

Fall 2017 CHCP PROGRESS

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

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Excitement Reigned at 30th Anniversary Gala

By Gerrye Wong

The evening of September 23, 2017 was a very nostalgic one for many of the almost 500 patrons who came to celebrate Chinese Historical and Cultural Project's 30th Anniversary of the founding of the organization. Many who came remembered the early days of struggle to form the organization that would take on the task of finding a home for the newly excavated Chinese finds from an original Chinatown community uncovered under the new-to-be-constructed Fairmont Hotel in downtown San Jose. Those reminiscing as leaders and supporters of the first decade of existence were continuing Board Trustees Anita Kwock and Gerrye Wong, and former Board Members Art Low, Emily Yue, Michael Chan, Dennis Wan, Kansen and Daisy Chu, Anita Chan, Muriel Kao, Carol Fong, Jeff and Susan Lee.

As the supporters came up to the second floor Regency Ballroom lobby, they were greeted with eager fundraising raffle hostesses selling winning tickets and gifting all buyers with a colorful shining bling ring, compliments of CHCP Gala Co-Chair Al Low. Over forty gift



30th Anniversary Gala (cont'd)

items were on display in the lobby to entice silent auction bidders, as arranged by Ginger Lai, Beverly Harada and volunteers, plus Hoong the Dragon welcomed all who wanted to pose for a picture with him.

As the guests were seated in the Regency Ballroom for the anniversary dinner, a cavalcade of models dressed in vintage Chinese cultural costumes paraded through the center of the room, as narrator Muriel Kao described each person's outfit and position in the Emperor's Court. America Printing Executive Macy Mak Chan was a lady-in-waiting for Emperor Michael Chan's Empress Margaret Lee. Ken Tran was a very likeable Monkey King. The youth members of the Royal Court were: Drummers Chloe Wong and Kelly Shen, Banner Carriers Allison Chang and Maya Palomar, Flag Carriers Sophia Smith, Max Smith, James Delevett and Mason Eng. Royal Courtesans included Kayla Fong, Amanda Reinheimer, Marian Low, Dora Wong, and Kim Delevett.

Master of Ceremonies David Louie along with President Brenda Hee Wong and Co-Founder Gerrye Wong welcomed our supporters. Assemblymembers Evan Low, Kansen Chu and Ash Kalra presented a proclamation to the CHCP from the California State Assembly, and the formal program began. Excitement reigned as former TV reporter Jan Yanehiro joined MC David Louie in a rousing live auction which raised over \$14,000 for five great prize items. An exciting raffle drawing followed, led by Co-Chairs Willy Wong and Michael Lau, with founding CHCP Board Member Emily Yue excitedly winning the top prize of two Southwest airline tickets to anywhere in the US.

The highlight of the evening was the Presentation of the Honorees. As orchestrated by Honoree Chair Sylvia Eng, introductory videos highlighted the work and contributions of the honorees, followed by the awarding of the plaques by Gala Co-Chairs Al Low, Anita Wong Kwock, Debbie Gong-Guy and Gerrye Wong.



Hoong the Dragon



Michael Chan and Margaret Lee



Chloe Wong and Kelly Shen



Ash Kalra, Kansen Chu, Brenda Hee Wong, Gerrye Wong, and Evan Low

30th Anniversary Gala (cont'd)

Dr. Albert and Anna Wang were honored with the Visionary Leadership award followed by Community Leadership Honoree Michelle Lew. Applauded for its work on reading literacy was the Always Dream Foundation, with founder Kristi Yamaguchi accepting the Community Leadership Organization Award. The traditional Legacy Family Award was given to the Dr. Peter Yee Family whereby Patriarch Peter was followed on stage by over 20 exuberant happy family members.

The mission of CHCP's fundraising benefit dinner was explained to the audience by Gala Co-Chairpersons Debbie Gong-Guy and Gerrye Wong. They explained that the goal of the evening was to raise funds so that CHCP could invite and pay for all 4th–6th grade children in Santa Clara County studying California history to come to History San Jose and our Chinese American Historical Museum for a study field trip titled “A Case for Immigration: What’s Your Story?”. Yanehiro and Louie led the call for everyone to join the Fund a Need campaign. When audience members joined wholeheartedly in the fundraising goal to raise their paddles of support, Kelly and Melissa Matsura and Sharon Seto passed out appreciation silver bracelets symbolizing bringing a silver lining to the CHCP educational goals.

When the Fund a Need 10 minutes of action was completed, over \$23,000 was pledged by the supportive patrons that evening, and our mission was fulfilled. As a result, in the first year alone of school year 2018, over 1,000 students will be subsidized by CHCP to participate in this program, and the organization's goal with History San Jose to continue the program for many years ahead will become a reality.

