



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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August 1991

Greetings:

The 1991-92 year has really started with a bang! Working with the Old Chinatown artifacts in July proved to be fun as was the annual picnic in August (see related stories). September begins our year-long schedule of programs, which has created quite a bit of excitement with many people making plans to attend. Planning ahead seems to be very important, if not necessary, these days. New things like van pools and a ten-hour four-day work week cause quite a few of us to get up earlier and go to bed sooner. Even TV is aware of the trend: major networks will soon start and end prime time viewing one hour earlier. Being in touch with the times and interested in meeting the needs of our membership, we will try to start the monthly meetings promptly at 7:30, make brief announcements, and move quickly into the program. There will be lots of time for refreshments and socializing after the program.

See you at the September meeting.

Tom McDannold
CHSSC President

PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 4, 1991
Castelar School -- Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

"Political Economic Transformation of Chinatown"
Speaker: Dr. Paul Ong

Dr. Paul Ong is associate professor of the Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of California, Los Angeles. He will speak on the demographic changes in the Chinese American community and the impacts that these changes will have on the Chinatown's culture and political economy.

Professor Ong received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1983. He has published numerous articles and essays on Chinese American labor and women issues and has referred papers for scholarly journals such as Amerasia Journal, Urban Studies, and

Urban Affairs Quarterly. He was a consultant to the California Employment Development Department, the California Energy Commission, and the City Planning Department of Los Angeles.

(Park on playground; enter on Hill and College Streets)

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

HELP WANTED - Society member would like the membership's help in searching for information pertaining to her family. She is currently looking for information on her uncle, Loung Quong Wong (黃龍光), the oldest brother of her father. The spelling of "Loung" is done phonetically. He is the son of Fee Lee Wong (黃輝明), who was a merchant in Deadwood, South Dakota. It appeared that Loung Quong Wong mainly stayed around San Francisco and Los Angeles. He was born around the years of 1880 and passed away around 1935-1945, in the Los Angeles area. Should anyone know of this person or have any information, please send correspondence to Kam L. Wong, 1130 Ronda Drive, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Please mark envelope re: L. Q. Wong.

THE 1992 CONFERENCE ON CHINESE AMERICANS: ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS will be held on August 28-30, 1992 at the California State University, Los Angeles campus. The conference is hosted by the Institute for Asian American and Pacific Asian Studies at California State University, Los Angeles; the Center for Pacific Rim Studies and the Asian American Studies Center at the University of California at Los Angeles, and the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

The purpose of this conference is to allow a forum for the presentation of research papers, oral history papers, and theses. Many Asian studies programs are encouraged to conduct workshops and present scholarly papers related to the Chinese American experiences in the United States. It is hoped that this conference will enhance the relationship between Chinese Americans and their communities by increasing the understanding of the role of Chinese Americans in the United States.

Presentations will focus on the past, present, and future of Chinese Americans in the United States. The past influences of Chinese Americans on U.S. history will be discussed.

The benefits of this conference are to minimize stereotyping of Chinese Americans and to help future authors to portray accurate accounts of the role of Chinese Americans in U.S. history. Local and state governments will be able to use the results of this conference to better understand and deal with Chinese American problems. By enhancing their awareness of everyday economic and social necessities, businesses can develop better market strategies to meet the needs of Asian communities. These communities are among the largest growing ethnic groups in the United States.

It is planned that this conference will become a biannual event hosted by different Chinese Historical Societies throughout the United States. In addition, when there is adequate interest, the conference will be expanded to include all Pacific Rim immigrants and their impact on U.S. history.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you would like to know how you can help, please contact Stanley Mu, Director of the Conference of Chinese Americans, at (818) 346-2196. We welcome all volunteers!

OUTREACH - Calling for docents! We need more docents! Consider volunteering! Interested? Call Ella Quan (213) 617-0396 for schedule.

On July 27, 1991 Tom Eng, Kipham Kan, Bob Large, Tom McDannold, Mason Oswald, Georgia Woo Oswald, Bernice Sam, and Sue Yee spent fun filled hours sorting items from the **OLD CHINATOWN EXCAVATION** at Greenwood and Associates. The group worked with medicine bottles, jewelry, toys, and other objects to include about one million game pieces. Bob Large provided a great lunch during which there was lots of spirited conversation in Roberta Greenwood's kitchen. Thanks to everyone who participated--we'll do it again.

