



# NEWS 'n NOTES

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**FEBRUARY 1994**

### PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 2, 1994 - 7:30 p.m.  
Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room  
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown

### "THE EIGHT IMMORTALS; CHINESE AMERICAN PLACENAMES"

Speaker: Dr. Tom McDannold

The recent discoveries by Tom McDannold, past President of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, since an earlier presentation.

In the last two years, more placenames have been researched and this discussion focuses on eight individuals and how they came to be immortalized in placenames. This slide-illustrated lecture is recent findings of his research.

The term Chinese placename represents a formalized record of Chinese presence on the land. Tom has travelled throughout California identifying Chinese placenames. In addition, Tom will explain that Chinese placenames usually reflect non-Chinese perception of the Chinese.

As cultural conditions have changed, so do the giving of Chinese placenames. Placenames are no longer concerned with associating locations or geographic areas with the Chinese. Instead, they reflect individuals and their contributions to society. The placenames are notable because they represent an official memorialization of the Chinese contribution by entities such as federal, state, and local governments.

Dr. Tom McDannold is past President of CHSSC. He is Chair of the Earth Science Department at Ventura College. He teaches geography, geology, meteorology, and ... His talk this evening will be a continuation of the further research since the 1992 Conference of Chinese Americans.

**"BRUSHSTROKES OF OLD CHINATOWN"** (March 18-April 21) - This exhibit is presented by the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument and the Friends of the Museum of Chinese American History, and co-sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. It features over 30 beautiful and original paintings depicting Los Angeles' Old Chinatown. The selected works reveal life in Old Chinatown from about 1920-1940. Also on display are the famous kites created and painted by Tyrus Wong. Original works by Tyrus Wong, Leo Politi, Martin Jackson, Florence Young, Gilbert Leong, Joseph Weisman, and Sally Wheeler (Mill) were collected from family, Pomona College, and the Society.

The El Pueblo Gallery is open daily 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free. For information, please call (213) 680-2525 or 626-5240.

**SOCIETY BANNER** - Anyone who knows whereabouts of the small CHSSC banner, please contact Ella Quan (213) 255-6487.

**DEADLINE FOR CHSSC SCHOLARSHIP** - Once a year, CHSSC offers scholarship to students pursuing Chinese-American studies.

Qualifications include presently a full time student with Sophomore or Junior standing at an accredited college or university in Southern California, a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0, and taking relevant course work in Chinese-American studies within the humanities or social sciences.

Completed applications/supporting documents must be submitted to the Chinese Historical Society (CHSSC), Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647, postmarked no later than March 4. Finalists will be contacted for an interview.

For more information/application forms, students are asked to contact their college's financial aid office or the CHSSC by writing to the address above or calling (213) 621-3171.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - Thank you, Dr. and Mrs. Gene David for your \$30 donation to the fund.

**VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA'S CHINA PROJECT** needs volunteer experts for limited assignments in China.

Volunteers of America is recruiting volunteer experts for humanitarian service in China. Assignments range from two weeks to six months. Roundtrip air, ground transportation and accommodations are provided. Retirees are welcome and spouses may accompany either as volunteers themselves or at their own expenses.

Volunteers of America is a non-profit human service organization that, since 1986, has dedicated itself to serving America's "tired, poor and huddled masses". Today, the organization has

more than 6,000 staff and many thousand more volunteers in some 300 communities nationwide with new outreach to Russia and China. THIS YEAR, TRY A MORE MEANINGFUL WORKING VACATION. YOU'LL COME HOME WITH A LOT MORE!

For information about how you can lend your expertise to become an Ambassador of Goodwill through the Volunteers of America, please contact: Kiphan Kan (310) 215-3703.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** are January 1-December 31 of the current year ... Hurry! Renew today! Don't be caught by surprise. To avoid being left out of the Society's mailings, pay your dues NOW! The rates are: Individual \$25 and additional member of the same household \$10, Contributing/Senior \$10, Life \$300, Institutional \$50, Corporate \$100, and Life Patron \$1,000. (The rates are incorrect in the Gum Saan Journal.)

