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Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge

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Orange County Lodge

**Achieving equality and justice; Improving community welfare; Cultivating American patriotism**

**November 2016**

**GOTV: Go Out To Vote, Nov. 8**

Meeting the responsibility of American Citizenship is the most important tenet of membership in the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. No matter what your views are, a Member's duty is to participate by Voting on November 8. And to encourage those around you who can, to also Vote on this coming Election Day. This election is historic. At first, it might have been due to the first woman nominated by a major party for President. However, as the election season has proceeded, it has become a forum on the very character and essence of America and Americans. Your voice is needed in this dialogue. If you have problems with some candidates, there are a number of other down-ballot candidates and local choices and issues to be decided.

Rep. Tony Cardenas of the San Fernando Valley says it well, "What is the one thing that all American citizens have regardless of gender, income, social status, or race? The Right to Vote. Above all else, the right to vote is the most important constitutional right. It allows citizens across the nation the ability to influence the elected officials who represent them to the highest levels of government."

See you at the Polls!

**L. A. Lodge Monthly Meet & Eat**

*First Saturday November 5, 2016*

**Los Angeles Lodge Business Meeting**

3+ to 5 pm, at 415 Bamboo Lane

Guests; National Board Report, Citizenship, Community & Youth Reports; Membership; Chung Wah; Nominations for 2017 Board of Officers

**Buffet Dinner at the Lodge**

**415 Bamboo Ln, Chinatown, 5:30 pm**

*Your Gracious Host*

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GUESTS AND NON-HOSTING MEMBERS, \$15 EA.

**FEATURED SPEAKER**

**MAJ. GENERAL WILLIAM CHEN, USA RET.**  
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**Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge**

**Second Mon. November 14, 2016,**

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

**Empress Harbor Restaurant**

111 N. Atlantic, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor #305, Monterey Park

**All Members & Friends, All Lodges, \$15 ea,**

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Nat. Executive Bob Gin, [rlgin1@aol.com](mailto:rlgin1@aol.com)

**L.A. Lodge Recommends**

For the November 8 cycle, Los Angeles Lodge recommends **Rep. Judy M. Chu**, 27<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of CA, on the basis of her track record of service to her district and as our leading national leader of Asian Pacific Islander Americans, on the basis of her achievement obtaining Senate and House Resolutions expressing regret for the 1882 passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act and subsequent related acts. The Lodge also recommends **Warren Furutani** for State Senate No. 35, experienced, skilled, strong for education, and **Jeff Maloney**, for 3<sup>rd</sup> District Alhambra City Council, as well qualified and experienced on the city's issues. [cont. p. 2 *Recommends*]

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It also recommends **Kim Nguyen**, former Chinatown resident and Castelar student, rated extremely well qualified for Superior Court Judge of L.A County at-large office No. 158. Members of the Lodge have also organized group support for campaign events of the following November candidates: **Rep. Adam Schiff, Rep. Ted Lieu, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Assemblyman Ed Chau**, among others.

## National Board Report

In several milestone board motions, the Board of National Officers enacted the following at its Stanford University meeting on September 17: 1. Conceptual decision to enter into a lease of duration up to 5 years for an office space in Washington DC's Chinatown; 2. Charter to create a Greater New York Lodge, to be based on Manhattan, New York City; 3. Revival of Orange County (California) Lodge until new leadership. In addition, the Board was given reports about the interest of the United States Forest Service in partnering with National C.A.C.A. to create a new series of Chinese American Heritage Tours, beginning with a focus on California where much of the earliest history occurred. Status on the Preparation of the National C.A.C.A. Historic Archives for delivery to Stanford Libraries was reported. Pres. Edmond Gor summarized a national collaboration for voter education and for November Get Out The Vote in C.A.C.A. which will provide funding for Local Lodge participation. To cap a momentous day, National Executive Vice President Davace Chin reported finalized 2017 Chicago Convention details. Stanford host was Ben Stone, curator of American History in the Green Libraries. And the Board members cleared the University comfortably in time before the USC-Stanford football traffic in late afternoon.

## DC Office Establishment

National VP Ted Gong had been working for several months on the office site opportunity. The idea was first broached at this year's DC Team session in May. The location will be in the Moy Association building in an historical block of Washington DC Chinatown. The office size is initially small but judged to be annually affordable. Its usage and any possible staffing is currently being formulated while the property offer details are being finalized.

