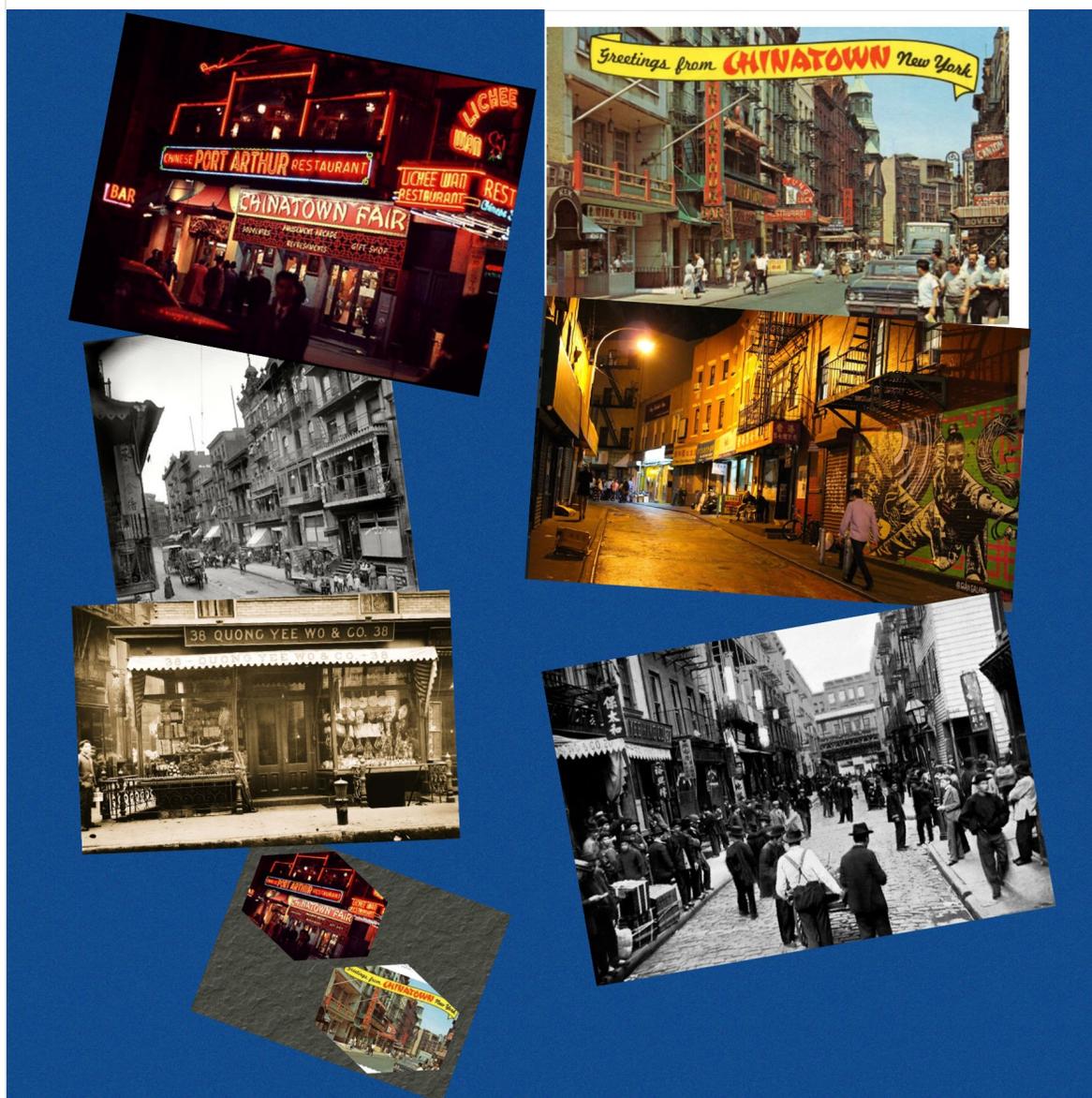


# Articles Submitted for 2020 Chinatown Reunion Bulletin-3/29-4/2/2020

On Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 7:35 AM <[dslee4321@xxxxxx](mailto:dslee4321@xxxxxx)> wrote:

*Back in January, Richard (Dick) Chu had requested articles on our Chinatown experiences with no particular theme for the 2020 reunion. After reflecting on a few random thoughts over a sip of Courvoisier Vsop, at a delightful apres-ski social gathering to keep warm from the wonderful brisk skiing cold weather here in the Granite State's frozen tundra of snow, several memorable recollections of the warmer 50's & 60's time periods did come to mind which may be of interest and provide for a conversation or two among the reunion attendees and friends. Since the 2020 reunion was canceled because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, please find these 4 attached articles I have submitted to Dick on my/our overall memorable late 40's- 60's Chinatown experiences and happenings of our youth for the "Memories of Chinatown" web site.*



*My Chinatown remembrance was on a little fun & laughs of the good old days (Lost Names); my observations on how Chinatown was so interesting & amazing (Chatham Square); a serious concern about the state of education here in the USA (Math Delusion); and how a very inexpensive ball made it possible for so many innovative fun games when we were kids in Chinatown (Story of the Spaldeen).*

- Lost Names...& time related life expressions for a little humor and fun of a simpler time when it appeared everyone was known by a nick name and a sampling of many forgotten interesting "true to life expressions of the 50's--60's"....a test of our memories for a jog down memory lane or ...a casual walk thinking of where we were and who we were with back then!*
- Chatham Square...from the 3rd Ave El's upper level station (high in the sky), looking down on Mott Street's Restaurant row lighting up Chinatown where 9/10's of the restaurants were serving Cantonese style food....my favorite Chinese style food...the best value meal and countless varieties of delicious dishes in New York City's Chinatown 24/7 back then...A coffee shop on Pell St. even had American style Pastrami and Roast Beef over steaming hot rice with gravy on different days of the week...and the cost was less than a Pastrami on Rye at Katz's Delicatessen on Houston St. Can you beat that?...and my Jewish friends loved it.*
- Math Delusion.....A serious observation at our USA's declining educational system compounded by social activist groups' proposed injection of social justice & racism ideology into the mathematics curriculum which will further dilute the learning process for K-12 students. Fortunately, Chinese American kids have embraced math and the knowledge it provided across the spectrum of academic subjects through the educational process from K-12 to college and beyond. We never thought of math as being racist and oppressive to minorities....at least in Chinatown... where math was considered a challenge and competitive to many of us coming through the system. To Chinese Americans, Competition in its many forms was/is the... Reality of Life!*
- The Story of the Spaldeen...A popular ball...as in Spaldeen...We all grew up with this amazing ball which could be played in so many fun games to keep us occupied with sports and probably kept us out of trouble....with the exception of some playground territorial disputes and keeping our ground with the Italian kids...Even the disputes and physical standing up for our rights was good mental & physical gymnastics training and lessons learned with the experiences gained for more serious challenges later on in life and beyond...*

*Enjoy....with a cup of hot tea..& Cognac? ...be it at home or the next time around in 2021 or 2022...or whenever.....*

*Stay Safe & Be Well in these Challenging Times*

*Mahalo....*

*Daniel (Danny)*