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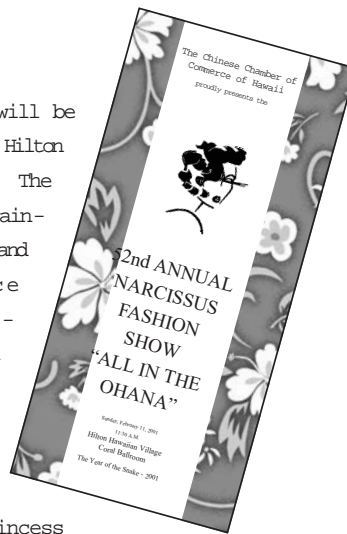
Happy New Year

(and New Millennium)

Arthur C. Clarke, author of the short story "2001: A Space Odyssey" (which was later turned into a movie starring Keir Dullea and later a novel), was quoted in the January 8, 2001 issue of Newsweek: "The intelligent minority of this world will mark 1 January 2001 as the real beginning of the 21st century and the Third Millennium." [Emphasis added]. Nevertheless, according to the January 30 Advertiser, the Hawaii Millennium Commission, which supposedly "got off to a late start," closed Hawaii millennium celebration with a pahu or time capsule "commemorating the year 2000" and will be kept in the Governor's office to be opened in 2025.

Fashion Show

The annual Narcissus Fashion Show will be on Sunday, February 11, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. The theme of "All in the Ohana" is the brain-child of Festival chair Ban Chan, and will feature the designs of Joyce Arizumi, who focuses on the physically challenged; Sandra Chan with her cheongsam fashions; the Hawaiian prints of Kahala Sportswear; the action-oriented fashions of Local Motion; Joan Anderson and the elegant Princess Kaiulani Fashions; and Sig Zane with shops in beautiful downtown Hilo and Wailuku. In addition, there will be appearances by the Society of Seven and members of the "Baywatch Hawaii" cast as celebrity models. The emcee will be KGMB-9 weather woman, Ku'ualoa Taylor, who was recently featured on the cover of the January 3 issue of Midweek (along with other Honolulu TV weather women). Fashion show chair Charlotte Vick has arranged for a silent auction featuring clothing donated by Sig Zane and "Baywatch Hawaii" as well as numerous other items. The silent auction and boutique sales will start at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will start at 11:30 a.m., and the fashion show will start right after completion of lunch. The cost is \$35.00 per person. For reservations, call the Chamber at 533-3181.



HI-TECH TALK

On Thursday, February 15, the Hawaii Society of Corporate Planners, the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and the Hawaii High Tech Trade Association will present a talk by Matthew Miau, chairman of the board of Mitac-Synnex Group. The group is one of the founders of Taiwan's personal computer industry and includes seven corporations on four continents and in ten countries. Mr. Miau has helped formulate legislation to encourage Taiwan's information technology industry, and has played a key role in the establishment of the Hsinchu Science-based Industrial park, Taiwan's Silicon Valley. Mr. Miau received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and computer science from the University of California, Berkeley, and later an MBA from Santa Clara University while working full-time as an engineer at Intel Corporation. "Can we establish strategic partnerships with companies in Taiwan?" will begin with sign-in at 11:30 a.m. at the Mauna Kea Ballroom of the Hawaii Prince Hotel, lunch and program at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 before February 9, and \$35.00 after February 9. For more information or to register, call 537-2356.



Victor Lim

Hsin Nien Kwai Lok! The Narcissus flowers are blooming, so our festival must be in full swing. As we welcome the year 4699, a Year of the Snake, in our Chinese calendar, we have finished the Queen Pageant and the Coronation Ball as well as the Chinatown events.

Congratulations to our 2001 Narcissus Queen Ying-Ying Lee and her court of First Princess Brandi Mei Ling Jim On, Second Princess Michelle Mee Lin Loo, Third Princess Racyne Kwai Lan Young, and Fourth Princess Melodee Mui Ying Young. Those of you who attended the Pageant at the NBC Concert Hall must agree with me that all of the contestants did exceptionally well and I wouldn't have been able to judge.

Congratulations to all seventeen of the contestants.