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS** - The Society would like to welcome this distinguished group of **NEW MEMBERS** who joined us recently: Julia I. Lee; Steven R. Gee; Annie and Walter B. Lee; Lucille Choy; Nancy Yee; Judy Joe; Cynthia D. Lee; Flora Chuck; Dennis S. Y. Ng; Kaz Takeuchi; James, Amelia, Roderick, and Venetia Mar (all from San Diego); Pauline Renee Wong; Pauline Soo Hoo; Elaine Quan; Jane J. Fong; and Susan Fong-Duran ... WELCOME! And congratulations to Life members -- Catalina Wong and Jim Fong!

In celebration of the Chinese New Year -- the Year 4692 -- "Year of the Dog", on February 12, the **Little King and Queen Contest** was held at Castelar School. We are pleased to announce that reigning as our Little King is **Matthew Ryan Quan**, the son of Richard and Virginia Quan and the grandson of Ella Quan. (Good show, my man!)

**REVISED BYLAWS** - For a copy, please contact Ella Quan (213) 255-6487.

**LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN HERITAGE AND VISITORS' CENTER** (a project proposed by CHSSC) - At the February 16 CHSSC Board Meeting, a motion was made that the Board approve the concept and submit it to the general membership for discussion and approval for a membership vote. An amended motion was made to send out prior information ahead of time to the membership. (**Note:** There will be a separate mailing of this information to the general membership. Please study it! This item will be discussed at a future monthly general meeting.)

**REFRESHMENTS** - Thank you, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Lillian Fong, Ruth Lung, Lucille Choy, Catalina Wong, Isobel Lew, and Munson Kwok for the delicious refreshments at our February 2 general meeting. And thank you for the home picked fruits -- Ella Quan (tangerines) and Dorothy Siu (lemons). Thanks for sharing!

**GREETINGS FROM** ... Helen Morrison and Elsie Wong ... While the Chinatown Street Fair was going on February 5-6,

popular member **Helen Morrison** was transferred to Queen of Angels -- Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center on February 6 for what appears to be a heart irregularity as well as an obstruction in her digestive tract. She was in the Coronary Unit where her heart was being monitored. We are pleased to say that she is no longer in ICU but is in room 38A at the Chalet (recovery section of the hospital). Visiting hours are 11 am to 8 pm. Helen would be very happy to see or hear from her friends and fellow Society members during her hospital confinement. Get well soon, Helen! We're thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery!

Good news! Member **Elsie Wong** left the hospital in Torrance on January 26 to stay with her sister's family. (Which one?) She can be reached there. Welcome home, Elsie! Wishing you well!

**THE SOCIETY OUT ON THE STREET** - The CHSSC had a booth at the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, February 5-6, along North Broadway from Sunset Boulevard to Alpine Street. Society volunteers passed out literature and sold a few articles along the two block barricaded off to motor traffic, as crowds of family groups strolled by from 10 am to 6 pm past the blue and white canopied shelters, looking over clothes, plants, business and political services separated by food booths and kiddie amusements. El Pueblo Historical Park graciously loaned us its free-standing SPECTRUM photograph exhibit Saturday as an attraction.

We are grateful to member volunteers **Elmo Gambarana**, **Suellen Cheng**, **Susan Dickson**, **Jim Fong**, **Munson Kwok**, **Bob Large**, **Marjorie Lee**, **Ella Quan**, and **Cy Wong**.

And just as **Elmo** had announced at the February general meeting ... it did not rain on both days!

**"WE CAME, WE SAW, WE STAYED -- STORIES OF LOS ANGELES"** - **Kathleen Coyne** needs your help! **Kathleen** has received a Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department personal artist's grant to lead a series of theater workshops at Angeles Plaza, 255 Hill Street, Los Angeles. Workshops are free on Tuesdays (2:00-4:00 pm), 4th floor auditorium. The workshops will culminate in a performance piece entitled, "We Came, We Saw, We Stayed -- Stories of Los Angeles". It will be done at Angeles Plaza in April. No previous theatrical experience is necessary to participate.

