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**Fifth Annual Scholarship and Image Awards Dinner**

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**Fifth Annual Scholarship & Image Awards Dinner**

**Garrett Wang**  
*Master of Ceremonies*

**PROGRAM**

6:00 pm  
RECEPTION

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7:20 pm  
DINNER & PROGRAM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

*Wendy Huang*

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GREETINGS

*Samuel Luk*

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## **\* OCA IMAGE AWARDS RECIPIENTS \***

### **\* CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER \***

Chinatown Service Center (CSC) was founded in 1971 by concerned community volunteers who saw that Chinese immigrants and refugees who spoke little English were not able to obtain health and welfare services that were available to the general public. With the sponsorship of the Chinese United Methodist Church in Chinatown, CSC began with one part-time staff and a growing number of volunteers who assisted Chinese Americans with information, translation and other basic social services.

A few years later in 1975, the Center incorporated as a public benefit, non-profit organization and became a United Way supported agency. Shortly thereafter, in collaboration with the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, the Center received its first government grant. Over the years, the community has supported the Center to become a multi-service and multi-lingual organization, continuing to address the needs of immigrants and refugees. Currently, speaking various Chinese dialects, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Spanish and English, the Center's 80 staff and 150 volunteers touch the lives of thousands each year. In 1994, with service locations in Los Angeles Chinatown and Monterey Park, CSC assist over 14,000 people through its Community Health Clinic, Social Service, Counseling, and Employment Training and Placement Programs.

Today, CSC is the largest Chinese American community service organization in Southern California, providing services to the needy and leadership as an advocate on issues affecting all Chinese Americans. Reaching beyond the Chinese American community, the Center serves as a bridge to link the Chinese American community to other communities that comprise the multi-cultural Los Angeles region, building a stronger community for all people.

### **\* CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA \***

*Twenty Years of Achievement* - The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) was organized in November 1, 1975 and incorporated in California in 1976. The CHSSC is a non-profit educational organization. Since its foundation, the CHSSC has been one of the most active and visible volunteer organizations in the Chinatown community.

The purpose of the CHSSC is 1. to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in Southern California; 2. to pursue, preserve and communicate knowledge of this history; and 3. to promote the heritage of the Chinese and Chinese American community in support of a better appreciation of our rich, multi-cultural society.

The CHSSC's activities included: Outreach: sharing the community's history through programs like Walking Tour and planning and fundraising for the Museum of Chinese American History; Preservation : supported preservation and protection of our built heritage; Research and publications; Youth education, scholarships and workshops; Community participation like the flag unit who has been leading the parade in L.A. Chinatown Chinese New Year parade every year and the annual Lotus Festival; Community networking: Field trip and cross-cultural program aim at networking with other organizations and communities.

**\* HONORABLE RONALD S.W. LEW, *United States District Court Judge* \***

Judge Ronald S.W. Lew was born in Los Angeles, the third of nine children. His father was a Chinese launderer who immigrated from Canton and operated the Mandarin Laundry in downtown Los Angeles where Judge Lew worked his way through school.

Upon graduation from Loyola University, Judge Lew commenced his study at Southwestern University School of Law. His legal education was interrupted by the draft. After serving as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army, he returned to Southwestern and was admitted to practice law in 1971. He was a deputy city attorney for 2 1/2 years before going into private practice of law.

Judge Lew has been involved in public service for many years. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Commission from 1976 to 1982. He was first appointed as a judge in 1982 to the L.A. Municipal Court, becoming the first supervising judge of the new branch municipal court in San Fernando in 1983. He also served as Justice Pro Tem of the Court of Appeal in the Second Appellate District. In 1984, he was elevated to Judge of the L. A. Superior Court. Judge Lew also served as Justice Pro Tem in the California Supreme Court.

On May 7, 1987, Judge Lew was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the federal bench where he now serves in the Central District of California. He is the first Chinese-American appointed as a United States District Judge in the continental United States.

Judge Lew is active in civic, community, church, and legal affairs. Among his many activities, he was a founder of the Chinatown Service Center and the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association as well as a founding member of the Committee of 100.

