



## Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

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DECEMBER 2014

# ANNUAL Christmas Potluck

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

Castelar Elementary School 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Free parking - enter via College Street

Bring your favorite dish or

\$5. for admission, children are free.

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Bring your whole family. Sing Christmas carols. Catch up with fellow members and friends. Don't forget to purchase Christmas gifts from our selection of fine publications and of course, renew your 2015 CHSSC membership.





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#### **NOVEMBER 2014**

# Simon Chhuor Moves to a New Position

Friends, members, and colleagues of CHSSC gathered at Gordon and Rose Hom's residence to celebrate the next step in Simon Chhuor's professional life. In the past 4 years, Simon has become a positive presence here at the CHSSC, working as an associate administrator. The CHSSC thanks Simon for everything he has done, and wishes him the best in his the future. Simon had this to say about his time at the Society, "I am greatly appreciative and so thankful to have had the opportunity I was given. I still am overwhelmed by everyone's support as I move on to a new job, but will be sure to make everyone proud!"





# **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.



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Dear friends of CHSSC,

As 2014 comes to a close and we prepare for another extraordinary year of CHSSC events, I invite you to renew your CHSSC membership and continue supporting us through our 40th anniversary year in 2015. We greatly appreciate your membership this past year and we hope that you will renew your membership. As in past years, CHSSC has four different membership levels: Student/Senior (\$32/year); Silver (\$57/year); 100 x 100 Club (\$100/year); and Diamond (\$300/year). New for our 40th anniversary year is the ability to join CHSSC directly from our website! Instead of sending a check in the mail, you can renew your membership directly through our website via PayPal. Visit http://chssc.org/Join/Membership to renew today.

With a 2015 membership renewal, you will receive our monthly newsletter News 'N Notes as well as our yearly *Gum Saan Journal*. The 2015 issue of *Gum Saan Journal* explores the San Gabriel Valley Chinese American community. This is definitely an issue you do not want to miss! Please note that lifetime CHSSC members and members who would like an additional copy of *Gum Saan Journal* can purchase the 2015 edition for \$12. Copies of *Gum Saan Journal* will be available beginning at our December meeting and potluck.

Your membership also entitles you to a discount on books and goods at our store. Your membership discount would be a perfect opportunity to purchase our new and upcoming publications including Victoria Moy's new book on Chinese American veterans, *Fighting for the Dream*, or Dr. Annie Siu's upcoming autobiography, *Roads Into and Out of Chinatown*.

Your support this past year has allowed CHSSC to host our monthly meetings with speakers from across the United States as well as countless public programs at local libraries, community centers, and museums throughout Southern California. These events are organized by CHSSC volunteers and are free to the public. CHSSC staff and volunteers also have continued giving walking tours and collecting oral histories to continue to educate and preserve Chinese American history. With your support, we have made CHSSC one of the most active Chinese American historical societies in the United States.

We plan to continue organizing exciting events in 2015, but we cannot do this your continued support. Please help us make our 40th anniversary year a memorable one! Your membership fees and donations are essential to keeping our programs and events running, our publications printed and mailed, our facilities maintained, and our offices staffed. We also have ongoing projects in our archives, including digitizing and organizing our archives, and working with independent authors to publish their research on Chinese American communities. With your support, we will be able to continue projects and preserve and promote Chinese American history. Therefore, as we reach the last days of 2014, I encourage you to renew your membership and invite you to consider making a year-end donation to support CHSSC.

Sincerely,

Kelly, Fong, Ph.D. Membership Secretary



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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+)

All benefits of Silver membership.

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Silver	\$ 57.
100 x 100 Club	\$ 100.

Diamond

Total

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Donation (tax deductible)

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We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, tax ID: 95-3155357

I am interested in helping with:

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- Publications
- Research

\$ 300.

\$ 32.

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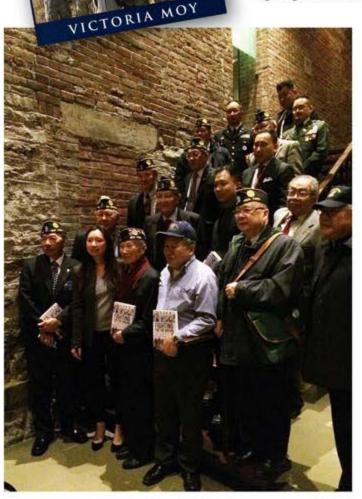
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# Fighting for the Dream

CHSSC is proud to present the newest addition to our list of publications: Victoria Moy's *Fighting for the Dream: Voices of Chinese American Veterans from World War II to Afghanistan*, is a collection of oral histories of 40 Chinese American men and women, who served in wars from World War II to conflicts in Afghanistan. These individuals defied boundaries, went against their cultural grain, and changed history. Their personal stories provide a greater tapestry that is the story of America in the last hundred years, through the lens of Chinese Americans who served.

Author Victoria Moy and several of the veterans featured, have already made appearances at the Rosemead Library here in Southern California and at the Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA) in New York. On both coasts, veterans and interested members of the community have praised the book for its accurate portrayal, and refreshing perspective on Chinese contributions to American History. With the MOCA event happening just days before Veterans Day, anticipation for the release of the book was high. The book talk and signing at MOCA was well attended and the museum was standing room only. Overall, there has been nothing but positive feedback from both events, and the CHSSC would like to thank Victoria, the veterans, and the volunteers who helped ensure the success of *Fighting for the Dream*.

Fighting for the Dream is now available on Amazon for \$21.14. For additional information on the book and future events please visit fightingforthedream.com or facebook.com/fightingforthedream.



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#### Community Calendar

Monday, December 1, 2014 – Chinatown Los Angeles Lisa See's China Dolls - Talk and Signing Reception – 6:30pm Chinese banquet – 7:00pm THE CHINA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Golden Dragon Restaurant in Chinatown 960 N. Broadway, Los Angeles For tickets: rsvp@chinasocietyofsocal.org or 310-454-3621 Wednesday, December 3, 2014 6:30 CHSSC Christmas Potluck Castelar Elementary School 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Free parking - enter via College Street This event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, December 6, 2014. Meet: 3:00pm Party: 5:00pm CACA Los Angeles Lodge Holiday Potluck, at Lodge. 415 Bamboo Lane Bring a dish or \$10. Annie Yee: wishbone168@hotmail.com Eugene Moy: ewmoy@earthlink.net

# Save the Date - October 17, 2015

The 40th Anniversary Banquet



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