

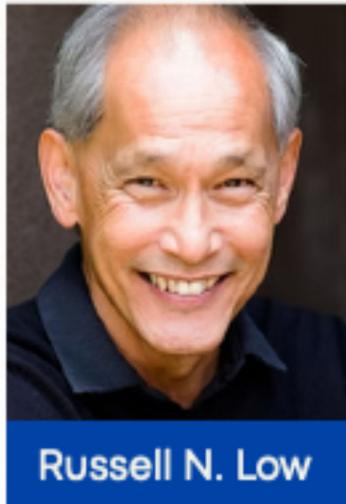
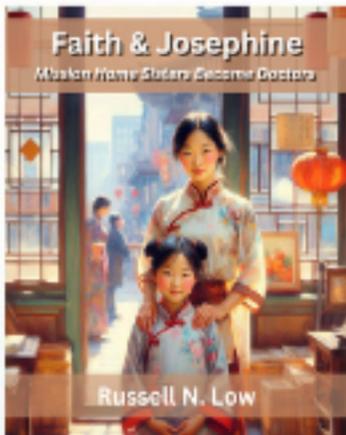


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A Book Talk with Russell Low

Russell Low is a California-born 4th generation Chinese American physician. In recent years, his passion for research, family history and storytelling has led him to become an avid author. There will be current and past books for sale and signing.



Join us for Russell's book presentation followed by a potluck luncheon. Please RSVP to Gordon Hom and let him know what you are bringing.

Date: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2025

Time: 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Location: SHADOW PARK CLUBHOUSE

Address: 19101 ALPHINGTON AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703

OFF OF SOUTH STREET BETWEEN BLOOMFIELD & SHOEMAKER.
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RSVP TO GORDON: (562) 397-3148



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Membership Update

Fifty years and going strong, CHSSC helps history come alive. Publications, research, outreach, monthly programs, and walking tours make Chinese American history available to everyone. Fellowship among members and other organizations connects us to each other and to the wider world. CHSSC membership helps maintain our momentum as we begin the next 50 years.

CHSSC hasn't increased the membership dues in nearly 30 years. It's time. The Senior/ Student membership level will increase to **\$50.00** for 2026. Regular Membership will increase to **\$60.00** per year. The price for the 100X100 and Supporting Membership categories will remain the same. Paid members will receive the 2026 *Gum Saan Journal*. Our expanding mission requires your financial support.

Until last year, there was no charge to receive a hard copy of the *News 'N Notes* in the mail. Currently, the cost of designing, printing, and mailing a newsletter to your home is almost \$3.00 month. There will be 10 monthly issues in 2026. Therefore, if you would like to receive a hard copy, the charge will be **\$30.00** for 2026.

As we celebrate our 50th year, consider joining CHSSC or renewing your membership.

Susan Dickson
CHSSC Board Member

Board of Directors

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Eugene Moy, President
Robert Chong, Vice President
Isaac Chu, Secretary
Anthony Miu, Treasurer

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Mission Statement

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

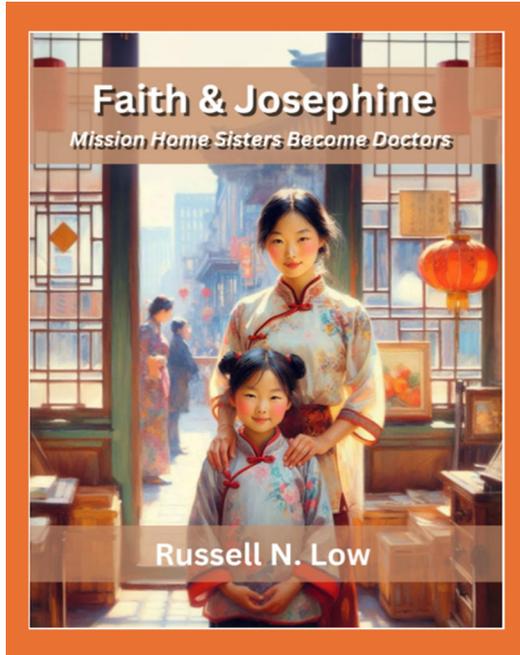
- to advocate for a wider understanding of the significance of the role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in the history of Southern California;
- to bring together people with a mutual interest in the Southern California history of Chinese and Chinese Americans;
- to perform all the functions required 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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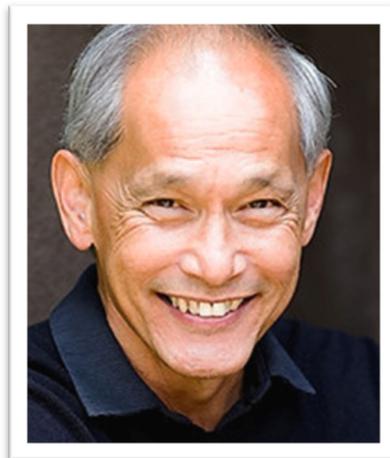
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Faith & Josephine: In a story of unexpected achievements against tremendous odds, Faith Sai So Leong and Josephine Chan rose from humble beginnings, overcoming both societal prejudice and the male-dominated fields of dentistry and medicine to find success in the healing arts.

