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March 2018

High School Essayists Sought for the National Contest: Mar. 3

So. CA. Celebrates Chinese New Year: Chinatown Parade, San Gabriel Valley Festivals

Los Angeles Lodge Does "Italian Night"

Daylight Savings Mar. 11 ●●● St. Paddy's Day Mar. 17●●● Spring Awakes Mar. 21●●● Easter Apr. 1

L. A. Lodge Meets & Treats

"A Dinner and a Movie"

First Saturday March 3, 2018

Los Angeles Lodge Business Meeting

3-5:00 pm, at 415 Bamboo Lane

Citizenship; National Lodge; Community: CSDG;
Membership; ChungWah; New & Other

In The Lodge "Italian Night"

**5:30pm starts plenty to eat, so bring your
mandolin, vino, or whatever, and...**

Movie Feature: "Under the Tuscan Sun"

Your Gracious Hosts

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WELCOME!

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2018 National Essay Competition

Through its 40+ year history, thousands of high school students across the nation have participated in the Alliance's National Essay Contest. The essay contest is intended to foster creative thinking and self-expression and encourage an awareness of current local and world events. Top placing finishers receive cash scholarship towards their education endeavors. The question, held secret until the moment, is being selected by NVP-Education Charles Mau and his national team.

This annual contest is open to any student enrolled in high school (grades 9-12). No entry fee required. Participants are given either 90 minutes (computer laptop participants) or 2 hours (Blue Book participants) to compose an essay in English not to exceed 500 words on a contemporary topic concerning the Chinese and Asian American communities. The essay topic is given at the time of the contest. This year's contest will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018, commencing at 10:00 a.m. local. Nominal date to register is February 26, 2018. Contact Elizabeth Wu, elizabethkwu@hotmail.com or Winston Wu, wuwins@gmail.com, for info./form.

L.A. Lodge Plans Novel Summer Fundraiser

The concept for an exciting summer event is being offered to the membership by the Board of Officers, so announced Event Chair Daphne Teoh. Sis. Daphne urged all the "Save the Date" for June 16, Saturday evening. In the initial planning, several departures from the traditional Chinese dinner restaurant event were being studied. At this moment, the venue is still being developed, but it is in a Chinatown or Downtown location; it may even be an exciting outdoor cater in a garden or park setting. Sis. Daphne indicated the theme to be "Salute/Celebration of Education." For the first time, the joint Lodge high school scholarships may be given at the evening event. Let Sis. Daphne know if you are interested in helping.

L.A. Lodge Invoices: Keep 'Em Coming

\$35 Dues for 2018 can be payable now to "CACA-LA" and sent to 415 Bamboo Ln, L.A., 90012. We've had a nice return but we strive to invite everyone we can back into the fold for 2018. Do not forget that Lodge programs operate by your generosity. Ditto, for GSGV.

Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge

Second Mon. March 12, 2018

Board Meet 6:30 PM; Dinner 7:00 PM:

Empress Harbor Restaurant

111 N. Atlantic, 3rd floor #305, Monterey Park, CA.

All Members & Friends, All Lodges: \$18 ea.

Charles

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Sharon Wong

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Recent Donations to L.A. Lodge

Lodge Treasurer Cindy Lo has reported the following recently.

Recent Collection of Dinner Donations

Gold: Coalition for Hope and Unity	1,000
Gay Yuen	120
Elizabeth Wu	120
Gordon Hom	120
James Lau	120
Franklin Tzeng	120
Wayne C. Ng	120
Pedro Chan	120
Lee-Lah Yue	120
Susan Dickson	120

Donations in Memory of John Pong

Munson & Suellen Kwok	250
Eugene & Susan Moy	100
Arthur & Betty Hallman	100
Sapphire Spa	101
Pete Chinn	50

Donation in Memory of Mary Hong

Munson & Suellen Kwok	100
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Donations in Memory of Jimmie Joe

High School Scholarship (anonymous)	500
Eugene & Susan Moy	100
Susan Dickson	25

The Gold Level Dinner donation was facilitated by Rep. Judy Chu and her office through Coalition for Hope and Unity. The high school scholarship shall be given in memories of Bro. Jimmie's name. Our thanks to all the generous donations.

