

NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Appreciation of our Chinese American heritage * A non-profit organization * P.O. Box 862647, Los Angeles, CA 90086-2647 (213) 621-3171

AUGUST 1997

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WELCOME BACK!

Wednesday, September 3 1997

NOTE: 7:00 P.M.-SOCIAL HOUR 7:30 P.M. - BUSINESS & PROGRAM

Castelar School - Multipurpose Room 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown (Park on playground. Enter on College Street) between Hill and Yale Streets

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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When Speaking Chinese Doesn't Help: an American 's View of the Chinese Bureaucracy.

Gene Cooper

For our first program of the 1997-98 fiscal year, Gene Cooper will regale us with tales of his adventures with Chinese bureaucracy, the subject of a new book which Gene has completed and hopes to publish next year.

Gene is an Associate Professor at the University of Southern California and has taught at USC since 1988. He has been an active member of CHSSC for many years and is now serving as chairman of the Historic Research & Recognition Committee, chairman of the Artifacts subcommittee, as well as a Board Member. He has also taught at the University of Pittsburg and at the University of Hong Kong.

WELCOME NEW 1997 MEMBERS: Chusien Chang, Phil Ethington, Valerie Fong, Gilbert Hom, Mae Hom, Sojin Kim, John Kuderna, George G. Lee, Yukie & David Lee, Alexander Lock, Mary Moore, Georgia Woo Oswald, Doris Chan Parker, Gertrude Paul, Alice Quock, Lynda Schmidt, June & Dr. John Thomson, Pamela Tom, Jasmin & Mark Tung, UCLA Serial Dept/URL, USC/Asian Pacific American Students Services, and Adeline Yoong.

<u>CHSSC SCHOLARSHIP DONATION: Active member Thomas A. McDannold and past CHSSC president donated \$1,000.00 to our Scholarship Fund in memory of his mother who always believed in education.</u>

WANTED !!!!

--Members to serve on the November 7th Dinner Committee
Call Susan Dickson, 818-792-8454, 213-621-3171

--\$25 and over Raffle Prizes for November 7th Fundraising Dinner Call Susan Dickson, 818-792-8454, 213-621-3171

--Editor for monthly News 'n Notes

Leave message at 213-621-3171

--- Coordinate Walking Tours

Leave message at 213-621-3171

1997-98 NOMINATION SLATE: The slate of officers and members of the Board of Directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee is as follows. Elections will also be held at the Sept. 3rd meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. However, prior consent must have been obtained from the candidate before the name is announced.

1997-98 Recommended Slate: President

Jeffrey Tung

1st Vice President

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Board of Directors to be elected:

Randall Bloch Eugene Cooper Elmo Gambarana Munson A. Kwok

Susan Dickson Henrietta Yuan

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Board of Directors, incumbents:

Irvin Lai Winifred L. Lew Eugene Wong Moy Ben Nakayama

LOTUS FESTIVAL Due to some mixup, CHSSC was not represented at the Lotus Festival with an information booth this year. Each year the Festival grows and more organizations are anxious for booths. Hopefully, next year, CHSSC will be able to get a booth to greet the public with information about our Society.

The City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Dept. Festival celebrated its 20th year by recognizing some of the founders of the Festival. Among those receiving certificates and plaques were the original founders of the Festival: Sumi Haru, Jan Landrum, Ella Quan, Judith Wilder and the late Helen Young (son Hobart accepted on her behalf).

S.S. LANE LANE CRUISE... On July 12th, Johnny Yee and close to 20 CHSSC members, family and friends enjoyed a one-day cruise into the past: June Behren and family from Santa Barbara, Jack Carraher, Elsie Inase and family, Dawes Lee, Albert Lew, Johnny Yee, and Nancy Zaun. There was a live band, "Yellow Houn Dawg Blues" by Bob Simpson with tunes and songs from the '30s and '40s. They relived the excitement of World War II when the ship was attacked by a squad of Nazi aircraft and the Navy gun crew leapt into action with guns blasting away and planes diving and swooping towards the ship. Knowing that the ship would fight back, the planes disappeared into the sunset......letting the ship proceed back to San Pedro in a "Well Done Manner."

COMING EVENTS

Saturday September 6 An annual event The Alma and the Historic boats will line the pier. Oakland School Districts Traditional Chinese Instrument Musicians and the Dragon Dancers will perform. Fish Print Tee Shirts will be available for a fund-raiser project. China Camp has been given a replica of a vessel used in the 1870s. The 3/4 scale sampan is one of the six types of vessels used by Chinese fishermen on San Pablo Bay. For info, call Bill Cox, 415-454-8954.

Saturday September 6 A VISIT WITH THE NEIGHBORS, WEST ADAMS / SCARFF

A walking tour led by Prof. Merry Ovnick of CSU Northridge, will begin in L. A. City Historical Society the courtyard of the Auto Club at Figueroa and West Adams. Three homes (built in 1886, 1900, & 1912), one church (1908) and the Auto Club (1923) will welcome tourists for a brief look at their interiors. Tour limited to 35, by reservation only. Info, call Irene 213-936-2912. 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday September 9 3:00-9:00 p.m.

CHSSC FUNDRAISER CHARITY NIGHT Bring the whole family and/or your friends to enjoy a great Italian meal and help earn much-needed funds for a great organization. Carmine's, 424 Fair Oaks Ave., So. Pasadena. 818-799-2266.

Saturday September 13 5:00 p.m.

