

# NEWS 'n NOTES

### CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## January 2010

#### **January Programs**

Wednesday, January 13, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

## Meet Aki Aleong



Castelar Elementary School
All Purpose Room
Enter on College Avenue
between Hill and Yale
Streets
The public is invited
(Free parking)

The Society will sponsor an evening with

Aki Aleong. A Pioneer in the Entertainment Industry for over 50 successful years as an Actor, Singer, Writer, Producer, Director and Activist. He starred and co-starred in more than 250 Television Shows, and 45 movies He produced Records that went to the top of the charts and directed and produced three Major Motion Pictures! Aki has written, directed, produced and starring in his latest Movie "I Am Somebody". A New Genre Hybrid Film that examines the Violent 1870's in the Wild West, through the eyes of a Chinese Immigrant falsely accused of murdering a white woman. Can love and forgiveness transform violence and murder? Can he prove his innocence? In a time when people of Color had "No Legal Rights" and could be bought and sold for a profit. Check out his interview on Youtube

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=pDIWHuHkKLQ&feature=related Hear his hit 45 Tradwinds http:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42W0VNWWUE

The monthly meeting is normally 1st Wednesday, but in January school is closed. So just this month it's the 2nd.

#### **Around CHSSC**

# Gum Saan Journal Just Arrived from Printer

Gum Saan Journal (GSJ) 2010 Special Edition will be available for mailing to CHSSC members by the beginning of the year. Alternately, you may pick up your copies at CHSSC at 415 Bernard Street, Los Angeles Chinatown. Our office hours will be highly irregular due to staff changes. We will try to save postage by handing out copies at our January meeting.

GSJ is included in membership except those who opted out. It is a semi-academic, annual publication of the Society. We welcome manuscripts that explore the historical, cultural, and humanistic aspects of Chinese American experiences, particularly relating to Southern California. We also solicit articles exploring contemporary issues relevant to the Chinese American community. Manuscripts should be approximately 3000 words in length.

The 2010 Special Edition of GSJ is the culmination of an oral history project on Los Angeles Chinatown in the 1930s and 1940s, led by Will Gow. There is an exhibition at the CHSSC Heritage Center and a website devoted to the project, www.chinatownremembered.com.

This project is made possible in part by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities as part of the Council's statewide California Stories Initiative. The Council is an independent non-profit organization and a state affiliate of the National Endowment for



Humanities. For more on the Council and the California Stories Initiative, visit www. californiastories.org

The California Council for the Humanities



## Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Administrative Assistants Immediate Need

**Application deadline:** Open until filled **Job Description** 

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) seeks a motivated individuals to provide part time office and project assistance under the supervision of the president or his/her designee. Candidate shall support the daily operations of the programs of the Society. Duties shall include most aspects of clerical office operations.

Candidate may schedule and coordinate walking tours. Candidate may also help in the operation of the Chinatown Heritage Visitors Center including retail sales. Coordinates monthly board meetings and responsible for drafting of the agenda for president's approval one week prior to the meeting. Candidates may also assist in fundraising. Work days shall be flexible. This position is a great starting point for training in Public Service to the Community.

#### **Qualifications**

Minimum of a two years college or the equivalent in one or more of the following subjects: humanities, social sciences, business administration, or related topics, is highly preferred. Good writing and good oral communications skills shall be required, with bilingual language skills (Cantonese or Mandarin) helpful. Familiarity with office computer tools, websites, desktop publishing, Accounting basics, software and other office machines must be demonstrated. Candidate must show interests compatible with the goals of the Society. Good interpersonal and office management skills are a plus.

#### **Employment Conditions**

Range of \$14 - 16 per hour.

#### **Application Process**

Applicant can inquire at chssc@hotmail.com.

## We Are Changing Our Email Address

We are now switched over to chssc@hotmail.com. Due to the lack of storage and versatility of Earthlink. Please email us so that we can update our records. We apologized if we "lost" you. G.H.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California was organized in November, 1975. The purposes of the Society are: 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in Southern California; 2) to pursue, preserve and communicate knowledge of this history; and; 3) to promote the heritage of the Chinese and Chinese American community in support of a better appreciation of the rich, multicultural society of the United States.