Final Environmental Impact Report from Metro!



Metro has released the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Los Angeles Union Station Forecourt and Esplanade Improvements project. This project is located in front of Los Angeles Union Station along Alameda Street and on adjacent streets. The proposed improvements create a useable civic plaza and provide enhanced pedestrian and bicycle connections between Union Station and surrounding businesses and communities. The FEIR includes Metro staff's recommendation for Alternative Three, which includes a partial closure of Los Angeles Street, a restricted left-hand turn onto Alameda Street from Los Angeles Street, tour bus parking on Arcadia Street during off-peak hours, and a two-

way buffered bike lane on Los Angeles Street within the project boundaries. All other Project elements on Alameda Street and the Forecourt remain the same as on the baseline recommendation. A special feature of history of interest to Chinese is the baseline intention to mark with special surface treatments and signage the street pavement on the El Pueblo side that denoted the old Marchessault Street. *[story mostly taken from Metropolitan Transit Authority press release.]*

Metro Board is due to consider the FEIR, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings of Fact, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for approval at the February 22 Board meeting following public hearings on the FEIR.

Rim of the Valley Moves Ahead

For the Congressional year 2018, Rep. Adam Schiff has submitted the Rim of the Valley proposal to extend the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area by 193,000 acres. This new expansion will surround the nature areas around the San Fernando Valley. It so happens the circle will embrace most of Chinatown and all of El Pueblo, site of Chinese American Museum in the Garnier Building. If the bill passes Congress and is signed by the President, for the first time, living Chinese American cultural assets will be part of the National Park System. As the El Pueblo Commission board report says, "The Act...will allow the National Park Service and local community to better protect (i.e. manage) natural resources and habitats, and provide members of the community with improved access to nature for recreational and educational purposes." Improved access means also national promotion, which will be helpful to Chinatown and CAM tourism. The Act does nothing to existing property ownership and its use.

The bill numbers are, in the House, 2018 H.R. 4086, and in the Senate, S. 1993 sponsored by Sen. Feinstein. Dennis Arguelles of the National Parks Conservation Association noted that all the House Representatives touching the Rim expansion were already signed on as co-sponsors. Chinatown's Rep. Jimmie Gomez is already "on" H.R. 4086; as is Rep. Chu, Lieu, and Sherman. He also managed to get Rep. Steve Knight. That makes 7 Democrats and 1 Republican so far. Arguelles noted that, "We've done well signing on Members of Congress whose districts touch the Rim, but we need more support among area local leaders, such as the Board of Supervisors of L.A. County and at the various City Councils."

SurveyLA Wraps Up

After two and a half years of a hard won National Park Service contract, the Office of Historic Resources in Los Angeles City's Department of Planning has assembled a worthy if not definitive body of work on the extant historic and cultural resources of the Asian American communities of Los Angeles.

On Chinatown, the research contractor compiled a descriptive list of nearly 40 historic sites or districts that might be worthy of nomination as a listed historical asset on the National Register of Historic Places or on one of the local registries. Chinatown is the most mature and together with Little Tokyo one of the longest recorded districts. The difficulty with Chinatown is that it actually had nearly a half-dozen discussable locations since 1860. That leaves an extant trail across the City that is kind of there and isn't. The most tangible, oldest remains are of course at El Pueblo (Garnier Building and CAM), some buildings at City Market area and, of course, today's Chinatown above Cesar Chavez. The initial contractor had the benefit of Jenny Choo, filmmaker who is the best recent compiler of Chinatown facts and photos.

