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### U.S. Generals Visit L.A. Lodge

**Lodges '17 Elections Reported: Annie Yee, Dr. Charles Mau are Presidents  
Development for Chinatown Issue**

*Pearl Harbor 75th Dec. 7... Winter Dec. 21... Christmas/Hanukkah Dec. 25... Kwanzaa Dec. 26*

#### L. A. Lodge Meet & Holiday Potluck

*First Saturday December 3, 2016*

#### Los Angeles Lodge Business Meeting

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Guests; Chinatown Issues

National Lodge Reports

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#### Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge

Second Mon. December 12, 2016

#### Annual GSGV Lodge Holiday Party

*La Vie French Restaurant*

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C.A.C.A. of Orange County

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#### L.A. Welcomes Distinguished Guests

At the Nov. 5 meeting, Los Angeles Lodge was privileged to welcome honored guests, Maj. General William Chen, U.S. Army Retired, and spouse Sandra and son Stephen, a UCLA graduate, the General's friends and colleagues, John and Gloria Huang, and Ted and Jeanne Wong. Gen. Chen had a remarkable career out of college ROTC with dramatically successful missions in Vietnam and Laos, which at that time significantly enhanced the position of the United States in Southeast Asia, and culminating with several increasingly



responsible executive assignments in Missile Defense, ending as the founding Program Executive Director for Terminal Defense in what became today's Missile Defense Agency. His colleague Ted Wong rose to Major General as Chief of Army Dental Corps and is now an executive with United Healthcare, a major provider. Mr. John Huang was formerly a FEMA executive and a General Manager for Information Technology in the City of Los Angeles. Gen. William Chen gave a rousing talk on personal leadership development, giving neat examples from his personal career of how to be "ready for success." [I to r: Gen. T. Wong, Yee, Gen. W. Chen, Mr. John Huang.]

Thanks to Pedro Chan and Rick Eng for facilitating this visit. [Details of his talk will be summarized in a later issue, since the general points are useful to all members and friends.]

#### Winners, Losers

Election 2016 held endless fascination but underneath the national and statewide stories, there were local developments important to us. The old saw, "All politics is local," held true as most incumbents, Republican or Democrat, returned to office. In Southern California, mainly Los Angeles County Chinese American areas, this includes for Congress, **Lieu, Sherman, Schiff, Chu, Becerra, Roybal-Allard, Napolitano, and Royce**. Nationally, two women with some Asian American ancestry will rise to the U.S. Senate: **Tammy Duckworth** (IL) and **Kamala Harris** (CA). In the California Legislature, **Chau, Rendon, Gomez, Ridley-Thomas** continue among others. **Al Muratsuchi** returns to the Assembly with 53% of the vote in the 66<sup>th</sup>, while **Kim Nguyen** succeeded in her Judgeship No. 158 in a close battle,

gaining 52% of the vote. However, veterans Rep. Honda, Assemblyman Warren Furutani, and Supervisor Mike Antonovich seem headed for retirements. A South Asian replaces Honda, popular Steve Bradford goes to the State Senate and not Warren in the 35<sup>th</sup>, and another popular candidate Antony Portantino, not Antonovich, will replace State Senator Carol Liu in the 25<sup>th</sup>. In Alhambra, **Jeff Maloney** won No. 3 council district handily at 73%. **Ling Ling Chang** is leading for State Senate in a race still too close to call, but can become historic. In local measures, **A** (county park bonds), **M** (bond funding transportation next 30 years), **CC** (Community College funding), **HHH** (homeless housing bonds needing 2/3 and gaining 76%!), **JJJ** (affordable housing requirement) all passed. **RRR**, the smoky proposal “streamlining” DWP practices, was defeated, and **SSS** (allowing Airport police and fire to join the City’s LACER system, which in the end even the sponsors disavowed) is passing with a margin of around 400 votes; this shows how important GOTV is on any candidate or issue! Finally, for those to whom it may concern: enjoy your grass!

### **Congratulations: L.A. 2017 Board of Officers**

There being no opposed candidates, officers were elected by motion of acclamation.

**President: Annie Yee**  
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### **DTLA 2040: Vision for Chinatown**

“It’s all about Land Use Planning,” as one pundit reflected on the future (fate?) of L.A. Chinatown.

