



# THE CHARLIE CHAN FAMILY HOME



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### 2022 THE YEAR IN SUMMARY

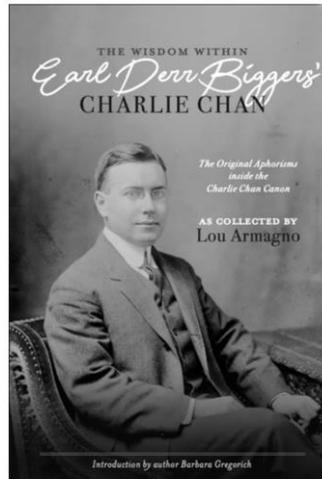
By Lou Armagno

Aloha "Charlie Chan fans," and welcome to our **5th Annual Newsletter**. With it we highlight significant events and happenings throughout the past year, then include other items of interest surrounding one of America's first and most unique detectives: Charlie Chan of the Honolulu Police. At [The Charlie Chan Family](#)

[Home](#) Webmaster Rush Glick has announced he will be moving the Family Home to their new website in 2023! Read all about it at the article on Page 3. And a follow up next, Actor James Hong (last living actor to play a major role as a

Chan Family member) finally received his Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, May 10, 2022. Read all about it, plus his interview with Jimmy Kimmel live via the link in our new section "Message Board Highlights" on page 12. And did you know the [Message](#)

[Board](#) topics reach all the way back to April 2004. And for those who may have participated in online weekly movie Chats, [Chat Room](#), archive reach back to 2010. Wonder what the significance of that photo insert is? You know the old saying, "Sit or get off the pot" (is that right?) Well, I finally decided to publish my



research of the original aphorisms from the Charlie Chan Canon. Read more starting on page 9. Finally, during 2022 Chan "regulars" gathered each Monday evening to

view Charlie Chan movies in the "Chat room" starting January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 with *Behind That Curtain* (1929) starring E. L. Park in a brief appearance as Charlie Chan. And ended the yearly journey thru films December 26th, with *The Return of Charlie Chan* (1971),

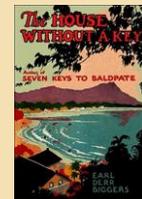
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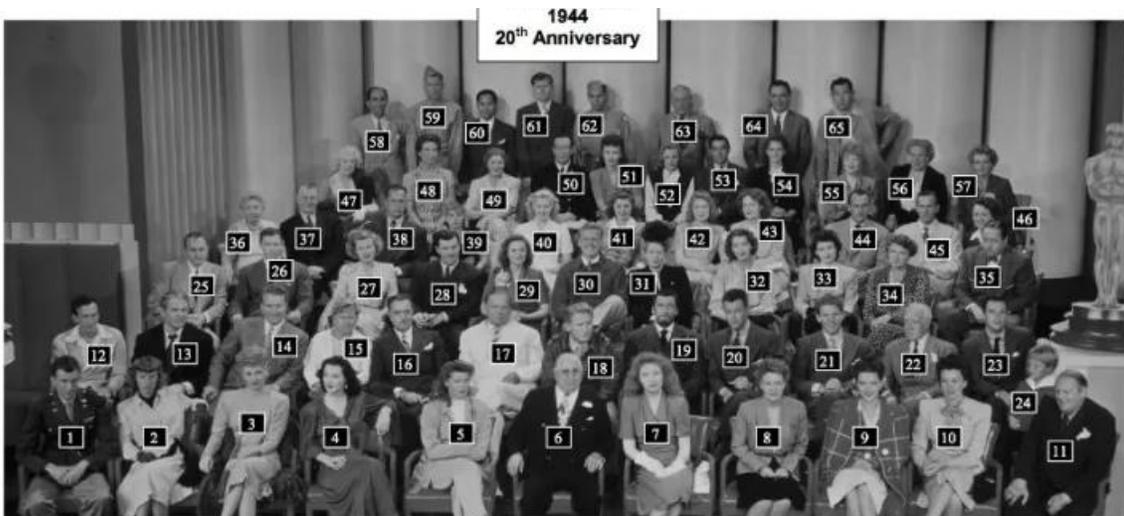
starring Ross Martin. We hope you enjoy our collection of happenings for 2020, and the various articles below. If we've missed something our most humble apologies. And, if you

have or know of any events or happenings for 2023, please send it to:

[charliechanfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:charliechanfamily@yahoo.com).

Finally, Chan Family alumni "Old Movie Fan" provides us

the excellent pics below from MGM's 20 Anniversary celebration, featuring Chan actor Keye Luke among tons of other Hollywood stars.



