

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 2, 1985

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Castelar School, Multipurpose Room

840 Yale Street

Los Angeles Chinatown

Park on school grounds. Enter from College between Hill & Yale.

AGENDA: Officers' reports

10th Anniversary Fall Dinner: Oct. 19

Chinese Historical Fashion Show

Chinatown Culture Center

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*                                THE SOCIETY IN HAWAII                        *  
*.    OUR AUGUST FIELD TRIP TO HISTORIC HONOLULU AND OAHU                    *  
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*    Join us in reliving the moments: Chinatown, culture,                  *  
*        history, honoring Chinese American pioneers,                      *  
*                scenic sights                                              *  
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*VIDEOTAPE BY ED CUCCHIARELLA**NARRATION BY MARVEY CHAPMAN**  
***COMMENTS BY AL LUM**PICS AND POINTS FROM THE TOUR CREW**  
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SOCIETY CALENDAR

- Oct. 1. Dinner Comm. Meet. Castelar 7 PM.
- OCT. 19. 10TH ANNIVERSARY FALL DINNER. Golden Shark. 6 PM
- Oct. 20. Festival: Santa Monica 110th Year. Free at the Santa Monica Pier
- Oct. 22. Board of Directors meeting. Castelar. 7:30 PM
- Nov. 1. "Golden Fields". A tribute to Chinese farming pioneers by the Chinese American Council of the Historical & Cultural Foundation of Orange County. Irvine Hilton. 6 PM. \$\$\$ CHSSC is a co-sponsor. Member Prof. PAT LIN presents slides.
- Nov. 6. ANNUAL MEETING and Election. Castelar. 7:30 PM.
Chinese Hawaiian Pioneers and authors KUM PUI LAI & VIOLET LAI
"He Was a Ram" and family history methods. Slides.
- Nov. 16. Centennial Ball. Riverside Chinatown Association. \$25. CHSSC is a co-sponsor.
- Nov. 23. 15th Convention Dinner of Chinese American Faculty Assn. Honoring the historic achievement of Delaware Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo. Bonaventure Hotel. 6 PM. \$24. CHSSC is co-sponsor.
- Dec. 4. Society's traditional Christmas party. Castelar. 6:30 PM.
\$5. Evelyn Cucchiarella (213) 726-1035.

10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Get your reservation in now. Besides features listed on the golden flyer, there will be some fun surprises as we look back and look forward. This is the climax event of the 10th Anniversary programs, which have been so ably managed by Vice President Evelyn Cucchiarella. DON'T MISS THIS SOCIETY MILESTONE!!!

FRENCH HOSPITAL

One of the two oldest continuing entities in Los Angeles Chinatown is the French Hospital. It is celebrating its 125th year of service on the same location. Originally founded by French leaders in Los Angeles to aid French immigrants, French Hospital has become a community hospital serving in at least four languages. The statue of St. Joan still stands on College Street. The building is a major tour stop on our historical guided tours.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FRENCH HOSPITAL AT 125

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Chinese Community Church of San Diego upon their Centennial, 1885-1985. The celebration was July 5-7.

HAWAII

Thirty members and friends experienced an outstanding field trip to Honolulu and Oahu, Aug. 1-10. Highlights included an in-depth tour of Honolulu's Chinatown, led by those energetic "young" men in their 70's, Larry Ing and Yankee Chang. We were shown the Hawaii Chinese History Center by 79 year old H.D. Cheng, who walked the entire 2 1/2 hour Chinatown tour with us.

Another major event was the Hawaiian-Chinese style banquet with the Center. Featured speaker, on the history of the Chinese in Hawaii, was Ken Yee. The Society honored the Center for its pioneering work and leadership in Chinese American history with the "patented" Society scroll resolution created by our George Yee and Glenn Yee. Pioneers recognized with Society certificates of appreciation were Ken Yee; Irma Tam Soong, one of our earliest dinner speakers and Center Executive Director Emeritus; Punanani Kini, Executive Director; Douglas Chong, President; and Roger Lui, Treasurer. Certificates were also given to authors-researchers Tin Yuke Char and Wai Jane Char ("Sandlewood Mountain" and others) and Kum Pui Lai and Violet Lai ("He Was a Ram"). The Lai's will be our featured speakers in November. The hospitality offered by everyone was wonderful, and several have sent us gracious thank you acknowledgments for their awards.