Judge Lew is married to Mamie Gee. They have four children; their three daughters, Leslie, Leila, and Lorelei, are in college, and their son, David, is in high school.

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Vons has been responsive to the Chinese American community for the past few years. It all began with Bob Erickson, a native of Garden Grove and an 18-year Vons veteran. Although he currently manages Vons in Hermosa Beach, Bob served as store manager at Vons in Alhambra for the past four years. During his term there, he witnessed the changing demographics of the community from predominantly Hispanic to Asian, now comprising approximately 65% of Alhambra's population. He realized his store was not meeting the needs of his new customers and embarked on a program to respond to their dietary preferences and cultural traditions - particularly for those of Chinese origins. Soon Bob had the shelves stocked with a wide variety of Chinese foods, such as soy milk, special varieties of rice and Bok Choy, eventually offering over 700 items of authentic Chinese foods. And, he paid close attention to celebrating holidays unique to the community, including the Moon Festival in the fall and Chinese New Year in January. He also recruited store employees from the community who speak different dialects in the Chinese language.

Vons is very proud of Bob and his programs which have made an impact beyond the Alhambra store. Now, there are 26 Vons stores that offer authentic Chinese foods. And, last year he was recognized by Progressive Grocer Magazine for his exemplary efforts in tailoring his store's offerings and environment to the fast-growing Asian population. Bob recently turned management of his store over to Phil Nakamura, who has promised to uphold the high standards Bob has set for serving his customer.

**\* THE EMCEE \***

Garrett Wang is Ops/Communication Officer Harry Kim on *Star Trek : Voyager*. A recent graduate of the Starfleet Academy, Harry boarded the Starship U.S.S. Voyager after a stellar academic career. While he is nervous about living up his own expectations, Harry looks forward to the challenges of space exploration. Garrett elaborates on his character, "Harry Kim is young, eager and personable." he continues, "Although he is quite serious about his job, there are traces of a wry sense of humor."

Born in Riverside, California, Garrett spent his formative years in Indiana, Bermuda and Memphis. He moved to Los Angeles to study at UCLA majored in Asian Studies. Garrett credits UCLA theater professor Jenny Rountree as a key influence in his development as an actor. "Jenny was responsible for my first breakthrough," he explains. "She inspired me to go beyond the status quo."

Garrett, in his first performance outside of college, garnered unprecedented critical acclaim for his portrayal of John Lee in the lead of Chay Yew's "Porcelain" at Burbage Theater. Despite a busy schedule, Garrett has continued to perform in various staged readings such as "Model Minority" for the Los Angeles Theater Center, "Woman Warrior" for the Mark Taper Forum and "A Language of their Own" for the Intiman Theater.

Prior to joining the cast of *Star Trek: Voyager*, Garrett guest starred in the premiere episode of the ABC series All American Girl starring Margaret Cho. "I believe that I now have a huge responsibility in being one of a very small number of Asian Americans appearing on television regularly." Garrett explains, "My goal now is to do the best job possible playing Harry Kim and to begin repaying my parents for the unaccountable financial support they have given me throughout the years."

**\* AWARDS PRESENTERS \* (PARTIAL LIST)**

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The organization of Chinese Americans is a non-profit, non-partisan national advocacy organization of concerned Chinese Americans. It aims to secure our inherent rights as American citizens and permanent residents, and to generate and carry out action programs of interest to Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans. OCA embraces the hopes and aspirations of more than one million citizens and residents of Chinese ancestry in the United States.

The primary objective of OCA include: upholding the constitutions of the United States; fostering democracy; promoting active participation of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans in civic and national life; securing social justice, equal opportunity, and equal treatment of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans; eliminating prejudices and ignorance and enhancing the image of Chinese and Asian in America; and promoting the cultural heritage of Chinese and other Asians.

To achieve these objectives, OCA is engaged in organizing local chapters such as the Greater Los Angeles Chapter to develop local leadership and community involvement with strong emphasis on participation by all members. About forty active chapters have been established across the nation, including one in Hong Kong. New chapters, OCA Affiliates and OCA College Affiliates with strong local programs continue to be formed.