It was indeed a joyous 30th Anniversary. It was a grand reunion for new and old friends to come together through 30 years of friendship and the common cause of preserving and presenting Chinese American history to the community. As Co-Chairs proclaimed, it takes a village to bring achievement for any project.



Jan Yanehiro and David Louie



Michael Lau and Willy Wong



Dr. Albert and Anna Wang



Al Low, Debbie Gong-Guy, Michelle Lew, Gerrye Wong, and Anita Wong Kwok

30th Anniversary Gala (cont'd)

Thanks to generous sponsors and donors, it gives us great pride to announce that over \$170,000 will go into an educational fund that will enable CHCP to continue for another decade of welcoming all to its Chinese American Historical Museum, and present programs, field trips, and projects to educate our fellow citizens on the contributions Chinese Americans have and will continue to make to California's history and growth.

Congratulations CHCP! You deserve to celebrate 30 years of achievements. You have earned the respect of the community for your continued endeavors to enrich the lives and educate the youth of the important role Chinese immigrants played in the making of America. Supporters and friends – take a bow!

CHCP thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to many more years working together for common goals.



Kristi Yamaguchi



Dr. Peter Yee Family with Anita Wong Kwock



Rae Chang, Lee Liu Chin, and Helina Chin



Former Congressman Mike Honda with guests

Upcoming Event

SAVE THE DATE



CHCP Annual Membership Dinner

Thursday, January 25, 2018
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
China Stix Restaurant
2110 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA 95050



Dear Members,

We hope you'll join us for the Annual Membership gourmet dinner as we share our activities over the past year and talk about our future plans in continuing our work serving the community and providing cultural and historical experiences for future generations to come.

Author and historian Connie Young Yu will present "Mark Twain, the Chinese and the Railroad", part of her work with the Los Altos Historical Museum's Smithsonian exhibit.

Bring a friend to hear about CHCP! If joining, thank you dinner will be included. Non-members may also purchase a ticket for the dinner at \$35 per person. **Memberships remain \$40/individual and \$70/family (two or more persons).** Details of dues, payment types, mailing address and form can be found on the CHCP website – chcp.org, "Membership".

Please RSVP for the annual membership thank you dinner by January 15, 2018. Please send your CHCP membership dues to Al Low by February 1, 2018.

Al Low, Treasurer
CHCP
P. O. Box 5366
San Jose, CA 95150-5366

Please make checks payable to "CHCP" or pay by credit card, which can be made at: www.mkt.com/chcp (processing fees will be automatically added).

Remittance Form:

____ Individual Member (\$40) ____ Family Members (\$70) ____ Dinner Guest (\$35)

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Student Docent Program

WWII Chinese Veterans Project

By Andrea Lam

The Flying Tigers, a Chinese American air force squadron that fought in WWII, holds a history many people don't know about. I learned that history directly from the stories spoken by the last few surviving veterans from this group at their July 31 Reunion luncheon in Alameda. Laughter mixed with conversation floated around the room at the reunion luncheon as these veterans in their 90's reminisced memories of their experiences in the war.

Through their aged faces, I saw courage and contentment, emotions that can't be shown through any text. I listened to the veterans' involvements as pilots and learned of the lasting friendships created that still hold strong today. I will further the WWII Chinese Veterans Project in conveying these untold stories to others and encourage looking for knowledge beyond what is given in school.



Nhu Nguyen and Andrea Lam



Student Docents Andrea Lam and Nhu Nguyen

Student Docent Program

Student Docent Program Reflections – Involvement with the Public

By Vivian Tsang

As a student docent, one of the major projects I worked on was the Chinese Railroad Workers presentation, a digital presentation Stephen Gong-Guy and I assembled that seeks to trace the development of the Transcontinental Railroad and the untold stories of the Chinese workers who helped to build it. We completed researching and compiling the presentation two summers ago, and presented the project during the Student Recognition Day that year. At that time, I didn't think much of the project, except that I only needed to present it for one day. However, thanks to Mrs. Brenda Wong's guidance and encouragement, I had more opportunities to present the project, together with other docents, to more museum visitors thereafter.

It is a very rewarding experience to be able to share the project with so many people. While I initially felt apprehensive about presenting in front of an audience, these feelings subsided over time.

I remember Transportation Day last summer, June 18, and showing the presentation to museum visitors with fellow docents Nhu Nguyen and Stephen Pham. We had many attentive visitors that were very friendly and interested in the material. Some sat through the entire 15 minute presentation and even had more questions for us regarding the topic. Some wanted to share their own knowledge and reflect upon what they learned with us. Others offered useful suggestions on content to improve and were enthusiastic enough to exchange contact information. Above all, we each had a miraculous time interacting with visitors and broadening our own knowledge.