## New Lodges

National VP Helen Ying announced that Greater New York was eligible to be chartered, presented the case, and a motion was passed to create Greater New York Lodge on Manhattan, New York City, with the chartering ceremony to occur Dec. 3. Among the prominent community leaders who are charter members are David Chen, Lorinda Chen, Jennifer Chu, Dick Lee, Charles P. Wang, and Ben Yip. Several were board leaders of Chinatown Planning Council, to which Grand Lodge made a major donation on 9/11 in 2003. Bro. John Gee of GSGV is the prime mover of revitalizing Orange County, centering out of his new community.

## National Archives

National Historian Suellen Cheng gave the update to Stanford and the Board. She announced that expenses to date indexing the Collection did not exceed \$15,000, due to a huge effort in in-kind volunteer work. She estimated the expenditure of 904 hours by 27 volunteers, to complete about 90% of the approximately 160 box collection. An integral part will be the *Chinese Times* Board of Directors papers from

inception to dissolution, about 1922 to 1994. The remaining 10% has been indexed, but it has been decided to digitize by photography selected documents and booklets. That work remains to be done. As a separate investigation to complete the Times story, it is believed that a complete assembly of *Chinese Times* during the ownership of the Alliance has been traced to a museum archive in Guangzhou.

## Chicago Convention 2017 Details

The Board of National Officers accepted the proposed plan for the upcoming Grand Council and National Convention scheduled for Chicago, IL, in 2017. The meeting dates will be 5 days from August 30 to September 3. It is recommended that travel be arranged to arrive no later than Tuesday night and to leave Sunday. The registration fee will be \$400 for the early bird. Off-setting this fee will be accommodations in a block at the South Loop Hotel at an affordable \$113 per night before taxes.

## Meet General William Chen

General Chen's connection to the Flying Tigers was his father. The man, an engineer, was in China just before WWII and joined the Flying Tigers as a pilot, one of the few, if not the only pilot with Chinese ancestry. More so, Chen's father was an American citizen.

He is a graduate of University of Michigan with bachelors and masters in engineering, and later an MBA from Auburn. He served in the United States Army with distinction for over 32 years, much of his career at the Pentagon in the executive tier in research and development, program management, including assignments to Strategic Defense Initiative Organization and the Missile Defense Agency, culminating in the important post for national defense as the Army's first Program Executive Office for Global Protection Against Limited Strikes, such as the THAAD program, conducting research and operation worldwide. He commanded the Army Missile Command during Desert Storm. Upon retirement he has served as an executive and consultant in a number of key posts in the defense industry and academia .

## Building Fund of L.A. Lodge

Fund Administrator L.A. C.A.C.A. Community Action, Inc. is glad to announce a generous donation to the Building Fund by George and Edith Sheu, of \$2,000. Donations to the Building Fund now total \$78,000. Our great thanks to Bro. George and Edith Sheu! We invite others interested to contact Munson Kwok, President, or send your donation to L.A. C.A.C.A. Community Action, c/o Building Fund, 415 Bamboo Lane, Los Angeles, CA. 90012. Your donation will be tax deductible.

The mission of the Building Fund is to accrue sufficient resources to invested into income producing properties to sustain the educational and community programs of Los Angeles Lodge. It is a multiyear program effort to raise at least \$250,000 or more to acquire the initial properties in today's market.

## Congratulations and...

To **Bro. Pedro Chan**, on the birth of his granddaughter, Avery Grace Chan.

To **Sis. Alice Wong**, on her marriage to Brunson Peng, recently.

To **Sis. Kim Yamasaki**, on her upcoming marriage to Jonathan Kim.

Shades of the Chicago Cubs! **Bro. Albert Chan** served In N Out burgers at his September wedding reception.

## Sun Yat-sen at 150

Bro. Pedro Chan is producing an event to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Sun Yat-sen, called "Father of Modern China." The event takes place Nov. 6 with a day-long series of activities, beginning with a tour of sites in Old Chinatown where Sun is known to have appeared and spoken in 1905 and 1910 in Los Angeles, in his recruiting and fundraising trips to support the historical revolution. Sis. Suellen Cheng will conduct a brief walking tour and recount the history of Los Angeles Chinatown in that era. The walk begins in the lobby of Chinese American Museum at 11 am. Remaining program takes place at *Golden Dragon Restaurant*, 960 N. Broadway. An exhibit on the story of Sun Yat-sen and also of the Flying Tigers will be on display all day. At 4:30 pm, Mr. Chow of the Guangzhou Whampoo Memorial will give remarks, followed by a commemoration dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost per individual is \$50, VIP at \$100. Major Gen. William Chen, in honor of his father, will be present and a featured personality. For reservations, contact Pedro, [pedrochan@aol.com](mailto:pedrochan@aol.com).

