

MAY 2015

Roads Into and Out of Chinatown



Presentation by Annie Chin Siu, D.D.S.

Wednesday, May 6, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

Castelar Elementary School
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

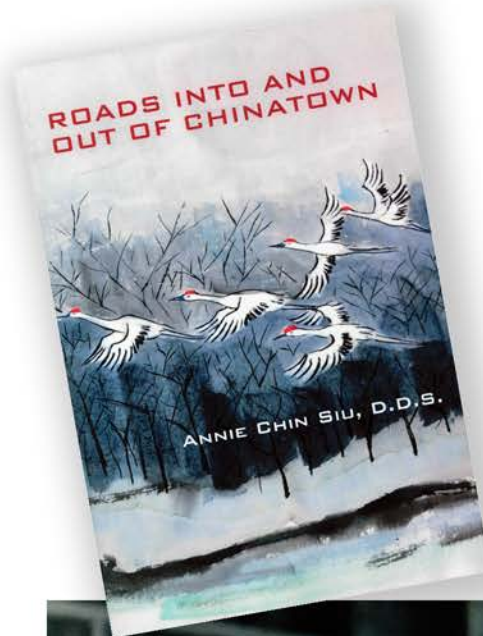
Free parking - enter via College Street

Refreshments will be served

This event is free and open to the public

Long-time CHSSC member, community volunteer, and philanthropist, Dr. Annie Siu, has written her memoir. She details her unusual path to becoming an orthodontist in Alhambra, CA.

Her story begins with her father coming to America. Annie writes of her immigrant family's struggles and brings voice to her everyday life growing up in San Francisco Chinatown in the 1930 and 1940's. She explains her unlikely choice to apply to dental school where she is the first Chinese woman to be admitted to the UC San Francisco dental school and the only woman in her dental school class. After her marriage to Tim Siu, Annie and Tim moved to Alhambra to begin their professional careers and their family. Join us to support Annie and follow her life as she becomes an "accidental dentist."



Annie Chin Siu, D.D.S. accidental dentist



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Nominations to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Board of Directors 2015-2016

The following have been nominated to the Chinese Historical Society
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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 3, 2015 meeting at
Castelar Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

*We will accept nominations from the floor at the May meeting.

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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 communi-
cate 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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The Impact of the 1906 Earthquake on San Francisco's Chinatown

Special guest and speaker, Erica Y. Pan, PhD, joined us at Castelar to present on the impact of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake on Chinatown. A topic that many attendees at the meeting could relate to, the Chinese and Chinatown faced overwhelming odds to rebuild in the aftermath of the earthquake. Yet somehow, San Francisco Chinatown still stands today. Attendees were encouraged to share their own experiences, and thoughts on how the Chinese survived such a calamity. After the presentation, Dr. Pan donated a signed copy of her book "The Impact of the 1906 Earthquake on San Francisco's Chinatown", and this copy is now available for reference at the CHSSC library. We would like to thank Dr. Pan for her invaluable contributions to the Chinese American narrative.

To end the night, meeting attendees were treated to delicious cake (courtesy of Susan Sing), in celebration of Susan Dickson's birthday. Happy Birthday Susan, and thank you for your many years of dedication and contributions to the CHSSC!





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Save the Date - October 17, 2015

The 40th Anniversary Banquet



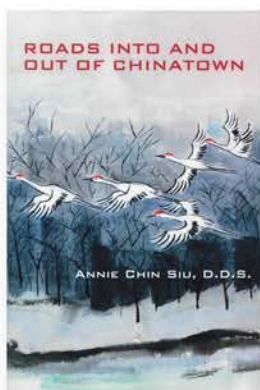
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1975-2015

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This book tells the remarkable story of Annie Siu. She is not only a pioneering orthodontist; she was an Asian American leader before the San Gabriel Valley was a thriving Asian American community.



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Ching Ming Remembrance at Riverside, CA

by O.C. Lee

Save Riverside Chinatown-Save Our Chinatown Committee (SOCC) hosted the 7th annual Ching Ming Remembrance to honor Chinese pioneers at Olivewood Memorial Park in Riverside, California. Ching Ming is an annual Chinese rite, similar to Dia de las Muertos; it is the Chinese day of remembering our ancestors by visiting the cemetery, cleaning their graves, and providing offerings of wine and food. Although the normal practice is to honor the ancestors in one's direct line, most of the Chinese pioneers buried in Riverside left no descendants due to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, discriminatory laws, and later extensions of those laws. From the 1880s until the 1940s, the Riverside Chinatown community took care of honoring the dead. This was necessary because families in China could not properly honor their ancestors overseas. Since 2009, after a hiatus of about 60 years, the SOCC revived the observation and invited the public to learn about this Chinese remembrance tradition in Riverside. Increased awareness of this important annual Chinese cultural practice has spurred additional cultural preservation projects.





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Community Calendar

Saturday, May 2, 2015 8:00am

**Exploring the History of Chinese Pioneers:
A Hike to Elysian Park**

Difficulty: easy, two star **, 7 miles;
suitable for the whole family
Elevation gain/loss: +600/-600 ft.
Chinese American Museum
www.camla.org

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Friday, May 15, 2015 Reception 6:00 pm

**ASIAN PACIFIC ALUMNI OF UCLA INAUGURAL GALA
Honoring: RANDALL PARK, Actor, Fresh Off the Boat**

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Asian Pacific Alumni UCLA <ucla_apa@hotmail.com>
Please purchase your tickets online at www.8clap.eventbrite.com
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ucla_apa@hotmail.com
Empress Pavilion, Los Angeles Chinatown

Wednesday, May 20 6:30 pm

Finding Samuel Lowe is the moving story of Paula Madison's
search for her ancestral history. Madison, a retired executive with
NBC Universal, will share her journey of discovery.
Chinese American Museum
425 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
The evening will include a panel discussion,
book-signing, and a free film screening
www.camla.org
www.findingsamuellowe.com

Saturday, May 30, 2015 10:00am -12:00noon

**Hunting DNA in China with Alice M. Fairhurst
Chinese Family History Group of SoCal**

Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA)
415 Bamboo Lane
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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(213) 628-8015
www.chinesefamilyhistory.org/next-meeting.html

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