

# LANTERN

September, 2000

## Chopsticks Series #6

by Lee-Ann Choy

A dinner in the "Hawaii Chef Dinner Series 2000" will be the sixth in the series of networking opportunities for Chamber members. On Thursday, October 12, seats have been reserved at the Tamarind Dining Room, Kapiolani Community College, on Diamond Head Road, for a four-course meal prepared by **Noreen Lam**, chef/manager of the Contemporary Museum Café on Makiki Heights. Honolulu born and raised, Ms. Lam is a long-time associate of legendary San Francisco chef **Jeremiah Tower** and specializes in American regional cuisine. The possible menu selections include house-cured *gravlax* with ginger cream and *tobiko*; braised lamb shank on *polenta* with artichoke mushroom ragout and *gremolata*; *mesclun* and bitter green salad; and bittersweet chocolate tart. The cost for the 6:30 p.m. seating is \$42.00 inclusive per person, and diners may bring their own bottle of wine. Call Grace at 533-3181 to reserve your place since the seating reservation is limited to thirty (30) people.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17. **Robert G. Lees**, Secretary General of the Pacific Basin Economic Council, will speak on "China and Hawaii: Forging A New Partnership for Economic Expansion." The lunchtime meeting will be held at the Dynasty Restaurant located in Discovery Bay, starting at 12:00 noon and running until 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 for Chamber members and \$14.00 for non-members. Contact Grace at 533-3181 to reserve your place. The speaker and topic are quite timely in view of the U.S. Senate's vote on September 19 approving Permanent Normalized Trade Relations (PNTR) between the U.S. and China.



## Last Call for China Trade Mission

Just a reminder about the Chamber special mission to the China International Travel Mart 2000 in Shanghai. The members of the group will depart Honolulu on Sunday, October 15 and return to Hawaii on Wednesday, October 25. Stops include Osaka, Shanghai, Zhouzhuang, Tongli, Suzhou, Beijing, and transit Tokyo. To sign up, call Grace at the Chamber.



Victor Lim

Hi, everyone!

By sheer numbers, this has to be the month where our Chinese Chamber of Commerce has the greatest number of visitors. When Consul General **An Wenbin** from the People's Republic of China consulate in Los Angeles contacted us late in August to help coordinate the welcome reception for the visiting People's Liberation Army-Navy (PLA-N) ships, we knew we were going to be busy. In partnership with the United Chinese Society and the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association, we were able to arrange many activities for our local Chinese community as well as the visiting sailors.

Our three-organization sponsorship of the buses for our people to get to Pearl Harbor to greet the guided missile destroyer *Qingdao* and the support vessel *Tai Cang* on the morning of Monday, September 4, was a huge success. We had two buses picking up people in front of the Chinatown Cultural Center, and an additional three buses at the University

of Hawaii. Altogether, there must have been about 350 people at the welcome ceremony by U. S. Admirals **Alfred Harm**, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet (DEPCINCPACFLT), and **Robert Conway**, Commander, Naval Region Hawaii. The PLA-N delegation was led by Rear Admiral **Lu Fangdiu**, Chief of Staff of the PLA-N North Sea Fleet.

**Benjamin Chee** and the entire See Dai Doo Society were very gracious in allowing us to hold the afternoon get-together for our local Chinese community with the visiting officers from the PLA-N ships. Talk about some cultural exchange, we had Wally Wong and his band providing some wonderful music along with **Sandra Siu** and **Douglas Chong** singing the "Hawaiian Wedding Song," and to top it off, **Laurie Chong** (Douglas' beautiful and talented daughter) did some hula numbers for our guests. The Chinese sailors in turn brought their own band, and there were also quite a few of them that sang some wonderful songs for us.

Tuesday night dinner aboard the U.S.S. *O'Kane* was hosted by Admiral Conway, and many of the local Chinese community were invited along with the officers from the PLA-N. Admiral Lu reciprocated with a dinner Wednesday on board the *Qingdao*, and over fifty people

from our local Chinese community were invited. We taught many of our guests the words "aloha" and "mahalo" well because when we went to the farewell ceremony on Thursday morning, Admiral Lu and many of his key staff knew what those words meant and many of them even gave the *shaka* sign from the ships.

