

Summer 2014 CHCP PROGRESS

*Educating, Preserving, and Promoting
Chinese & Chinese American History and
Culture in the Santa Clara Valley*

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Chinese Historical & Cultural Project Annual Membership Meeting

By Yvonne Ching, VP CHCP

What better way to kick off the Year of the Horse than with the annual membership dinner? Held at China Stix in Santa Clara, the event was attended by about 90 guests and among them, members who utilized their yearly dues of \$25 for the year 2014 to enjoy the free 7-course dinner. Our membership now boasts over 100 people. The menu did not disappoint, and after sitting down to a sumptuous meal, the program began with a slide show of some noteworthy events of 2013. We were also treated to two excellent guest speakers who shared their expertise with us.

Dr. Barbara L. Voss PhD, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University, who is affiliated with the Stanford Archaeology Center and Programs in Urban Studies and Asian American Studies, is a historical archaeologist and has served as the Principal Investigator for the Market Street Chinatown Archaeology Project since 2002. She spoke on "Using the Digital Heritage to Solve the 'Space-Time-Body' Problem." Dr. Voss is also a member of CHCP and hosts a Stanford Public Archaeology Day at History Park San Jose 2-3



New members Tiffany Marinko with her mother Vivian, Yvonne Ching (center)

times a year to entice our youth to learn about Asian culture and specifically the archaeological finds at the San Jose Chinatowns. The last Archaeological Day event was May 18th at the Pacific Rim Festival at History San Jose, and the next one will be on August 3rd from 11am to 3pm.

Her help in bringing our museum into the digital age with modern equipment set up with interactive QR codes has been invaluable. Welcome to the 21st Century!

Ms. Connie Young Yu, San Jose Chinatown Historian and CHCP advisor, has a long history with the Chinese in San Jose. She has authored "Chinatown, San Jose, USA" and "On Common Ground," a study of Chinatown and Japantown. Connie has been writing about the Chinese and the Transcontinental Railroad since 1969. Connie's grandparents were shopkeepers in Heinlenville, San Jose's last Chinatown. She shared her knowledge of the "Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Project." It was not only informational but uplifting as well, as we learned about the hardships and blatant discrimination of that era.

The new officers sworn in for 2014 were:

President	Brenda Hee Wong
Vice President	Yvonne Ching, RPh
Secretary	Christian Jochim, PhD
Treasurer	Allan T. Low
Auditor	Lillian Gong-Guy
Parliamentarian	Anita Wong Kwock, MA Ed



For all of you who attended the annual dinner/meeting, we thank you and hope to see you again for the 2015 Membership dinner. For those who missed it, join us in 2015 – you will not be disappointed!



CHCP and History San Jose Celebrate Year of the Horse!

By Liz Chew

CHCP and History San Jose celebrated the Lunar New Year of the Horse on February 16th, 2014. A huge thanks to Mother Nature for a beautiful day. The fabulous Orchard School Asian Cultural Dance Troupe Lions kicked off the event by welcoming the New Year with the traditional lion dance. It was a very well-attended celebration by many visitors to the Chinese American Historical Museum.

Highlights of the celebration were a number of high school volunteers and CHCP members manning the children's activities which included making lucky red envelopes with sweet treats, Chinese lantern-making, lion mask-making, Chinese Horoscope and game and story-telling about the Lunar New Year. Chinese traditional instrumental entertainment was provided by Cadence, the sensational and talented high school musicians Sabina Law, Sirina Law, Elin Chee, and Ethan Chee. What a fun day and great beginning for the Year of the Horse for CHCP and History San Jose!



Sisters Sabina and Sirina Law



Siblings Elin and Ethan Chee,
Sirina Law

Community Outreach

CHCP Celebrates Lunar New Year in Saratoga and San Jose

By Brenda Hee Wong

On February 9, 2014, the Chinese Historical and Cultural Project (CHCP) joined the community of Saratoga to celebrate Lunar New Year, Year of the Horse, at Argonaut Elementary School.

Directors Al Low, Anita Kwock and Brenda Hee Wong shared information about CHCP's museum and programs as the multipurpose room joyously offered dances, music, drums, crafts, arts, Chinese Calligraphy, games and a fashion show of historic costumes to the Saratoga community.



Al Low, Anita Kwock



Al Low, Anita Kwock,
Brenda Hee Wong



Art Low, Brenda Hee Wong,
Jean Tseng



Lillian Gong-Guy speaks
with community members

Chinese Performing Artists of America

By Brenda Hee Wong

CHCP MEMBERS enjoy going out in the community to share CHCP's mission to educate, promote and preserve the history and culture of the Chinese and Chinese Americans in Santa Clara County.

Advisory member Art Low, member Jean Tseng, Trustee Lillian Gong-Guy and CHCP President Brenda Hee Wong spoke to San Jose residents at the Spring Fair Silicon Valley 2014 festivities held at the Orchard Farm Shopping Center on February 22 and 23, 2014. Ann Woo, Director of Chinese Performing Artists of America (CPAA), organized outdoor booths and entertainment.

