



NEWS & NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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MAY MEETING

April 1988

DATE: Wednesday, May 4, 1988

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Castelar School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown (park on school grounds — enter on College Street between Hill and Yale Streets). Meeting is in the multi-purpose room.

PROGRAM: **Growing Up in Chinatown: The Life and Work of Edwar Lee**

SPEAKER: Our speaker this evening is Mrs. Moonbeam Tong Lee, author and wife of Rev. Dr. Edwar Lee (the first American-born Chinese to enter the Christian ministry in the Methodist Church in 1935). She has written a biography of her husband to celebrate his 85th birthday and to mark the centennial of Edwar's beloved Oakland Chinese Community United Methodist Church which he pastored for 35 years. Her talk will cover his extensive works and contributions to the Bay area Chinese community as well as offering a glimpse of life as a Chinese-American who grew up in Chinatown.

MUSEUM OF CHINESE AMERICAN HISTORY: Recent donations to the Chinese American Museum Fund are the Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club Juniors (\$1,000); Mary Ming, in memory of George Ming (\$500); and Mariko Tse (\$25). These donations continue to be matched \$1 for \$1.

The Mings are a pioneering family in Bakersfield, California. Mrs. Ming is a Life member of CHSSC. We, in CHSSC, express condolences for the recent passing of George Ming.

The Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club Juniors deserve a salute for their community service. Over two years and two swap meet projects, these public spirited women have earned enough money to donate \$1,000 to the Museum of Chinese American History project for the furtherance of education and the understanding of our Chinese American heritage.

In other developments, the Vieulle Maisons Francaise (old French Houses), a Los Angeles based organization, recently has donated \$3,500 to the preservation of the Garnier building. The money has been given to the El Pueblo Park Association, a nonprofit associated with El Pueblo. EPPA has vowed to do a match of this money, which will most probably be used on the Los Angeles Street facade of MCAH.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW CHINATOWN: CHSSC's observance begins June 5 at our progressive dinner honoring three historic restaurants (see attached flyer).

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW CHINATOWN: (con't)

Then mark your calendars for June 23-26 (Thursday through Sunday). The tentative schedule is: **June 23 (noon)** - Media event opening the celebration at Peter Soo Hoo Plaza. Luncheon reception to follow. **June 24-26** - Carnival at Castelar School Playground. **June 25** - Anniversary dinner (\$50) at Hong Kong Low.

Of course, the CHSSC will have helped to put together the special one-of-a-kind "Golden Years of Los Angeles Chinatown" brochure for sale. This booklet should be just full of historical and contemporary information. For further information, contact Ella Quan (213) 291-5388, Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911 or Anna Lowery (213) 722-1264.

HONORS: Our **Paul Louie**, member of the CHSSC Board, will be honored for his lifetime of community service by the Community Interagency Council on May 3, 11:30 a.m., at Sam Woo Restaurant. Tickets are \$10/person. The CIC is one of the first coalitions of Asian Pacific American services organizations formed in Southern California.

Congratulations to **Judy Chu** (CHSSC member) who has just won the Monterey Park City Council election.

CHSSC BOARD BRIEFS - April 13: Besides the officer's reports, topics for discussion included Progressive Spring Dinner - June 5, Lotus Premiere - April 20, California Historical Society Tour - April 23, Book Committee report, picnic report, archival proposal, CHSSC jacket, and other New Business.

Board minutes are available. To obtain a copy, contact CHSSC Secretary, Franklin Mah (213) 372-9421.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: A warm welcome to our four new members: Paul Tso, Foon Tso, Richard Carrico, and Mariko Tse. Total membership, as of April 20, is 266. Please renew if you have not. We need more members to support our great society.

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520 Fischer Street, Apt. 3
Glendale, CA 91205

Tom Moy (714) 688-3315
9505 Arlington Avenue, #39
Riverside, CA 92503

Dr. Charles Wong (Residence for 1988-1990)
c/o Yamaguchi University
Faculty of Humanities
Yoshida, Yamaguchi-Shi, 753, JAPAN

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Have any
thing left
after your
taxes? Pay
your CHSSC
dues today!

To keep the Society mailing list up-to-date, members should continue to report any changes of addresses or phone numbers to Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

PROGRESSIVE SPRING DINNER - June 5: CHSSC invites you to "An Epicurean Adventure in Historic Chinatown" — its first ever progressive dinner of three historic Chinatown restaurants — Hong Kong Low, Grand Star, and Grandview

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Gardens. The evening will be filled with good food and fun, book talk on Sweet Bamboo, slide presentations, and many more. This rare experience is not to be missed! So hurry now as seats are limited. Join us for a most memorable evening. Mark your calendar today and return your dinner reservations with your check ASAP (see CALENDAR section for details).

