

INSTALLATION BANQUET

Some three hundred seventy Chamber members, friends, and family gathered at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai on Friday, May 18, for a night of festivities and friendship. The occasion was the installation of President **Ban F. Chan** and the officers for 2001–2002. The evening's proceedings were opened by the traditional lion dance performed by members of the Gee Yung International Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association. Guests were welcomed by former president **Randall Chang**, who moved things along all evening. After the invocation by **Wesley F. Fong**, the seven course dinner was served. (The only jarring note was all the mayonnaise on the otherwise nicely cooked walnut shrimp dish – the shrimp was tender and the sugared walnuts were crisp. *Faux Chinois* or “Chinese-style” may be appropriate at **Jeremiah Trump's** Chinois restaurant in Las Vegas, but please, put the mayo in a separate dish for those who don't want it on their shrimp and walnuts).

Following dinner, Randall opened the formal program by introducing the distinguished guests who included Governor and Mrs. **Benjamin Cayetano**; retired U.S. Senator **Hiram Fong**; **Deng Ying**, the PRC Deputy Consul General from Los Angeles; **Kenneth Yuan** from the Taipei Economic Cultural Office; and the mayor's representative. Narcissus Queen **Ying Ying Lee** and her court were introduced and then outgoing President **Victor Lim** gave a short farewell address. The 2001-2002 officers were sworn in by Senator Fong. And following transfer of the official gavel and gift presentation to Victor, Ban gave his inaugural address, stressing the need to strengthen the Chamber's financial health.

After the conclusion of the formal program, entertainment was provided by Narcissus Third Princess **Racyne Young**, who played the piano; contestant **Sylvia Zhuang**, who sang “Open Arms”; contestant **Tina Ling** performed a hula, “Henehene Kou Aka”; contestant **Colleen Tom** sang a Chinese song, “Hsiao”; Narcissus Queen Ying Ying also played the piano; and the five young women of the Narcissus Court previewed for the audience the hula that they will perform on the Narcissus Goodwill tour.

Narcissus Court Update

by Michele Choy

The 2001 Narcissus Queen and Court once again have been busily working hard in the community. You may even have caught a glimpse of them at these events. On March 18, Narcissus Queen **Ying Ying Lee** participated in the Hair Show held at Ala Moana Shopping Center's Center Stage. Students from Honolulu Community College Beauty School had an opportunity to showcase their creative talents in hairstyles that was very interesting. Various ethnic beauty queens as well as TV weathercasters **Ku'ualoha Taylor** and **Trini Kaopuiki** were invited to participate in this event.

On March 21, the entire Court, along with Ban and **Susanna Chan**, **Michele Choy**, and escorts **Warren Lung**, **Darren Sugai**, and **Steve In** paid a visit to the offices of Mayor **Jeremy Harris** and Governor **Ben Cayetano** to chat and have a photo opportunity with them. They then proceeded to the Senate and House chambers to be recognized and presented with proclamations. Special thanks to **Norma Chang** for arranging the

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Paying respects to the ancestors at the altar table for the Ching Ming ceremony.



Manoa Chinese Cemetery Ching Ming ceremony with George and Jeanette Young.



Victor Lim

Hi, everyone:

Than you for giving me the opportunity to have served you this past year as the president of our Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. It is hard to believe that it really has been a year since I took office, succeeding **Frances Goo**. I guess that when you are having fun, the time really flies.

To share with you what I have told many visitors and friends about our Chamber: even though this is our 90th anniversary, the difference between us

and many other organizations that I know of or serve with, the uniqueness of ours is the tremendous continuity. That is because we have so many of our past presidents, going back to **Wally Wong** and **Tai Yau Ching** to more recent ones like **Vernon Ching** and **Wesley Fong**, who continue to play an active role and to lend support, sharing their wisdom and experience or just being there when that is needed. While I have mentioned only these four, there are at least a dozen or more past presidents who also continue to give freely of their time. Thank you to all of you.

This past month, we had the first official visit to Hawaii of Ambassador **Lan Lijun**, the new Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles. Many of you attended the welcome reception that we co-hosted with the United Chinese Society and the U.S.-

China People's Friendship Association at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai on Sunday, May 6.

