

JANUARY 2012

The Little Known History of Group Homes for Chinese Children

Wed., January 11, 2012 6:30 p.m.

Castelar Elementary School
840 Yale St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Free parking - enter via College Street

*The event is open and free to the public.
Refreshments will be served.*



Presenter:
Lynne Choy Uyeda,
Linking Lives & Legacies



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Photo: Windrush School

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113th Golden Dragon Parade

Saturday, January 28th, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Chinatown - Broadway



In celebrating over one hundred years of tradition, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles presents the 113th Annual Golden Dragon Parade. With over thousands and thousands of individuals lining the parade route and thousands viewing the telecast each year, this colorful celebration along North Broadway in Chinatown has become the premiere cultural event in the Southern California Asian-American Community.

Since the mid-1980's, the Golden Dragon Parade has expanded to include almost two dozen floats, multiple marching bands, government officials, various dignitaries, entertainers, local business leaders and cultural groups. The parade's theme emphasizes ethnic diversity, Chinese Culture and exposure to Chinese-American businesses. The parade continues to be a rich and diverse experience for Angelenos of all ages and ethnicities.

The day of the Lunar New Year is the most celebrated holiday of the year for nearly 1.5 million persons of Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese descent in Southern California. It is celebrated with colorful festivals, parades, and most importantly, large family gatherings. It is also a time when ancestors are fondly remembered and families give thanks for their blessings. Red packets of money ("Lai See" or "Hung Bao") and fire-crackers add fun and excitement to the Chinese New Year celebration.

We invite you to be a part of this important annual celebration - as a spectator, participant or sponsor.

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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.



Dear friends,

As the year closes, my job as CHSSC Membership Secretary begins in earnest. We appreciate your membership this past year. I am writing to encourage you to renew your membership for the coming year, 2012. As in past years, CHSSC has 4 different levels of membership: Senior/ student (\$32/year; Silver (\$57); 100 X 100 (\$100/year); and Diamond (\$300). The membership fee includes the receipt of our monthly newsletter, News 'N Notes, and our yearly Gum Saan Journal.

However, CHSSC provides much more. CHSSC has monthly meetings throughout the school year that are free to the public. As an educational organization, volunteers, as well as staff, conduct walking tours and attend local conferences. Our outreach also includes scheduling talks at surrounding venues and supporting local organizations. CHSSC continues to collect oral histories and other information about the history of the Chinese in America. At our yearly fund-raising dinner we give recognition to those who have made significant contributions to the community.

CHSSC has published three books during the past two years. First, CHSSC partnered with Jenny Cho to publish her two books: Chinatown in Los Angeles and Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles. Published earlier this year, our Portraits of Pride II, will help us get nationwide recognition. POP II, which profiles important Chinese Americans, is the culmination of 7 years of work by a core of dedicated CHSSC volunteers.

The membership fee barely covers the cost to print and send the newsletter and Gum Saan Journal. However, the fee does not cover the cost of the personnel needed to write and mail the newsletter as well as keep the office open to the public 40 hours a week. Likewise, membership doesn't cover the cost of building maintenance and upgrades or property taxes. In the past we have only been able to fund CHSSC through special donations from those committed to our mission. Therefore, I am hoping that in addition to your support through membership, that you will also consider increasing your level of membership or giving an additional amount this year.

Sincerely,

Susan G. Dickson
Membership Secretary

Please Renew
Your Membership Now!



Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California

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Membership

Silver

Monthly newsletter.
Free Gum Saan Journal.
Discount on field trips to historical sites.
Discount on publications and products.
Admission to Heritage Center during
non-public hours (call in advance)

100 x 100 Club

All benefits of Silver membership.
Invitation for 2 to special events.

Diamond

All benefits of 100 x 100 Club membership.
2 complimentary tickets to Annual Gala Dinner.

