

LANTERN

August, 2001

Academy Art Exhibition

Chamber members are invited to an exhibition at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, "The Spirit of Nature: Contemporary Ink Paintings by **Chen Kezhan**," on Thursday, September 6, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Refreshments will be in the Kinau Court, music will be provided by **Frederick Lau** and Friends, and complimentary parking will be available at the Academy Art Center. The exhibition is on view in the Asian Wing Galleries through October 31, and is supported in part by the National Arts Council of Singapore, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.



DOING BUSINESS IN GREATER CHINA SEMINAR

The Hong Kong-China-Hawaii Chamber of Commerce (HKCHCC) will be presenting a seminar on "Doing Business in Hong Kong, China, and its Neighboring Economic Regions," on Tuesday, September 25, at the Asia Room of the East-West Center. The cost is \$25.00 for HKCHCC members and members of "affiliated" Chambers of Commerce, and \$35.00 for all others. Among the speakers are Chamber members **Johnson Choi**, "First Choice: Hong Kong, Your Asia-Pacific Platform;" **Elvira Lo**, "The Advantage of Hawaii's Geographic Location;" **Puongpun Sananikone**, "A Hawaii Consulting Firm's Success Stories in Doing Projects in China;" and **Michael Zhang**, "Doing Business in Hawaii: The Hawaii Entrepreneur's Point of View." Seating is limited, so RSVP by September 20.



FUJITSU ASIA PACIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

JAIMS, a private, non-profit post-graduate institution established by Fujitsu Ltd. in 1972, has announced that the 2002-2003 Fujitsu Asia Pacific Scholarship program is now accepting applications. The Program was established in 1985. A full-tuition scholarship is available to Hawaii residents for either the China-focused MBA (CHEMBA) or Japan-focused MBA (JEMBA). The full-time, 15-month CHEMBA and JEMBA programs are a joint venture of JAIMS and the UH College of Business Administration. The programs include MBA courses, business Chinese or Japanese language study, and China- or Japan-focused management courses as well as a three month internship in China or Japan. Application deadline is October 31. For more information, contact Chamber member **Julie Chen**, JAIMS Manager for Marketing and Pacific Affairs, at 396-7119 or email at jchen@jaims.org.





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I know that by now, many of you have returned from family vacations and travel, and I hope that all of you enjoyed your summer with many memorable experiences. During July and August, there certainly was no vacation from our busy activities at the Chamber's office.

Thank you to all who participated in the Shanghai Children's Palace Art Troupe activities in late July. The performances were well attended, and I saw many of you in the audience enjoying the show, which was emceed by our Queen, **Ying Ying Li**. **Walter Chang** and the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association of Honolulu as well as Hawaii National Bank deserve congratulations for their presentation and main sponsorship of this event. I am glad that our directors were able to meet many of the child performers up close and in-person at our July 31 luncheon meeting. For many of the children, this was their first

visit to America, and I am sure that they will remember the aloha spirit that all of you showed to them.

That same weekend, our Chamber was represented in the AT&T Dragon Boat Races held at Ala Moana park beach. **Winfred Pong** did a great job of organizing our participation in this event, but unfortunately, our boat did not exactly row its way to victory. But everyone had fun as well as aching arms and sore shoulders!

There have been quite a few foreign delegations as well. On July 20, the Chamber and the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association co-hosted a dinner for Minister **Guo Dongpo** of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office (OCAO) in Beijing and his delegation of five, including representatives of OCAO in Guangzhou and Fuzhou. Also invited were Deputy Consul General **Xu Shiguo** and Consul **Diao Ming** from the PRC Consul General's office in Los Angeles. Past President **Randall Chang** and **Wen Chung Lin** took good care of our visitors.

On July 27-28, we also hosted four officials from the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office in Shanghai. The four delegates, led by Deputy Division Chief Mr. **Zhou Hong**, were on a tight schedule, but specifically made time to come to Honolulu to visit the Chamber. While I was tied up that weekend with the Dragon

Boat and Shanghai Children's activities, **Randall** and **Wen Chung** again took good care of our visitors.

We had more visitors a few days later in early August. We entertained four officials from Gansu province led by Chairman **Yang Zhen Jie** of the Gansu Provincial Committee.