If you would like to help in our progressive dinner, contact one of the following: Mary Yee (chair) or Munson Kwok/Al Soo Hoo (co-chairs).

SWEET BAMBOO: Author, Louise Leung Larson, will speak about her book, Sweet Bamboo, at the first stop of our Progressive Spring Dinner. Louise is one of the first Chinese American Journalists in the United States. This book is scheduled to be published by the Society in the fall. Proceeds from our progressive dinner will help support this book project.

CHSSC PICNIC: Chairpersons, Beverly Hom and Ron Jung, are working together to research a suitable area for our August picnic. Report forthcoming at our next meeting.

IN THE NEWS: Dr. Charles Wong left April 7, 1988 for Japan where he will be for two years. He teaches sociology and social psychology at Yamaguchi University in Yamaguchi, Japan.

Election to come — Good Luck to Frank Wong, CHSSC member from El Segundo, who is running for State Senate, 29th District.

Katherine Cheung wrote a book about her life and presented a copy to the CHSSC. The book is written in Chinese and has many pictures of her as an aviatrix.

Nancy Zaun retired on February 26, 1988 after working 12 years as a bookkeeper for Zaun Glass Company in Burbank. The company is owned by her brother-in-law. Nancy is the sister of Jim Cummings who is a long time member of the CHSSC. Now the company wants her to return to work.

CALENDAR:

Wednesday, April 27 (6:30 p.m.): Brochure Committee Meeting (50th Anniversary of New Chinatown) to meet at Castelar School. For information, call Ella Quan or Munson Kwok.

Thursday, April 28 (1:00 and 4:00 p.m.): L. A. Bicentennial Commission sponsors "America's Treasures" program on the U. S. Constitution. The program is a live puppet show by Springs & Things Group and is open to school children grades 3-6 at 1:00 and to the general public at 4:00. Parking is available at the Castelar School grounds. For information, contact Ruby Ling Louie (213) 628-2496.

Wednesday, May 11 (7:30 p.m.): CHSSC Board Meeting at Kipham Kan's (213) 839-9233.

Thursday, May 12: Mayor's Asian Pacific American Heritage Week Awards Dinner at MGM Lilliland Center. Cost is \$50/person. More information to come.

CALENDAR: (con't)

Saturday, May 14 (10:00-4:00): The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society invites CHSSC to Olde Towne Days Celebration at Saugus Train Station/San Fernando Road (adjacent to Hart Park). They're celebrating their new Heritage Park. Old-Time admission is 50¢/person. Enjoy craft demonstrations, refreshments, entertainment, and museum exhibits.

Tuesday, May 17 (6:30 p.m.): Friends of the Chinatown Library presents its Third Annual Spring Dinner at Fortune Seafood Restaurant, 750 North Hill Street, Suite F, (below Miriwa in Chinatown). Cost is \$14, payable to Friends of the Chinatown Library. Deadline for reservations is May 6. (Note: Annual Membership Meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. to elect four Board members; meeting will take place at the restaurant instead of the Community Room in the library.) For information, contact Ruby Ling Louie (213) 628-2496.

Sunday, May 22 (2:00-5:00): A New Kind of Fiesta! Relive 1888! A celebration of centennials. Sponsored by the Historical Society of Centinela Valley, 7634 Midfield Avenue, Los Angeles. For details, call (213) 643-9517 or (213) 757-1154.

Saturday, May 28 (9:00 a.m.): AHSLAC (Associated Historical Societies of Los Angeles County) Spring Meeting "San Pedro: Port of Los Angeles 1888-1988" at Cabrillo Marine Museum, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro. Cost is \$2/person plus \$6.50 for lunch. Make check payable to AHSLAC and mail to 529 Marine Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Deadline for reservations is May 25. For further information, call (213) 833-2872.

Sunday, June 5 (5:30 p.m.): CHSSC's Progressive Spring Dinner to begin at Hong Kong Low, followed by Grand Star, and finally Grandview Gardens. Cost is \$35 (members) and \$45 (non-members). Check is payable to CHSSC, c/o Mary Yee, 4721 Konya Drive, Torrance, CA 90503. Deadline for reservations is May 20. Interested? Contact Mary Yee (213) 542-2409 or Helen Morrison (213) 389-1533 or CHSSC (213) 281-7429.

Thursday - Sunday, June 23-26: Conference of California Historical Societies Annual Meeting (Concord, California). Call (209) 946-2169.

