



# NEWS 'n NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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February 1986

### March meeting

DATE: March 5, 1986

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Castelar School, 840 Yale St., Los Angeles Chinatown  
(Park on school grounds -- enter on College St., between Hill and Yale Sts.)

AGENDA: Committee reports, San Francisco field trip, Spring Dinner

PROGRAM: Guest speaker Arthur Dong, producer of acclaimed film "Sewing Woman", will speak on film-making and his two new projects: "Forbidden City", a documentary about the Chinese American nightclub scene in San Francisco in the 1940's, and "Lotus", a fictional film about three Chinese women in the 1920's, and how they were affected by the customs of foot-binding.

### SPRING DINNER -- SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Professor Sandy Lydon, author of "California Gold", will speak on the Chinese in central California. The dinner meeting will be held at the Casa de Oriente at 2000 West Main St., Alhambra. Dr. Lyon will have copies of his book there, and will autograph them for Society members and guests present that evening. Dr. Lyon is reputedly a very dynamic speaker, and his book is well-recommended as an excellent historical account of the early Chinese pioneers in the Monterey-Salinas area.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING EVENT!!

### MAY MEETING

Irvin Lai, national president of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance which celebrated its 90th anniversary last year, will speak about the history of the CACA, and the evolution of the Chinese American as a political entity.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT BY PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!



## A SAD FAREWELL

CHSSC sadly reports the loss of yet another loyal and dedicated member -- Kaza Dong, who passed away on Sunday, Feb. 9, following a short illness. Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 15, at Forest Lawn Mortuary, Hollywood Hills, with a great number of Kaza's family and friends who came to bid her a loving farewell. Following are portions of the touching eulogy offered by Munson Kwok, past president of the Society:

"Kaza was a faithful member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, but she was more than that -- she was well-loved. She was a mainstay of the organization, being there at the start, as a charter member together with her husband Allen. Later, she became a Life member. In the Society's short ten-year span, Kaza was a Board Director for five years, treasurer for two, and recently, membership secretary in 1984 and 1985, all of which were fulfilled with diligence and great success. To those who knew Kaza, it was evident that a formal list of offices did not begin to measure her full involvement or the positive, cheerful influence which she brought to the Society and its range of activities. With Kaza, a commitment once made, became a very deep, sincere one. Virtually indispensable, she took on any task with a particular joy and with a happy satisfaction upon its completion, whether it was cutting pineapples at the Lotus Festival, leading tours, arranging oral history interviews, or just "helping out". Kaza had a knack for creative ideas that added that little touch of class to whatever project she worked on.

"A commitment by Kaza involved the entire Dong family -- husband Allen, Kenny, Beverly, Carlos, Kathy, Wanda and Anna. Much of the success of the Society's Fashion Show last September, was due to the contributions of Kaza and her family -- acquiring some of the rare costumes, helping with program arrangement, and putting together a large number of raffle prizes -- beautiful fruit baskets which the family worked on until the wee hours of the morning. Also, each month, the Dongs coordinated the Society's newsletter -- the News 'n Notes -- and had them mailed in record time. Kaza also had a large part in having the Society's beautiful red-and-gold membership pins created and delivered during the 10th year anniversary.

"Kaza's interest in the Society and its goals was a result of her intense pride in her heritage, both Chinese and American. Born in Oakland, raised in Los Angeles' Old Chinatown, educated in Chinese and American schools, she belonged to that generation that was a perfectly balanced blend of two cultures, with a good understanding of both. Fortunately, she had the opportunity to touch her roots in China last year. By joining CHSSC, and contributing to its various projects, Kaza had a vision and a hope of preserving her Chinese heritage for future generations.

"Kaza was one of the kindest, most generous and most caring of persons. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her. The Society will most surely miss her, and as a tribute to her devotion and dedication, we will endeavor to fulfill her hopes and dreams for CHSSC".

Thank you, Munson, for expressing so eloquently the Society's great loss. Yes, Kaza was indeed a lovely lady and a treasure, rare -- and irreplaceable .....

## CONDOLENCES

The Society extends deepest sympathy to Emma Louie on the recent loss of her mother in San Francisco.