Los Angeles’ City Planning Department recently held an open studio and design charrette or workshop for Central City area, including the Central City North containing Los Angeles Chinatown. The objective is to update the 35 Community Plans of the City, not done in nearly 30 years, and of which Central City North is one. The vision planning exercise is call DTLA 2040, forecasting Downtown Los Angeles, “DTLA,” growth for the next 25 years, i.e. “2040.” Los Angeles Chinatown stakeholders, including C.A.C.A. members, diligently made the trip to the Bradbury Building to log in written and verbal comments and inputs at the week-long display at the Bradbury. On wall boards, objectives and scope of study were declared followed by nine general topics for public discussion. These included general topics such as Vision, Mobility and Public Streets, Housing and Urban Design, DTLA Zoning, and Economic Development. Specific chapters of the Central City Plan are, however, mission and regional scope including some demographics, growth projections, housing forecasts and proposed zones, mobility planning concepts, parks and recreational, community character. A separate exhibit dealt with the zoning plan, conducted by a different team of the Planning Department, seemed however at odds with this glorious vision.

To quote the project managers, “The project will strive to support and sustain the ongoing revitalization of Downtown while thoughtfully accommodating projected future growth.” Two Community Plans, Central City and Central City North (Chinatown

and Little Tokyo included) are considered. On growth, the planners forecast a growth of 125,000, need for 70,000 more units of housing, and injection of 55,000 jobs. As a rough rule of thumb, consider that Chinatown will be expected to absorb around 5% of this, that is around 6,000 more folks or 50% more than present, perhaps 3,000 more units of housing (where?), with the expectation of 2,500 more jobs (what?) De facto, some stakeholders view this means more density, more high value jobs forcing abandonment of the family or mom and pop enterprise and therefore the cultural assets that give the community its character, and a higher rise environment of continuous or cavernous blocks of buildings.

Indeed, the zoning planners, to meet these metric goals, must do an on-paper shoe-horning that all of Chinatown must increase its Floor to Area ratio (FAR) to at least **6:1** from a current 4:1. (In reality if one looks around, the charm of Chinatown Central and West is that the actually building toward ratio is around an historical 2:1, at most 3:1.) That is not all, the planners would propose that the Blossom Plaza block plus Capitol Mills, namely the corner of College and Broadway, across from Chinatown Central, will be allowed to go to **8:1**. What this means is, envision a building that covers 50% of the land; that building can rise 16 stories! Or the air rights equivalent can be sold to a nearby development. Today’s urban planners will quickly say this will wipe out the enriching character of a community: super high rises right next to the village ambiance of Chinatown. One can see the effects of this growth in China, in an exploding city such as Zhuhai, where the 40 story high rise apartments surround the remaining village zones (diminishing) like a massive great wall. Other proposed 8:1 zones are the strip between Chavez and Ord, from Hill Terrace to Alameda; North Spring northward along Alameda.

There are defending apologists for this development trend. Scott Johnson, of *Johnson-Fain*, designers of *Blossom Plaza*, has written in his professional magazine *Urbanland* regarding the DTLA building boom, “First, increasing residential densities is the key to igniting the engine of street-level growth. Second, projects in inner cities need to include publicly accessible mixed uses..., and are best served when located in a larger mixed-use neighborhood. Finally proximity to public transit is critical...” *Blossom Plaza* is touted as a paragon example that is a starter for L.A. Chinatown. Johnson does note that this drive to new concepts for urban creation is due to new trends in personal mobility, social changes, and a rise in economic capacity for an increasing number of population. Hidden in this trendy trend is the notion that affordable housing may not have any role in this community plan outlook. He does give a cautionary uplift for all of us, “Engaging in great diversions of a city street is an elective act for residents and provides visual, cultural, and social activity that enriches urban life. Private and public realms are balanced...the grand lesson of successful projects for an emerging generation.” The burning question for stakeholders will be whether to allow this evolution.

