The past few months has been an active whirlwind and some would say fraught with challenges yet I am pleased with our progress on a number of fronts. First, I want to thank our Board President, Hoyt Zia, for his vision and guidance, the Board, staff, and volunteers for stepping up and digging in to bring CHSA to a sustainable future.

We have a number of initiatives with great promise including:

- **Streamlining the organization.** We have modified our organization to bring better service to our audiences in alignment with fiscal discipline.

- **Updating our programmatic efforts.** CHSA has a range of offerings for different public audiences. Our intent is to refresh our current programs and add new approaches to telling our stories. As we build a new approach to our efforts, one emphasis for our work is social justice. It’s little known that Chinese Americans have been at the forefront for social equity going back to the 1880’s to present. And those stories must be told.

- **Building new collaborations and partnerships.** Finally, CHSA will be capitalizing on the many opportunities to enhance and grow our presence.

These are exciting times for CHSA. We welcome your participation in our revitalization. Not only are your comments greatly appreciated, your active involvement would be welcomed.

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The Chinese Historical Society of America (CHSA) proudly launches *Chinese in the Sunset*, a project about the lives of Chinese Americans in San Francisco's Outer Sunset District.

CHSA’s goal with this new traveling exhibit is to shine a light revealing a historically under-reported and unstudied aspect of SF history. Narratives of this specific community will reach a city-wide audience with exhibits around San Francisco.

Visitors will learn of the history of racial restrictions preventing Chinese and other people of color from living in the Sunset, how the 1960’s civil rights movement and subsequent legislation removed the restrictions, how social attitudes changed, and how different perspectives within the community has led the Outer Sunset to become a vibrant community today. We further hope the public will draw parallels with today’s national discussions of immigrant communities.

*Chinese in the Sunset* will open at the Sunset Recreation Center with community engagement events, continue at CHSA, then will be exhibited in the Main Library to provide access to the broader public and foster understanding of a unique community based on the neighborhood’s own perspective.

The exhibit was made possible by a grant from the Office of Supervisor Katy Tang and supported by the San Francisco Arts Commission, San Francisco Public Library History Center, UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge, Western Neighborhoods Project, Recreation and Parks Department, and by contributions from donors within the Sunset community.

*Chinese in the Sunset* will travel to multiple locations:

- **November 19th - December 20, 2017**
  - Sunset Recreation Center (2201 Lawton Street)
- **November 22nd - November 30, 2017**
  - CHSA (965 Clay Street)
- **December 2nd 2017–February 22, 2018**
  - San Francisco Public Library, Main Branch 3rd floor (100 Larkin Street)

For more details about the exhibit, please visit chsa.org/chinese-in-the-sunset.
Join us to celebrate the launch of Chinese in the Sunset!

**Exhibit Reception and Neighborhood Arts Programs**
Join CHSA for a reception and activities at the Sunset Recreation Center to celebrate the launch of *Chinese in the Sunset*:

- **A photography walk led by CHSA staff.** Walk around the Outer Sunset, take photos of your favorite places, and then add your photos to History Pin (historypin.org), an online photography database to share photos telling the histories of local communities.

- **Community Chalk Mural:** CHSA is proud to work with Chelsea Ritter-Soronen, owner and co-founder of Chalk Riot. Chelsea is inspired by big blank spaces and the potential that they hold to become a canvas for significant art pieces. Her chalk art is inspired by traditional renaissance chalk art and modern anamorphic work. Participate with Chelsea to create a chalk mural that showcases Chinese Americans in the Sunset.

**The Outer Sunset Where Home Is**
"The Outer Sunset: Where Home Is", presented as part of the exhibit *Chinese in the Sunset*, will showcase excerpts of Lenora Lee's work "Within these Walls." After Lenora’s performance, there will be a short presentation by Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) on immigrants’ right and the resources that are available. Lastly, CHSA is proud to partner with Elaine Chu, a muralist born and raised in San Francisco. Elaine will lead a community mural that will depict and showcase the Chinese American experience in the Outer Sunset.

**Exhibit Reception at SFPL**
Details TBA at chsa.org.

These events are free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP, visit chsa.org/events.

**Shop CHSA for the Holidays!**
**Save 10% as a CHSA Member**
Just in time for holiday shopping, the CHSA Gift Shop is stocked with unique items for friends, family or even your own home. We have ornaments, books on Chinese American experiences, and postcards of Frank Wong’s Chinatown Miniatures. Jake Lee fans can get notecards, prints and mugs that feature his works. Visit our Gift Shop today!
The first academic conference hosted by CHSA in over a decade was held on October 5-8, 2017, led by Jonathan H.X. Lee, PhD, San Francisco State University and co-organized by Dawn Lee Tu of De Anza College. The conference was sponsored by San Francisco State University (Office of the President, College of Ethnic Studies, and Asian American Studies) and SRT Consultants.

Keynote speaker Frank Wu reviewed the historic and current status of Chinese Americans, the model minority myth, and asked, “Who do WE say we are tomorrow?”

An international cast of presenters and participants came to present and provide thought provoking perspectives on a wide spectrum of subjects, including citizenship, ethnic studies, discoveries, health, community and social justice, archives, culinary justice, and outreach.

A poignant memorial to Philip P. Choy from daughter Stephanie and some of his many friends described a man that didn’t have an identity issue, was proud to be Chinese American, and was a rebel rouser who fought to maintain the history of Chinese Americans and confront revisionists.

The conference ended with a splendid FUNDraiser for CHSA where many lingered over refreshments while bidding on wonderful finds in the silent auction. Many thanks to all who took part.

Our appreciation to the conference participants who together created a successful learning experience.

Save the date!

CHSA 2018 GALA
CHINATOWN: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
MARCH 31, 2018  6 PM

Hilton San Francisco Financial District  |  750 Kearny Street, San Francisco
Details TBA at chsa.org
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As a non-profit organization, CHSA thrives on your generosity to pursue our mission to promote the legacy and contributions of the Chinese in America. Gifts of $1,000 or more will receive special recognition in CHSA's Legacy Gallery. Employer-matches are welcomed; ask your employer or contact us about how to participate.

Your participation enables us to share the untold stories of Chinese in America with a broad international audience, and ensure the place of our history within the American multicultural narrative.

Donate to CHSA today at chsa.org/support, or by calling (415) 391-1188 or emailing info@chsa.org. All contributions are tax deductible (Federal tax ID #94-6712246).