



News 'n Notes

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

Appreciation of our Chinese American heritage ~ A non-profit organization

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DECEMBER 1999

PROGRAM

1999 - 2000

Wednesday, January 5, 2000

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7:00 P.M.

CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Multi-purpose Room

840 Yale Street

**(Park on playground. Enter on College Street
between Hill and Yale Streets)**

STRANGERS FROM A NORTHERN SHORE:

An Architectural and Historical Exploration of
Vancouver's Chinese Community

by

Andrew Yan

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Vancouver, Canada is one of the last remaining significantly-sized historic Chinatowns in North America. This talk will be an architectural exploration of Vancouver's Chinatown and how it is associated with the changing demographics of the city's Chinese Canadian community. Interestingly, just as the Chinese represent 28 percent of Vancouver's population, Chinatown is currently in significant economic trouble. This is a problem that seems to be facing Chinatowns throughout the West Coast of North America. Consequently, this talk will also be on the future of Chinatowns in the brave new world of overseas Chinese migration and money.

Andrew Yan is a Master's student at UCLA's Urban Planning program. He is currently researching a thesis on revitalization strategies in the Chinatowns of Vancouver and Los Angeles. He holds an honours degree in Geography and Political Science from Simon Fraser University and when not researching, he is in search of the ultimate beef brisket on rice in Los Angeles.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear CHSSC Members:

The year 2000 is almost here! Since our organization is beginning its 25th year, the coming year can be a time of looking back, a time of reflection and remembrances. However, the Year of the Dragon presents a host of possibilities. With our most recent donations to the building fund, we are close to meeting the Challenge Grant and 2/3 of the way to retiring our mortgage. While a few short years ago, that amount of money seemed an impossible task, it is within our grasp now. Our big Fund-raising dinner will be on February 18th. Join us for this time of celebration and fellowship.

We have come a long way since our members met in the basement of the Cathay Bank. Many of you have provided support throughout these intervening years. Now we need to ask you to consider helping us again. Your financial support is crucial. As we begin the next century, we know that our organization can make a difference in our continuing research and education about Chinese-Americans. Paying off our mortgage on Bernard Street will give us a permanent home and enable us to concentrate our energies on expanding our vision.

I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Susan G. Dickson

RECENT DONATIONS TO THE CHALLENGE GRANT

Anonymous	\$10,000.00	Louise/Herbert Leong	\$50.00
Joyce / Wing Mar	2,500.00	Gordon Wong	10.00
Eleanor / Julius Sue	50.00	Eugene W. Moy	50.00

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

As the year comes to a close, here is a way you can save yourself some taxes and help the Society in the process.

If you have appreciated stock in a corporation that you have held for over one year, the stock can be contributed to the Society with very favorable tax results to all concerned.

As the contributor, you may take a charitable contribution deduction on your tax return for the full value of the stock on the date of the transfer. You would not report the stock contributed as income on your tax return. This contribution of appreciated stock benefits you in that your itemized deduction is for the full value of your stock contribution without an offset for income.

The Society benefits with a contribution for the full value of the stock contribution rather than net of taxes. The Society qualifies as an exempt organization under IRC Section 501 ©(3).

If you have questions or want more information about making such a contribution, please contact the Society for more information. You may contact Franklin Mah, Financial Secretary, (310) 372-9421 in the evenings; email: FranklinM4@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES are being accepted for Jan. 1, 2000 through Dec. 31, 2000. Join or renew now. Remember, LIFE members must subscribe to the Gum Saan Journal for the small amount of \$5.00 for two issues annually.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The deadline to apply for CHSSC's \$1,000 scholarship is **March 10, 2000**. The CHSSC Scholarship Committee will be taking applications from **sophomores** and **juniors** from accredited universities and colleges in **Southern California** until that time. If you know of a current full-time student who might qualify for this scholarship, please tell them of this opportunity NOW! These undergraduates must be pursuing **Chinese-American studies in the humanities or social sciences**. Finalists will be contacted for an oral interview to be held on a Saturday morning in April, to be determined at a later date. If you have questions, access our website at www.chssc.org for application form and information, or call the CHSSC office.

The Scholarship Fund is also seeking donations toward future scholarship opportunities, a great way to ensure today's students take a strong interest in our Chinese-American heritage, especially here in Southern California.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Walter and Janet Haskell on their 64th wedding anniversary, celebrated on November 2, 1999. Walter Haskell was a CHSSC member and attended many of our dinners with members and friends of the Historical Society of Centinela Valley.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2000 !
Wed., Jan. 5	CHSSC's Monthly Meeting
Sundays Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 Free Admission	HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER Open 411 Bernard Street Photo exhibits, books, video tapes, etc.
Saturday, Jan. 15 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission	Little King & Queen Contest Castelar Elementary School 840 Yale Street, L. A. Chinatown Info, call 213-617-0396
Jan. 20 – Feb. 20	Golden Child by David Henry Hwang East West Players 120 Judge John Aiso Street, Little Tokyo
Saturday, Jan. 22 12:00 noon - Lunch 1:00 p.m. – Fashion Show	Miss L. A. Chinatown Fashion Show The Regal Biltmore Hotel 506 S. Grand Ave., L. A. Info, call 213-617-0396
Saturday, Jan. 29 7:00 p.m. - Dinner 8:00 p.m. – Pageant	Miss L. A. Chinatown Pageant The Regal Biltmore Hotel 506 S. Grand Ave., L. A. Info, call 213-617-0396
Saturday, FEB. 5	HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 4698 Gung Hay Fat Choy YEAR OF THE DRAGON
Feb. 6 8 a.m.	22nd Annual Firecracker 5K / 10K Run L. A. Chinatown Info, call 323-256-1363

Feb. 11 – 13

Chinatown Carnival
601 North Broadway
Info, call 213-617-0396

Saturday, Feb. 12
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

L. A. Chinatown Golden Dragon Parade
600 – 1000 blocks North Broadway
Info, call 213-617-0396

Feb. 12 - 13
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

L. A. Chinatown Street Fair
Parking lot, 940 North Broadway
Info, call 213-617-0396

FRIDAY, FEB. 18
6:00 P.M.

CHSSC's CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET
Empress Pavilion, 988 North Hill Street
L. A. Chinatown
Info, call 323-222-0856

Friday, Feb. 25

Chinese Chamber of Commerce's Chinese New Year Banquet
Empress Pavilion, 988 North Hill Street
L. A. Chinatown

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 18, 2000

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

"LOOKING BACK, MOVING AHEAD"

CHINESE NEW YEAR FUNDRAISING BANQUET

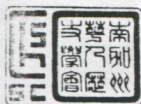
at

Empress Pavilion Restaurant
988 North Hill Street, 2nd Floor
Los Angeles Chinatown

NEWS 'n NOTES DEADLINE: All articles must be in the P.O. Box by the 15th of the month.

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I am interested in helping with:

☐ Programs ☐ Publications ☐ Research

☐ Membership/Publicity ☐ Fundraising

☐ Other _____

☐ New

☐ Renewal

- ☐ GUM SAAN JOURNAL (2 ISSUES ANNUALLY).....\$5.00
☐ ACTIVE, annual.....\$25.00
☐ ADDITIONAL, annual.....\$10.00
(spouse, same household)
☐ CONTRIBUTING, annual.....\$10.00
(senior citizen over 60 years, student)
☐ INSTITUTIONAL, annual.....\$50.00
☐ LIFE.....\$300.00
☐ CORPORATE, annual.....\$100.00
☐ LIFE PATRON.....\$1,000.00
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to the following fund(s)
General \$ _____ Scholarship \$ _____
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