



December 2024

 Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California

南加州華人歷史學會

Christmas Afternoon Potluck Luncheon

Monday, December 9, 2024 | 12:00PM - 3:00PM+

What to bring:

Food items from Costco / Portos

Dim Sum (one type)

Chinese Food (double order)

Salads

Roast Duck

Fried Chicken

CHECK WITH GORDON FOR SUGGESTIONS | (562) 397-3148
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Location:

SHADOW PARK CLUBHOUSE
12800 South Street Cerritos, CA 90703

See Guard for admission to Clubhouse 2 blocks South



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Friends and Family

Just yesterday I had a long phone conversation with new friends. I was simply returning a phone inquiry re our 2025 Yosemite plans, and I provided a summary of our annual Yosemite Pilgrimage format: discovering history, taking in wondrous sights, enjoying group hikes, and sharing potluck meals. But we also talked about our shared interests, in family history research, exploring some of our diverse and common geographic family journeys (his: Minnesota and Wyoming; hers: Inglewood, and father’s grocery store at 106th and Western was not far from my Dad’s store at 105th and Main!). So I feel fortunate in constantly discovering new connections, finding new family stories.

This coming month, we will cross an anniversary date relevant to many of us: the Chinese Exclusion Repeal Act of 1943, also known as the Magnuson Act, was passed by Congress signed into law on December 17 of that year, ending 61 years of Chinese Exclusion which kept many families apart. While Chinese immigration quotas still needed decades of renegotiation, many families finally had the opportunity to reunite. A few years ago, the California State Assembly, in a bill sponsored by Mike Eng, declared December 17 as the annual Day of Inclusion. A few years earlier, I had been fortunate to attend a dinner at which actress and social worker/community activist Beulah Quo declared her goal, to commit to “Acts of Inclusion.”

This holiday season, as we gather with family, friends, and community, as we plan for activities for the coming year, personal and organizational, I must be mindful of and continue to follow what these leaders have taught me, to practice and to work for Acts of Inclusion. That should be one of our main approaches in presenting Chinese American history, not in a silo, but showing how it all fits in and collaborates with our nation's history.

Best wishes to all,
Eugene Moy

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, Inc. shall be:

1. to advocate for a wider understanding of the significance of the role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in the history of Southern California;
2. to bring together people with a mutual interest in the Southern California history of Chinese and Chinese Americans;
3. to perform all the functions required to acquire, preserve, and communicate knowledge of this important history; and
4. to promote a better appreciation of our rich multi-cultural society.



November 2024

American Legion Chinatown Post 628

Some of our local veterans participated at flag raisings recently, in Chinatown at the annual Ten Ten (Founding of Republic of China) Celebration, and at the Chinese Cemetery in East L.A. on Veterans Day. Post 628 was founded by Chinese American World War II veterans. Today's members have been involved in various branches of military service since the 1950's, and have served overseas in places like Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East.