Student/Senior (60+)

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☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

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Visa/MC # _____

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Signature _____

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We are a 501(c)3
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I am interested in helping with:

☐ Silver \$ 57.

☐ 100 x 100 Club \$ 100.

☐ Diamond \$ 300.

☐ Student or Senior (60+) \$ 32.

Donation (tax deductible) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

☐ Programs

☐ Publications

☐ Research

☐ Publicity

☐ Fundraising

☐ Other _____



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Portraits of Pride II Fundraiser Tops off 2011

To the delight of the Portraits of Pride (PoP) team, Pete Chinn, former CHSSC board member and current president of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), coordinated a fundraising dinner for PoP II. CCBA is made up of 27 different Chinese community associations and have been around for 120 years. To publicize the fundraiser, a news conference and luncheon, which was open to the public, took place Dec. 2nd at the Golden Dragon Restaurant. LP Leung, director of PoP II, was interviewed by two news agencies. Both he and Eugene Moy, president of CHSSC, were asked to say a few words about the PoP project to the officers of the associations. Gordon Hom set up equipment to show the PoP II PowerPoint, and Marian Chew was present to help with sales of the books.



Photos by O.C. Lee



The Dec. 5th, fundraising dinner was well attended by approximately 150 people. Jack Ong, emcee for the evening, kept the audience in stitches with his Toi San dialect and jokes. The Mandarin speaking emcee, Bee Hsu, and Cantonese speaking emcee, Loy Tam, didn't miss a beat and did a marvelous job translating for Jack. After a big screen, PowerPoint presentation on PoP II, Pete Chinn addressed the purpose of the Portraits of Pride book series and the importance of passing this knowledge on to the next generation. Eugene Moy then talked in detail about the books' contents and Joyce Mar spoke on LP Leung's behalf about the goals of the book project. Yvonne Chang, who oversaw the silent auction, guarded the items closely and answered questions from potential bidders. Albert Chang, Mei Ong and Marian Chew stood ready to accommodate purchasers of the PoP II book. The Golden Dragon Restaurant was gaily decorated with huge and colorful Christmas balloons onstage, tinsel trees at each table, and filled with laughter, talk, and the clanging of dishes, making it a warm and festive locale on an otherwise chilly evening.



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Annual CHSSC Christmas Potluck Dinner





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Food, friends and fun.



Time to renew your membership and purchase Christmas gifts.



One of the evening's highlights, singing Christmas carols.



A special guest took time out of his busy schedule to make a surprise appearance.



Reknowned magician Stoil with a willing volunteer from the audience, (*Programs V.P. Francine Redada*).



Theo Hom attempts to demonstrate his magical prowess.

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Saturday, January 14th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pacific Asia Museum will hold the second annual Lunar New Year Festival celebrating Year of the Dragon. Admission to the events, performances, crafts, demonstrations, and museum galleries is free to the public. Performances include Lion and Dragon dances, Sumo wrestling, Taiko drumming and a puppet show by our visiting artists from Jiangsu province. Food will be sold by The Nom Nom Truck, The Mighty Boba Truck, and Paradise Cookies. Several artists from Jiangsu province will present demonstrations of their work including paper cutting, puppetry, sugar art and more.
Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Av., Pasadena, 91101
www.pacificasiamuseum.org

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 7pm-8pm – RSVP Required!

NEW EXHIBIT OPENING AND RECEPTION:

Breaking Ground: Chinese American Architects in Los Angeles (1945-1980) The exhibit will showcase the architectural achievements of four pioneering Chinese American architects whose contributions were critical to the development of Los Angeles' urban and visual landscape between 1945 and 1980. The evening will feature guest speakers, refreshments, and the debut of a new companion catalog for the exhibit.

Exhibit Dates: January 19, 2012 – June 3, 2012

To RSVP, please call (213) 485-8567 or email rsvp@camla.org with subject heading "Breaking Ground Opening Reception" by Monday, January 16, 2012.

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