A most memorable fun event was the swim and snorkel expedition to Hanauma Bay.

This tour was the most ambitious and complex the Society has ever developed. Great thanks are due to Chair Albert Lum and Florence Lum, who served as our tour leaders on Oahu. They filled our days with activities and information. They also put in several months of efforts and resources in preparation. Thanks are also due to drivers Alan Bergman, Dawes Lee, and Elmo Gambarana, and to them and to Marvey Chapman and Suellen Cheng for working various tour details. A very special thank-you is due to Nancy Yee, wife of Ken Yee, for all the work she did in planning and preparing.

Get the whole story in visuals at our meeting Oct. 2. DON'T MISS!!

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BOOK NOOK

The holiday season is coming. Here are some good buys.

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* fascinating community of Los Angeles Chinese Americans. *
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CHINESE GOLD. THE CHINESE IN THE MONTEREY BAY REGION. By Prof. Sandy Lydon. This book is a thoroughly researched work which is interestingly written and attractively presented. Lavishly illustrated. A great value. 550 pages, 22 maps, 176 photos
Cloth ISBN-0-932319-00-9 @ \$29.95 list retail
Paper ISBN-0-932319-01-7 @ \$18.95 list retail
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*****Author has offered 50% discounts to Chinese Historical Society of Southern California members as a group, prepaid. Including sales tax and shipping, please write checks payable to "CAPITOLA BOOK CO." for each cloth \$16.47 or each paperback \$10.42. Send by November 1 to Munson Kwok, 1514 Princeton St., Santa Monica, CA. 90404 for quick relay to the wholesaler. Members only.

He was a Ram: Wong Aloiau of Hawaii. By Violet Lai with Kum Pui Lai. Violet Lai, a granddaughter of the subject, has told the moving story of 19th century Chinese immigrants in Hawaii. Cloth. \$25.
Publisher: Hawaii Chinese History Center and U. of Hawaii.
Wait till our November 6 meeting. If not, make checks payable to "HCHC Wong Aloiau Project" and mail with return name and address to "Harold W. Aloiau, HCHC Wong Aloiau Project, 46-144 Ohala St., Kaneohe, HI 96744.

Chinese Community Church (of San Diego) Centennial Celebration Booklet.

A nicely done church history. \$7.50 payable to "Chinese Community Church" and sent (with your return address) to "David Seid, Centennial Committee, Chinese Community Church, 1750 47th Street, San Diego, CA. 92102

HONOR

Congratulations to Life Member Howard Quon for receiving the Regional Community Service Award of the United States Postal Service for all his community contributions in the last few years. Especially cited was his work in bringing a police substation to Los Angeles Chinatown and in co-founding the Chinatown Public Safety Association.

HELP WANTED

Riverside Chinatown is 100 years old. A gala Centennial Ball will mark the anniversary on November 16. Ruth Austen of the Riverside Chinatown Association needs help and volunteers for this event. (714)684-0704 or 4444 7th Street, Riverside, 92501.

DONATION

We thank Gladys Waddingham for the \$15 donation in memory of Lee Shee Yee.

THE HISTORY OF CHINESE LAUNDRIES

Jack Tschen of the New York Chinatown History Project is turning the much acclaimed laundry photoexhibit into a book. He still needs nationwide information. Photos, graphics, oral histories, anecdotes,.... Call Suellen Cheng, (213) 828-6911 or send direct to New York: "Jack Tschen, NY Chinatown History Project, 70 Mulberry Street, Second Floor, New York, NY, 10013

JOB DESCRIPTION

The New York Chinatown History Project is searching for a new Executive Director to begin July 1986. This 5 year old group has received many commendations and is entering a new phase of institutional development. Required experience and skills include administration, fiscal management, biliguallity (English/Cantonese preferred), humanities education. Job includes program management (gallery, library, public programs, special projects), fund raising, and long range planning. \$17000-25000 range. See M. Kwok for job sheet. Vitae and five references to: Charles Lai, NY Chinatown History Project, 70 Mulberry Street, 2nd floor, New York, NY. 10013.