## Chinese Historical Society of Southern California January 2010

#### **UCLA Doctoral Fellowships in Archival Studies 2010**

Doctoral Fellowships are currently available through a —CHSSC board member Winifred Lew has given a lot of new eight-campus initiative for individuals who are interested in pursuing careers as educators and scholars in the field of Archival Studies and who would be entering a doctoral program in Fall 2010. The Archival Education and Research Fellowships are aimed at strengthening doctoral-level education in Archival Studies, building the cohort of archival educators and increasing its diversity, and promoting a broad base of rigorous archival scholarship.

#### Wish List for CHSSC

By Gordon Hom

Flat Screen Monitors 22", 32", 42" Lcd or plasma TV's. for monitoring, editing, presentations, slide shows, demonstrations and lectures. When you upgrade to a bigger screen size we can use your unwanted smaller ones.

Plastic Folding Tables Costco has "Lifetime" tables that can replace our well worn, extra heavy tables

Volunteer for Day trip Planning You would like to help, but not all year long. You would like to plan and arrange a one day event just once a year, with no other commitment to us. It could be a day trip to somewhere local. Typically on a Saturday.

Wire Shelf Racks Costco has these 8 shelf racks with wheels. They are 48" X18" X72" chrome NSF #786529 We need more racks to store or ever-increasing inventory of files and artifacts. More racks will increase our storage capacity.

**Volunteer WebMaster** We are the leader in Web content. We need to clean things up a bit. We can easily increase the size and content.

## Farwell to our Administrator **Yvonne Chang**

After years of Long and Faithful service. Yvonne has decided it is time to let someone else run the CHHSC ship. She has other duties to continue with, including remodeling her kitchen. We will miss her and wish her the best of everything.

#### Acknowledgements

her time completing the required office work.

—In Memory of Richard Jiu's wife "Theo", Bowmond / Rose Lee, Wing / Joyce Mar, Edgar/Evaline/Debra Wong, James B. Wong/Betty Yeow and Tom/Judy Woo gave generous donations for the on-going Portraits of Pride II

### **Community Calendar**

Monday, January 11, 2010—6:30 pm The China Society of Southern California—Rosa Zee "Chinese floral arrangement-the tradition and art" Golden Dragon Restaurant 960 No. Broadway

Wednesday, January 13, 2010—7:00 pm Meet Aki Aleong

Aki will preview a portion of his film "I am Somebody"

Friday, January 22, 2010

**Evergreen Memorial Wall Dedication/Ceremony** The wall is located in the southeast corner of Evergreen Cemetery 204 N. Evergreen at First Street, adjacent to CHSSC's historic shrine.

> Pacific Asia Museum 46 N. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/

October 14, 2009 – February 8, 2010

Fashioning Domesticity, Weaving Desire: Visions of the Filipina

September 17, 2009 — January 17, 2010

Calligraffiti: Writing in Contemporary Chinese and Latino Art

Sunday, January 17, 2pm

**Authors On Asia** 

## **Community Calendar**

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Chinese New Year Day - Year of the Tiger Sunday, February 14, 2010

**111th Annual Golden Dragon Parade** Saturday, February 20, 2010

City Race: The Great Chinatown Hunt Sunday, February 21, 2010

32nd Annual Firecracker 5/10K Run/ Walk/Kiddie Run/Bike Rides Saturday/Sunday, Feb. 27,28 2010

9th Annual Lantern Festival Chinese American Museum Saturday, March 6, 2010, 12:00—7:00 pm

Chinese Historical Society of Southern Calfornia Banquet

Sunday May 2,20010

API Historic Preservation Conference June 24-26, 2010 San Francisco—Japantown

#### Nakano Theatre, Torrance Cultural Arts Center

proudly announces its upcoming series

#### **Enduring Spirit**,

A celebration of the Chinese American experience through vibrant, contemporary drama. Subscription tickets (best value!) are now on sale. Call Box Office at (310) 781-7171.



LONG STORY SHORT

Film by Christine Choy written by Jodi Long
The story of Larry and Trudie Long, a popular husbandand-wife nightclub act of the 1940s and '50s

Wed FEB 24 7pm

UNCLE TOISAN by Charlie Chin
Enjoy this favorite uncle, as he shares stories of arriving and striving in America

Wed MAR 31 7pm

AMERICAN BAMBOO by Cherylene Lee Experience how a real life family copes with loss in the midst of the Great Depression



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