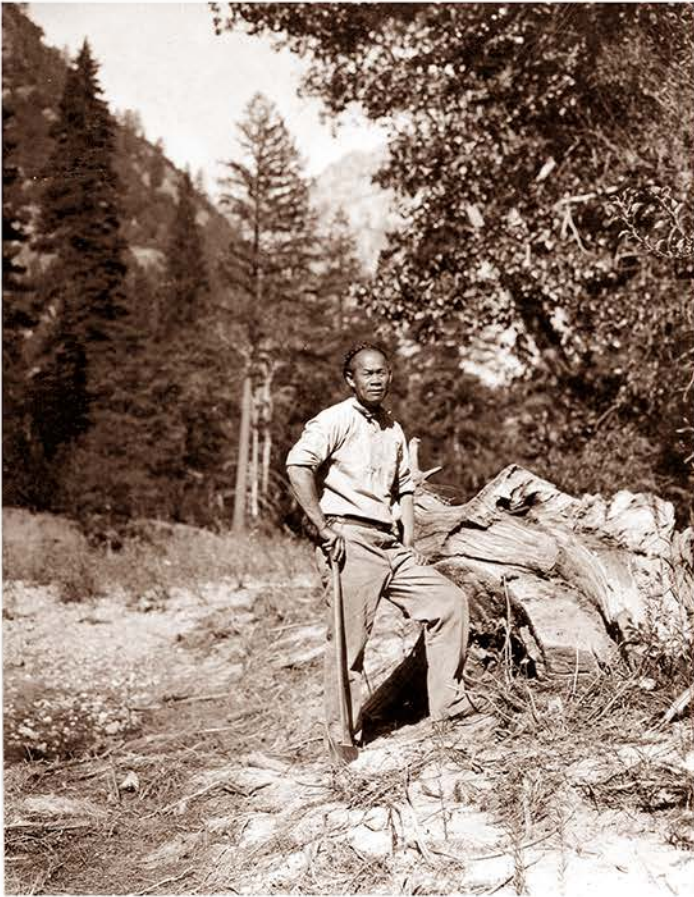


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## 5th Annual Pilgrimage to Yosemite National Park

*Commemorating the  
Contributions of Chinese  
in the Sierra Nevada*

July 27th to August 2nd, 2017

The National Park Service celebrated its 100th Birthday last year. In its next 100 years, how will the Park Service interpret and educate visitors about the contributions of Chinese in building many of the roads and railways through the Sierra Nevada range, working at historic lodges and in the lumber industry, and contributing to the early history of our National Parks?

For the fifth year, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California in collaboration with the National Park Service is helping to sponsor an annual pilgrimage to historically significant sites in Yosemite National Park. All Chinese Historical organizations are welcome as well as any individual to participate in this event. The dates and activities for this year are:

Thursday, July 27 - Limited Campsites Available

- Tent campsites at Wawona Campground available starting Thursday night to volunteers only.
- Alternative accommodations also available at Wawona Hotel, other Yosemite area hotels, and through CHSSC which has pre-rented two large house cabins in Wawona. If you would like to reserve accommodations in one of our rented cabins, please direct your request to [chssc@hotmail.com](mailto:chssc@hotmail.com).

Friday, July 28 - Tuolumne Meadows hike along part of the Old Tioga Road

Saturday, July 29 - Wawona Area History Talk and Pot Luck Cookout

Sunday, July 30 - Future of Pilgrimage and Working with NPS Brainstorming

Monday through Wednesday, July 31 to Aug. 2

- Pilgrimage to Sing Peak

- A three day backpacking trip which involves a day going off trail to climb to the top of Sing Peak (10,552' elevation), named after the famous chef of the Mather Mountain Party. Limited to those who are signed up on teams which have Wilderness Permits.

Save these dates and make reservations for accommodations in or around Wawona! Summer months are some of the busiest times in the Park and reservations are filled early. If attending the Friday event in Tuolumne Meadows, another option is to spend the first night, July 27th, at Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, or Lee Vining along the Hwy 395 corridor, and subsequent nights in Wawona.

