

LANTERN

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夏威夷中華商會

Enter the Dragon!



Saturday, February 5, is Chinese New Year's Day, the first day of the year 4966 for well over a billion Chinese in the People's Republic of China, and millions more Chinese in Taiwan and throughout the world. According to an article in the January 21, 2000 issue of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, 2000 is special because it is a Dragon year; perhaps confused by Y2K fever, the writer goes on to say that it is special because "it is the dawning of a new millennium." (Sorry, but the millennium doesn't dawn until next year).

In any event, the dragon year is regarded as auspicious for making money and for having children, so the rest of the year may see a baby boom among traditional Chinese couples. Dragons are believed to bring spring and much needed rain upon awakening each year. In order to make sure that the dragons wake up on time, the Lantern Festival is held on the fifteenth day of the new Chinese year. For the first time in many years, the Chinese Merchants Association will sponsor a Lantern Parade from the State Capitol to Aala Park on Saturday, February 19, as well as a Lantern Festival on February 19-20 at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza.

The dragon is the fifth of the twelve animals represented in the Chinese zodiac. The Star-Bulletin also mistakenly refers to different dragons for different Asian nationalities: "The Japanese version has three toes, the Korean or Indonesian has four, the Chinese has five." What this overlooks is that in China, the five-toed dragon is symbolic of and reserved to the Emperor while four-toed and three-toed dragons were used by imperial officials of high and low rank. And dragon dances were once common on special occasions in Honolulu for years after World War II, but have almost disappeared due to lack of trained manpower. Instead, lion dances are seen at Chinese New Year's and the spring installation banquets in Honolulu. (How do you tell the difference between dancing lions and dragons? Easy, the lion has only four legs while the dragon has many more).

CHINATOWN OPEN HOUSE AND NEW YEAR

C E L E B R A T I O N

Newly crowned 51st Narcissus Queen Libby Lum and her Court will be escorted around Chinatown on Friday, January 28. They will start at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p.m., visit dozens of stores and restaurants around Chinatown to extend New Year wishes, and end at the Chinese Cultural Plaza. The following evening, the queen and court will make an appearance on the Moon Gate Stage at the Chinese Cultural Plaza. On both days, a variety of booths will offer food, including ji, and goods such as T-shirts.

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THE
CHINESE
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
OF HAWAII

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Frances H. Goo

Happy New Year! May the new millennium bring much good health, happiness, and prosperity to each of you. As we begin the new Year and face its many challenges, one of my goals is to actively promote networking among the Chamber's membership. I strongly believe that the Chamber is a viable and positive organization with tremendous potential among its membership to help each other succeed and survive in business as well as to promote business developments here in Hawaii and abroad. Please look for announcements for upcoming seminars, mixers, and trade shows.

The Chamber has a busy schedule this

month. The biggest event in town, of course, is the Narcissus Festival, the culmination of a year of planning and hard work by Festival Chairman Victor Lim and his dedicated committee chairs and their members. The 51st Narcissus Queen and her Court will be selected on Saturday, January 15, at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. They will be officially recognized at the Coronation Ball on Saturday, January 22, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. The Chinatown Open House and Lion Dance will be held on Friday, January 28, with the New Year Celebrations held on January 28 and 29 at the Chinese Cultural Plaza. (Chinese New Year's Day will be on Saturday, February 5). Then the Narcissus Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, February 13, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. I URGE all of you to participate in these events. Not only is it a wonderful way to begin the Year of the Dragon, but also to pledge your support and unity to your Chamber as we showcase the Chinese culture to the people of Hawaii.

