

LANTERN

June, 2001

Dragon Boat Races

On a sunny, almost cloudless morning of Saturday, June 16, people gathered at the Hilton Hawaiian Village beach for a blessing ceremony for the three twenty-five foot long dragon boats – blue, red, and yellow. It was also a chance for a first practice at rowing the dragon boats. “Captain” **Winfred Pong** is in charge of enlisting sufficient Chamber members (as well as willing family and friends) to crew a dragon boat. Additional practice sessions will be on successive Saturdays, starting on July 7, at 2:30 p.m., adjacent to the pier at the Hilton Hawaiian Village pier.



The 6th annual Dragon Boat Festival will be held on Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29, at Ala Moana Beach Park. Divisional races on Saturday will start at 8:00 a.m. and be completed around 5:00 p.m. while open (all teams entered will compete in three boat heats with the fastest boat advancing to the next heat) races on Sunday will start at 8:00 a.m. and be completed around 1:10 p.m. Teams will be provided by

various Chinese societies and organizations, local military units, businesses, celebrities, and government as well as teams from Hong Kong, Australia, and British Columbia.

For those not interested in spending a day or two on the water, there will be other attractions in the “village” located on the Diamond Head-side of McCoy Pavillion. There will be entertainment featuring a number of local bands, live FM radio broadcast by KCCN/KINE on both days, and also rides and games for children. There will also be a variety of booths: food, crafts, and sponsors like AT&T.

Booth space may still be available. There is a non-refundable \$375.00 booth fee and a refundable \$50.00 security and cleanup fee (refunded about 14 days after the event if your booth area was left in a clean and neat condition on Sunday afternoon). Contact **Gifford Chang** or **Chay Nihipali** at 951-0350.

SHANGHAI CHILDREN’S

PALACE ART TROUPE

On the same weekend as the Dragon Boat Festival, the world-famous Shanghai Children’s Art Troupe will be performing in Honolulu after again being invited by honorary chair **Vicky Cayetano**. Performances will be at the Blaisdell Center Concert Hall on Saturday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, July 29, at 2:00 p.m. Twenty-four multi-talented youngsters, ages 10-17, will showcase their mastery of choral works, dances (folk, modern, and ballet), Beijing opera, and various Chinese instruments. Accompanying them will be fifteen adults from the Shanghai Soong Ching Ling (Madam Sun Yat-sen) Foundation. Proceeds from the performances will be donated to the U.S.-China People’s Friendship Association Scholarship Fund. This cultural exchange is endorsed by the Chamber, Hawaii Heritage Center, Hawaii Chinese Civic Association, Chang Wing Yong Tong, Duck Doo Society, and the Center for Chinese Studies. Tickets are priced at \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00, and you get one free with the purchase of twenty (20) tickets. Use the enclosed insert to order or call **Walter Chang** at 597-8135.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ban Chan

It is a great honor for me to be writing this monthly message to all of you. As the newly installed President of your Chamber of Commerce, I wish to thank all of the Chamber directors, members, and friends for their support and confidence in my leadership. I assure you that I will work hard and do my best to uphold the high standards of professionalism and accomplishments of those who held this office before me.

As I mentioned during my short speech at the Installation Banquet on May

18, 2001, the Chamber plays an important role in promoting economic and business ties with China. Our management and training programs, our sponsorship of cultural exchanges, and our receptions for visiting delegations are just some examples of these ties. Despite the volatility of international relations that arise from time to time, the Chamber during my administration will continue to pursue its mission statement.

There are a couple of activities coming up in the summer months that I want to mention. The Chamber will be participating in the 6th annual AT&T Dragon Boat Festival and races on Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29. **Winfred Pong** is organizing our team, and he welcomes any of you who wish to join in. We need some strong arms and backs to help us row, but even if we don't win, it's really just for fun and companionship. On that same weekend, the Chamber is assisting the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association with its sponsorship of the

Shanghai Children's Palace Art Troupe performance.

The Chamber is also looking for an individual businessperson to honor as its Outstanding Business Person of the Year. If you want to nominate any of our members, be sure to send in your nomination before the end of August. We would like to have a large field of nominations, so don't be shy in nominating one of our colleagues!

Thank you to **Victor Lim** for his guidance and assistance to me over the past year. And thanks to all of you who gave me warm words of congratulations and encouragement at the Installation Banquet. I am looking forward to leading the Chamber over the next twelve months.

