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Dragon Boat Races

Reminder: The 6th annual AT&T Dragon Boat Festival will be held at Ala Moana Park on Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29. Food and craft booths as well as various activities for the children, a live radio broadcast by KCCN/KINE, and live entertainment will be found in the area Diamond Head of McCoy Pavilion. Team races start around 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, and "Captain" **Winfred Pong** is still looking for paddlers. Hopefully, there will be a canopy of some kind for Chamber members, family, and friends in the vicinity of the "high rise," the *mauka* area where the park road curves near the restrooms. There may not be a sign or banner, but with all the Festival activities going on in the area, just plan on walking around and checking everything out anyway. Just be aware that parking may be hard to find within the park unless you get there quite early. Details on booths were included in last month's *Lantern*, and call **Gifford Chang** or **Chay Nihipali** at 951-0350 for information on whether food or craft booth space is still available.

QUEEN SEARCH DEADLINE

Last call! The deadline for Narcissus Pageant contestants is Tuesday, July 31. Contestant qualifications include 50% Chinese with a Chinese surname; single and never married; 18-25 years old (26th birthday must be after the Pageant on January 12, 2002); and a resident of Hawaii for at least six months. Remember, without the contestants, there would be no Narcissus Pageant.

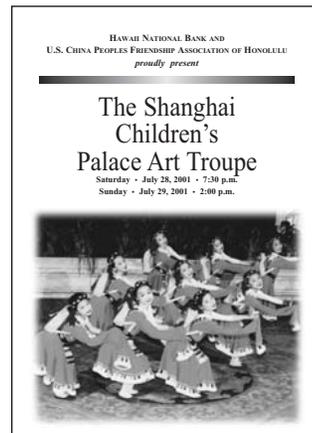
Narcissus Sponsors and Advertising

The Chinese Chamber is looking for Narcissus Festival sponsors: platinum for \$4,500.00, gold for \$3,800.00, and silver for \$2,500.00. Depending on the sponsor level, there will be an ad in the Narcissus souvenir annual; tickets to the Narcissus kickoff reception in November; tickets to the Narcissus Queen Pageant in January, the Narcissus Coronation Ball, and the Narcissus Fashion Show; recognition in the printed programs for major events; recognition in the 53rd annual Narcissus Queen contest posters; an attractive appreciation plaque; and at all levels, five narcissus souvenir annuals. If you are interested in being a sponsor or for more details on sponsor packages, call **Grace** or **Wen Chung** at the Chamber (533-3181) right away.

In addition, there is still room for individuals and companies interested in advertising in the Narcissus Pageant souvenir book. Prices are \$800.00 for a full page, \$500.00 for a half page, and \$300.00 for a quarter page. Contact **Alvin Wong** or **Terrill Chock**.

SHANGHAI CHILDREN'S PALACE ART TROUPE

The same weekend of July 28-29, the world famous Shanghai Children's Palace Art Troupe will perform at the Blaisdell Center Concert Hall. On Saturday, the performance will be at 7:30 p.m. while the Sunday performance will be at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00; one ticket is free with the purchase of twenty (20) tickets. Proceeds from the performances will be donated to the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association Scholarship Fund. The performances are endorsed by the Chinese Chamber, Hawaii Heritage Center, Hawaii Chinese Civic Association, the Chang Wing Yong Tong, Duck Doo Society, and the Center for Chinese Studies. So make it a real Chinese cultural weekend by combining the Dragon Boat Festival and a performance of the Shanghai Children's Palace Art Troupe. You can call *impresario* **Walter Chang** at 597-8135 for tickets or more information.



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Ban Chan

Hello to all of you! My wife, **Susanna**, and I, along with Narcissus Queen **Ying Ying Lee** and her Court, have just returned from our 2001 Narcissus Goodwill Tour to China. We had over sixty people on the tour, and it was an experience that many of us will remember forever. I would like to review with you some of the highlights of our tour.

The theme of our Narcissus Tour was “from the mountains to the plains to the rivers and oceans.” This theme reflects the very diverse geography and topography of our tour. Many of us agreed that the “high point” of our trip was the visit to Huangshan or Yellow Mountain in Anhui Province. The Yellow Mountain range peaks at almost 2,000 meters above sea level., and we hiked right to the top of it after ascending by cable car to the rim where our hotel was located. Yellow Mountain consists of jagged peaks and unique rock

formations, resembling objects such as a turtle, fish, and human face. It may be described as a profusion of smooth gray stone interspersed with magnificent pine trees growing at all angles from the surface of the mountain. Standing on Yellow Mountain, all of us truly realized why it has been the source of inspiration for poets and painters down through the centuries.

In contrast to the heights of Yellow Mountain, we also visited the grassland plains of Hohhot in Inner Mongolia and the farming plains of Xi’an city. It has always been my dream to visit Inner Mongolia, and I was not disappointed. Our tour members were treated to watching Mongolian horse races, Mongolian wrestling, and visiting a typical Mongolian village. We also tasted Mongolian “hot water” (a local liquor), barbecued lamb, lamb eyes, and camel hump! While in Xi’an, we had a royal welcome at the city gate, watched a Tang dynasty show with sixteen different courses of dumplings, and marveled at the terra cotta soldiers in the Xi’an museum.