As one of only five Asian American Advocacy organizations with headquarters in Washington, D.C., OCA serves as an effective representative of Chinese American interests. The location gives the headquarters a vantage point for monitoring legislation affecting Chinese Americans and Asian Americans. Continuous dialogue is maintained with other minority organizations on pending issues.

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter has been dedicated to serve its community and involves its membership to work with local organizations on issues of concerns of all Asian Americans and to promote and implement our central theme "**From Image To Affirmation**" of Chinese and Asian Americans.

## \* IMAGE AWARD \*

The OCA Image Award is presented to individuals and organizations in recognition for having the commitment and dedication to ensuring the advancement of the images of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans through their work. Furthermore, the Image Award commends the individuals and organizations for significant contributions to the Chinese Americans and Asian Americans communities through personal community involvement; by ensuring an accurate and balanced portrayal of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans in their professional works and their works with the communities by taking up a leadership role in response to the needs, issues and concerns affecting the Chinese American and Asian Pacific American communities.

The Image Award was conceived by the OCA-Greater Los Angeles Chapter. The first OCA Image Awards event was held last year in Los Angeles in conjunction with the OCA 16th Annual National Convention. Recipients were Actor Russell Wong, Director Oliver Stone, jazz musical group Hiroshima, theater group East West Players and TV news anchor Carol Lin.

With your support, OCA hopes that the Image Award will provide recognition and encouragement to the individuals and organizations who have in the past, and to those in the future, to continue advancing the positive and accurate image of Chinese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans in their respective works.



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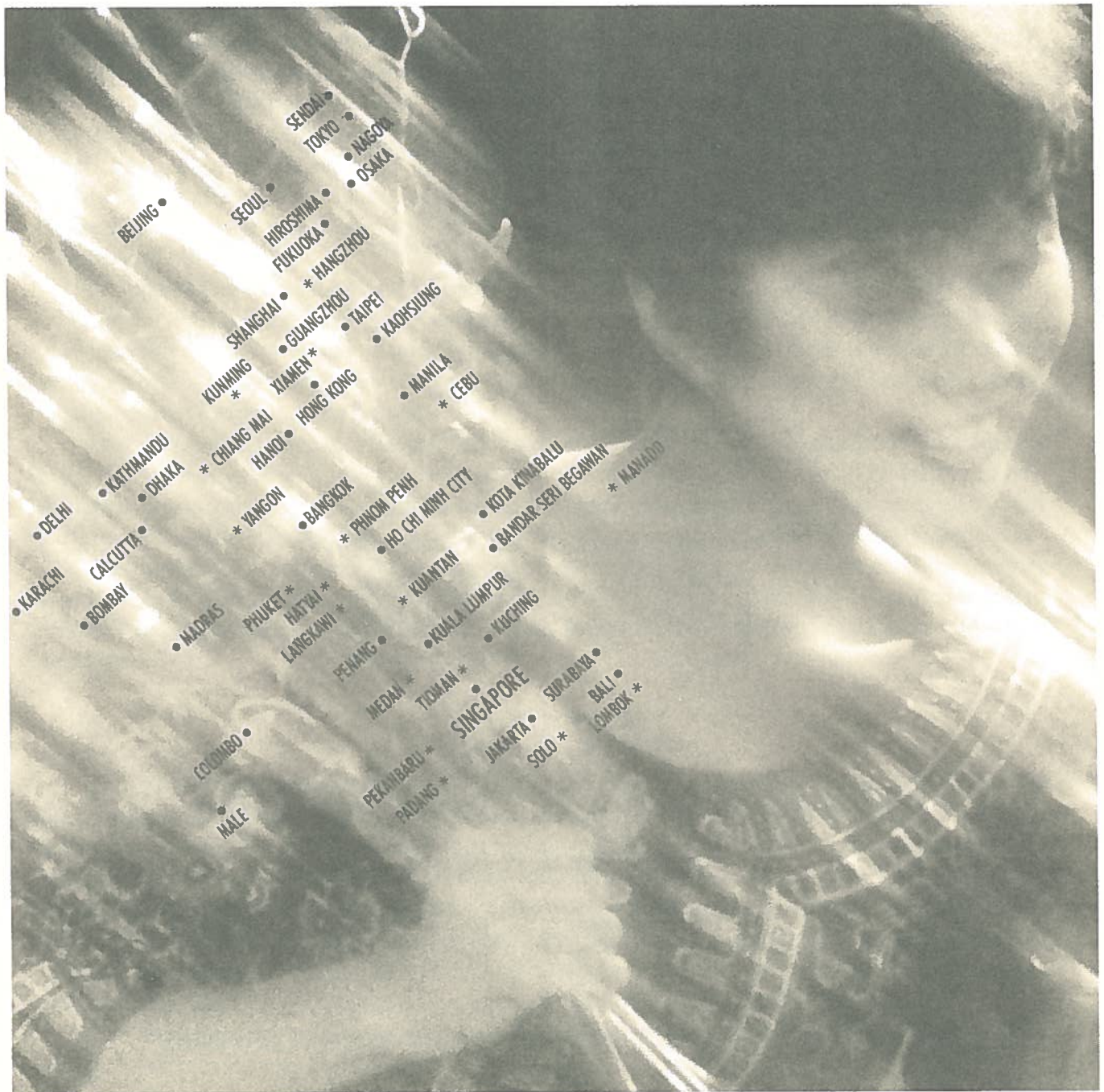
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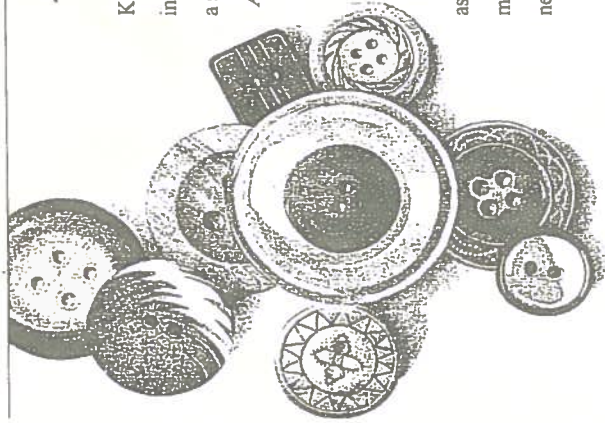