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1. James Stewart	12. Harry James	25. Tommy Dorsey	36. Dame May Whitty	47. Blanche Ring	58. Ben Blue
2. Margaret Sullavan	13. Brian Donlevy	26. George Murphy	37. Reginald Owen	48. Sarah Haden	59. Chill Wills
3. Lucille Ball	14. Red Skelton	27. Jean Rogers	38. Keenan Wynn	49. Fay Holden	60. Keye Luke
4. Hedy Lamar	15. Mickey Rooney	28. James Craig	39. Diana Lewis	50. Bert Lahr	61. Barry Nelson
5. Katharine Hepburn	16. William Powell	29. Donna Reed	40. Marilyn Maxwell	51. Frances Gifford	62. Desi Arnaz
6. Louis B. Mayer	17. Wallace Beery	30. Van Johnson	41. Esther Williams	52. June Allyson	63. Henry O'Neill
7. Greer Garson	18. Spencer Tracy	31. Faye Bainter	42. Ann Richards	53. Richard Whorf	64. Bob Crosby
8. Irene Dunne	19. Walter Pidgeon	32. Marsha Hunt	43. Marta Linden	54. Frances Rafferty	65. Rags Ragland
9. Susan Peters	20. Robert Taylor	33. Ruth Hussey	44. Lee Bowman	55. Spring Byington	
10. Ginny Simms	21. Jean-Pierre Aumont	34. Marjorie Main	45. Richard Carlson	56. Connie Gilchrist	
11. Lionel Barrymore	22. Lewis Stone	35. Robert Benchley	46. Mary Astor	57. Gladys Cooper	
	23. Gene Kelly				
	24. Jackie Jenkins				

## OUR CHARLIE CHAN FAMILY HOME'S NEW HOME: MOVING IS ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE!

By Webmaster Rush Glick



Those who have ever been involved in moving either oneself or one's family from an established home to a new one know that it can be a lengthy prospect! First, there is the process of shopping for a new home. Then, following the choice of that home, there is the necessary phase of preparation. Following that, there is the actual move itself: the packing, the discarding, the transporting of household items, including prized possessions, carefully to the new home. If the old home is actually a museum that has been acquiring a collection of information for two decades, the prospect of a move is a daunting one, indeed, and began in earnest more than a year ago.

This has certainly been the case for our Charlie Chan Family Home as two troublesome issues became major factors in the decision to uproot and move. The first was that our present platform has been advancing toward eventual extinction as support from the parent company, Tripod, was being lifted. Also, there was only one Internet Service Provider, Internet Explorer, that allowed for simple editing without the editor in question, your humble servant, having a working knowledge in HTML. Which I don't! As it was announced that Internet Explorer was not long for this world, a change was needed as soon as possible.

Shopping around was not easy as those offering web site platforms seemed to all be geared toward businesses. Regardless, I tested a few and the results were far from satisfactory. Then, two of our Chan Family, Louise and Honolulu (Lou), came to the rescue. It turned out that both currently used WordPress and both extolled the many virtues of that company. After a couple of tests, I felt that they were correct, although I knew very little about the ins and outs of building (or actually, RE-building a site) with WordPress, Louise and Lou were very generous with their expertise. As Lou has been involved in some big (and I will add, impressive) personal projects, I called on Louise often. She has been a gracious help to me as I stumbled through the process!

The first major thing attempted was a "migration" of the entire original site from Tripod to WordPress. This took some time to get off the ground...LOTS of time. Eventually, after much effort this came to pass, but it soon became apparent the time and money that had required went mostly for naught. It immediately became obvious that our new home would need to be constructed page-by-page. A daunting prospect, but a necessary road to trod. Thankfully, I was able to copy directly from our old site and paste to our new one. Of course, there has been the need to reformat everything and also make esthetic changes. One huge plus to this has been the blessing of a built-in teacher at WordPress named

“Grammarly.” She has been pointing out typos that I made twenty years ago, and has chastised me for moments of less-than-desirable grammar. This alone has been a very humbling experience, as this old canine has had to learn some new tricks of the proper use of English!

As the Honorable Mr. Chan stated in *Charlie Chan's Secret*, “Live and learn...” I can assure everyone that there has been MUCH living and a LOT of *learning* as we have progressed toward the completion of our new home! Besides the wonderful contributions of Louise and Lou another teacher, Trial and Error, has been worthy taskmaster through all of this! Little by little the means with which to create our new home, piece-by-piece, image-by-image, has been taking place.

I admit that early on I was not sure that this could be happening at all. However, with all of the help I have mentioned as well as with the valued encouragement from all of our Charlie Chan Family members, it looks like we will make it to that finish line that seemed so distant not that long ago. Along with our new location, we will, as with all new homes, have a new address: charliechan.org. The old address (charliechan.info) will remain attached to our old home for the time being; it's hard to push that button to end something that has consumed both myself and all of you for so many years! Also, there will be need to bring over the final items from that site.

Our most used room in our home has been our Chat Room. This will be rebuilt and added to our new site, of course. At the time of this writing, options are being explored for the most user-friendly alternative.

As I type these words, there is still much work to be done to reach that final goal, which is to have the doors of our NEW Charlie Chan Family Home open by New Year's Day. Hopefully, as you read these words, this will have happened as fully as possible! Some of the furnishings may not be quite in place, and there will probably be some boxes – some big – to unpack, but 2023 should usher in the next chapter of our Charlie Chan Family Home, an online MUSEUM of collected Charlie Chan information.