About a year ago, OHR approached community for a final review. "I think we were fortunate to have open-minded

people such as OHR head Ken Bernstein and project director Janet Hansen willing to open up at a later time for community input,” said Bro. Munson Kwok, one of the invitees. He was joined by L.A. natives Bro. Eugene Moy, Prof. Suefawn Chung, and Sis. Suellen Cheng. Together, the team suggested an increase of over 50% to the existing list, most of the suggestions accepted by OHR to be further investigated. Besides obvious historical sites, OHR sought places that be important to a cultural story (for Chinatown, an example might have been Bruce Lee’s first studio or the murals of Chinatown), or homes or structures designed by early Chinese American architects. In Chinatown and CAM’s recent exhibit, one knows the dominant names would be Eugene Choy, Gilbert Leong, Charles W. Wong and Gin Wong. The volunteers’ efforts were often to recover the attributions to their designs still extant.

OHR also sought the prominent leaders in the community in the era of study, that is before about 1971. As the result of oral history efforts of the last 4 decades, mainly by CHSSC, the team was able to likewise extend the list of notables over 50%. OHR emphasis is on, besides historically significant personages, those in the cultural arts and arts & architecture.

A typical question arose in the last 3 weeks of study, “what indigenous media had been based in Chinatown since none seems previously mentioned?” This led to a furious memory recall among the team that recalled (Bro.) Yin Po Lin’s *American Chinese News* and (Bro) William Chen’s *New Kwong Tai Press*, which we were surprised to discover as one of the founding publishers (Bro.) Hiram Kwan! Of course, OHR wanted locations of their presses, and these were duly dug up. None of this had been in any handy reference anywhere.

The aim of OHR is a detailed final report with appendices including these work extensions. The main result is meant to be accessible to department and other planners for future efforts, in zoning or land use. The hope is that a public version will also be published, possibly digitally on a website by OHR.

Similar solid efforts are being completed for Little Tokyo, Koreatown, Thai town, and the Filipino district. When completed, OHR should have the best reference shelf to date on the ethnic historical assets of these districts.

San Gabriel City Council Rescinds Ends Cooperation between Local Police Department and Federal Immigration Authorities (R. Eng)

A long evening of condemnation and support of a controversial agreement between local police and Federal immigration enforcement dominated the San Gabriel City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Public fervor over the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that San Gabriel Police Department (SGPD) signed in December 2017 with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) drew a larger than regular attendance, that the site of the meeting was moved from regular council chambers to across the street to the historic Mission Playhouse.

San Gabriel Police Chief Eugene Harris maintained the MOU addressed resources from the Federal level that was needed to combat the mid-major crimes and major crimes that prev on residents of the city. The police chief cited some example cases that were prosecuted successfully due to the available resources. He was emphatic that his department does not engage in immigration checks, round-ups, or deportations.

Nevertheless many attendees opposed to the MOU responded during public comment of a compact made in secret, of the immorality of cooperation with Federal immigration enforcement agencies, and how the immigration debate confronted the community values of a suburb where 60

percent of its population of more than 40,000 were of Asian descent.

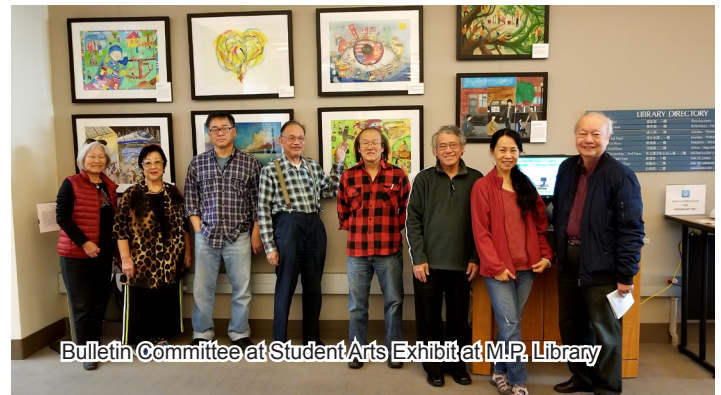
As opposition to the MOU was vehement, support of it was equally passionate. One resident questioned why so many outsiders weighed the issue in a city where they pay no taxes. The friction over cooperation between local and national law enforcement agencies is but an extension of the wider debate over the treatment of undocumented persons in the United States that has and will continue to inflame civil discourse. What seemed to underscore a majority of arguments from both side were ruminations of the immigration echo that went deeper than policies and legalities: what are our core values? What kind of community do we want to be?