Our Festival chair, Ban Chan, was just beaming with pride and a big, big smile for the work done by his Pageant committee chair, Michele K. S. Choy, Janet Maduli, and all of the dozens of volunteers who made that event a success. This is truly a community event for the whole Chinese community that we all can be very proud to be associated with. "Thank you" should also go to our 51st Narcissus Queen, Libby Lum, and her court for serving us so well as our goodwill ambassadors this past year.

The Coronation Ball, organized by chairs Lee-Ann Choy, and her committee really showed their talents in organizing events and we are lucky to have them. The masquerade theme was a different twist with a little cultural combination of Chinese and Italian opera. Cathy Foy showed her exceptional vocal range, and the whole evening went very well.

The only weakness of the evening had to be yours truly trying to do the box step or waltz. I guess there are those of us who just can't dance. I heard nothing but compliments for our new Queen and her court, and how much everyone was enjoying the

evening. The best costume or masquerade had to be that of Dr. Joe Young. We also want to thank our Governor and Mrs. Benjamin Cayetano and our Mayor and Mrs. Jeremy Harris for joining us for the festivities every year.

Believe it or not, we were doing more than the Narcissus Festival activities because we conducted a training seminar for hospital management training for seventeen people, headed by the Zhongshan Director of Health, on January 9-12, 2001. George Chu as usual was our Chamber point person, making sure that everything ran smooth as silk as well as making sure that the content was beneficial for our visitors.

On a sad note, I want to mention the passing on January 5, 2001, of Tai On Chock, a retired businessman and sportsman, who had been very active in many Hilo affairs was the father of Terrill Chock, our Second Vice President. Edwin P. H. Lo, father of Chamber board member Elvira Lo, and Florence Y. T. Yap, mother of Chamber board member Melvyn Yap, also passed away last month. Our sincere condolences go out to all three families.



Top Left: More than 1,600 audience attend the 52nd Narcissus Queen Pageant held at NBC Concert Hall on January 13, 2001, and enjoy the Opening Number performed by the dancer Sing Sing Bliss and 17 lovely contestants.

Above: Chamber President Victor Lim, President-elect Ban Chan, 1st Vice-President Frank Mow, Officer Winfred Pong and Pageant Chair Michele Choy warmly congratulate the 17 contestants on the stage.

Bottom Left: 52nd Narcissus Queen Ying Ying Lee.

Left: 52nd Narcissus Court (L-R), 3rd Princess Racyne Young, 1st Princess Brandi Jim On, Queen Ying Ying Lee, 2nd Princess Michelle Loo, 4th Princess Melodee Young.

CHINA MANAGEMENT
TRAINING PROGRAM

by George

After several scheduling changes, Chamber Executive Vice President Wen Chung Lin was finally able to work out arrangements with Zhongshan City officials to permit seventeen hospital managers/physicians to attend our management training program. The delegation, led by Health Department Director Mr. Liang Houxiang, arrived on Tuesday, January 9. Program coordinator Kenneth Kwak, had to scramble to set up an excellent agenda, which the participants found very worthwhile. The medical group gained a clearer understanding of the various aspects of our hospital operations and was able to view the latest equipment and techniques. They also were brought up-to-date on health insurance programs and the design of new hospital facilities.

We wish to acknowledge the following people (and organizations) who contributed greatly to the success of this program: Jay Duquette, Maluhia Hospital; Carol Taketa, Kaiser Medical Plan; Dan Jessop and Cathy Honda, Queen's Medical Center; Bernard Ho, HMSA; Walter Muraoka, Architects Hawaii; and interpreters Dr. Xin Liu, Li Wei, and Sheila Chen. Finally, we owe a big mahalo to Dr. Ming Chen, who was responsible for this Zhongshan group attending our program and visiting our country.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

(January 9-13, 2001)
Hospital Management Training Program
- Mr. Liang Hou-xiang, Director
Zhongshan City Department of Health and
delegation of 17

(January 20-21, 2001)
- Consul Diao Ming
The Consulate General of People's Republic of
China in Los Angeles

2001 Narcissus Pageant

On Saturday, January 13, over thirteen hundred family, friends, and Chamber members gathered at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall for the 52nd annual Narcissus Queen Pageant. For over four hours, they watched as the seventeen lovely contestants performed their talent numbers, showed off their often elaborate cheongsams, and demonstrated their research into aspects of Chinese culture during the question phase. For once, the audience perhaps learned as much as the contestants did in preparing for the Pageant.

