for **TIME WAS**, a book of stories of daily life in bygone times. Each person who has a story in the book will receive a free copy of the book.

Seniors are encouraged to write personal reminiscences about the people and activities of their childhoods and young adulthoods or historical pieces based on famiy history or on a remembered historical event. Stories do not have to be set in Los Angeles. Seniors may collaborate with a family member or friend.

Contest guidelines can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Reminiscences, 4470-107 Sunset Boulevard, #366, Hollywood, CA 90027. There is no entry fee. **Deadline for entries is December 31, 1991.**

This project is being funded by a grant from the Cultural Affairs Department of the City of Los Angeles.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

RETIREMENTS - William Chun-Hoon, Ph.D., has chosen to take early retirement from the Los Angeles Unified School District where he has been employed for 34 years. The last 18 years, he has been Principal of Castelar Elementary School. His last day was November 27, 1991. The new principal is Dore' Wong.

Barbara Jean Wong Lee also retired on November 27, 1991, taking early retirement. Barbara has taught at the Los Feliz Elementary School for 22 1/2 years.

Congratulations on your early retirement, Bill and Barbara! Enjoy retirement!! And Welcome, Dore'!

Patricia (Patsy) Yaplee also teaches at Los Feliz Elementary School, but she chose not to retire at this time. Patsy and James Soo Hoo work at the gift shops at Lawry's California Center. This

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Center will close on January 3, 1992. If you have not eaten there, enjoyed the beautiful gardens, or taken the Lawry's tour, this is your last chance!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED; FOR INFORMATION, CALL THE CONTACT LISTED:

1991 CHSSC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP -
Contact: Dexter Wong (213) 809-4043

1992 CONFERENCE OF CHINESE AMERICANS: ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS - Contact: Stanley Mu (818) 346-2196

OUTREACH - Docents are always needed to assist in the Chinatown tours. Contact: Ella Quan (213) 291-5388

If you have not yet reaped the rewards of volunteering, consider the many opportunities currently in need at our Society. Your contribution of time and energy will enrich your life in many ways.

CALENDAR

December

- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
- 31 L.A. CHINATOWN RACE COMMITTEE NEW YEAR'S EVE BENEFIT PARTY at the 20/20 Club, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, Century City -- Dinner (7-10 pm), dance (9 pm-3 am). Dinner catered by Moustache Cafe, includes complimentary glass of champagne, party favors, and dinner show. Cost for dinner/dance - \$60/person before 12/26/91; after 12/26/91, \$70; at door, \$75. Advance dance tickets \$20, with invite \$25, at door \$30. For further information, call Tom Eng (818) 458-7155 or (310) 826-6084 or Susan Woo (213) 223-3986. Funds raised defer the cost of the 14th Annual Firecracker Run on February 23, 1992.

January 1992

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- 11 RECEPTION FOR THE UCLA RESEARCH LIBRARY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - 2:00 p.m. Multi-purpose Room, Castelar School
- 18 OFFICE SPACE PAINTING SESSION - 10:00 - 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown

February

- 15 THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHINESE NEW YEAR GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE will take place in Chinatown on Saturday, February 15. Parade time is 2:00 p.m. sharp! Interested in helping CHSSC celebrate "The Year of the Monkey", come out and march with our group. If interested, contact Johnny Yee (818) 572-0459 or Bev Hom Tsao (818) 336-7900 (6:00-9:00 p.m. weeknights). Sign-up sheets available at

the January and February meetings.

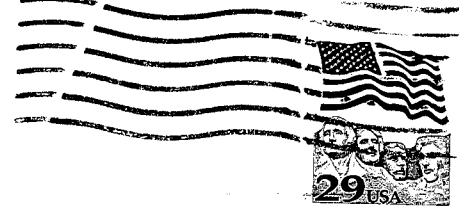
23 14TH ANNUAL FIRECRACKER 5/10K RUN - The L.A. Chinatown 10K Race Committee, Inc. organizes and conducts a quality race for runners. The race takes you to a scenic and challenging loop course from the middle of Chinatown on North Broadway near College Street to a run through tree-lined Elysian Park past the Police Academy, Dodger Stadium, and Cathedral High School. Awards are presented the day of the race. The Awards Ceremony will include KCBS-TV personalities and will also feature the newly crowned Miss L.A. Chinatown and her court. For additional information, call (213) 351-1533.

29 CHSSC CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH THE MONTEREY PARK HISTORICAL HERITAGE COMMISSION on one-day series of workshops on oral history, stressing methodological tools. Deadline to register is 1/31/92. For further information, please contact Gene Cooper (818) 798-6835 or Suellen Cheng (310) 645-1369.

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.

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F I R S T C L A S S

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

An Evening with Tyrus Wong

ARTIST, FUNK CREATOR & HUMORIST



- SHOWING EXAMPLES OF HIS LIFE WORK
- OVER A SPAN OF 60 YEARS
- FROM ART SCHOOL, DISNEY & MAJOR STUDIOS
- PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS & ILLUSTRATIONS
- GREETING CARDS, KITES AND THE ART OF FISHING.

A DIALOG WITH AN OLD FRIEND & CONTEMPORARY
GILBERT LEONG - ARCHITECT

WED., JAN. 8, 1992, 7:30 P.M., CASTELAR SCHOOL 840 YALE ST., L.A.