Note: The Chinese Railroad Workers presentation has been added to CHCP's website and can be viewed at chcp.org, under "Virtual Museum".



Vivian Tsang presenting at the 2016 Transportation Day event

Student Docent Program

October 15th Student Docent Program Orientation Was the Largest Yet

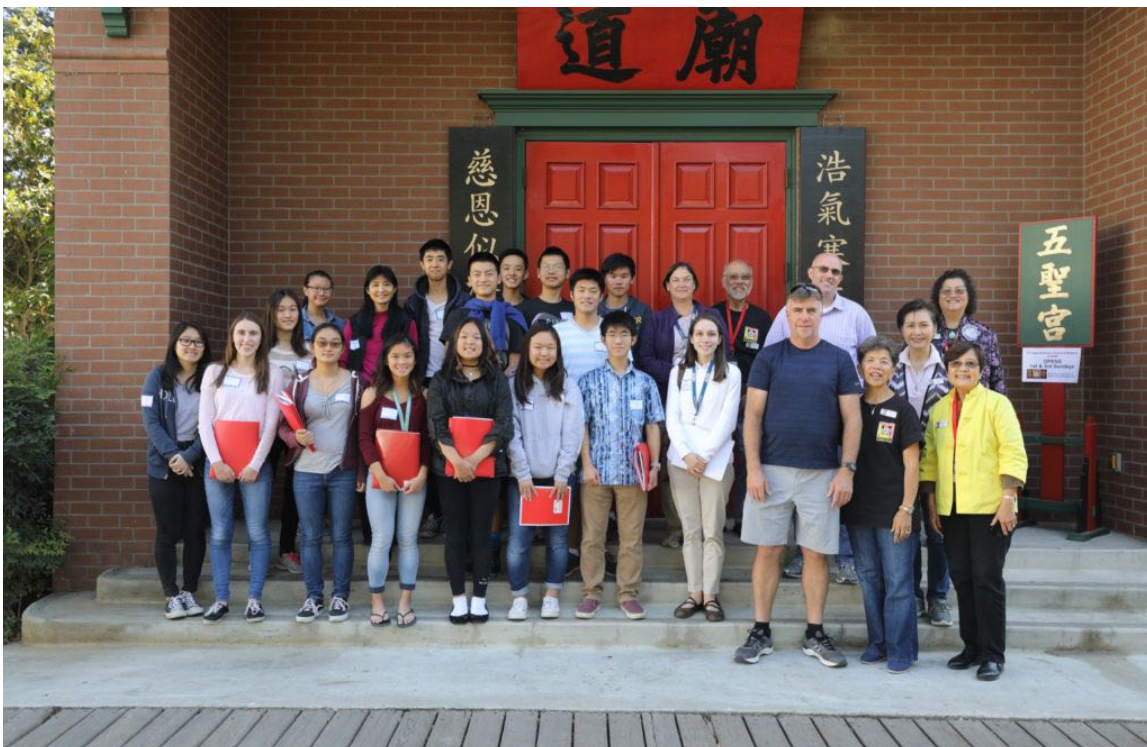
By Teddy Sue

The most recent Student Docent Program (SDP) orientation held October 15, 2017 saw the largest class since its inception five years ago. The fourteen student attendees included: Rebecca Cockroft (Homestead), Kasey La (Santa Teresa), Andrea Lam (Independence), Bright Liu (Crittenden), Vincent Lu, Isaac Sun, Ryan Wu, William Yin, and Joshua Zhang (Saratoga), Catherine Navalta, Maggie Or, and Lydia Wang (Milpitas), Kelvin Shao (Cupertino), and Derek Yen (Harker). We appreciated the interest and participation of Ms. Mariam Fan, Saratoga High School Mandarin teacher.

Brenda Wong opened the session by introducing the students to CHCP, and Anita Kwock gave a short background of CHCP's relationship to History San Jose (HSJ) and to San Jose's history with the Chinese American

Historical Museum (CAHM). Alida Bray, HSJ's President and CEO, and her educational programs intern, Lisa, gave the students an historical perspective of HSJ and included valuable tips on docenting.

Anita had the bulk of the training, and we are so fortunate that she and Yucaipa who is our resident photographer provided so much support. Thanks go to Brenda who recruited most of the attendees and who always comes up with fun ideas to get the students thinking and participating with her 'Trivia' game. Vivian Tsang, our SDP Student Docent Liaison and point of contact for the students and the CAHM, provided much helpful information. Standing in for scheduled Stephen Gong-Guy who was ill, Vivian gave her perspective of the program.



Student Docent Program Orientation (cont'd)

Our thanks to Willie Wong for bringing local poet Raymond Chow, who read his work, "Taste The Bitter Fruit in Life", which described his experience with discrimination. Teachers and videographers Mike Bushell and Steve Gilbert from Orchard School spoke about their progress guiding our student docents as they continue to interview and videotape local WWII Chinese Veterans.