## PAFAA Also Fetes Sun Yatsen at 150

Performing Arts Foundation for Asian Americans (PAFAA)'s World Peace Concert takes place on Nov. 19, 2016 at 2:00-5:00 p.m. at TECO Chinese Culture Center, El Monte, CA. The Concert will also commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Sun Yatsen. Some 10 groups will perform. We further would like to request your support as a sponsor of this meaningful event. Individual Sponsorship is \$100, Organization Sponsorship is \$200. Sponsors will get VIP concert seating, Invited as VIP Guest at the Sponsors Dinner after the Concert, and name be listed on the Concert Program Book. As PAFAA is 501C3 non-profit organization, your contribution is tax deductible. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to your favorable reply to (Sis.) Julia L Wu, Chair, PAFAA 323-638-5668, 323-702-4813.

## Assemblyman Ed Chau Reports

Los Angeles Lodge was part of Assemblyman Chau's 2016 press report to the community on legislative bills completed. Proudly, he indicated that 10 of 11 of his proposals had passed the legislature and signed by Gov. Brown. Notable among these was AB 2536, cyber sexual bullying, such as nudes on line, to include this type as part of the definition of electronic bullying and to require the California Department of Education to include annual info. and data on cyber sexual bullying on the Healthy Kids website about discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying. School districts are encouraged to inform pupils on dangers and consequences of cyber bullying.

AB 587, mobile homes, establishes a tax abatement program for those owners unable to transfer title due to tax deficiencies of prior owners. Waiver of taxes owed will be by a formula. AB 2307, card skimmers, improves protection against credit card fraud and identity theft at gasoline pumps by requiring service agents to report within 24 hours to their county sealer or law enforcement any skimming devices found on their pumps. Previously, service station employees had been lax in reporting, which allowed proliferation of the activity. County Sealers of Ventura and Los Angeles County spoke in praise and explained essential need of this passage. AB 2828, personal information data breaches, requires businesses and government agencies to provide notices involving Personalized Identification Information (PII) is involved if it is suspected that the encryption keys were also compromised.



For Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the most important bill successively passed is AB 2864, school curriculum: Chinese Exclusion Act and Enactment of Transcontinental Railroad. The new law requires the Curriculum Committee of the State Board of Education to consider these (and other) historical topics for the new cycle of the curriculum framework commencing January 1, 2017. The law also encourages state and local professional development programs to provide teachers with the content background and resources to teach these and other Chinese American history topics. This action is an historic milestone in the decades-long effort to insert, however modestly, Chinese American history into the State and National curricula. Sis. Suellen Cheng made the presentation for Los Angeles Lodge, the principal community sponsor of this bill.

Other signed bills by Chau were AB 2799, early learning personal information act; AB 1920, improvement to the Tax Credit Allocation Committee; AB 2427, better access of relatives to Coroner photos and expert testimony; AB 2609, preventing misleading advertising to kids from educational conferences; AB 2843, modernizing the California Public Records Act. This year Chau sponsored the Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Resolution. Gov. Brown rejected his Hit and Run Drones act, AB 1662. Assemblyman Chau, an engineer, has been a watchdog of the State's science and technology developments.

## CEO Voter Education Forum

Chinese-American Elected Officials (CEO) held a Chinese-American Voters Education Forum on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Los Angeles Lodge was a community co-sponsor together with other groups and *World Journal*. Bro. Albert Chang, CEO ED, was event organizer. The focus of the discussion was on Propositions 55, 57, and 64.

Here are excerpts of the presentations.

Prop. 55, tax extension to fund healthcare and education, just extends an existing tax which annually gleans \$4billion for education and local schools, helps lower a teacher shortage, makes college more affordable and makes health care more accessible to low income children. Only the upper tier taxpayers pay, and there are no new taxes imposed. The "no" side object because, as originally conceived, this law was temporary and set to sunset after helping an emergency situation during the recession, and now the law becomes permanent. Prop. 57 deals with juvenile criminal sentencing, "The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016," permits selected paroles for rehabilitated inmates with nonviolent convictions and prevents prosecutors from transferring youth to adult court. It is given as a solution to crowding of prisons and the rising expenses of incarcerations of those with lesser offenses. Specifically, this proposition is to help slow youth from becoming

hardened criminals. It can be noted that a disproportionate number are from disadvantaged or certain minority communities, exacerbating social issues in those communities. Naysayers say that this plan does not work, puts criminals back on the street in our communities, and rehabilitation programs are often not effective.

