

THE CORNERSTONE

**Cupertino Historical Society & Museum
Members Newsletter**

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TOWARD THE GOLDEN MOUNTAIN A HUGE SUCCESS

New Exhibit Explores the Chinese community of the West Side.

April 19, 1997, the Cupertino Historical Museum opened its new exhibit entitled *Toward the Golden Mountain: an Historical View of the Chinese in the Santa Clara Valley*. The Golden Mountain or Gum San was the name the Chinese gave California. For those Chinese immigrants arriving here it was just that...golden with opportunities, rich fertile land, employment, and open expanses offering unending hope.

Through the eyes of Americans of Chinese ancestry and newly arrived Chinese in the community, this exhibit tells the story of life as they heard it from their families or as they experienced it for themselves. The story moves from the early days when only male family members could immigrate until after the exclusion laws were repealed.

John Handley, curator, offers us a glimpse into the Chinese community of Silicon Valley. The idea of the exhibit evolved through a series of circumstances. The most significant was the fact that, today, almost 25% of Cupertino's population is of Chinese ancestry. A catalogue containing all the interviews, a preface by the curator and an introduction by Michael Chang, Professor of Asian Studies at De Anza College, is on sale at the museum. We hope the

catalogue will further develop the big picture of what we are trying to convey; a better understanding of the Chinese culture and its significant contribution to the West Side.

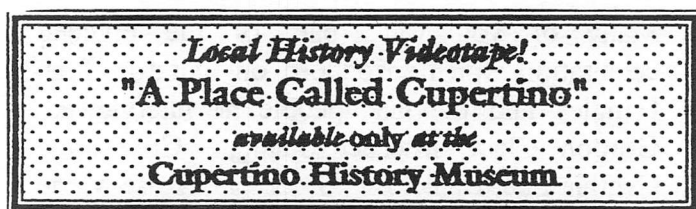
Many of you were part of the opening celebration which introduced our curator, John Handley and the nine people he interviewed: Gordon Chan, Michael Chang, Greg Jow, Cynthia Lee, Daniel Lin, Steve Lin, Rose-Marie Twu, Chris Wang, and Nona Mock Wyman. A banquet followed with delicious Chinese cuisine and authentic Chinese entertainment. It was a festive evening enjoyed by everyone.



**Left to right-Pan Hin Chow, father of Greg Jow
standing in front of a photograph of Yuk Sim Jow.**

The exhibit was underwritten by Barry Chang, Realtor; Chinese American Culture Center; Chinese Historical and Cultural Project; Citibank, Sunnyvale; Community Foundation of Santa Clara County; Cupertino Kiwanis Club; Cupertino Rotary, International; Kaiser Cement Company; Quota International of Cupertino; Pacific Gas & Electric, Cupertino Community Affairs; and Tandem Computers, Inc.

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Renew your membership today!

This year we are giving a premium for those members who renew their memberships before August 1, 1997. Now is your chance to have the catalogue for the new exhibit or a catalogue from the previous exhibit, *The Women of Cupertino*, your choice.

Your membership dues are used for the daily operations of the museum, allowing us to expand our high quality in school program and offer our members excellent monthly history programs. If we are to preserve our Cupertino heritage, all of us must be willing to support our Society and Museum. This is one way each of us can say we believe in history.

There is a tear off strip at the bottom of the page. Please mail it to the museum in the envelope attached or bring it by any time a see our wonderful exhibit.

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Henrietta Marcotte recipient of the Waddington-Doctor Award for Longtime Service to a local historical society. Persons eligible for this award have devoted twenty-five years or more of continuous service.

Our congratulations to Henrietta who is an original member of the Historical Society and the author of the "Roots" articles appearing in the Cupertino Scene for seven years, 1989-1996. She will be honored at an awards' luncheon to be held on June 21st at Chico, California. Henrietta was nominated by Mary Lou Lyon former president of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County and member of the Cupertino Historical Society.

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President's Report

There are a number of topics I could discuss in my final column as president: the wonderful museum exhibit, the well attended Chinese banquet, the great general membership programs, record breaking numbers for the traveling trunk, members and staff participation in events from local to international levels, and the dedication of you the members in making our society a fun group to be associated with.

However, I think it is my responsibility to look beyond these current events and highlight those concerns that could detract from our successes in the future. Our membership level has become stagnant at the 220 to 240 level. That is not enough to sustain us financially without a lot of fund raising, grant writing, etc., that takes time from other important aspects of our society. Why haven't we been able to grow?

I'm sure there are many reasons and in this brief column I can't explore them all. However, consider that its human nature for a person to remain in comfortable surroundings unless invited to participate in a new experience. I believe this is one of the primary reasons for the lack of increase in our membership. What can you do? Easy, you must have a friend or two who are not members. Purchase a membership for them and bring them to the BBQ or a general membership meeting. Introduce them to other members.

I know it's been said before but I believe each one of us, not just a committee, has the responsibility for recruiting new members. It's your society, please help.

ANNUAL BARBECUE

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

5:30-9:00 PM

SENIOR CENTER

TICKETS AT THE MUSEUM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 24 Annual BBQ Fundraiser, 5:30 pm
to 9 pm at the Cupertino Senior
Center

July

- 5 Volunteer Meeting 9 am at QCC
9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at QCC
20 Chinese Summer Festival at
Kelly Park, 10 am to 5 pm

August

- 2 Volunteer Meeting 9 am at QCC
9/10 Cupertino Art & Wine Festival
Civic Center, 10 am to 5 pm

- 13 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at QCC

September

- 6 Volunteer Meeting 9 am QCC
6 Cupertino Community Services BBQ
10 Board Meeting 6:30 pm QCC
23 General Meeting 6:30 pm QCC

Welcome, New Members!

Steven & Sharon Cox
Stan Garvey
Hsing Hsien Kung
Irmagard Lafrentz
Tanya Lonac
Franklin D. Snow
Steven & Jeannie Ting
Ann Woo

And our thanks to renewing members:

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Margaret A. Martin

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VOLUNTEER NOTES

Roberta Zentner

The Chinese Dinner that took place on April 19th was a totally enjoyable event--thanks, in no small part, to our volunteers! We have a wonderful group of people who love history and care about making this museum a success. The number of visitors to the museum has increased since our new exhibit opened. All of the volunteer "slots" are filled except for Wednesdays, from 2-4 pm. So if there is someone reading this who has the time to volunteer, please give us a call. And because some of us are on vacation we are short of volunteers for our Vallco site too!

We will be taking part in the Chinese Summer Festival in Kelly Park on July 20th and the Chamber of Commerce Art and Wine Festival on August 9th and 10th. I will be asking for volunteers for both of these events.

New to our Phone Committee is Aileen Hertweck and Stefanie Singer. And helping staff our main museum are William Lu and Dongni Wang.



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the History of the Chinese in the Santa Clara Valley

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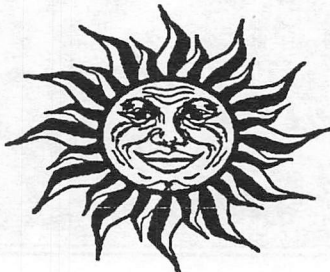
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