City planners seem to echo Johnson’s view in their cited Guiding Principles for DTLA 2040:

- Reinforce Downtown jobs orientation
- Grow and support the residential base (namely, address market rate needs)
- Strengthen the neighborhood character (includes adaptive reuse of historical buildings)
- Create linkages between neighborhoods
- Promote public transit, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly environments

In the next two issues to come, this newsletter will examine more deeply these five key points as DTLA 2040 envisions them for Downtown’s (Chinatown’s) planning direction. In the end, it is all about land use, which demands looking ahead 25-50 years to anticipate a desired fate of one’s favorite neighborhood, and to try to steer that fate. The alternative may be frightening, as in many urban Chinatowns, Houston, Washington DC, perhaps Boston, at this very moment in time.

## Houston (Re)visited. [By M. Kwok]

"You're staying on it," said National President Edmond Gor matter-of-factly, when asked where Old Chinatown was. "It's the Americana Hotel, the new G.R. Brown Convention Center adjacent, Discovery Park, the MLB Minute Maid Park, the NBA's Toyota Center, Highway 59 splitting it, and vacant lots on the other side." Wow! Cruising through, Ed pointed out the landmarks "that were", like the vacant lot once the site of the illustrious On Leung Building, the building built by Asian Americans, now a City Parking Headquarters where the first bank, Asian American Community Bank was founded by the builders, and so on. Here, a boarded shopping center with faded Chinese signs, there a notable former restaurant looking the same way, freeways splitting the old neighborhood, and lots of vacant lots, looking about as bad as any Middle East village after any recent battle. Mindless 1960's-80's style redevelopment for freeways that stalls; and a community is wiped out. (Not to worry, it all migrated 5 miles southwest to Bellaire and Sugarland, now touted as one of Houston's tourist destinations). But here Houston Downtown? Suddenly there are 4-story loft apartment box buildings, two up-scale trendy watering holes popping up, now on all the guides, within walking distance of the shiny new convention complex, all grooming for the upcoming Super Bowl LI. Thinking of L.A. Chinatown today, one can wonder if this seem familiar? Houston is just further along toward oblivion. [By the way, LI is not a Super Bowl for a Chinese, it is Super Bowl "51".]

Can that be one fate option for Los Angeles Chinatown: de facto vacating the resident population in favor of a renaissance as a trendy gentrification. Currently, that seems our direction, as our community courses on immersed in changeless tradition?

The Kwoks are truly appreciative of the hospitality of Jeanne and Ed Gor and the members of Houston Lodge.

## SurveyLA to Finally Finish

*SurveyLA* is an ambitious project by the City of Los Angeles to capture knowledge on all its major historical and culture assets (place wise) throughout the City. It produces a series of context statements, essay and listing documents to aid city planners and zoners for each unique L.A. neighborhood into the future. Fortuitously, it has chosen to focus on a theme based on Asian Pacific Islander neighborhoods as a result of a major current grant from the National Park Service. The project is able to divide into five major divisions based on the five Asian towns previously studied in a prior NPS grant under the *Preserve America* program that was headed by Sharon Lowe through CAM under the CRA's Chinatown Project and CD 1. These towns were Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Koreatown, Filipinotown, and Thai Town. Thus *SurveyLA* was able to return to the Chinese American community to a wider review and update, which would include sites outside of Chinatown proper and a survey of prominent leaders throughout history.

Thus the Advisory Committee for the Asian American Context Statement convened Nov. 2 with introductions and briefings by OHR staffers and consultants. Committee members include members of each of the five communities known to be active in local history and preservation. These include for Chinatown members of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, Los Angeles Lodge of Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and Chinese American Museum. Members of the new national Asian Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP). The tasks of the advisors are to review prior drafts of resource lists and statements for accuracy and completeness prior to 1968, add potentially omitted resources, and any other relevant material. The advisors found that the area is not just the immediate Chinatown known today on Broadway and Hill, but also the historical Chinatowns and any other settlements and sites of material relevance to Chinese American history. This aims the scope toward some considerations in Old Chinatown at Union Station and El Pueblo, the Market Chinatown at 10<sup>th</sup> and Central, China City, the Adams district, and Silverlake, as examples.

Most prior work had depended heavily on cited or published material, which means predominantly academic "refereed" articles. The long term issue for APAs has been for decades the absence or lack of such "acceptable" work. It seems OHR may consider lay inputs to reflect the best of L.A.'s history.