This program will be incomplete without stories of Chinese Americans, since they are an important part of the historical heritage of Los Angeles. Immigrants are what make America great and without the contributions of immigrants, the United States would not be as rich as it is.

**Kathleen** invites all seniors who may have an interest in theater to participate either by attending the workshops or by being interviewed for stories which may be included in the performance

piece. Kathleen is interested in ordinary lives of Chinese Americans who have immigrated or whose parents have immigrated to the United States. She can be reached at (213) 878-0759.

**CHINESE AMERICA: HISTORY AND PERSPECTIVES 1994** -- an annual journal of the Chinese Historical Society of America - 225 pages, \$15. For further information and/or a review copy, please contact Ruthanne Lum McCunn (415) 282-6627.

**COLD TOFU** ... an evening of laughs and improv, on Friday, February 25 and March 25 (7:30 pm) at the Japanese American National Museum, 369 East First Street, Los Angeles. Cost: \$2/JANM members; \$6/non-members. Reservations required! Please call (213) 625-0414.

**ASIAN BUSINESS LEAGUE** hosts International Investment Forum on Thursday, March 10, 6 pm at the Hilton Hotel, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, downtown Los Angeles. Cost: \$20/ABL members, \$25/non-members, \$30 at the door. RSVP: (213) 626-5837 or information, (310) 285-6882. The focus of the evening will be on demographic changes, investment climate and economic trends in Asia and Latin America.

**FREE DATABASE TUTORIAL AND WORKSHOPS** - The History Computerization Project now offers free workshops and a printed tutorial on the use of computer database management for historical research, writing, and cataloguing. Those unable to attend the workshops can still obtain the 80-page workshop tutorial by mail. For a current workshop schedule/free copy of the tutorial, contact: History Computerization Project, 24851 Piuma Road, Malibu, CA 90265, (818) HISTORY, (818) 591-9371.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 27:** 16th Annual 1K/5K/10K Firecracker Run (8:30 am)  
(Corner of North Broadway and College Streets, LA Chinatown)

**March 6:** Los Angeles Marathon (7 am - Cathay Bank, LA Chinatown)  
For information, contact Gene Moy (818) 289-2067.

**March 12-13:** Bok Kai Festival (Marysville)  
\*\*\*\*\* Society trip March 11-13 \*\*\*\*\*

**March 16:** CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 pm, CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Parking is available at Mandarin and Bamboo Plazas.

**April 23:** CHSSC Spring Dinner (6:30 pm) - Ming Pavilion (formerly Golden Palace Restaurant), LA Chinatown. Raffle donations appreciated. More details forthcoming! Mark your calendar!!

**August 19-20:** National Conference: "From Memories to Aspirations: The Chinese American Experience" Ala Moana Hotel,

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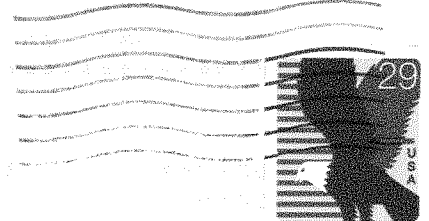
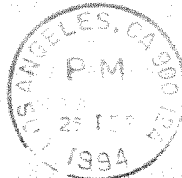
Honolulu, Hawaii (Note: For information/forms, contact Munson Kwok (310) 645-1369.)

September 17-18: 5th Annual Chinese Moon Festival

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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. If necessary to call regarding CHSSC business, please call before 9:00 p.m., Sunday thru Thursday.

Special thanks to contributors in this issue: Elmo Gambarana, Jim Fong, Kiphan Kan, Lillian Fong, Susan Dickson, Tom McDannold, Ella Quan, Ruthanne Lum McCunn, Kathleen Coyne, and ABL. Last month's mailing volunteers: Mike Tsao and yours truly!

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