Also arriving on the morning of Monday, September 4, was our good friend, Mr. **Liang Shi**, executive vice president of the China Association of International Friendly Contact (CAIFC) from Beijing. Every year, they host a dinner for the Narcissus Goodwill Tour at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Based on my personal experience, the friendship and hospitality the CAIFC people accorded us during our trip was outstanding.

As many of you know, **Betty Leong** and the Chung Shan Association have been working very hard for over a year to host their Third World-Wide Conference here in Hawaii this month. **Betsy Lum** and the Lum Sai Ho Tong are embarking on a similar challenge because the World Lim (Lum) Association is planning to have their conference here in Hawaii in a couple of years. Word of Hawaii being a great destination for meetings and conventions must have reached our friends and relatives in Asia loud and clear.

# Narcissus Update

On the evening of Thursday, August 24, eighteen young women gathered for the Narcissus Queen Pageant contestant orientation. Chamber President **Victor Lim** admonished the contestants “to have fun” first and foremost. Victor had just arrived the day before from Chicago, and later that evening, he had to catch a plane for Irvine, California. Narcissus Festival General Chairman **Ban Chan** told Victor that Victor could now sit back and Ban would do all the work.

The young women were introduced, and each was given an opportunity to say a few words about their background, schooling, and aspirations. Then Pageant chair **Michele Choy** gave the contestants and their families an overview of the next five months, listing the various classes the girls would be given: Chinese culture and history, paper cutting and knotting, “chops” or seals, martial arts, the *Ching Ming* ceremonies, narcissus bulb carving, cooking, calligraphy, the significance of the Chinese lions, and acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine. The members of the escort/transportation committee were also introduced, and everyone was advised of the need for the contestants to be on time.

Following a break for refreshments, Michele met separately with the contestants to give them more details on what to expect. All in all, it looks like the Queen Search committee has done an outstanding job, producing a bumper crop of contestants this year – 100% more than last year’s nine contestants!

And on Friday, August 25, Coronation Ball chair **Lee-Ann Choy** and members of her committee gathered at the Hilton Hawaiian Village’s Golden Dragon Restaurant to sample the dishes on the tentative menu. The basic price per table will be \$490.00 (which is \$60.00 cheaper than last year) and \$590.00 for a table with 3 different wines carefully by **Allen Young** of Better Brands. More details about the times and the dishes on the menu will appear in the December *Lantern*. Just mark Saturday, January 20 on your calendar.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies and condolences are extended to the family of **Larry F. C. Ching**, 1971-72 Chamber President and Emeritus Director, who passed away on September 13. Larry was a 1935 graduate of the University of Hawaii where he received a degree in civil engineering. In 1949, he founded Highway Construction Co., Ltd., and served as its president until his death. Larry founded and became president of both the Hawaii Chinese History Center and the Hawaii Heritage Center, and also served as president of the United Chinese Society, and the Chinese Christian Club. Funeral services for Larry were held at the Community Church of Honolulu (where he was a member) on Saturday, September 23. Any donations should be made to the Hawaii Heritage Center, P.O. Box 37250, Honolulu, HI 96837.



Ambassador and Mrs. An Wenbin and their assistants Consul Liang Zhengquan and Mr. Chen Chuandong, who come to Hawaii from Los Angeles to welcome the Chinese PLA Navy ships, are warmly greeted by Chamber’s Past Presidents Wesley Fong and Randall Chang. Executive V.P. Wen Chung Lin and their wives at airport on September 3, 2000.

## CHAMBER’S VISITORS

**(September 3-7, 2000)**

- Mr. An Wen-bin, Consul General  
Consulate General of People’s Republic of China in  
L.A. and delegation of 4

**(September 4-7, 2000)**

- Mr. Liang Shi, Executive Vice President  
CAIFC and delegation of 4

**(September 4-7, 2000)**

- Rear Admiral Lu Fangqiu  
Chinese PLA Navy Ships and delegation of 475

**(September 14-16, 2000)**

- Mr. Shen Ronghua, Director  
Shanghai Government Department of Human  
Resources and delegation of 4



Chinese PLA Navy Ships "Qing Dao" and "Tai Cang" visit Hawaii from Sept. 4-7, 2000. Upon arriving Pearl Harbor, the Chinese Navy receives a grand welcome from US Navy. About 350 representatives of the local Chinese Community and the Chinese Student & Scholar Association also join the welcome ceremony.