## WHO'S IN THE NEWS

.....CHSSC was honored by the Los Angeles City Council with the presentation of a resolution on Friday, Feb. 14, in the Council chambers. A program celebrating Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger) included the Lion Dance and a performance by the East Wind Martial Arts group. Queen Judy Wang (Miss Chinatown 1986) and her court were presented to the audience. Past President Eugene Moy, delayed by a heavy rainstorm, arrived just in time to accept the resolution, which was sponsored by Councilmen Gilbert Lindsay and Michael Woo, first Asian Council member. Following the presentation, a reception was held in the City Hall Tower. Representing the Society, in addition to Eugene, were Vice-president Angi Ma Wong, Howard Quon, Susan Sing Moy, Lillian Fong, Bill Hong and Elsie Wong.

The beautiful resolution will be displayed at the March Meeting. The Society is very proud to have received this honor.

Other groups honored were the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. Congratulations to all!

.....Life Member Lillian Kim from Baltimore, Maryland, writes to thank CHSSC for her beautiful membership pin, and to send her greetings to one and all.

.....Despite the gloomy weather on Saturday, Feb. 15, fifty faithful Society members and friends joined in the annual Chinese New Year parade. With American flags flying briskly in the breeze, the group marched proudly through Chinatown, with Norman Wong as an impressive "major domo". Behind him was the Society's beautiful gold-and-red banner, carried by Vice-president Angi Wong (Norman's "other half"), their son Jason, and Board member Kiphan Kan.

The Society thanks the following:

Elmo Gambarana, parade chairperson, for making this yet another successful event; Monterey Park Lions Club for their kind permission in allowing the Society to use their American flags; Jim Cummings, who each year faithfully picks up the flags in his trusty camper and returns them; Emma Louie, for bringing a group of students from Occidental College; Evelyn Cucchiarella, who brought a group of volunteer marchers; and to those who donated the gaily-wrapped candies which were tossed to the spectators by Board members Mary Yee and Margie Lee.

.....Again this year, the Society participated in the 8th Annual Firecracker 10K Run on the first day of the New Year, Sunday, Feb. 9. Chuck Yee, committee chairperson, recruited a large number of volunteers, who assisted in distributing soft drinks to the thousands of thirsty runners. The Society extends thanks to Chuck and his helpers for a job well done.

## SAN FRANCISCO FIELD TRIP - MAY 30-JUNE 1

Friday, May 30 - Departing at 7:00 P.M. via PSA

Saturday, May 31 - Tour of historic Angel Island; banquet in the evening.

Sunday, June 1 - Tour of Chinatown; departing for Los Angeles at 5:30 P.M.

Participants who are booking airfare and hotel accommodations through the Society must make full payment to Evelyn Cucchiarella by March 5. Munson Kwok has been busy making contacts in San Francisco for the various functions. The cost for the Saturday banquet and the ferry boat ride from Fisherman's Wharf to Angel Island has not been determined as of now, but all participants will be notified shortly. For further information, call Evy at (213)726-1035.



AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE!

Alvina Lew, southern California Bureau Chief for ASIANWEEK, the weekly English language journal for the Asian American community, has been a frequent guest at Society meetings and functions. The Society is often featured in ASIANWEEK, and there will be a 100-page issue on Chinese New Year coming out in March.

Alvina is giving CHSSC members a special price of \$12.00 for a year's subscription, which is a discount of \$3.00. Our thanks to her for the complimentary copies of the paper which were distributed at the February meeting, and also for the special discount.

The form below may be used with your payment.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We started the year of the tiger with a roar! We are pleased to announce we have 6 new life members - Howard Chan, Gail D. Lew, Gilbert and Florence Leong and Ward & Sue Yee (a gift from Sue's mom, Mrs. Cleo Ricer.)

A warm welcome to the following: Pauline Y. Lum, Ruth Sperling, Carol Lim, Howard Hew, Ed Watts, James Koga, Blossum Huey, Y.Y. Tang, Mark Mehlert, Donna Collins, Shih-Ying Tan and Marjorie Chan White.

We now have 256 paid up members. If you haven't renewed for 1986 - please take the time now to send in your check, use the application form, or give it to one of your friends who might be interested in joining us. It's good to see all those new faces at our meetings.

Our Society is indeed the BIGGEST and the BEST!! Let's make 1986 a record year for new members. Thanks, Mary Yee, Membership Secretary



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (RENEWAL):CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SO.CAL.

To: Mary Yee  
Membership CHSSC  
4721 Konya Drive  
Torrance, CA 90503

Please accept my application for membership as a \_\_\_\_\_ Member in the Chinese Historical Society of So. Cal.

ACTIVE, annual \$ 15  
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