We also had the pleasure of hosting **Li Changshun**, Vice President of the China Association for International Friendly Contact on his first visit to Hawaii with his delegation. This is the group that has hosted banquets in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing each year for many years for the Narcissus Goodwill tour.

My sincere thanks to **Ban Chan**, **Frank Mow**, **Terrill Chock**, **Winfred Pong**, **Henry Yu**, **Libby Lew**, **Alvin Wong**, **Sheldon Zane**, and **Frances Goo** for all your support and counsel over the last year.

And congratulations to Ban Chan, our newly installed President for 2001-2002. Call on me if I can be of any help. Aloha and mahalo.

FUN COOKING

by *Elvira Lo*

Steamed tofu with pork hash

Ingredients:

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| <i>6 oz. minced pork</i> | <i>1 red chili pepper shredded</i> |
| <i>1/2 block soft tofu</i> | <i>1 salty duck egg cooked, then diced</i> |
| <i>1 Tablespoon black bean mashed</i> | <i>1 Tablespoon oil</i> |
| <i>1 teaspoon crushed garlic</i> | <i>1 Tablespoon chopped Chinese parsley</i> |

Method:

1. Mix the minced pork and tofu.
2. Add and mix in black bean, garlic, and pepper to the pork-tofu mixture, and sprinkle diced duck egg on top of mixture.
3. Steam until done (20-30 minutes).
4. Heat oil, and pour on top of steamed tofu, and sprinkle with Chinese parsley.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

May 3 - 8, 2001

- Ambassador Lan Lijun, Consul General
The Consulate General of the PRC in L.A. and
delegation of 4

May 12 - 15, 2001

- Mr. Li Changchun, Vice President
CAIFC and delegation of 4

May 16 - 20, 2001

- Mr. Xiao Jinzhu, Deputy Director General
Guangdong Foreign Affairs Office and
delegation of 17, sponsored by the DBEDT

May 17 - 19, 2001

- Mdm. Deng Ying, Deputy Consul General
The Consulate General of the PRC in L.A. and
delegation of 3

NEW MEMBERS

At its April 24 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the application for **Teresa Lau**, an investment specialist with Charles Schwab & Company (sponsored by **Alvin Wong**).



The Servco booth at the First Hawaiian Autoshow. Left: Ying Ying Lee (middle) surrounded by other beauty Queens. Right: Ying Ying Lee signing autographs at the autoshow.

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exciting day with the politicians.

On April 5, the Queen and Court attended the Ching Ming ceremonies held at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. Hundreds gathered to see the ceremony. Special thanks to the Lin Yee Chung Association, **George Young**, and **Jimmy Chong** for the invitation and doing a great job with the program. This was a first for the Queen and Court, and they learned from and enjoyed this cultural experience. Contestant Tina Ling took off from work to join in on this event, and was thrilled to have been part of it.

On April 7 and 8, Queen Ying Ying was busy again as she participated in the First Hawaiian Auto Show held at the Hawaii Convention Center, invited by **Ken Yamada** of Servco Hawaii, sponsors of the Queen's car for a year. Here she and various ethnic beauty queen greeted potential car buyers and signed autographs. During the course of three days, thousands of people attended this annual event.

Also on April 7, the Court participated in the 4th annual Teddy Bear Round-up sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and held at the Ala Moana Shopping Center's Center Stage. It was a huge success as 3,651 stuffed animals were collected for distribution to children in abuse shelters, hospitals, and other family services. The teddy bears help to bring joy to children and families who don't have much to smile about.

Then on April 14, the Court once again were invited to participate in the annual drive for the Hawaii Food Bank held throughout the islands, but the girls could be seen collecting canned goods at Restaurant Row, the main area where KSSK's **Michael W. Perry** and **Larry Price** broadcast this event. Thousands of canned goods were collected to help families in need.

On May 3, the Queen and Court made an appearance at the Palolo Chinese Home Golf Tournament where they helped to present prizes to tournament winners. This year, the Awards Banquet was held at Hee Hing Restaurant. Special thanks to **Frances Goo** for inviting the Court to participate in this annual fund-raising event for Palolo Chinese Home.

