

NEWS & NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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November 1982

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CASTELAR SCHOOL

Tuesday, Nov. 9 was an important day for Castelar Elementary School -- a day to celebrate its 100th birthday. In spite of the pelting rain and stormy skies outside, there was nothing but sunshine and excitement inside, as evidenced by the bright eyes and happy faces of the students and staff members of this outstanding school.

In 1882, Castelar Street School was a 4-room school with a staff of four teachers (including the principal) and an enrollment of 300-400 students, one-third Spanish surnames and two-thirds Anglo. Today, 100 years later, Castelar has 33 classrooms and 1100 students -- 80% Asian, 19% Hispanic and 1% others. There are 42 teachers, one principal, one assistant principal, and an office staff of ten persons. Through the years, Castelar has adapted its programs to serve the needs of the community through public education. In 1882, English was taught to Italian and other European students. Today, English is still being taught, but now to Asian and Hispanic students.

As CHSSC's contribution to the centennial celebration, a photo exhibit highlighting Castelar School and the surrounding area from the 1880's to the present, was expertly mounted on the auditorium walls by members Munson Kwok, Suellen Kwok, Chong Lew, Paul Louie, Eugene Moy and Ella Quan.

The centennial program consisted of ethnic dances announced in Spanish, Chinese and English by student participants; an excellent mini-version lion dance by three young students; and a number of plaques and commendations presented to Principal William Chun Hoon from California Secretary of State March Fong Eu (who made a special trip from Sacramento for this occasion); from Mayor Tom Bradley, Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, Speaker of the Senate David Roberti, Assemblyman Art Torres, County Supervisor Ed Edelman; State Board of Education member Allan Seid, all of whom sent their representatives to make the presentations.

One of the highlights of the program was the introduction of three Castelar alumni -- 76-year old Angela Gutron Baray, who attended Castelar in 1911; 87-year old Antonio La Marca, a student at the school in 1910; and Peter Ferraro, who attended in 1913-15, and who is the father of Richard Ferraro, a member of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

At the close of the celebration, the student body sang "Happy Birthday" to Castelar in Spanish and Chinese, followed by the audience participating in the English rendition -- a touching conclusion to a beautiful program, expertly coordinated by Ella Quan, Castelar School coordinator.

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

The Los Angeles Network for Education in Local and California History sponsored a California History Conference at California State University Los Angeles on Saturday, Oct. 16. Past president Chuck Yee gave a slide presentation at one of the workshop sessions, recounting the history and significance of Lang Station and its centennial celebration in Sept. 1976, sponsored by CHSSC and the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society. Chuck's session, with over 30 attendees, had one of the largest workshop turnouts. CHSSC members attending included John Yee, Mary Yee, Tom Moy, Eugene Moy, Bill Mason (who also made a workshop presentation), and Emmett Hayes.

The Society sponsored a luncheon on Oct. 3 at the Dragon Restaurant to honor Dr. Robert Fenton Craig, the lawyer who prevented the City of Los Angeles from demolishing Old Chinatown in the 1930's, and who later played a significant part in the development of New Chinatown. At the luncheon, Mrs. Walter Chung presented the Society with two original photographs of the Los Angeles Chinese Baseball Team of the 1920's and 1930's. The late Walter Chung was a star member of the team, and was one of the four team members participating in a CHSSC program in 1980.

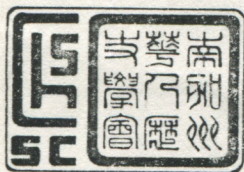
The Southern California Chinese American Oral History Project was presented at a workshop of the Southwest Oral History Association, a year-old organization dedicated to advancing oral history and its techniques. The event was held at the San Bernardino Museum in Redlands on Nov. 6. The Association includes members from historical societies as well as academic members. Speaking for the UCLA Asian American Studies Center was Suellen Kwok. Munson Kwok described the Society's experiences and progress of its oral history project, which is jointly sponsored by CHSSC and UCLA.

MISCELLANY

...Available now is a 32-page booklet entitled "Geography of Kwantung Province", published by the Hawaii Chinese History Center, 111 N. King St., Rm 410, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817. Cost: \$3.00 per copy.

...Also available is ASIAN and PACIFIC AMERICAN EXPERIENCES: WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVES, containing 24 articles, one of which is Lucie Cheng Hirata's "CHINESE IMMIGRANT WOMEN IN NINETEENTH CENTURY CALIFORNIA". Lucie is a professor of sociology at UCLA, was previously a CHSSC board member, and currently is project director of the Society's joint oral history project. This publication may be ordered from the Asian Pacific American Learning Resource Center, 306 Walter Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455. Cost is \$13.50, which includes mailing. Make check payable to University of Minnesota.