The MOU agenda item occupied nearly three hours and witnessed a heated succession of more than 100 public comments. Nearing the midnight hour, the Council voted 3-2 to rescind the MOU.

It should be noted that three of the five city councilmembers of San Gabriel are members of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Los Angeles Chapter: Chin Ho Liao, Jason Pu and Denise Menchaca.



Denise Menchaca honored by Democratic Club of San Gabriel Valley.



Bulletin Committee at Student Arts Exhibit at M.P. Library



C.A.C.A. Supporters and Friends at Save Our Riverside Chinatown 10th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration



CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE 2018 NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance sponsors this essay contest to provide a forum for expression by the youth who will be the future leaders of the United States.

Contest Date and Location: Saturday, March 3, 2018, commencing at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 11:30 a.m. (computer laptop participants) or 12:00 p.m. (Blue Book participants)
[Please refer to the website for your nearest location.]

Eligibility: Open to any student enrolled in senior high school (grades 9-12). No entry fee required.

Requirements: Participants in the Contest are to compose an essay in English not to exceed 500 words, at their Chinese American Citizens Alliance Lodge or a location designated by the Lodge on a subject regarding the Chinese in the United States. The exact essay topic will be announced at the time of the contest.

Judging: An impartial board of judges will be selected by the sponsor to judge the winners. Each essay will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity of thought and expression. The decision of the judges on all matters submitted and their interpretation of the rules will be final, conclusive and binding on all contestants.

Scholarship Awards:	First Prize:	\$1,000 and Certificate
	Second Prize:	\$700 and Certificate
	Third Prize:	\$500 and Certificate
	10 Awards of Merit:	\$100 and Certificate

All entry forms must be completed and postmarked not later than February 26, 2018 and scanned and emailed to:
[Please refer to the website for your coordinator's information.]

✂----- OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM -----✂

CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

NAME	CHINESE NAME IN CHINESE (OPTIONAL)
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STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE AND POSTAL CODE

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TELEPHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS

SCHOOL NAME AND GRADE LEVEL

NAME OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: ☐ BLUE BOOK ☐ LAPTOP COMPUTER

As a condition of entering the contest, the essays submitted by all contestants shall become the property of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, National Lodge and the local lodges for use and publication as the lodges may see fit without the consent of or remuneration of any kind to the contestants.

C.A.C.A. Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge The Piazza – March 2018

“Chinese Exclusion Act” History Program was Very Successful!

On January 28, our Lodge was one of the co-sponsors of a History Program presentation in the Monterey Park Library. The topic was the “Chinese Exclusion Act” and its consequences, and the main speaker was Hon. Peter Chan, Mayor Pro Tem of Monterey Park. Brother Peter is a Founding Charter Member of our Lodge.

The event opened with Lodge President Charles Mau presenting a short history of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance as one of the oldest civil rights organizations in America. Begun as the “Native Sons of the Golden State”, it fought racial discrimination and for the fair treatment of Chinese migrants in the backdrop of the Chinese



Exclusion Act of 1882. He then traced its development and expansion over the years under the able leaderships of many past Grand Presidents. C.A.C.A. underwent further transformation

and expansion after the Immigration and Nationality Act was passed in 1965, admitting naturalized citizens with Chinese and non-Chinese backgrounds. It continued to fight against hate crimes and stereotypes, and opposed anti-immigrant movements to this day.