Miss Popularity, based on souvenir book and Pageant ticket sales, was Brandi Mei Ling Jim On. Ying-Ying Lee, who performed Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu Op 66" on the piano, was selected Miss Talent. Then came the announcement of the members of the court, starting with the fourth princess and moving up: Melodee Mui Ying Young as Fourth Princess, Racyne Kwai Lan Young as Third Princess, Michelle Mee Lin Loo as Second Princess, and Brandi Jim On as First Princess. And finally, the moment everyone had been waiting almost four hours for, the announcement of the 52nd Narcissus Queen - Ying-Ying Lee.

"Well done" to Pageant chair Michele Choy and Pageant producer Janet Maduli. Despite having seventeen contestants (and long lines at the women's restroom during two breaks), the Pageant started at 6:35 p.m. and finished at 10:30 p.m. [Ed. Note: Having been involved with the Pageant since 1974 when Michele was a contestant, the Lantern Editor remembers that there were also seventeen contestants in 1979 when Renee Quon was crowned Narcissus Queen]. They were still able to get the results in to the Honolulu Advertiser in time for publication in the Sunday paper.

THE TAO OF VOICE

This is the intriguing title for a workshop to be presented between February 24 and March 9 by Stephen C. Cheng at the Kapiolani Community College. This unique workshop is designed to provide basic to advanced training for accelerating vocal progress, transforming the participant's singing or speaking voice, and is open to the public. For more information if you're interested or intrigued, or to register for the workshop, call KCC at 734-9211.



Far Left: Governor Cayetano crowns the new Narcissus Queen Ying Ying Lee at the 52nd Narcissus Coronation Ball held at Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom on January 20, 2001.

800 guests join the ceremonious festivity and gala banquet. Among the VIPs are Honorable Benjamin Cayetano, Governor of the State of Hawaii and First Lady Vicky Cayetano, Honorable Jeremy Harris, Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu and Mrs. Ramona Harris, Consul Diao Ming, Representing Consul General Lan Lijun of the PRC in Los Angeles and others.





Kenny Goodenow was featured as one of the members of the UH's Richardson School of Law Class of 2003 in the Sunday, January 7 Honolulu Advertiser. Just remember the old law school adage, "The first year, they scare you to death; the second year, they work you to death; and the third year, they bore you to death." So if you think you're working hard now, Kenny, just wait...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 30 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Sea Fortune Restaurant, 12:00 noon

- Feb 11 • Sun **52nd Narcissus Fashion Show Luncheon**
HHV Coral Ballroom - 11:30 a.m.

- Feb 19 • Mon **Presidents' Day**

- Feb 20 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Yong Sing Restaurant - 12:00 noon

- Feb 27 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Sea Fortune Restaurant - 12:00 noon

Fresh from having helped to save a forty year old dental program at Queen's Hospital, Vicky Cayetano and Washington Place (and former Iolani Palace) director Jim Bartels held a press conference on Friday morning and proposed turning Washington Place into a museum and building a new Governor's Mansion next door. According to the January 8 Star-Bulletin, the "state-of-the-art" mansion would cost about \$1 million in privately raised funds and about \$2 million in private and state funds to restore and interpret Washington Place.

Former Chamber President Wes Fong was recently elected chairman of the Arthritis Foundation Board of Directors. Wes is also the vice-chair of the Hawaii/Pacific Export Council and president of the Hawaii Chinese Civic Association.

State Senator Rod Tam and State Representative Lei Ahu Isa were speakers at the January 25 luncheon meeting of the Hawaii Venture Capital Association. A front page story on the talk in the February 2 issue of Pacific Business News had mixed reviews about their presentations.

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FREE EYE EXAMS FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Many diabetes sufferers, whether diagnosed or not, are unaware that they are at risk for eye problems, if not checked regularly by an eye care specialist. Thanks to the nationwide Diabetes Healthcare initiative, free eye exams are available for Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes who are 65 years of age and older, and haven't received an eye exam in the last three years.

If you (or perhaps one of your parents) meet those conditions, contact the EyeCare America National Eye Care Project at 1-800-222-3937 to receive a free eye exam from an ophthalmologist and up to a year of follow-up care for any condition diagnosed by the initial exam. Qualifying Medicare beneficiaries may also receive an eye exam by calling the American Optometric Association's diabetes hotline at 1-800-262-3947 for a referral to an optometrist for an exam and necessary follow-up care.

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