Other Board members who helped to make this a success were Liz Chew, Lee Liu Chin, Al Low, and Bozena Teo. Each made the students feel welcome, and by showing interest, helped the students realize that HSJ and CHCP wanted what was best for them out of this program. Bozena introduced the idea of a mentorship program to the CHCP Board, and we invite all members who have a heart for students to think about becoming a mentor in 2018.

Finally, the evaluation sheets (also Brenda's idea) showed us earning 4's and 5's from the students for their orientation experience of the day (scale 1–5 with 5 being the top). What a start to a very promising year!



Director Lee Liu Chin, Trustee Anita Wong Kwock, Directors Brenda Hee Wong and Teddy Sue

Lillian Gong-Guy Memorial Scholarship

“Giving Tuesday” opportunity for CHCP’s LGGMS!

Brenda Hee Wong would like to invite you to participate in a **matching donation challenge for the 2018 Lillian Gong-Guy Memorial Scholarship (LGGMS) program**. The LGGMS scholarship program recognizes high school seniors of Chinese descent who exemplify Lillian’s passion for community service and strong educational focus.

Brenda’s personal donation challenge is in memory of Lillian, CHCP Co-Founder 30 years ago, whose friendship, humanitarianism, leadership and passion for Chinese and Chinese American history and culture inspired Brenda to accept CHCP leadership roles.

Any donation up to \$100 will be worth twice as much through this matching gift offer. The deadline to have your donation matched will be a postmark of December 31, 2017.



Checks should be payable to CHCP – LGGMS and sent to CHCP treasurer, Al Low, at P.O. Box 5366, San Jose, CA 95150-5366. Your donation will be 100% tax deductible. Credit card donations of **\$25 and up can be paid by credit card** through www.mkt.com/chcp. Scroll down to the Lillian Gong-Guy Memorial Scholarship section. The amount shown includes a processing fee.

Looking forward to having you participate in honoring outstanding youth of Santa Clara County.

Wishing you a most joyous holiday season,
Brenda Hee Wong
CHCP President, 2013-present

Fundraising

AmazonSmile Program

By Brenda Hee Wong



Amazon donates a portion of purchases made by anyone who has designated a nonprofit organization to be recipient of a portion of their purchases. You can help us earn money at no cost to you. This program will not effect any of the benefits, products, or services you currently receive from Amazon. You just need to sign on to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com when shopping. This is the same Amazon as you know it: same products, same prices, same service but 0.5% of your eligible purchases are donated to your designated nonprofit organization.

What you can do to support Chinese Historical and Cultural Project:

- Go to smile.amazon.com.
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- You have the opportunity to select a charitable organization to benefit from your purchases. Type in “Chinese Historical and Cultural Project”, then click “search”.
- Chinese Historical and Cultural Project will appear as an option. Please select it.
- Shop as usual. Now each time you purchase through smile.amazon.com, Chinese Historical and Cultural Project will benefit from your eligible purchases.

Chinese American Historical Museum

CAHM Tours with Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute and Friends of Children with Special Needs

By Anita Wong Kwock

Thursday, July 13th, CHCP hosted Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI) in a tour of the Chinese American Historical Museum (CAHM). It is always a pleasure to see these young adults as they learn more about the Chinese American pioneers. Directors Al Low, Chris Jochim, and Vicki Young, joined President Brenda Wong and Governing Trustee Anita Wong Kwock in welcoming the 2017 class of APALI with founder Dr. Michael Chang, and many of APALI Staff, including Professors Mae Lee and Christine Chai. At History Park San Jose, some of the APALI students visited the Immigrant Resettlement & Cultural Center – Museum of the Boat People & the Republic of Vietnam in the Greenwalt House.

The Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute was established in 1997 to address the persistent civic engagement and social challenges faced by Asian Americans. Dr. Michael Chang founded APALI as a part of De Anza Community College with strong support from the College administration, philanthropic leaders, and corporate partners. APALI seeks to encourage civic participation and contribute to community development, identity security, as well as addressing issues such as racial stereotypes, workplace/social glass-ceilings, and civic representation. Check out <http://www.apali.org/> for more information.



CAHM Tours (cont'd)

Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) is a support network for disabled individuals and their families. Friday, September 29th, over 60 disabled members and staff assistants toured CAHM in small groups to accommodate the diversity of the attendees. This was their first visit to History Park San Jose. President Brenda Hee Wong and Director Dave Yick hosted a group upstairs, and Governing Trustee Anita Wong Kwock and Director Bozena Teo led a group on the first floor, while another group explored the park area. We were able to follow the time frame provided for the entire group.

