

MAY 2010



Assemblymember Mike Eng presented Certificates of Achievement to: (left to right) Munson Kwok, Ph.D; Bill Chun-Hoon, Ph.D; Wing Mar, MD; Dolores Wong; Irvin Lai; Diane Poon; Ruby Ling Louie, Ph.D; Raymond Cheng, AIA and Allen Wong, DDS.

2010 Gala Dinner

The theme of this year's gala dinner was "Honoring Our Community Service Heroes." The MC for the evening, actor Jack Ong, and the presenters had quite a job to summarize the achievements of each honoree.

This year's honorees – Raymond Cheng, AIA; Bill Chun-Hoon, Ph.D; Munson Kwok, Ph.D; Irvin Lai; Ruby Ling Louie, Ph.D; Wing Mar, MD; Diane Poon; Allen Wong, DDS; and Dolores Wong – go above and beyond what is asked of them. Several significant Chinese American institutions, like the Chinese American Museum and the Chinatown Public Library, have been led or founded by this year's honorees. Others contribute in communities such as the San Gabriel Valley, and all of them help promote and preserve the history of Chinese Americans.

Honorees were presented with the new "Golden Spike Award." The award, which was designed by CHSSC administrator Fenton Eng, features a gold-plated railroad spike encased in clear Lucite. The railroad spike represents

the work of the first wave of Chinese immigrants, who labored on the first transcontinental railroad. Many dignitaries, such as Assemblymembers Mike Eng and Kevin DeLeon and Congresswoman Lucille Royball-Allard, also presented special certificates to recognize the achievements of the nine honorees.

The evening's entertainers, Tina Cheng and Pius Lee, also revealed their multitasking talents. Tina Cheng, who is Raymond Cheng's wife, is retired but spent most of her professional life in property management and construction companies – including leading a design and construction company herself. Pius Lee, by day, is an accountant and management consultant. But both also are active in their communities and often display their secret talent – Chinese opera – at galas and fundraising events.

According to CHSSC board members, this gala dinner was one of the most successful in recent years, with nearly 400 guests in attendance.



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Nominations to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors 2010-2011

The following have been nominated to the Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California Board of Directors of 2010-2011

Officers

President - Gordon Hom
Vice President - Susan Dickson
VP for Programs - Francine Redada
Secretary - Winifred Lew
Membership Sec. - Mei T. Ong
Treasurer - Dennis Lee, C.P.A.

Members at Large for 2-year Term

Albert Chang, MD
Pedro Chan
Jenny Cho
Irvin Lai
Henry Leong
Diane Poon

Members at Large returning for 2nd Year of 2-year Term (Not for Election)

Kenneth L. Chan
Richard Liu
Donald Loo
Eugene Moy

Board members serve from July 1 to June 30.

The Board of Directors meet on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Board members have opportunities to serve on committees such as the Archive Committee, the Programs Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Outreach Committee, etc. Committees meet at various agreed upon dates and times.

Election will take place at the June 2nd meeting at
Castelar Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

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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.



Meet Author Grace Young

hosted by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

Sunday, May 23, 2010, 1 p.m.

Plum Tree Inn Restaurant 913 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012

(on-site and validated parking available)

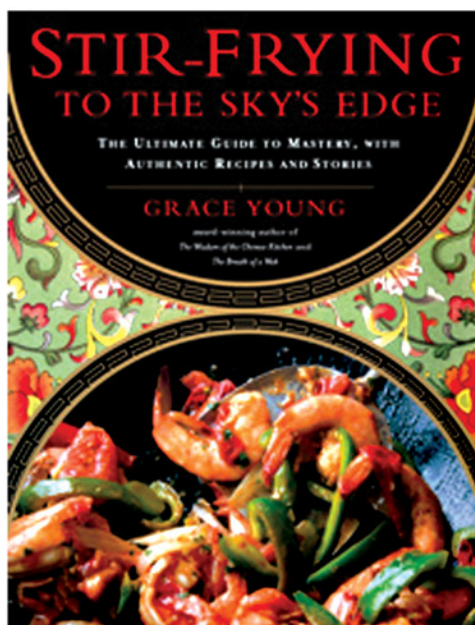
Grace Young to speak about her newest book Stir-Frying to the Sky's Edge: The Ultimate Guide to Mastery with Authentic Recipes and Stories in Los Angeles Chinatown.

