



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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March 1989

APRIL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 1989

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: "THE CROSSOVER" - CY WONG

Please join us for our April program meeting featuring Society member, Cy Wong, who will speak (and provide photos) on the pioneer Chinese coming to the South and the writings of his book, The Crossover. The Crossover represents crossing over the bodies of water from China to Hong Kong to Cuba, crossing over the vicissitudes and obstacles of life to seek a better life and also crossing over of genes from Chinese to Black.

Cy Wong is a person of many talents -- actor, singer, and songwriter. As a professional singer, he started under the late Nate King Cole Record Company. While under contract to the late Nat King Cole's Label K-C Records, he wrote numerous hits. He is an actor who has ventured into TV commercials and has appeared in a number of daytime TV shows and Movie of the Week. He is a member/associate of the Screen Actor's Guild, member of the American Federation of Television, member of Radio Artist, member of Broadcast Music, Incorporated, and member of the Ethnic Minorities Committee of the Screen Actor's Guild since 1972 to present. Cy attended California State University, Los Angeles where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Public Relations.

MAY PROGRAM: Because of a program change at this late date, our May program will be announced at the April general meeting and in the next News n' Notes.

PR/EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH REPORT: As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Society's past President, Angi Ma Wong, is doing a beautiful job of handling the Society's public relations. In order to keep us in tune with Angi's many outreach efforts, here's an update of her accomplishments:

- March 4: OCAW/FF Fraternity's Chinese New Year Banquet
- March 9: Dimension Cable, channel 3, 7:00 p.m.
- March 14: Regina Yuen of Asia Television (planned 18 ½ hour segments on Bicentennial of Chinese American Immigration)
- March 16: Chadwick School, Rolling Hills Estates
- March 18: St. Patrick's Day Parade, downtown L.A.
- March 18: Sinorama pictorial magazine, Arthur Cheng and Mrs. Chang, Taiwan editors

Thank you, Angi, for your continuous hard work once again!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: As of March 20, we have 292 members. We welcome our newest member, Mary L. Chan.

The 1989 CHSSC Membership Roster is in the process of completion. It is anticipated that it will be mailed out with the May issue of News 'n Notes. **Members who have not renewed their membership should do so before April 15, in order to be included in the roster as well as receive future newsletters.** In addition, any member wishing not to be listed in the roster should contact Membership Secretary, Franklin Mah, by the April 15 deadline. **(Note: An annual membership is on a calendar year basis and therefore goes from January 1 to December 31 of each year.)** Please direct membership dues (payable to CHSSC) and correspondence to: Franklin Mah, 2210 Grant Avenue, #1, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, (213) 372-9421.

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DONATIONS: \$10 to the Museum of Chinese American History Fund by Marian Lee Leng. The following amounts were previously recorded as membership dues. They have been reclassified as donations: \$15 from Dr. Robert L. Schuyler and \$10 from Sophia K. Wong. Thank you for your generous donations.

CHSSC JACKETS AND CAPS are still available. If you would like to place your order(s), contact Dawes Lee (213) 221-0440 or Jerry Shue (213) 724-9002.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-members</u>	<u>Price includes sales tax. Combo includes jacket and cap and saves you a \$1.</u>
Jacket	\$25	\$30	
Cap	\$ 6	\$ 6	
Combo	\$30	\$35	

IN THE NEWS: Happy 70th Birthday to CHSSC member, Steve Leong. Many happy returns!

Congratulations to Dolores Wong for receiving the "Woman of the Year Award" from Governor Deukmejian (source: Los Angeles Times View Section, March 13, 1989, page 2).

Our very own CHSSC Board member, the Rev. Paul Louie, will be honored at the Second Annual Asian Pacific Family Center Awards Dinner on Friday, April 21, at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello. Paul will be the recipient of the Lifetime Service Award. Paul is a former Senior Consultant with the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission. (See calendar section for details of the event.) **(Note:** Support APFC — support the center dedicated to helping Asians.)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT, ANGI MA WONG: Dear Members of CHSSC . . . Please accept my belated and heartfelt thanks for the beautiful engraved plaque that Kipham presented to me at the January meeting. What time, talent and energy I have given to CHSSC has always been a labor of love and to accept an award for "outstanding leadership and service" was a real surprise. Your gift touched me very deeply and I truly treasure what it represents. To be judged by you, my peers, so highly means a great deal to me. Thank you for the honor. Sincerely, Angi.