On Monday, January 10, the Chamber hosted an Aloha banquet for Madame Zhu Lilan, PRC Minister of Science and Technology, and her VIP delegation at the Royal Garden Restaurant. Minister Zhu and her delegation were in Hawaii as part of the U.S.-China Forum on Environment and

Development in Hawaii. On Thursday, January 13, the Chamber will co-sponsor a reception for the U.S.-China Forum with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at the Waikiki Aquarium. In attendance were Dr. Neal Lane, President Clinton's science advisor, and his counterpart from China, Madame Zhu, as well as several Under Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries from the U.S. government and their counterparts from China. There will be approximately fifty American delegates and fifty Chinese delegates who will also be attending. I hope you will be there to meet these leaders in their fields, and you will have an opportunity to get information or contacts to assist with your own business.

Whatever your resolutions, goals or agenda may be for the New Year,

This is the only chance you will ever have on
this earth with
this exciting adventure called Life.
So why not plan it
and try to live as richly
and as happily as possible?

NARCISSUS FASHION SHOW

This year's spectacular fashion show, "2000 and Beyond," on Sunday, February 13, will feature top European designs, exciting new fashions, and what lies ahead for women as well as new designs, colors, fabrics, styles, make-up, and hair styles, all thanks to the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center. Making her fourth appearance as fashion show coordinator is Deborah Gibson of Special Events and Promotions. Mistress of ceremonies for this event will be well known local entertainer, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Carole Kai. Boutique sales will begin at 9:00 a.m., and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the fashion show. On the menu is crabmeat and corn soup, Chinese chicken salad, sauteed beef with broccoli, lemon chicken, and crispy honey walnut shrimp. Tickets are only \$40.00 per person and can be ordered from fashion show co-chairs Elizabeth Yee at 973-1800 and Herwin Hung at 532-6788 or the Chamber at 533-3181.



Above: Consul General An Wen-bin of the PRC in Los Angeles with his wife Madame Song Shou Zhen, Consul Diao Ming and Consul Chen Li visit Hawaii December 14-16, 1999.

NARCISSUS QUEEN PAGEANT

On Saturday, January 15, eight lovely contestants competed for the coveted title of Narcissus Queen 2000. After an energetic opening number by the 24VII Danceforce Dancers, a novel arrangement of three MCs, KGMB-9's Kim Genaula, KHNL-8's Guy Hagi, and 98.5 DJ and stand-up comedian Augie T took their posts. After brief welcoming remarks from Chamber President Frances Goo and Narcissus Festival Chairman Victor Lim, the contestants showcased their talent. This year, six of the numbers were wholly or partly vocal. Then came the cheongsam and speech phases. Once the formal competition was completed, 1999 Narcissus Queen Leilani Tan and her court, First Princess Karin Tran, Second Princess Christina Lin, Third Princess Lori Wong, and Fourth Princess Nadia Chiang were introduced. Instead of taking the podium, Queen Leilani gave her thoughtful farewell speech seated, due to having broken her right foot several days before the Pageant. Two special awards were made: to Miss Congeniality, who was selected by the votes of the contestants, Libby Lum, and to Miss Talent, Kathryn Kam, who performed a vocal, "Reflections."

Then came the moment that hundreds of people B family, friends, and supporters B had been waiting for, the results tabulated by Ernst & Young: Narcissus Queen, Libby Ding Kwun Lum; First Princess, Kathryn Lo Mei Kam; Second Princess, Serene Fang Wang; Third Princess, Dana-Li Annette Kwai Tsin Dung; and Fourth Princess, Jeannie Soo Huang Lim. Congratulations to each and every one of the eight contestants, who had the courage to compete. Each of you is winner, and without you, there could have been no Pageant!

Coronation Ball

On Saturday, January 22, a large group of Chamber members as well as proud family members and friends gathered for the coronation of the 51st Narcissus Queen, Libby Ding Kwun Lum, by Governor Ben Cayetano. The gala evening began with no-host cocktails at 5:00 p.m., doors opened at 5:30 p.m., followed by introduction of the 1999 Narcissus Queen and Court at 6:00 p.m. Immediately after that, there was the impressive procession and coronation of Queen Libby. After the traditional firecrackers and lion dance, the crowd was welcomed by Chamber President Frances Goo and greeted by Festival Chair and President-Elect Victor Lim. Special guests included the first Chinese-American governor, Washington state's Gary Locke and his wife.

