



# NEWS & NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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February 1988

### MARCH MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 2, 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#### PROGRAM: Preserving Your Family's Historical Documents and Photographs

Your family's photographs, documents, diaries, and other records represent its history. Learn the professional techniques by which you can safely preserve them for posterity.

SPEAKER: Our speaker tonight is Teena Stern, Archivist/Research Historian at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument. She has served in this capacity since January 1982. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in American History from California State University, Northridge and completed a two-year Internship at the National Archives and Records Administration, Laguna Niguel.

Ms. Stern is author of "A Brief History of the Sepulveda House" and co-author with Dr. Abraham Hoffman of "The Zanjias: Los Angeles' Pioneer Water System" to be published in Southern California Quarterly in 1988. Her book reviews have appeared in The Public Historian and The Californians. She has written archival manuals for the Urban Archives Center, CSUN and for the Archives of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

Ms. Stern serves on the Steering Committee of the California Committee for the Promotion of History (1986-1989) and on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles City Historical Society (1987-1990). She is the Vice President/President-Elect of the Society of California Archivists (1987-1989) and a faculty member of the Western Archives Institute (July 1987). She is listed in the Annual Register of California Professional Historians, published by the California Committee for the Promotion of History.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW CHINATOWN - June 25

The Society is working with the New Chinatown Corporation in celebrating the 50th anniversary of New Chinatown and in preparing the souvenir booklet for this occasion. The Society would like to ask if any of its members have photographs, information or recollection of the opening (June 25, 1938) of New Chinatown. Any input or information, please call Munson Kwok at (213) 828-6911.



### L. A. CHINATOWN CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Chinatown is reaching a high excitement level on this project. It's do or die decision time for \$1 million in Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) money.

Councilperson, Gloria Molina, First District, has convened a steering committee of 25 to develop a non-profit support group for the cultural center. Members affiliated with the Society are: Saykin Foo, Bob Jung, Munson Kwok, Barbara Jean Lee, Eugene Moy, Al Soo Hoo, Alan Wong, and Wilbur Woo. Mr. Woo is chair.

Meanwhile, Munson Kwok, Chair of the Multipurpose Subcommittee of CRA, held a meeting on January 27 to showcase the five development team proposals that have come forward. They are: (1) Hip Hing Holdings, Limited (Hill Street between Ord and Alpine), (2) Maisie Woo, (3) David Hyun Associates (Lot 45, Spring between Ord and Alpine), (4) CCBA (Confucius School and adjacent sites), and (5) Pacific Dynasty ("Club Dynasty", Broadway/Cottage Home). The down selection announced on February 11 retained teams 1, 4, and 5.

### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Just a reminder!!! This survey is our first attempt to assess the talents, abilities, and the volunteering spirit of our entire membership. We intend for it to be issued to the members periodically as well as to all new members. It will be used as our volunteer base for 1988 events and activities, so it is important that everyone who can help the CHSSC during the year (members and non-members) fill out and return the survey. Please return the survey to Suellen Cheng. For those members who have not yet renewed their membership for 1988, you are reminded to send in your dues along with the survey or bring it with you to the next meeting. Do it today! We need your survey!

### DONATIONS

Angi Ma Wong donated \$40 to the Chinese American Forum for an ad for Linking Our Lives.

Wilbur and Beth Woo donated \$500 to CHSSC on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

### 5K/10K FIRECRACKER RUN - Sunday, February 7

Society members and friends enjoyed themselves that early Sunday morning (a mere 5:30 a.m.), February 7, in setting up the refreshment area in time for the 5K/10K runners as they entered the area from the finish of the race. There were 40 of us helping out with the refreshments (e.g., orange slices, banana halves, almond cookies, Hansen natural sodas, Santee mineral water, Sparklett water, and even Coors beer). A number of the 10K runners made it known to those of us working at the Coors area that beer is a favorite among many of them. How do I know? Haven't seen so many people return with an empty cup for more. And when we ran out of cups, they started looking desperately for a cup (anywhere). Eventually we ran out of beer. They've already put in their request for Coors next year. We'll see!

Following the race and all that was had in the refreshment area, we all proceeded to clean up the area. Once the area was cleaned off and the ground



5K/10K FIRECRACKER RUN - Sunday, February 7 (con't)

we were standing on could be seen again, most of us stayed on to partake of the lunch at Golden Dragon Restaurant (instead of Hong Kong Low). By the time most everyone arrived, lunch was being served at about 12:40 p.m. We all agreed it was a good lunch! We had five dim sum dishes and two noodle dishes along with our tea, water, Coors and sodas. For those who couldn't make it this year, try again next year. We love to have you come out and help! There's plenty for everyone to do. It's fun! Ask some of the volunteers.