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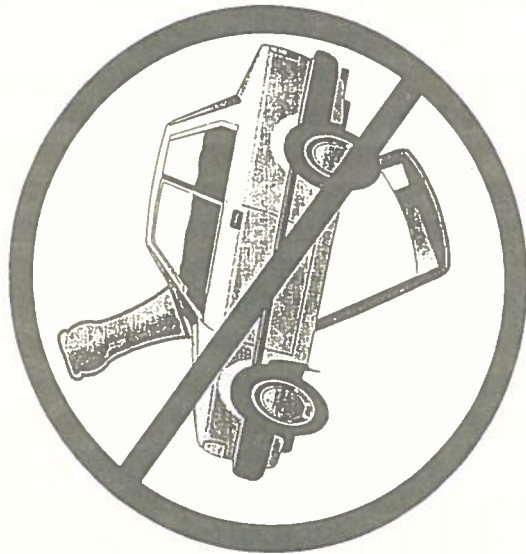
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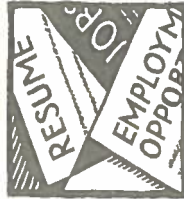
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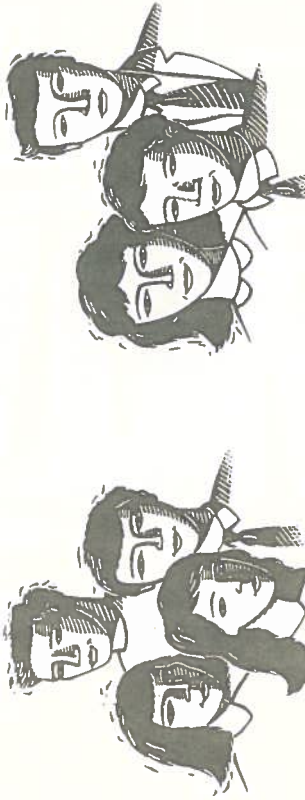
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