

LANTERN

March, 2000

Ching Ming Ceremonies

All Chamber members are cordially invited by **George C. K. Young**, president of the Lin Yee Chung Association, to participate in the Ching Ming ceremony on Tuesday, April 4. At 9:00 a.m., there will be entertainment by the *taiko* drummers of the *Ryusei Taiko*, and at 9:30 a.m., Commander **James Chong** and the members of the Kau-Tom Post No. 11 and its Auxiliary will pay their respects at the Seven Heroes tomb. This will be followed by a procession to the Grand Ancestor's Tomb, including the U.S. Marine Marching Band and a color guard from Hickam Air Force Base, the playing of the national anthem and Hawaii Pono'i, a 21-gun salute, the playing of Taps, a helicopter flower drop, and a rainbow pigeons release. At 10:30 a.m., honored guests and the Lin Yee Chung Trustees will be introduced, George will welcome participants, acknowledgments will be made by various dignitaries and officials, and closing remarks will be made by Dr. **Herbert Chinn**, Lin Yee Chung first vice president. The Ching Ming ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m., followed by a performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band.



The Grand Ancestor's Tomb.

SPRING TREASURE FEST

by Lee-Ann Choy

The series of networking opportunities for Chamber members continues with "Spring Treasure Fest: A Member Trade Show" on Thursday, April 6, at the Pagoda Hotel, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Exhibitors include Classic Coins Hawaii (**Douglas Ho**), VR Financial (**Susanna Ho**), New York Life Insurance (**Sandra Ngo**), Eyesight Hawaii (**John Olkowski**), Sprint Hawaii (**Nonie Toledo**), Hawaii China Travel Service (**Henry Ou**), Network Media (**Ted Sturdivant**), World Wide Travel (**Betsy Au Lum**), Hawaii Business College (**Anne Omori**), Honolulu Real Estate Associates LLC (**Ceci Freeman**), and Harmonious Creations (**Sharissa Chun**).

There will also be a general membership meeting (\$14.00 for members, \$18.00 for non-members). In addition, there will be light *hors d'oeuvre* (*pupu*), entertainment, and mini-fashion shows by Hawaiian Moon (**Ban Chan**) and Avanti Fashions (**John Hui**) throughout the evening.

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CHINESE

CHAMBER OF

COMMERCE

OF HAWAII

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Frances H. Goo

The final event of the Narcissus Festival for the public concluded with a successful "2000 and Beyond" fashion show at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. We would like to acknowledge the generosity of Dr. **Lawrence K. W. Tseu**, who presented a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at the fashion show to establish a **Jackie Chan** Scholarship Fund.

As we begin the month of March, about half of the various associations have celebrated their Spring banquets. I have been representing the Chamber at

these banquets and it is satisfying to see that the Chinese family surname associations, no matter how small or large, have come up with a good idea to have a banquet for their members as an essential part of their organization. It is also obvious to me that while it is important to belong to your own village or name-sake's organization to perpetuate your heritage, it is equally important for the Chinese community to be united and to support each other's efforts in preserving the Chinese culture.

The 51st Narcissus Queen and Court have also been busy, not only attending banquets, but also making an appearance in the Millennium Parade on February 27. The Chamber was proud to be represented by a beautiful parade float with a magnificent dragon serving as a backdrop for Narcissus Queen **Libby Lum** and her Court. Many thanks to **Michele Choy**, **Jimmy Chong**, and their committee for doing such a great job on our float.

Since 1981, the Narcissus Goodwill Tour has been traveling to China with the assistance of China Travel Service, which is headquartered in Beijing. It was the Chamber's turn to play host as we welcomed a delegation of four headed by their Vice President, **Gong Wanchun**, to Hawaii on March 10. This marked CTS's high-ranking official's first trip to the islands. I hope that all the things they have heard from our many Goodwill Tour delegations over the years about the beautiful sights, sounds, and tastes of Hawaii finally became a reality for our visitors.

This month, the Chamber will be busy upgrading our computer system. We should have our e-mail and Internet connections up and running for the convenience of our members in a few weeks. However, as we all know, as great as technology is, it is personal service that makes the world go round.



Chamber Past President Wesley Fong (L1), President Frances Goo (center), and 1st V.P. Ban Chan (R1) are delighted to meet two delegates of China Business Delegation, Mr. Bei Yulong, President of China Textile Machinery and Technology Import and Export Corporation (L2) and Mr. Huang Tianwen, V.P. of China National Metals and Minerals Import and Export Corporation (R2).