First, special thanks go to Carole Nakano, the 5K/10K Refreshment Coordinator, who was most helpful to me in all aspects in the arrangements for the Society's role in the 5K/10K Run. Many thanks to everyone who worked at the refreshment area . . . CHSSC members: Beverly and Carlos Picazo, Mark Mehlert, Sandra Eng, Bob and Edith Jung, Cy Wong, Mary Yee, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Barkley Lee, Beverly Hom, Franklin Mah, Charles and Cindy Fong Wong, Lillian Fong, Suellen Cheng, Glenn Yee, Dawes and Helen Lee, Ron Jung, Bob Large, Timothy Leung, Doreen Chan, Ben Nakayama, Luci Suehiro, and Miranda Ow; CHSSC friends: Arline Lew (cousin of Beverly and Carlos Picazo), Gordon Wood, Gene Quon, Mary Yep, Sue Mauser, and Ken; the Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club Juniors: Lily Tom, Doreen Chan, Luci Suehiro, Nancy Choy, Ellen Gong-Guy, Eleanor Kwong, Connie Ng, Doreen Sam, Anna Seu, and Pauline Wong.

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S PARADE - Saturday, February 13

At about 3:45 p.m. the parade units started moving along on Spring Street to Macy Street. Thanks to the direction of Norman Wong (Marching Unit Leader) and Johnny Yee (CHSSC's Assistant Parade Coordinator), the Society really looked good as a marching unit. There were approximately 47+ of us. We had quite a handful of young people (really young)! Everyone looked just great as we made our move down Spring Street / Macy Street / Broadway to Bernard Street. We were dressed in our white top (or CHSSC's 10th anniversary t-shirt) and contrasting black/dark skirt or trousers and dark shoes. Each member of our marching unit carried a U. S. flag varying in size from two lead flags (6' x 10') carried by Norman Wong and Johnny Yee to 8- 4' x 6' to 40-48 2' x 4' and a few extra flags brought in by some of our members just in case we didn't have enough flags for everyone. Three of us (Angi Ma Wong, Jason Wong, and Beverly Hom) managed to handle the Society banner which was being maneuvered by little insects. (They seem to like our bright yellow gold banner.)

Special thanks to Norman and Johnny for their expertise and seeing to the many details for a good marching unit. And thank you, Franklin Mah, for seeing to some of the last minute belongings of our members and for capturing those moments of us on camera for future generations to view. And now, thank you to everyone who volunteered to be in our marching unit and for those who came through at the last minute. We appreciate each and everyone of you. You made us look good as a team! Thanks to Norman and Angi Wong (and the kids), Johnny Yee, Elmo Gambarana, Ron Jung, Lillian Fong, Mary Yee and son, Mark Mehlert, Sue and Ward Yee, Beverly Hom, Bob Large, Richard Smith (plus Jess and Chelsea), Kipham Kan, Torrey Byles, Art Young, James and Judy Lee Koga, Don Loo, Cy Wong, Nancy Zaun, Jim Cummings, Tom Moy, Wendy Eads, Munson and Suellen Cheng Kwok, Marilyn Quon, Franklin Mah, Howard Hew, Paul and Phyllis Chace, Linda Lum (and her two nieces), Yasuko and her four friends, and a few of Norman and Angi's friends.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Reminder! Membership renewals are due the first of the year. We appreciate your participation and contribution and we want to thank you for your continued support. There are 186 members who have not renewed.

Welcome new members! No one is too young to join the Society. Our newest member is Bernard "Bernie" Wong Moy, 6-month old son of Eugene and Susan Sing Moy.

As of February 14, there are 223 members. Our ten new members are: Evelyn L. Lew, Lena Fung (gift of Lupe Chee), James T. Riady, Aileen Riady, Alva Lee, Lynn Wang, Lilly V. Lee, Jack Jue, Alice Jue, and Nora Yeh.

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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.

IN THE NEWS

Stanley Mu retired from Hughes Aircraft in Canoga Park after 36 years. He was Project Manager in charge of test evaluation of the Phoenix missiles which are used on the F-14 airplanes. Since retiring, Stanley and wife, Mary, have travelled to Eastern Canada, Fall Foliage, China, Panama, and a few Mexican cruises. Stanley did some volunteer work for LAPD at Parker Center. When the police obtained a computer system, Stanley was inputting fingerprint information into the system. Now Stanley is a Certified Arbitrator with the Los Angeles Better Business Bureau in the automobile field.

Mark Mehlert ran in the 10th Annual 5K/10K Firecracker Run on Sunday, February 7. His time was 37 minutes for the 10K event. Afterwards he helped the Society with the distribution of refreshments and clean up. There was a raffle for the runners and Mark won a ticket for a roast duck. Mark plans to run in the Los Angeles Marathon on Sunday, March 6, 1988.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 23 (7:00 p.m.): Friends of the Chinatown Library "Social" dinner at Triple Crown Restaurant. If interested, contact Kipham Kan (213) 839-9233 or Beverly Hom (818) 336-7900.

