Join us for our 50th Anniversary Voice & Vision Gala — Saturday, September 21st

The Chinese Historical Society of America invites you to celebrate our continuing work with an extraordinary dinner and program. We will honor retired Justice Harry Low, activist and writer Helen Zia, composer and musician Jon Jang. Each has been a pioneer and experienced being the “first Chinese American” in their respective professions. Each has dedicated themselves to giving back to the community and building paths for the future. Please join us in honoring these exemplary individuals and in launching CHSA’s next 50 years!

As we look forward to our next 50 years, our challenge is to recover the forgotten and lost accounts of the Chinese community, interper stories, weave them into the American historical narrative, and grow our presence in the cultural fabric of America.

Please contact Alisa Wong at 415-391-1188 x107 or alisa@chsa.org for tickets and sponsor information. Thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to seeing you on September 21, 2013!!

Please renew or purchase a CHSA membership today!
We also invite you to make a donation of $1,000 / $2,500 / $5,000 or more. Employer-matches are especially welcome! All contributions are tax deductible (Federal tax ID #94-67122446). Contact us at (415) 391-1188.
Profile of CHSA’s Founders

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White oftenតត the turm of prejudice and discrimination, "Tommy," as he was often called, believed that if he could present talks to various ethnic and religious communities about his own Chinese American community, racial tensions could be diminished. He spent his lunch and dinner breaks visiting many organizations in the City.

From the 1960s through the 1980s, he provided leadership on many fronts. He chaired the Board of Permit Appeals, presided over the Ing Family Association and the San Francisco Library Commission, joined the Boards of On Lok Senior Health Services, the Metropolitan and Chinatown YMCA's, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, National Conference of Christian and Jews, headed the University of California Dental Alumni Association, became the Master of his Masonic Lodge, and chaired the Committee on Legislative Affairs for the United States Small Business Administration Advisory Council.

With a profound belief that the history of the Chinese in America needed to be perpetuated, Dr. Wu joined four other Chinatown leaders—Thomas Chinn, C.H. Kwok, Ching-wah Lee, and H.K. Wong—in forming the Chinese Historical Society of America in 1965. The organization would reflect the co-founders’ belief—that the Chinese community should be recognized as a major and integral part of American history.

Earthquake: The Chinatown Story Exhibit and Event

For our April Second-Saturday event, the CHSA Museum hosted Earthquake: The Chinatown Story, our new traveling exhibit. A five panel retelling of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, it includes eyewitness accounts, a plan by city leaders, politicians, and businesses to relocate Chinatown, how the Chinese responded, and how they rebuilt Chinatown into a commercially viable tourist spot.

The panels debuted on April 13, 2013 with a performance by Charlie Chin and a book signing with Phil Choy. An online presentation is available online, which details the experiences of three Chinatown residents and the details of relocation.

Work of Giants highlights Chinese Railroad Workers

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