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Last chance to make your reservations for this joint affair!

"INTERTWINING TRAILS"

A Celebration of Early Chinese and Jewish Settlers in Los Angeles

The parallel intertwined development of Chinese and Jewish life in early Los Angeles will be presented in a unique program on Sunday, August 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m., when the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the Jewish Historical Society of Southern California join in historic Merced Theatre at El Pueblo Historic Monument.

Members and friends of the two groups will enjoy parallel slide shows, a finger-food buffet, and guided tours of historic buildings by Las Angelitas, El Pueblo official docents.

"Seldom does an opportunity such as this arise to earnestly discuss and celebrate the multicultural heritage of our city," Linda J. Barth, Associate Park Director for History at El Pueblo, declared on hearing of the event. El Pueblo is also a co-sponsor.

The slide shows, culled from photo collections of each organization, will be shown and narrated by Past President Eugene Moy for C.H.S. and President Stephen J. Sass for J.H.S.

Admission is a small donation: members \$8, non-members \$10. Seating capacity is limited. For reservations, call CHSSC board member, Elmo Gambarana, (213) 733-2927, or Suellen Cheng, (213) 626-5240.

Purpose of both groups is similar -- to preserve and create an awareness of the history of their respective cultures in Greater Los Angeles. They collect archival materials, publish, conduct tours, and work to protect historic landmarks for future generations, within and in cooperation with other organizations.

This promises to be a historic event, and the joint committee says there will be others to come.

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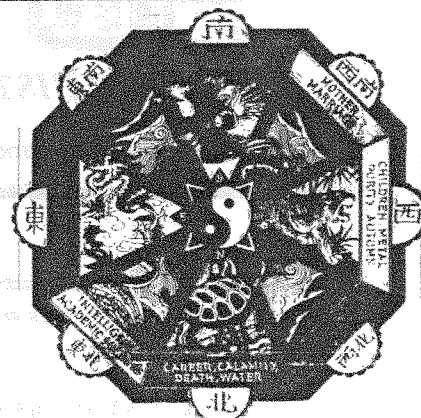
KEEP READING ... Society resumes its regular general meetings beginning September 1. Tonight's meeting includes the presentation of the \$1,000 check to the 1993 CHSSC Scholarship Winner -- Ms. Nhi Lieu, Junior attending UC San Diego and majoring in History, minoring in Sociology. Please join us for this wonderful presentation.

PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER 1 - 7:30 p.m.
Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

"THE POWER OF PLACE"

HOW TO BRING LUCK TO YOUR HOUSE!

Speaker: Angi Ma Wong



What is Feng Shui? It's an ancient Chinese art. It is an ancient Chinese philosophy based on geography, meteorology, architectural design, the earth's magnetic fields and other natural and supernatural phenomena. It links the placement of objects to fate. "Feng shui" means the wind and the water. It stands for the power of the environment to affect the life of humankind. Each turn of the compass determines certain aspects of life. If you pay attention to the orientation of your house or office, and the arrangement of your belongings and furnishings, you may have good feng shui. Luck, wealth, and health will follow. If you have bad feng shui, watch out! Bad luck, poor health, poverty, even death may overtake you.

Come to this meeting to hear about Angi's own practical guide to this ancient practice. Angi has developed this educational tool for anyone who would like to harmonize their home or office. She will have chart and book for sale -- chart \$29.95 and book \$26. Both for \$50 + tax.

PICNIC TIDINGS - Nestled under the ivy-covered shelter, members and friends gathered Saturday afternoon, August 14, in the Society's picnic at Alhambra Park. Mouth-watering aromas of grilled chicken, hot dogs, hot links, baked bean, and rows of fresh salads and desserts wafted over the area, raising the din of happy conversation from the increasing number of picnickers.

Highlight of the long relaxed afternoon was the exciting drawing of picnic raffle winners. The youngest-walking child present, Zoey Smith; oldest senior citizen, Dorothy Siu; and Cindy, teenage daughter of Randy Bloch; each reached deep to select the three winners: James Yan, LA member of the Organization of Chinese Americans won the Big Prize of \$100; popular CHSSC members Winnie and Dexter Wong, \$75; and Nathaniel Emanuel (a stranger buyer) from Cy Wong beat the odds as the \$50 winner.

