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~~DALLOY~~ HOSTS

40,000 VISITORS

The Sacramento River Delta Historical Society celebrated the 40,000th visitor to the Dai Loy Museum in Locke on Saturday, September 27, 1980. Tena Gallagher of Brentwood, along with her infant son Karl, were recorded as representing this significant milestone in the museum's history. She was greeted by attendants, Robert Carmany and Clarence Pratt and Society president, Judy Merwin. Presentations included a set of the historical booklets published by the SRDHS and two complimentary dinners at Al's Place.

The museum was established in April, 1977, and has been open each Saturday and Sunday from March to November. Attendance has grown to over 11,000 guests per season, and the museum has grown in prominence as a source of information for writers, newspapers, and research students, as well as local and network television. The Dai Loy was given both the Preservation Award by the Conference of California Historical Societies and the Award of Merit for Restoration by the Sacramento County Historical Society.

Ms. Gallagher was both "delighted and overwhelmed" by her surprise honor and thoroughly enjoyed her tour of the restored gambling hall and the many displays, pictures, and artifacts from the Chinese heritage of the delta.

SENATOR SPEAKS

State Senator John Garamendi spoke at the September meeting of the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society to update members on the progress of projects being carried out by the state in relation to the historic town of Locke. The California State Park and Recreation Commission authorized the purchase of the site ground and two buildings--the Star Theater and the original hotel structure which pre-dates the founding of the Chinese community. The senator urged members to follow the progress of appropriation bills and to offer in-pu at planning meetings.

MEETING NOTES

David Abrams brought a fascinating look at Old Sacramento to the September 15th meeting of the Society in Isleton. With slides and artifacts from on site explorations he detailed the work done by teams seeking to reconstruct the images of people and styles of pioneer Sacramento. Mr. Abrams gave an overview of his field of Historical Archaeology and the projects carried out by his classes at Cosumnes River College. Members were invited to join the excavation sessions which are held each Saturday.

Within the business meeting President Judy Merwin announced that preparations for the annual dinner are now under way. Invitations will again be sent for the mid-January affair. In a report from the Dai Loy museum it was noted that the attendance figures indicate that the exhibits continue to be of much interest to tourists and local residents alike. The three historical pamphlets now available are being well received. A number of new projects are being considered by the board and will be outlined shortly. Memberships are due to be renewed in February; pre-payment will reduce postage for notices. Both new and renewal dues are welcome, and memorial gifts may be made to Treasurer Jennie Sheehan.

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Honor Roll

From March 15-September 28, 1980

Daisy Merwin
 Mildred Nikula
 Florence and John Reamer
 Emeline Pylman
 Isabelle and Geroge Wilson
 Patty Merwin
 Yvonne Pylman
 Judy Merwin
 Bess Cleaver
 Melissa Merwin
 Pearl Connor
 Mrs. Silva
 Margaret and Clifford Smith
 Myrna Forman
 Olga Andreucetti
 Nora Baudin
 Doris Waterworth
 Maryn Whitney
 Joan and Frank Wilcox
 Earleen Clark
 Margaret Ostman
 Clarice Jonson
 Elizabeth Wiedmann
 Meg Graham
 Kathie Graham
 Mildred Ferreira
 Jerry and Robert James
 Natalie and Loyal Mealer
 Ella and Julius Nielsen
 Pam and Carl Van Loben Sels
 Emma and Clarence Pratt
 Chris Gionanni
 Barbara and Jim Dahlberg
 Janet Nielsen
 Marie and Dennis Leary
 Norma Johnson
 Marian and Don Roberts
 Frances and Bob Carmany
 Mary Fulster
 La Verne Hill
 Adrienne Young
 Elizabeth Ammerman
 Jean Harvie
 Sara Mings
 Jennie Sheehan
 Mary Hutton
 Mildred and Sonny Wright
 Marion Evans
 Charlene and Jeff Glaze & daughter
 Dan Custard
 Consuelo Perez and children
 Louise and Ike Craven
 Eleanor and Elliot Stevenson
 Marlene Peterson
 Gay and Harvey Felt
 Joanne and Bill Hurley
 Herman Fisher
 Phyllis and Dennis Blegan
 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wright
 Lawrence Hibpshman
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thisby
 Carol Watson

Special thanks go to all these people who have given of their time to serve as sitters each Saturday and Sunday at the museum. Without their help the Dai Loy could not be open. Continued hurrahs are given to Emeline Pylman who organizes all these shifts and works very hard to secure the volunteer roster.

DID YOU KNOW ?

In light of the current emergency status on some islands and levees in the area, it is interesting to note that history records other instances of breaks and flooding in the Delta.

FROM: The Flood Engineers' Report--
 Night of March 21, 1907: Several breaks in levees on east side of Sacramento River between Clarksburg and Courtland, allowing water from Sacramento River to flow into Mokelumne River, thence into the San Joaquin River.

March 23, 1907: Ryer, Tyler, Brannan, Andrus, Boyldin Islands, Lisbon District have flooded--65,000 acres. Only islands not flooded are Districts 744, 545, Merritt, Grand, Randall, Locke, Sutter, Sherman, and North Union Island.

(from California State Library)

HONORS

Clarence Pratt, "star docent" and Society member extraordinaire, was recently presented an honorary membership in the Pittsburg School District for his work in conducting tours through the Dai Loy Museum for grammar school classes for that area. Clarence guided students every week in the spring term on private showings of the exhibits in Locke. In recognition of his dedicated service the Pittsburg District voted to make a substantial donation to the museum fund in his name.

Many congratulations! and many thanks too for a job more than well done!

OF INTEREST

A Pictorial History of Chinese History in California in 300 panels is now on display at the Holiday Inn in China Town of San Francisco. The exhibit is scheduled for showing from October 4 through December 18. The rare review delineates the struggles and successes of the Chinese community in America during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

CLARKSBURG

7:30 p.m.

Plan now to be on hand for an outstanding program featuring

SPEAKER

BUSINESS

PLANS

REPORTS

REFRESHMENTS