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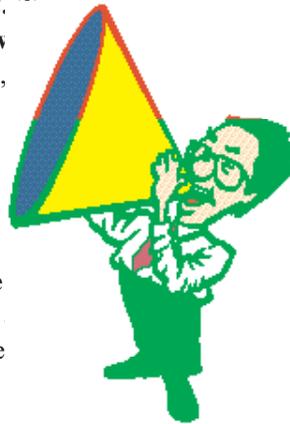
February, 2000

CHAMBER ELECTIONS

Elections for directors to three year terms from June 1, 2000, will be held on Friday, March 3. Chamber members should stop by the Chamber office at 42 North King Street between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Nominees include **Anthony K. U. Chang, Glenn K. C. Ching, Lishan Chong, Lee-Ann W. Choy, Phoebe Chrisman, Thanh Quoc Lam, Ted C. Li,**

Victor Lim, Frank K. S. Moy, James J. S. Tseng, Edward Y. K. Ngan, Welton W. T. Won, Euton S. Y. Wong, Kendrick W. L. Wong, Reuben S. F. Wong, and Joseph W. C. Young.

The nominees were selected by the nomination committee chaired by **Tai Yau Chung** and including **George Chu, Anthony Ching, Walter Chang, Lawrence Ching.** Please take the time make the effort to cast your vote.



“Spring Spirits”

The second event in the Chop Suey Series will be a dinner on Thursday, March 16. **Allan Young** of Better Brands and **Linda Chan** of Eastern Garden Restaurant will provide wines and scotches paired with a seven-course meal, together with tips on selecting spirits for the various flavors. On the menu will be seafood roll, stuffed whole chicken and white fungus soup, steamed sea bass roll, eight treasure stuffed duck, sauteed lobster with imperial sauce, sizzling beef tenderloin with black pepper sauce, *e mein* with vegetable medley, and taro and tapioca pearls in red bean soup. “Spring Spirits” will be held at Eastern Garden Restaurant, 3008 Waiialae Avenue, in Kaimuki, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.. The cost is \$38.00 per person, and parking is free. Contact Grace at the Chamber to reserve your place.

PBEC Hawaii Business Forum

A special one-day event in conjunction with the Pacific Basin Economic Council’s 33rd International General Meeting (PBEC IGM) will be held on Monday, March 20. PBEC brings together business leaders from around the Pacific Basin, and is dedicated to expanding trade and investment by fostering open markets. For the first time, Hawaii’s smaller businesses have a unique experience to sample a PBEC IGM under the auspices of the PBEC Hawaii Business Forum. Hawaii businesspeople are invited to attend the PBEC opening plenary session (8:45-9:30 a.m.); keynote address (9:30-10:15 a.m.); plenary session I (10:30 a.m.-12 noon); and the PBEC Hawaii Business Forum luncheon and keynote address (12:00-1:30 p.m.). The separate afternoon session (1:45-5:30 p.m.) Will feature opening remarks by UH football coach **June Jones**, “From Worst to First: Lessons for Hawaii Business” as well as talks on “Lessons for Business: Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Growth in the New Economy,” “Electronic Commerce: New Growth Opportunities in the Pacific,” and a panel discussion on “Financial Services for New Ventures in the Global Marketplace.” The cost is \$100.00 per person, space is limited, and reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 589-5589.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Frances H. Goo

Gung Hee Fat Choy! Happy New Year to all of our members and their families. May the promise of prosperity in the Year of the Dragon bring much success to each of you. We look forward to a successful final event for the public of the Narcissus Festivities with the fashion show which will be held on Sunday, February 13, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. I'm looking forward to seeing the elegant fashions which will be showcased at the luncheon. The boutique sales will begin at 9:00 a.m., so I hope you come early and pick up some bargains .

The Chamber has planned a series of networking programs, the "Chop Suey Series," which hopefully will spell success for all who participate. "Planning for a Prosperous Year 2000" on Tuesday, February 15, at the Chamber office features a special panel of business experts from Grant Thornton LLC, New York Life, and Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel who will provide some tips for business planning for the new millennium. On Thursday, March 16, you can enjoy a sumptuous seven-course meal paired with wines and spirits at "Spring Spirits" at Eastern Garden Restaurant on Waialae Avenue. There will be a beverage specialist at each table to offer tips on selecting spirits for the various selections. The highlight of the series will be "Spring Treasure Fest—A Member Trade Show and General Membership Meeting" on Thursday, April 6, at the Pagoda Hotel. This will be an opportunity for you to display your wares and promote your business. Look for more

information in our flyers.

