



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Are we enjoying our summer? We certainly hope so. In case you're wondering, you didn't miss the June issue of News 'n Notes. There was none. Beginning with this issue, we will resume our normal mailing. During the summer "off" months, we may not always have our regular newsletter. It all depends on what business we have going.

Looking for weekend things to do? We have a few. Read on . . .

- . August 14 Annual CHSSC Picnic
- . August 29 Joint meeting with Jewish Historical Society
- . See calendar section

PLEASURES OF THE PICNIC (OR PASTORAL PLEASURES) - Are you going to the Society's Picnic Saturday, August 14? Those coming to the outdoor event at Alhambra Park in bucolic Alhambra will be offered hearty, fresh-grilled hot dogs or chicken with special sauce, baked beans, punch, cold sodas, potato salad for sustenance; a swimming pool, childrens' playground, tennis, or volleyball for some exercise (work off some of that food); and a wonderful opportunity to just sit and catch up with friends in these too-hurried times. Picnic opens at our sun-shaded Area C (you'll see our banner) at 11:00 and will wind down about 4:00. Bring \$5 (\$2.50 children under 12) or a dish serving 8-10. Highlight of the day will be the drawing of the three raffle prize winners at 2:00. Directions and parking information is on the attached flyer. Want an extra flyer to give to your friends or family? Call a member of the Picnic Committee -- Elmo Gambarana, Cy Wong, Sue Yee, Susan Dickson, Ella Quan, Catalina Wong, or Mary Mu -- but call NOW! Come and make this a memorable summer for you and your kids.

PICNIC RAFFLE DEADLINE - Members and friends are alerted: Picnic raffle stubs and checks are due back to the Ways & Means Committee by Friday, August 6 -- if you want to be included in the drawing of the three winning numbers at the Picnic, August 14. Send them to: Ways & Means Committee, CHSSC, P. O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647. Hope you're a winner!

SURVEY RESULTS IN? - If you're still holding on to that CHSSC Member Survey sheet mailed to you with News 'n Notes, and meant to fill it out and return, you're still in time -- barely. Sit right down for a few minutes to complete, then send it to the Ways & Means Committee soon. Lost or mislaid? Phone Ways & Means Committee members (Cy Wong, Elmo Gambarana, Sue Yee, Susan Dickson, Ella Quan, Catalina Wong, and Mary Mu) for an extra copy to meet the approaching deadline on August 14. We want to hear from you on

what you would want to see and enjoy, NOW!

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"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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A MUSEUM INITIATIVE - HR 1406

Have you been approached yet to sign one of those green-looking voter petition forms that some of our members have been taking out to the public recently? If not, listen closely: It's called the California Park & Wildlife Initiative, one that begins with registered voters signing their names and addresses to put a proposed state law on the June 1994 ballot. If passed by a majority of votes then, the state has allocated specific amounts of money for preservation of specific historic sites (museums, etc.), park lands and wildlife (zoos, etc.). These are the places that usually have been dropped out of state budgets each year.

The preservation of the historic Garnier Building in El Pueblo, home to many early Chinese, has been included. If passed, the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History stand to receive \$500,000 to restore the precious site.

But the Friends need not only your signature. Volunteers are still needed to go out and ask the public to sign. No sales talk or special persuasion is necessary. The cause is great and appealing enough that people have been signing. It's just that many signatures are needed to get the initiative on the ballot, and the more volunteers, the more signatures, and the sooner the required names can be obtained before a September deadline.

Special thanks to present volunteers: Randy Bloch, Mee Jin Chen, Suellen Cheng, Philip Cheng, Susan Dickson, Robin Dong, Susan Duran, Cindy Fong, Jim Fong, Lillian Fong, Nathan Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Wallace Huey, Elsie Inase, Jerry Jann, Robert and Edith Jung, Robert Kwan, Munson Kwok, Pearl Kwok, Robert Large, Wanda Leong, Dan and Esther Louie, Collin Lai, Sam Sik Low, Eugene Moy, Jean Bruce Poole, Ella Quan, George and Edith Sheu, George Tom, Alvin Wong, Cy Wong, Peggy Wong, Winston Wu, John Yee, Johnson Yee, and Sue Yee.

Please telephone Elmo Gambarana (213) 733-2927 or Suellen Cheng (213) 626-5240 to arrange for a short orientation and signing dates to specific places around L.A.

This is a wonderful chance for us to finally have our own museum in the original Chinatown, in our generation. Call today!

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

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THANK YOUS - CHSSC thanks the following volunteers at the Lotus Festival - Jim Fong, Elmo Gambarana, Cy Wong, Bob Large, Ella Quan, Elsie Inase, Wanda Leong, Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Pearl Kwok, Sue and Ward Yee, and Lillian Fong.

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FOR ALL HISTORIANS AND GENEALOGISTS - The following concerning records preservation may be of interest to you:

"The bill AB-2270-Caldera [asking that alkaline or "permanent" papers be used for the creation of all state records and publications] has passed out of the policy committee and is now headed for Assembly Ways & Means -- we invite friends of the State Archives and the State Library to write your Assembly member and State senator to voice their support for this important legislation.

