



NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Appreciation of our Chinese American heritage * A non-profit organization *
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1995-96 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 1996

President Irvin Lai
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Membership Secretary Cy Wong

PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 3, 1996

Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room

840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown

(Park on playground. Enter on College Street)

DIRECTORS

Randall Bloch
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Susan Dickson
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Winifred Lew
Ruth Lung
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EAST COAST

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE - 1944-1963

by

PAUL LOUIE

Preparing for China or America, obeying my parents or trusting myself, family loyalty or individual pursuits, exploring Christian faith or other life philosophies -- these were key topics among Chinese youth during 1944 to 1963 at the summer east coast CCYC (Chinese Christian Youth Conference).

Paul Louie, its first chairman, will tell about this clone of the Tahoe west coast summer conference. Slides and memorabilia will be shown.

Paul is working with the Museum of the Chinese in the Americas (New York City) in collecting images and publicity about this east coast activity and would be happy to know about pictures and other items any person may have or wish to share at the meeting.

CORRECTIONS to BUILDING FUND DONORS. Several months ago, we omitted recognizing a donation by Ray Peter, \$50. The donation of \$500, attributed to Stanton Mu, should actually be attributed to Stanley Mu, Stanford Mu, Stanton Mu, and Lilly V. Lee. Thanks to all these loyal members and friends.

HELP WANTED! The Society's Finance and Assets Committee is looking for anyone willing to work on bookkeeping and accounting matters, helping to track its many projects and programs. It would help if you are familiar with office computer tools such as Microsoft Office or the equivalent. Call Munson Kwok, (310) 645-1369.

THANK YOU to the following for their special treats at the March meeting: Lillian Fong, Margie Lew, Ruth Lung, Christine Yee Hollis, and Syliva Soo Hoo. Special thanks to Bob Lee who supplied us with the slide projector and carousel for our monthly meeting.

Looking for long range financial stability has become an increasingly crucial priority of the Society's Finance and Assets Committee. Future planning is especially important now that the Chinatown Heritage and Visitors Center is a reality. So far the F & A committee has suggested two areas of action: Expand the Society's programs, especially for education and community service; Reorganize the Society's corporate structure. Pres. Irvin Lai and the Board of Directors have moved to carry out some of the suggestions.

The chief motivation for reorganization is the Society's enormous growth in less than two years, increasing in assets by five times and increasing in size of programs and major projects by at least three times. This level of activity begins to make the society more of a non-profit business and less of a purely volunteers' outfit, by necessity of the magnitude, the daily demands, responsibilities, and complexity of operations and administration. Our current structure is geared to a wholly volunteer group that meets about once a month. For the new Visitors Center to realize its full potential, community services, tours, and educational programs will have to be offered daily soon, and this means, probably, some paid staffing. To ready ourselves for this great future, the 1996 Bylaws Committee has been appointed by Pres. Lai to study improvements in the corporate structure.

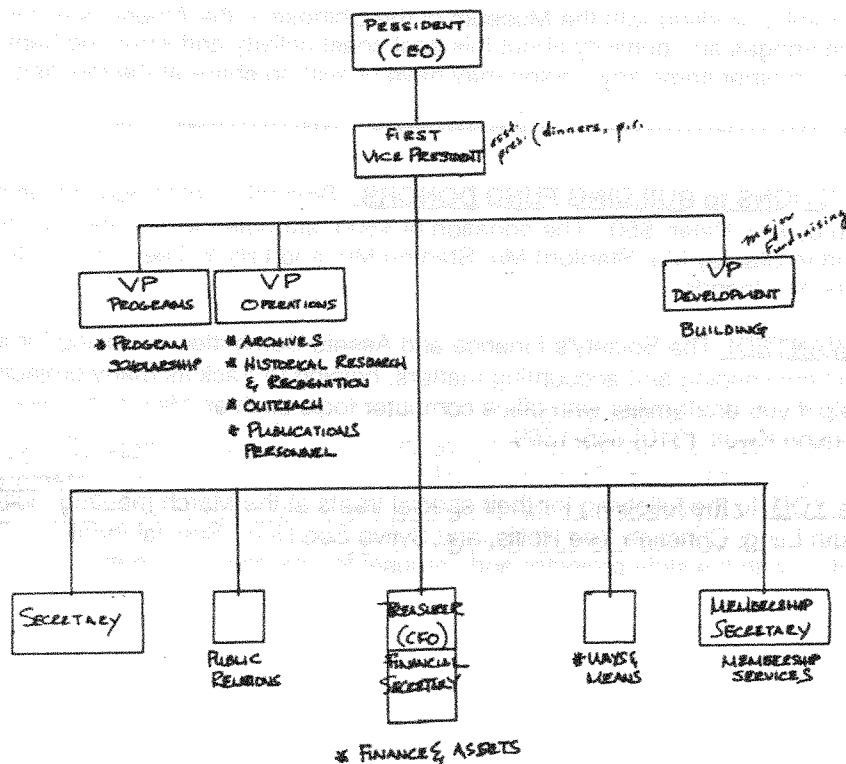
The Committee is likely to recommend to the Board of Directors and you, the membership, that the Board of Directors be enlarged slightly to provide the addition of three more high officers: a First vice President to assist the President, a Vice President for Operations to handle day-to-day projects and administration, and a Vice President for Development to deal with large capital projects and major fundraising. The burden of work and responsibility is sufficiently high that it is conceivable that such key officers, and the Secretary and Treasurer, may be at least partially compensated in the foreseeable future. And it is possible some of these new officers may not come directly from the membership because of certain required special expertise.