Headed by Rear Admiral Lu Fangqiu, 100 Chinese Navy officers and sailors, Ambassador and Mrs. An Wenbin and their assistants are cordially invited to attend a warm and enjoyable reception hosted by the local Chinese community at See Dai Doo Society in the evening, September 4, 2000.





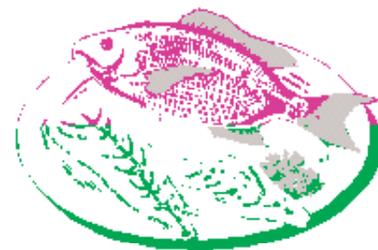
Above: Rear Admiral Lu Fangqiu reciprocates a very nice reception on Board "Qing Dao" Ship on Sept. 6 night. Joining with the US Navy officers, 50 Chinese community representative are invited to the party and have a wonderful time.

# FUN COOKING

by Elvira Lo

## Steamed Fish

- 1 whole fish (mullet, *kumu*, etc.), about 1-1/2 pounds
- 3-inch piece of ginger
- 3 stalks of green onion
- soy sauce to taste
- 3 tablespoons cooking oil
- Chinese parsley



Scale and clean the fish, then wash and pat dry with a paper towel. Slice the ginger, then slice the green onion into two-inch long pieces, separating them into white and green piles. In the bottom of a heat-resistant dish, place some of the ginger slices and the white portions of the green onion. Lay the fish in the dish, then place the rest of the ginger slices and the green portions of the green onion on top of the fish. Bring water in a steamer to a boil, place dish in the steamer, cover and steam for 5 minutes, then turn off the heat and just let the fish simmer for an additional 2-3 minutes, depending on the size of the fish. Add soy sauce to taste to the fish liquids in Steamed Fish the dish. Heat cooking oil in a separate pot until smoking, then immediately pour over the fish. Garnish with Chinese parsley and serve.

Serves 4

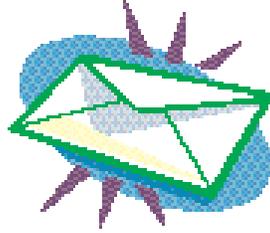
## NEW MEMBERS

At their August 29 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Aaron Chan**, General Manager of Ilima Designs (sponsored by **Ban Chan**); **Carla DeJesus**, director of marketing for the Law Offices of Richard Lee (sponsored by **Richard Lee**); and **Merton Lau**, President of Lau and Lau Properties, Inc. (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**). Welcome aboard and we look forward to meeting you at the next general membership meeting.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 04 • Wed	<b>52nd Narcissus Executive Board Meeting</b> Sea Fortune Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Oct 09 • Mon	<b>Columbus Day</b> Sea Fortune Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Oct 12 • Thur	<b>Chop Suey Series #6</b> Kapiolani Community College's Culinary Institute of the Pacific Tamarind Dining Room - 6:30 p.m.
Oct 15 - 25	<b>Chamber's Special Mission to China International Travel Mart 2000</b>
Oct 17 • Tue	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> Dynasty Restaurant
Oct 24 • Tue	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b> Yong Sing Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Oct 31 • Tue	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> Sea Fortune Restaurant - 12:00 noon

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



The newly opened China House Restaurant in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza began featuring the “98.5 FM Island Rhythm Live Buffet” on Thursday, September 7. Owner **Henry Chu** said that live entertainment was often requested by customers at the Kapiolani Boulevard location. Every Thursday evening, live Hawaiian entertainment will be featured, and the buffet will be specially priced with the first dinner priced at \$14.99 and the second at \$9.85. A business lunch buffet is available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for \$6.99 while Hong Kong-style *dim sum* items are available at \$1.80 per order. China House also has

a Sunday *dim sum* brunch and buffet for \$9.99. And during the month of September (and perhaps also for October), the daily Chinese dinner and *shabu shabu* buffet (except Thursdays) at both locations has been reduced to \$11.99. (The writeup in the September 3 “Dining Out” section in the *Honolulu Advertiser* did not make it clear that both China House locations offer the business lunch buffet, the Hong Kong-style Sunday *dim sum* brunch and buffet, and the nightly Chinese dinner and *shabu shabu* buffet).

Editor’s note: All members are invited to submit information either on special offers they are making to Chamber members or changed or added business services that may be of interest to the membership. *The Lantern* is a no-cost means of publicizing your business or services to the membership at large.

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