



# NEWS 'n NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 4, 1992 - 7:30 p.m.  
Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room  
840 Yale Street  
Los Angeles Chinatown

### **FALSE PAPERS - LOST LIVES**

**Drs. Charles Wong and Kenneth Klein**

FALSE PAPERS - LOST LIVES is the poignant story of Dr. Charles Wong's family reconstructed from family documents discovered after the death of his father. It shows how the Chinese Exclusion Laws affected the personal lives of this one family.

Dr. Wong is an education consultant and a long time member (as well as a former board member) of the Chinese Historical Society.

Dr. Klein is a senior librarian in the Asian Library Collection at the University of Southern California. Both men received their Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the University of California at Los Angeles -- Dr. Wong in Sociology and Dr. Klein in Chinese History. Their presentation was one of the most memorable highlights from our recent conference on Asian American Studies.

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As you will recall in last month's News 'n Notes, Cy Wong had his name admitted into the Congressional Registry in Washington, D.C. (as a result of an article in the L.A. Times, Metro Section, August 31, 1992. At tonight's meeting, we will have Clarence Wong, a representative from Congressman Mervyn Dymally's office, make a presentation to Cy. Congratulations, Cy!

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**"OUR EARLIEST PIONEERS IN THE JUDICIARY" - CHSSC's 1992 AWARDS DINNER - Sunday, November 15, at the Golden Palace Restaurant, 911 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown. No-host cocktails at 5 p.m.; nine-course dinner at 5:30 p.m. Pioneer recognition awards will be presented to four Southern California Chinese Americans in the earliest positions of the County, State, and Federal judicial systems. Our honorees include Hon. Delbert Wong, the first Chinese American Judge in the continental United States; Hon. Ronald S. W. Lew, the first Chinese American U.S. District Court Judge in the continental U.S.; Hon. Elwood Lui, the first California Appellate Court Judge; and Hon. Joyce Kennard, the first Chinese American woman California Supreme Court Judge.**

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Entertainment will be provided by COLD TOFU, a multi-cultural improv comedy group.

Funds raised from this dinner will help finance the publication of the proceedings for the 1992 Conference on Chinese Americans "Origins and Destinations". The goal is to raise \$5,000. By publishing the proceedings, the Society will be able to preserve the wealth of information pertaining to the Chinese American people in the United States.

Lots of food, fun, entertainment, and a raffle! Come out for this festive event and support a worthy cause. If you haven't already done so, please mail in your reservations today! Cost is \$45/person or Heritage table at \$1,000/table -- check payable to CHSSC. Mail reservations to Dexter Wong, 17647 Mapes Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90701. Questions/information, call Dexter Wong (310) 809-4043 or Munson Kwok (310) 645-1369.

**NOTE: CHSSC BOARD MEMBERS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP -- If you would like to donate a raffle prize or two for this worthwhile event, please contact Cy Wong for arrangements as soon as possible.**

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**NEWSLETTER UPDATES - The 1992 Conference on Chinese Americans "Origins and Destinations" will be reported in the December issue of Gum Saan Journal. Previously mentioned, it was to be published in this month's News 'n Notes. Look for your copy come December.**

However, at this time, we would like to recognize those individuals who deserve a big thank you for their participation in the conference. The conference coordinators were Lucie Cheng, Stanley Mu, and Ruth Wu. Chair of the Program Committee was Lucie Cheng, Department of Sociology, UCLA. Members of this committee were Suellen Cheng (CHSSC), Eugene Cooper (CHSSC), Lloyd Inui (CSU Long Beach), Marji Lee (UCLA), Russell Leong (UCLA), Philip Leung (CSU Los Angeles), San-pao Li (CSU Long Beach), Patricia Lin (Cal Poly, Pomona), Susie Ling (Pasadena CC), John Liu (UC Irvine), Emma Woo Louie (CHSSC), and Paul Ong (UCLA). Session chairs for the conference were Suellen Cheng, Lucie Cheng, Eugene Cooper, Sue W. Fan, Roberta S. Greenwood, Alice Hom, Lloyd Inui, Munson Kwok, Him Mark Lai, Russell Leong, Philip Leung, Sao-pao Li, Enid Lim, Patricia Lin, Susie Ling, John M. Liu, Emma Woo Louie, Paul Louie, Eugene Wong Moy, Jean Bruce Poole, Gay Wong, and Judy Yung. To all of you, thank you for your hard work and dedication to the conference. And to the many participants and volunteers -- we thank you for your support; for without you, this conference would not have been possible.

The Latest Thanks - A special thank you to Elmo Gambarana for his help with the Preservation Project for the 19th Century Chinese Cemetery Shrine. In last month's News 'n Notes, Elmo's name was accidentally left off of the list of members of the Shrine Preservation Committee. Sorry, Elmo, and thank you for your fine help with research, etc.

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I have been informed that Helen Morrison is doing well at the Temple Park Convalescent Hospital since her fall and lung condition. To update you, she can be reached at TPCH by calling her home phone number (213) 389-1533. If you wish, you may continue writing her at:

Helen Morrison  
c/o Temple Park Convalescent Hospital  
2411 Temple Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**THANK YOUs** - to Eugene Moy for donating a much needed 3-hole paper punch and an electric pencil sharpener to the CHSSC Office; to the following members who provided refreshments at our October 7 general meeting: Lillian Fong, Sylvia Soo Hoo, and Cy Wong.