The FCSN Adult programs help developmentally delayed adults learn social and job skills to increase their quality of life, while the children's programs provide learning activities not readily available to them elsewhere. FCSN also offers in-home respite services to help take care of disabled individuals when their family members cannot be present. Check out <http://fcsn1996.org> for more information.



Education

Mini Maker Faire Day

By Brenda Hee Wong

Mini Maker Faire Day, September 3, at History Park was a fun day to share Chinese inventions because there are so many beautiful, fun and currently used modern forms of original Chinese inventions. The youngsters all loved calligraphy writing with the “moe but.” The most unique to the youngsters was the mini hot air balloon and sails for military use and playing cards inventions. The strangest for them to see was the silk cocoon paired with the silk scarves and dress. Most identifiable were gun powder and firecrackers. Also shown were cork cutting pictures, the abacus, Chinese brush painting images, colorful paper forms through li see, fans and delicate papercuts. We could not leave out beautiful Chinese porcelain examples.

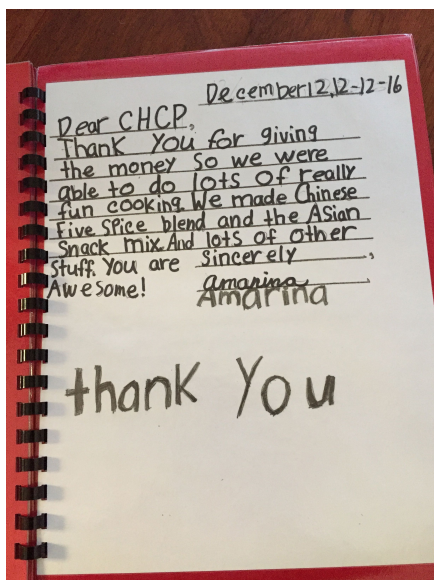
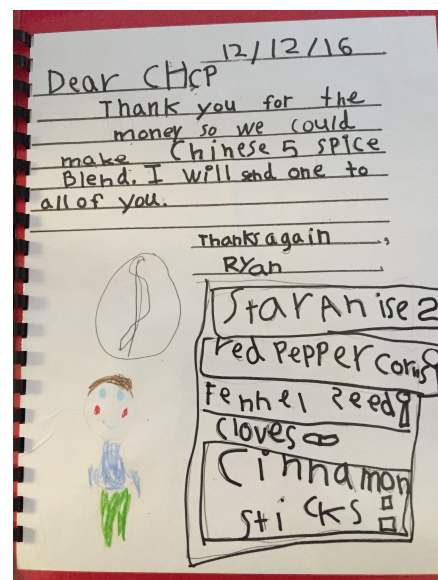
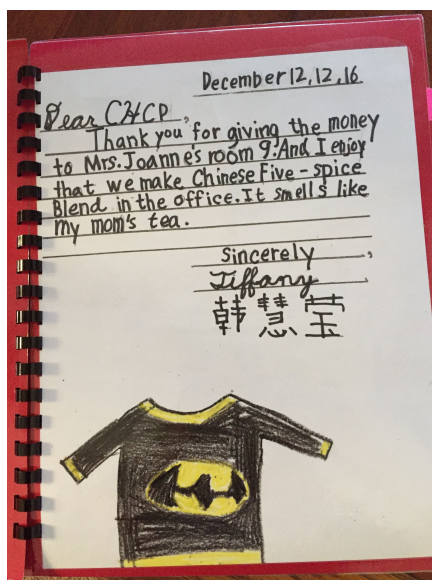
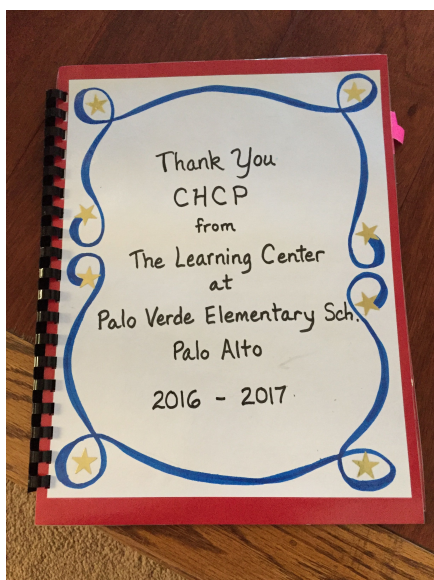


HELP Grant

Palo Verde School

By Brenda Hee Wong

Look at the many forms of learning the children of Joanne Soraghan's class from Palo Verde School in Palo Alto exhibited through their letters and descriptions of the class cooking activity! Encourage other teachers you know to apply for CHCP's Heritage Education Link Program (HELP) funds to encourage ethnic diversity activities at their schools. Applications are online at chcp.org, under "Education" / "HELP Grants", and are accepted throughout the year.