CHSSC extends a warm welcome to Lester Wong, Human Relations Commissioner for the City of Concord, California who has just become a member. At this time, I like to acknowledge that Lester took the time to point out to various government and city agencies the lack of coverage of the Chinese American contributions to the American West at the Gene Autry Museum.

The Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club Juniors would like to thank the following CHSSC members for their donations to the March 5 swap meet at East Los Angeles City College. They are Dorothy Siu, Dolores Wong, Lillian Fong, Albert and Margie Lew, Elsie Inase, and Lilly Lee. We had a very successful day. Thanks for your contributions and for making it a successful day!

At the February 1 meeting, refreshments were provided by a select few. Who are these few? Nonetheless, thank you for stepping in and taking care of the refreshments in Sylvia Soo Hoo's absence that evening. And thanks go to the following members who provided refreshments at our March 1 meeting. They are Grace Fong, Anna Lowrey, Nancy Zaun, Georgia Woo, Cy Wong, Dorothy Siu, Lillian Fong, Sylvia Soo Hoo, and any others who passed by Sylvia at the refreshment table, THANK YOU!

CALENDAR: **Saturday, April 1: 7th Annual L. A. Chinese High Schools Reunion "Dine and Dance" at the Pasadena Elks Club, 400 West Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena.** No host "Happy Hour" (6:00 p.m.), buffet dinner (7:00 p.m.), and dancing (8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.) Cost: \$22.50/person. Reservations limited to 400. For further information, contact Delphine Wong (213) 483-3100.

Sunday, April 2: The Los Angeles City Historical Society presents "City Day" — a gala celebration of our city's incorporation on April 4, 1850. History hour at 1:00 p.m. featuring exhibits/publications from participating historical and preservation groups; buffet luncheon at 2:00 p.m. at the Officers' Club, U. S. Naval Base, Terminal Island, San Pedro. Directions: Take Harbor Freeway 110 south to Ocean Boulevard, Highway 47 east. Enter at Gate 1 after crossing Vincent Thomas Bridge. Free parking. Dr. John H. Kemble will tell the colorful story of the Port of Los Angeles. The development of the Port of Los Angeles was a major factor in the growth and development of the City. Dr. Kemble is a Pomona College professor and authority on maritime history. There will be

information packets, door prizes, and historical souvenirs! For information, call (818) 792-1048 or (213) 936-2912. Deadline for reservations: March 29. Cost: \$16.

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This lecture series was made possible by a grant from California for the Humanities. Other programs will be scheduled for the rest of 1989. For more information, contact Joanne Kim (818) 578-7221.

Thursday, March 30: "Chinese Pioneers in the American West" (Sandy Lyon, History, Cabrillo College) — 7:30-9:00 p.m., Harbeson Hall.

Tuesday, April 4: "Koreans in America: Struggle, Survival and Prosperity, 1906-1989" (Dr. Michael Robinson, History, USC) — 7:30-9:00 p.m. PCC Forum.

April - May: PCC Library hosts the photo chronicle of Asian Pacific American history, "In Movement", curated by Visual Communications.

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The Riverside Municipal Museum and the Riverside Museum Associates present Citrus and the Rise of Southern California: A New Look at the Social History and Political Economy of the Citrus Belt. A lecture/film series accompanying the exhibit funded in part by the California Council for the Humanities. "To Have a Hand in Creation: Citrus and the Rise of Southern California, 1880-Present" — this series will examine the life and times of the Southern California citrus belt from a new perspective. All presentations in the Auditorium, Riverside Municipal Museum, 3720 Orange Street, Riverside. The remaining three lecture series is 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Sunday, April 2: Dr. Ronald C. Tobey, Professor of History, UC Riverside, will speak on the Introduction to and showing of the film, "When They All Still Lived," the story of the pioneer Chinese in Southern California.

Sunday, April 9: Dr. Raymond Buriel, Associate Professor of Psychology, Pomona College, will speak about the "The Cultural Adaptation of Hispanic Immigrants in the Citrus Belt".