If you are interested in this project or want to volunteer or participate in the backpacking trip, contact the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California at [chssc@hotmail.com](mailto:chssc@hotmail.com) or Jack Shu at [jkshu52@gmail.com](mailto:jkshu52@gmail.com). RSVP for this event by visiting our website at [chssc.org/Events/Pilgrimage.aspx](http://chssc.org/Events/Pilgrimage.aspx)





## Golden Spike Journeys

We began our last monthly meeting with the traditional swearing in of our new board members for 2017-2018. Following our short ceremony, CHSSC members Gordon Hom, Eugene Moy, and Susan Sing shared their trip to Promontory, Utah to participate in Corky Lee's "photographic act of justice" and commemorate the driving of the ceremonial Golden Spike 148 years ago. During the presentation, Eugene, Gordon and Susan shared a collection of photos captured during the event, photos capturing bits of Chinese American history in their side journeys, and photos of trips the CHSSC made in 1998 and 1999 to commemorate the Golden Spike. By highlighting the significance of this event and journey, we hope that you too will be inspired to join the CHSSC on the journey to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the joining of the transcontinental rails in Promontory, Utah in 2019.

Note: There will no monthly meetings in the months of July and August. We will continue to have events throughout the summer and will return to Castelar in September. Please continue to read our upcoming newsletters for updates on our upcoming events.



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## Mission Statement

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- 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in southern California;
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- 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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*In Memoriam*

## Jack Ong



*Bio By Patty Toy*

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California regrettably shares news of the passing of the great Jack Ong. Please join the CHSSC in celebrating Jack Ong's life in a public memorial service on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 4:00pm, at: "The Collection, at Galpin Motor Sports", 15600 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406.

Many knew Jack Ong through his support of and involvement with the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC), especially as a former board member and the dinner galas he has emceed. Many of us knew him through his numerous acting roles on stage, TV and films over the decades.

Still, others knew and respected Jack as a genius writer, public relations and ad man whose professionalism, class and humor have helped bring success to the churches and organizations he served, as well as such powerhouse businesses like the International Hotel (later the Hilton) in Las Vegas, Galpin Motors, and Topanga Plaza in Los Angeles.

And many knew him as "Pastor Jack," leading churches and ministries and participating on missionary trips to foreign countries for a variety of human rights causes, including the Vincent Chin murder case (rallying support for Vincent's mother and calling for justice for his killers, appealing to Chinese in Hong Kong and Taiwan); and for his work as Executive Director of the Dr. Haing S. Ngor Foundation, which he founded with the Oscar-winning ("Killing Fields") actor. Jack's work in the realm of community service also included the Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists – he helped establish and was the first chair of the Asian American subcommittee of the SAG board of directors, rallying for greater diversity in the media, on camera and behind the scenes. He was a longtime supporter of East West Players, having served on EWP's New Theatre Campaign; was always willing to "cheerlead" for the Chinese American Museum; and was an advisor to Born to Act Players (BTAP), a vital acting-as-therapy ministry for people with Down's Syndrome. BTAP was founded by Jack's close friend, actress Mary Rings.

Still others remember Jack as loving son, loyal brother, and doting uncle. You couldn't find a friend more sacrificing or supportive than Jack. His "life verse" from the Bible, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10), truly reflects the man so many around the world were happy to know and call "friend".

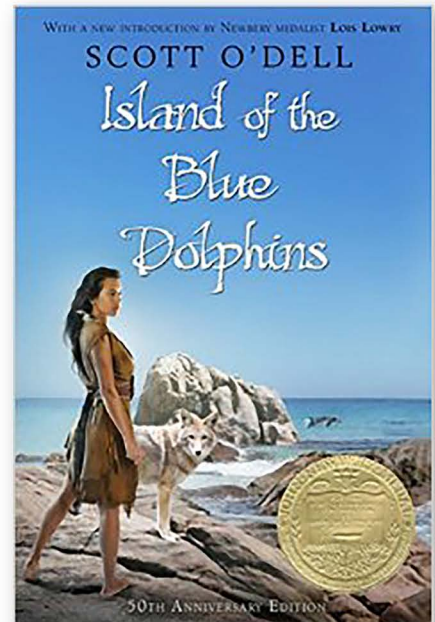
## CHSSC Receives Grant

CHSSC is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the California Humanities Quick Grant Program. The abstract for the project follows:

*Island of the Blue Dolphins: The Lone Woman at the Crossroads*

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* is a novel taught in nearly every elementary school in the country. This fictionalized account is based on the life of an American Indian girl who lived alone on San Nicolas Island, California, for 18 years, 1835-1853. Recent research reveals that this young woman witnessed commercial sea otter hunting, and likely Chinese abalone harvesting. These interactions highlight the multicultural contacts that took place on the west coast of North America. Two public talks will present cutting-edge research, and K-12 lesson plans will be created for the National Park Service's Island of the Blue Dolphins web-resource.