Prop. 64, further legalization of marijuana, was also presented. The proposition legalizes small usage by adults and permits cultivation up to six plants. However, it requires licenses, and 19 types are identified. This removes the threat of minor criminality for a widespread cultural practice, but also creates an enormous new industry thought to be lucrative. Naysayers note that it is a complex law, not clear that it is really enforceable, and the licensing process can become restrictive and discriminatory. Also claims that moneys collected can be for education and to protect youth are not clear nor convincing.

In attendance for Los Angeles Lodge were Henry Lo, Thomas Wong, Suellen Cheng, Winston Wu, and others. Bro. Lo spoke on behalf of Los Angeles Lodge as co-sponsor. Stewart Kwoh and Pete Chinn were speakers also. Albert Chang was a very proficient moderator.

### Coping With Anti-Chinese American Media

Two recent incidents have arisen lately. One is the notorious rapper piece by YG with lyrics of “YG” which tell their listeners to basically target Chinese and Chinese Americans for robbery because of the “stereotype” that we carry and keep lots of cash and valuables in our homes and because we offer little resistance. Nat. Pres. Ed Gor comments, “Our position on this song is that it’s deplorable, offensive and may even cause some to act upon the lyrics. Though we all have a First Amendment right to say, sing, depict most anything, it’s likely little can be done legally to stop this message of inciting criminal actions and violence. We do encourage participation in peaceful, demonstrative protest.” He further reports that besides New York City, where the rap was broadcast, “Several other cities across the country including Boston, Philadelphia, Houston also engaged in peaceful protests calling for an end to “cultural violence” and for more police patrols and safety measures in Chinatown business and residential areas.” Our Greater NY Lodge, just chartered, was in the middle of the protest actions.

In a second incident now denoted the “Watters matter,” AAAJ describes, “The recent (October 3, 2016) Fox News’ *The O’Reilly Factor* video segment, “Watters’ World: Chinatown Edition,” which featured correspondent Jesse Watters in a racially offensive “new story” ostensibly focused on Chinese Americans and the election. More than 20,000 individuals have now signed a [Change.org](http://Change.org) petition protesting this segment and demanding an apology and other accountability from Fox News.” Watters and O’Reilly have continued to be dismissive of our people. Now apparently Fox News has agreed to meet a small group of Asian American Journalists at the end of the month in New York. In response to the nationwide campaign Los Angeles Lodge and National C.A.C.A. have signed on the protest petition to assure the Fox response will be carried out.

**Sister Nancy Yee**  
A Remarkable Life Lived Modestly



### Sis. Nancy

Los Angeles Lodge announces with a heavy heart the passing of Sis. Nancy Yee, on September 24. The deepest sympathy of the Lodge, its members and friends is extended to daughter Annie, president of the Lodge, and the Yee family. The remarkable dimensions of Sis. Nancy’s life were only revealed at the Celebration of Life October 8. The details have been well published in media. Suffice it to say that Sis. Nancy was one of those rare people that defined the unique character of Los Angeles Chinatown for a half century. The quotes reflect the impact of her life:

*Rep. Judy Chu: “an extraordinary person”*

*Trustee Mike Eng: “thanks for great service to Monterey Park...During the English-only controversy, it was her big smile that made everyone welcome and want to come together...introduced us to rich diversity...as Commissioner Yee of Arts. “*

*“She was Monterey Park’s greatest ambassador.”*

*Charles Woo: “she was community; her life story is our life story; we honor here legacy as we nurture community.”*

*Peter Woo: (reflecting on days with Chinese Chamber).*

*“She was sunshine...a volunteer for many years, virtually the ED, running the parade, the pageant, golf, all of it...”*

*Suellen Cheng (for Los Angeles Lodge): “we are all fans of yours!”*

*Edmond Gor (National President): “My funny, funny friend. My California Mom. We had fun; she had a great sense of humor Her California story is about the Coming to America. She has my respect for dreaming big dreams, seeing and reaching them!”*