Lastly, on May 18, the Court graced the Chamber installation banquet at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai where **Ban Chan** became the newly installed President. This year's program featured entertainment by this year's talented Queen and Court as well as several of this year's contestants. Contestants participating were **Sylvia Zhang** singing "Open Arms," **Tina Ling** danced hula to "Henehene Kou Aka" by "**Brother Iz**" **Kamakawiwoole**, and **Colleen Tom** singing "Hsiao," a Chinese song which she performed on contest night. **Racyne Young** and **Ying Ying Lee's** talented fingers ran across the keyboard piano. The Court ended the program with a hula, "Ipo Lei Momi" by **Kealii Reichel**, taught to them by Tina Ling and which will be performed throughout their trip around China next month. Special thanks to Warren Lung for letting us borrow his father's piano keyboard.

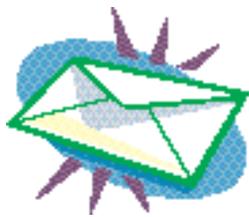
All in all, you can see that the Queen and her Court have had a busy year so far, and are happy to be representing the Chinese Chamber with pride by not only attending society banquets and Chamber functions, but also by giving of their time to many community service projects.



4th Annual Teddy Bear Round-up sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. Top (L-R): Brandi, Michelle, Ying Ying and Melodee. Bottom: Ying Ying Lee and Melodee Young.



Annual Food Drive



Ann Botticelli's "Entrepreneurs" column in the April 25 *Midweek* featured some familiar faces. "Boxing with the Chu Family" spotlighted past Chamber president **George Chu** and his wife, **Bertha**, who established and have run GBC Boxes and Packaging for twenty-nine years.

The May 2 *Honolulu Advertiser* reported the results of neighborhood board elections, which had been released the previous day. Congratulations to **Stanford Yuen**, who was elected to the Downtown Neighborhood Board, and to **Melvyn Yap**, who was reelected to the Kuli'ou'ou-KalaniKai Neighborhood Board.

Lyn Danninger's article "Hopping the ADB gravy train" in the "Business

Inc." section of April 29 the Sunday *Star-Bulletin* featured a large picture of a smiling **Puongpun Saninikone**. According to the article, Puongpun speaks six languages and his company, PacMar Inc., has held "dozens" of Asian Development Bank contracts over the years so that he is able to work within the ADB's complex rules and regulations. He said that an in-country visit is vital in writing a decent proposal. Puongpun is quite familiar with the inner workings of the ADB since he worked at its Manila headquarters from 1975-78 as a loan officer.

Eddie Flores, Jr., was pictured in the Sunday, May 13, *Honolulu Advertiser*, looking over a model of the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu. Eddie is the Center's Vice President and was instrumental in raising funds for the \$8.5 million center. Construction of the three-story, 50,000-square foot center in Waipahu is now 21% complete.

Some of you who drive along King Street past Puck's Alley in Moiliili may have noticed that Chan's has closed. Well, the May 16 issue of *Honolulu Weekly's* "Restaurant Review" had a picture of **Kenneth Chan** hard at work in the kitchen of Little Village, 1113 Smith Street (between North Hotel and North

Pauahi Streets). The menu has over 150 items, including an "impressive array" of vegetarian dishes, MSG is omitted on request, and olive oil is used instead of soybean oil. According to co-owner **Jennifer Chan**, "Now people want to be healthy..., so we try to grill as many foods as we can, and often don't use MSG" and the emphasis at Little Village is on "healthy" Chinese cooking.

Condolences

Emeritus Director **Wah Duck Young** passed away last month. Over the years, he was active in Chinatown preservation; helped found the Chinatown Cultural Plaza; started King's Garden restaurant in 1962; spearheaded a the Buck Toy Benevolent Society fund-raising campaign to build a middle school in his ancestral village in Chungshan, China; and spent long hours as principal of the Sun Yat-Sen School. In addition to his many years as a Chamber director, Wah Duck was a president of the United Chinese Society. Our deepest condolences to his wife, **Grace**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 18 - July 7	52nd Narcissus Goodwill Tour
June 19 • Tue	Executive Board Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
June 26 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
July 4 • Wed	Independence Day

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