At this writing, today (Feb 10) is the fifth day of the Chinese lunar new year known as *Po Wu* or Breaking the Fifth. Ancient custom says that it is a day when people can dispose of trash and remove offerings. It is a day when businesses make offerings of cloth to the gods, and hang red cloth in front of their premises. On this day, you should observe the weather, for it will determine what is in store for the year. With that in mind, I looked out the window and saw a bright and beautiful day. Based on that observation, the forecast for this year should be bright and beautiful, filled with good fortune and prosperity. Despite the Chinese fortune-telling, the future will always belong to those who see the possibilities long before they become obvious. They have a vision of something that could be, and then work to make it a reality.



Year of Dragon Celebration at Plaza Club, Jan 27, 2000. (L-R): Bryan Larrow, Club Manager; Wesley Fong, Past President; Queen Libby Lum, Frances Goo, Chamber President; Lee Ann Choy, Co-chair; Kathy Best, Club Membership Director.

Team Alvin Benefit Fundraiser

by Jodi Yip, Chair

Over the years, **Cynthia Yip** has at one time or another emceed the Narcissus kickoff reception, contestant public appearances, the Narcissus Pageant, Coronation Ball, Chinatown Cultural Night, and the Fashion Show. Now her husband, Honolulu Police Captain **Alvin Nishimura**, who has served our community for over twenty-eight years, needs your assistance. He suffers from a form of leukemia for which the only cure is a potentially life-saving bone marrow transplant. A special benefit fundraiser for Alvin will be held at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall on Sunday, March 26, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. **Carole Kai** will be mistress of ceremonies and some of Hawaii's top entertainers (including Pure Heart, **Frank DeLima**, and other surprise guests) will perform. There will also be ono food, a silent auction, and door prizes. In addition, personnel from the Hawaii Bone Marrow Donor Registry will be on-site to handle sign-up of potential donors.

Tickets for this event are available for \$25.00 each. We also have the "Golden Masters' Circle" table for purchase at \$500.00 for ten reserved seats. From the Golden Masters' table, your company or corporation can display its company banner or logo for recognition. We are also asking for your help in a silent auction to be held at the fundraiser which 4,000 people are expected to attend. Any silent auction items, donations or monetary contributions would be greatly appreciated. For tickets or more information, call 948-1000.

"Spring Treasure Fest: A Member Trade Show"

by Lee-Ann Choy

We recently introduced a networking program for the members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce entitled the "Chop Suey Series," which features brief seminars and socials coordinated by our members. This is in addition to the general membership meetings where we apprise members of the Chamber's activities and welcome new members. The "Chop Suey Series" provides an additional opportunity for our members to learn about the businesses of fellow members.

The highlight of the series will be the "Spring Treasure Fest: A Member Trade Show" scheduled for Thursday, April 6, at the Pagoda Hotel, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Since this is a trade show by members for members, this is an opportunity for Chamber members to showcase their businesses to other Chamber members. Chamber members interested in being exhibitors or getting more information should contact **Lee-Ann Choy** at 943-3528. The Spring Treasure Fest will include a general membership meeting (\$14.00 for members, \$18.00 for non-members), light *hors d'oeuvre* (pupu), entertainment, and mini-fashion clips by members throughout the evening.

Narcissus Fashion Show

On Sunday, February 13, the Narcissus Festival concluded with the annual Fashion Show at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Under chairs **Elizabeth Yee** and **Herwin Hung**, over 660 people came to look over the wares available from the boutique vendors, view fashions from the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, and enjoy the fabulous food. Herwin and Elizabeth would like to recognize the efforts of **Michelle Choy**; **Deborah Gibson** of Special Events and Promotions and her staff; **Susan Smith**, Hilton Hawaiian Village assistant director of catering; **Leonard and Lori Kam**, who took care of the narcissus flowers; **Wen Chung Lin** and **Grace Chan**; and **Renee Nip**, who was in charge of the boutique.