We all know that we have many outstanding and accomplished members within our Chamber, but many of them are modest and humble when it comes to showcasing their business achievements. Every year, the Chamber recognizes its "Outstanding Businessperson of the Year," and I urge you to submit your nominations before the end of August. While there is a time and place for being humble, we should not be afraid to "show off" to our community and to the rest of Hawaii those individuals in our Chamber who deserve to be recognized for their talents and success stories. So don't be bashful, and send in your nominations for your colleague or even for yourself.

Time does fly. Preparations for the 53rd Annual Narcissus Festival are already under way, and on the evening of Thursday, August 23, the candidates for the Queen and Court will be presented. Narcissus General Chair **Frank Mow** tells me that we will not be disappointed! Stay tuned, and see you next month!



Honorable Guo Dongpo, Minister of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council of the PRC leads a 6-member delegation on a goodwill mission to Hawaii July 20-22, 2001. Minister Guo and the delegation are warmly welcomed by the representatives of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and the US China People's Friendship Association upon arrival at Honolulu airport.

Sleeping Giant Book

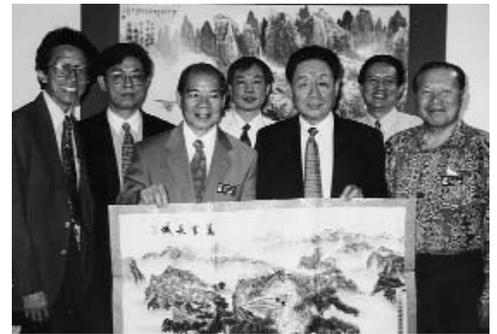
It's the end of August, almost Labor Day, and before you know it, it will be Christmas. In anticipation of Christmas, please consider purchasing the just published children's book by noted local author, James Rumford, *Kahalaopuna the Beauty of Manoa*. The beautifully illustrated book tells the story of Kahalaopuna, the beautiful princess of Manoa, and Kauhi, the sleeping giant of Wa'ahila Ridge. The famed Manoa wind and rain are Kahalaopuna's father and mother, bringing us life. And the Manoa rainbow, a symbol of aloha, is Kahalaopuna herself. The thirty-two page hard-cover books are available in either an English or Hawaiian version at \$12.95 per book. There is also a special gift set of both the English and Hawaiian books pre-signed by the author in a cloth-covered slipcase for \$39.95. Proceeds from the sale of these books will go to Malama o Manoa's Educational Endowment Fund and to help preserve Manoa Valley. There will be a book sale celebration on Sunday, September 23, at the Manoa Recreation Center Pavilion at which books can be picked up. From 3:00-5:00 p.m., purchasers can get their books autographed by author James Rumford. Books can also be picked up for a month after that date during business hours at Bank of Hawaii Manoa, Tom Terrific's Manoa, and Starbuck's Manoa. Call **Gerald Chang** at 949-5296 to place an order or for more information.



Minister Guo pays courtesy call upon Governor Benjamin Cayetano, State of Hawaii on July 20 afternoon.



Minister Guo visits the Chamber's office and presents the Chamber a souvenir of silk embroidery "The Great Wall".



Dragon Boat Festival

The Dragon Boat Festival took place this year on Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29, at Ala Moana Park. "Captain Courageous" **Winfred Pong** was able to assemble a scratch crew to man (the traditional, albeit not necessarily politically correct term) the Chamber's boat on Saturday, and **Frank Mow** was there to cheer the crew on. Unfortunately, Winfred is currently (along with wife **Beverly**) on the mainland, taking his son to start his freshman year at USC. According to Frank, there were around eighteen people involved in the Chamber's entry, and they competed in three heats. Let's hope we can get a complete report from Winfred next month, and properly recognize every one of those who put their backs, arms, and shoulders into paddling the Chamber's dragon boat.

SHANGHAI CHILDREN'S PALACE

The Shanghai Children's Palace Art Troupe returned to Honolulu for performances on the evening of Saturday, July 28, and the afternoon of Sunday, July 29, at the Blaisdell Center Concert Hall. On Sunday evening, the twenty-four members of the troupe and thirteen accompanying adults were introduced to Chuck E. Cheese pizzas in Aina Haina, along with the many games. (While there are a number of American fast food franchises in Beijing and Shanghai such as McDonald's and KFC, it is believed that Chuck E. Cheese has not gotten there yet). On Tuesday, July 31, the Board of Directors' meeting was shifted to China House II so that the officers and directors could have lunch with the members of the troupe. Much thanks to the **Ted and Juliet Hsia** Foundation, which contributed \$500.00 in memory of the late Mrs. Juliet Hsia to underwrite the cost of the lunch for the Shanghai Children's Palace Art Troupe. Thanks also to **Walter Chang**, who not only organized the children's appearances here, but also accompanied them to their mainland appearances in Los Angeles and San Francisco.