History San Jose / CHCP Welcomes Pacific Rim Day

By Liz Chew

History San Jose and CHCP co-sponsored the Pacific Rim Festival on May 18th commemorating Pacific Rim Asian American Cultures with festivities and entertainment by the Likha Filipino Folk Ensemble, Lotus Pre-School performing song, dance and stories, the Orchard Asian Cultural Dance Troupe Lion and Fan Dancers, and the Vietnamese Dance group.



History San Jose / CHCP Welcomes Pacific Rim Day (con't)

Did you ever want to experience what an archaeologist does? The Stanford Archaeology Center set up a junior archaeologist hands-on camp for visitors who wanted to be an archaeologist for the day by looking at various items found in the Market Street Chinatown site.

Kudos to the many CHCP members and high school volunteers making the Pacific Rim Festival a memorable day.



Invitation to Speaker Series



Dr. Barbara Voss

"The Archaeology of Anti-Immigrant Violence"

Dr. Barbara Voss, Associate Professor at Stanford University, will be speaking to the public on Archaeology Day while reviewing the history and evidence of the hardworking Chinese community from 1887.

The event will be held in the Firehouse (across from the CHCP Museum), History Park 635 Phelan Ave./Senter Rd., San Jose on Sunday, August 3 at 1:30 pm to 3pm.

Come and give support or tell a friend! Lecture will be conducted in English. For more information call Celine Chan (408) 923-1409 after mid-July.

Upcoming Event

*Hope to see you at the History Park
for some fun, learning and reunion!!*

2014 Appreciation Tea

Sunday, August 3, 2014

**San Jose History Park ~ Pacific Hotel
Renzel Room
3:00 to 4:30 PM**

**635 Phelan Avenue (Senter Road), San Jose, 95112
\$5 parking fee for the Phelan Ave. lot**

Additional Activities Prior to the Tea

- **Chinese American Historical Museum**
Open ~ 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **Stanford Archaeology “Dig” Day ~ 11-3 PM**
- **CHCP Speaker Series** with Dr. Barbara Voss,
Associate Professor, Dept. of Archaeology,
Stanford University
“The Archaeology of Anti-Immigrant Violence”
1:30-3:00 PM

RSVP to Willy Wong by July 24, 2014

willyw798@gmail.com 408-946-4015

No History Park entrance fee if RSVP to Willy; check in at gate.

2014 Travels of the CHCP Exhibit

“Pioneering the Valley: The Chinese American Legacy in Santa Clara Valley”

By Chris Jochim

From January through June and beyond, the CHCP traveling exhibit has been on display at several locations. It began its successful sojourn around Santa Clara Valley at the Berryessa Branch Library in the Noble Park area of north San Jose, where it stayed from January 8 through February 13. It was especially well received at that location due to the interest of local schoolteachers, who used CHCP materials developed by Brenda Hee Wong and Chris Jochim to create lessons for their students who came to see the exhibit. Thanks to Brenda's efforts at publicizing the exhibit's value for education, a large number of students and teachers saw it and made related studies of Chinese American history.

From mid-February to late March, the exhibit was on display on the second floor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in downtown San Jose, adjacent to the teen reading area.

Local schools and SJSU professors of Asian American Studies were informed of the timing of the exhibit's stay at King Library.

In late March, the exhibit was moved to the Vineland Branch Library in south San Jose, where it was placed in the library foyer to be seen by all those entering the library for the next five weeks.

Finally, the exhibit was moved from Vineland Library to the entryway of the offices of the East Side Union High School District on May 6, just in time to be seen by new high school teachers at the district headquarters for training. It stayed at this location for the next month. At the end of June it will be out on exhibit again—this time at the Saratoga Historical Museum—for several months.



CHCP Traveling Exhibit at Vineland Branch Library, San Jose, with branch librarian

CHCP's Student Docent Program

By Teddy Sue

The earliest concept of CHCP's Student Docent Program was realized in November 2012 when the Board approved a new HELP pilot program called REACH (Remembering and Enriching Asian Cultural History). This program would provide docent training to local Asian middle and high school students to appreciate and communicate the history and future of the Chinese American Historical Museum and its programs. Participation would also provide credit towards students' required community service hours.

In order to be selected, students must have shown personal initiative in learning about their culture, understand the importance of preserving its history, and be reliable and responsible. They must also understand the need to enhance its wonder to all young people in the community through innovative ideas exploring the use of multi-media and creating interactive exhibits.

We conducted our first Student Docent Training on November 3, 2013, and the two students who completed the day-long training were Ethan Ngai of Saratoga High School and Sirina Law of Monta Vista High School. Both worked as student docents. Furthermore, Sirina fulfilled all of her required community service hours and more as a docent with the Chinese American Historical Museum. The CHCP Board of Directors gave Sirina a Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition at their May 20, 2014 meeting. Sirina continues to serve as a student docent in 2014.