According to Ken Bernstein, Director of OHR, context statements are important documents which accompany area general plans that are used by the Department of Planning for future planning and zoning of the City.

Participants from Chinatown include Bros. Eugene Moy, Munson Kwok, George Yu, Sis. Suellen Cheng, and Prof. Suefawn Chung. Consultants for OHR include Rosalind Sagara and Christina Park, recent advanced degree graduates in urban planning who are also active in APIAHiP's Endangered Sites subcommittee with Kwok and Moy. Suggestions, inputs, and ideas are welcome, but immediately.

"Historic Preservation," or what modern thinkers are now regarding rather as "Historic Conservation," is part of the Land Use thinking that is now part of L.A. City-wide planning.

## Honoring our Veterans at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital [by Andy Yam]

For a second year in a row, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Youth Council collaborated with the American Legion Post 397 and *RaiderNation* (a volunteer vets group) to celebrate the Veterans who serve our Country with an appreciation event at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. This year's event was held on Saturday November 12, 2016 and had over 250 people in attendance which included patients, their families and friends along with the volunteers. President of the CACA West San Gabriel Valley chapter of the Youth Council, Andrew Yam was the project lead. CACA WSGV Youth Council member Miranda Tran served as Co-Project Lead. CACAYC role in the event was to seek sponsors to raise \$500 in order to purchase \$5 scrip coupons for 100 patients that live long term at the Veterans Hospital so that the patient can purchase necessities from the hospital canteen shop.

This year's sponsors were Winston Wu, National C.A.C.A. Community Involvement Fund, Allan Kam from State Farm Insurance and RISARC. Andrew Yam was also able to raise money from recycling in order to reach the \$500 goal. CACAYC was also responsible for the program and entertainment and contributed to the food items for the celebration and secure volunteers. There was an endless variety of food which included hamburgers, hot dogs and BBQ chicken as well as an array of sides and salads along with a big assortment of desserts.

The program included a return performance by the twin performing duo Ashley and Ashton Ruiz from *2-U-Neek*. Starting the program with the Star Spangled Banner and ending with God Bless the USA, *2-U-Neek* performed 6 songs paying tribute to the dedication and service of our Veterans. Andrew also challenged the audience to Question and Answer game to offer the opportunity to win some prizes. CACAYC also helped with the pictures taken of each Veteran with their respective flags from their branch of service. Andrew and Miranda had an opportunity to personally visit with every patient to give their thanks and to present the scrip coupon book as a token of appreciation. The successful event paid a fitting



tribute to the men and women who had served our country to protect our freedom.

[Miranda Tran presents holiday gift card to a veteran.]

## Intergenerational Food Festival

On October 30th, Scott Situ, the project leader and a member of CACAYC (Chinese American Citizens Alliance Youth Council) of Monterey Park hosted an Intergenerational Inter-Ethnic Food Project (IGIE) in CACA's Chinatown lodge with the help of Winston Wu, the project advisor, and was joined by Annie Yee, the CACA president. In the lodge, seven teams of two (Five teams from Monterey Park and two teams from San Fernando Valley) brought a dish to share and present to others. During the event, participants spoke about their dishes and explained to others on what they learned while making it. The main purpose of the Intergenerational Inter-Ethnic Food Project was to unite two generations, younger and older, to learn about their cultures and use two different styles of cooking from different generations to make a modern dish. Originally a competition, one rule was to be innovative, to add a new fusion ingredient or idea. The benefit of hosting the IGIE Food Project was that both sides of the teams were able to strengthen their relationship and have a glimpse of culinary experience. The YC team members with L.A. folks are Annie Yee, Andy Yam, Miranda Tran, Scott Situ, Shirley Wang, Sally Gao, and Winston Wu. *[Pauline Situ]*



(Shirly Wang and Linda Lu; Dish: Chicken w/ Noodles)



(Charles Yam and Andy Yam; Dish: Coca-Cola Chicken Wings)

(Joie Huynh and Ann Lam; Dish: Veggie Pasta)



(Sally Gao and Wendy Yan; Dish: Sushi)