A Willow Tree Becomes a Forest: While seeking his elusive dream of citizenship, Hop Lee was, in his heart, a true American who believed in the spirit and possibilities of his adopted country. His story embodies the tale of the bold, bright, determined immigrants who proudly built America with their sweat, imagination, and ingenuity. Those who stayed created the ripples that gave us life as individuals and as a nation of nations.





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CHINESE
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OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Join us for our
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"Saving Our History"

1975-2025

Saturday, November 8, 2025

4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, - Cocktail Reception & Archival Exhibits

6:30 pm to 9:00pm - Dinner & Program

Golden Dragon Restaurant

960 N. Broadway, LA Chinatown 90012

12 Seats Left

Tickets

Individual Sponsors - \$175

Purchases can be made via our website at CHSSC.org

or you can send checks to:

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please make checks payable to:

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and note "50th Anniversary Sponsorship" in the memo line



Scan to buy tickets



50 is Nifty (as the saying goes)!

This year celebrates the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and any time an organization sustains for fifty years, it becomes a role model to emulate and follow.

Recently, I have been given a unique vantage point, as the 50th Anniversary Committee Chair, to witness and experience first-hand the structure of CHSSC and the members dedicated to it - to understand its longevity. As the Committee Chair, I have met many current and active Members, who have shared with me great tales of heritage, history and even loss; I have connected with Charter Members who shared their stories of involvement in CHSSC from years past; I have met, and talked with, our leadership, current and from the past, and marvel how their commitment to CHSSC never extinguishes; and I have worked with current Members and Board Members, who volunteered and lent their support to this Dinner, without prompting.

CHSSC will be having its Dinner at the storied Golden Dragon Restaurant on November 8, 2025. The Dinner will offer a chance to socialize with friends old and new, and a chance to possibly reacquaint. Also, the Dinner will feature interactive participation - from the Exhibits Room (displaying CHSSC arts and artifacts), to the Viewing Room (where we have curated 7 short filming, featuring connections to Chinatown and/or CHSSC), as well as a short film made for CHSSC for the occasion. If interactivity is too much, simply enjoy good food and good company.

On behalf of the 50th Anniversary Committee, I sincerely hope that you would be able to join in the revelries and camaraderie of CHSSC's Fifty Year Anniversary. There are limited number of seats still available - please email: info@chssc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Chong'.

Robert Chong
CHSSC Vice President
50th Anniversary Committee Chair



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Riona Tsai is our new archivist. She received her BA from UC Riverside in both Media & Cultural Studies and History specializing in public history, as well as a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) from UCLA. With a passion for community-based history and cultural heritage preservation, she has previously worked on various public history projects, such as A People’s History of the IE, as an undergrad, Cal State LA oral history intern, and as a CHSSC intern. As a CHSSC intern, she worked on the Five Chinatowns Project, created virtual exhibitions, and helped process CHSSC's archival collections. In her spare time, she enjoys going to the movies, collecting physical media, and hanging out with her cats.



Zoe Lee-DiVito (she/her) is a second-year Library and Information Science graduate student at UCLA working as the current archives intern. She received her bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Chinese at Reed College. Zoe has an interest in community archives, digital humanities, and diaspora histories. She has previously worked with the La Historia Historical Society on a digital mapping project and at Heritage Services at Stanford University doing archeology fieldwork. In her spare time Zoe likes to do oil painting, hiking, and exploring Los Angeles.

CHSSC Wins Grant

We are delighted to announce that the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California has been awarded a Groundwork Grant from the California State Library’s Ready or Not: California Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project. The Groundwork Grants program is administered by the California State Library in partnership with Myriad Consulting and Training and is part of the library’s “Ready or Not: California Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project,” funded by the State of California. This \$8,334.91 grant will provide essential resources, including disaster kits, preservation supplies, environmental monitoring equipment, and specialized training opportunities focused on emergency preparedness and collection care. With this support, CHSSC will strengthen its ability to safeguard our community’s irreplaceable history and ensure the long-term protection of our collections for future generations.





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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

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Membership Levels	
<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	\$ _____

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Please make checks payable to CHSSC

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