Outreach

KTSF Mandarin Journal Show Features Chinese Historical and Cultural Project

By Gerrye Wong

Mina Li, hostess of Mandarin Journal, featured CHCP in a November 6 studio interview. Representing CHCP on screen were President Brenda Hee Wong, Trustee Patrick Kwok and co-founder Gerrye Wong. Mina discussed with Gerrye the impetus that started CHCP with the finding of artifacts below the constructing of the San Jose Fairmont Hotel and asked the history of the club's 30 years. Patrick spoke on the important contributions that CHCP made to the emergence of Chinese Americans getting into the political arena and city government. Talk was about the community at large finally acknowledging the history of Chinese in the valley and the contributions they made to the area's economy.

Mina Li recalled visiting the Chinese American Historical Museum some 5 years ago, and was happy to know that over 1000 students will be visiting it in the coming years on CHCP-funded field trips for 4th–6th grade kids which was the fundraising goal for the group's 30th anniversary benefit dinner. We discussed the upcoming field trip titled "A Case for Immigration: What's Your Story?". Already over 50 classes will be visiting the museum this year with this new program which will enhance the class study of California history.

Brenda told of the Student Docent Program established in the past 5 years which encourages and supports young adults to become involved in a more interactive way by creating materials reflecting Chinese and Chinese American historical and cultural topics, as well as being docents in the museum the first and third Sundays of each month when the museum is open.



Mina Li, Gerrye Wong, Patrick Kwok, and Brenda Hee Wong



The taped program is scheduled to be shown on December 10 at 5:30 pm. Check your local TV listings. Thank you to KTSF Channel 26 for its continued support of CHCP and our programs.

If you missed the November 27 and 28 KTSF TV feature on CHCP, San Jose Chinatowns, and CHCP's 30th Anniversary, the 2-day feature can be seen on the CHCP website, chcp.org, under "Press."

Outreach

Mid-Autumn Festival Outreach at Saratoga History Museum

By Brenda Hee Wong

CHCP's Advisory Member and Historian, Connie Young Yu spoke on October 1, inside the Saratoga History Museum on "The Transcontinental Railroad and the Chinese Exclusion Act," while CHCP had an Outreach table outside. Great opportunity to tell their teenage volunteers about CHCP's Student Docent Program (SDP). Saratoga High's Mandarin class teacher and several teens attended the SDP Orientation later that month!



Brenda Hee Wong (2nd row, far left), Advisory member Cynthia Chang (top row, 4th from the right)

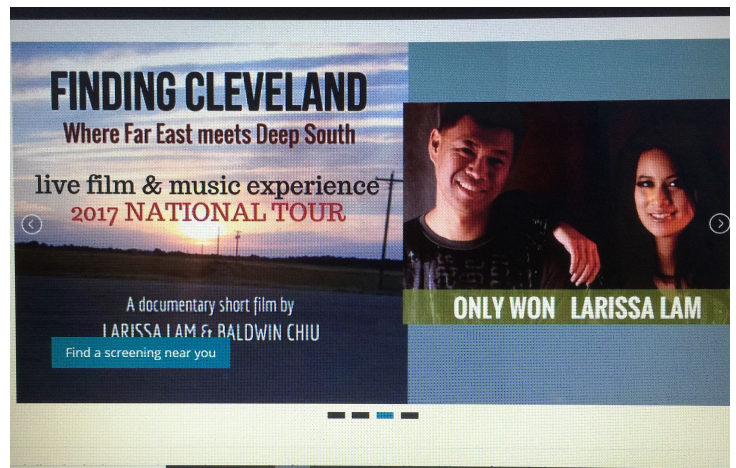
Members' Social

Wenzhou Restaurant and “Finding Cleveland” Film

By Brenda Hee Wong

On November 11, Director Vicki Young, arranged for CHCP members to have a fun and educational night out. We dined at Wenzhou Restaurant for a remembrance of San Jose Chinatown of the 1890's. Owner/manager Carol Chen pointed out the large wall posters that tell the story of Heinlerville, San Jose's last Chinatown. Their homemade wheat noodles and signature Knocked Fish Soup were delicious as well as their other dishes, inspired by Carol's mom and her childhood days in Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province on China's east coast.

Following dinner, we traveled to a film screening of “Finding Cleveland,” an award-winning documentary short film directed and produced by Baldwin Chiu and Larissa Lam, that uncovers the seldom told history of the early Chinese immigrants in the Mississippi Delta during the time of segregation and the Chinese Exclusion Act. In less than 48 hours, the Chiu family encounter townspeople who help them understand life for the Chinese then and the ancestor they never knew. Keep alert for a CHCP-sponsored screening of “Finding Cleveland” or their in-progress sequel film in 2018.