(Janet Yu and Miranda Tran; Dish: Mochi Cake and Chocolate Chip Cookies)

(David Crandall and Scott Situ; Dish: Veggie Chili)



(Paula Situ and Aaron Situ; Dish: Almond Tofu Dessert)



(Pres. Annie Yee, Andy Yam, Miranda Tran, Scott Situ, Shirley Wang, Sally Gao, and Winston Wu)



## Piazza GSGV Lodge – December, 2016

### A Fabulous Turnout at the Screening of “Honor and Duty” in Monterey Park

On Sunday, November 20, the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library hosted the screening of the documentary “Honor and Duty: The Mississippi Delta Chinese”. This event was co-sponsored by our Lodge and it is indeed an honor to have Samantha Cheng, the acclaimed producer, to present the film to the audience.

Ms. Cheng is a seasoned veteran in broadcast television production. Her years of experience as a journalist, documentarian and successful minority small business owner have afforded her many awards and accolades. In recent years, she has devoted much of her time to raising the visibility of Asian Pacific American Islanders (APIA).

70-minute documentary has a well-written script and the narration was clear and professionally done. The veterans’ accounts of their services during WWII were particularly revealing and at the same time very moving.

Among the audience are many people who used to live in Mississippi, or who know some friends who still live in the Delta area. Betty Mar, a long-time resident of Monterey Park, could really relate to the story as she was friends with the Gong family in Boyle that was featured in the film.



Many of her multi-media programs center on APIA’s impact and individual contributions to American history. She has worked with local and national APIA community organizations as a member, consultant, advisor and/or mentor and has served on their boards and advisory councils. Ms. Cheng is a subject matter expert on the history of APIAs in the United States.

The three-part documentary series of *Honor and Duty: The Mississippi Delta Chinese* tells the story of an almost forgotten community of Chinese in America’s Deep South. This unique story shows how Chinese families built an enduring kinship and friendship through small town markets and grocery stores in the segregated South. It draws in part on the memories of the patriotic Chinese WWII veterans who lived in this area and stepped forward to serve the families and community that supported them.

Part One (1870 to 1940), tells how the Chinese first came to Mississippi in the 19th century and the challenges of coming to the United States. Part Two (1941-1945), 24 Delta Chinese WWII veterans and their families share stories of the war and its impact on their lives in the Mississippi Delta. The documentary concludes with Part Three (1946 to the present), focuses on how the Delta Chinese have influenced the social and economic fabric, customs and culture of Mississippi.

Approximately 100 guests turned out to watch the film, a pleasant surprise for Ms. Cheng and for the organizers. At one point, more chairs need to be brought in and still it was standing room only. The

Brother Peter Chan, City Councilman, welcomed Ms. Cheng and Lodge President Brother John Wong thanked the organizers of the event, including Cindy Costales from the Library.

### GSGV and LA Lodges Supported Brother Peter Chan’s Fundraising Campaign

Members of GSGC and LA Lodges attended Brother Peter Chan’s Fundraising Dinner on Nov. 18 for re-election to the City Council of Monterey Park. About 500 supporters showed up, an indication of Peter’s popularity. “Give me Another Four Years”, Peter stressed to



his supporters his past achievements for the City, particularly public security, making Monterey Park one of the safest cities in the SG Valley. The city has recovered from the Great Recession 8 years ago and the quality of life for residents has greatly improved. He reported on the recent groundbreaking of a new shopping mall on the east side, and plans to install solar panels in city buildings and more automobile charging stations throughout the city.

## Chinese Americans for Trump: a Fad or a Trend?



A strange thing happened during the presidential election campaign that just ended two weeks ago. Chinese Americans are traditionally thought of as majority supporters of the Democratic Party because of its stand on “open” immigration and social benefits for the disadvantaged class. But as the election fight heated up, Chinese Americans for Trump (CAFT), a grassroots volunteer group supporting the Republican presidential candidate, began to make waves and grab news headlines. Just a few days before the ballot closed, CAFT organized a rally outside the Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue, where hundreds of people holding banners and flags handed out flyers and chanted slogans.

