

EVENTS

THURS

Farmers Market
2-6pm, Hill Street at Alpine
Free parking with purchase.

OCTOBER

4 Undiscovered Chinatown Walking Tour
10:30am-1:00pm, \$20/person
(213) 680-0243 for reservations

5 Double Ten Parade produced by the CCBA
(213) 626-1646

6 Philippe's, The Original 100th Anniversary
4:00-8:00pm; (213) 628-3781

8 Quality of Life Town Hall by Councilmember Ed P. Reyes
Castelar Elementary School
6:00-8:00pm; (213) 485-0763

11 Healthy Neighborhood Festival
at The California Endowment
10:00am-3:00pm
www.calendow.org

12, 26 Chinatown Cultural Performance
at Central Plaza; Free;
2:00-4:00pm

NOVEMBER

1 Undiscovered Chinatown Walking Tour
10:30am-1:00pm, \$20/person
(213) 680-0243 for reservations

9, 23 Chinatown Cultural Performance
at Central Plaza; Free;
2:00-4:00pm

DECEMBER

6 Undiscovered Chinatown Walking Tour
10:30am-1:00pm, \$20/person
(213) 680-0243 for reservations

7, 21 Chinatown Cultural Performance
at Central Plaza; Free;
2:00-4:00pm

For more info, or to submit your event to the calendar, please write to info@chinatownla.com

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Panhandlers & Crime	213-629-0466 press 7
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Our mission is to creatively plan, manage and facilitate the rebirth of historic Chinatown as a culturally defined, economically vibrant & socially engaging community.

我們的使命 是有創意地計劃、管理和促使充滿歷史的華埠之重建、使其成為一個文化經濟蓬勃和富有社會責任感的社區。



LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN BUSINESS COUNCIL
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BID EXCHANGE
THIRD QUARTER 2008

GET INVOLVED

Please join us at one of the following meetings and see how you can be a part of the Chinatown Business Improvement District!

Economic Restructuring Committee
every 1st Thursday of even months, at 12 noon

Organization Committee
every 1st Thursday of even months, at 1:30 pm

Marketing Committee
every 1st Friday, at 12 noon

Design Committee
every 3rd Monday of even months, at 12 noon

Board Meeting
every 4th Thursday of every other month; call for time

To review the agendas and minutes for each meeting, please visit www.chinatownla.com. For inquiries, please call the BID office at (213) 680-0243.

商業發展區會議時間表

本會呼籲華埠各界人士參與華埠商業發展區的各項工作, 敬請踴躍參加本會各委員會會議

經濟委員會
逢雙月第一個星期四中午12時

組織委員會
逢雙月第一個星期四下午1時半

市場推廣及宣傳委員會
每月第一個星期五中午12時

設計委員會
逢雙月第三個星期一中午12時

理事會
逢單月第四個星期四中午12時

請上網址 www.chinatownla.com 查詢各會議。議事大綱及會議記錄, 或致電本會查詢。

華埠商業發展區簡訊

CHINATOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



EXCHANGE

THIRD QUARTER 2008 | JULY AUG SEPT

History Saluted in Annual Moon Festival

As the moon rose over Chinatown this year, its light illuminated the facades of buildings that have witnessed seven decades of history. That history—together with the stories of many of Chinatown's famous personages, and the contributions of local residents to preserve Chinatown history and culture—were highlighted at this year's Moon Festival.

The salute to history began early with a presentation to the L.A. Chinatown Corporation, represented by Wally Quon, which owns the majority of property in Central Plaza. Central Plaza and the L.A. Chinatown Corporation received recognition as a Historic-Cultural Monument from the City of Los Angeles. The commemorative plaque is now on display on the Hill Street gateway.

Later, City Councilmember Ed Reyes took the stage to present Chinatown leader/community activist Irvin Lai and actor James Hong with "Lifetime Achievement" awards. (Read elsewhere in this newsletter for details.) Also receiving awards that evening were Richard Liu and Cindy Bennett, two Chinatown stakeholders who have worked diligently in a joint public/private effort with the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power to preserve and restore their Chinatown properties in Central Plaza and West Plaza, respectively: Richard Liu is owner of DSR Design, Inc. located at 951 North Broadway and Realm, at 425 Gin Ling Way, at the Hong Building at 437-451 Gin Ling Way. Cindy Bennett owns the North Hill Exhibitions Gallery and Printmaking Studio at 945 N. Hill Street. Both received "Sustainable Energy, Historic Restoration and Pres-

ervation and Community Revitalization" awards from the City of Los Angeles.

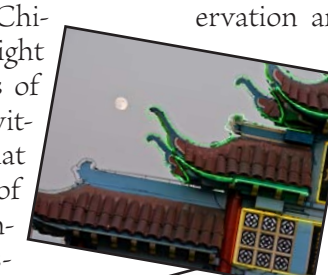
As part of the highlighted events that night, the Chinatown Preserve America Coalition, the CRA/LA, the City of Los Angeles, and other local leaders received a White House Certificate of Recognition of Los Angeles Chinatown as a "Preserve America Neighborhood." Together, they unveiled the Los Angeles Chinatown Preserve America Road Sign. (Read more about this award later in this newsletter.)

Councilmember Reyes also recognized and announced the continuation of the CRA/LA and the L.A. Department of Water and Power's "Collaborative Historic Preservation Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Building Façade Lighting Program." In so doing, Reyes officiated—as the crowd counted down—the relighting of Chinatown's historic neon lights and its newest pedestrian and street lights.

Finally, Will Gow's "Chinatown Remembered" was screened at the North Hill Exhibitions Gallery. This short documentary brings history to life and features interviews with many of Chinatown's famous and often colorful personages. Through this on-going oral history project, CHSSC hopes to document the lives and experiences of as many former residents of the Chinatown area as possible. Ultimately, the memories of this generation will serve as the basis for a website focusing on the history of Los Angeles Chinatown. It is projected to launch late in 2008 or early 2009.

