

2012 NYC CHINATOWN REUNION IN LAS VEGAS #2

NYC Chinatown Reunion Attendees,

The Pre-Reunion cruise is another way of enjoying the company of old friends or even new ones. For those who have booked the cruise, you will have to book an extra day at the hotel before the reunion starts. You can book the first day as a separate booking but at Reunion rates OR you can start your reunion dates on the day of arrival, May 13th. However, you will have to add a paid day at the end instead in order to include the day of the banquet. The prices will be the same either way, but you will have to let me know how many days you've booked and starting on which date. The extra night room rate for the Reunion is \$65 + 13% tax = \$73.45. You are allowed to book 3 extra nights at this rate for a maximum total of 7 nights.

For those of you who might be interested in joining us on this Pre-Reunion cruise, the information is enclosed. There are a limited number of cabins left.

The reunion registration form is also enclosed. Please be sure to complete ALL sections that apply to you. I will be maintaining a list of singles who are looking for roommates to avoid paying the single supplement.

We have been allotted 200 rooms at the **California Hotel & Casino** and 50 rooms at **Main Street Station Hotel & Casino** for our 2012 Reunion scheduled for May 14, 2012 to May 18, 2012. This Reunion package is a 5 day/4-night hotel stay, which includes 3 meals a day. ***The cost of the "Reunion Package" also includes a separate optional buffet dinner*** for reunion attendees only.*

This year every attendee will be making his/her own room reservations directly with the respective hotels. The 50 rooms at Main Street Station will be on a first come-first served basis and after the 50 rooms are booked the reservations desk will be closed to us. A credit card, the same one to be used at check-in time, will be needed to hold the room. The credit card is needed to guarantee the room reservation with a \$50 initial deposit. You have up to 48 hours prior to arrival date to cancel before incurring a one day room charge.

Any additional nights following the reunion will be charged at the rate of \$65/night plus 13% room tax for a total of \$73.45 per night up to 3 nights. When our allotment for extra nights is gone, extra nights may be charged at the regular room rate. These requests must be made directly to the hotel and should be reserved at the time of the reunion room reservation. There is an extra \$10 plus tax per person charge for the 3rd and 4th guest in the same room. **Non-Reunion people have to reserve their rooms through me.** They will only be included in the Reunion Buffet dinner, if there is extra space available.

If you have special needs, such as wheel chair accessibility, a refrigerator or non-smoking room, please make these requests and any others at the time of booking. Since there are a limited number of non-smoking rooms, they will be given out as they become available upon check in.

You must have the group code number in order to reserve. The hotel will not accept any reservations for the Reunion Group without the code number. The code number will be sent to you via email or telephone after your completed registration form and \$75 deposit has been received. If the aforementioned have not been received and there are reservations held in your name through our group, they will be canceled immediately without notification.

Also, if you have to cancel your room reservations, please let me know first, **BEFORE YOU CANCEL**, so we don't lose the room. If we run out of rooms, I can reassign your canceled room to someone else. This is very important. You will not lose your deposit, so there is no need to panic.

Everyone attending must pay the *non-refundable* fee of \$40 per person plus the *refundable* cost of \$35 for the banquet up to May 5th. No refunds for cancellations after that date. The \$40 non-refundable fee **must** accompany the registration form whether attending the banquet or not. **Any checks received without a**

completed, **as directed**, registration form and full payment will be **tossed**. No banquet reservations will be made or held without payment of the full fee of \$75 and a **completed** registration form.

Since most of us usually have food coupons left over, one dinner coupon will be removed to defray a small portion of the buffet dinner cost, but the **special dinner** coupon will remain intact. The food coupons may be used at the California Hotel, the Fremont's Paradise Buffet and Main Street's Garden Court Buffet with small surcharges as indicated on the coupon or in the coupon booklet.

The buffet dinner package only, without a hotel room, is \$75 per person, which includes the registration fee and is limited.

