



Chinese Historical Society of Southern California

December 2025

Christmas party

MONDAY

DECEMBER

8

12PM - 3PM

WHAT TO BRING:

Food from Costco / Porto's
Chinese Food (double order)
Dim Sum (one type)
Fried Chicken
Roast Salads
Salads
Vegetable dishes

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

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION:

SHADOW PARK CLUBHOUSE
12800 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703



IN APPRECIATION

As we approach the end of 2025, we look back to review our efforts and achievements, celebrate with and thank all who have been involved, and start planning on how to keep moving and keep improving.

First, I would like to express my gratitude for all the support of our board of directors, listed on this page, who have been involved in many ways, from attending meetings and reporting to the board, coordinating committee work, and contributing personal resources. Past treasurers Steve Tom and Franklin Mah have been helping from the sidelines as we move ahead with all of our financial and compliance reporting. Board members have successfully applied for and managed several grants to support our work.

We have made progress because of our staff, from new administrative assistant Brie Almena to archivists Coryn Hardison and Riona Tsai. We have benefited from many donations of volunteer labor, materials, and even furniture, from Wilbert Lew, Anita Lee, Harry Du Young, Susan Sing, Bill Chin, Sam Chow, Spencer Cheng, Tennyson Kwok, Marjorie Lee, Rick Eng, Will Tham, and others.

Our walking tour docents, who led (by end of Dec.) 20 groups totaling over 300 persons, have included Linda Chong, Chuck Woo, Wilbert Lew, Cindy Fong, Lou Quan, Mei Ong, Ernie Low, Lily Wu Wren, and Christopher Ng, as well as myself.

Our monthly newsletter has been produced by a volunteer team of young designers Ying Zhang and Shuang Luo, and editor Susan Dickson, our annual Gum Saan Journal production has been managed by editor and writer Susie Ling who has also overseen her editing and design team.

Lastly, I must thank our vice president Robert Chong, for his leadership in planning and organizing our 50th Anniversary Gala. It has been a yearlong effort, to look back at our historic achievements, present some of our current work, and to offer a glimpse of some newer faces and talent—OUR FUTURE.

Thank you to ALL.

Eugene Moy

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Mission Statement

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

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



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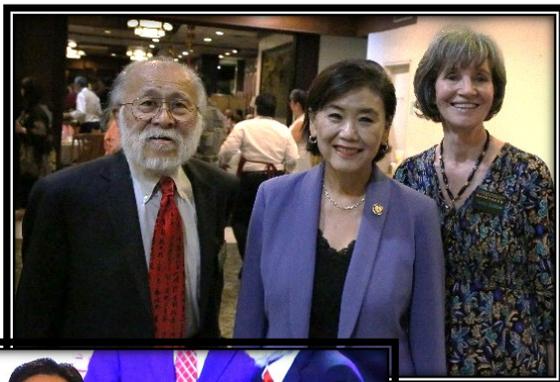
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CHSSC at Archives Bazaar Riona Tsai

The CHSSC Archives team Coryn Hardison, Riona Tsai, and Zoe Lee-Divito, along with Gordon Hom, tabled at this year's Archives Bazaar at Cal State LA. CHSSC showed off some of the physical and digital items from the CHSSC archival collections to promote the important archival work of CHSSC in preserving the history of Chinese Americans in Southern California. The team also sold books from our bookstore. Visitors to our display received some free candy and stickers, including a sticker celebrating the Year of the Snake that was designed specifically for the event by Zoe.



CHSSC @ the Archives Bazaar.



VIPs at the
50th Anniversary dinner.





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CHSSC Wins Two Grants

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) is honored to announce that The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant in support of the organization's general operations. This generous funding will strengthen CHSSC's efforts to preserve, interpret, and share the history of Chinese Americans in Southern California.

Over the next two years, CHSSC will continue advancing key archival initiatives—processing and digitizing historical collections, enhancing public access through Omeka, and implementing long-term preservation and emergency preparedness plans. The Mellon Foundation's support ensures that these vital projects can move forward, sustaining CHSSC's mission to make Chinese American heritage more accessible to researchers, students, and the broader community.



The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) is proud to announce that it has been awarded a Groundwork Grants II: Major Projects grant in the amount of \$25,587.58, administered by the California State Library in partnership with Myriad Consulting and Training. The Groundwork Grants program is part of the State Library's Ready or Not: California Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project, which helps cultural organizations strengthen their resilience against disasters.