**“Patience and a mulberry leaf become a silk shawl.”** (*Charlie Chan Carries On*)



## TAKE PART IN "THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHARLIE CHAN QUIZ!"

MICKAEL VOTTA (Mike IN D.C.)

Throughout 2022, Chan Family Website members were challenged to test their knowledge by Chan aficionado Mike in D.C. Here find three tests members were hard pressed to try and "Ace" during the year. I should note, test questions are primarily based on the Hollywood films vice the novels. (Questions requiring more than one answer are underlined):

### **PART I: "Begin at best place—beginning." (Charlie Chan in London) – 36 pts.**

**A light warm-up for experienced Chan Fans.** For newcomers, a survey of the essential knowledge from which greater things flow. (One point each, 36 points total.)

1. What is the name of the greatest Chinese detective in history?
2. Where was he born?
3. What was the location of his home in his adult life?
4. What was the name of the author who first chronicled Charlie's exploits?
5. What was the name of the Honolulu policeman who captured that author's imagination and led him to chronicle Charlie's exploits?
6. What was Charlie's first chronicled appearance in a case?
7. What was the first case in which Charlie had a significant role throughout the entire story?
- 8-10. List the names of the three actors who most frequently portrayed Charlie Chan in films?
- 11-13. List the given names of the three sons who most often accompanied Charlie on his cases?
14. Which actor played three different Chan sons?
- 15-20. Name those three sons and the films in which they appeared?
21. What was the final number of children in Charlie's "multitudinous family"?
22. In which film was that "final number" revealed?
23. How many surviving films are in the "Chan canon" (i.e., those featuring the three main actors)?
24. What is the name of the earliest surviving "canonic" film?
25. What is the name of the last?
26. Charlie was famously courteous. What phrase did he commonly use to indicate appreciation?
27. How did his children usually refer to him?
28. What was the name of Charlie's employer for most of his career?
29. What was his final rank in that organization?
30. Charlie had one famous foray into the world of politics, making a plea for moviegoers to support A referendum. In which state was this election?
31. What was the year?
32. What was the referendum about?
- 33-34. Name the two daughters who accompany Charlie in an adventure.
35. Which of these daughters did Charlie call the "Beauty of the Chan Family"?
36. Name one of the two movies in which a Chan daughter serves as one of his assistants?

### **PART I – Answers:**

1. Charlie Chan.
2. Guangzhou (Canton), China
3. Punchbowl Hill, Honolulu, Hawaii Territory (it was NOT yet a state!)
4. Earl Derr Biggers.
5. Chang Apana.
6. *The House Without a Key* (a novel by Biggers.)
7. *The Chinese Parrot* (also a novel by Biggers.)
- 8-10. Warner Oland, Sidney Toler and Roland Winters.
- 11-13. Lee, Jimmy and Tommy.
14. Layne Tom, Jr.
- 15-20. Charlie Chan, Jr. (...*at the Olympics*); Tommy (...*in Honolulu*); Willie (...*Murder Cruise*.)
21. 14 children (in film.)
22. *Charlie Chan in the Secret Service*.

23. 40 (4 other films featuring Warner Oland are "lost" films.)
24. *The Black Camel*.
25. *The Sky Dragon*.
26. Thank you so much; often abbreviated as TYSM among the Chan-savvy.
27. Pop!
28. Honolulu Police Department.
29. Detective Lieutenant.
30. Pennsylvania.
31. 1935.
32. Whether to allow movie theaters to open on Sundays.
- 33-34. Iris; Frances.
35. Frances.
36. *CC in the Secret Service; Black Magic/Meeting at Midnight*.

**Part II: "Joy in heart more desirable than bullet." (Charlie Chan in Paris) – 24 pts.**

Part II is **the next level and a much harder quiz**, based on your knowledge of the 40 films! Charlie's exploits take him to exotic settings where unusual occurrences are commonplace. Answer the following questions and identify the film associated with them. (One point for each correct answer, one point for identifying the film; 26 points total.)

1. What are committed in the sewers of Paris?
2. Where was Lake when Capt. Hamilton was murdered?
3. Where is the vile den known as the Versailles Café located?
4. What cannot happen...in Berlin?
5. What is the best club for amateur photographers to visit?
6. Where was Susan B. Jennings tied up?
7. Of what locale is Dr. Zodiac a native?
8. Whose murder brought Charlie to our nation's capital?
9. What happened in London on the night of October 5, 1935?  
(Next a "Shanghai Trio" of questions)
10. Where did the Shanghai cobra do its deadly work?
11. Where did Mei Ling leave the Shanghai Maid?
12. Where was the Shanghai chest found?