Committee and Board Members certainly would welcome comments on these ideas promptly. New Bylaws will be presented for your consideration soon. The Bylaws Committee includes Munson Kwok, chair, (310)645-1369, Elmo Gambarana, Franklin Mah, Ella Quan, and Johnny Yee. You can also discuss ideas with Pres. Irvin Lai, (213)735-1331.

Rationales for changing the bylaws:

- Society activities, programs, business growing nearly unmanageable
- No succession plan!

The pressures of growth lead to reorganization along key needs or activity groupings:



Proposed Bylaws Revisions
Amended in Board Motion 03/20/96.

BYLAWS

Article VII, New Section 3b and 3c.

- b. The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, incapacity or resignation of the President. This Officer shall assist the President as directed.
- c. The Vice President for Programs shall chair the Program Committee. *This officer shall be responsible for the development of all programs for the Society, including educational programs.*

Article VII, New Section 3d.

- d. The Vice President for Development shall be responsible for the development of all major capital projects and assets of the Society. This officer has the chief responsibility for major fundraising in support of development efforts.

Article VII, New Section 3e.

- e. The Vice President for Operations shall be responsible for the daily operations of the Society's administration and projects. This officer shall have oversight responsibilities for the Archives, Historical Research and Recognition, Outreach, and Publications Committees. This officer shall develop personnel requirements and shall supervise paid and voluntary administrative staff.

Article VII, New Section 3... (labelling only).

- f. Secretary; g. Treasurer; h. Financial Secretary; i. Membership Secretary; j. All officers shall perform other duties as provided by the bylaws or as required by the Board of Directors.

Article VII, Section 1. Officers.

- a. In order of succession, the officers shall be, the President, First Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- b.(1). The President, *First* Vice President, and Secretary can serve for a maximum of two (2) consecutive service periods...

Article VI, Section 1. *Qualifications and Composition.*

When taking office, members of the Board of Directors must be Society members in good standing. The officers and directors-at-large together shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Article VI, Section 2. Number.

The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than thirteen (13) members and no more than nineteen (19) members.

Article VI, Add Section 8. Restriction on Interested Persons as Directors.

No more than 49% of the persons serving on the Board of Directors may be interested persons. An interested person is (a) any person compensated by the corporation for services rendered to it within the last 12 months, whether as a full-time or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation paid to a Director as a Director; and (b) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law or father-in-law of such a person. However, any violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any transaction entered into by the corporation.

Article VI, Add Section 9. Compensation and Reimbursement

Directors and members of committees may receive such compensation, if any, for their services and such reimbursement of expenses, as directors or officers, as the Board may determine by resolution to be just and reasonable to the corporation at the time that the resolution is adopted. The resolution is to be passed by a two-thirds vote of the full Board of Directors.

STANDING RULES

NEW ARTICLE IV. RULES FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT for DEVELOPMENT.

A major capital project or asset is construed to be one exceeding \$5,000 in the aggregate. A major fundraiser is construed to be one exceeding a projected gross of \$15,000.

WANTED: MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS for a documentary special for ABC, scheduled to air in time for Mother's Day, 1997. Patricia Richardson, star of ABC's "Home Improvement," will host. To help capture the richness and diversity of the mother/daughter relationship in America, ABC is looking for mothers and daughters of privilege and of poverty; of every color, shape and age; in rural settings and in urban environments. They are also looking for home movies and old family photographs. If interested, call Pamela or Colleen at 310-205-3444.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday
March 24, 1996
12 - 4 pm

OPEN HOUSE AT 411 Bernard Street

Come for a visit.

