

FEBRUARY 2013

From China to Catalina: (Charlie) Lim Ying and the Bannings

Presented by Ben Lim
Great Great Grandson of Lim Ying

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

*Castelar Elementary School
840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012*

Free parking - enter via College Street
Refreshments will be served

In the 19th century, Phineas Banning built a transportation business empire that included maritime shipping, railroads, and stage coach lines. Banning was also instrumental in building the Port of Los Angeles. He bought a ranch property from the Dominguez family, and built a 23-room mansion 20+ miles south of Los Angeles, forming the nucleus of a new community named after his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware. Heavily involved in regional politics, Banning hosted lavish parties at his home. But who prepared and served the meals for all these events? In the 1880 US Census, Charlie (Lim Ying) was listed as residing at the Banning home and his occupation was indicated as "Servant". Later documents indicate that Lim Ying resided and worked as lead chef at the Hotel Metropole on Catalina Island, which had been developed by Phineas' three sons. Speaker Ben Lim is a retired chemist from Southern California who has been researching the journeys of Lim Ying, his great-great-grandfather, from his home village in Guangdong Province to heading the food operation at a bustling resort hotel in America. Mr. Lim will show many images and documents that will illustrate the life of one hard-working and enterprising California pioneer who worked for another California pioneer.





Portraits of Pride II—Year 2012 in Review

by *Marian Chew*

During the end of 2012, while people were shopping and prepping for the holidays, the Portraits of Pride II (PoP II) volunteers and CHSSC staff were working arduously to empty CHSSC's storage space of the PoP II books.

The task of distributing 1800 books within one and a half weeks appeared a near-impossible feat for a very small team of only four people. Imagine having to stick 10,800 stamps on a 225-foot stack of books weighing 9000 pounds, and taking all those books to the post office to be shipped—during the Christmas rush! Nevertheless, the job was accomplished due to the team's strong desire to help meet the goal of the PoP Project. While we are making plans for starting L.P. Leung's PoP II work in 2013—of distributing the second edition, converting the PoP books to eBooks, and scheduling more book talks—here is a look back at some of the PoP activities in 2012:

Jan. 19 - Sunrider International in Torrance—Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce celebrates Year of the Dragon and honors Dr. Wing Mar at luncheon.

Mar. 3 - Chinese American Museum (CAM) Lantern Festival—PoP II display table. Jack Ong and Emily Shaw gave presentations.

Mar. 10 - Azusa Pacific University (APU) History Day. PoP II posters, CHSSC publications, including PoP II books, were displayed.

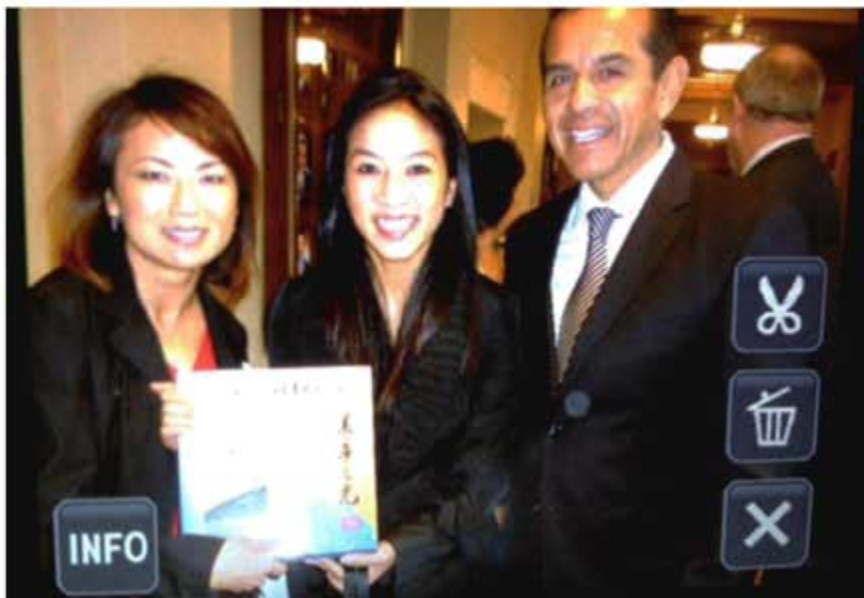
Apr. 27 - Los Angeles City Hall—Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Opening Ceremony. Michelle Kwan signed PoP II for CHSSC's silent auction.