**PART II – Answers:**

1. Many strange crimes; *Charlie Chan at the Olympics*.
2. In his "loose box" above the stable; *Charlie Chan in London*.
3. Shanghai, China; *Charlie Chan in Shanghai*.
4. According to Lt. Strasser, "Such things cannot happen...in Berlin!"; *Charlie Chan at the Olympics*.
5. The Hottentot Club in NY on Photo Night; *Charlie Chan on Broadway*.
6. She was tied up at the Honolulu dock (Susan B. Jennings is a ship); *Charlie Chan in Honolulu*.
7. According to the Turk, "Dr. Zodiac is a native of The Universe"; *Charlie Chan at Treasure Island*.
8. Prof. Melton's; *Charlie Chan in the Secret Service* (Charlie's first wartime service.)
9. Chardo the Great was gravely injured in a motor accident; *Black Magic/Meeting at Midnight*.  
(The Shanghai Trio)
10. In a diner in NY; *The Shanghai Cobra*.
11. In San Francisco; *The Chinese Ring*.
12. Joe Pendello's apartment in San Francisco; *The Shanghai Chest*.

**(PART III—the Last Quiz—continued on next page)**

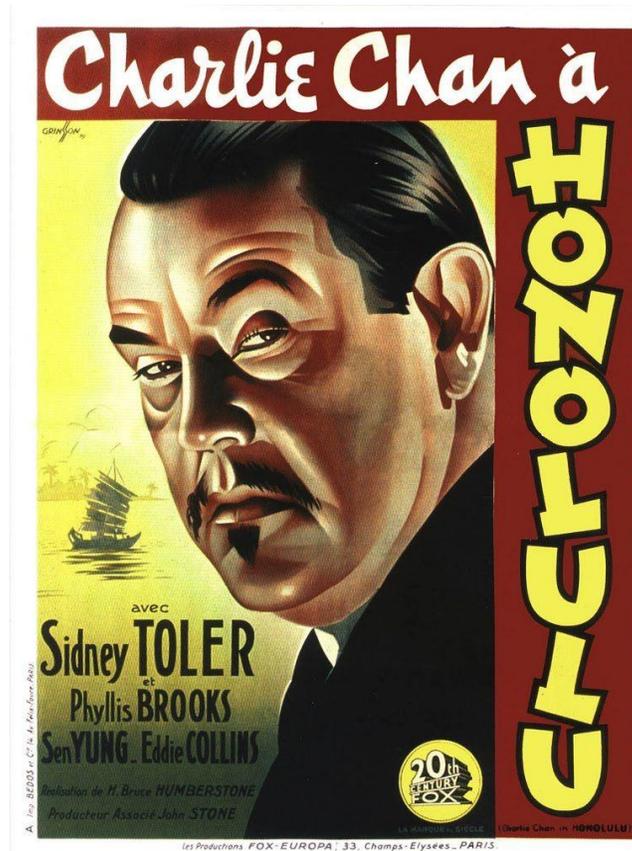
**PART III: Patience very lovely virtue (Oop! I almost gave away question 10!) – 20 pts.**

Part III, **perhaps the hardest quiz of all!** Throughout his career, Charlie admonished others not to act in haste and to have patience. Identify the films from which these aphorisms or sayings come. (Two points each, 20 points total.)

1. "Hasty accusation like long shot on horse race - odds good, but chance is doubtful."
2. "Hasty conclusion easy to make, like hole in water."
3. "Hasty conclusion like gunpowder - easy to explode."
4. "Hasty conclusion like hind leg of mule - kick backward."
5. "Hasty conclusion like toy balloon - easy to blow up, easy to pop."
6. "Hasty deduction like ancient egg: look good from outside."
7. "Must have patience."
8. "Patience lead to knowledge."
9. "Patience—must harvest rice before can boil it."
10. "Patience very lovely virtue".

PART III – Answers:

1. *Charlie Chan at the Olympics*
2. *Charlie Chan in Egypt*
3. *Charlie Chan in Paris*
4. *Charlie Chan in Shanghai*
5. *Charlie Chan at the Race Track*
6. *Charlie Chan's Secret*
7. *Charlie Chan in Rio*
8. *Charlie Chan in Panama*
9. *Docks of New Orleans*
10. *Docks of New Orleans*



## 2023 a New Year...and beyond.

By Lou Armagno

**HAPPY NEW YEAR RABBITS!** While our Roman calendar New Year's began on January 1<sup>st</sup>, not so with the Lunar New Year and Chinese zodiac! Year 2023 ushers in **THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**, which begins [January 22, 2023](#) and runs through [February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024](#). **Recent RABBIT Years are:** 2023, 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963, 1951, 1939, and 1927. If you were born in one of those years, your Chinese zodiac is probably a Rabbit. **Other RABBITS include:** Eva Longoria, Frank Sinatra, Cesar Chavez, Anatoly Karpov, Tina Turner, Moshe Dayan and Orson Welles.

**The RABBIT happens to be the “fourth” in the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac.** According to myth, the Jade Emperor called all animals of the universe together for a race. He decreed the first 12 animals to finish would be rewarded with a year dedicated in their honor, and according to the order in which they arrived. Rat was the first to arrive. He rode upon the back of the water buffalo (OX), and when they got to their destination, jumped off to finish first! The calendar repeats every 12 years. This cute video easily explains the tale, and reveals, **why cat and rat are forever enemies!:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lw0adpGLldk>.