Success of the outdoors idyll was greatly due to the following: Chefs-in-Charge Cy Wong and Carlos Picazo; chicken-carver Peggy Wong, constant-motion-receptionist Susan Dickson who logged in and collected monies; ubiquitous punchmaker Ella Quan; salad maker and camera man Mary and Stan Mu (who had to leave early); chief decorator/photographer Tom Eng, assisted by Al Lew and William

Yuan; athletic coordinator Gene Moy, assisted by Gene Cooper and Ben Nakayama; food arranger Cindy Fong; candid-camera taker Jim Fong; speedy check-writer Franklin Mah; noisy Elmo Gambarana; involuntarily absent Sue and Ward Yee; and others we've forgotten this minute. Some old friends who came out included Evelyn and Ed Cucchiarella of Desert Hot Springs, Dawes Lee (and his two grandchildren); Linda Lum (and baby Jonathan); Susan Woo-Yamasaki (and baby Kim); and Angi Ma Wong. Chris Cheung, President of Organization of Chinese American, LA and his club protegee, came but had to leave early.

At press deadline, the Committee is still totaling up late raffle funds. Final figures will be available at the next issue. Wasn't as much as they had hoped, with some members returning some raffle books -- cutting into profits.

The adults and children who went know what a great time we all had. Those who didn't, can only speculate. Now we're ready for the Fall season events to come!

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ATTENTION: CHSSC MEMBERS OF TOISANESE DESCENT - My name is Madeline Hsu and I am a graduate student in Chinese History. In my Ph.D. dissertation, I hope to explore the impact of immigration to the U.S. upon villages and families in Toisan before 1949. For my research I must talk to people who were either in Toisan during this time period or who kept in touch with relatives in Toisan and kept their letters. If either of these two conditions apply to you, I would be immensely grateful and my project immeasurably improved if you would contact me at 8337 Amberose Lane, Rosemead, CA 91770, (818) 573-5189.

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IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA opens Friday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Campus (1321 Alameda Padre Serra) of Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara. Sixteen Brooks students (Germany 2, Hong Kong 1, Taiwan 1, Finland 1, Switzerland 1, Canada 3, and USA 7) participated in a three-month expedition to China and have brought back visions from China that are the basis of this exciting exhibit that is a treat of sight and sound. A reception in the exhibit hall will be enhanced by continual showings from the nine projector audio visual presentation throughout the evening. The gallery exhibit, which is open to the public, can be seen weekdays 10:00-4:00 through October 5. This photo documentary comprises four diverse provinces in Southwestern China -- Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou, and Guangxi.

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5K AMERICAN HEART WALK - CHINATOWN BRANCH - The Chinatown Branch of the American Heart Association will be holding its first Heart Walk to benefit heart research and community programs such as free screening for blood pressure and cholesterol; and to print Chinese bilingual materials to prevent heart disease.

The 5K Heart Walk will be held on Saturday, October 2, 1993 beginning at 9 a.m. from Castelar School through the Civic Center, Little Tokyo, Olvera Street, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Park

and back to Chinatown where the Moon Festival/Street Fair will be taking place. It is an interesting cultural and historic walk into three ethnic communities; and it will promote walking as a viable way to exercise.

The Chinatown Heart Association would like to invite members to participate in the Walk (5K/3.1 miles). Free blood pressure and cholesterol screening will also be available at the site by the Chinatown Service Center with funds donated by the Pacific Alliance Medical Center Foundation. Flyers will be out soon to sign-up. For further information, call Marco Torres, American Heart Association at (213) 385-4231.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FALL DINNER COMMITTEE! Interested or want to find out more -- call Don Loo (310) 208-5382.

OUTREACH - Past President Angi Ma Wong has delivered her Chinese historical and cultural presentations to children enrolled in making the right connection. This summer program targets the high risk siblings and family members of gang members in South Central Los Angeles. The August performances were at St. Odelia Nativity and St. Columkill Schools.

Angi has been scheduled for a booksigning as an Asian American author at the Grand Opening of the Central Library downtown in October.

SMOOTH SAILING TO CHSSC MEMBER JOHNNY YEE - Johnny has been assigned to the American President Line Cargoliner M. V. President Kennedy Voyage #53. He will not be in port to help out with our summer activities. He's off to the high seas with ports of calls at Dutch Harbor (Alaska), Yokohama and Kobe (Japan), Puson (Korea), Kaohsieng (Taiwan), and Hong Kong (BCC). He's sorry to have missed the CHSSC picnic. On August 2, he was writing from San Francisco Bay. Take care and smooth sailing, Johnny!

