



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 5, 1993 - 7:30 p.m.
Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

"FIVE GENERATIONS IN LOS ANGELES"

Speakers: Wallace Tom and Pamela Tom

Mr. Wallace Tom and his daughter, Pamela Tom, will be our speakers. During the presentation, they will trace the Tom family history and experiences in Los Angeles.

Members of the Tom family started their presence in Old Chinatown at the turn of the century on Marchessault Street. Since then they have been involved in businesses of grocery, market, farming, and restaurant. One of them, Wing Chong Lung Market, was in operation for over eight decades until its recent closure. Photographs dated from early 1920's, slides, and a clip of 16mm film of the 1940's will be shown.

Mr. Tom is the proprietor of the New Moon Restaurant. Ms. Tom is filmmaker currently working as a writing fellow at Disney Studios in the Hollywood Pictures division. She has received numerous awards including the Asian Pacific Women's Network Award.

HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBIT

A photo exhibit on early Chinese American community in Los Angeles will be on display at the meeting. The exhibit was developed by the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument and the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History.

We have lots of history to talk about. Please come and enjoy the photos and the presentation.

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At the business portion of our May general meeting, we will announce the 1993-1994 slate of officers and board members to serve CHSSC. At that time, we will open the floor to any additional nominations. We will then proceed with the elections. The installation of new officers and board members will resume in our June 2 general meeting. Society thanks Ella Quan, Chair of the Nominating Committee, for her dedicated work. At this time, Bob Large will resume the duties of Nominating Committee Chair.

1993 - 1994 SLATE FOR CHSSC BOARD

President	Sue Yee
Vice President	Don Loo
Secretary	Ella Quan
Membership Secretary	Jim Fong
Treasurer	Eugene Moy
Financial Secretary	Franklin Mah
Board	Randall Bloch
	Eugene Cooper
	Susan Dickson
	Nathan Fong
	Elmo Gambarana
	Irvin Lai
	Robert Large
	Beverly Hom Tsao
	Cy Wong

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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A NEW MEANS FOR "WAYS AND MEANS" - CHSSC President Sue Yee is happy to announce the selection of chairmen for the important Ways and Means Committee. Elmo Gambarana and Cy Wong have both stepped forward to head up the new strategic group that will try to arrange and help run different activities for the Society in the next year or two, and raise much of the difficult-to-find monies it needs to continue into the future. Cy and Elmo are currently discussing various ideas with the Board. They also enthusiastically call on all members to save up their monies for the exciting events they hope to announce soon, and keep their social calendars open. They hurriedly add that their ears are always open to other ideas and volunteer help from everyone. Elmo says, somewhat ominously, that some members may be contacted soon for their specific talents as events are announced.

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REMINDER - Now that we have all passed through that difficult April 15 deadline, with some of our cash assets still in tack, members are reminded that many of our employers now have a community Matching Grant program for their employees and retirees. Companies with sizable number of workers will freely match -- or even double -- a donation the employee makes to a non-profit group such as ours. Check with your employer or community office and ask if it does have such a benefit. Filling out a form and sending in your donation, even a small one, can produce much money the Society can use now.

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REQUEST FROM CHSSC MEMBER, YORKMAN LOWE - (1) Any written material on the Chinese-run grocery stores that were commonplace through South LA in the 1950-1960's. "My father and some of his friends were among these Chinese grocers; they located there mainly because it was cheaper than other parts of town." (2) Any books or videos on the April 1992 Los Angeles Riot. "I already have books by the LA Times, Bob Vernon, and the Institute for Alternative

Journalism." If you are able to assist Yorkman, please write or contact him at:

Mr. Yorkman Lowe
5514 Doyle, #3
Emeryville, CA 94608-2593
(510) 601-9675

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DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Society welcomes any and all support donations. Please make checks payable to "CHSSC" -- designated Scholarship Fund -- and send to: Dexter Wong, CHSSC Scholarship Chair, 17647 Mapes Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90701.

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ROBERTA GREENWOOD was the featured speaker at lunch at the VIP Seafood Restaurant on April 17. Her slide presentation was the highlight of the Chinatown walking tour led by Past President Angi Ma Wong as a field trip for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Art Center's Chinese Cultural Heritage Festival which continues through April 27.

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ANGI MA WONG'S book, TARGET: The U. S. Asian Market -- A Practical Guide to Doing Business, has been published by Pacific Heritage Books and is hot off the presses! A pre-publication special is being offered to CHSSC members (autographed, of course) for \$27/copy (tax, shipping and handling included). Send to Pacific Heritage Books, Box 3967-GS, Palos Verdes, CA 90274-9547.

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THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA ART CENTER gratefully acknowledges CHSSC donation in support of the Chinese Cultural Heritage Art Festival and thanks members Gim Fong, Diana Wong, Roberta Greenwood, and Angi Ma Wong for their outstanding contributions to the lecture series which Angi chaired.