Our Narcissus Tour is leaving on the morning of Monday, June 18, so until my message next month, best wishes to all of you.

CHAMBER NEWS & ACTIVITIES



About 70 Chamber's members and friends are interested in a general meeting, held on April 30, 2001 at Sam Choy's Breakfast, Lunch & Crab, featuring keynote speaker, Honorable Jeremy Harris, Mayor of City & County of Honolulu, presenting the "2002 Operating and Capital Budget for the City & County of Honolulu".

Bottom Right: Mr. Li Changshun, vice-president of the China Association for International Friendly Contact and his delegation are delighted to meet the Chamber's representatives at airport and enjoy their 3-day visit to Hawaii for May 12-15, 2001.



Narcissus Festival

U P D A T E

Preparations for the upcoming 53rd annual Narcissus Festival are under way. Festival chair **Frank Mow** met with the committee chairs on Saturday, June 9.

In this issue of *The Lantern*, there should be an insert soliciting Chamber member donations for some of the Narcissus Pageant expenses such as sashes, trophies, *lei*, etc. The names of donors will be included in the Pageant program acknowledgments.

Most importantly, there could be no Pageant without contestants. The application deadline is Tuesday, July 31, 2001. Contestant qualifications include 50% Chinese with a Chinese surname; single and never married; 18-25 years of age (presumably that means a contestant's 26th birthday must be after the Pageant date of Saturday, January 12, 2002); and a resident of Hawaii for at least six months. Interested, qualified young women should contact the Chamber right away.



In addition of the visits to Governor Cayetano and Mayor Harris, Ambassador Lan Lijun makes a courtesy call to House Speaker Calvin Say in the afternoon, May 4, 2001.



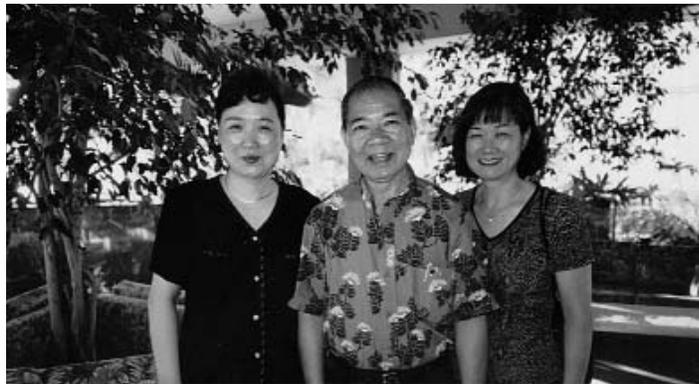
The United Chinese Society, the Chinese Chamber and the US-China People's Friendship Association co-sponsor a welcome banquet in honor of Ambassador Lan Lijun, Consul General of the P.R.C. in Los Angeles for his first visit to Hawaii on May 6, 2001 at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai iwth about 300 participants from the Chinese community.



Three hundred eighty Chamber members, friends, family members and distinguished guests attend the Chamber's 90th installation banquet, held at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai on Friday, May 18, 2001.

WORLD CHINESE ENTREPRENEURS CONVENTION

Chamber members are invited to attend the 6th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention, which will be held in Nanjing, September 17-19. (Previous conventions have been held in Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Vancouver, and Melbourne). The invitation, on behalf of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, comes from **Guo Dongpo** of the Chinese Overseas Exchange Association, **Yu Xiaosong** of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, **Lin Zhaoshu** of the All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, and **Jing Shu-ping** of the convention's preparatory committee. There is a grand welcome banquet on Sunday, September 16, hosted by the preparatory committee, the convention on Monday and Tuesday, sightseeing in Nanjing on Tuesday afternoon, and sightseeing in either Shanxi (three days, \$400.00 per person) or Shandong (two days, \$250.00 per person) provinces on Thursday. Please note that it may already be too late to sign up since the color brochure was provided to the Editor earlier this month, and it appears that the deadline was months ago.



At Chamber's invitation, Deputy Consul General Deng Ying of the Consulate General of the P.R.C. in Los Angeles, accompanied by Consul Chen Li and Consul E Xuewen, makes a special trip to Hawaii to attend the Chamber's 90th Installation.