Come meet Grace Young, the award-winning cookbook author of *The Wisdom of the Chinese Kitchen* (winner of the IACP Le Cordon Bleu International Cookbook Award) and *The Breath of a Wok* (winner of the IACP Le Cordon Bleu International Cookbook Award, The Jane Grigson Award for distinguished scholarship, and the World Food Media Awards' Best Food Book in Australia).

Young will speak about her newest book, *Stir-Frying to the Sky's Edge: The Ultimate Guide to Mastery, with Authentic Recipes and Stories*, at the Plum Tree Inn Restaurant in Chinatown Los Angeles on Sunday, May 23. The book demystifies and celebrates the art of stir-frying with instruction, stories of home cooks and professionals, and recipes from across the world.

"Young has a scholarly yet impassioned approach, and she fuses personal anecdotes, meticulously researched history, and stir fry-related arcane to illuminate her subject. For the serious home cook, this informative, lyrical tome is an inspiration," wrote Publishers Weekly.

Beyond the lessons and recipes *Stir-Frying to the Sky's Edge* so generously provides are the human stories of how



this simple cooking technique enabled generations of Chinese around the world to eat well and with exquisite economy. Young's research extended to such unexpected countries as Trinidad, Holland, Germany and Canada. She also interviewed Chinese who grew up outside of China, in countries such as Peru, Jamaica, Indonesia, South Africa, Libya and the Mississippi Delta. With tales that illuminate the Chinese philosophy of cooking and examine the Chinese experience through the lens of stir-frying, it is an invitation to understand stir-frying as an expression of cultural continuity.

After a stint as the test kitchen director for Time Life Books,

Young began writing cookbooks. She was influenced to write her first cookbook, *The Wisdom of the Chinese Kitchen*, after she learned the stories of her parents' past – in China and their early years in America – as she learned how to cook traditional Cantonese dishes with her parents.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person and include a seven-course Chinese meal and an autographed copy of "*Stir-Frying to the Sky's Edge*." (*without her book is \$25*) Additional copies will be available for purchase.

To RSVP, please contact the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California's office at (323) 222-0856 or via e-mail, chssc@hotmail.com.

Sunday, May 23, 2010 1:00 pm

STIR-FRYING TO THE SKY'S EDGE

Plum Tree Inn 913 No. Broadway Los Angeles Chinatown, 90012 (on-site and validated parking available)

Special 7-course lunch and book package for only \$50!

Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

Please RSVP now at chssc@hotmail.com

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www.chssc.org

Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 7:00 pm

"In Ten Years" Nakano Theatre at Torrance Cultural Arts Center

This is a comic yet pointed glimpse of two young couples whose lives become intertwined and whose fortunes reverse, set against a world where China begins to challenge the United States as a world power.

Nakano Theatre at Torrance Cultural Arts Center

http://torrancelive.us/index_files/Page998.htm

Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 7:00 pm

"Journey of a Paper Son" -- a new film festival odyssey."- Free
Jack Ong along his friends, cast and crew will preview the movie "Paper Sons".

Castelar Elementary School - Enter on College btwn Yale & Hill
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California www.chssc.org
www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPTX-hBRe9Y

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 7:00 P.M. - Free

Meet The Author - Jenny Cho Jenny Cho will speaking about the book, Chinatown in Los Angeles, which shows the history of Chinatown through pictures. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Community Meeting Room in Torrance, CA www.ci.torrance.ca.us/

Sunday, July 18, 2010 1:30 P.M

FAR EAST CAFÉ REUNION

Experience one of the most favorite restaurant in Little Tokyo
<http://chsscorg.blogspot.com/search/label/Far%20East%20Cafe>

March 28 to July 25 2010

Secrets of the Silk Road – Cost: Adults/\$18 Weekdays; \$20
Weekends/ Students & Seniors/\$16

This landmark exhibition features more than 150 objects relating to all aspects of the people and cultures of the Silk Road during its early period. The legendary trade route linked Xian, the then-capitol of China in the East, to major Mediterranean cities in the West such as Rome and Baghdad.

Bowers Museum Address: 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, California 92706

www.bowers.org/index.php/art/exhibitions_details/35



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