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THANK YOUS - to Wanda Leong, Ella Quan, Ruth Lung, and Lillian Fong for the refreshments at our April 7 general meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES - Dues are \$15 member and \$5 (additional for same household or senior), \$25 institutional member, and \$200 life member. Dues are payable January 1 of each year to CHSSC and should be mailed to CHSSC, P. O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647. (Reminder: If your current mailing label shows "Paid to Dec. 31, 1992", you need to renew your membership immediately otherwise you will not be receiving the next issue of News 'n Notes and be included in the new roster. This is your final notice!!!)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 CHSSC'S FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING at Society Office, 10:00 a.m. Information, call Paul Louie (213) 664-3808.
- May 2 BERNARD STREET PROPERTY "Open House" - Once again, if you would like to view the property that the Society is considering possibly acquiring as its permanent office, home, museum, research facility, etc., please contact Gene Moy (818) 289-2067. Gene and others plan to meet with the owner at 10:00 a.m.

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- May 3 THE CHINA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA invites you to its dinner program meeting at Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown. Social hour 6:15 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 members; \$12 guests. Program features member, Mrs. Helene G. Chwang, who will speak on "My Life in China and in the United States of America". She was born to a German father and a Chinese mother. Raised and educated in Peking, China. Her ex-husband was Secretary to Chiang Kai-shek. She was put in jail 1955-1957. Went to Hong Kong, leaving her family behind and immigrated to the U.S. in 1968. Come and listen to her story.
- May 6 ASIAN BUSINESS LEAGUE General Meeting at 6:30 p.m., the Shangri-La Restaurant, 313 South Bolyston, Los Angeles. Speaker is Mr. Fritz Friedman of Columbia Tri-Star Home Video. His topic is Asian Pacific Americans in the entertainment industry. Cost is \$15 (ABL members) and \$18 (non-members). For information, call Naomi Kuromoto (213) 626-5837.
- May 11 ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH ANNUAL LUNCHEON honoring American entrepreneurs and professionals of Asian Pacific heritage at the Ocean Seafood Restaurant, 747 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown, 11:00 - 2:00. Cost: \$20 per person, payable to Asian Business Association, 10418 Lower Azusa Road, El Monte, CA 91731. Information: Faith B. Manacop (818) 452-1242.
- May 13 1993 LOS ANGELES ASIAN PACIFIC FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL "Opening Night Celebration" at the Japan America Theater, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles Little Tokyo. Program 7:30 p.m. featuring "From Hollywood to Hanoi" by Tiana Thi Thanh Nga; reception to follow. RSVP before May 6 to Visual Communications. Screening and reception: \$25; screening only \$10. Information: call (213) 680-4462 or (213) 206-8013.
- May 14 CITY OF MONTEREY PARK celebrates HOMECOMING VII at the Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park. No host social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$25 -- payable to Homecoming Committee, 1010 Bradshaw Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Tickets will be held at the door. Please indicate choice of entree: chicken or fish.
- ***** Space is limited. RSVP -- ASAP!! *****
- The event is held once every 1 1/2 years and is a means of keeping in touch with those who worked or resided in Monterey Park between 1940-1980's. It is a time to see new and old friends. Note: The City of Monterey Park Trolley Service will be available from the City parking lot (northeast corner of Newmark and Ramona Avenues) between 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. for transportation to and from the Luminarias.

- May 19 CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Parking is available at Castelar School or Mandarin and Bamboo Plazas.
- May 21 The Japanese American National Museum and the Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities are proud to present an evening (7:30 p.m.) of laughs and improv with COLD TOFU, the multi-cultural improvisational comedy group. It's free! Reservations are required! Call JANM (213) 625-0414.
- May 22 1993 PLAY DAYS to be held May 20-23 at the Barnes Park, Monterey Park. The Parade is May 22. Honorary Grand Marshal for the parade is Eli Isenberg, who for many years published the Monterey Park Progress. He and his wife, Jo, will be riding an antique car.
- May 22 AHSLAC MINI-CONFERENCE (City of Industry/La Puente) - The Associated Historical Societies of Los Angeles County invites you to "School Tours" jointly hosted by La Puente Valley Historical Society and Workman & Temple Family Homestead Museum. Program begins 9:00 at the Homestead Museum, 15415 East Don Julian Road, City of Industry. Buffet lunch (optional) is \$6 and reservations is \$2 each at Homestead Museum and Rowland-Dibble Museum (16021 East Gale Avenue). Check is payable to AHSLAC Treasurer, 529 Marine Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Information: (818) 792-1048.
- June 1 SHADES OF LA.: ASIAN EXPERIENCE COMES TO US June 1-30: Castelar Elementary School, 840 Yale Street, LA Chinatown. The Asian and Pacific Islander-American Experience is a Los Angeles Public Library photograph exhibit of life in LA between 1880-1960. The Photo Friends volunteers have worked collectively with the communities in inviting them to bring their family pictures that illustrate LA's cultural diversity, focusing on ethnic groups underrepresented. The photos are copied on the spot and returned to the owner. These photos are added to the Central Library's collection. Information: Carolyn Kozo Cole (213) 612-3316.
- July 11-12 1993 LOTUS FESTIVAL (Echo Park) - The Society will not be participating in the 16th annual Lotus Festival this year. At our last Board meeting we discussed and voted not to participate in the event this year. However, we encourage our members and friends to enjoy a day in the sun at the festival.
- October 2 LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY'S REOPENING - The Central Library's reopening will be a city-wide event. Please mark this date on your calendar. Details forthcoming.

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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. Items submitted after the due date may not always be included in this issue.

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