Sunday, April 16: Vincent Moses, Curator of History, City of Riverside, and Cathy Perring, Director of Planning, Randolph Hlubik Associates will speak on "Putting the New Scholarship to Work in Riverside: California Citrus State Historic Park."

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Sunday, April 9: The Historical Society of Southern California cordially invites you to celebrate Springtime in Southern California at the Charles Fletcher Lummis Home, 200 East Avenue 43, Los Angeles, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hosted by Lummis Garden volunteers and house docents. Admission is free; donations are gratefully appreciated, as the garden is sustained by volunteer support. For information, call (213) 222-0546.

Friday-Saturday, April 14-15: SOHA (Southwest Oral History Association) Annual Spring Meeting at the California Afro-American Museum. The theme of the meeting is Documenting Diversity: Oral History and the People of the Los Angeles Basin. Twenty-five speakers, panelists, and commentators will share their experiences and assessments about a wide variety of ongoing oral history projects in our communities. **CHSSC NEED VOLUNTEERS TO**

"MAN/WOMAN" A CHSSC INFORMATION TABLE FROM 9:00-12:00 AND 12:00-3:00 ON SATURDAY. Please call Suellen Cheng (213) 828-6911.

Tuesday, April 18: Friends of the Chinatown Library General Meeting. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Chinatown Library Community Room. Optional dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Royal Gardens. For information, contact Ruby Ling Louie (213) 628-2496.

Thursday, April 20: CHSSC Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be at Pat Lin's, 12511 Mitchell Avenue, Mar Vista, CA (213) 397-7268.

Thursday, April 20 - Sunday, April 23: The California Preservation Foundation cordially invites you to attend the 14th Annual California Preservation Conference to be held in Los Angeles at The Biltmore Hotel. The program will highlight the challenges and successes of the historic preservation movement in our state. You will have the opportunity to learn about the latest techniques and strategies for protecting and re-using our historic resources. For additional conference information, call (213) 876-6299.

Friday, April 21: The Second Annual Asian Pacific Family Center Awards Dinner at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant, 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello. Reception at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost: dinner tickets, \$35/person; drawing tickets, \$10/person. For dinner tickets, drawing tickets, or information, call Annette Lim at (818) 573-3322.

Thursday - Saturday, March 23 - April 29: Art Exhibit: Diana Wong: New Works
Reception: Thursday, March 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Merging One Gallery, 1547 Sixth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 (213) 395-0033. For more information, contact Meibao Nee.

Society member, Diana Wong, is showing her most recent works, including 12 monoprints on handmade paper, entitled "Vista Santa Monica," and 20 canvases from her latest series, "Beyond." The latter series of acrylic enamel on canvas is a carryover of the big, splashy, and colorful bravura of her "Peng" series, which was received enthusiastically at the New York Institute of Technology in 1987 and included in her retrospective at the Taipei Fine Arts Museum. In 1988, the paintings made a much talked about exhibit in Hong Kong at the Alisan Fine Arts Gallery.

The canvases of the "Beyond" series glow with light and energy. Scattered and dripped across the canvas, the acrylic colors flow into forms suggesting cosmic shapes and events. Winds, clouds, and fire erupt and merge into scenes that aim to stimulate the viewer's "cosmic eye," his own sense of places, parts, and movements on the grand stage of the universe.

Her "Vista Santa Monica" monoprints originated with the brief reflection in her rear view mirror of Colorado Avenue down to the Santa Monica pier. The monoprints are abstract variations on that view, reflecting the changes in light, color, and mood that occur every day as the time changes. Her monoprints show calligraphic rhythms reminiscent of her early classical brush training, developed into a bold individual style.

Diana Wong is having a simultaneous show in Tokyo, Japan, during the month of April.

WANT/HELP ADS: Call (213) 281-7429 for an update on the Society's calendar of events. Questions? Leave a message and someone will call you shortly.

Suggestions for PROGRAMS? Welcome any suggestions you may have. Please call Bev Hom, Vice President/Programs (818) 336-7900.

Interested in helping with refreshments? A sign-up sheet for refreshments for our monthly general meetings is available by contacting Sylvia Soo Hoo (213) 221-5573.

