

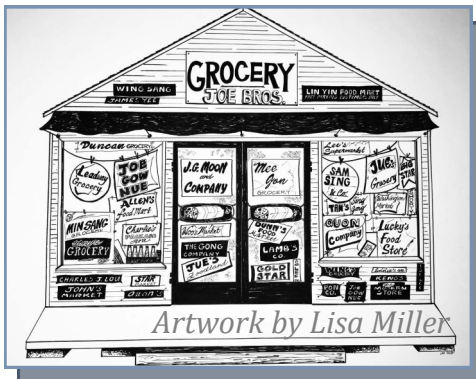
Dear Friends,

It's time for a home-going! The Mississippi Delta Chinese Heritage Museum is planning our 2017 Reunion for 27 & 28 October hosted at Delta State University in Cleveland, MS and we want to make sure you have some of the details as you plan your trip to the Delta.

We heard your recommendations and have tailored this year's offerings to fit our friends' and families' preferences. There will be plenty of times within the scheduled events and program and meals for families and friends to wander around Delta State's campus, Cleveland, and other towns around the area.

You'll notice that we have tried to simplify registration. Hotel recommendations are also included. Please choose what best fits your schedule. We understand if you might need to miss a timed event here and there but we sure would like to be as prepared for the crowd as we can. So, please complete the enclosed registration form and return that with your check as soon as possible.

The museum has been busy! **Randy Kwan** is documenting the architecture and history of the Delta's Chinese grocery stores. The **MS Humanities Council** has funded our project, "*Grocery Stor[i]es,*" which will collect the stories of lives lived in the Delta's grocery stores as well as photographs that help illuminate that history. By the time of the reunion, we will have a major exhibition ready to debut of the work we have collected and



hope to inspire you to want to include your family history in this collective. We have called on the help of the **MS Digital Library** folks to help us capture and share even more of your histories. We encourage you to bring your photo albums and be ready to share your stories over Friday and Saturday!

Through a **MS Delta National Heritage Area** grant called "*Delta Wok*", we are collecting recipes, cooking stories and photographs of friends and families cooking together over the years. We are eager to hear and document your stories of how your families adapted traditional recipes or cooking styles. A volunteer partner in this project, **Gabriella Sang**, has been instrumental in getting the project off the ground. Gabriella has volunteered to accept and catalogue any recipes that are e-mailed in for the project. Please consider e-mailing your recipes and/or stories to her: gabsang8@gmail.com

Also, authors, film-makers and performance artists who have either produced works from the materials held in the museum or who plan to build a program or product from our collections will be on the 2nd floor of the Union for you to visit. Be sure to stop by their tables as they have been extremely supportive of the museum and our growing efforts to educate the nation on the MS Delta Chinese.

We will have games and entertainment for the young and young at heart, too! So bring your stories, bring your photo albums, bring your recipes and bring your appetites because this home-going reunion will be one for the history books!

Sincerely,
Gilroy Chow
MDCHM President

Top 10 Reasons to Attend the Reunion:

1. Discover a brand new exhibition by Randy Kwan
2. Attend a swanky reception at the Railroad Heritage Museum
3. Relax with Tai Chi instruction on the Quad
4. Share your histories
5. Learn from Dr. John Thornell and Dr. Jean Lau Chin
6. Research genealogy with Raymond Seid
7. Make new memories with family and friends
8. Enjoy amazing Delta foods
9. Learn about museum projects
10. Reconnect with artists, authors and filmmakers who have featured our history in their works