CHCP members making new friends with Directors/Producers Larissa Lam (2nd from far left) and Baldwin Chiu (4th from the far right).

The Golden Spike Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah

By Lee Liu Chin

May 10, 2019 will mark the 150th Anniversary of completion of the Transcontinental Railroad and a series of events and activities are being planned to honor the contributions of Chinese railroad workers and to ensure their sacrifices, struggles and suffering are not forgotten or overlooked.

In conjunction with the 150th Anniversary celebration, the Chinese Railroad Workers Descendants Association of Utah is planning and coordinating with many Chinese American national groups to host a 2018 Golden Spike Conference and a 2019 Golden Spike 150 Conference.

The Golden Spike Conference is centered around the tremendous contributions that Chinese Americans made to the United States amid the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad linking the resources of the West coast with the people and industries of the East coast.

Tens of thousands of Chinese workers were recruited to work on the Central Pacific line originating in Sacramento, California and ending at Promontory Point, Utah where it was joined to the Union Pacific line by the driving of the Golden Spike.

The Golden Spike 150 Conference will convene some of the nation's leading experts on Chinese Americans to educate, celebrate and commemorate the rich history and numerous contributions the Chinese have made to America. You will not only learn about the building of the railroad, but the reasons why so many chose to leave their homes, travel across a vast ocean, to perform back-breaking labor in highly dangerous conditions. In addition, you will learn about a new school curriculum that includes teaching about this amazing accomplishment along with how you can bring that curriculum into your hometown schools.



Lee Liu Chin (Director) and George Chin representing CHCP attended the 148th Anniversary Golden Spike Ceremony Re-Enactment, Promontory Summit.

The Golden Spike Conference (cont'd)

SAVE THE DATE Preliminary Schedule

2018: May 9 – May 12

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

- Remembrance Ceremony for Chinese Railroad Workers @ SL Chinese Cemetery
- Genealogy Workshop
- Field Research @ Family History Library
- Evening Welcome Reception

Thursday, May 10, 2018

- 149th Anniversary Golden Spike Ceremony Re-Enactment, Promontory Summit, Utah
- Featuring Railroad Workers' Lunch
- Genealogy Workshop
- Field Research @ Family History Library
- APA Public Officials Reception
- Community Networking Dinner

Friday, May 11, 2018

- State of Chinese America Plenary
- Chinese Contributions to America
- Understanding the Impetus to Emigrate
- Gold Rush and Railroad
- 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act
- Rediscovering Lost Chinese in America History
- Cooking Demonstration
- APAPA Board Meeting
- OCA-UTAH Board Meeting
- CACA Board Meeting
- Joint Chinese Historical Organization Leadership Meeting
- Joint APA Community Organization Summit
- Community Benefit Gala – Supporting local community charities

Saturday, May 12, 2018

- 2019 Golden Spike Planning Committee Breakfast Meeting (By Invitation Only)

2019: May 8 – May 11

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

- Remembrance Ceremony for Chinese Railroad Workers @ SL Chinese Cemetery
- Genealogy Track
- Field Research @ Family History Library
- Evening Welcome Reception

Thursday, May 9, 2019

- Chinese Contributions to America
- Understanding the Impetus to Emigrate
- Gold Rush and Railroad
- 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act
- Genealogy Track
- Field Research @ Family History Library
- Art & Literature Awards Luncheon
- Art, Literature and Culture Track—Authors, Film Series & Visual Arts

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- Joint APA Community Organization Leadership Luncheon
- President's Reception
- Community Benefit Gala – Supporting local community charities

Up to date information about the 2018 and 2019 conferences can be found on the website: www.goldenspike150.org. Early bird registration for the 2018 conference will open in December! You can email your questions or comments to Michael Kwan: mkwan@goldenspike150.org.

To learn about Chinese Railroad Workers on the Transcontinental railroad, please refer to: <http://web.stanford.edu/group/chineserailroad/cgi-bin/wordpress/about-our-project/>

Recommended reading, Dr. Shelley Fisher Fishkin, Director of the American Studies Program at Stanford, recent talk on the Chinese Railroad Workers: [Chinese Railroad Workers Project In North America: Uncovering Secrets from the Past](http://uscpfa-sbay.blogspot.com/2017/09/chinese-railroad-workers-project-in.html) which can be found at <http://uscpfa-sbay.blogspot.com/2017/09/chinese-railroad-workers-project-in.html>

Director Profile – Bozena Teo

I grew up in the Bay Area and lived most of my life in Milpitas, CA. I attended Milpitas High School (MHS) and met Brenda Wong through the MHS Chinese Club, who was the advisor at the time. Outside of Chinese Club at MHS, I attended classes at Berryessa Chinese School (BCS) to learn Mandarin, and was also taught Chinese history and culture as part of the courses. At BCS, I also joined in extracurricular classes that included calligraphy, Chinese knotting, and my favorite – traditional dance.