**RABBITS.** Rabbits are predicted to be gentle, quiet, elegant, and alert as well as quick, skillful, kind, patient, and very responsible, sometimes reluctant to reveal their minds to others and having a tendency to escape reality, but always faithful to those around them.

Male Rabbits are characterized by always treating people politely, with a gentle smile that makes people feel that they are credible and sincere. When encountering tough difficulties, they are never discouraged but instead remain persistent in their endeavors to find solutions. This means they eventually achieve enviable success. Female Rabbits are personified as follows: apart from having a pretty and demure appearance, they have a pure heart.

Learn more at: <https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-zodiac/rabbit.htm>.

**Chinese Zodiac Rabbits**

Years of the Rabbit:  
(If born then, you're a Rabbit.)  
...1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023...

**Lucky Things:**

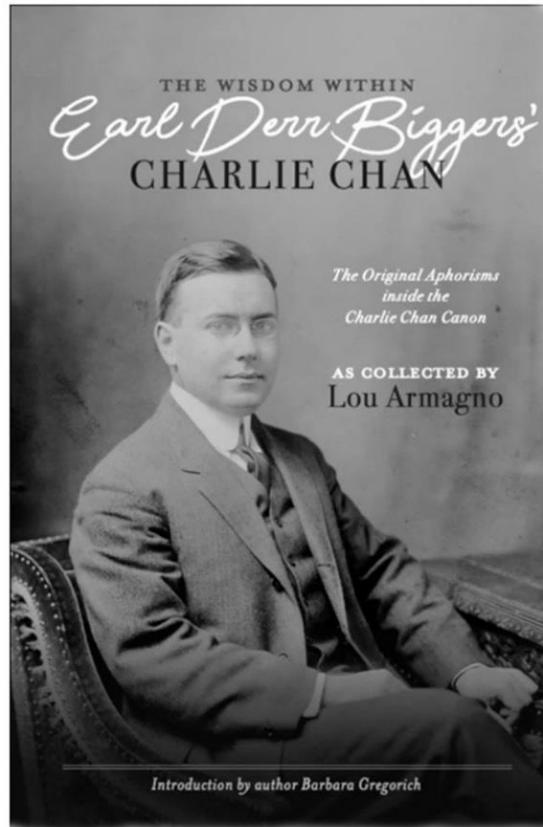
- Lucky numbers:** 3, 4, 6  
and numbers containing them (like 34 and 46)
- Lucky colors:** pink, red, purple, blue
- Lucky flowers:** plantain lily, jasmine
- Lucky directions:** east, south, northwest

**Unlucky Things:**

- Unlucky numbers:** 1, 7, 8  
and numbers containing them (like 17 and 87)
- Unlucky colors:** dark brown, dark yellow, white
- Unlucky directions:** north, west, and southwest

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TO PUBLISH OR NOT TO PUBLISH—THAT IS THE QUESTION?



**To publish!** After a few legal reviews and a better understanding of the fair use clause, I decided it's time to publish the book I started many (many) years ago, *The Wisdom Within Earl Derr Biggers' Charlie Chan: The Original Aphorisms Inside the Charlie Chan Canon*. My hope is to release it on Earl's 139<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Much thanks goes out to the invaluable assistance of Biggers' biographer and author Barbara Gregorich. I hope you will find it an interesting read. It is a collection of some 175 aphorisms from the six novels, something I have never found before to be published.

Here is a small excerpt from my book's *Foreword* to whet the appetite as they say:

**"It should be noted Biggers worked very hard to inject these words of wisdom within his novels through the voice of Charlie Chan. And it goes without saying Biggers borrowed these wise pontifications from a host of sources: *To be or not to be* (William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Act III, Scene I); *The wages of sin is death* (*The Bible*, Romans 6:28); *Course food to eat, water to drink, and the bended elbow for a pillow—that is the definition of happiness in my country* (K'ung Fu-Tzu, *The Confucian Analects*). Biggers was undoubtedly a student of philosophy, familiar with the greats; Lao-tzu, Buddha, Confucius, Diogenes, and Seneca to name a few. However, asserting the origin of these sagely words of wisdom is not the purpose of this collection. Rather, as previously stated it is to *set to record* the original aphorisms found within the novels."**

**"There exists much animosity surrounding the character of Charlie Chan. Primarily stemming from the fact Caucasians pre-dominantly portrayed the Chinese character on film resulting in a**

**white-man’s version of “Chinese.” So it is important to differentiate the “literature” from the antics of Hollywood film. While I enjoyed the Charlie Chan films of my youth, they cannot compare in significance to what the novels bring forth. Biggers’ masterful prose and how he cleverly depicted the detective; his eloquence, intelligence, and the discrimination he faced and overcame. The novels were published in 23 languages, and it was in literature where Charlie Chan first attained celebrity and esteem. And with each new decade those literary works seem to vanish deeper into the archives of mystery writing. That’s sad as Biggers novels played a significant part in the annals of the emerging American detective story in the early 20th century. However, cinema and circumstances eventually diminished his literary character to the point of producing the opposite effect of what the author attempted to accomplish—to correctly portray the Chinese as a wise, intelligent, people and nation.”**

