

# LANTERN

September, 2001

## ACUW “Traditional Chinese Wedding”

The Associated Chinese University Women and its President, **Verna Lum**, invite you to its 2001 Chinese cultural event from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Sunday, October 7, at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. At the Beretania Street entrance, there will be a display of dowries and traditional style of registration (until 4:30 p.m.). In the Central Court, there will be a wedding altar, stage performances as well as arrival of the bride and groom, procession around the complex, and ending at the bridal bed in the Asian Court (1:30-3:00 p.m.). A wedding banquet and refreshments will be available in the Pavilion Café (1:30-4:30 p.m.). The Mediterranean Court will have a wedding tea ceremony (2:30- 4:30 p.m.). Traditional Chinese jacket and frog-making will be demonstrated in the Henry Luce Pavilion Complex. The Kinau Court will have Chinese lantern puzzles, entertainment, art, games, and prizes. Presents for newlyweds attending the event will be available in the Central Court (evidence of marriage is required, however). And in the Asian Court, there will be a photo display of the traditional Chinese wedding, a bridal bed display, and a limited number of free photographs will be taken (2:00-4:00 p.m.). Best of all, admission is FREE!

## Special Business Mission



The Chinese Chamber, in cooperation with the state Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), is sponsoring a business mission to China, Cambodia, and Vietnam. The mission will depart on Thursday, November 1, and return on Friday, November 16. In China, the members of the mission will participate in the China International Travel Mart 2001 in Yunnan. (Last year, past Chamber presidents

**Vernon Ching** and **Frances Goo** led a nine-member delegation to CITM 2000 in Shanghai.) Over 1,400 tourism marketing, planning, and policymakers are expected. Cambodia represents numerous opportunities in training and infrastructure development. And in Vietnam, the mission will visit Hanoi and Hue to explore project opportunities for Hawaii businesses. The cost of approximately \$4,000.00 includes air fare, hotels, and ground transportation. For further information or to sign up, contact **Richard Fassler** at 587-2775 or e-mail him at [rfassler@dbedt.hawaii.gov](mailto:rfassler@dbedt.hawaii.gov). Please note that the deadline for registration is October 8, 2001.

## Narcissus Kickoff



This year, the Narcissus Kickoff will take place somewhat earlier than usual — on Thursday, November 8. So for that reason, notice is being given to members in this issue of *The Lantern* rather than waiting until next month's issue. The venue will tentatively be the Honolulu Suite in the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Tapa Tower (depending on your RSVPs, this may be in the smaller Tropic Showroom in the Alii Tower). There will be the usual heavy *pupu* and Chamber members, family, and friends will get their first look at the sixteen lovely contestants. The evening's events begin at 6:00 p.m. Presumably, invitations will be mailed to Chamber members, so check the invitations for any change in location.





Ban Chan

It is already September, and our various committees for the 53rd Narcissus Festival are all busy with their preparations and behind the scenes planning to get ready for our events. If you happen to see Narcissus General Chair **Frank Mow** out of breath recently, it is because he has been running from one meeting to another to make sure that progress is being made on all fronts. As our events take place over the coming months, culminating in the Queen's Pageant, Coronation Ball, and Fashion Show, I hope to see many of you enjoying the results of all the hard work by Frank and

his committees.

Sixteen young ladies were introduced as contestants and candidates for the next Narcissus Queen and her Court on Thursday, August 23, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Following that orientation and chance to get acquainted, they began a series of classes on a variety of Chinese subjects such as cooking, calligraphy, and the like as well as charm and makeup sessions. It is amazing to watch the transformation of these young women as they learn about Chinese culture, history, and etiquette in preparation for the pageant. It will be another challenging year for our judges to select a Narcissus Queen and four princesses.

Also in late August, the Chamber was visited by Ms. Xu, executive producer of a well-known Beijing television station. Ms. Xu and her crew of four were here to film a travel documentary about our state. A short sequence included the Chamber, and I was honored to appear in

it. When the film is aired in China, we can all be proud of the Chamber's role in the documentary.

Unfortunately, one China delegation had to cancel its visit in mid-month, and a China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC) had to postpone its visit until mid-October.

In closing, remember that our Chamber membership is our lifeline. I would like to send out a call to each of you to make it a goal to bring in at least one new member this year. Every organization needs new ideas, and oftentimes these come from new members. Although we have been fortunate to see our numbers hold steady, we can all do more to encourage our business colleagues and friends to join our Chamber. So don't be bashful about getting a supply of new member applications from our Chamber office!