As reported on Nov. 1 by South China Morning Post, a leading Hong Kong newspaper, the rally participants, mainly middle-aged or older Chinese immigrants from New York and the surrounding areas, were there to air their views on traditional “family values” and a tough stand on illegal immigration. Lucy Liu, holding a sign saying “Support Trump, Keep Law and Order”, said she had witnessed the refugee crisis and terrorist attacks in Paris and did not want the United States to become like Europe. “I don’t want so many illegal immigrants. They just take so many more social benefits than they pay. We are legal immigrants. We love this country. We work hard and we make contributions,” she shouted at passers-by. Hong Kong-born Steven Cheung, a real estate broker in his 70s, said he wanted to stand up for his children’s future. “People should step forward.

There is nothing to be ashamed of,” Cheung said. “I vote for policy, not personality.” Among the issues cropping up again and again was the Democratic Party’s support for affirmative action which allows more people from underprivileged backgrounds to get a place at university. Some students with Asian backgrounds say it has unfairly penalized their efforts to be accepted at a college, even if they have higher grades. “We Chinese are always being bullied in the US,” said organizer Jack Jia, who saw this rally as a chance for Chinese Americans to unite, voice their grievances, and take part in politics.

Chinese Americans for Trump groups across the country even chartered planes to fly banners in support of the candidate over many cities. On October 30, a plane took off from Chino Airport here in Southern California flying a banner that says “Social Chinese Americans Love Trump” for three hours, for a \$1000 tab. Volunteers gathered on freeway shoulders holding banners and placards, eliciting honks from cars passing by.

In all fairness, most CAFT members are first-generation immigrants from China who have school-age children, and to many of them the paramount reason for moving to the US is to provide a stable environment for their kids to get a first-rate education, a quintessentially Chinese traditional value. It is then not surprising that the recent progressive social trends and increasing terrorist threat and racial tensions in this country have caused alarm and anxiety in this community, prompting the zealous support for Trump in spite of his unleashing a natives, anti-immigrant sentiment throughout the nation. However, it is not at all clear if their support played a part in Trump’s eventual election. But what is known is that the younger voters, those that are under 35 including Asian Americans voted overwhelmingly for the Democratic candidate. The question to ask is whether these first-generation Chinese immigrants will be able to pass their traditional Chinese values and political views onto their offspring. Or, maybe their number is just too small to make a dent in the overall Chinese American community. In other words, was this brouhaha just a “flash in the pan” in this most contentious election season or the genesis of a political shift for Chinese Americans? Will societal transformations possibly induced by the policies of the incoming strongly conservative administration dramatically change the social fabric of this country? More importantly, how will this alter, if at all, the Chinese Americans’ future voting preference and in the process further split their communities? These questions likely will have to be answered in the years to come.

## Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge -- 2016 Christmas Party

Gift exchange (around \$10)

### La Vie French Restaurant

2547 San Gabriel Blvd, Rosemead, CA 91770

Monday, December 12, 2016, 6:30 PM

Price: \$50.00 per person

Main Dish:	Desert:
(1) Prime Rib	(1) half order of Soufflé au Grand Marnier
(2) Chilean Sea Bass	(2) Crème Caramel
(3) Rack of Lamb	(3) Mousse Au Chocolate
(4) New York Steak	(4) Cherry Jubilee

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Seats to this event are limited.  
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← Chris Kwok (2nd from left), Founding Secretary for Greater New York Lodge, meets with L.A. Lodge leaders (photo by S. Cheng)

↓ L.A. Lodge at 4th CCED Fundraiser Dinner.



← Dr. Pedro Chan welcomes Guangdong Museum exhibit on Wampoo Academy on occasion of Sun Yatsen's 150th Birthday.

↓ L.A. Lodge at Hon. Peter Chan's Reelection Fundraiser.