THE REPEAL AND ITS LEGACY: A CONFERENCE ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPEAL OF THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACTS (November 12-14) - sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of America and San Francisco State University Asian American Studies Department to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the repeal. Conference commences Friday evening with "kickoff" activities and continuing into Saturday at SFSU. Saturday afternoon and evening agenda include a community open house and an optional banquet in SF Chinatown. Sunday's program comprises two round table sessions: community service organizations and Asian American Studies programs. The conference will serve as a forum to examine the various social, historical, political, and economic developments, both past and present, of Chinese exclusion and its repeal. This inquiry into the past and examination of the present will lead to a perspective for the future of America, ethnic, racial, and mainstream.

Pre-registration rates (before 10/15/93): General \$30,

students/seniors/panelists \$10. At the door registration: General \$50, students/seniors/panelists \$20. "Optional" Banquet \$35. For more information, contact Professor Marlon K. Hom, Conference Coordinator, Asian American Studies Department, SFSU, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132, (415) 338-7590 or fax (415) 338-1739.

FREE WORKSHOPS AND TUTORIAL ON USING COMPUTERS FOR HISTORY - The History Computerization Project of the Regional History Center of the University of Southern California and the Los Angeles City Historical Society offer a free one-day workshop, featuring hands-on training in the use of computer database management for historical research, writing, and cataloging. No prior computer experience is required. The workshops are held on the last Saturday of each month, except for holidays, at the USC Regional History Center, 3440 South Hope Street, LA, from 10:00 - 3:00. The workshops give organizations and researchers a chance to see how easy it can be to build an historical database, at no cost or obligation. The project is building a Regional History Information Network through which researchers and repositories can exchange information. For a current workshop schedule and a free copy of the tutorial, contact: History Computerization Project, 24851 Piuma Road, Malibu, CA 90265, (818) HISTORY, (818) 591-9371.

RUMMAGE SALE - Hold on! Begin collecting stuff for rummage sale. Don't throw or give away unwanted items for household or garage. Society hopes to have rummage sale during coming year and in the future. All kinds of wonderful things!

MEI WAH CLUB LUNCHEON / FASHION SHOW - "Fashion Kaleidoscope" - Sunday, September 26, 12:00 at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park. Cost: \$25. No-host cocktails 11:30-12:00 and after lunch. There will be drawings for prizes, prizes, prizes!! Come enjoy a fun afternoon! Make reservations early for a great lunch and show!! Raffles for prizes at the door or from your Mei Wah Rep. For flyers, tickets, raffles, or information, call in p.m. before September 17 -

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Beverly Picazo	(213) 757-0520
Florence Francis	(213) 665-2925
Lorraine Yee	(213) 222-3252
Elsie Wong	(213) 733-6432

Fashion show extravaganza featuring Kanojo -- fashions are not sold in stores. They are factory direct which means lower prices for higher quality. Open boutique shopping. Your purchases will assist Mei Wah charities which include Chinatown Library, Alpine Playground, Senior Service Center, Castelar Elementary School, high school scholarships, etc.

CONDOLENCES - Our condolences to Elsie Ho and family on the passing of her husband, Guy Ho. He was a dentist.



The Society sends its heartfelt sympathy to Ward Yee and family on the death of his uncle in Phoenix, Arizona and equally to Suellen Cheng and family on the sudden death of her father in Taiwan.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 31, 1993, for the late Rev. Philip Yung Lee. Rev. Lee served the ministry for 58 years. In his later years, he ministered at True Light Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles; San Gabriel (St. James) Presbyterian Church, San Gabriel; Chinese Presbyterian Church of South Bay, Torrance; and San Marino Community Church, San Marino. I, for one, will miss him and his Sunday sermons. What I enjoyed most is his talks with the little people, his beautiful singing, and his talent with musical instruments. I'm glad I had the opportunity to know him and for him to touch my life. In our life time, my husband and I had the opportunity to treat him to dinner on more than one occasion. I'm sure for many of you, as it is for us, he officiated at your wedding or some other happy as well as sad occasion(s). Family and friends will all miss him dearly. Our heartfelt thoughts and wishes are extended to his daughter and family.