The dinner was a unique combination of the talents of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Golden Dragon's Steven Chiang and well-known local chef-restaurateur Sam Choy. (Steve's daughter, Fourth Princess Nadia, and First Princess Karin Tran appeared on the "Electric Kitchen" each preparing two dishes and demonstrating their culinary skills for Narcissus Festival Chair Victor Lim and hostess Alison Zecha). On the dinner menu were poke tower with sashimi, winter melon soup, stuffed chicken drumstick with shrimp hash, Szechuan eggplant, osso bucco, lobster curry with fried haupia, and lychee sherbet.

Following the sumptuous dinner came the acknowledgment by Coronation Ball Chair Leonard Kam. Post-dinner entertainment was provided by the 24VII Danceforce Dancers, who performed the week before at the Narcissus Pageant. Finally, the first waltz for the new Narcissus Queen and her Court. Their partners were the governor, Mayor Jeremy Harris, and Chamber officers. After that, the many people in attendance danced until midnight to the mobile music of Star*Pointe. All in all, a very enjoyable evening was had by all.



Above: New Year Tea Reception co-sponsored by the United Chinese Society and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is held in the morning on New Year's Day, January 1, 2000 at the United Chinese Hall.

Left (L-R): Ban Chan, 1st V.P., Karin Tran, 1st Princess of 50th Narcissus Court, Frances Goo, President, Victor Lim, President-Elect and Wen Chung Lin, Executive V.P. represent the Chinese Chamber to attend the New Year Reception January 1, 2000.



Top Left: Chamber President Frances Goo presents a 51st Narcissus Souvenir Book to Madame Zhu Lilan, Minister of Science and Technology of the PRC, who led a 92-member Chinese delegation to attend the U.S.-China Environment and Development Forum and the Joint Commission Meeting on Science and Technology held in Hawaii from January 11-14, 2000.

An Aloha dinner in honor of Madame Zhu Lilan, Minister of Science and Technology and the VIP Chinese delegation is hosted by the Chinese Chamber at Royal Garden Restaurant on January 10, 2000.



Top Left: Chinese Chamber's officers and Lori Wong, 3rd Princess of 50th Narcissus Court stand at the entrance of Honolulu Waikiki Aquarium greeting both U.S. and China delegations to a welcome reception co-hosted by the Chinese Chamber and Waikiki Aquarium on January 13, 2000.

Top Right (L-R): Lori Wong, 3rd Princess, Mr. Li Zhao-xing, PRC Ambassador, Mr. Neal Lane, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director of White House Office of Science and Technology, Madame Zhu Lilan, PRC Minister of Science & Technology, Frances Goo, President of the Chinese Chamber are taking picture after lion dance at the welcome reception.

Far Left: Chamber President Frances Goo presents greeting remarks at the welcome reception for U.S.-China Forum delegations.

Chop Suey Hour and Membership Meeting

by Lee-Ann Choy

The first Chop Suey Hour, "Planning for a Prosperous Year 2000," will be held on February 15, at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00, which includes lunch from Ba-Le Sandwich Shop. See the enclosed flyer for further details on the speakers and topics to be covered..

In the December Lantern, we briefly mentioned the Chinese Food and Wine Pairing event. Mark this event on your calendars for Thursday, March 16. Members Allen Young of Better Brands and Linda Chan of Eastern Garden Restaurant will whet your palates with the "Spring Spirits" event. A variety of wines and Scotches will be paired with the seven-course dinner, complete with tips on selecting spirits for the various flavors. Further details such as the time will be given in next month's Lantern. The price is \$38.00 per person. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early, and call Grace Chan at the Chamber office, 533-3181.