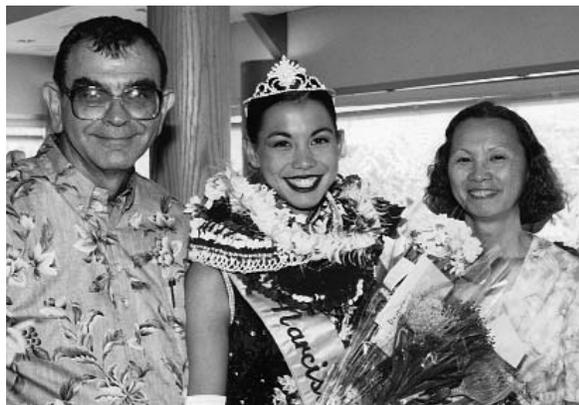
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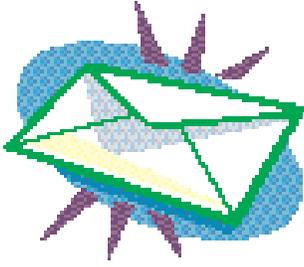
U P D A T E

by Michele Choy

On Sunday, June 10, sixty-two people gathered together at Fook Yuen Restaurant to recognize two young women of the 2001 Narcissus Queen's Court. The first honoree was **Melodee Young**, who moved up to third princess. Frank Mod helped place the sash officially recognizing her new position. **Natasha Lum**, daughter of **Roy** and **Jocelyn Chappel**, was elevated to and recognized as the new fourth princess with a tiara and sash by President **Ban Chan**, and presented with a bouquet of flowers by Narcissus Queen Ying Ying Lee. The delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed by all who attended. This last minute event had such a big and unexpected turnout that it was moved from the private room to the main dining area. Attendees present to support this special ceremony included Chamber officers, the Narcissus Festival executive board, eight of the 2001 Narcissus contestants, escorts, family, and friends. At the conclusion of the ceremony, photographs were taken of the new Narcissus court and well-wishers congratulated Melodee and Natasha. (The changes were necessary because the original third princess relinquished her title, thus necessitating the changes).

Following the ceremony, Narcissus Queen Ying Ying headed down to Waikiki to participate in the annual *matsuri* parade that started from Ft. DeRussy and proceeded to the end of Kalakaua Avenue. Gracing the float were beauty queens Ying Ying Lee, Cherry Blossom Queen **Catherine Toth**, and Miss Hawaii International Queen **Jenny Lee**. They waved to throngs of spectators who lined the streets to see this yearly event. Special thanks to *Ron Nishiki* for inviting our Queen to participate in this event.





Carol Tsai had an article Jiuzhaigou published in the Sunday, June 17, *Honolulu Advertiser*. She described the beautiful area, currently little visited due to its relative inaccessibility with a two-day road trip, as along and expensive part of any tour package. There is good and bad news: the good news is that a nearby air-

port will be completed next year while the bad news is that visitors will miss the beautiful scenery along the way. As Carol notes, the downside to easier access is more tourists.

UH regent **Lily K. Yao** will complete her two-term tenure on the Board of Regents on June 30. She and **Vicky Cayetano** were pictured in the June 21 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, flanking outgoing UH president **Kenneth Mortimer** at the dinner roasting him.

NEW MEMBERS

At its May 29 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Jade Wong**, a realtor-associate with Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties at its Aiea office (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**), and **Yu Shing Ting**, a staff writer with Midweek (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 18 - July 7 **52nd Narcissus Goodwill Tour**
- June 26 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- July 4 • Wed **Independence Day**
- July 24 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- July 31 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

The Tao of Voice

Stephen Cheng, under the auspices of the Honolulu Academy of Arts, will again be teaching his Tao of Voice, an approach to transforming the singing and speaking voice, at the Academy of the Pacific, 913 Alewa Drive. In addition to teaching voice control and communicative power, he teaches workshop students how to integrate ancient Chinese philosophy into the increasingly demanding workplace to control and moderate voice. He also shares breathing techniques and exercises to energize and relax the mind, body, and spirit. Cheng emphasizes that “by elevating spiritual awareness and enhance expressivity, one can achieve better working relationships and become more productive. Communication and harmony at work are key....” For more information about the workshops in July, call **Jackie Burke** at 388-2438.

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