CHSSC's 4TH ANNUAL PICNIC was held at Alhambra Park on Sunday, August 18, 1991. With the help of picnic coordinators, Susan Sing, Eugene Moy, Mike and Beverly Hom Tsao and game coordinators, Alan Bergman and Marvey Chapman, everyone attending had a great time. Besides foods galore, the games were absolutely terrific. Alan and Marvey did a super job coordinating everyone into participating in our games from one-legged race, gunny sack race, to a very "close" neck-to-neck match with a grapefruit. Everyone was a winner with the games. Prizes were raffled out at the picnic and the biggest prize - a lawnmower - was won by none other than Past President, Kipham Kan, who picked her own winning ticket. From that point on, we had to raffle off the grand prize since Kipham and Richard have one of their own. The highest bidder was Brian Yamasaki who bought it for \$11 and who gave it up to Johnson Yee who got it but donated \$5 to the Society. Society did okay -- it made out with \$16. After the games and raffling of prizes, pretty much everyone laid back and did their own thing. Some even manage to take a dip in the pool as well as a walk to the children's play area. The pool was open from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Before leaving, we manage to capture a picture of those present, but unfortunately those in the pool and outlining areas may have missed their pics. One of our neighboring picnickers, the Sino-American group, managed to make contact with our group and seemed very interested in knowing about us. Thank you to all who participated in this year's picnic -- Gene Moy, Susan Sing, Bernie Moy, Mike and Beverly Hom Tsao, Hong Cao, Kui Cao, Can Li, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Pearl Kwok, Lissette de Groote, Robert Large, Albert and Margie Lew, Claude, Lillian Fong, Tom McDannold, Ella and Harry Quan, Moon Dea, Stan and Dora Lau, Miranda and Gilman Jung, Ryan Jung, Gene and Nana Cooper, Alan Bergman, Marvey Chapman, Richard Smith, Kipham Kan, Dorothy Siu, Ben and Doreen Chan Nakayama, Kenny Nakayama, Kyle Nakayama,

Virginia and Richard Quan, Matthew Quan, Andrew Quan, Stanley and Mary Mu, Ruth Lung, Henry Fong, Roland Chew, Paul Yee, Susan Woo, Brian Yamasaki, Jerry Pass, Pat Moser, Paul and Emma Louie, Robert Kwan and family, Bob Hopper, Bob Wu, Linda Lum, Melissa Wu, Paul and Phyllis Chace, Clifford Chan, Rosalyn Chan, Johnson Yee, Carlos and Beverly Picazo, Susan Dickson, Tom Eng, Don Loo, Charles Wong, Cindy Fong, Mrs. Yuek Lee "Lily" Moy and Bill Moy. We hope we didn't leave your name off. If we did, someone forgot to sign the sign-in sheet. We have Susan, Gene, Mike, Bev, Alan, and Marvey to thank for such a wonderful time. And thanks to Albert and Margie Lew and Mike and Beverly Hom Tsao for the donation of the raffle prizes. We look forward to next year's picnic with as great a turn out and fun as this one. 'Til next summer!



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS - Congratulations to Virginia and Richard Quan on the birth of their daughter, Megan Nicole Quan, born August 19, 10:52 a.m., 7 lbs. 3 ozs., 20". And of course, to the big brothers, Matthew and Andrew, and grandparents, Ella and Harry Quan (for the third time), congratulations as well.

To James and Mei See Yee of Martinez, California on August 8, a new son, Brandon James Yee. Grandparents are Bill and Marj Yee. Congratulations to all!

CHSSC members were well represented when the mural at the Chinatown branch of the Los Angeles Public Library was dedicated on July 26, 1991 at 3:00 p.m. On that day, a picture of the mural "**The Party at Lan-Ting**" appeared on the front page of the Calendar section of the Los Angeles Times. There was a picture of the artist, Shi-yan Zhang, with some Castelar School students in front of the mural in the Downtown News on June 24, page four. The mural appears on the College Street side of the building and was painted by the artist and his assistants.

This was the first mural dedication in Chinatown. On dedication day, there were lion dances performed by Castelar School children. Four men demonstrated Chinese calligraphy inside the Chinatown Library. Refreshments were provided by Lee Kum Kee, manufacturers of various sauces.

Some speakers included Dr. William Chun-Hoon, Principal of Castelar Elementary School; Elsa Wu, Senior Librarian of the Chinatown Library; Cindy Fong, President of the Friends of the Chinatown Library; and Shi-yan Zhang, artist.

Distributed were red "Friends of the Chinatown Library" buttons and a booklet about murals, the artist and his assistants. Shi-yan Zhang graciously autographed the booklets with Chinese characters. Other artists present also gave autographs.

CHSSC 1991 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER - Following is a list of changes to the roster issued last month:

Telephone numbers: Suellen Cheng and Munson Kwok (213) 645-1369;
Grace Anderson (818) 440-0192.
Kam L. Wong's street name should be Ronda Drive.