*French Stewart (star of Third Rock from the Sun): “My best girlfriend! (Sis. Nancy’s role Mrs. D)...the laughter you create, that is God’s purpose for you...”*

There followed clips of the “best of Nancy Yee” in advertising, TV, and cinema, displaying the brilliant deadpan comedienne she had become, fulfilling the promise of her Hong Kong theatrical training. Finally the best thoughts:

*Annie: My Mother Nancy Yee is my hero. She was kind, smart, talented and beautiful. She introduced me to the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. She said the members are so nice once you become friends you are friends for life. She was right because many of you have become family to me. She joined C.A.C.A. which she was very dedicated to. She served on the board for many years, a BID representative and was on many committees (Assistant Secretary, Auditor, Financial Secretary, and others). She also served as a Delegate to the National convention three times. Just three months ago on our family trip up north she made it a point to visit the C.A.C.A. Headquarters in San Francisco. In the weeks before her passing we went to the Lodge monthly meeting, attended the C.A.C.A. table for the CAM fundraiser dinner, and just 3 days before she participated in bulletin night.*

*She taught me how to live life, to be kind to all and try my best. I love you Mom. Thank you.*

**DONATIONS:** In memory of Sis. Nancy Yee. Collin and Sue Hum Lai: \$50; Winston Wu: \$50; Susan Dickson: \$50



← C.A.C.A. L.A. Lodge members and supporters at Warren Furutani for 35th State Senate event.

↓ Ken Ng Screening My Life in China.



← C.A.C.A. L.A. Lodge supports Jason Pu for re-election to San Gabriel City Council.



↑ Br. Ron Ung (back R2) and wife Michelle (front R1) made a surprised visit from China at last month's "bulletin night", also Sis. Nancy Yee's last "bulletin night".



← C.A.C.A. at CAM 20th HistoryMaker Awards.

## Piazza GSGV Lodge – November 2017

**Congratulation to the new 2017 GSGV Lodge newly elected officers that are elected by acclamation.**

President:	Tak “Charles” Mau
Vice President:	Sharon Wong
Secretary:	Valerie Lee
Assistant Secretary:	Paul Perez
Treasurer:	Scot Kwong
Financial Secretary:	Pek Chan
Compliance Officer	Alice Mah
Compliance Officer	Mary Wong
Marshall:	Shirley Hwong
Sentinel:	Alex Hu
Collector:	Sam W. Gee
National Representative:	John Y. Wong

### Pondering California’s Propositions

Come this November, California voters will have seventeen ballot measures/propositions to study, that will stretch the patience any rational voter who cares enough. Members of the Lodge are encouraged to vote the measures as dutiful US citizens living in California. GSGV Lodge’s Citizens Committee met on Oct. 7 to go over the pros and cons of these propositions, paying special attention to those that might impact the Chinese community. At the end, they came up with a set of voting recommendations using criteria such as relevance to the well-being of Chinese communities, fiscal soundness and benefits to the State of California. The following table is meant to be a reference point for Lodge members when they consider these measures before casting their ballots.

Prop. #	Description	Rec. Vote
51	School Bonds. Funding K-12 School and Community College Facilities.	<b>Yes</b>
52	Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program.	<b>Yes</b>
53	Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval.	<b>Yes</b>
54	Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings.	<b>Yes</b>
55	Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare.	<b>No</b>
56	Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement.	<b>Yes</b>
57	Criminal Sentences. Parole. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing.	<b>No</b>
58	English Proficiency. Multilingual Education.	<b>No</b>

59	Corporations. Political Spending. Federal Constitutional Protections.	<b>No</b>
60	Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements.	<b>No</b>
61	State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards.	<b>Yes</b>
62	Death Penalty.	<b>No</b>
63	Firearms. Ammunition Sales.	<b>No Rec.</b>
64	Marijuana Legalization.	<b>No</b>
65	Carryout Bags. Charges.	<b>No</b>
66	Death Penalty. Proceedings.	<b>Yes</b>
67	Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags.	<b>No</b>