REFRESHMENTS: Thank you for providing refreshments at our April meeting — Christine Yee-Hollis, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Frieda Wong, Cathy Chan, Anna Lowrey, Cy Wong, and Mary Mu. And thanks, Henry Welcome, for the kumquats at our March meeting.

THANKS to: the following volunteers who helped at the April 20 Lotus Premiere: Dolores Wong, Angi Ma Wong, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Franklin Mah, Dorothy Siu, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Ben and Doreen Nakayama, and Beverly Hom.

WANT "HELP" ADS: Brochure Committee (50th Anniversary of New Chinatown brochure) needs your help! We need pictures and any information you may have on the history of New Chinatown. We can still use more VOLUNTEER WRITERS! Interested? Please call Ella Quan (213) 291-5388 or Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911.

Transportation? Helen Morrison would appreciate a ride to the monthly meetings. If you can assist, please call Helen at (213) 389-1533.

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Program suggestions? Contact Kipham Kan, Vice President/Programs at (213) 839-9233.

Help with refreshments? Contact Sylvia Soo Hoo, Refreshment Chair, (213) 221-5573.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your continued support of News 'n Notes — staff contributors in this issue: Kipham Kan, Mary Yee, Angi Ma Wong, Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Lillian Fong, Gladys Waddingham, and Ruby Ling Louie. March 24 mailing session supporters: Howard Hew, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Dorothy Siu, Lillian Fong, Ron Jung, and Al Soo Hoo.

Items for N'nN are always welcome! Please submit in writing or call (818) 336-7900. Deadline is the 15th of every month! Items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor.

Beverly M. Hom
News 'n Notes Editor

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SO.CAL.
 To: Please accept my application for membership as a _____ Member in the Chinese Historical Society of So. Cal.

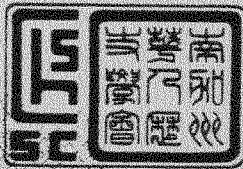
Suellen Cheng Kwok
 1514 Princeton Street
 Santa Monica, CA. 90404

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

ACTIVE, annual	\$ 15	Name _____
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CONTRIBUTING(senior citizen over 60 yrs; students)ann'l	5	Address _____
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LIFE	200	Phone () _____ Date _____
LIFE & SPOUSE	300	Interested in _____
CORPORATE, annual	500	I'll help with _____
LIFE PATRON	500	

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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



invites you to its first ever progressive dinner, a celebration for New Chinatown at 50 years and fundraising for the publication of Sweet Bamboo, A Chinese American Family of Los Angeles

An Epicurean Adventure in Historic Chinatown

Sunday, June 5, 1988

5:30 p.m.

starting at Hong Kong Low, 425 Gin Ling Way
Los Angeles, Chinatown

Join us for a memorable evening which will feature a progressive dinner of uniquely ethnic gourmet dishes at three historic Chinatown restaurants.

You will begin at Hong Kong Low where Sweet Bamboo author Louise Leung Larsen, one of the first Chinese American journalists in the United States, will speak about her new book on the pioneering Leung family, to be published by CHSSC in the fall.

Next, you will walk a few steps across colorful Peter Soo Hoo Plaza to Grand Star, where you will be greeted by Mama Quon, matriarch of another Los Angeles Chinese pioneer family. A narrated slide program "Golden Years of New Chinatown" will entertain you while you dine.

Your last stop will be across Mei Ling Way to one of the oldest continuously-operated Chinese restaurants in Los Angeles' Chinatown - Grandview Gardens. Owner Irvin Lai will share his first-hand remembrances of the historic features of this establishment.

This rare experience is NOT to be missed!! Seating is limited to fifteen tables so mail in your reservation check TODAY!

Tickets are available for \$35/members, \$45/nonmembers, on a first come, first served basis and include contribution to the book project, dinner (tax and tip) and programs.

Your tax-deductible check should be made out to: Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. Deadline for reservations is May 20, 1988. For information, call Mary Yee (213)542-2409, Helen Morrison (213) 389-1533 or CHSSC (213)281-7429. Reservations will be confirmed by postcard and tickets held at the door.

Tear off and mail

Mail with check to: CHSSC, c/o Mary Yee, 3721 Konya Drive, Torrance, CA 90503

☐ YES! Please reserve _____ at \$45(non-member) = \$ _____
_____ at \$35 (member) = \$ _____

Total amount of check enclosed = \$ _____
(Please list all guests wishing to be seated together.)

☐ I am unable to attend, but enclosed is my contribution in support of the CHSSC's Sweet Bamboo project.

Name _____ Phone () _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____