Linda Bentz, CHSSC Vice President, is the project director along with historian Susan Morris, and Robert Schwemmer the West Coast Regional Maritime Heritage Program Coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Research conducted for this project will be presented at an upcoming CHSSC monthly meeting.



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Monthly newsletter.  
Free Gum Saan Journal.  
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Admission to Heritage Center during  
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Invitation for 2 to special events.

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

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## 2017 Summer Internship Program

The CHSSC is proud to announce the start of our 2017 Summer Internship Program. The goal of our internship program is to build relationships with young, energetic, and talented individuals who share a mutual interest in Chinese American history. We are excited to introduce Kristy Phan and Gladys Garcia:

Special thanks to the donors who made this internship program possible:

Susan Dickson  
O.C. Lee  
Winifred Lew  
Lila Quan  
Donna Young  
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We would also like to thank the CHSSC board members who devoted and volunteered many hours to ensure that this internship is a rewarding experience for our two interns and our organization.

Linda Bentz  
Jeannie Chen  
Judy Chou  
Kelly Fong  
Gilbert Hom  
Eugene Moy



Ms. Gladys Garcia is a recent graduate from California State University, Los Angeles with a double major in both Latin American and Asian American Studies (BA). Her long term personal and professional goals are to pursue her master's in Library Sciences to further her passion for social justice-based archiving in order to democratize knowledge.

Ms. Kristy Phan is an incoming senior at UCLA majoring in Asian American studies.

Through her internship at CHSSC, she hopes to gain valuable experience in archival and community work. Her interests include social justice, yoga, and food.



Photo: Sara Jane Boyers

### The Kites of Tyrus Wong Exhibit – Trip to Malibu City Hall

Tuesday, July 25, 2017  
Malibu City Hall  
23825 Stuart Ranch Rd, Malibu, CA 90265

Members of the CHSSC are invited to come join us, photographer Sara Jane Boyers, and Kim Wong, Tyrus' youngest daughter, for a special gallery walk of Boyers' photography exhibit featuring Tyrus Wong and his kites titled, *Go Fly a Kite: Saturdays at the Beach with Tyrus Wong*. Some of Tyrus' actual kites are featured in this exhibit.

If you are interested in participating in this outing, please RSVP with us at [chssc@hotmail.com](mailto:chssc@hotmail.com). If you wish to carpool with us, or are willing to be a carpool driver, please also email us at the above address. We plan to leave CHSSC headquarters that morning at 9:45 AM. Arrangements are being made for a group lunch in the Malibu area before returning to L.A.

The exhibition runs through July 28, 2017. The gallery is in the City of Malibu's City Hall, which is open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. We encourage everyone to go see the exhibit before it ends.



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### Community Calendar

#### **Saturday July 1, 2017**

##### **Chinatown Summer Nights**

Part food event, part summer party, Chinatown Summer Nights presents an exciting hot spot for Angelenos this summer. Taste the many culinary offerings of Chinatown and LA's gourmet food trucks; sample the neighborhood's wares; watch Chinese chefs perform cooking demonstrations; experience large-scale, outdoor video projections; take part in hands-on, Chinese cultural activities presented by local organizations and museums; sip on craft brews and dance in Central Plaza with 89.9 KCRW's DJ's!

Presented by the Chinatown Business Improvement District and KCRW, in association with Community Arts Resources (CARS), Los Angeles Chinatown Corporation, and the ChungKing Plaza Association.

943 – 951 N. Broadway, Los Angeles CA 90012 (Central and West Plazas)

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#### **April 2- July 28**

##### **Painting the Sky: The Kites of Tyrus Wong**

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### **Save the Date!**

#### **Saturday, August 26, 2017**

##### **CHSSC Annual Summer Picnic**

Join the CHSSC at the new Los Angeles State Historic Park next month, for an afternoon of delicious food and activities. All members and friends are invited.

Los Angeles State Historic Park  
1245 N Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90012