...The Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California held its first general meeting on Friday, Oct. 29 at the Union Church in Little Tokyo. Harry Honda, editor and general manager of the Pacific Citizen, an English language newspaper serving the Japanese American community, reflected on his 40 years' experiences as a Japanese American journalist. Present were CHSSC members Eugene Moy, Miki and Kay Nakagiri, and George Kiriya, who is also secretary-treasurer of the new organization.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: SECOND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1982

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
840 Yale Street, Multipurpose Room
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

PARKING under Castelar School playground (enter on
Hill Street next to Methodist Church)

PROGRAM: HERBERT TURCHI, SPEAKER

TOPIC: RECOLLECTIONS OF LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN

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* Mr. Herbert Turchi is a Castelar School alumni.*
* He was born in Pennsylvania and moved with his *
* parents, two brothers and two sisters to Los *
* Angeles in 1915. The family settled in this *
* area which has now become Chinatown. *
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* For many years, Mr. Turchi owned and operated *
* a plumbing business in Chinatown and was *
* affectionately called the "Chinese Plumber." *
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* Mr. Turchi will be pointing out many of the *
* historical landmarks in the Chinatown area, *
* some of which are no longer in existence. *
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COME TO A BOOK PARTY!!

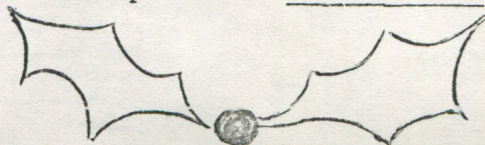
CHSSC and the Amerasia Book Store are co-sponsoring a book reception to honor the publication of member Dr. Robert Quan's new book, "LOTUS AMONG THE MAGNOLIAS: THE MISSISSIPPI CHINESE, 1982". The reception will take place at 338 E. 2nd St. in Little Tokyo on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1:00-5:00 P.M.

Join Bob and the Society at this special event and have your copy personally autographed by the author.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON ELLA QUAN reported at the November meeting that the Society now has 268 paid members. There are only a few weeks left to reach our goal of 300 members. A one-year membership would make a thoughtful Christmas gift for a relative or friend. Let's try to reach that magical number of 300!!

A WARM WELCOME to two new LIFE members, Wanda Leong and Guy Lee, and the following annual members: Shigeru Matsumoto, Dr. Guy C. Ho, Anne Lee Herr, Ann See, William and Henrietta Yuan, Joan and George Lee, Ed Kaufman, Chie Koon, Gerald J. Pass, David Chao, and Mariko Tse.

COMING EVENT - Our January 5th meeting will feature the Asian American Performing Artists who will perform AAPA Yours in memory of Helen Young.



Please cut on dotted line and mail today.

_____ This is my application for membership in the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. I understand that the enclosed dues will cover the rest of 1982 and through December, 1983.

_____ This is a gift application from _____ for membership in the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California to cover the rest of 1982 and through December, 1983.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBER	\$10
ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER (SAME ADDRESS)	\$ 5
CONTRIBUTING MEMBER (STUDENT & SENIOR CITIZENS-60 YRS)	\$ 5
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER	\$25
LIFE MEMBER	\$100

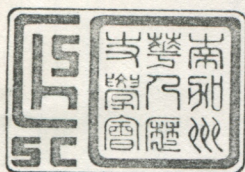
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Please accept my application for membership as _____ member in the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

Enclosed is my remittance in the amount of _____ for annual dues.

Name _____
Firm Affiliation (if applicable) _____
Address (Street) _____
(City) _____ (State) _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ Date _____

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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

7TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!!



DATE: FIRST WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1982

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

840 YALE STREET

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

PARKING UNDER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND (ENTER ON HILL ST. NEXT TO METHODIST CHURCH)

AGENDA: SHORT BUSINESS MEETING
ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD FOR 1983

PROGRAM: CHRISTMAS PARTY - POTLUCK!
SINGING, LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE. BRING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

HOT DISH: CHOW MEIN, FRIED RICE, CHOW FUN, FUN SEE, OR A
CASSEROLE OF YOUR CHOICE.

JELLO SALAD

DESSERT: PIE, CAKE

AMOUNT TO BRING: BRING ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED YOUR PARTY PLUS 2 MORE

IF YOU PREFER NOT TO BRING FOOD, COST WILL BE \$3.00 PER PERSON,
\$1.00 FOR CHILDREN 12 YEARS OLD AND UNDER.

THE SOCIETY WILL PROVIDE FRIED CHICKEN AND FOR DESSERT, CARROT CAKE
AND FRUIT CAKE MADE ESPECIALLY TO ORDER BY HELEN MORRISON, OUR
FABULOUS CAKEMAKER WHO HAS BEEN TREATING US TO CAKE AT OUR REGULAR
MEETINGS.

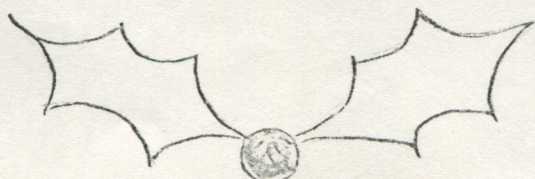
RSVP BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH IF YOU ARE COMING:

MARY YEE 542-2409

EMMA LOUIE 664-3808

***WE ARE LOOKING FOR ENTERTAINMENT. ANYONE WHO CAN SING, PLAY AN
INSTRUMENT OR PERFORM A SKIT. PLEASE NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE AND
WE WILL SCHEDULE YOU. LET'S HAVE A BALL!!!!!!

COME AND JOIN US!!



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!