We are inviting those interested in our Student Docent Program to visit the Chinese American Historical Museum for an orientation which will be planned for August or September.



Brenda Hee Wong, Sirina Law, Teddy Sue

We have already sent the word out to several local high schools that Brenda and Teddy would be willing to visit with students and club members after school starts this August.

If you know of any high school student who might be interested in learning about the history of the Chinese in the Santa Clara Valley while at the same time earning community hour credits, please let me know, and one of our committee members will contact them. Student docents get a chance to learn about the different aspects of archaeology as they help young visitors at Stanford University's Archaeology Day at the CAHM. Besides being guides in the museum, student docents get to participate in History San Jose's holiday events. So please share this opportunity with friends and family, especially with your children and their schoolmates and friends. It's a Win-Win situation for all involved.

Student Docent Committee members include Brenda Hee Wong, Lillian Gong-Guy, Liz Chew, Wes Chan, and Teddy Sue (fandtsue@sbcglobal.net).

Profile: Teddy Sue



Teddy's life has been filled with reminders that God is faithful, gracious, and loving. Of these, her husband Fillmore, three beautiful daughters, and five awesome grandchildren have each been precious blessings.

Born in Portland, Oregon, Teddy graduated from Lewis & Clark College with a B.S. in Biology. She completed her medical technology training and continued to work at the University of Oregon Medical School. At the same time, she got married to Fillmore Sue who worked for the Oregon Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. They had their first daughter before moving to California to start Fillmore's new job.

Teddy worked at the Peninsula Blood Bank, and when their girls were in middle school, she attended San Jose State and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration. She joined IBM's Research Division in 1980 and worked in Human Resources before transferring to IBM's Federal Systems group as a salary analyst. When her group won the contract to support the Air Force in its satellite tracking program, she moved to Onizuka Air Station as a contractor where she helped coordinate space, facilities, IT, and other issues with the Air Force. Operations moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, so Teddy switched companies to Lockheed Martin and worked at Loral Space Systems until retirement.

Since then, Teddy has been involved in various tutoring programs, ESL training, homeless and other justice issues. She is a member of Chi Am Circle and New Life Covenant Church, and leads two Bible studies. She is currently involved in CHCP's Student Docent Program.

Profile: Lee Liu Chin



"Live to learn" is her motto and each day she strives to be the best she can be while living life to the fullest.

In 2001, Lee Liu Chin retired from her 30-year career in computer software development and IT management. Since then, she has been keeping busy with many activities including traveling the world with her husband, enjoying her precious grandchildren, and staying close with her adult children.

In addition to serving on several non-profit and for-profit boards, Lee manages a private foundation geared towards cultural diversity and world peace initiatives. She is also a member of the American Red Cross Disaster Relief team, and devotes part of her time to fundraising for these organizations.

Born in Lahad Datu, Malaysia to a Chinese immigrant family, Lee is the oldest of nine children. She is proud of her heritage and the accomplishments of Chinese immigrants in Malaysia. In 2008, she published the book "Chinese and Lahad Datu" to document the migration of Chinese diaspora to North Borneo (known as Sabah today) and highlight the hardships, sacrifices and triumphs of early Chinese immigrants in Lahad Datu.

Lee is now hard at work on the second edition of her book, and continues to pursue her passion for studying Chinese history and overseas Chinese experiences around the globe. She joined CHCP in the summer of 2012 and has been instrumental in the creation of a Chinese version of CHCP's brochure about the Chinese American Historical Museum.

Stanford University Digital Heritage Class

Bringing the Past Online with the Chinese American Historical Museum

Thursday, March 11, 2014

By Anita Wong Kwock, CHCP Liaison to
Stanford University Digital Heritage Class

CHCP was invited to view the final presentations from the Stanford University Digital Heritage Class, Winter Quarter. Students selected from a list of the Market Street Chinatown Archaeology Project a single artifact to research and work on with an interested community member. CHCP Directors Lee Liu Chin, Sylvia C. Eng and Roger Eng assisted with the video interviews for each student's project. We were fascinated by the information on the cinnabar medicinal vial, "frozen charlotte" doll and bear paw.

Attending the presentations were Stanford instructors Adam Nilsen & Megan S. Kane; History San Jose representative Ken Middlebrook; CHCP representatives Brenda Hee Wong, President; Lillian Gong-Guy, Co-Founder/Trustee; Anita Wong Kwock, CHCP Liaison to Stanford University Digital Heritage Class; Directors Lee Liu Chin & Roger Eng, and George Chin.



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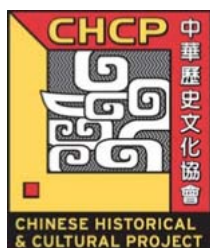
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