George Wong, Jr., M.D.
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Long Beach, CA 90831
(213) 983-8015

Puanani Woo
P. O. Box 1058
Volcano, HI 96785
(818) 967-7185

Howard Chan
1970 Turnbull Canyon Road
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Ed Zane
(Deceased)

Alfred and Ida Lee
615 East Olive Avenue, #A
Burbank, CA 91501-2134

Please take a few minutes to update these changes. Additional changes should be forwarded to Franklin Mah (213) 372-9421. And be sure to note the Society's address: 978 North Broadway, Suite 206, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 617-0396.

PROGRAMS - If you have any questions or future program ideas, please contact Vice President, Suellen Cheng, at (213) 645-1369.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS . . . Though the calendar page was included in last month's N'nN, I am including it again in this newsletter. Here are some additional items which may be of interest ...

Tuesday, September 3: Reception (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.) to welcome Dr. Steven B. Sample, the newly appointed President of the University of Southern California - Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, North Gallery, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles (parking is available directly across San Pedro Street). For info, call (213) 740-4999. The University of Southern California has installed a president only nine times in its 111-year history. On September 20, Dr. Sample will be installed as USC's tenth president. This reception is being held as part of the University's inaugural activities and as an opportunity for Dr. Sample to meet members of the Asian Pacific American community.

Friday, September 6: ASIAN YOUTH CENTER FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER - Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park. Reception 6:00 p.m./dinner 7:00 p.m. Live entertainment and dancing. For info, call: Florence Kwan, AYC, 9032 Mission Drive, P. O. Box 305, Rosemead, CA 91770, (818) 309-0622.

Sunday, September 15, 4:00 p.m., channel 2, "TO THE POINT" will feature Society member, Tom Eng, and Diane Poon on TV to talk about the Moon Festival.

Monday, September 16: FRIENDS OF THE CHINATOWN LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING (7:00 p.m. - Community Room, Chinatown Library).

Wednesday, September 18: CHSSC BOARD MEETING (7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Castelar School)

Saturday, September 21: MOON FESTIVAL, Chinatown (1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.) Daytime festivals at Plaza 1-6 p.m.; evening festivals at Castelar playground 7-10 p.m. Publicity forthcoming. For info or interest in volunteering, please call (213) 617-0396.

Saturday, September 21: **A Selection of New Works by Pilipino American Filmmakers** - as part of the inaugural Philippine Arts Festival, Pioneering Visions is pleased to present a program of works celebrating the creative achievements of Pilipino American filmmakers. Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum; continuous showtimes TBA. For info, call Visual Communications (213) 680-4462.

Saturday, September 28: To celebrate the opening of the **NG SHING GUNG TEMPLE**, the San Jose Chinese Historical Society will host a pre-opening dinner dance at the Fairmont Hotel. Black tie optional; \$55 per person. Mail reservation to: Mildred Chan, 854 Seale Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Sunday, September 29: The **NG SHING GUNG TEMPLE RECONSTRUCTION DEDICATION CEREMONY** will be held 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the San Jose Historical Society Museum, 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose. For more info, call Munson Kwok, (213) 645-1369.

Saturday, October 12: **RETURN TO GOLD MOUNTAIN** (Coloma, CA) - A Chinese American Pioneer Festival (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) to enhance the awareness of the contributions of the Chinese people during the Gold Rush. On October 12, there will be a celebration to honor the rededication of the Chinese store museum located in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, to learn about Chinese culture in Coloma in the days from 1849-1890, and to commemorate the birth of Chinese American history in the United States. Events for the day include an earth-ancestor-heaven altar with offerings of a roast pig, incenses, candles; an opening ceremony with traditional lion dances; there will be cultural arts, crafts, music, games, Chinese food; experience historical displays, skits with cultural costumes, tours of the gold mining site, and more. And it's free! Join in on this first time in 142 years a Chinese American celebration in Coloma! Event is co-sponsored by The Gold Discovery Park Association, The Chinese American Council of Sacramento, and Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. For more details, contact Marshall Gold Discovery Park Association, P. O. Box 265, Coloma, CA 95613, (916) 622-3470 or Dr. Wesley Yee (916) 443-8701.

Saturday-Sunday, October 26-27: The longest running multi-cultural celebration in Los Angeles, the **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MASKS**, was created in 1976 to celebrate the diverse heritage of all Angelenos by uniting the various cultures through the common theme of the mask. The free two-day event will take place October 26 and 27 in Hancock Park.

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OTHER - The **Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC)** was established in 1989 in conjunction with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center to offer members of the Asian Pacific

communities and the community at large a means of conflict resolution outside of the costly court system. APADRC is funded by Los Angeles County under the provisions of the California Dispute Resolution Program Act. It is a non-profit mediation service assisting in many Asian Pacific languages. For info, call (213) 747-9943.