Brother Peter Chan started his presentation by recalling that last year, the City of Monterey Park declared May 6, 2017 “Day of Inclusion”,



135 years after the Chinese Exclusion Act was signed into law. He then went back to the mid-19th century when America brought in large numbers of Chinese laborers to

the West Coast to work in gold mines and railroad construction. At the time, the Ching Dynasty in China was weak and corrupt after defeat in the Opium War, 1839-1842, and the people were poor and needed jobs, food and money. After the Transcontinental Railroad was completed in 1869, the Chinese migrants were dispersed all over America taking up all kinds of low-wage jobs unwanted by other Americans.

During the economic downturn in the 1870's, Chinese were easy targets of attacks and even massacres as hardworking Chinese were hired at much lower wages and were blamed for taking jobs away from other Americans. In 1882, Congress passed and President Chester Arthur signed into law the Chinese Exclusion Act on May 6. This law, with its later extensions, suspended Chinese immigration indefinitely and declared Chinese ineligible for naturalization. By common law and statutes, Chinese were not treated as real Americans and their rights under the law were substantially diminished as their testimony in court was deemed less credible or incompetent. One immediate effect was that Chinese were not able to bring their spouses over from China and most Chinese migrants became lifetime singles. In order to protect themselves, Chinese were forced to get together in Chinatowns, and form family associations and tongs. A small reprieve to their dire situation occurred when records were destroyed during the 1906 San

Francisco earthquake and fire, and Chinese were able to bring in “paper sons”.

It was not until 1943 that the Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed by the Magnuson Act as China became an indispensable ally to America in the WWII Pacific theater. By then real damage was done to the normal development and growth of the Chinese communities in America. Even though about 12,000 to 20,000 Chinese served in the US military during World War II, discrimination against Chinese remained as evidenced by an annual quota of 105 for Chinese immigration, until the Immigration and Nationality Act was passed in 1965. In summary, it can be said that, because of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Chinese Americans lost 4-5 generations of normal growth and assimilation, stayed as 1st generation for over 100 years, and got stuck living in Chinatowns without outward and upward mobility.

Baldwin Chiu, of LA Lodge and Producer of “Finding Cleveland”, made a guest appearance attesting to his family suffering years of separation because of the Chinese Exclusion Act. It turned out his grandfather, living in the US, was not able to bring his father over to America before he died. Several years ago, Bro. Baldwin and his family made a journey of discovery to Cleveland, Mississippi where his Grandpa had lived. Subsequent discoveries of his Grandpa's papers will be presented in an upcoming documentary.



The event was well attended by an audience of about 60, with Senior Librarian Cindy Costales serving as MC. There were also a lot of good questions and answers towards the end of the event.



C.A.C.A. attendees, from L: Jessica, Winston, Peter, Charles, Alice, Daphne, Lisa, Craig, Baldwin, Yukio

President Charles Mau to be Honored by MPDC

Lodge President Charles Mau will be honored with a “People Who Make a Difference” Award by the Monterey Park Democratic Club at a dinner event at Empress Harbor Restaurant on Thursday, Feb. 22. Reception/dinner is 6:30/7:00 PM, \$35.00 per person. The other honoree is Carol Sullivan, a well-regarded community activist. Invited distinguished guests include Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Ed Hernandez, Assemblyman Ed Chau and State Senate candidate Mike Eng. Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith will MC the event.



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Lodges & L.A. Community Calendar