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**ADDRESS UPDATE:** Grace Chow, Stanley Convalescent Hospital, 14102 Springdale Street, Westminster, CA 92683.

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**CALENDAR**

- October 31**      **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**
  
- November 3**      **GENERAL ELECTIONS** - Polls open at 7 a.m.; close at 8 p.m. The one show you cannot miss!
  
- November 18**      **CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles.** Parking is available at Castelar School or Mandarin and Bamboo Plazas.
  
- November 26**      **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
  
- December 2**      **ANNUAL CHSSC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS / ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

**MISS LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN 1992 AND HER COURT** proudly presents an evening of fashion and glamour to benefit the Chinese community at the Biltmore Hotel, 506 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles on Friday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$60/person. Proceeds from this event will benefit Castelar Elementary School, Chinatown Community Police Service Center, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Check is payable to:

Chinese Chamber of Commerce  
Attention: Miss Ada Tai  
977 North Broadway, G/F, #E  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Questions: Call (213) 617-0396

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**THE JOY LUCK CLUB** - the national bestseller by Amy Tan is being made into a movie to be directed by Wayne Wang. They are seeking Asian actors, performers, and especially **REAL PEOPLE** who are interested in acting and speak Mandarin from ages 4-65!! Please send pictures to: The Joy Luck Club, 3110 Main Street, 3rd Floor,

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Santa Monica, CA 90405.

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THE CHINA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA invites you and your friends to its November 2 dinner/program meeting at Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown; social hour 6:15 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m. Program is titled "Around the World with Brushes and Bike". Evening's speaker is Professor Bingjao Chang, an art professor at the Center Institute of the Arts, Beijing, China who is painting and pedaling his way around the world. Speaking through an interpreter, he will tell you about his biking through 29 countries. His trip was financed on a paint-as-he-goes plan, supplemented by sale of Chinese-style paintings he brought with him from Beijing. Will paint and show slides of his adventures of his trip. Cost: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. Information, call Rina Rae Sherman, (213) 936-0327 or Lloyd Noakes (213) 663-9511.

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TALK-STORY - Monday, November 9 - 7:30 p.m. Music Center Annex, Rehearsal Room A, 601 West Temple (at Grand). Free admission; limited seating. Pay parking available across the street (east of Annex). RSVP (213) 972-7373. In TALK-STORY, a Filipino American newspaper writer creates a series of articles based on her immigrant father's stories. Through flashbacks of the stories, and the events in her life, she learns about the history and struggles of Filipino Americans in this country, and must come to grip with the relative value and meaning of reality, truth and dreams.

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CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION - "LAW AND DISORDER: PUBLIC POLICY AND CIVIL UNREST IN CALIFORNIA" - a special conference sponsored by the John Muir Center for Regional Studies (University of the Pacific, 46th Annual California History Institute, April 22-24, 1993). This conference is designed to address public policy and civil disorder in California, past and present, from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Two days of academic sessions, followed by a regional field trip are open to presenters, participants, students and general public who want to learn more about this important subject. The conference invites proposals on any aspect of this theme. Mail proposals for papers and sessions (along with a brief resume) to: CHI 93 Program Committee, c/o Professor John Phillips, Sociology/Anthropology Department, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA 95211 (209) 946-2930 or fax (209) 946-2596. Proposals are due November 15, 1992.

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Items for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to: Bev Hom Tsao, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Items submitted after the due date may not always be included in this issue.

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Special thanks to contributors in this issue: Dolores Wong, Elmo Gambarana, Emma Woo Louie, Lillian Fong, Tom Eng, Randy Bloch, Don Loo, and Ella Quan. Last month's mailing volunteers: Yours truly!

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Chinese Historical Society of Southern California  
proudly presents

"Our Earliest Pioneers In the Judiciary"

# The 1992 Awards Dinner

Entertainment by



(Multi-cultural improv & comedy)

Sunday, November 15, 1992  
**GOLDEN PALACE RESTAURANT**  
911 North Broadway  
Los Angeles Chinatown

*Funds raised at this event will support the publication of the  
1992 Chinese-American National Conference "Origins & Destinations" proceedings*

5:00 PM No Host Cocktails

Raffle

5:30 PM 9 Course Dinner

Join us for lots of fun, food and entertainment!!!

**Pioneer Awards - Southern California Chinese-Americans in the earliest  
positions of the County, State and Federal judicial systems**

**Our Honorees:**

Hon. Delbert Wong  
1st Chinese-American judge  
in the continental United States

Hon. Ronald S.W. Lew  
1st Chinese-American U.S. District  
Court judge in the continental United States

Hon. Elwood Lui  
1st California Appellate Court  
judge

Hon. Joyce Kennard  
1st Chinese-American woman  
California Supreme Court judge

For additional information, contact: Dexter Wong (310) 809-4043, Munson Kwok (310) 645-1369,  
Sue Yee (818) 799-8396, CHSSC Office (213) 621-3171

Please send your dinner reservation form and check for total amount payable to CHSSC.

MAIL TO: DEXTER WONG  
17647 Mapes Avenue  
Cerritos, CA 90701

**RESERVATION DEADLINE**  
**OCTOBER 31, 1992**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) @ \$45.00/seat \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Heritage table(s) @ \$1,000/table \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will not be able to attend; enclosed is my tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

For tables of 10, please list names of all guests on the back side of this form so you can be seated together.