To keep tabs, and a more in-depth look, see my author’s website at: <https://www.louarmagno.net/>,



**“HAU’OLI MAKAHIKI HOU!”** (Happy New Year 2023)

## 2022 MESSAGE BOARD (HIGHLIGHTS).

By Visitors Worldwide

Welcome to our **highlights from the Charlie Chan Message Board**. The Charlie Chan [Message Board](#) is a place to pose questions, discuss movies, books or events, as well as sound off on any and all things Charlie Chan. Indeed, it is quite the collection of philosophical thoughts and ideas about not only Charlie Chan, but the film industry, mysteries in general, and other unusual topics that spring to mind. Comments and discussion may be simple "Happy Birthday Earl Derr Biggers," others go much deeper "The Lost Charlie Chan Films," and yet others seek advice "Where can I find Charlie Chan films on Laser Disk?" In attempt to capture the year, here are a few notable 2022 message board topics that generated discussion (**click on each title to read.**) And should nothing here interest you, there are another 34 pages of Message Board Topics dating back 17 years to May 20th, 2004:

[WHOA! Probably the "diceyist" Charlie Chan Cartoon in the Alfred Andriola collection!](#) (Dec 11):

December 10, 1939 (the Sunday Comic) Probably the most "risqué" out of all 4+years of the Alfred Andriola Sunday comic strips...EVER!

[Phar Lap](#) (Nov 27): The following video came up as recommended on YouTube. I cannot comment on the accuracy of the information it contains but thought my Chan Chat friends might enjoy it!

[And the Winner is](#) (Nov 1): The winner of this year's 2022 Melbourne Cup is...GOLD TRIP...held by Mike and Rachel in DC...CONGRATULATIONS! They will receive the traditional vintage (1936) silver half-dollar. Please email your address information and your winners' coin will be on its way!

[New Adventures of Charlie Chan - Hamlet in Flames](#) (Oct 31): Would be very interested to know the community's feedback on the TV Episode (S1;E17) of TNAOCC "A Hamlet in Flames"..? My late Grandpa Carl Jaffé starred in this (as the rather shifty foreign stereotype; Rudolph Zeigler) and am curious to know how his modest small screen effort stands up to contemporary scrutiny! So don't hold back.

[Charlie Chan Meets Svengoolie](#) (Oct 10): Recently there has been discussion about using the Charlie Chan Family Chat Room as a gathering place for the Saturday night broadcasts of the Svengoolie horror/sci-fi movie presentations. Here is the plan, as it is:

[Chasing Charlie Chan, 2013 \(versus the 2007 edition \) in the "Library"](#) (July 14): If you visit the "Library" on this site, you'll see two books titled "Chasing Charlie Chan." I recently came across a youtube ad for that second listing (2013 edition) by Author J. L. Abramo. YouTube Ads for novels seems to be the latest thing, well for about a year or more anyway. Here it is:

[James Hong \(last living son of Chan\) got his star on Hollywood May 10th!](#) (May 13): In case your interested, the ole "son-of-a-Chan" (pardon my humor) Mr. James Hong, got his star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, May 10th. You can google it, or use the link below:

[Charlie Chan #2-Sidney Toler- Living Relative \(Apr 28\)](#): I stumbled upon this board during my research on GOOGLE for Sidney Toler. Recently I have been posting in my Facebook and film groups and contacting

anyone outside the FB platform to make them aware that Sidney has a living relative and if anyone would be interested to know.

[Hawaii Steve Remembers Virginia Johnson](#) (Apr 28): Hawaii Steve, pays tribute to one of The Chan Family's Home's longtime and recently departed members:

Steve to Virginia: "Virginia, I'll have a blue-tailed monkey with a twist of lime."

Virginia to Steve: "Coming right up. On the rocks or stirred?"

[March 27, 1905, Fingerprints convict the Stratton Brothers in England \(Mar 27\)](#): Just thought some of you might find this interesting, from History.com. Today marks the first time, back in 1905 that fingerprints were used to convict someone in a major trial.

[Wild World of Mystery/Chan Tie In](#) (Mar 22): Wide World of Mystery was a late-night mystery and suspense anthology series which ran on ABC between 1973 to 1978. In my digging of watching mystery and the scary movies from long ago, I ran across this television series.

[Keye Luke at MGM \(Mar 10\)](#): Found a picture from 1944 at MGM celebration 20th anniversary. Keye Luke did 3 films at MGM that year 1 Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble, 2 Three Men in White, and 3 Dragon Seed. Dragon Seed has several Chan alumni including two sons. But no credit I see for either Benson Fong or Keye Luke. But box office did well. Three Men in White also several Chan actors, but Keye Luke gets billing in this. Box office did okay in this too.

[Ben Mankiewicz Interviews James Hong](#), Jan 23, 2022 **(Jan 31)**: Gotta check this out folks!

[Monday Evening Chat & Film Viewing \(Jan 2\)](#): The question has come up regarding the presentation of the "extras" before our feature films that have been our custom for some years. What are your thoughts, please?