## CHAMBER'S VISITORS

Premier **Chang Chun-Hsiung** of Taiwan recently made a transit stop in Honolulu on the way back to Taipei, following a visit to the Caribbean. Chamber President **Ban Chan** and other officers were invited to a banquet in honor of Premier Chang on Sunday, September 9, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom.

On the following day, September 10, the Chamber was visited by Dr. **Chang Fu-Mei**, Taiwan's Minister of Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission. President **Ban Chan** and President-Elect **Frank Mow** greeted her at the Chamber's office.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

AAA-Hawaii is offering all members of the Chamber, their families, and associates an opportunity to become new AAA members for only \$54.00. That's \$20.00 (27%) off annual membership! Among the services provided to AAA members are emergency service (towing, gas, dead battery), travel services, maps, TourBooks, group movie tickets, notary service, and AAA discounts on hotels, restaurants, and car rentals. To join, call **Charisse Freitas**, account representative for group membership sales, at 597-5095, or enroll online at [www.aaa-hawaii.com/group](http://www.aaa-hawaii.com/group) and enter code #7541.



# Hispanic Festival

The Hawaii Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 8th annual Hispanic Festival from 11:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20. As usual, it will be held at Kapiolani Park, and there will be lots of food, dancing, and entertainment. (In case you're wondering, the HHCC seems to be one of the few ethnic or geographical chambers in Hawaii that gives us notice of their events. Also, **Suzanna Ho** is a member of both chambers).



Left: The evening show performed by the world famous Shanghai Children Palace Troupe on July 28, 2001 at Blaisdell Center Concert Hall is very enjoyable and wins applause of all audience.

Below: The Directors of the Chinese Chamber are delighted to meet the Shanghai Children at a luncheon hosted by the Chamber on July 31, 2001 at China House Restaurant II.



## WONG

### CENTENNIAL

The Wong Kong Har Tong Society of Hawaii, founded in 1902, will be celebrating its 100th birthday on March 23, 2002. To commemorate the occasion, the society is planning to publish a centennial anniversary souvenir book. You're invited to place a congratulatory message in the souvenir book with rates ranging from \$200.00 for business card-size to \$1,000.00 for full page. Cash or other donations are also welcome. Deadline for completing the advertising commitment form and returning it along with a check is January 1, 2002. For more information, call **Gilbert Wong** at 595-6112.

# PALOLO CHINESE HOME

On August 4, with the support and encouragement of Arcadia Elder Services, the Palolo Chinese Home (PCH) board of directors decided to rebuild the entire facility over the next three years. Arcadia Elder Services, a non-profit subsidiary of Arcadia Retirement Residence, has been authorized by the PCH board to manage the new campus and programs. The Arcadia was Hawaii's first continuing care retirement community and has six times the number of residents as PCH.

By contracting out management, there will be greater economies of scale in the bulk purchase of food and supplies, a greater variety of resident activities, and specialization in financial programs and monitoring of government regulations. The new campus, scheduled to open in September 2004, will consist of 88 residential one bedroom and studio units surrounding a large courtyard and central dining/activity room. There will also be 20 intermediate care units for expanded care. PCH has budgeted \$16.5 million for construction. In the interim, residential care will continue to be provided by accommodating residents in the Lani Booth Building, which will be renovated later.

## SHANGHAI CHILDREN'S PALACE ART TROUPE WRAPUP

We would like to thank **Ho-Ming** and **Susanna F. Cheung** for hosting a dinner for the Art Troupe at their residence in Kahala on Tuesday, July 31. Included in the occasion were special guests, members of the Chinese Chamber, friends, and *keiki* to make this dinner exciting and memorable for the Shanghai children. As a remembrance of their visit to Hawaii, Susanna had several fun activities for the Shanghai children such as making their own material plumeria flowers and also learning to dance the hula along with dancers from *Halau O Hokulani*. Susanna was surprised that the Shanghai children really enjoyed the sushi bar.



*The Shanghai children are interested in practicing hula dance with the dancers from Halau O Hokulani at an evening party, kindly hosted by Chamber's member Mr. Ho-Ming Cheung and his wife Susanna on July 31, 2001 at their Kahala residence.*

## TAX PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS WANTED

by Robert C. Y. Lum, Oahu District Coordinator

Do you like to help people? Like to work with numbers? Are you pleasant and patient, caring and courteous? Dependable and responsible? A detail-oriented and neat person who listens and communicates well? If your answer is "yes" to each question, then consider serving as an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) tax aide.

The AARP is looking for volunteers to help in preparing tax returns for tax year 2001 (returns due on or before April 15, 2002). The AARP Tax Aide Program is a non-profit entity operated by volunteers, who do free income tax returns, generally for low or moderate income taxpayers. Last year, almost 22,000 taxpayers in Hawaii were assisted.