I completed my first two years of college at De Anza College. I was elected to the Student Senate and served as the Vice President. Duties ranged from managing over a million dollar budget, to meeting with faculty and students to plan events and programs, and passing new policies to better serve the students. This experience connected my love for helping others and passion for working with people and led me to study political science.

I transferred to UC San Diego to major in Political Science. I reconnected with my love for dance when I joined the [N] Motion dance team under Nikkei Student Union and became one of their dance directors shortly after. We performed at various school and community events, won second place at our first dance competition and grew the dance community by holding our now annual Dance Community Day, a whole day event with dance classes and workshops by dance leaders and choreographers in the San Diego area open to the public.

After college, I moved back to the Bay Area and am now working in Operations for Advantech, a company specializing in



embedded and automation systems. Other than my regular position, I served as a committee member to our company events team and chaired the holiday party planning team, and also created our Advantech Adventure Club, a recreational club that provides employees with outdoor and team building activities. On most weekends, if I'm not hosting a club event you can find me at the rock climbing gym!

When I joined CHCP, it was very eye-opening to learn of the history right in my own backyard! I've been to Chinatown in San Francisco, but never knew of the ones that existed in San Jose. I hope that as I learn of the history here, I can share it with others like me who did not know, and I look forward to see what the future has in store!

SDP Liaison Profile – Vivian Tsang

Hello, my name is Vivian Tsang, and I am currently a junior at Milpitas High School. I was introduced to CHCP by Mrs. Brenda Wong in ninth grade, and had the privilege of taking over the role of Student Docent Program Liaison this year. As Liaison, I keep in touch with student docent members by disseminating information about upcoming events and recording each student's community service hours.

Being a part of CHCP has been very fulfilling; I've had numerous opportunities to reconnect with my Chinese heritage and take in enthralling pieces of information about Chinese history, pieces of information normally unattainable through school textbooks or history classes. Working on the Chinese Railroad Workers presentation and World War II Veterans Project brochure are examples. While these projects were both meticulous and tedious in research, they allowed me to hone in on distinct topics and become an expert in them. Even now since the projects' completion, I am still able to recall what I have learned and impart them to different audiences. My experiences volunteering with CHCP have been very enlightening, and I'm very thankful to be a part of the Student Docent Program.

Besides CHCP, I enjoy volunteering with the Red Cross, and currently serve as Public Relations Coordinator in the Silicon Valley American Red Cross Youth Executive Board. When I'm not preoccupied with homework and studying for Science Olympiad competitions, I also dabble in art projects and taking pictures of my cat.



Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit

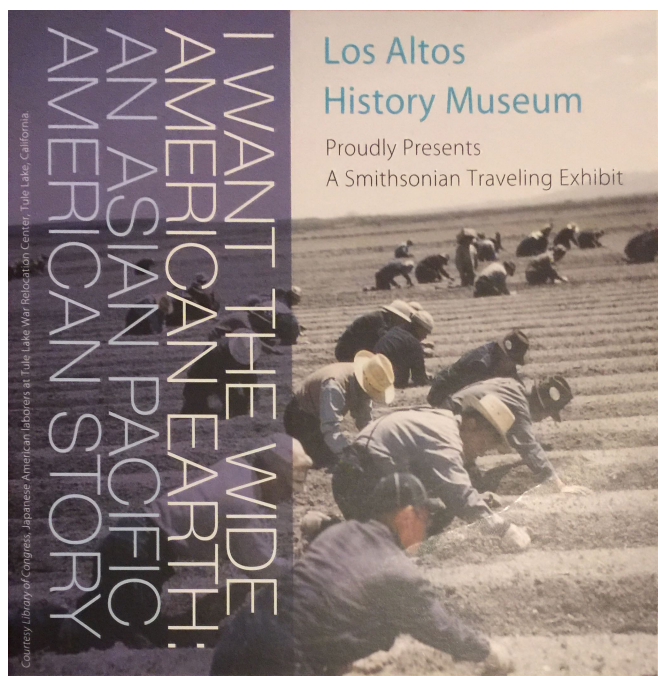
Unique West Coast exhibition

By Brenda Hee Wong

"I Want the Wide American Earth: an Asian Pacific American Story" was created by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

Don't miss this exceptional exhibition at the Los Altos Historical Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos through January 7. Open Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 PM. Free admission.

Supplemental displays of local Asian American stories are presented, such as stories from Connie Young Yu's family.



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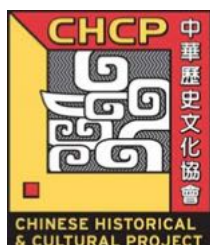
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