This award will fund the installation of a fire suppression system in CHSSC's archival repository—an essential step in safeguarding the Society's irreplaceable historical collections. The project aligns with CHSSC's ongoing preservation and preparedness initiatives, which aim to ensure the long-term protection and accessibility of materials documenting Chinese American life in Southern California.

Learn more about the Groundwork Grants program at www.groundworkgrants.org





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CHINESE
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SOCIETY
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

And What a Party it Was...!

CHSSC held its 50th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner at the storied Golden Dragon Restaurant on November 8, 2025. More than 360 members, friends, family, volunteers and supporters were in attendance.

The Dinner beheld many attendees socializing, acquainting and reacquainting with friends old and new – for some who have not seen each other in a while. In attendance were many dignitaries, elected officials, famous authors, film-makers (including an award-winning film-maker), CHSSC Charter Members (including Charter Member #2), and legatees of Chinatown icons.

Attendees were entertained with Lion Dancers, examined exhibits in the Exhibits Room (including the beautifully replicated Tyrus Wong murals of Opera and Landscape), and watched short videos. Attendees were also treated to a short film for CHSSC *Fifty Years of Saving Our History* for the occasion.

CHSSC honored some of its Past Presidents, including (in order of year of presidency): Eugene Moy (1982-1983, 2011-2012, 2022-2023, 2024-2026), Dr. Munson Kwok (1984-1985), Dr. Kiphan Kan (1989-1991), Susan Dickson (1998-2000, 2013-2014, 2018-2022), Kenneth L. Chan (2004-2006, 2007-2009), Gordon Hom (2009-2011, 2016-2018), Dr. Don Loo (2014-2016), and Ricky Leo (2023-2024). These Past Presidents were honored for their dedication and service, and were introduced by dignitaries.

Attendees also had the opportunity to purchase commemorative merchandise, as well as receiving a commemorative table gift.

And what would the celebration be without a Phoenix Bakery cake? Phoenix sponsored four beautifully decorated cakes – for a most commemorative ceremonial cutting of cake. Many left that evening with their bellies full and their memories aplenty.

Robert Chong, CHSSC Vice President, was the 50th Anniversary Committee Chair.



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GIVING TUESDAY

With the turkey and the turkey jook, we think of the reasons we have to be grateful. 2025 started with the Eaton and Palisades-Malibu fires, and the year continued to be difficult in many ways. Still, if the Dodgers can win the World Series in extra innings on the 7th game, we too can persevere. In 2026, we hope to finally upgrade our Bernard Street properties that are really showing their age; they are just shy of 140 years. All can see that the windows and the outside paint need help. We plan to upgrade the fire suppression system for the Archives Room. We want to be disability accessible. We fantasize about a mural ...

We hope that you might find it in your means to help us with our major re-construction project(s). Since the exterior creates visitors' first impressions, our first steps involve the exterior painting and windows. Stripping the paint, priming the wood siding, and painting also protects our home for years to come.

Giving Tuesday is December 2, and your generous donations will be tax-deductible for 2025.



50th Anniversary Celebration honorees with Mike Fong



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Mission Statement

Established in 1975, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) unites people with a mutual interest in promoting the rich heritage of Chinese and Chinese American history. Our mission is to pursue, preserve and communicate the history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in Southern California.

What We Do

- Conduct monthly meetings and public presentations on Chinese American History.
- Sponsor and participate in symposiums, exhibits and conferences.
- Conduct Chinatown walking tours for students and public.
- Lead the annual Lunar New Year Golden Dragon Parade.

Research and Publication

- Publication of multiple books by renowned scholars.
- The Gum Saan Journal is the Society's annual publication.
- Maintain a library with thousands of topics related to Chinese American topics.
- Maintain an archive consisting of oral histories, archaeological collections, photographs and family histories.



New Membership Renewal

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Mail to: Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
411 Bernard St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Membership Levels

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | \$ 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100x100 Club | \$ 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$ 300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (60+) or student | \$ 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardcopy newsletter | \$ 30 |

Donation (tax deductible) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

To join or renew your membership by debit card, credit card, or by using your PayPal account, visit our website at chssc.org.

Please make checks payable to CHSSC

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