FUN RAISER AND FUN TIME BARBECUE

Live Cajun & Zydeco Music by Acadiana (one of six bands invited to participate in the 1997 Long Beach Cajun Music Festival. Museum Patio, 115 N. Lomita St. enter thru parking lot off Clark St. \$18 per person. Info, Call 818-841-6333.

Friday September 19 6:30 p.m.

26th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Empress Pavilion Restaurant, 988 North Hill St., Chinatown RSVP by Sept. 8. (213)253-0880.

Sunday September 21 1-4 p.m.

ANNUAL CENTINELA ADOBE FIESTA Fun for all ages. FREE admission, FREE parking. Historical exhibits & demonstrations, entertainment, pan dulce, tortillas, pinatas, high schools, alumni center. Centinela Adobe Complex, 7634 Midfield, Westchester. For info, call 213-291-6353

Wednesday September 24 11:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARDS LUNCHEON Historical Society of Southern California Honoree: Jack Smith, L.A. Times columnist \$60 per person, RSVP by Sept. 17

Biltmore Hotel Gold Room, 506 S. Grand Ave., L. A.

Friday-Sunday October 3-5

CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES Siskiyou County Historical Society, 910 S.Main St., Yreka 96097 Walking tour, Miner St.; banquet, Miners Inn Convention Center; buffet breakfast, Forest House; Blue Goose Steam Train ride; Mt. Shasta, tour of South county. For info: 916-842-3836.

Saturday October 4 Noon-5:00 p.m.

18TH ANNUAL MOON FESTIVAL

Sponsored by Taoist Temple Preservation Society

China Alley, Hanford, CA

Food, crafts, displays and tours of the Temple and Museum. Entertainment: Lion Dancers & The Fresno Gumyu Taiko.

FREE. For info, call 209-584-3236.

Friday-Sunday October 10-12

FIFTH CONFERENCE ON THE CHINESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

"Where is Home? Chinese in the Americas." New York University, 100 Washington Square East

CHSSC members Suellen Cheng, Munson Kwok, Marji Lee will be

among the many presenters.

For info, call Ms. Thuy Linh Nguyen Tu, 212-998-3696.

e-mail: tnt4204@is4.nyu.edu. www.nyu.edu/pages/apa.studies

Friday-Sunday October 10-12

1997 CHINESE-AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE "Rising Above the Myths: Defining the Chinese-American Destiny" Harvard-Radcliffe Chinese Students Association, Cambridge, MA

For info, call 215-675-9338; FAX 610-292-0618

Wednesday October 22 6:00 p.m. Regal Biltmore Hotel

A SHOWCASE for OUR HISTORY: Celebrating the New Achievers

Museum of Chinese American History

First Annual "Historymakers" Awards Gala Banquet. A Major Fundraiser in support of the Museum at Los Angeles' El Pueblo Historical Monument. For info / reservations, call David Lang (213) 239-6688.

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

Friday, November 7 - CHSSC's FALL FUNDRAISING DINNER **Empress Pavilion**

Saturday, November 8 - VETERAN'S TRIBUTE / BOOK RECEPTION Patriotic Hall, downtown L. A.

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



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August 8, 1997

Dear Members and Friends:

The Chinese Memorial Shrine Preservation Project stands complete and the Shrine is fully restored; we hope you were among those attending our completion ceremony this June 28th.

The project was accomplished in four steps: 1) designation as a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument; 2) purchase of the monument by the Chinese Historical Society for \$14,000 in a cash advance from its treasury; 3) creation of a protected space for the Shrine by building a retaining wall, wrought-iron fence, steps and a gate at a cost of \$17,500; and, 4) repairing the monument itself, costing about \$19,000.

One hundred members and friends of the Society contributed more than \$10,000 in cash to the preservation project in two fundraising campaigns. \$7,000 was also raised for the project as the proceeds from two fundraising dinners. But the last stage of the project, reconstruction and repair, was badly underbudgeted; had it not been for the in-kind participation of Board Chairman and General Contractor, Irvin Lai, the project would never have been finished.

When the Shrine Preservation Committee asked the Board of Directors to advance \$14,000 to purchase the endangered Shrine, it was with the understanding that those funds would eventually be returned to our treasury. We ask you to help us to replenish our initial \$14,000 expenditure to save the Shrine. These funds will be used not only to defray the cost of purchase, but also for the monument's perpetual care. \$1000 donors will receive a commemorative plaque etched with architect Barton Choy's rendering of the Shrine; all other donors will be listed in a commemorative booklet that will be published soon. Please use the donation form on the reverse side of this sheet.

We hope you will visit the Shrine, located on the grounds of Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles, and also view the Certificates of Recognition the Society received from government officials on the completion of the project, including a California Assembly Resolution by Assemblymember Antonio Villaraigosa. These are on display at the Society's Chinatown Heritage and Visitors Center.

Sincerely,

Randall Bloch

Shrine Preservation Committee

Jeffrey Tung

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CHINESE MEMORIAL SHRINE

RESTORATION COMPLETION & RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY

June 28, 1997



Please help commemorate this historic moment by your generous contribution to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California's <u>Shrine Preservation Project</u>

☐ Jade (\$1,000)	□ Gold (\$500)	☐ Silver (\$100)	☐ Bronze (\$50)
□ Other			
Name		Address	The period
		Telephone	

Restoration of this Historic/Cultural Monument is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs





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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA





Tuesday, September 9, 1997 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Ample free parking available (just north of the 110 Freeway)



Bring the whole family or your friends, and enjoy a great Italian meal in the company of other members knowing you've helped earn much-needed funds for a great organization!



Please bring this flyer with you to CARMINE's and notify your server that you are here for Charity Night, and give them the lower portion with your payment.

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