- **National/Joint Local Essay Contests.** Sat. Mar. 3, 10am. L.A. Lodge, 415 Bamboo Ln, Chinatown. Grades 9-12. See website.
- **Los Angeles Lodge Meet & Treats,** 1st Sat. Mar. 3, 2018, 3 pm, 415 Bamboo Ln. 5:30p *Lodge Italiana*, 415 Bamboo Ln; Rick Eng, cacalalodge@gmail.com.
- **C.A.C.A. Board of National Officers,** Sat. Mar. 10, 1p. Board Room, 1044 Stockton St., SF. Rickeng562@gmail.com. National CIF and WUL Boards will meet BEFORE Board of National Officers: 12:30p
- **GSGV Monthly Meeting/Dinner.** 2d Mon. Mar. 12, 6p Board. *Empress Harbor*, 111 N. Atlantic, #305, Monterey Park; Charles Mau, takmau888@gmail.com. \$18 ea. All Lodges, all friends welcome.
- So. CA. Times Bulletin night.** 3rd (or 4th) Wed. Material due Thur, Mar. 22, 5p. To Winston Wu, or Philip Young. Next Bulletin Committee dates in 2018, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, but Subject to change. pyoung90012@gmail.com, wuwins@gmail.com.
- **Chinese American Museum (CAM).** Tues.-Sun. 10a-3p. Free. *El Pueblo Monument* 425 N. Los Angeles St. Pop up events: at <http://camla.org>. "Pacific Standard Time: "LA/LA. #13-14: CAAM/CAM Circles and Circuits I & II." Huge exhibit created by Steve Wong and CAM on Contemporary Chinese Caribbean Art, @CAM, Sep. 15-Feb. 25. Area-wide major exhibition and performances in Latin American & Latino Art in LA at 80 locales sponsored by Getty; watch CAM website for pop up programs. www.camla.org.
- **CHSA's "Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion.** Daily, 12N-4p. 965 Clay St. San Francisco.
- **Pacific Asia Museum.** "Winds from Fusang: Mexico to China in 20th Century." Influence of Mexican artists on China Art; LA/LA.
- **LACMA's "Wu Bin's 10 Views of the Lingtu Stone",** a Ming classic painting (\$100M value) and meditative inspiration at the LACMA Resnick Pavilion, 12/10-6/24. Over the years, studies, other art, and poetry were created as a result.
- **Chinatown After Dark Series.** 1st Thu. Mar. 1 6p start. Cuisine walking tour. Book FB or 213-680-0243. www.chinatownla.com.
- **Undiscovered Chinatown Series.** 1st Sat. Mar. 3; 10:30am. Guided walking tours BID version. \$20,
- **A Maria Elena Durazo Meet & Greet.** Thu. Mar. 1, 6:30-8:30p. Lodge, 415 Bamboo Ln. free. Prominent labor leaders and Candidate for 24th State Senate replacing termed-out ProTem de Leon comes to Chinatown. kingcheung@aol.com
- **Chinese American Museum's Lantern Festival.** Sat. Mar. 3, 12p. *El Pueblo Monument*. Free. Music, dance, food, exhibits.
- **China Society Goes to Huntington.** Mon. Mar. 5. 6p. Dinner at Golden Dragon \$20. Then 7:30p. Huntington Library's Chinese New Year. Pipa virtuoso Wu Man, Huayin Shadow Puppet Band from PRC. \$21.69 a hot tix to sell out at: <https://brownpapertickets.com/event/3233704>. Bob Lee.
- **CHSSC Monthly Meet.** Wed. Mar. 7, 6p. *Castelar Aud.* 840 N. Yale.
Saveourchinatown@gmail.com or 951-787-0318 or Eugene Moy.
- **L.A. History Day.** Sat. Mar. 17, 8a-4p. Azusa-Pac. West: Darling Library 701 E. Foothill. Free. Rolling contest and exhibits, LAUSD 4-12 grades with some awards by L.A. Lodge at the end of the day. See George Carney.
- **Alhambra Educational Foundation 14th Gala "Dream in Gold".** Sat. Mar. 17, 6p. San Gabriel Hilton. 225 W. Valley, SG. RSVP 626-943-3080. \$\$ (\$100). L.A. Lodge may form a table. Rickeng562@gmail.com.
- **Chinese Family History Grp (CFWGSC).** Mar. 24, 10am. *Lodge*, 415 Bamboo Ln: "Introduce your ancestors to future generations" writing session