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November 2009

Los Angeles Lodge Celebrates 97th Anniversary

World Class Cultural District?---Central, West Plaza, and...BAMBOO LANE

Daylight Savings Time Ends, Nov. 1

L. A. Lodge 97th Anniversary and Meeting (4pm)

First Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, 6:00pm

Empress Pavilion

960 N. Hill Street, Chinatown

Reception 6:00 pm

Dinner and Entertainment 7:00 pm

ALL MEMBERS OF ALL LODGES WELCOME! A
BENEFIT FOR COMMUNITY & YOUTH PROGRAMS

\$75 AND \$100

Honorees

Hon. Judy Chu

First Chinese American Congresswoman

Munson Kwok

Suellen Cheng

40, 50, 60 year Members



Monthly Meeting Precedes at 4:00 PM

Nominations for 2010 L.A. Board of Officers

Daisy Ma, dma1016@yahoo.com; Gladys Lowe (310)

473-1248. Suellen Cheng, suellenck@aol.com

97 Years in Los Angeles

Los Angeles Lodge celebrates 97 years of history and community involvement in Los Angeles Chinatown on Nov 7. The founding of L.A. Lodge meant that the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (then called the Native Sons of Golden State) had gone State-wide. L.A. hosted the first Convention outside of San Francisco, at which the idea of going national was initiated. Los Angeles Lodge leaders helped to rescue Old Chinatown, threatened by eminent domain, to today's "New" Chinatown site. In the post-1965 immigration era, people flowed into Chinatown, and Lodge leaders helped create the institutions essential to the community, such as the social service center, battle for recognition in education, the public safety association, and for the sake of our cultural heritage, the historical society and then the Chinese American Museum and many others. All along, L.A. Lodge has been conscious that "Voice" was a key to community improvement, and so attaining true political empowerment has always been a central objective. L.A. Lodge could not be prouder than to see one of its sons, the Hon. Michael Woo, reach the Los Angeles City Council, and now over 20 years later, one of its daughters, the Hon. Judy Chu, to the national pinnacle of the U.S. Congress.

Join us as we honor Sis. Chu, and also Immediate Past Grand Pres. Kwok for his service to the Alliance and his 30 years in Chinatown, a founder of the Historical Society and the Museum, among others. Also, Sis. Suellen Cheng for her service to the cultural and women's history of Chinese Americans in California and across the nation. At 60 years, Bro. Wilbur Woo, 50 years, Bros. Louis K. Lau, Frank J. Wong, Edward Jung Wong, and Ronald James Wong, and right on 40 years, Bro. Tim Siu.

Scheduled MCs are Hon. Mike Ten and Sis. Elizabeth Wu. As the banquet is also a benefit for the Youth Councils as well as educational programs, YC participants flautist Yang Zhao and singer Harmony Ji will perform. Don't miss this great event!!

To download a flyer, please visit www.cacala.org

Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge

First Monday, November 2,

6:30 pm Bof D; 7:00 pm Dinner Meeting

Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant

111 N. Atlantic Blvd, #305, Monterey Park

Final Planning for Hosting Convention!

Members of all Lodges welcome, \$15.

Paul Wong, pwong368@yahoo.com; Roland C. 626-282-8071

美国同源会 - 橙县分会

C.A.C.A. of Orange County

RSVP Call Henry Yee, (714) 842-0029, yeehenry.cpa@verizon.net

Speaking of National

L.A. Lodge ratified Resolutions 9, 20, and 27 from the 50th Biennial National Convention. No. 9 will require elections for future Delegates to be held 75 (vs. 30) days before the Convention and names submitted. Traditionally, L.A. Lodge has always complied anyway, voting in May. No. 20 allows the minimum of Grand Board meetings to be quarterly (vs. 6 per year). With the installation of the Standing Committee system and Grand VPs, it is felt operations can be sustained without excessive numbers of Board meetings, thus encouraging more participation by Members nationally away from the Bay Area headquarters. No. 27 is a unique one-time only measure to allow the next Convention to be held in July (vs. August) 2011, enabling an exciting event in Houston TX that will include the notable Beauty Pageant. At this date, the Grand Secretary Rusty Chan is still compiling results.