Thursday, February 25 (7:30 p.m.): The Glendale Public Library presents "Exploring China for the National Geographic" - a slide-lecture by Herman Wong and Pierre Odier at the Central Library Auditorium. Free admission.



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Saturday, February 27 (9:30 a.m.): The Los Angeles City Historical Society presents "The Other El Pueblo" Walking Tour. Tour guides are Dr. Gloria Ricci Lothrop and Senior Curator Jean Bruce Poole. For further details, see attached flyer (at back page) or contact Christie Bourdet (818) 792-1048.

Monday, February 29 (7:30 p.m.): Society's Museum Committee Meeting at Kipham Kan's to define precise functions of Society's Museum. Questions or information, contact Kipham Kan (213) 839-9233.

Ongoing beginning February, 1988: Chinese Knotting - Daisy and James Lee will offer a class in the ancient art of Chinese knotting. Classes are offered Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$25 - museum members / \$30 non-members (does not include materials); the fee is monthly (4 weeks - if 5 weeks in the month, no class on the 5th week).

Tuesday, March 1 (7:30 p.m.): CHSSC's By-Laws Committee Meeting at Castelar School. For further information, contact Bob Large (818) 287-5620.

Wednesday, March 2 (7:30 p.m.): CHSSC's General Meeting at Castelar School, Multi-purpose Room.

Thursday, March 3: A special benefit ("Carved in Silence") at the World Theatre, 644 Broadway, San Francisco. Sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of America and the National Asian American Telecommunications Association. Hosted by David Louie, KGO-TV. 7:00 p.m. - Lion Dancers; reception - wine and hors d'oeuvres / 8:00 p.m. - performance by San Jose Taiko Group / 8:45 p.m. - "Carved in Silence" (A new film by Felicia Lowe dedicated to the enduring spirit of the Asian immigrants who survived exclusion). Advance tickets \$20 (\$25 at the door). Make your tax-deductible checks payable to Chinese Historical Society and send c/o FL Productions, 398 Eleventh Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 or purchase tickets at the NAATA Office, 346 Ninth Street near Folsom in San Francisco. For information, call (415) 626-3711. Proceeds will be used to launch the national distribution of the film and retire production debts.

Sunday, March 6 (5:30 p.m.): Chinese Arts Council Welcomes the Year of the Dragon at Fung Lum Restaurant in Universal City. The evening will begin at 5:30 with exciting traditional Chinese entertainment during the no-host cocktail hour. At 6:30 a ten-course Chinese dinner will be served. The Dragon, who will be present, will be honored by the exquisite dancing of Alice Lo. There will be a raffle for exciting prizes and a very special door prize for the person with the lucky number (under his/her rice bowl). Tickets for the New Year Celebration are \$37.50 per person or \$350 for a table of 10. They can be purchased by mailing a check to the Chinese Arts Council at Pacific Asia Museum. For more information, call the museum at (818) 449-2742.

Wednesday, March 9 (7:30 p.m.): CHSSC Board Meeting at Kipham Kan's.

Saturday, March 12: 1988 Gala Fundraising Banquet at Hong Kong Low, 425 Gin Ling Way, Los Angeles. 6:00 p.m. Social hour / 7:00 p.m. Dinner (\$17.59 per person by March 1). No reservations without checks. Checks payable to Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park, c/o Marion Siu, 1471 Avon Park Terrace, Los Angeles, CA 90026. Questions? Call (213) 661-3373.



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Tuesday, March 15 (7:00 p.m.): Friends of the Chinatown Library General Meeting. Meeting will be in room 210 in the library. Optional dinner: 5:30 p.m., Fortune Restaurant.

Monday, March 21 - Annual AAPAA Media Awards Dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. 6:00 p.m. No-host cocktails / 7:15 p.m. Dinner / 8:15 p.m. Awards/Program. RSVP by March 6. Cost: \$1,000 (10 per table) / \$2,500 Golden Circle tables. AAPAA announces recipients of their fourth annual media awards, nicknamed "The Jimmie" after the late Academy Award winning cinematographer, James Wong Howe, to be presented at the AAPAA Media Awards Dinner. U. S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye will be this year's recipient of the AAPAA Lifetime Achievement Award. AAPAA is honoring Senator Inouye for his impact as a powerful and positive role model not only for the Asian/Pacific community, but for all Americans. For further information, please call the Association of Asian/Pacific American Artists (AAPAA) at (213) 745-7016 or 745-7017.

thru Saturday, March 26: The California History Center at De Anza College, Trianon Building, 21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino, CA 95014 is hosting an exhibit "Chinese Gold: The Chinese in Monterey Bay Region". The exhibit hours are Monday-Friday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 and Saturday 10:00-2:00. The exhibit is closed February 12-15. This exhibit is funded in part by De Anza Associated Student Body.

thru Saturday, March 26: Chinese Brush Painting - Professor Liu Po-Nong will teach a six week series of classes in the art of Chinese brush painting. Series II begins February 20 through March 26, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$90 per series. Classes are held at the Pacific Asia Museum.