The gala fashion show, which is held on Feb. 13, at Hilton Hawaii Village, delights all the audience.

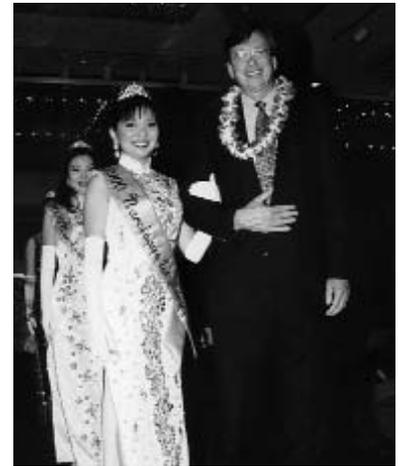
Right Libby Ding Kwun Lum is crowned by Governor Benjamin Cayetano as 51st Narcissus Queen at Coronation Ball on January 22, 2000 at Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Far Right: Shown are the 51st Narcissus Queen and Court (L-R) Dana-Li Dung, 3rd Princess; Kathryn Kam, 1st Princess; Libby Lum, Queen; Serene Wang, 2nd Princess; and Jeannie Lim, 4th Princess.

Below Left: Chamber President Frances Goo and New Queen Libby Lum are feeding the lions with "lisee" on the stage at Coronation Ball.

Below Middle: Governor Benjamin Cayetano and Queen Libby Lum at Coronation Ball.

Below Right: Mayor Jeremy Harris and First Princess Kathryn Kam at Coronation.



CHAMBER'S VISITORS

(January 14 - 2000)
 - Consul General
 - Consul General of PRC & delegation of 90
 VIP delegation of 90



Far Left: Chamber President Frances Goo and other officers accompany Narcissus Queen and Court to walk through the Chinatown visiting the merchants during the New Year celebration on Jan. 28, 2000.

Left: Chinatown New Year celebration is traditionally opened and highlighted with the exciting lion dance in the front of Chamber's office.

Below Left: Queen and Court are happily holding the beautiful narcissus flowers cultivated by themselves at Cultural Plaza exhibition.

Below Right: A picture taking of Queen and Court, members of Chinatown Open House Committee and Chamber's officers commemorates the celebration of 2000 Chinese New Year of the Dragon.



(January 10 - 2000)
 - Consul General An Wen-bin
 - Consulate General of PRC & delegation of 90

(January 13 - 2000)
 - Consul General Shi-guo
 - Consulate General of PRC & delegation of 200



Chop Suey Series Kicks Off

The inaugural offering in the Chop Suey series of presentations and networking opportunities for Chamber members was kicked off at lunchtime on Tuesday, February 15. Starting at 11:30 a.m., over a dozen members were able to enjoy a light lunch provided through the courtesy of Ba-Le Sandwich Shops: a choice of sliced ham or chicken on Ba-Le's crispy rolls or sliced spring rolls with rice noodle salad, plus assorted soft drinks or hot tea. The focus was on "Planning for a Prosperous Year 2000." **Glenn Ching** of Finance Factors was moderator for a panel made up of **Alan Yee** of Grant Thornton LLP, who discussed developments in federal and Hawaii tax laws in recent years; **Judy Lee** of Goodsill Anderson & Quinn, who covered estate planning; and **Sandra Ngo** of New York Life, who spoke about various types of insurance coverage, particularly for self-employed or small business people. Thanks to Sandra, who is managing partner at New York Life, those attending were given commemorative millennium medallions and dragon t-shirts. Each speaker was limited to a fifteen minute presentation followed by collective questions and answers, and the panel was well-received. Thanks go to organizer **Lee-Ann Choy**.

YOUR "LINE" TO A SECURE FUTURE

by *Lottie H. Chun-Ma*

We are pleased to introduce you to our SeniorLinc Long Term Care Insurance Policy! The Chinese Chamber of Commerce has made arrangements with Allstate Insurance Company to offer this insurance plan at a 10-15% discount to all the members and their family. This discount is a special offer to the membership and is not available to individuals or the general public.

Long-term care insurance is the type of coverage that pays for the extremely high cost of nursing home care and/or to have nursing care in your home. The statistics tell us that people age 65 and over have a 43% chance of needing some form of nursing care. The chances of needing long-term care are very high. The cost could wipe out your retirement income and quickly erode all of your assets. We want all of you to be protected.