↑ Election Night Winners Celebrate! Rep. Judy Chu, Rep. Grace Napolitano and Assemblymember Ed Chau with State Sen. Ed Hernandez. (photo by O.C. Lee)

→ L.A. Lodge welcomes Maj. Gen. William Chen (front, 3rd from left). (photo by O.C. Lee)





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### Lodges & L.A. Community Calendar

- **Los Angeles Lodge Meet and Holiday Potluck**, 1st Sat. Dec. 3, 2016. 3p. Meet @ Lodge. Then Party @ 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. **Bring a dish, let Annie or Al know what it is.**
  - **GSGV Annual Holiday Gala. 2d Mon.** Dec. 12, 6:30 p *La Vie French R.* 2549 San Gabriel Bl., Rosemead. **Must RSVP early limited space; then bring a \$10 gift for exchange and even your favorite libation to decork;** Shirley, [ptashirley@aol.com](mailto:ptashirley@aol.com); Charles Mau, [takmau888@gmail.com](mailto:takmau888@gmail.com). \$50 ea. All Lodges, all Members friends welcome. Entrée selections: 1. Prime rib 2. Chilean seabass 3. Rack of lamb 4. NY steak. Desserts to choose: 1. Souffle Grand Marnier 2. Crème Caramel 3. Chocolate mousse 4. Cherries Jubilee. Must select at RSVP
  - **GSGV 4-day Cruise and On-board Holiday Party.** Dec. 1-4. CLOSED.
- So. CA. Times Bulletin night. 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 4<sup>th</sup>) Wed.* Nov. 23 Items due **Sunday**, Dec. 18, 12N. To Kwok, Winston Wu, or Philip Young. Next dates 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>. Opening Nov. 22: California Chinese American Artists Ass'n cosponsor, all genres.
  - **LA Central Library shows "Herstory: History of Chinese American Women,"** main floor galleries until Feb. 26, 2017. 630 W. Fifth St.
  - **LACMA exhibit: "Snuff Bottles from So. CA. Collections".** Until June 4, 2017. Bro. Bob Lee is a contributor. See the finest of this unique art.
  - **JANM (Japanese American National Museum): Only the Oaks Remain.** Dec. 10-Apr. 9, 2017. Story of Tuna Canyon Detection Center, recently made a City Monument.
  - **Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez's Toy Drive and Party.** Thurs. Dec. 1, 5:30-7:30p. Bring a toy and enjoy. 2410 Lillyvale Ave. L.A.
  - **El Pueblo's Tree Lighting.** Fri. Dec. 2, 5:30-8:30p. El Pueblo de Los Angeles Plaza. Free.
  - **Nonprofits Empowerment.** Mon. Dec. 5, 9am-3:15pm. SC Edison Education Center, 6090 N. Irwindale Ave., Irwindale. Free. Tour de force hosted by Bd. Of Equalization Member Jerome Horton. Register [www.boe.ca.gov/taxevents](http://www.boe.ca.gov/taxevents).
  - **High Speed Rail: leg from Burbank to Union Station Public Workshop.** Mon. Dec. 5, 5:30p. Hongwanji Temple, 815 E. First St. L.A. free
  - **Undiscovered Chinatown Series. Series.** 1st Sat. Dec. 3. 10:30 am. Guided walking tours. \$20. 213-680-0243. [www.chinatownla.com](http://www.chinatownla.com)
  - **China Society,** Mon. Dec. 5, 6p. *Golden Dragon*, 960 N. Brdway, \$25. June Li, retired curator Huntington Library, on "woodblock prints" exhibit.
  - **CHSSC Monthly Meeting,** Wed. Dec. 7, 6:30p. *Castelar Auditorium*, 840 Yale Street, Chinatown, free. Parking. Traditional Holiday Potluck bring a dish for 8 or pay \$10.
  - **FOCL Annual Holiday Potluck.** Fri. Dec. 9. 6-8p, Chinatown Library, 639 North Hill Street. Bring a dish for 8.
  - **Chinese Family History Group (CFHGSC).** Dormant to Jan. Normally 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. @ 10a. *L.A. Lodge.* join us [www.chinesefamilyhistory.org](http://www.chinesefamilyhistory.org)
  - **Chinese Genealogy Workshop.** Jan 9-11. California Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Registration 2 day basic \$100 (3 day \$125). Must book Room Block by **Dec. 8**. Code available upon payment received to "Henry Tom", 1987 N. 165th Dr. Goodyear, Az 85395. Or [Henry.Tom@cox.net](mailto:Henry.Tom@cox.net). Hotel phone: (702) 385-1222