Saturdays (ongoing): Classes on Tai Chi. Mr. Chao-li Chi teaches this ancient art of exercise which promotes relaxation and rejuvenation. Classes begin 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. every Saturday at the Pacific Asia Museum. Cost is \$6 per session; first session is free.

thru Thursday, March 31: Ikebana - Noted Ikebana instructor Rose Canter will conduct a series of 8 classes in the Sogetsu School of Floral Design. Series begins February 11 thru March 31, Thursdays 10 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$50 museum members / \$56 non-members. Questions, please call the Pacific Asia Museum at (818) 449-2742.

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EXHIBITIONS at the Pacific Asia Museum, 46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena (818) 449-2742:

thru Sunday, June 5: The China Trade - "Trade and Treasure" & "The Race for Riches". Over 500 objects, including paintings, ceramics, silver, objects of virtue, navigational instruments, maps and ship models, all of which help to illustrate the fascinating world of China trade, focusing on America's relationship with China during the latter part of the 18th and the 19th centuries.

thru Summer 1988: Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection. A selection of Chinese and Japanese scroll paintings and sculptures from the



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11th-19th centuries which have recently become part of the museum's permanent collection. Also on display is a case of Chinese cricket cages from the collection of John Webb, in memory of Mary Ayer Schwyzer.

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THANK YOUs

Thank you for providing refreshments for our February meeting — Lillian Fong, Sylvia and Jim Soo Hoo, Ruth Lung, Anita Jeung, Judy Lee, Sue Yee, and Cy Wong. And thank you, Sylvia, for the beautiful table decorations as usual and the beautiful camellia flowers.

Many thanks to the following Society members who donated items to the Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club Juniors' Swap Meet on January 10 at PCC: Sylvia Soo Hoo, Lillian Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Paul Louie, Margie Lew, Franklin Mah, Doreen Chan, Ben Nakayama, and Beverly Hom. Also special thanks to the following members who helped in the transport of these items, booth set up, and who worked in the LACWCJ's booth: Doreen Chan, Ben Nakayama, Franklin Mah, and Beverly Hom.

"We thank Beverly Hom for her organization and leadership in coordinating the Society's participation in the Chinatown New Year's Parade. Also, for her fine planning and selection of a restaurant as a grand finale — the Fortune Restaurant." (Elmo Gambarana and Ron Jung)

WANT ADS

If you would like to **suggest programs** to be considered for future meetings, please call Kipham Kan, Vice President/Programs at (213) 839-9233.

**Lotus Premiere** (Arthur Dong film) will need the Society's help in doing just about all kinds of things. They need PEOPLE POWER! For further information, contact Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809.

There's still room to sign up for **refreshments**. Interested? Contact Sylvia Soo Hoo, Refreshment Chair, (213) 221-5573.

**Old Christmas cards?** As many of you are aware, every year Society member, Margie Lew, collects old Christmas cards and converts them into bookmarks and Christmas name tags for all to enjoy at our annual Christmas party. Want to get rid of those cards? Please contact Margie Lew (213) 222-4375 or Beverly Hom (818) 336-7900.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Thanks so much!

Staff contributors to this issue of N'nN: Margie Lew, Christie Bourdet, Lillian Fong, Suellen Cheng, Elmo Gambarana, Ron Jung, Kipham Kan, and Munson Kwok.

January 22 mailing session supporters: Howard Hew, Franklin Mah, Richard Smith, Kipham Kan, Dorothy Siu, Lillian Fong, Pauline Lum, Munson Kwok, and Suellen Cheng.



**EDITOR'S NOTE** (con't)

"Bits of news" for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing or by phone to Bev Hom (818) 336-7900 no later than the 15th of the month. Because of space limitations and/or news items received after the 15th, your item may not appear in this issue of N'nN. Also, news items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor.

**"GUNG HAY FAT CHOY"**

1988 marks the Chinese Lunar Year of 4686. This is the Year of the Dragon. He is not a ferocious creature as in the western world, but a dragon that symbolizes strength, change, rebirth, wisdom, and goodness. May the benevolent dragon bring to you and yours good fortune, prosperity, and great wisdom.

Beverly M. Hom  
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