

梁貴柏 (Liang Guibo) Robert L. Park (1876-1951)

Ancestor's place is Panyu County. He was born in S.F., graduated from English elementary school, then went the University of California, Berkeley, but didn't graduate. 1898, he joined the 文興 Wenxing newspaper, the predecessor of the World Daily. He was printing worker, reporter, translator, editor, and deputy chief. He served the newspaper for 53 years without interruption. Therefore, he was one of the oldest in the circle of Chinese newspaper.

August 1948, his peers held a huge celebration party to praise his accomplishments during 50 years serving in the news circle. Besides his work in newspaper, he also served as an interpreter in the S. F. city court for 45 years. He knew a lot about the stories in Chinatown.

In the beginning there was no Chinese American organizations for civil rights. 1895, Mr. Park, along with Chen De and Lei Zhuo established the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA), encouraging people to vote and fight for their rights in American political realm. In 1900, when Mr. Park was the president, S.F. sanitary bureau sealed off Chinatown in the name of preventing the spread of disease. People in Chinatown suffered from isolation and complained a lot. Park wrote a letter to President McKinley, in which he argued that it was unfair to block Chinatown and such action was against humanity. President McKinley wrote back and promised to pay attention to the matter and seek solutions for the situation.

1906, a round the time of S.F. earthquake, Park was the president of Sam Yup. He helped to rebuild the Sam Yup building. His spirit of serving the society never receded throughout his life. November 27, 1951, he died at the age of 75.