Volunteers will be trained free, generally in January. They must then pass a test. Each volunteer who passes the test will be assigned to a site and generally serve about four hours a week from February 1 to April 15. For an application or more information, call **Kalfred Chang**, state coordinator, at 531-8863.

At their August 28 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Brian Jim On**, an engineer and department head at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (sponsored by **George Chu**); and **Brian Kim**, a sales associate with Allstate Insurance (sponsored by **Frank Mow**).

And at the September 25 meeting, the Board approved the application for **Alan Aloiau**, a financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**). Welcome to both Brians and Alan, and we look forward to meeting you at the next Chamber function.

## FUN COOKING

by Elvira Lo

### Pan Fried Chicken with Sweet and Sour Sauce

#### Ingredients:

2 boneless chicken breasts, skin removed  
1 Tbsp. olive oil

#### Marinade:

1/2 tsp. parsley  
1/2 tsp. crushed garlic  
1/2 tsp. chicken stock powder  
1/3 tsp. sugar  
1 tsp. flour

#### Seasoning:

2 Tbsp. rice vinegar  
1 Tbsp. ketchup  
1 tsp. sugar  
3 oz. chicken stock  
1/2 tsp. potato starch

#### Method:

1. Rinse, pat dry, and marinate chicken breasts for 10 minutes.
2. Over a slow fire, heat the olive oil, and cook the chicken.
3. Mix ingredients for seasoning in a small pan, bring to a boil, reduce heat, and cook until thickened.
4. Pour sauce over the chicken and serve.



**FROM THE EDITOR:** This month's *Lantern* is later than usual, in part due to the distraction of Terrorist Tuesday and its aftermath. To date, the Bush administration has refrained from blindly lashing out at those believed responsible. Undoubtedly, 9/11/01 will be a date we will remember for the rest of our lives. Take a moment to remember the real heroes, the policemen and firemen who risk (and sometimes give) their lives to protect others each and every day. And remember that there are charitable organizations in Hawaii that need donations to help our fellow Hawaii citizens who are being affected by that terrible Tuesday.



Belated best wishes to **Chao Ying Bossert** and her husband, **Phil**, who were moving to Shanghai at the end of August, according to a story in the business section of the August 13 *Honolulu Advertiser*. They will be running a consulting business, the China Hawaii Investment Corporation, which will assist Hawaii clients needing everything from translation services to business development advice as well as working with Chinese businesses interested in Hawaii. The firm already has thirteen clients, including the University of Hawaii and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (where Phil was the former deputy director). Part of the reason for

moving to China is so that their seven-year old daughter, **Lian**, can “experience the culture there.”

Chairwoman of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii board of directors and former Chinese Chamber president **Lily Yao** was co-author of an opinion piece, “Silent majority must speak up now in support of Army,” in the Sunday, September 9 issue of the *Honolulu Advertiser*. Speaking for the Chamber’s many business members, including its Military Affairs Committee, Lily pointed out the importance of military spending to Hawaii’s economy. Over the last decade, the state Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism reports that federal expenditures in Hawaii have increased 83%, and were over \$9 billion last year, almost as much as tourism revenues. In light of the tragic events in New York and Washington, D.C., on September 11, it is believed that Hawaii’s tourism sector will be seriously affected, and increased defense spending may make up some of the difference. And if use of Makua Valley was important for company-size training when the article was written, it is even more so now. Realistic live-fire training is critically important to unit

readiness. (Recall also that we are in the midst of the fiftieth anniversary of the Korean War, and the tragic end of the battalion-size Task Force Smith on July 5, 1950, at Osan. TF Smith was brought in from occupation duty in Japan where the men of the 24th Division had had little or no training, and thrown into combat to stop the invading North Koreans. Out of 540 soldiers, 150 were killed, wounded or missing that morning).

“A Supersized Happy Meal Deal” was the title of **Ann Botticelli**’s September 12 *Entrepreneurs* column in *Midweek*. The subject was none other than immediate past Chamber president **Victor Lim**, and he was pictured smiling in front of his seventh and newest McDonald’s location, this one at Ala Moana Center. Victor became a franchisee fourteen years ago, but he started as a management trainee with McDonald’s in 1974 while working on his MBA at the University of Hawaii. Increasing the profitability of every one of his franchises, Victor credits “paying attention to detail and consistently providing what the customers want.”

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Oct 8 • Mon **Columbus Day**
- Oct 23 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**  
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Oct 27-Dec 16 **Collection from the Shanghai**  
Museum Art Exhibition  
Honolulu Academy of Arts
- Oct 30 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

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