More About National...

Grand Pres. Carolyn Chan and Membership VP John Y. Wong are off to a running start with the prospect of the active revival of two Lodges, Chicago (1917) and Las Vegas. Chicago has started up again after a visit by the Grand President, in a contact made by Bro. John Tang of Phoenix Lodge. It turns out that key leader Hermann Wong's father was the last member, and so all the paraphernalia, including the original banner, are intact. Chicago was actually the first Lodge created outside of California, making the Alliance truly national. Las Vegas has found a new spirit, spurred by founder Bro. Benson Lee.

World Class Chinatown

The findings of the charette for Chinatown as a unified cultural space were reported out recently. The Community Redevelopment Agency had sponsored the study as part of its vision to make over the district into a living cultural arts and heritage center, literally a living exhibition without walls. The idea is not new and had been discussed on and off for a couple of decades, but gained a sharp new focus under the project management of Lillian Burkenheim and the establishment of Chinatown as part of Preserve America last year. L.A. Lodge received a sneak preview of the report at the last meeting.

The focus initially will be on Central and West Plazas, and Bamboo Lane. The public workshops were held in June, at the 71st Anniversary of Central Plaza, and on July 29, when teams went walking around to targeted areas and brainstormed their improvement ideas.

Consensus of issues included ease of parking, appropriate signage, traffic diversion off Broadway and Hill, currently urban highways at rush hour, better amenities for pedestrians and gatherings, improved collective management and cooperation, and more greening through landscaping. The parking issue is not so much about spaces, but the willingness to park nearby and walk to a destination. Signage is aimed at more information for local enterprise and attractions, to supplement excellent signage for history.

Management issues include improved communications, especially on the usage of common spaces. Daily public programming was declared a key to improving Chinatown as a cultural destination. The occasional weekend efforts of the BID have already shown their worth. Safety and cleanliness

remain important factors. Branding and marketing are regarded as important elements. Finally, the report calls for a retail plan to define future best uses of the spaces.

On the Lane report says, "Bamboo Lane could provide a significant link between Central Plaza and Bamboo Plaza, yet there is no existing north-south access to enable this connection." The key anchor public organizations are viewed to be C.A.C.A. and the Adult Health Center (in Bamboo Plaza). Short term actions could be: experimenting with street closure for pedestrians, first temporarily for events, later more permanently; utilizing the Health Center and C.A.C.A. for daily programming (in sync with L.A.'s current direction); and physical improvements. Suggestions include access to Central Plaza through an alley next to General Lee's, murals for wayfinding, making an identity with bamboo (like planting some), and creating a destination for office workers such as an open area, kiosks, coffee house, perhaps an indoor/outdoor banquet space, and perhaps even a café plaza linked to Phoenix Bakery. Longer term suggestions include making the Lane into a real gateway via, with pai-lou's, artistic paving, renovated existing building facades, and added residential mixed-use element. A lot of creative thinking here!

Digging Old Chinatown: Good and Bad

Bro. Irvin R. Lai proudly reported that completion nears on the monument for the recognition of Chinese bodies unearthed during MTA Gold Line construction along First St. in Boyle Heights. Dedication is to take place sometime in December. As a result of its original negligence and skirting of environmental compliance on artifacts, the MTA will have spent over \$1M to make this right for our community. Lai, Sis. Susan Dickson and L.A. Pres. Daisy Ma had sat on an ad hoc committee for nearly 4 years to gain this due respect.

However, in another new case at El Pueblo, the construction of a war memorial in Father Serra Park has led to a dig that might unearth crudely parts of Old Chinatown, particularly evidence of the legendary tunnels along August Alley. Once again, the diggers are skirting compliance. In the Oct. meeting, L.A. Lodge voted to write letters of concern calling for compliance to environmental impact and archaeological attention to any findings. Letters went to Mayor Villaraigosa and Councilman (Bro.) Huizar.

Is There a Talented Young Pianist in Your Family?