Miss Asian International Amy Truong, accompanied by her Pageant Producer Mr. Victor Chen, pays a courteous call to the Chinese Chamber office March 3, 2000 and is greeted by President Frances Goo, President-Elect Victor Lim and 51st Narcissus Queen Libby Lum.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

(March 1 - 2, 2000)

- Mr. Hu Yonghui
Deputy Director of the Jiangsu Tourism Bureau
and delegation of 12

(March 10 - 12, 2000)

- Mr. Kong Wanchun
Vice President of CTS Head Office
and delegation of 4

Millennium Parade

by Michele Choy

On Sunday, February 27, the Narcissus Queen and her Court participated in the Millennium Parade sponsored by the Hawaii Millennium Commission. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce was well represented with a float in which the Court sat and waved to a crowd of several thousand tourists and locals that lined the streets of Waikiki from Saratoga Road to the end of Kapiolani Park.

Different ethnic groups participated in the parade, which featured over ten floats as well as many *kung fu* groups and bands. Our Narcissus Queen, **Libby Lum**, was in the front part of the parade, riding in a Corvette convertible and waving to the crowd. The Chamber's float, consisting of our four beautiful princesses, **Kathryn Kam**, **Serene Wang**, **Dana-Li Dung**, and **Jeannie Lim**, surrounded a huge twenty-foot long by seven-foot high lighted dragon and lighted Chinese columns. Unfortunately, because it was still daylight, you couldn't see the dragon's lights until the parade ended.

Michelle would like to thank the many people involved in making this float happen. **Stanley Chun**, driver of the truck; **Jimmy Chong**, for securing the props, plants, and chairs to the truck, and getting the generator to light the props; his son, **Timmy Chong**; **Frances** and **Edward Goo** who allowed us to build and store the float at her facility as well as getting down and dirty to help; **Donald Kloess**, **Marie** and **Cornell Ching**, and **Alex Ko**, United Chinese Society; Strawberry Connection for the plants; **Victor Lim** for feeding the volunteers; and **Lawrence Sullivan**, **Warren Lung**, **Randy Tone**, **Justin Goo**, and **Bernard Choy** for loading the props and dismantling the float at the end. A great big *do jay* to all of you.



Top: China Travel Service (CTS) Head Office delegation, led by Vice President Gong Wanchun is warmly welcomed by Chamber President Frances Goo and other Chamber representatives upon arrival at Honolulu Airport on March 10, 2000.

Middle Left: CTS Head Office delegation members enjoy sight-seeing very much during their 2-day stay in Honolulu.

Middle Right & Bottom Left: CTS Head Office delegation members are so happy at an Aloha lunch hosted by the Chamber to meet Chamber officers and many old friends, Chamber past presidents who had led the Narcissus Queen Goodwill tours to visit China.

MILLENNIUM COIN

Douglas Ho, president of China-Hawaii, proudly announces an exciting fund-raising opportunity for the Chinese Chamber. This is the new official millennium commemorative coin minted by award-winning designer **Steven Lee** of the Honolulu Mint. Both Mr. Ho and Mr. Lee were highly successful in minting the Chinese Bicentennial coin as a fund-raiser for the Chinese Chamber over ten years ago. To celebrate the millennium, you may purchase the coin at the Chamber office or by sending in the order form on the enclosed flyer. Part of the proceeds will be given to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce as a fund-raiser. These coins make an excellent gift as well as future heirlooms of great historical significance.



Far Left: Chamber President Frances Goo presents a souvenir book to Mr. Yu Xiaosong, Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), who is leading a China Business Delegation to attend the 33rd PBEC International General Meeting held in Hawaii March 17 - 22, 2000.

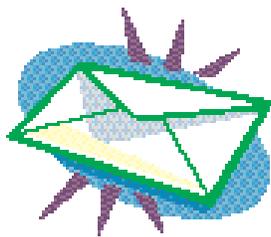
Left: Joined with Ben Fukumoto, Special Assistant of State Department of Transportation, Chamber President Frances Goo and other Chamber officers have a friendly meeting with Mr. Yu Xiaosong, Chairman of CCPIT and his assistants at a breakfast hosted by Chinese Chamber at Hilton Hawaiian Village March 23, 2000.

Mahalo Party is enjoyed by...



all participants at Sam Choy's restaurant on March 12, 2000.





Sprint Hawaii vice president **Nonie Toledo** is chair of the March of Dimes ExecTrack 2000, which was held on March 8. According to Dave Donnelly's "Hawaii" column in the March 3 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, "Every year a group of like-minded execs donate \$500 each to participate in a symbolic walk through downtown that begins with a quick warmup at Tamarind Park." Donnelly adds that Nonie has lined up the UH cheerleaders and the "national champion Lanai High School physical fitness team" to pump things up. At the end of the walk, there's a "massive buffet luncheon" aboard the cruise ship *Statendam* at Aloha Tower Marketplace.

