

NOVEMBER 2014

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Front Row: L-R: Ella Leong, Suellen Cheng, Grace Chow, Steve Leong, Dolores Wong Second Row: L-R: Dr. Ed Hess, Dr. Ruby L Louie Third Row: L-R: Joann Semon, Rose Marie Lee, Florence Fong Fourth Row: Joe Yee, Juliana Cheng



Mayor Tom Bradley with Ruby Louie and Dolores at first expansion of Auditorium to Branch



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Keye Luke Screening

On the night of October 1st, attendees of the monthly CHSSC meeting watched a trailer for the television pilot *Chinatown Squad* and then a special screening of the short film *Keye Luke*. Director of *Keye Luke*, Timothy Tau, and actors, Feodor Chin, Kelvin Yee Han, and company, were present to answer questions about the “Chinatown Squad” pilot, and about their roles in the film about the legendary Asian American actor Keye Luke.



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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.

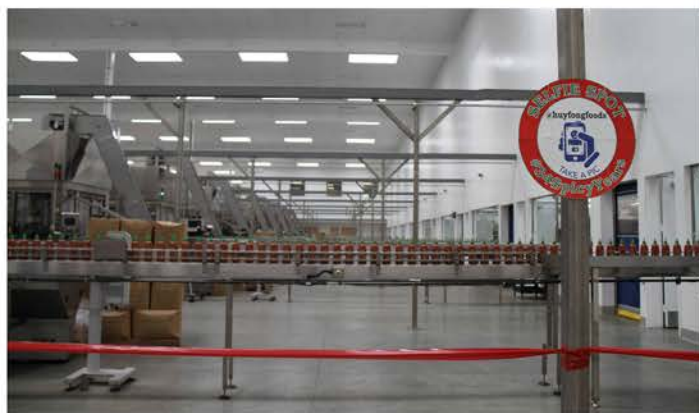


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Huy Fong Foods Factory Tour

On October 11, 2014 the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, Chinese American Citizens Alliance and Chinese American Museum had a joint field trip to the legendary Huy Fong Food Factory. A great time was spent with David Tran, creator of the popular Sriracha chili sauce and CEO/founder of Huy Fong Foods Inc. The group experienced how the renowned sauce is made: from chili pepper delivery, unloading, sorting, washing, grounding, mixing, filling to packaging. The plant's streamlined production lines produce 18,000 bottles of Sriracha chili sauce per hour.

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In Memoriam

Louise Hom Leong



Louise Hom Leong, born in San Diego, Passed away on October 9, 2014. Louise was a retired educator from Los Angeles Unified School District and was a founding member of the Asian American Education Commission for the LAUSD in 1971. Louise was a teacher at Castelar School and was later assigned to the Reading Task Force at the central administrative office as a teacher advisor. The Reading Task Force was created to improve reading at elementary schools.

Louise and her late husband Herbert were both Charter Members (1975-1976) of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. She had volunteered for many years as a docent for the society's walking tours.

Preceded in death by her husband Herbert P. Leong in 2010. Survivors include children Gregory (Rochelle), Marcia (Edwin), Corklin Alan, and grandchildren Stefanie, Brian, Karen, and Gabriela. The family requests donations be made in honor of Louise Hom Leong to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California expresses deep condolences and thanks the family of Louise Leong for their generosity.

Save the Date
October 17, 2015

The 40th Anniversary Banquet



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Wei-Chuan, Inc. Supports Portraits of Pride

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California's Portraits of Pride mission and purpose is:

1. To fill the "Missing in History" gap left by Chinese Americans;
2. To deepen and increase awareness of the positive contributions of Chinese Americans;
3. To identify role models for our younger generation;
4. To build upon and extend the work done by *Portraits of Pride I* and upcoming CHSSC projects;
5. To broaden and extend the Portraits of Pride "Free Library Book Program"; and
6. To support and mentor succeeding generations of Chinese American historians.

On October 21, 2014, a media conference was held to acknowledge the company's \$50,000 donation to the Portraits of Pride (PoP) program. With all of Wei-Chuan's board members present, and at least half dozen cameras focused on LP Leung, director of PoP, he explained how and why the Portraits of Pride book project was created.

The conference was telecasted live to other branches of their company in cities including Jersey City, NJ, Houston, TX, Chicago, IL, San Francisco, CA, Murfreesboro, TN and Atlanta, GA. This gave their representatives from those branches an opportunity to participate in the event and direct questions to LP.

Euene Moy was also present and he gave a short speech on the purpose of our organization, CHSSC, and how their donation to the PoP project is being used—to distribute the PoP books to school and public libraries across the country.

After some photos were taken, including one of Steve Lin, President of Wei-Chuan, Inc., and LP holding a gigantic \$50,000 check, attendees of the event were served egg rolls, pork buns and Wei-Chuan's famous pork dumplings.





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Community Calendar

Saturday, November 1, 2014 Reception 2pm; Program 3pm
Conversation with Lisa See, author of *On Gold Mountain*, *Flower Net*, *The Interior*, *Dragon Bones*, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *Peony in Love*, *Shanghai Girls* and *China Dolls*. She will discuss her novels followed by Q & A, and book signing.
Pasadena Public Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
285 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 744-4066

Monday, November 3, 2014
Check-in and social 6:30pm; Dinner 7:00pm; Program 8:00pm
Traveling the Silk Road in a Land Rover
Retracing the Marco Polo Footsteps
Golden Dragon Restaurant
\$20 for members of China Society and CHSSC,
\$25 for non-members Pay at the door, cash or check
RSVP – Yvonne 310-454-3621 or rsvp@chinasocietyofsocal.org
Pierre Odier, adventurer, photographer, and publisher, drove more than 12,000 miles in a Land Rover that took 85 days of constant driving. Pierre Odier's stunning images will guide you along his trek from one exotic locale to the next.

Saturday, November 8, 2014 3:00pm
Yellow Peril book talk with Jack Chen In partnership with CAM and C.A.C.A. The "yellow peril" is one of the oldest and most pervasive racist ideas in Western culture. Yet while Fu Manchu looks almost quaint today, the prejudices that gave him life persist in modern culture. *Yellow Peril!* is the first comprehensive repository of anti-Asian images and writing, and it surveys the extent of this iniquitous form of paranoia.
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