

# NEWS'N NOTES




**Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California**

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## The Annual Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Christmas Potluck

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Wednesday, December 6, 2017  
6:30 pm

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

Free parking - enter via College Street  
This event is open to the public.

Bring your favorite dish (serving 4-6 people)  
or \$5 for admission, children are free.

Invite your whole family to sing Christmas carols  
and 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 2018 CHSSC membership.



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## November Monthly Meeting Island of the Blue Dolphins: The Lone Woman at the Crossroads by Linda Bentz

Linda Bentz was the speaker for the November monthly meeting. She spoke about her latest research pertaining to the historical account of the award-winning book *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. The book, a fictionalized account, describes the life of a girl who lived alone on San Nicolas Island from 1835 to 1853. Historical literature refers to the heroine of the book as the Lone Woman, and suggests that she lived alone on the island for 18 years.

This work is supported by Californian Humanities who awarded historians Susan Morris, Robert Schwemmer and Mrs. Bentz a grant to investigate commerce on San Nicolas Island between 1835 and 1853. During the lecture, Linda described a variety of events that occurred on the island during the Lone Woman's tenure. These include otter hunting, smuggling, whaling, and survey activities. Linda and the team are also attempting to determine if Chinese abalone fishermen were on San Nicolas Island between 1835 and 1853. This research is on going and future information will be uncovered at the Huntington Library, the California Historical Society and among records produced during California's Mexican period. Ultimately, information gleaned from this research will be developed into curriculum, and uploaded onto the Lone Woman Digital Archives sponsored by the National Park Service.

November 1, the day of the monthly meeting, was the seventh game of the World Series played at Dodger Stadium. Over thirty people attended the meeting and completed surveys afterwards. We were delighted that Felicia Kelley, Project & Evaluation Director with California Humanities, attended the meeting as was well. Thank you all for braving the traffic and congestion to attend the lecture. Your support of the CHSSC is deeply appreciated!



## Board of Directors

### Officers

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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 the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California,

It's time to join/renew your 2018 membership with the CHSSC.

Your participation as a member will support our mission and programs. This includes free monthly presentations throughout the school year in Chinatown LA and surrounding local communities. Chinese Americans highlighted in 2017 included that of filmmakers, biographers, Dodger Team Photographer, tea enthusiast and educator to name a few.

As an educational organization we conduct Chinatown walking tours, collect oral histories and other information about the history of the Chinese in America. Your annual membership fee also includes the receipt of our monthly newsletter, News 'N Notes, our yearly Gum Saan Journal, and discounts on our publications and products.

At our annual fund-raising dinner in May 2017, we recognized "Storytellers" with the Golden Spike Award. At our Spring 2018 dinner we will continue to honor the exceptional accomplishments of Chinese Americans, organizations and institution in Southern California. As we look forward to our 43rd year as one of the most active community organizations in Los Angeles Chinatown, we hope that you will support our endeavors. Please consider an additional year end gift along with your membership to support our mission. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Helen Quon

Membership Secretary

**Please Renew  
Your Membership Now!**  
Renew online! [www.chssc.org/join/membership.aspx](http://www.chssc.org/join/membership.aspx)



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**南加州華人歷史學會**

## 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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☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Silver \$ 57.

☐ 100 x 100 Club \$ 100.

☐ Diamond \$ 300.

☐ Student or Senior (60+) \$ 32.

Donation (tax deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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tax ID: 95-3155357

I am interested in helping with:

☐ Programs

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☐ Fundraising

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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## Support the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Today!



### Facilities

Our offices and headquarters are housed in two Victorian era cottages. These architectural gems have been home to the CHSSC for over 20 years and we intend to stay for many more. Throughout the years, many efforts have been made to maintain the structural and architectural integrity of the buildings, but we are still in need of a major refurbishing, which includes the replacement of rotting wood and the repainting of the exterior of our buildings. With your help we can restore the buildings to their original beauty.



### Archive

Our archives continue to be an integral part of the CHSSC, as a resource for researchers, and as a way to preserve artifacts that portray our collective history. This year, our Archives Committee led by Linda Bentz has done an excellent job in reorganizing our archives to be more accessible, and even uploading several of our collections to the OAC (Online Archive of California). Our goal is to make sure that the items in our archives room continue to stand the test of time, and a climate control system is in great need.



### Library

Our library has more than doubled its size since its inception and has become an important resource for those researching Chinese American history, Asian American History, and even Chinese history. The library continues to grow as we receive more and more book donations every year. Moving forward, we would like to continue the expansion of our library by buying new shelves to hold these books, as well as seek out and purchase relevant and scholarly publications in our subject matter.

I want to support the following projects: ☐ Facilities ☐ Archive ☐ Library

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to the CHSSC in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to CHSSC

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Gift Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The CHSSC is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, donations are deductible to the full extent of federal and state tax laws.

## Archive Spotlight

The Archives Committee is continuing to sort and organize documents and artifacts currently curated in the CHSSC archives. Board member, Jeannie Chen, has started mapping the archives and this task will be completed soon. During the last few months we have directed our focus on documents generated by the Society. We have also unearthed hundreds of photographs that date back a few decades. If you would like to help us identify individuals in these photographs we would greatly welcome your help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us via email at [chssc@hotmail.com](mailto:chssc@hotmail.com), or call us at (323) 222-0856. We look forward to hearing from you!



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## Community Calendar

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017 6:30pm**

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**Thursday, December 7, 2017 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

### **18th Annual APA Community Holiday Toy Drive**

Bring an unwrapped new toy valued at \$25 (or more) or make a minimum donation of \$25. Admission includes food, beverages, desserts, entertainment and access to the museum's exhibits.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/apatoydrive](http://www.facebook.com/apatoydrive)

Japanese American National Museum

100 N Central Ave, Los Angeles, California 90012

**Thursday, December 7, 2017 6:00pm - 10:00pm**

### **Chinatown After Dark @ Far East**

Chinatown After Dark happens on the First Thursdays at Far East Plaza. The monthly event features an opportunity for innovative chefs to test out new menu items and pop-up concepts. Chinatown's regulars promote specials and other incentives. Each month's event feature talented musical acts from vocalists to DJs to instrumentals. Good vibes under clear skies in the breezy Southern California evening, join us next time and see what's new in the neighborhood! Far East Plaza, 727 N Broadway Los Angeles CA 90012 213-680-0243

**December 10, 2017 - June 24, 2018 11:00am - 5:00pm**

### **Wu Bin's Ten Views of a Lingbi Stone**

The exhibition focuses on the most extraordinary painting of a stone ever created in China: Wu Bin's Ten Views of a Lingbi Stone (1610), a Ming dynasty handscroll comprising 10 separate views of a single stone from the famous site of Lingbi, Anhui Province. Also including superb examples of Lingbi and Taihu stones and contemporary Chinese ink paintings depicting stones, this exhibition explores the history of collecting strange stones in China and the relationship between stones, Daoist cosmology, and classical Chinese poetry. This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Blvd,

Los Angeles, CA 90036

323- 857-6000

**Friday, December 15, 2017 5:30pm-7:30pm**

### **Assemblymember Ed Chau's Holiday Toy Drive & Make a Difference Awards**

Come discuss services & programs that the district office provides along with recent legislation to improve the quality of life for all district residents. The event will also honor local law enforcement and firefighters whose dedication & commitment has improved the lives of so many people. Please consider bringing unwrapped toys/items in their original packaging for the toy drive (optional). Light refreshments will be served.

Arcadia Community Center

365 Campus Dr., Arcadia, CA 91007

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