Chamber Board member and Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association (HFMA) president **Elvira Lo** spend several hours at the State Capitol on March 8. The occasion was the City Bank-sponsored "New Economy Day" and involving members of the HFMA as well as the Hawaii Fashion Industry Association and the Hawaii Forest Industry Association. Various member companies from the three trade associations had samples of their products on display, hopefully educating legislators and their staffs about the contributions of the mostly small

businesses (or even one-person microbusinesses) that add much to the economy, yet whose role is little understood or appreciated by either politicians or bureaucrats focused on "big business."

Larry and Linda Chan, owners of Eastern Garden, were pictured on the front of the March 11 Sunday "Dining Out" section of the *Honolulu Advertiser* holding a \$20,000.00 check. That's the grand prize in a contest during the month of March. In addition to the grand prize is airfare and accommodations for two in Las Vegas, a trip to a neighbor island, and a basket filled with \$1,000 worth of gift certificates. Finalists are announced on KSSK's Perry and Price show every Saturday at the Hanohano Room of the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, and the grand prize drawing will be on Saturday, April 8.

Chamber President **Frances Goo** has been quite busy. On Saturday, February 26, she swore in the officers for the Chang Wing Yong Tong. Chamber members include **Gerald Y. Y. Chang**, Second Vice President; **Walter T. C. Chang**, Treasurer; **Ian Ho Chang**, Assistant Treasurer; **Randall O. Chang**, Auditor; and State Representative **Jerry Chang**, Director. And according to the March 17 issue of *Pacific Business News*, in advance of the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC) 2000 meeting in Honolulu, Frances has been corresponding with executives from China and other parts of Asia to match them with local businesses, and said, "They may want to meet and make a friend here in Hawaii ...

We'll create that opportunity."

Johnson Choi, president of the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii was mentioned in two of the pre-PBEC articles in *PBN*. In one, Johnson has found that Asians rarely view Hawaii as a place for business: "They see it like hula girls, sun, and beaches. Maybe if they come, they'll be surprised with what we have." Similarly, Lawrence Johnson, chairman and CEO of Pacific Century Financial Corp. and chairman of the PBEC Hawaii 2000 steering committee said, "Having PBEC here is a tremendous opportunity to showcase Hawaii as more than just a pretty place." Presumably that means there are packets for the delegates listing or showing what infrastructure, services, and amenities are available to facilitate their business in Hawaii as well as points of contact such as the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and the ethnic chambers.

According to the "Real Estate Trade Winds" column in the March 19 *Honolulu Advertiser*, **Ceci Chang Freeman** and her husband, **Myron**, recently celebrated the first anniversary of their real estate brokerage firm, Honolulu Real Estate Associates LLC.

Henry Chu's China House will be expanding to the Chinese Cultural Plaza. March 27 will be the grand opening for the second location of China House in the former second floor location of the Empress Restaurant.

NEW MEMBERS

CHAMBER OFFICER

ELECTIONS

At a special meeting, the Chamber Board of Directors met on Thursday, March 16, to elect officers for 2000-2001: **Victor Lim**, President; **Ban F. Chan**, President-Elect; **Frank Mow**, First Vice-President; **Terrill Chock**, Second Vice-President; **Winfred Pong**, English Secretary; **Henry Yu**, Chinese Secretary; **Libby Lew**, Treasurer; **Alvin Wong**, Assistant Treasurer; **Sheldon Zane**, Auditor; and **Frances Goo**, Immediate Past President. The new officers will be sworn in at the installation banquet on Sunday, May 28, at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai restaurant.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Apr 04 • Tue **CHING MING**
- Apr 18 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Yong Sing Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Apr 25 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Sea Fortune Restaurant - 12:00 noon

With the start of the new year, there have been a number of new Chamber members. At its January 25 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications of **Jessica Chan**, a pharmacist at K-Mart (sponsored by **Ban Chan**); **Keith Ching**, Executive Vice President at Chaney, Brooks & Co. (sponsored by **Alvin Wong**); **Dennis Dung**, retired (sponsored by **Ban Chan**); **Tom Enomoto**, an account executive with Vanpool Hawaii (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**); **Elijah Maluo**, Vice President of U.S.-China Trade Group (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**); and **Peter Preis**, President of Preis & Associate International. At the February 29 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Peter Chan**, an independent insurance agent with American Insurance Agency (sponsored by **Frances Goo**); **Mona Choy-Beddow**, Customer Service Supervisor and Operations Manager at Continental Savings Bank (sponsored by **Wesley Fong**); **Susie Ing**, an investment consultant with Raymond James Financial Services (sponsored by **Victor Lim**); **Alex Ko**, President of Alex Construction, Inc. (sponsored by **Gordon Au**); **Kelly O'Sullivan**, Sales Manager for Planet Hollywood Honolulu (sponsored by **Carol Tsai**); and **Dianne Willoughby**, President of Acquisition Research Corporation, a commercial real estate developer (sponsored by **Ban Chan**). Welcome aboard to all of you, and we look forward to meeting you soon at the next general membership meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 6.

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