Allstate has the product to provide this protection. Allstate agents **Clyde** and **Lottie Chun** and their Long Term Care Specialist, **Steve Arakawa**, will be available to all our members and their families to provide information on your long-term care concerns.

We have not only arranged to get you a substantial discount on your premiums, but also have long-term care representatives to educate and answer any questions you or your family may have.

We have made sure that there is no obligation to buy anything. We just want all of you to be informed and protected. For more information, please feel free to call us at 732-8661 or fax at 732-8966.

[Editor's note: In addition to the Allstate long-term care coverage through Clyde and Lottie, the Chamber Board of Directors has also selected John Hancock long-term care coverage through **Frederick H. K. Lee**, an agent with **Mel W. S. Chow & Associates, Inc.** Also, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' *A Shopper's Guide to Long-Term Care Insurance* is available FREE at the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, ground floor, 1010 Richards Street.]

A QUEEN'S FAREWELL

by *Leilani Hwei Tan*

To the members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce:

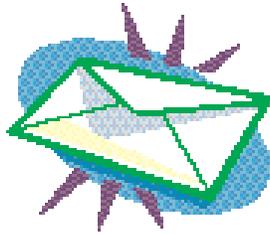
Now that my reign as Narcissus Queen is over, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you. This year was filled with many exciting adventures and new opportunities—things that I otherwise would never have been able to experience if it were not for the honor you bestowed upon me.

I am so proud to be a member of the Chinese community, and I only hope that I was able to represent all of you in the brightest light. Every moment that I spent wearing the crown filled me with joy and pride. And every person that I encountered treated me with kindness and hospitality.

Although I am no longer Queen, I only hope that now I will have the opportunity to give back as much as was given to me. I look forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

Thank you for giving me the happiest year of my life. It will live in my heart forever.

Best wishes for the Year of the Dragon. May it bring you much happiness and prosperity.



The Legislature reconvened on Wednesday, January 19. A proposal for shipboard gambling with proceeds earmarked for education was introduced by State Rep. **Jerry Chang**. Meanwhile, his colleague **Nestor Garcia**, chairman of the public safety committee, has had

his hands full early on with the issue of where to build new prison facilities. And across the way, State Sen. **Rod Tam** has gotten a lot of coverage in the print and broadcast media for his companion proposals allowing public employees to use their two daily ten-minute breaks to take naps and to provide snacks and refreshments for those employees at taxpayer expense.

According to the Feb. 16 issue of *MidWeek*, **Eddie Sherman** praises Councilwoman **Rene Mansho's** "ono" turkey stuffing. Maybe Rene will share her recipe with Chamber members in a future issue of *The Lantern*.

Anthony Chang has been busy monitoring bills in the legislature that would return control of fireworks to the counties (the House position) and completely banning fireworks except for cultural uses. (Did anyone notice that there was a lot less fireworks, smoke, and noise on Chinese New Year's Day?). Tony is also monitoring a House bill now being reviewed by the Senate which would prohibit the importation of shark fin products.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 29 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting 12:00 noon
Mar 3 • Fri	Chamber General Election Chamber's Office, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Mar 16 • Thur	Election of New Officers 2000 - 2001 Sea Fortune Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Mar 16 • Thur	Chop Suey Series - Spring Spirit Eastern Garden at Kaimuki, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Mar 21 • Tue	Executive Board Meeting Yong Sing Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Mar 28 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Sea Fortune Restaurant - 12:00 noon

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FUN COOKING

by *Elvira Lo*

Chiang Mai Chicken Noodle Soup

Ingredients

1 lb. egg noodles
2-1/2 cups coconut milk
2 tsp. red curry paste
1 tsp. turmeric
1 lb. chicken meat
2-1/2 cups chicken stock
4 tsp. fish sauce
lemon juice
dash of salt and pepper

Method:

1. Cook egg noodles in boiling water for 2 minutes.
2. Drain noodles, then fry until golden brown.
3. Mix coconut milk, curry paste, and turmeric and simmer.
4. Add chicken and remaining ingredients and simmer for 7-10 minutes.
5. Add a little lemon juice, stir, and serve with the egg noodles.

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