If you would like, the Philip Y. Lee Memorial Fund has been established. All funds will be distributed to the mission interests served by Rev. Lee. This will be done at the instruction of the family. San Marino Community Church has agreed to serve as agent for the fund. If you wish to make a cash contribution, please make it payable to San Marino Community Church, 1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, CA 91108, and mark it "Lee Fund".

ROSEDALE CEMETERY TOURS - One hour docent guided tours of one of Los Angeles' oldest and most famous cemeteries. If you thought that history is dead, this tour will bring back to life many of the more famous and infamous pioneers and founders of this city. Space is limited! Advance ticket sales -- send check (\$6 per tour) to: West Adams Heritage Association, P. O. Box 38667, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

Added attaction: Tour of the Powers Mansion (11:00 - 1:00) - This 8,000 square feet abandoned mansion built in 1909 is completely in its original state. See the original period chandeliers, Tiffany stained glass windows, and tour the third floor ballroom to the servants quarters. Refreshments will be served at the reception on the terrace. Advanced reservations are required! \$6 per ticket.

Special savings -- cemetery tours and the mansion tour -- \$15. All tours leave from grave side check-in at Rosedale Cemetery, 1831 West Washington Boulevard, LA. Parking available in the cemetery. Information, call (213) 734-8820. [See calendar]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 26 **PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM BOOKSTORE** invites you to attend "Authors on Asia" with Eric Lawton (art photographer and visual artist) who will speak about and show

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slides from his book, The Soul of the World, a modern Book of Hours. The program is at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum Auditorium and it is free but reservations are suggested. Please call the Bookstore (818) 449-2742, extension 20.

- September 10 "Impressions of China" - BROOKS INSTITUTE OF PHOTOGRAPHY, 801 Alston Road, Santa Barbara. (805) 966-3888 or fax (805) 564-1475.
- September 15 CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Parking is available at Mandarin and Bamboo Plazas.
- September 18 "DYING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO?" "WOULD YOU KILL FOR SOME GOOD SCANDAL?" 4TH ANNUAL ROSEDALE CEMETERY TOUR presented by the L. A. Historical Society and the West Adams Heritage Association, 9:00 - 12:00.
- Tour 1: Scandals and Famous Women (9:00, 11:00)
Tour 2: Pioneers and Entrepreneurs (10:00, 12:00)
- September 23- EAST WEST PLAYERS present 1993/1994 Season of Women
November 14 "29 1/2 Dreams -- Women walking through walls" is a musical montage. This presentation is performed and written by women of Asian Pacific descent. They piece together a tapestry of their lives, examining the issues they face in the 90's through song, dance, comedy and drama. Questions? Call East West Players, (213) 660-0366 (Monday-Friday, 2:00-6:00)
- September 24 - 26 GREAT LEAP, INC. will present a three-day festival, "A Slice of Rice" at the L.A. Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdall Park in Hollywood. Call Great Leap, (213) 687-3948.
- September 26 MEI WAH CLUB LUNCHEON / FASHION SHOW
12:00 at Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park.
- October 2 5K AMERICAN HEART WALK CHINATOWN BRANCH
8:00 a.m. Registration; 9:00 a.m. Walk kick-off, Castelar School, College Street entrance.
- October 2 4th Annual CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL - L.A. Chinatown, noon to 10:00 p.m. Joining the celebration will be a list of entertainers and demonstrations by artisans from other ethnic groups. New to this year's celebration is the Street Fair. Call Chinese Chamber of Commerce, (213) 617-0396.
- October 3 (?) 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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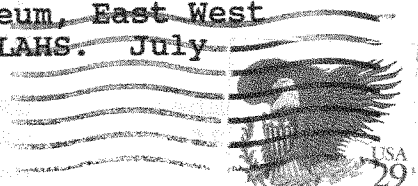
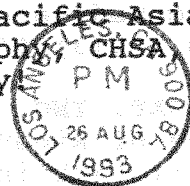
ANGELINO HEIGHTS FALL HOUSE TOUR - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
View the interior of the recently moved Foy house and 12 other turn of the century Los Angeles homes decorated in fall harvest themes. Enjoy a street fair, English Tea, foods, crafts, and exhibits of restoration products. Cost: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Mail your ticket requests to: Angelino Heights Community Organization, P. O. Box 86112 Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, CA 90086. Make check payable to: A.H.C.O. House Tour. For tour information, call (213) 250-2225 or Daniel Munoz (213) 250-2214.

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