Lost item? Did any one find a large silver-plated serving spoon from the December Christmas Potluck? If found, please call Dorothy Siu (213) 734-5218.

Articles for Gum Saan Journal? Society is seeking articles on Chinese American history for the next issue of Gum Saan Journal. Questions or information? Please contact Ella Quan (213) 291-5388 or Munson Kwok (213) 828-6911.

We still need volunteers to help staff our office space "once a month" at El Pueblo (State Parks Office, 128 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles, 213-620-3343) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m or 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Free parking is provided for volunteers working at the office. Our office space is donated by the State Parks. For information, contact Howard Hew (818) 843-5943 or Angi Ma Wong (213) 541-1809.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your support of News 'n Notes — staff contributors in this issue: Franklin Mah, Suellen Cheng, Angi Ma Wong, Doreen Chan Nakayama, and Earl Wong. February 22 mailing session supporters: Ben and Doreen Chan Nakayama, Johnny Yee, Kipham Kan, Richard Smith, Dorothy Siu, and Lillian Fong.

Items for N'nN are always welcome! Please submit in writing to News 'n Notes Editor, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Deadline is the 15th of every month! Items submitted are printed at the discretion of the editor.

Beverly M. Hom, N 'n N Editor

FORMATION OF COMMITTEES: Listed below is a brief description of the objectives of the proposed committees and their committee members as discussed in the January 19, 1989 Board Meeting.

Finance Committee: To establish a budget for this year and to prepare a long term financial plan for the Society. Beverly Picazo (Chair), Franklin Mah (Budget Subcommittee Chair), Munson Kwok, Ella Quan, Kipham Kan, and Bob Large.

By-Laws Committee: To amend and modify the Society By-Laws by the end of this year. Paul Louie (Chair), Bob Large, Munson Kwok, Ella Quan, and Eugene Moy.

Museum Committee: To monitor the progress of the project of the Museum of Chinese American History, to define the Society's role, and to facilitate communications between the CHSSC and other entities involved in the project. Bob Large and Al Soo Hoo (co-Chairs), Paul Louie, Munson Kwok, Ella Quan, Eugene Moy, and Kipham Kan.

Book Committee: To produce and to market Louise Leung Larson's Sweet Bamboo. Don Loo (Chair), Kipham Kan, Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Ella Quan, Angi Ma Wong, Stan Larson, Dan Larson, Barbara Larson, and Jane Larson.

Jackets Committee: To produce and to market CHSSC jackets and caps. Dawes Lee (Chair).

Resources Committee: To inquire and maintain resources and to establish acquisition and loan policies. Tom McDannold and Pat Lin (co-Chairs), Franklin Mah, Paul Louie, and Munson Kwok.

Oral History Committee: To review the oral history materials owned by the Society, to establish guidelines for conducting oral history interviews, and to plan for the next project. Suellen Cheng and Munson Kwok (co-Chairs), Emma Louie, and Howard Hew.

PR/Educational Outreach Committee: To reach out to other groups and coordinate publicity for the Society. Angi Ma Wong (Chair).

Planning Committee: To examine possible major projects for the coming two years, i.e., conferences. Marji Lee, Tom McDannold, Pat Lin, and Munson Kwok.

Centennial Committee: To recommend possible honorees and events. Munson Kwok (Chair).

Hawaii Tour Exploratory Committee: To explore the dates and activities for a Hawaii trip for the Society members. Stanley Mu (Chair) and Angi Ma Wong.



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To help us plan this museum we would be grateful if you would take the time to answer a couple of questions.

為闡揚華人對南加州多元文化之貢獻，洛杉磯歷史公園目前正積極籌劃位於該公園的羅省華美歷史博物館。敬請協助回答下列問題以作設計該館之參考。並請將填妥問卷寄回上列地址轉交鄭舒蘭。(Suellen Cheng)

1. What would you hope to find in a museum on Chinese American history?

您希望在羅省華美歷史博物館內找到什麼資料和內容？

2. What would you hope to learn from visiting this museum?

您希望從羅省華美歷史博物館學到什麼？

Please fill this form out and return it to Suellen Cheng at the above address.