All payments (Reunion Banquet Buffet dinner and/or registration fee) are to be made payable to and sent to:

**Gladys Chin
1015 Rolling Ridge
New Windsor, NY 12553-4904**

Each attendee must submit a separate completed registration form, unless he/she is married with the same name and spouse is living at the same address, and the full registration fee, which is required to hold your reservation. **There will be NO DEVIATION from this request. I will no longer complete any forms.**

Please send to Gladys Chin, by regular mail. Please also include a short history of your ties to New York/New York Chinatown, people, places and/or dates again. I don't need your education, work history or current status, *just past history that is relevant to Chinatown.*

There will be an optional slot tournament and the \$10/person fee is **to be paid for at time of play**. All monies collected will be given back as prize money. There will be at least 3 sessions and a 4th, if necessary. There will be no pre-planned tours or dim sum lunch arrangements. Any activities you might be interested in doing will have to be coordinated amongst yourselves.

No one will be allowed into the Reunion Dinner without a prepaid reservation or a **REUNION NAMETAG**. **No other nametags other than the reunion nametags will be allowed.**

If all the married women would also provide their **maiden name** it would be very helpful. We would like to include it on the name tags for several reasons: first, because we have many women with the same married names and second, it would be helpful for old friends to identify you. Remember, we have changed and it will help to avoid any embarrassing moments. **Also, please bring a headshot picture of yourself from the age of 20 to 30 to be pasted on your name tag, 1 ½ x 1 ½ inch size. DO NOT MAIL TO ME**. It will be fun putting the name with the picture!!! It can be just a Xeroxed copy of any photograph you might have.

Old photos are still welcome for inclusion into the Past Photo CD. Please send your photos, preferably, with identifying names of individuals imprinted on the photos via email or CD. Do not send original photos as they may get lost in the mail. If you would like to include your Reunion 2012 photos, please also send them along. The photos should be formatted as a JPEG file and the size of the JPEGs should be less than 1 MEG if e-mailed and around 2 MEGS, if you send in by CD. Please e-mail the photos to Albert Leong at alikeleong@verizon.net or send CD by mail to: Albert Leong, 22 New York Avenue, White Plains, New York 10606

If anyone is interested in writing his or her remembrances of Chinatown for the Reunion Booklet, in condensed form, please do not hesitate to do so. We had some good ones last time. Please e-mail to me for edification. I think it would be fun to put down everyone's memories of old Chinatown. Remember, everyone has a

different slant on the past, no pun intended. Or, if you have any interesting bits regarding Asians/Chinese or New Yorkers, please also send those along to be included in our Reunion Booklet.

Please update your information, if there have been changes. A Master List of past and current attendees and other friends will be available, but needs to be updated and I am also enclosing a copy (Excel is needed to download). Also, if you would like to have your name or other information deleted from this list, please let me know. Thank you.

Please save this memo and/or make a copy for future reference. Also, please send to any friends you may want to include or send me his/her e-mail address and I will forward. Remember, I lost my entire reunion address book, so I may have lost some people in the process.

Gladys Chin
Reunion Coordinator

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Gladys Chin – Reunion Coordinator
Lillian Cheu – Assistant Coordinator
Albert Leong – Photo Coordinator
Barbara Chew – Reunion Booklet and Art Coordinator
Dennis Coffey – Slot Tournament Coordinator
Matthew Pon – Reunion Consultant

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, May 14th -	Hotel Check in – Pick up nametags and souvenirs (Gladys Chin’s Suite at the California Hotel - to be announced)
Tuesday, May 15th -	California Hotel– Informal Get Together with cash bar – Late comers pick up souvenirs & nametags. 1 PM – 5 PM Mezzanine Level, Ohana/Maile Rooms with dancing.
Wednesday, May 16th -	Slot Tournament – 9 AM – 10 AM (3 sessions, maybe 4) Main Street Station California Hotel – Informal Get Together with cash bar. 7 PM – 11 PM Mezzanine Level, Ohana/Maile Rooms with dancing.
Thursday, May 17th -	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Reunion Buffet Dinner at California Hotel, Mezzanine Level, Ohana/Maile Rooms with dancing afterwards.
Friday, May 18th -	Reunion checkout. Start of optional extended stays.