

# Voices from Donner Summit and the **Bottom** of the South China Sea



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- Stories of Chinese Railroad Workers Built the US Transcontinental Railroad

## **Co-Hosts**



Welcome Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Fong

Special Guests invited: Ed Lee, SF Mayor David Chiu, Assemblyman Jane Kim, Board of Supervisors Fiona Ma, BOE Chair Leslie E. Wong, President, CSUSF Phil Ting, Assemblyman

## Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, 10AM - 12PM

10:00AM - 10:30AM Remarks 11:00AM - 11:50AM Book Presentation 10:30AM - 11:00AM Film Screening 11:50AM - 12:00PM Book/DVD Signing

## **Great Star Theater** 636 Jackson St, San Francisco, CA 94133

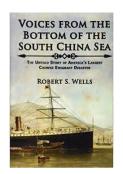


## Documentary Film Premiere - Crossing Donner Summit

Producer: Min (Susan) Zhou

The 20-minute documentary film provides highlights of a two-day train ride from Oakland to Reno in May 2015. This special train ride commemorated the efforts of tens of thousands of Chinese workers that were hired from China to help the Central Pacific Railroad (CPRR) on building the First Transcontinental Railroad. Gene Chan, one of the descendants of the Chinese workers, tells his family story, one of backbreaking work on the railroad, only to be driven out of the Sierra mountains with other Chinese immigrants after the completion of the CPRR.

(https://vimeo.com/ondemand/chineseworkers/172963284)



#### **Book Presentation**

· Voices from the Bottom of the South China Sea

Author: Robert S. Wells

This book tells the story of the "Titanic of the East", a story of 400 Chinese born-U.S. immigrants and how they helped to build the transcontinental railroad and America West, only to perish, just hours away from their long awaited return to China. The author pieces together the recently recovered documents to tell what really happened; thereby, allowing the lost voices to tell their larger story to the world from the bottom of the South China Sea. (http://southchinavoices.com)

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