CAEA is holding the 26th Piano Competition on Sun. Nov. 22 in Arcadia. Application deadline is Nov. 9, with \$70 fee, application form, and proof of child's age (birth certificate, passport copy). Check payable to CAEA and send to 334 Genoa St., Monrovia, 91016. Prizes are \$250/\$200/\$180. Groups are A (under 8), B(9-11), C(12-14) and D(15-17). Certain classical pieces are required. Inquire. (see Calendar).

Condolences are extended to Emma Louie and family of the Rev. (former Bro.) Paul Louie, who passed on Oct. 18 in Palo Alto. He was active in cofounding and guiding many L.A. Chinatown social service organizations, notably Teenpost, and was a champion of history, being the founder of Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and helped with the formation of Friends of Chinese American Museum. Later he was on the board of Chinese Historical Society of America.

Los Angeles Lodge Eligibility List for YR 2010 Elected Officers

Eligible for President, Vice President, Grand Representative, or Other Offices

Art.7, Sect2:1. Four years consecutive membership in good standing; 2. Two full terms of elected office, at least one term as Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, or Auditor.

Pedro Chan	Pauline Jung	Sam S. Low	Michael D.Y. Ten	Winston K. Wu
Michael Eng	Munson A. Kwok	Gladys Lowe	William Y.S. Tom	Betty K. C. Yeow
Robert Eng	Suellen C. Kwok	Daisy Ma	Clara Tom	Nancy Yee
Saykin Foo	Collin Lai	Eugene W. Moy	Lanora Tom	Stanley Yep
Fred Gong	Irvin R. Lai	Ming S. Ng	Herbert Wong	Philip Young
Nowland C. Hong	Susan Hum Lai	Marilynn Quon	James B. Wong	George Yu
Donald Jew	Edward Leon, Jr.	Tim K. Siu	Wilbur K. Woo	
Jimmie Joe	Cindy Lo	Alfred Soo-Hoo	C. Tim Wu	
Frank L. Jung	Tom Lo	Eleanor Sue	Elizabeth K. Wu	

Eligible for Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Auditor, or Lower Office

Art.7, Sect. 2: 1. Two years consecutive membership in good standing; 2. one full term of elected office or one full term as Associate.

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WILLIAM D. CHAN	SHARON HOY	ANNA LEW	GEORGE SHEU	ALICE WU
JOHN CHIANG	VICTOR HUEY	EDWARD JUNG LEW	WENDY JUNG TAKAHASHI	JULIA WU
PETE CHINN	ANNIE JEW	VINCENT LIEU	JOHN L.B. TANG	BING GET YEE
JOE SONG CHIU	ALBERT H. JUNG	PO Y. LOUIE	JIM TSAI	JAMES C. YEE, JR.
T.G. WING CHOW	BING DIP JUNG	DAN LOUIE, JR.	FRANKLIN TOM	TONY C.S. YEE
JOHN Y. CHU	HIRAM W. KWAN	RALPH CHAN LOW	WESLEY FONG TOM	LILLIAN YEP
KING-WAH CHUI	ROBERT N. KWAN	JACK MIN LUI	GREGORY K. TSE	HENRY H.W. YEUNG
TOMMY CHUNG	FRED H. Q. LAU	ALBERT C. LUM	ALICE WONG	ALEXANDER YOUNG
WM CHUN-HOON	LOUIS K. LAU	ADAM W. MA	BENJAMIN WONG	SANDY C. YOUNG
SUSAN DICKSON	CALVIN D. LEE	DEREK MA	CHARLES W. WONG	
MARCH FONG EU	DAVID FON LEE	JOHN K.C. MAH	CHRISTINE WONG	
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TINA FOO	JACK C. LEE	JANICE NG	FRANK J. WONG	

Eligible for All Remaining Offices or Board of Associates

Art. 7, Sec. 2: One full year of membership and currently in good standing.