Photos on pg 4 & 5: The Chinese Chamber and the Friendship Association co-host a welcome banquet in honor of Minister Guo and the delegation in the evening of July 20 at Hilton Hawaiian Village.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Last month, the Hong Kong-China-Hawaii Chamber of Commerce elected new officers and directors for the 2001-2002 term. **Johnson W. K. Choi** was elected President/ Executive Officer and director, and **Yen Chun** and **Charlotte Vick** were elected directors. **Puongpun Saninikone** and **Carol Tsai** are founding members along with Johnson, Yen, and Charlotte. Congratulations to all of you.

The July 27 *Honolulu Advertiser* TGIF "Dining Scene" column featured a picture of a smiling **Jennifer Chan** and favorable review of her new restaurant, Little Village, located at 1113 Smith Street. Critic-chef **Matthew Gray** said that "Little Village is my new favorite Chinese restaurant. ... clean, very friendly and the food is positively delicious" and adds that "The air conditioning is top-

notch." The restaurant is open from 10:00 a.m. to midnight daily, and an effort is made to use less oil and MSG.

Speaking of restaurants, Eastern Garden is celebrating its tenth anniversary, according to the August 19 edition of the *Advertiser's* Sunday "Dining Out" supplement. Owners **Larry** and **Linda Chan** opened their first location on Waialae Avenue, and over the years, have added locations in the Westridge Shopping Center, at 2045 Kalakaua in Waikiki, and at 46-023 Kamehameha Highway in Kaneohe. In honor of the anniversary, the Chans are having a lunchtime anniversary special: \$1.95 for *dim sum* items (with the exception of the *look fun* roll and lotus chicken wrap), Monday through Friday (except on holidays), at the Kaimuki and Westridge locations only. (Normally, only small *dim sum* items are \$1.95 while medium items are \$2.45 and large items are \$3.25). Also, a \$7.99 lunch buffet is available daily at the Westridge and Kaneohe locations between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The ubiquitous L&L Drive Inn chain was selected by readers of *Honolulu Weekly* as "Best Plate Lunch" in its August 15 "Best of Honolulu" issue. According to the *Weekly* in its write-up of reader selections, "We like the fact that L&L's owner once bragged that his product is 'greasier' than Zippy's—a shrewd bit of honest marketing." Apparently the *Weekly* isn't aware that L&L is owned by co-owners **Eddie Flores, Jr.** and **Kwock Yum "Johnson" Kam** (not just one person), so guess which one of them made that statement about greasy food? Maybe Eddie and Johnson should chat with Jennifer Chan about offering a healthy menu.

Not to be outdone, Chamber immediate Past President **Victor Lim** has acquired his seventh McDonald's franchise from McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii. According to the "tradewinds" column in the August 20 *Advertiser*, the Ala Moana center location (relocated over the years from what was one of the very first McDonald's locations in Hawaii) joins



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Victor's other franchises at Dole Cannery Square, Enchanted Lake, Fort Street Mall, Queen Street, Waimanalo, and Kailua.

State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland arranged a bus tour of Oahu facilities that use bioremediation. That is a process which uses plants to clean toxins from soil or water. Bioremediation is being considered as a possible alternative for disposing of sediment to be dredged from the Ala Wai Canal later this year. Currently, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources plans to dump almost 168,000 cubic yards of silt three miles out to sea at an Environmental Protection Agency site. According to the story in the August 8 Star-Bulletin, another 18,515 cubic years of silt containing pesticide or lead residue would be mixed with cement and used as landfill material on the outer reef runway at Honolulu International Airport. Other stops included Pearl Harbor where Navy officials are examining alternatives for handling dredged material; an experimental Dole Food Co. "constructed wetland" project

near Wahiawa for treating 50,000 gallons per day of sewage; and a Del Monte phytoremediation project using hale koa tree material to filter out EDB pesticide from polluted well water. Suzanne is the vice-chair of the Senate Water, Land, Energy and Environmental Committee.