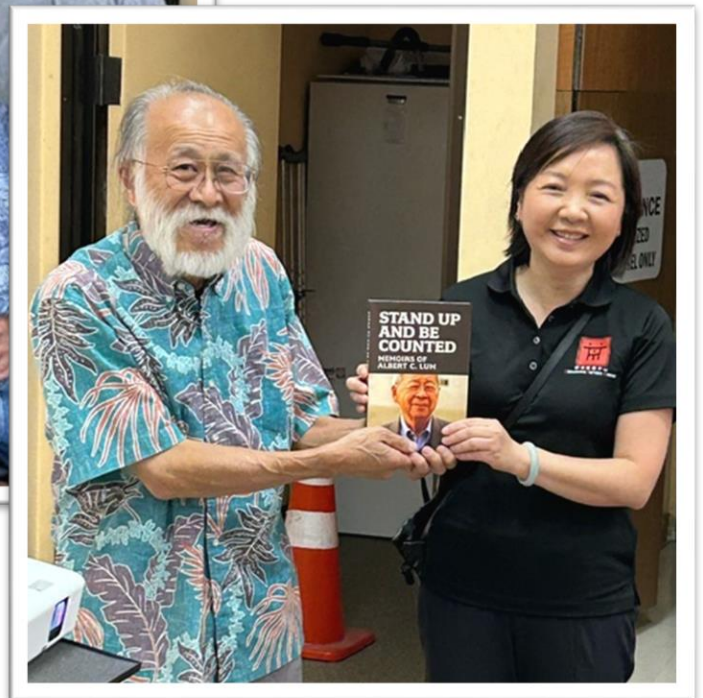




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On November 9, we heard Albert C. Lum talk about his life experiences, from humble roots in Arkansas to legal and community leadership in L.A., as documented in his recently published memoir, *Stand Up And Be Counted*. Thanks to the Chinatown Service Center for providing the venue. Copies of the book are available through CHSSC for \$20.





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2024 North American Chinatown Solidarity Conference

Former CHSSC board member Rick Eng has long been involved with L.A. community affairs, from his past leadership with OCA-GLA to his current role with L.A. vs. Hate. He recently attended the #ChinatownSolidarity: Second Annual U.S.–Canada Chinatown Cultural & Revitalization Conference held in New York City. This gathering of concerned representatives from many historic Chinatowns shared and discussed common historic preservation concerns. Topics included some of the existential threats, or potentially negative impacts, that some Chinatowns are facing today: a new arena for the 76er’s basketball team in Philadelphia; an aerial tram ferrying spectators to Dodgers Stadium over LA Chinatown, and a 40-story “mega” jail in the heart of New York’s Chinatown. Attendees varied from public and private sector professionals to grassroots advocates and activists engaged in community and civic partnerships to protect and celebrate the hearth of their identity. Attendees departed the conference with a consensus about the need to facilitate ongoing, constructive convenings to engender a robust and purposeful network of communities.



Giving Tuesday

December 3, 2024

In 2025, CHSSC will celebrate our 50th anniversary. To commemorate our successes and contributions to Chinese American history, we will organize several events and create online exhibits. We will save this important heritage and share it with our community for generations to come.

Your support is needed to make our plans a reality. You can participate in this fundraising effort online or by check.



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Wilbert Lew discusses his family in Old Chinatown



viewing party at Where You Stand exhibit at Union Station



reunion gathering of Soo Hoo, Tom, and Leung families at Where You Stand exhibit

2025 CHSSC Membership

CHSSC membership levels are levels of support. Each level of paid membership entitles members to receive a 2025 issue of the Gum Saan Journal and a monthly email of our newsletter. Previously, a member had the option of receiving a hard copy of the News 'N Notes in the mail. Due to increased mailing and printing costs, members must pay \$20.00 to receive the issues of the newsletter by mail.

(Note: Life Members will continue to receive the NNN by mail, but they do not receive free Gum Saan Journals)

2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP HAS SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Virtual walking tour of Chinatown and walking tour training manual.

12th Annual Pilgrimage to Yosemite (heritage tour).

Where You Stand: Chinatown 1880-1939 exhibit at Union Station.

Three archivists working on our physical and digital archives and our library.

Organized and launched the online version of the Southern California Oral History project.

Summer intern research using 1950 census of the Old Chinatown area for our "The Five Chinatowns" book project with partner UCLA Asian American Studies Center.



YOUR 2025 MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Renovation of our Chinatown Heritage Center.

Continue processing our archival and digital assets and uploading digital assets to the Online Archives of California and Calisphere.

Continued community partner to UCLA

Continuing training of Library Science interns.

Safety and security of our information technology.

Continued documentation of Chinatown history.

Additional virtual and physical exhibits.



New Membership Renewal

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Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
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Mail to: Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
411 Bernard St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Membership Levels

Regular \$ 57

100x100 Club \$ 100

Supporter \$ 300

Senior (60+) or student \$ 32

Hardcopy newsletter \$ 20

Donation (tax deductible) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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Donations for December

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