Items for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to: Bev Hom Tsao, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

Special thanks to contributors in this issue: Tom McDannold, Franklin Mah, Munson Kwok, Suellen Cheng, Lillian Fong, Tom Eng, Kam L. Wong, Stan Mu, Ella Quan, Bill and Marj Yee, Visual Communications, and Asian Youth Center. Last month's mailing volunteers: Special thanks to family -- Kui Cao, Hong Cao, and Mike Tsao!

Publications Price List

	No. pages	COST	CATax	P/H
Linking Our Lives: Chinese American Women of Los Angeles	138	9.95	8.25%	1.50
Sweet Bamboo: A Saga of a Chinese American Family	227	12.95	8.25%	1.50
1990 Chinese Moon Festival, Los Angeles Chinatown	48	2.00	8.25%	1.50
Walking Tour Map, Revised		1.50	incl.	incl.
Gum Saan Journal (June and December issues free with membership). Otherwise, per issue		2.00	8.25%	0.50

Mail Orders to: Ella Y. Quan, CHSSC Publications, 4205 S. La Salle Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062

CALL FOR PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

Chinese Americans: Origins and Destinations

August 28 - 30, 1992

California State University, Los Angeles

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, California State University at Los Angeles, and the University of California at Los Angeles proudly announce a national conference titled "**Chinese Americans: Origins and Destinations**". The conference will take place on the campus of the California State University, Los Angeles on August 28 - 30, 1992.

This is a call for papers related to the Chinese American experience in the United States: past, present, and future. We encourage researchers, scholars, practitioners, community leaders, and/or students to submit their proposals for scholarly papers, panel presentations, and workshops. Some of broad topics for consideration include but are not limited to the following:

- The History of Chinese American Immigration
- Chinese American Literature and Art
- Chinese American Women
- The Changing Demographics and Implications for the Future
- Transformation and Development of Chinese American Communities
- Political Activism and the Chinese Americans
- Chinese Americans in the Media
- Chinese Americans in the Business Arena
- Teaching the Chinese American Experience in the Public Schools
- Racial Violence Against Chinese Americans
- Curricular Issues Related to Chinese Americans
- Oral Histories

If interested in participating, please complete the attached proposal form by November 1, 1991 to

Conference on Chinese Americans: Origins and Destinations
c/o UCLA CENTER FOR PACIFIC RIM STUDIES

11250 Bunche Hall
405 Hilgard Avenue

Los Angeles, California 90024-1487

Acceptance notices will be mailed to authors on or about January 31, 1992. Please do not contact us unless no communication has been received by February 15, 1992.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

(September 1991 - August 1992)

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| September 4
Wednesday | "Political Economic Transformation of Chinatown" by Dr. Paul Ong, Professor, UCLA |
| September 21
Saturday | 1991 Chinese Moon Festival, Los Angeles Chinatown |
| October 2
Wednesday | "Remains To Be Seen: Uncovering the History of Old Chinatown" by Ms. Lynn Kronzek, Writer and Consultant |
| November 9
Saturday | Fall Dinner (Pioneers Recognition & Centennial Awards)
Location to be Announced. |
| December 4
Wednesday | Christmas Party |
| January 8, 1992
Wednesday | The Odyssey of An Artist: An interview with Tyrus Wong |
| February 9
Sunday | "The Quest for Equality and Liberty: Chinese Before the U.S. Supreme Court" by Dr. Stanford Lyman, Professor, Florida Atlantic University
Chinese New Year Banquet. Location to be announced. |
| March 4
Wednesday | "'A Most Excellent Field For Work': Christian Missionary in the Chinese Community in Los Angeles, 1871-1891." by Dr. Michael Engh, Loyola Marymount University. |
| April 4
Saturday | "Los Angeles History: the Broadway Theatres" by the Los Angeles Conservancy.
Location to be announced. |
| May 6
Wednesday | Annual Meeting and Committee Reports |
| June 3
Wednesday | "Chinese in the Global Village" by Dr. Philip Leung, Cal State University, Los Angeles.
Installation of the new Board of Directors and Officers. |
| July 11-12
Sat & Sun | Lotus Festival, Echo Park |
| August 28-30
Fri- Sun | "Chinese Americans: Origins and Destinations", National Chinese American Studies Conference, California State University, Los Angeles. |

Unless noted otherwise all events and programs will be held at the Multi-purpose Room in Castelar School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown.

Some dates and places are subject to change. Please contact (213) 617-0396 for more information.

Conference on Chinese Americans: Origins and Destinations

Proposal Form

Presenter: _____

Co-presenter(s): _____

Mailing Address: street _____
city _____ state _____ zip _____

Phone: (Business) (_____) _____
(Home) (_____) _____

Type of Presentation:

_____ paper _____ workshop other _____

Title of Paper/Workshop: _____

Equipment needed: _____

Description: Please include a typed, concise 250 word abstract of your proposed presentation in the space provided on the reverse side of this form.