Wen Chung Lin and Wallace Ching were quoted in an August 19 article in the Sunday Honolulu Advertiser, "Chinatown still a hub of culture," by Tanya Bricking. The article looked at Census 2000 figures and the distribution of Chinese on Oahu and in the rest of the state.

Back on December 17, 1997, Susanna Cheung, founder of Opportunities for the Retarded Inc. (ORI) and Helemano Plantation, was featured in the cover story of MidWeek. That story was recently updated in a June 13 "Old Friends" column in MidWeek written by new Chamber member Yu Shing Ting. According to the article, Susanna has recently been working on establishing "ORI Anuenue Hale Inc.," an elderly and

disabled care facility, which would be built on 43 acres of land on the mauka side of Kamehameha Highway near Kawela Bay. The facility would have a health and wellness center, a day care center for the elderly with therapeutic services, music, and dancing, gardens, campsites, and ten family housing units. Unfortunately, neighbors have expressed concern about added traffic and the commercial aspects of the center. According to an article in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, a \$2 million federal Community Development Block Grant is being sought from the City Council. Ann Higa, COO for Anuenue Hale, says that there would be no more than 100 clients and a similar number of employees at the facility, and a food service facility and sundry store would be for on-site residents and employees, not visitors. Knowing how determined and dedicated Susanna can be, she will probably be able to go ahead with her plans.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

July 20-22, 2001

- Mr. Guo Dongpo, Minister
OCAO of State Council of the PRC & Delegation of 6

July 20-22, 2001

- Mr. Xu Shiguo, Deputy Consul General
The Consulate General of the PRC in LA &
Delegation of 3

July 27-29, 2001

- Mr. Zhou Hong, Division Chief
Shanghai OCAO & Delegation of 4

July 22 - August 1, 2001

- Mr. Ai Baiying, Secretarial General
Shanghai Sung Ching Ling Foundation & Delegation
of Shanghai Children Palace Art Troupe of 37

August 1, 2001

- Mr. Yang Zhenjie, Chairman
Gansu Provincial CPPCC & Delegation of 6

August 21, 2001

- Ms. Xu, Executive Producer
Peking TV Station Crews of 4

August 22, 2001

- Mr Hu Houcheng, Director
Foreign Affairs Committee of Jiangsu Provincial
CPPCC & Delegation of 6

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

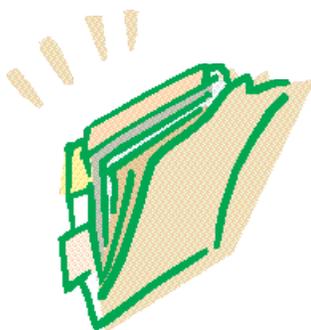
Aug 28 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Sept 3 • Mon	Labor Day
Sept 18 • Tue	Executive Board Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Sept 25 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Once again, the *Lantern* Editor would like to remind all members that the monthly newsletter is for the benefit of the membership. If you have a "special" that you wish to offer the other members—anniversary special, sale, etc.—please let the Editor know. He does read extensively in local publications, but sometimes forgets to jot down the reference to a member's ad or a mention in an article as the recipient of an award or honor. So please, take advantage of the opportunity for free publicity (provided it's not on a recurring basis month after month, in which case the *Lantern* may charge for ad space).

The Editor would also like to remind Narcissus committee chairs or the chairs of various events to contact the Editor in order to publicize the event in a timely manner before the event and also to thank people for their help after the event. Many times, the Editor is the principal writer for the newsletter, and would like to gratefully acknowledge (in alphabetical order) **Vernon Ching, Michele Choy, George Chu, and Elvira Lo** for contributing articles from time to time. Just be aware that the Editor will exercise his prerogative to check the grammar and punctuation of any submittals in order to make the writer look good. So don't be shy, share your knowledge and experience and write an article for the *Lantern*.

NEW MEMBERS



At its July 31 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Philip Mow**, a systems engineer with Hawaiian Electric (sponsored by **Frank Mow**); and **Sean Yonehiro**, an estimator with Chris' Roofing (also sponsored by **Frank Mow**).

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