Of these, a “Yes” rec. on #51 is based on the thesis that more modern facilities create the environment for students to want to come to school to learn and excel in their class work. On the other hand, can we really trust the state school board to distribute the funds in a manner that does not waste taxpayers’ money? Obviously, the best way is to authorize school bonds through a ballot at the local school districts. On #52, it is a net win for California hospitals, since most of the money comes back to them and triggers matching federal funds. On #54, Seeks to abolish last minute amendments to bills in the Legislature. It requires on-line publication of proposals at least three days before they can be voted on and sent to the governor. Given the games our elected representatives play, it should be supported. On #56, a “Yes” vote is reached because of scientifically proven negative effects of smoking on people’s health and their associated increased medical costs, and a higher tax would help discourage young people from taking up this habit. A “No” vote is recommended for #58 because previous well-intentioned bilingual education proved ineffective, so why revive it now? Full immersion in English-language instructions is the best way to assimilate new immigrants into American society, as Bro. John Wong himself attested. For #63, the issue of imposing limits on peripheral aspects of firearm possession is controversial and involves interpretation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment as societal environment evolves. So it was decided not to pose any recommendation on this one.

During our Lodge meeting on Oct. 10, there were interesting discussions on many of these propositions, led by Citizens Committee Chair Bro. John Gee. As Board President of Alhambra School District, Bro. Bob Gin gave some insight into the inner workings of why and how school bonds were advocated via a state ballot measure. The counter argument is that fiscal prudence

should be a factor in determining whether such a ballot is to be passed. One last advice is to read carefully the proposition statements before voting as some of the language used is confusing and perhaps deliberately misleading.

### **A Movie Project on 19<sup>th</sup> Century Transcontinental Railroad Workers, Headed by Sister Lisa Yang**

With the signing of California AB-2864 by the Governor on Sept. 26, 2016, the California School System is now required to consider including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the contributions made by Chinese Americans in constructing the Transcontinental Railroad when adopting History and Social Science Curriculum, so that their history and contributions are taught to students throughout California. Other important aspects of Chinese American history, the hardships they endured, and their contributions to the nation have been dealt with in various museum exhibits and recent documentary productions such as “Honor and Duty: The Mississippi Delta Chinese”, “Finding Cleveland”, “Lead way”, to name just a few. However, in order to reach and perhaps educate a much broader, international audience, a film produced by the movie industry may deserve a serious look.

This is what Sister Lisa Yang has been diligently working on the past few years to bring the movie “The Year of the Iron Horse” to the production stage. With a degree from the National Taiwan University of the Arts, Lisa has built up substantial credentials in the media circles, as a producer and host of TV and radio programs, organized a first of its kind “Chinese Film Exhibition” showing 23 first-run Chinese movies, produced a 95-min. Chinese TV movie in California, and wrote and produced 3 public-announcement films that were broadcast in local ethnic channels. With boundless energy and a vast network in the entertainment industry, she teamed up with Barry Morrow, Oscar-winning writer of “Rain Man”, and award-winning sound editor/writer/director Richard Anderson to start the pre-production phase of “The Year of the Iron Horse”. The film will be based on the story of two heroes, one Chinese and one Irish, set against the backdrop of the American Old West, with its boom towns, gold mines, waves of immigrants from Europe

and China, and the building of the Transcontinental Railroad, an achievement that would transform U.S. history. As lowly immigrants, both wound up working on the Central Pacific Railroad, laying tracks from Sacramento, California all the way to Utah while struggling to survive and enduring discrimination at the same time. The storyline ended at the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory Summit, Utah, when their dreams of reaching Gold Mountain were finally realized. From the Chinese American perspective, knowing the fate of Chinese migrants in those times, it will be intriguing to see how the fates of the two heroes might have diverged from this point on.

According to Lisa, the film project has now reached a critical stage when the cast, the team of script writers and the production crew will need to be assembled to be evaluated and “picked up” by the studios before actual production begins. Making a big-budget film based on the post-Gold Rush Era and treating the subject of rivalry and discrimination among the various racial groups is a very delicate undertaking, let alone making this an entertaining box-office success. From the perspective of Chinese American Citizens Alliance, it is hoped that the movie will truly reflect the history of that era in terms of how much hardship Chinese American migrants went through and how much they contributed to the development of this country.

### **A Tribute to Sister Nancy Yee**

Members of GSGV Lodge mourn the passing of Nancy Yee, a great friend, Mom of Los Angeles Lodge President Annie Yee, and a long-time member of C.A.C.A. Nancy has always been a great leader and supporter of the Chinese community in Chinatown, Los Angeles, a successful business woman, a popular movie and TV actress in her own right, and a great wife, mother and grandmother. In recent years, she has been a staunch supporter of the Wednesday Breakfast Club, showing up almost every week to talk to everyone. She was that free spirit who always seemed to enjoy what she did, and her grace, kindness and smile propagated to everyone who befriends her. As a sister Lodge, we hereby convey our condolences to Sister Annie and the Yee Family. We will all miss you, Nancy!