Originally, the early, 7:30 PM, eastern time start was for people to casually arrive and say "hello" and engage in small talk, etc. before the start of our movie at 8:15. Then, the thought of adding an "extra" into the mix at that time was mentioned and then adopted. However, the number of persons arriving to hear or watch the extras has not been large in recent times, and, as has been mentioned, an "extra" added each evening can make the evening a lengthy commitment for anyone desiring to take in the entire mix!

So...

1. Should we keep things as they are, at least for now"
2. Should we eliminate the presentation of an "extra," and go to an 8:00 Eastern Time "start" for arrivals and greetings" as it was at one time, and start our movies at the usual 8:15 eastern?
3. Should we eliminate the "extras" and simply have a lengthy "arrivals and greetings" time?
4. Should we have "occasional" "extras" with an earlier start for "arrivals and greetings"?

What are your thoughts, please! They ARE important! Thank you so much, everyone!

Sincerely, Rush

## THE CHARLIE CHAN DVD "FEATURETTES" & WHERE TO FIND THEM

By Steve Fredrick and Lou Armagno (2018)

One aspect of the Charlie Chan DVDs often overlooked, are the mini "featurettes" one finds at the main menu; usually, listed as "Other Features," "Special Features," or something similar. These small snippets are extremely entertaining tidbits of education and take us behind the scenes of these prospective film productions.

Listed below, please find our index of some thirty extremely entertaining and enlightening shorts and the DVDs where you'll find them. We've omitted any "Theatrical Trailers" or "Still Galleries." Happy Hunting!

(**Note:** Our illustrious Charlie Chan Family Home webmaster appears in no less than five!)



### [\(20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox\) Charlie Chan, Volume 1 \(20 Jun 2006\)](#)

#### **1. Featurette - Eran Trece (full Spanish-Language Version of the lost film, *Charlie Chan Carries On*) (1931)**

CAST (Main): Manuel Arbo (Charlie Chan), Rafael Calvo (Inspector Duff), Juan Corena (Dick Kennaway), Ana Maria Custodio (Elen Potter).

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Shanghai*.

#### **2. Featurette - The Legacy of Charlie Chan (2006)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Jon L. Breen, DeSoto Brown, Janice Clapoff, Rush Glick, Barbara Gregorich, Ken Hanke, James G. Y. Ho, Sheri Kagimoto, Kanoelehua Miller, Judy Narita, Layne Tom Jr., Valerie Yaros.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in London*.

#### **3. Featurette - In Search of Charlie Chan (2006)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Howard Berlin, Jon L. Breen, Rusty Cundieff, Rush Glick, Barbara Gregorich, Ken Hanke, Carla Winter, Paul Wurtzel, Valerie Yaros.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Paris*.

#### **4. Featurette - The Real Charlie Chan (2006)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: DeSoto Brown, Janice Clapoff, Eddie Croom, Barbara Gregorich, Ken Hanke, James G. Y. Ho, Karl Kagimoto, Sheri Kagimoto, Nannette Napoleon, Bob Krauss.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Egypt*.

### [\(20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox\) Charlie Chan, Volume 2 \(5 Dec 2006\)](#)

#### **5. Featurette - Charlie Chan's Lucky Director: H. Bruce Humberstone (2006)**

Director/Writer: John Cork & Bruce Scivally.

CAST: Eve Brent, Jordana Gainsworth, Rush Glick, Ken Hanke, Scott Mclsaac, Johnny Scheffield.

DVD: *Charlie Chan at the Opera*.

**6. Featurette - Layne Tom, Jr.: The Adventures of Charlie Chan, Jr. (2006)**

Director/Writer: John Cork & Bruce Scivally.

CAST: Tom Layne Jr.

DVD: *Charlie Chan at the Olympics*.

**7. Featurette - Number One Son: The Life of Key Luke (2006)**

Director/Writer: John Cork & Bruce Scivally.

CAST: Rush Glick, Ken Hanke, Vikki Luke, Scott Mclsaac.

DVD: *Charlie Chan at the Race Track*.

**8. Featurette - Charlie Chan at the Movies (2006)**

Director/Writer: John Cork & Bruce Scivally.

CAST: Jordana Gainsworth, Rush Glick, C. Courtney Joyner, Sara Karloff, Scott Mclsaac.

DVD: *Charlie Chan at the Circus*.

**[\(20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox\) Charlie Chan, Volume 3 \(14 Aug 2007\)](#)**

**9. Featurette - Commentary by Film Critic Ken Hanke and Film Historian John Cork (2007)**

(Commentary that can be played in synch with the movie).

DVD: *Charlie Chan's Secret*.

**10. Featurette - Charlie Chan and the Rise of the Modern Detective (2007)**

Director/Writer: (D) John Cork & Lisa Van Eyssen / (W) John Cork.

CAST: Ronald Thomas, Matthew Pearl, Dr. Henry C. Lee.

DVD: *Charlie Chan's Secret*.

