

NEWS'N NOTES



Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California

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AUGUST 2013

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*Calling All
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Chinese Historical Society of Southern California Memorial Gate

Plans have been made for a Memorial Gate at the CHSSC headquarters at 411 and 415 Bernard Street. The design reflects the Victorian era of the buildings. The gate will serve as a security entry and replace an older chain-link fence and gate. Additionally, we will be repaving a section of the driveway with paver stones. The cost of this project is approximately \$20,000, and fundraising has already begun. This project includes a memorial plaque to commemorate those that have contributed to the Society. If you would like to donate to the CHSSC Memorial Gate please contact the CHSSC office at 323-222-0856 or chssc@hotmail.com.



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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.

L.A. Chinese Drum & Bugle Corp. B.B.Q.

On Saturday, July 27, 2013 the Los Angeles Chinese Drum and Bugle Corp. and CHSSC hosted a reunion barbeque. This well attended event was a wonderful afternoon of catching up with friends and enjoyment of good food. An exhibit of photos, objects and memorabilia from the L.A. Chinese Drum and Bugle Corp. was presented at the CHSSC headquarters. This display served as a prototype of a much larger and comprehensive exhibit to come. The event also served as a way to gather additional information and elaborate on the legacy story of this important community organization of the 1950's, 60's and 70's. For more information visit www.lacimperialdragons.org



Shaping Los Angeles: The History Behind Historic Chinatown and Union Station

Saturday, August 10, 2013 | 1:00 pm

Join the Chinese American Museum and our community partners as we explore the significance of Alameda and Los Angeles Street while taking a closer look at the location of both Historic Chinatown and Union Station. The story behind these two landmarks will be revealed to the public through a presentation from location experts and community members. To enhance your experience we're concluding the presentation with a walking tour of Union Station.

Location: The Chinese American Museum
425 Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Parking: Lot 2 on Main Street between Arcadia and Cesar Chavez.
For more information about driving to and parking at the Chinese American Museum, please visit www.camla.org



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Event is Free!
Please RSVP at rsvp@camla.org





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Is Part of Your Family History in the Y.C. Hong Case Files?

by Donna Young, CHSSC member

I recently contacted Li Wei Yang at the Huntington Library to see if my grandfather may have been a client of You Chung Hong. I was surprised and pleased to find out that my grandfather did see Y.C. Hong for legal advice in 1930. I went to the Huntington, and Li Wei showed me the case file. My grandfather needed to make sure that his documents were in order, so that he would be able to return to the U.S. after a brief visit in Guangdong to see his family.

You Chung Hong practiced law in Los Angeles Chinatown from the 1920s and into the 1960s. His legal papers are archived at the Huntington Library and include over 7,000 case files and more than 600 coaching papers. Most of his clients were Cantonese and needed immigration assistance, especially for their wives and children.

If you were a Chinese family living in Los Angeles pre-1965, you may have seen Y.C. Hong for immigration or legal advice. If so, you will discover more about your family history in the file(s). (There may be confidentiality restrictions on seeing recent files.) I encourage you to contact Li Wei Yang, Archivist at the Huntington, to see if your ancestor has a case file. You may reach him at lwyang@huntington.org or 626-405-2100 x2346.



Young Sing - Donna Young's grandfather



You Chung Hong - Attorney at Law

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In Re: YOUNG SING

Applicant for Investigation of His Status as a
Lawfully Domiciled Chinese Merchant.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } ss.

Ng Jow being duly sworn, deposes and says:
That your affiant is now and has been for more than one year last past a merchant and member
of the co-partnership known as the New High West Market Company,
which is a firm engaged in buying and selling merchandise at a fixed place of business, to-wit:
118 South Spring Street Los Angeles, California;
and that his position in the said firm is Vendor.

AFFIANT further states that Young Sing is at the present time and
has been for more than twelve months last past a merchant and active partner of the aforesaid
firm located at the address given hereinabove; that during that period of time, the said
Young Sing has not engaged in the performance
of any manual labor save and excepting only such duties as were incumbent upon him as such
a merchant; and that he is making this sworn statement in behalf of the said
Young Sing in support to his claim to a mercantile status.

AFFIANT

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this
22nd day of July, 1930, 19

Notary Public

YOU CHUNG HONG
ATTORNEY AT LAW
810 1/2 NORTH LOS ANGELES STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
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Saturday, August 17, 2013 5 pm to midnight

Chinatown Summer Nights returns to iconic Los Angeles Chinatown for an incredible night of immersive music, art, performances, food and more. The fourth annual Chinatown Summer Nights presented by the Chinatown Business Improvement District and KCRW 89.9 FM is part food event, part summer party and all fun. Attendees will get a chance to taste the many culinary offerings of Chinatown through Iron Chef-style cooking competitions; eat at local restaurants serving authentic Chinese and Asian cuisine; enjoy curated local microbrews at the outdoor craft beer garden and nosh on LA's best gourmet food trucks. This event is perfect for all ages, from hands-on cultural workshops to great shopping at the LA Craft Experience market, featuring local designers and artists, and at unique Chinatown shops and boutiques. This event is free and open to all ages. Bike racks and plenty of street and lot parking available. Metro patrons: take the Gold Line and exit at Chinatown Station. Map it: 943-951 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, 90012 in Central and West Plazas.

For more information visit www.chinatownla.com or www.chinatownsummernights.com

Saturday, September 21, 2013 5pm - 11pm
75th Annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

A popular harvest festival celebrated by the Chinese dating back over 3,000 years. Farmers celebrate the end of the harvesting season on this date and Chinese family members and friends gather to gaze at the bright harvest moon and eat moon cakes. www.chinatownla.com