



NEW 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The path our society has paved in the past four years has been tremendous. It has been good to see new members join us with each passing year. With pride we are learning and recording the many contributions our forefathers made here in America. This year will be an exciting one. We have our new project The Golden Wok where we will explore the history of Chinese cooking here in this country. We are also using this as a fund raiser for a photo exhibit in preparation for the Bicentennial Celebration of Los Angeles. We need You to help make this a success! Our oral history is in its second year and much help is still needed, for the time is short, as the generation before us has much history to be recorded and they are up there in age. We need interviewers and transcribers. Another big event is the Historical National Conference which will be held in San Francisco in October.

Join us as we make our way forward, we have many exciting programs this year, and we need your help in making our Society grow, as our former President said, Bigger and Better.

CHUCK YEE, President

HAPPY YEAR OF THE MAH-LO (MONKEY)!---To each of you -- good luck, happiness, peace and prosperity. According to the calendar, Chinese New Year falls on Saturday, Feb. 16. Chinatown's traditional parade will take place on Friday, Feb. 15, beginning at 8 P.M. The Society will participate again this year with a marching group, displaying its beautiful red-and-yellow banner, in addition to 60 American flags generously loaned by the Monterey Park Lions Club. Members should call John Yee, parade coordinator, at 572-0459, and let him know how many of your family, friends and neighbors will be participating in this exciting event. Let's make it a BIG night for the Society. And if the gods should choose to smile favorably on us, there is a very good chance that it may not rain on our parade!!

Exciting news! The Board of Directors has approved the Golden Wok Awards project, which will take place in late October. The purpose of the project is to exhibit the culinary skills of the best Chinese chefs in the southern California area. Historically, Chinese paintings, ceramics, ~~art~~ and calligraphy have achieved world-wide recognition through various exhibits. However, the display or competition of Chinese food has not been given the same public exposure.

The project director for the Golden Wok Awards will be Stan Lau; assistant director will be Jerry Shue.

One of the planned activities in conjunction with the awards will be the publication of a cook book, stressing historical aspects of Chinese cooking. The editor will be Margie Lew, who is requesting Society members to submit family recipes, as well as items of historical culinary interest.

For further information, or offers of voluntary service, please contact Stan Lau at: 481-6949 (office).

We all miss Betty Welcome, our former Secretary, who is recuperating from a heart ailment in Kaiser Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she'll be back with us soon.

The Chinese New Year souvenir book will be available this month. Among several interesting articles will be the story of Society member Ah Louis, descendant of a famous family of early Chinese pioneers in San Luis Obispo. This should be of special interest, since the Society's field trip, tentatively scheduled for June, will be a journey to this area. Other articles include the legend of the Eight Immortals, and brief histories of outstanding Chinese women in southern California. Since this is 4678, Year of the Monkey, the magazine's cover is one of Society member Tyrus Wong's prize-winning paintings, with the subject being ----monkeys!! What else?

The souvenir books will be available at the March meeting, at \$2.00 per copy.

Our Oral History Project jointly sponsored by UCLA Asian American Studies Center has been extended to February 1981 since much work remains to be done. Our Society has contributed 511 Volunteer hours. We need your support. Please contact Suellen Cheng, 828-6911.

1979 was an exciting year for our Society.

1980 will be even more exciting.

Our Society operates on a very tight budget supported solely by your membership dues and contributions.

Let us retrace and record the footsteps of our Forefathers ----- together.

Please renew your 1980 membership now.

George Yee, Membership Chairman

We want to thank Robert and Edith Jung who donated \$50.00 in honor of the marriage of their son, Clifford to Evelyn Shimose, and an additional \$50.00 toward the marriage of their daughter Wendy to Reid Takahashi.

Thanks also to George and Elsie Yee who donated \$50.00 in celebration of the marriage of their daughter Jennie to John Lue.

NEWS 'n NOTES will be published each month, containing details of coming events, community affairs, and news items pertaining to Society members. Please send all information to Margie Lew, 2346 No. Indiana Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90032. Or call 222-4375.