**11. Featurette - Dr. Henry Lee: The Modern Day Charlie Chan (2007)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Dr. Henry Lee

DVD: *Charlie Chan's Secret*.

**12. Featurette - Commentary by Film Critic Ken Hanke and Film Historian John Cork (2007)**

(Commentary that can be played in synch with the movie).

DVD: *Charlie Chan in The Black Camel*.

**13. Featurette - Charlie Chan's Chance: A Re-creation of a Lost Chan Film (2007)**

Director/Writer: (D) John Cork / (W) John Cork, Bruce Scivally, Lisa Van Eyssen.

Screenplay and Dialog: Philip Kleine and Barry Connere.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in The Black Camel*.

**14. Featurette (Side 1) - Charlie Chan is Missing: The Last Days of Warner Oland (2007)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Paul S. Oland, David Lewis, Ken Hanke, Valerie Yaros, Rush Glick, Kay Linaker.

DVD: *Charlie Chan at Monte Carlo*.

**15. Featurette (Side 1) - Warner Oland is Charlie Chan (2007)**

(Screen shots of lobby cards, posters, and advertisements featuring Oland as Chan).

DVD: *Charlie Chan at Monte Carlo*.

**16. Featurette (Side 2) - Behind That Curtain -- The 1929 Film Featuring the First Appearance of the Charlie Chan Character at FOX (2007)**

DVD: *Charlie Chan at Monte Carlo*.

**17. Featurette - The World of Charlie Chan (2007)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Ken Hanke, Scott McIsaac, Rush Glick, Michael Shermer, Khaled Azzam, Gerry Scott, Suzanne Wilson Barnett, Nancy Bistow, Robert Sabia, Jon White, Miles Kreuger, David Wallechinsky.

DVD: *Charlie Chan on Broadway*.

**18. Featurette - Chanograms: The Aphorisms of Charlie Chan (2007)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Ken Hanke, Rush Glick, Suzanne Wilson Barnett.

DVD: *Charlie Chan on Broadway*.

**[\(20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox\) Charlie Chan, Volume 4 \(12 Feb 2008\)](#)**

**19. Featurette - Reinventing Chan (2008)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Scott McIsaac, Ken Hanke.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Honolulu*.

**20. Featurette - Sidney Toler: The Man Who Became Chan (2008)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Miles Krueger, David Lewis.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Honolulu*.

**21. Featurette - Charlie Chan's Courage: A Re-creation of a Lost Chan Film (2007)**

(Based on The Chinese Parrot)

Director/Writer: John Cork/Bruce Scivally and Lisa Van Eyssen.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Honolulu*.

**22. Featurette - Welcome to Reno: America's Divorce Resort (2008)**

Director/Writer: John Cork and Lisa Van Eyssen.

CAST: Mella Harmon, William L. McGee, Pat Ferraro Klos, Judge Peter I. Breen,

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Reno*.

**23. Featurette - Reno Memories (2008)**

Director/Writer: Lisa Van Eyssen, John Cork.

CAST: William L. McGee.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Reno*.

**24. Featurette - Chan's Killer Actress: Kay Linaker (2008)**

Director/Writer: John Cork.

CAST: Kay Linaker.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in Reno*.

**25. Featurette - The Making of Charlie Chan in City in Darkness (2008)**

Director/Writer: (D) John Cork & Lisa Van Eyssen, (W) John Cork.

CAST: Rick Jewell, Scott Mclsaac, John Cork, Marje Schuetze-Coburn, Cornelius Schnauber.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in the City in Darkness*.

**26. Featurette - Writing Charlie Chan: Robert Ellis and Helen Logan (2008)**

Director/Writer: John Cork & Lisa Van Eyssen.

CAST: John Cork, Scott Mclsaac.

DVD: *Charlie Chan in the City in Darkness*.

**27. Featurette - Commentary by Film Critic Ken Hanke and Film Historian John Cork (2008)**

(Commentary that can be played in synch with the movie).

DVD: *Charlie Chan at Treasure Island*.

**28. Featurette - The Real Treasure Island (2008)**

Director/Writer: John Cork & Lisa Van Eyssen.

CAST: Richard Reinhardt, Claire Isaacs Wahrhaftig, Gladys Hansen.

DVD: *Charlie Chan at Treasure Island*.

**29. Featurette - Charlie Chan and the Zodiac (2008)**

Director/Writer: John Cork & Lisa Van Eyssen.

CAST: Michael Kelleher, Ed Neil, Howard Davis.

DVD: *Charlie Chan at Treasure Island*.

**[\(20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox\) Charlie Chan, Volume 5 \(16 Sep 2008\)](#)**

**30. Featurette - The Era of Chan (2008)**

Director/Writer: (D) John Cork & Lisa Van Eyssen, (W) John Cork.

CAST: John Cork, Scott Mclsaac, Sharon Rosen Leib, Paul Wurtzel, David Wurtzel, Miles Kreuger, Ken Hanke, Jim Doherty, Didi Hunter, Lorenzo Semple, Jr.

DVD: *Castle in the Desert*.