A full menu of activities was offered to entertain and educate the crowd, and by all accounts, the evening—and the moon cake samples—were enjoyed by all.

All photos by Gary Leonard





THE WHITE HOUSE PAYS TRIBUTE TO CHINATOWN

A special guest traveled from D.C. to be a part of the Moon Festival. Yenie Tran, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, attended the Moon Festival and presented the Chinatown Preserve America Coalition, the CRA/LA, the City of Los Angeles, and other local leaders with a White House Certificate of Recognition of Los Angeles Chinatown as a "Preserve America Neighborhood."

The "Preserve America" designation is a White House initiative begun in 2003 and recognized in over 600 cities, counties, tribes, and neighborhoods in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Los Angeles is home to three "Preserve America Neighborhoods:" Little Tokyo, Thai Town and now Chinatown. The initiative is an effort to encourage and support community efforts to preserve and enjoy America's cultural and natural heritage assets and to provide support for the economic vitality of communities.



A PROFILE IN COURAGE - AND LONGEVITY

Contributing Editor: Munson Kwok



Irvin R. Lai, born in 1927, is revered in the Chinatown community for championing historic preservation and equal rights while serving in leadership roles in the Chamber of Commerce, The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, among many other affiliations.

With the influx of immigration after 1965, Mr. Lai was responsible, through the Los Angeles CACA Lodge, for helping to start the Asian American Education Commission of the L.A. Unified School District to increase sensitivity to Chinese American and Asian American issues in education. The commission lasted for 20 years, bringing many improvements to the classroom and recognition for diversity in Los Angeles schools.

When the murder of Vincent Chin occurred, the national movement to outrage was catalyzed by Lai's participation with the then very new Asian Pacific Legal Center. The movement and coalition with CACA continues today to function in Los Angeles and nationally, and the Legal Center became one of our most important institutions.

In the early 80's, the influx of immigrants and newcom-

ers to Chinatown put pressure on existing institutions. In response, Mr. Lai worked to define priorities such as public safety, a cultural center for cultural preservation, and a museum for the preservation and sharing of the legacy of Chinese Americans. His first and third visions led to the Chinatown Public Safety Association and the Chinese American Museum. The cultural center has yet to be developed.

In the earliest years of the 21st Century, some members of the CACA's Los Angeles Lodge suggested that it

was time to sell because the one-room single story building was not earning sufficient income. Mr. Lai's response was to improve income by creating another non-profit for the benefit of Chinatown and Chinese Americans in Southern California, namely the Los Angeles CACA Community Action. Besides being an educational entity, Community Action has the unusual charter extension to develop affordable housing, a result of Mr. Lai's experience as a developer.

Finally, Mr. Lai is also responsible for preserving several early burial sites of Chinese Americans in Los Angeles, and for promoting respect for human remains, ensuring that a developer or builder takes precautions to alert a community when mass human remains that are clearly cultural and historical are discovered.

Irvin Lai's passion and perseverance on behalf of his community sets a remarkable example of integrity and leadership. Despite his waning health, Mr. Lai was on hand to hear accolades from his many admirers and friends, and to receive recognition and honors from both the City and State governments.



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Man of a Thousand Faces

Actor James Hong has been featured in over 450 feature films and television shows, most recently entertaining millions as the voice of Mr. Ping in "Kung Fu Panda." Mr. Hong is a founder of the East-West Players, the oldest Asian American theater company in Los Angeles, and served as president of the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists.

Versatility has been James Hong's trademark throughout his nearly forty-five years as an actor and entertainer. His film roles have ranged from Faye Dunaway's ominous butler in "Chinatown" to a nerd master in "Nerds in Paradise."

His first stint in show business was performing in a nightclub comedy duo with his partner, Don Parker. His flair for comedy led to a spot as a contestant on "You Bet Your Life," where his impersonation of host Groucho Marx earned him a contract at a popular San Francisco club, Forbidden City. After graduating from USC, he worked at a civil en-



gineering job while taking sick leaves and vacation time to do films. He quit for good as soon as he was cast into three feature films: the first with Clark Gable in "Soldier of Fortune" and the

third one being the 1955 hit "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" with William Holden and Jennifer Jones.

Despite the scarcity of roles for Asian-Americans in Hollywood, Hong worked frequently and landed a regular role on a television series as Number One Son to J. Carrol Naish on "The New Adventures of Charlie Chan". He has been a steadily employed actor ever since. He has also produced, directed, and distributed feature films, such as "Catherine's Grove," "The Vineyard," etc. He has many more in the works, including some in China.

At the Moon Festival this year, Mr. Hong received recognition from both the City of Los Angeles and the California State Legislature for his contributions to Chinese American history and culture.

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上午10:30至下午1時，每人\$20元
預約請電(213) 680-0243

5 「雙十」節遊樂升旗典禮
由中華會館主辦，(213) 626-1646

6 Philippe's一百週年慶祝
下午4時至8時，(213) 628-38781

8 Ed Reyes市議員社區討論會
下午6時至8時，嘉士德樂小學
(213) 485-0763

11 社區健康嘉年華
上午10時至下午3時
California Endowment
www.calendow.org

12,26 華埠文藝表演
下午2時至4時，中山銅像廣場，免費

十一月

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上午10:30至下午1時，每人\$20元
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9,23 華埠文藝表演
下午2時至4時，中山銅像廣場，免費

十二月

6 發現華埠遊
上午10:30至下午1時，每人\$20元
預約請電(213) 680-0243

7,21 華埠文藝表演
下午2時至4時，中山銅像廣場，免費

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