Saturday
March 30, 1996
8 am - 2:30 p.m.
Biltmore Hotel

SETTING YOUR OWN AGENDA FOR THE '90'S - Sessions on Marketing Skills, Money Management, and Computer Trends. Sponsored by Affirmative Action Association for Women. For info, call Linda 213-847-8386.

Wednesday
April 3, 1996
6:30 pm

WORLD WAR II VETS INTERVIEWS

Castelar School, Multipurpose Room

Wednesday
April 3, 1996
7:30 pm

CHSSC's MONTHLY MEETING

Castelar School, Multipurpose Room

Tuesday
April 9, 1996
3 pm - 9 pm

WILD THYME - Bring your family and friends to Wild Thyme in South Pasadena for a fundraising dinner for the Society. See attached flyer.

Friday
April 12, 1996
8 am - 5 pm

8th ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY RESEARCH HOUND TABLE - Cal State University, Los Angeles
For information, call George Umezawa (213)343-3383.
Students \$10, All others \$15.

JIM CUMMINGS. The Society sends deepest sympathy to the family of Jim Cummings. Jim passed away on Saturday, March 23.

Always a devoted and dedicated member of CHSSC, Jim served on the Board for several years, and participated in the selection of the Society's logo. He faithfully attended the monthly meetings with his wife, Ruth, until her death 18 years ago.

Jim attended many of the Society's events and field trips including the Golden Spike Centennial celebration on September 5, 1976 at Lang Station in the Newhall Saugus area, and the groups' first trip to Fiddletown in the Mother Lode country on October 8-10, 1977.

For the Chinese New Year parade each year, Jim and his trusting truck transported dozens of American flags on loan from the Monterey Park Lions Club. On the side of the truck were signs stating "JIM CUMMINGS-LIVE STEAM (he was a railroad buff and belonged to a steamed locomotive organization).

Jim was a charter member of CHSSC, and a dedicated participant from the beginning. His booming voice, his jolly disposition and especially his great devotion to this Society will be sorely missed.

MARJORIE ONG. We must report with regret the recent passing of long time member Marjorie Ong. As a young woman, Marge served as the Secretary of the Los Angeles Chinatown Corporation in its founding days. Her name is on the large brass plaque honoring the founders of New Chinatown, which is located in Central Plaza. We believe she is the only woman listed, and was practically the last living eyewitness to that exciting time when New Chinatown was planned and created. The Society expresses sincere condolences to her surviving family members.

ENJOY A GREAT DINNER AND HELP A TERRIFIC CAUSE!

CHSSC MEMBERS & FRIENDS:
This is our second Charity Night
at Wild Thyme Cafe/Bakery. We had
great success on our first.....
Please mark your calendar on
Tuesday, 4/9. Invite your friends
& family for dinner or dessert to
support this CHSSC event!

meal in a warm,
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EARN PERHAPS
OF DOLLARS FOR

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California to benefit Special Projects

Amazing! A fund-raising event where
you can just relax and enjoy delicious
dining with those close to you and then
**PAY YOUR CHECK AND TIP AND
KNOW THAT YOU'VE
ASSISTED YOUR GROUP
TO MEET ITS
FINANCIAL GOAL.
FOR RESERVATIONS
PLEASE CALL
SYLVIA (213) 221-5573**

(RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED
BUT NOT REQUIRED)

Bring your family and friends
to dine at

WILD THYME
CAFE and BAKERY

Wild Thyme Cafe & Bakery at
805 Fair Oaks in South Pasadena

Tuesday Night,
April 9, 1996
3-9 PM

Wild Thyme is located on Fair Oaks @ Hope St.
(between Pasadena Frwy 110 and Mission St.)
From Pasadena Frwy, use FAIR OAKS off-ramp.
Proceed south 1 long block, R.H. side.

Fabulous gourmet-preparation
and wildly imaginative food combina-
tions are waiting for you. Cozy cafe atmos-
phere and a fascinating menu will delight your
family and friends.

We offer incredible giant Brittany crepes and the
latest in pastas, pizzas and salads are served-up long-
side inventive beef, chicken and seafood entrees.
The service and surroundings are up-scale and European
cafe-friendly, but nothing on this menu exceeds \$9.95.
We cater to tykes of all sizes, too.

Come join us. We'll help you meet your fund-raising goals
in great style.



Reserve your seats
NOW!

\$35 per person

We need 350 attendees to raise \$5,000 for
Phase II of the Shrine Preservation

Empress Pavilion

6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 17, 1996

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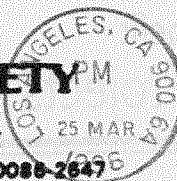
SAVE THE DATE!

NEWS & NOTES DEADLINE: All articles must be in to the P.O. Box by the 15th of the
month to be included in that month's News & Notes.



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