CULTURE CENTER

The latest development in the Chinese American Culture and Community Center is the introduction by State Senator Art Torres of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43, August 19, 1985, cosponsored by Assemblyperson Gloria Molina. Resolution No. 43 specifically supports the idea of a Culture and Community Center on Lot 45 "to be implemented in cooperation with the Los Angeles City Community Redevelopment Agency and the local Chinese American Community Coalition" (us). This resolution is now going through the legislative process, and, if passed, should have influence on County planning. Eugene Moy, Howard Quon, and Munson Kwok will follow further actions.

THANKS

To Margie Lew for making the gift arrangements for newlyweds Susan Sing and Eugene Moy, not only for CHSSC, but also for C.A.C.A.!!

THE PARTY'S OVER (AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!)

For the September 4th meeting, CHSSC and the Friends of the Chinatown Library co-sponsored a book party for member Ruthanne Lum McCunn to herald her latest book, "Sole Survivor", to be officially on the stands in October. The book recounts the harrowing ordeal experienced by a Chinese merchant seaman, Lim Poon, while he was adrift alone on a raft in the Atlantic Ocean when his ship was torpedoed during World War II.

Following a few introductory remarks by Margie Lew (alias Ye Editor of News 'n Notes), the capacity crowd (well over 100) enjoyed a very fascinating talk by Ruthanne, telling of her interviews with Mr. Poon, and her various methods of research into his boyhood years in China (Hainan), as well as the logs and records of the merchant ship on which Mr. Poon was sailing at the time of the attack. The result is a gripping account of this courageous man's 133-day ordeal at sea and how he was able to survive, both mentally and physically. In the Sept. 11 issue of East/West, a San Francisco weekly publication, "Sole Survivor" merited a full page review, written by Judy Yung. Anyone who reads the book will certainly agree with author Dorothy Bryant, who stated that "McCunn's evocative prose makes us feel, taste, smell every moment of his 133-day ordeal. She gives us a hero of subtle intelligence, resourcefulness, patience, and endurance".

An autographing session followed Ruthanne's talk -- and the line was long, with everyone eager to meet and greet the author.

A letter received from Ruthanne the following week stated that "...we have rarely experienced such a warm welcome. We did not feel that we were among strangers, but friends. My thanks to the Society for the delicious dinner and the warm response. My apologies to all the people who had to stand in line for so long -- I will have to learn how to write faster!"

The Society and the Friends would like to thank you, Ruthanne, and your husband Don for coming down to Los Angeles and making this occasion an extra special one for us. Congratulations and best wishes on the publication of "Sole Survivor", and please convey the Society's warmest regards to Mr. Poon when you see him in New York next month at your book preview.

NOTE: a special "thank you" to all the expert bakers from both groups who provided those trays and trays of delicious "goodies", which were enjoyed by all.

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

.....Congratulations to Prof. Stanford Lyman, who will be leaving New York to be a Visiting Distinguished Scholar from September to December, in the Department of Sociology, University of Tulsa (Okla.). After December, comes a second great honor as a Morrow Eminent Scholar, Professor of Social Sciences, College of Social Sciences, at the Florida Atlantic University.

.....Good to hear periodically from John Yee when he is out at sea. He writes to various members and keeps them posted on his whereabouts. We miss you, Johnny, so come home soon.

.....Life Members, soon to be honored as a group, will be receiving membership pins.

.....Congratulations to Gordon Chow, former Society treasurer, who is starting a new business on his own as a CPA.

FLASH! FLASH!--- The China Society of Southern California invites you to attend its October dinner lecture on Chinese Jade. Suzanne Haney Foster, guest curator of the current Pacific Asia Museum exhibit, "Chinese Jade: The Image From Within" will present a lecture on Jade. Ms Foster will illustrate the talk with slides of art objects from the exhibit. The Dinner Meeting will be on Monday, October 7, 1985 at Man Jen Low's banquet room in Chinatown. Social hour at 6:15PM, Dinner at 7:00PM, followed by Lecture. Dinner is \$9.00 per person. For more information and reservations, phone ROBERT LEE, (213) 628-8439...between 1:00PM and 8:00PM.