May 6 - Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library—Chinese Exclusion Act (1882) talk by U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu, Betty Tom Chu, Bob Gin, and James Bok Wong. Special recognition to PoP II book and proclamations presented to LP Leung, Gene Moy, Jack Ong, and Emily Shaw.

Oct. 7 - Torrance Cultural Arts Center—The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission presented the Literary Arts Award to Dr. Wing Mar for his excellence as the editor and author of Portraits of Pride.

Oct. 25 - University of California, Irvine (UCI)—Book talk by Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal and Dr. Yong Chen.

Our year ended in another significant highlight. From the December mailing, we received acknowledgments and favorable feedbacks from libraries in 11 states: CA, IN, LA, MD, MI, MO, NE, NJ, OH, TX, and WA. In addition, the total number of responses exceeded the expected value—based on marketing statistics by 150%.



Michelle Kwan proudly poses with PoP II book, Marian Chew and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

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Mission Statement

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California was organized in November 1975. The purposes of the Society are: 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in southern California; 2) to pursue, preserve and communicate knowledge of this history; and 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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Chinese New Year Celebration

February 16, 2013
12:00 noon

For information call (323) 222-0856

In celebrating over one hundred years of tradition, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles presents the 114th Annual Golden Dragon Parade. With over thousands and thousands of individuals lining the parade route and thousands viewing the telecast each year, this colorful celebration along North Broadway in Chinatown has become the premiere cultural event in the Southern California Asian American Community.

Since the mid-1980's, the Golden Dragon Parade has expanded to include almost two dozen floats, multiple marching bands, government officials, various dignitaries, entertainers, local business leaders and cultural groups. The parade's theme emphasizes ethnic diversity, Chinese Culture and exposure to Chinese American businesses. The parade continues to be a rich and diverse experience for Angelenos of all ages and ethnicities.

The day of the Lunar New Year is the most celebrated holiday of the year for nearly 1.5 million persons of Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese descent in Southern California. It is celebrated with colorful festivals, parades, and most importantly, large family gatherings. It is also a time when ancestors are fondly remembered and families give thanks for their blessings. Red packets of money ("Lai See" or "Hung Bao") and firecrackers add fun and excitement to the Chinese New Year celebration.

We invite you to be a part of this important annual celebration
- as a spectator, participant or sponsor.



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Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California

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Discount on field trips to historical sites.
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All benefits of 100 x 100 Club membership.
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*The Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California
extends its deep condolences
to the families and friends of*

Vicky Chu

Mae Hom

Jack Jue

Kathy Louie

Betty Wong

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Jack Jue

June 10, 1928 - January 2, 2013
Jack Lee Jue, 84, of Pasadena, died peacefully on January 2, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. Jack attended UCLA and UC Davis. Jack and his father specialized in asparagus farming. Later, Jack worked for the County of Los Angeles and was a licensed real estate broker and appraiser. He became President and co-owner of National Appraisal Corporation and President of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Appraisal Institute. Among one of Jack's greatest career accomplishments, was being one of the founders of Standard Savings Bank. His greatest personal accomplishment was his family, his faith in God and his work with his church family. Jack is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice, their 5 children; Jack Jr (Elizabeth), Arlene (Steve), Richard (Terri), Adrienne (William) and Leslie (Brian), 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; Robert (Kelly, Jackson, Riley), Leah, Jordan, Nicklaus, Kelle, Brian, Kevin, Jacqueline, Matthew, Emily, 3 sisters; Soo-Jan (Mel), Pingeleen, Soo-Yin (Ed), sister-in-law Estelle (Miles), his brother Guy deceased and his sister Joan (Richard) who preceded his passing by just days.



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Community Calendar

Friday, February 1, 2013 6:30 \$35

Monterey Park Chinese New Year Banquet
Ocean Star Restaurant
145 N Atlantic Blvd, 2/F, Monterey Park, CA 91754
RSVP PEDROCHAN@aol.com

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 5:30pm \$60/person \$100/couple

Save Our Chinatown Committee
5th Annual Chinese New Year Banquet & Fundraiser
Lotus Garden Restaurant
111 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92408
Limited Seating! Tickets must be purchased by Jan. 28, 2013.
www.saveourchinatown.org/
<http://www.saveourchinatown.org/banquet.html>

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Now through January 5, 2014

The Art of Continuity: Revering our Elders
In cultures informed by Confucian values, worship of family ancestors has generated countless objects used in rituals.
Pacific Asia Museum,
46 N. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 449-2742

Save The Date

Saturday, May 18, 2013
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California
2013 Golden Spike Awards
Empress Pavillion Restaurant
988 N Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012