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Class of 2008 (Eligible for Remaining Offices or Board of Associates)

Javier Chen	Henry Gin	Kin Man Leung	Norman Nie	Marshall Wong
Thomas Chiu	Lynette Choy Gin	Kit Leung	Rico Sam	Matthew Young
Stephen Chow	Stephen Ip	R.C. Lim	Anna Scott	
Rick Eng	Susan Jewell	Cynthia Loo	Daniel Tse	

Everyone of 2009 and Associate Members are Eligible for Committees

Peter Chen	Jin (Tony) Gee	Carol Liu	Janna C. Tom	Doreen Wong
Sean Chang	Sandra Chen Lau	Phong Ly	Long (Michael) Truong	Taelour Wong (s)
Ricky Choi	Anyork Lee	Tiffany Nguyen (s)	Nicki Ung	(s=student members;
Wayne Choo (a)	Dora Leung	William Tham	Andrew Wong	a=associate members)

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Lodge & L. A. Community Calendar

- **Los Angeles Lodge Meet and 97th Anniversary Banquet.** Sat. Nov. 7, Meeting 4:00 pm at Lodge, then 6:00 pm, *Empress Pavilion*, 960 N. Hill, 2d Flr. Reception, 9-course Banquet, and Awards, celebrating also Los Angeles Lodge's 40 year plus Members. A fundraiser for L.A.'s community programs. \$75/\$100 per person. Contact Will Tham, jacaca@att.net or 213-628-8015 for reservations.
 - **GSGV Lodge, First Monday:** Nov. 2, 6:00pm Board. 7pm Dinner, *Empress Harbor*, 111 N. Atlantic, #305. \$20.
 - **Smart Career Steps Workshop—Women in the Workplace:** Sat. November 14. 10am—noon (for more information, visit www.smartcareersteps.com or call Winston Wu for info). Monterey Park Library, 318 S. Ramona.
 - **So. CA. Times Bulletin night.** 3rd Wed. Nov. 18, 3:30 pm. Items due Sunday, Nov. 15. For 2009-10 print dates are:, Dec. 23, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 24, Apr. 21, May 19, Jun. 23.
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- **Chinese American Museum.** Tues.-Sun. 10a-3p. Free. *El Pueblo Monument* 425 N. Los Angeles St. (entrance on Sanchez St. inside El Pueblo Monument). Hollywood Chinese: The Arthur Dong Collection opens October 24. Oct. 29, Thurs. 6pm: Lisa See talking on *Shanghai Girls* at CAM; Dec. 3, Thurs., 6pm: free screening of documentary *Hollywood Chinese*, a film by Arthur Dong.
 - **Chinatown Heritage and Visitors Center,** M-F open by request, Sun. 12-4p. 413 Bernard St., Chinatown. Free.
 - **Undiscovered Chinatown Tour.** Nov. 7, 10:30am-1pm. \$20. 213-680-0243 or info@chinatownla.com.
 - **Chinatown Farmers' Market.** Thurs, 3-7p. Lot on Hill St. bet. Alpine and Ord. (site of nursing facility.)
 - **Anniversary of 1871 Chinese Massacre, Observed.** Sat. Oct. 24. El Pueblo site. Inquire with M.Kwok.
 - **Advancing Justice Conference,** Fri/Sat. Oct. 29-30, *Center at Cathedral Plaza*, Downtown, 213-977-7500x201.
 - **Hallowe'en with Miss Chinatown Court,** Sat. Oct. 30, 7pm, Capital Seafood, 755 W. Garvey, Monterey Park, \$68, Chinese Chamber, 218-617-0396. David Chen, magician and other entertainment.
 - **2010 Little King and Queen Contest,** Sun. Nov. 8, PM at CCBA, 925 N. Broadway, free to watch \$25 to enter. Call Chamber.
 - **"Nihonmachi: Place to Be,"** Sun. Nov. 15, 2pm. *Japan America Theater*, 244 San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Musical historical play performed by Grateful Crane Ensemble as benefit of Little Tokyo Koban. \$35. Highly recommended.
 - **2009 Piano Competition of CAEA,** Sun. Nov. 22, PM at Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, application deadline on Nov. 9, Sis. Alice Mah, alice.mah@verizon.net, or Winston Wu, 323-722-3900.