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### Lodges & L.A. Community Calendar

- **Los Angeles Lodge Meet and Monthly Eats**, 1st Sat. Nov 5, 2016. 3p. Meet @ Lodge. Then Buffet @ Lodge, 5:30 pm. 415 Bamboo Lane, Chinatown. Annie Yee, [wishbone168@hotmail.com](mailto:wishbone168@hotmail.com). Al Soo-Hoo [alsoohoo@msn.com](mailto:alsoohoo@msn.com), \$15. **Guest Speaker: Maj. Gen. (ret) William Chen.**
- **GSGV Monthly Meeting/Dinner**. 2d Mon. Nov. 14, 6 p *Empress Harbor*. 111 N. Atlantic, #305, Monterey Park. John Y. Wong, [jw@jwcommercial.com](mailto:jw@jwcommercial.com); Charles Mau, [takmau888@gmail.com](mailto:takmau888@gmail.com). \$18 ea. All Lodges, all Members friends welcome.
- **GSGV 4-day Cruise and On-board Holiday Party**. Dec. 1-4. Inquire David Yuen [d.a.yuen1123@gmail.com](mailto:d.a.yuen1123@gmail.com). Or Charles, [takmau888@gmail.com](mailto:takmau888@gmail.com).
- So. CA. **Times Bulletin night**. 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 4<sup>th</sup>) Wed. Nov. 23 Items due **Sunday**, Nov. 20, 12N. To Kwok, Winston Wu, or Philip Young. Next dates Sep. Nov. 23, Dec. 21. Jan. 18, Feb. 15. Subject to change. [pyoung90012@gmail.com](mailto:pyoung90012@gmail.com), [wuwins@gmail.com](mailto:wuwins@gmail.com).

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- **Chinese American Museum (CAM)**. Tues.-Sun. 10a-3p. Free. *El Pueblo Monument* 425 N. Los Angeles St. (entrance on Sanchez St.) Pop up events: at <http://camla.org>. Start around Nov. 20: California Chinese American Artists, all genres. Watch for opening on website.
- **Undiscovered China town Series**. Series. 1st Sat. Nov. 5.10:30 am. Guided walking tours. \$20. 213-680-0243. [www.chinatownla.com](http://www.chinatownla.com)
- **Chinese Family History Group (CFHGSC)**. Sat. Oct. 29. @10a. *L.A. Lodge*. Learn to research your family history. "How to Build a Simple Family History Website," Niki Munoz and Steve Kwok. Free; join us [www.chinesefamilyhistory.org](http://www.chinesefamilyhistory.org)
- **China Society**, Mon. Nov. 7, 6p. *Golden Dragon*, 960 N. Brdway, \$25. Snuff bottles. The convention is in town. Planned tour of New Nixon Library in Nov. Check with Bob Lee.
- **CHSSC Monthly Meeting**, Wed. Nov. 3, 6:30p. *Castelar Auditorium*, 840 Yale Street, Chinatown, free. Parking.
- ☐ **Fall Back to Standard Time**. Sun. Nov. 6, 1a. Set clocks back 1 hour.
- ☐ **ELECTION DAY**, Tues. November 8, everywhere.
- ☐ **Veterans Day**, Fri. Nov. 11.
- **CHSSC and CAM Presents**, Thu. Nov. 17, 7p. "Honor and Duty" documentary, *South Pasadena Public Library*, 1100 Oxley St. So.Pas. free.
- **"Finding Cleveland" film documentary**, Thu. Nov. 17, 7p. *Pasadena Central Public Library, Donald W. Auditorium*, 285 E. Walnut, Pasadena, Chinese American story in Cleveland MS. free. Filmmakers Larissa Lam and Baldwin Chui will be present.
- **Fundraiser, MP Councilman Peter Chan Reelection**. Fri. Nov. 18, 6p. *Ocean Seafood*, 145 N. Atlantic, Monterey Park, \$100. CACA table?
- **GSGV Presents Film "Honor and Duty"**. Sun. Nov 20. 2p. MP Bruggemeyer Library. Watch for the notice. Charles, [takmau888@gmail.com](mailto:takmau888@gmail.com)