From the mountains to the plains, and finally to the rivers and oceans. We visited the limestone outcroppings of Zhaoqing city where we were treated to a delicious buffet lunch atop a revolving restaurant with a magnificent view of the area’s numerous lakes. We cruised the Li Jiang (Li River) in Guilin where many of

our tour members also went out one night and enjoyed a local foot massage, and then viewed cormorant fishing. Our tour also included Guangzhou on the Pearl River delta and Shanghai near the Yangtze River delta.

Amidst all of this sightseeing and visiting of China’s historical and cultural sites, our tour members enjoyed the usual sumptuous banquets and many opportunities for shopping. Throughout the whole trip, our Narcissus Queen and Court did an excellent job of representing Hawaii and the Chinese Chamber in their hula performances, meeting local dignitaries, and being interviewed. We are proud of every one of our Narcissus ladies.

The thing that impressed me most about our trip was the sincere warm welcome that we were given by the national and local governments and China Travel Service officials in all of our stops. They hold the Chinese Chamber in high esteem for the many, many years of business relationships that we have fostered with numerous organizations and individuals throughout China. And for that, I owe many thanks to the many past presidents and directors of the Chinese Chamber for paving this road for me and making my job easier to do.

Best regards to all of you!





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"From the Mountains to the Plains to the Rivers and the Oceans"
Featuring the cities of Guangzhou, Zhaoqing, Guilin, Xian, Beijing, Hohhot (Inner-Mongolian Grassland), Huangshan (Yellow Mountain), Shanghai, and Hong Kong, the 2001 Narcissus Queen Goodwill Tour of China, headed by Mr. Ban Chan, President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii for June 18 - July 7, 2001 was a very successful, enjoyable and memorable tour.



FUN COOKING by Elvira Lo

Curried Pineapple Chicken Thai Style

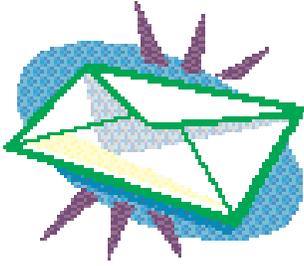
Ingredients:

- 9 dried red chili peppers
- 7 pieces shallots
- 5 pieces garlic
- 1 tablespoon lemon grass, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon shrimp paste
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 cups coconut milk

- 1 pound chicken, chopped
- 3 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 cups diced pineapple

Method:

1. Mix peppers, shallots, garlic, lemon grass, salt, shrimp paste, and sugar, add to pan, and stir until light brown.
2. Add coconut milk to the paste, heat until boiling.
3. Add chicken and cook for 8-10 minutes.
4. Season with fish sauce, add pineapple, and serve.



According to the July 4 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, well-known local *kumu hula* **Nona Beamer** and **Maile Loo**, 1992 Narcissus Queen and Chamber board member, were one of nineteen master-apprentice teams that recently received a monetary award from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. According to the article, the apprenticeships are given for advanced one-to-one instruction between a master traditional artist and an experienced apprentice. The awards are open to practitioners of any traditional art form in any culture in Hawaii, and included Hawaiian, Okina-

wan, Japanese, Laotian, and two Cantonese opera teams. Like others, Nona and Maile selected each other and applied as a team. The award to them was for *hula kahiku* (ancient *hula*) and is designed to cover master artist fees, supplies, and mileage costs essential to the apprenticeship.

Eddie Flores, Jr., and **Kwock Yum “Johnson” Kam** were smiling in the July 8 Dining Out section of the *Honolulu Advertiser*, probably because their L & L Drive-Inn chain continues its expansion. The headline writer (as is often the case) got it wrong, L & L is not expanding “to” the mainland where there are already three locations – Huntington Beach, West Covina, and Cypress – all in Southern California. Instead, L & L is expanding “on” the mainland with expansion planned for Torrance, Cerritos, and Gardena in Southern California, and also Portland. Eddie was quoted as saying that “at least 50 locations” are planned on the West Coast. According to Eddie, he said in a recent conversation that L & L has 50 locations, so the *Advertiser* may have undercounted with “only” 45 locations,

37 on Oahu, one on Kauai, three on Hawaii, and four on Maui. (And let’s not forget that Eddie and Johnson as well as **Thanh Quoc Lam** and **George Chu** and their respective businesses are featured from time to time in Hawaii National Bank radio commercials)

On Wednesday, July 18, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii held a luncheon at which Dr. **Evan Dobbelle**, the new President of the University of Hawaii, delivered the keynote address. More importantly, Chinese Chamber Past President and Emeritus Director **Lily K. Yao**, vice chair of First Hawaiian Bank, was sworn in as the new Chair of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Now Lily has the distinction of being not only the first woman president of the Chinese Chamber, but the first Asian-American woman to be chair of the Chamber of Commerce as well.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 31 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Aug 21 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Aug 28 • Tue Board of Directors Meeting
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

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