Contact: Genevieve Troka (916) 773-3000 for copy of legislation or additional information." (California Originals, Spring 1993; Quarterly newsletter of the California State Archives)

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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!

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MEI WAH CLUB BENEFIT LUNCHEON / FASHION SHOW - Come spend an exciting and fun afternoon at the Mei Wah Club's Fashion Show and luncheon on Sunday, September 26 at noon. We have a new fashion designer, featuring a very interesting new line of clothing for the young and the more mature ladies. She will have oriental models and promises a nice surprise at the end of the show. There will be drawings for prizes, prizes, prizes!! Come enjoy a fun afternoon at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park. Cost: \$25. No-host cocktails 11:30-12:00 and after lunch. 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. -

Anna Chew (President)	(213) 851-4160
Beverly Picazo	(213) 757-0520
Florence Francis	(213) 665-2925
Lorraine Yee	(213) 222-3252
Elsie Wong	(213) 733-6432

Mei Wah charities include Chinatown Library, Alpine Playground, Senior Service Center, Castelar School, high school scholarships, etc.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Please add the following additions/changes to your CHSSC Roster:

Marie W. L. Chee 218 North Sierra Vista, #C Monterey Park, CA 91755 818 - 307-0477	Tom McDannold 5164 Shenandoah Street Ventura, CA 93003 (old: 726 Tuolumne Avenue, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360)
Guy and Elsie Ho 2466 Inverness Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90027 213 - 666-4710	Kui Yi Zheng 7137 North Rosemead Boulevard, #10 San Gabriel, CA 91775
Howard Heung Wing Liu 900 Parklin Avenue Sacramento, CA 93831 (old: 500 Landfair Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024)	

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Thank you for your generous **DONATIONS** to the CHSSC:

- . \$250 from L. A. Chinatown Firecracker Run Committee.
- . \$ 15 from Marie Chee, new member. (Welcome, Marie!)

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DOROTHY'S BACK - Members may remember reading/hearing about Dorothy Siu's fractured hip accident last January 29, her sudden return to Kaiser Hospital with painful fluid buildup in her body last May 21,

but may not have heard about her being sent back to the hospital with a recurrence of the same condition last June 9. She's come home-sweet-home July 9 (a month later) after a few weeks rest-and-therapy at a convalescent center stay in between. Happy to report she's getting better every day, though needs help in walking or standing for any length of time. Dorothy looks forward to coming back to a meeting soon. **Dorothy ... We all wish you a speedy and complete recovery.** By the way, Dorothy welcomes your visit and telephone calls (213) 734-7518.

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Contact the CHSSC Office (213) 621-3171 if you are interested in **A Guide to Historical Outings in Southern California** by Gloria Ricci Lothrop, Ph.D. Cost: \$5.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 5-21** **MERGING ONE GALLERY** presents Linco Chow "The Beating Heart of the Dragon" - reception: August 6 (6:00-9:00 p.m.), Artist's lecture: August 8, 2:00 p.m. Contact: Merging One Gallery, 1547 Sixth Street, Santa Monica, (310) 395-0033.
- August 14** **NISEI WEEK JAZZ FESTIVAL** sponsored by the Japanese Village Plaza, 1:00-4:00 p.m. FREE. Information: call (213) 620-8861.
- thru** **EAST WEST PLAYERS** presents "Beside Myself,"
August 15 a new one-woman show written by and starring Amy Hill. For more information, call (213) 660-0366.
- August 18** **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.
- August 19** **ASIAN BUSINESS LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** will hold its **first Orange County Networking Reception** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Center Club, 650 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa. Admission: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Hors d'oeuvres will be served; \$3 validated parking available. For more information, call Naomi Kuromoto, (213) 626-5837.
- August 21** Visual Communications presents **CHILIVISIONS VII** - 4:30 p.m. chili cook-off and feed with celebrity judges and 7:30 p.m. pioneering visions film screening at JACCC, Japan America Theatre, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles (Little Tokyo). RSVP before August 13.
For tickets/information:
Visual Communications (213) 680-4462
Japan America Theatre (213) 680-3700

- August 27** "Road to Recovery" - 11th Annual CPSA Fundraising Dinner - Ocean Seafood Restaurant, 747 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown. No-host reception 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$50, \$100, and \$150 per person. The Chinatown Public Safety Association is a non-profit crime prevention and public safety organization. The fundraiser is to allow conference room to be used free upstairs. For more information, contact Tom Eng (310) 826-6084.
- 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 BENEFIT LUNCHEON / FASHION SHOW 12:00 at Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park.
- October 2** 4th Annual CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL - L.A. Chinatown, noon to 10:00 p.m. Joining in 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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 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.

Special thanks to contributors in this issue: Elmo Gambarana, Florence Francis, Asian Business League, Christie Bourdet, Ella Quan, and Tom Eng. May N 'n N mailing volunteer: Yours truly!