Finally, the third Chop Suey Hour will be held on Thursday, April 6, at the Pagoda Hotel, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The theme will be "CCH Spring Treasure Fest," and will be a combination of a member trade show and general membership meeting. While that date is over two months away, it gives Chamber members an opportunity to plan to attend. It is an opportunity for you to show your wares and showcase your services to fellow members. Use this as an opportunity to generate business for yourself from other Chamber members.

Exhibit tables are available for \$25.00 plus the donation of a door prize or \$40.00 for a table only. If you are interested in exhibiting, please call Lee-Anne Choy at 943-3528 or e-mail her at lchoy@hccsmg.com. The general membership meeting will be \$14.00 for members and \$18.00 for non-members, in either case with FREE entry into the exhibits. Light hors d'oeuvres [Ed. Note: pupu for the non-French speaking Hawaiians out there] will be served. See the March 2000 Lantern for further details.

EXERCISE YOUR WRITES

All Chamber members are cordially invited to submit articles for publication in the Lantern. The proposed articles should be of interest to other Chamber members—trade shows, seminars, workshops on business, even a treasured family recipe or even a great Chinese restaurant. (Older members may remember that the previous Lantern Editor would occasionally feature a "new" restaurant discovery.) Articles should be typed and be received at the Chamber office not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month. The Lantern Editor will of course edit the article(s) for length, spelling, and grammar. In addition, committee chairs for Narcissus events as well as other events should remember that their responsibilities include putting together a basic writeup BEFORE their event and a thank you writeup recognizing committee members AFTER the event. The Lantern Editor should not have to chase committee chairs for information about their event; publicity and "thank you"s are your responsibilities.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

(January 9 - 14, 2000)

- Mdm Zhu Lilan
Minister of Science & Technology &
VIP delegation of 90

(January 10 - 12, 2000)

- Consul General An Wen-bin
Consulate General of PRC & delegation of 3

(January 13 - 16, 2000)

- Deputy Consul General Xu Shi-guo
Consulate General of PRC & delegation of 2

(January 22 - 23, 2000)

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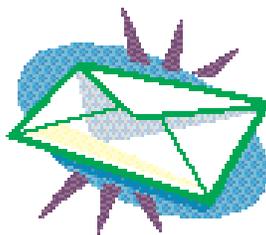
Kung Kei Fai Choy



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 25 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Jan 28 • Fri **Chinatown Open House**
6:30 p.m. - Chinese Chamber's Office
- Jan 28 • Fri **Chinese New Year Celebration**
5:00 p.m. - Chinatown Cultural Plaza
- Jan 29 • Sat **Chinese New Year Celebration**
12:00 noon - Chinatown Cultural Plaza
- Feb 05 • Sat **Chinese New Year Day**
- Feb 21 • Mon **President's Day**
- Feb 22 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Yong Sing Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Feb 29 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
12:00 noon

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Local attorney Marvin Dang was recently elected chair of the Collection Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association as well as a director of the section. Marvin's term is for the year 1999-2000. He has been a licensed attorney in Hawaii since 1978, and was educated at Punahou School (1971), the University of Hawaii at Manoa (B.A., 1974), and George Washington University Law School (J.D., 1978).

On Wednesday, January 19, the second session of the Twentieth State

Legislature opened amid entertainment in the Senate and House chambers; long lines of people waiting to chow down on the myriad of free food and refreshments and to incidentally greet the legislators, often not the ones representing them; and the hopes and wishes of the public for the elected officials to "do something" about the long stagnant economy. (As the old saying goes though, "Be careful what you wish for because you just may get it," therefore a word to the wise, come forward with specific proposals). Best wishes to state senators Suzanne Chun Oakland and Rod Tam and state Representatives Lei Ahu Isa, Jerry Chang, Nestor Garcia, and Kenny Goodenow. Let's hope the issue of millennial fireworks doesn't prove to be a major distraction.

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