

Narcissus Festival Reminder



Last month's issue of *The Lantern* mailing included fliers/order forms for the Coronation Ball on Saturday, February 2; the Fashion Show on Sunday, March 3; and an omnibus form for the Queen Pageant on Saturday, January 12, the post-Pageant Reception later that evening; the Coronation Ball, the Fashion Show; and the 53rd annual Narcissus Festival souvenir book.

If you have not already done so, contact the Chamber at 533-3181 to order your tickets or additional souvenir books. If you have already done so, then don't forget to mark the relevant events on your 2002 calendars.

Phoenix Dance Chamber UPDATE

by Yen Chun

The Phoenix Dance Chamber (PDC) of Hawaii Foundation for Chinese Culture & Arts is proud to announce the formation of a new dance class for youngsters. This class is designed for girls from the ages of 3 to 6 who are interested in dance and art. The new class will start on Saturday, January 5, 2002. The students will prepare for a public stage appearance at the PDC Spring Dance Concert on April 21, 2002. Classes will be held every Saturday morning, beginning January 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tuition is \$35.00 per month. Class size will be limited to a maximum of ten (10) students. The class will be held at the second floor dance studio of the Moiliili Community Center (MCC) on King Street, next to Down to Earth food store. Parking is available at the MCC lots. For information or to register, contact instructor Gina Ling at 586-4249 (work) or 234-5688 (home) or Diane Letoto at 955- 0640.

China Management Training Program

by George Chu

We are pleased to announce the resumption of our Chamber's training program as nine management people will arrive from China on January 15, 2002. This delegation was originally scheduled to be here the middle of September, but that was cancelled due to the September 11 tragedy. We are particularly happy that the sponsor is the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC), the public relations arm of China, because your Chamber has enjoyed a long, friendly relationship with this organization. **Kenneth Chong**, who is currently setting up the agenda, will be the coordinator. The program will be focused on hotel management, development, and construction. We hope that this will be the start of a good year for many more management groups coming to Hawaii for training.



P R E S I D E N T ' S

M E S S A G E



Ban Chan

Some people say, "Time flies when you're having fun." Other people say, "Time flies when you're busy." In my case, I think that both of these sayings are true, at least for this past year of 2001. In the first part of 2001, I had fun and I was busy as the General Chair of the 52nd Narcissus Festival. In the second half of 2001, I had fun and I was busy leading the Narcissus Tour to China and performing other duties of your President. During this whole period, time has gone by like a flash, and here we are at the end of 2001 with another year gone by!

Many of us will remember this past year by what happened on September 11. This tragic and sad event has caused many people to dig deep into their souls and search for the truly meaningful values in their lives. The ultimate aftermath for the events following September 11 is yet to be determined, but I know that many of you join with me in hoping that the world returns to peace and harmony in 2002.

The change to a new year also brings a time for reflection and appreciation. I wish to thank all of the Chamber's members, directors, and officers who gave their time and efforts to participate and support our activities during the past year. I am looking forward to the challenges of the new year, and I hope that all of you will achieve your individual goals and dreams that you have set for yourselves.

Annual Palolo Chinese Home Visitation December 2, 2001





NARCISSUS PUBLIC APPEAR- ANCE

by Dennis Hwang

On November 11, 2001, the 53rd annual Narcissus Festival Queen contestants appeared at the Fook Yuen Restaurant at McCully Shopping Center. The program began with a Chinese lion dance by the Gee Yung International Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association, and welcoming by President **Ban Chan** and Narcissus Festival General Chair **Frank Mow**. Over 130 family and friends attended the luncheon event. Following the delicious buffet lunch, each contestant personally introduced herself to everyone at each of the tables. An impromptu speech then followed whereby each contestant appeared in front of the entire group and shared something about herself. All sixteen contestants did a terrific job at their first public speaking engagement. The program was then turned over to **Terri Hansen**, marketing specialist for McCully Shopping Center, and a contestant from last year's Pageant, **Colleen Tom**, to present door prizes to everyone.

A big *mahalo* to McCully Associates and the merchants at the McCully Shopping Center for their generous support. A warm *mahalo* also to the contestants' families and friends for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend the luncheon and to show their support for the contestants.



Ying String Quarter Presentation, co-sponsored by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Hawaii Chinese Civic Association, and the Honolulu Chamber Music Series, at State Capital November 26, 2001.



Web Design Services

Chamber member **Ian Chang** has started a new a web development and management consulting firm, XHype Communications and Design. Web development services include putting up a Website as well as an outsourced solution for those functions. XHype provides value-added services in creating custom-designed Websites with a specialized look and feel suited to its customer's corporate identity and culture. Websites produced by its staff are not only programmed to be technically sound, but also designed to be aesthetically pleasing. XHype produces sites that will meet the real needs of the clients, based on their current resources and visions for the future. In addition, XHype personnel will go into a business, analyze its business processes and product lines, and help to identify opportunities for efficiencies and e-strategies.

Among its personnel area programmer/consultant who has professional experience as a Chinese translator as well as import/export and merchant banking in China, and also a consultant with Fortune 500 experience in corporate development and corporate finance. Chamber members will receive a 5% discount on XHype's services. If you're interested in what XHype can do for you, either in Website design or management consulting, contact Ian at tel. no.: 779-4973, fax. no.: 337-0123, or check out its Website at www.xhypedesign.com.

FUN COOKING

by *Elvira Lo*

Stir-fried Crab in Vietnamese Sauce

Ingredients:

1 medium crab
2 Tbsp. shallot
2 Tbsp. chilli
1 onion
1 piece tamarind
chicken stock
flour
oil
2 Tbsp. black pepper
2 Tbsp. garlic

Method:

1. Wash and chop crab into pieces.
2. Slice shallot, chilli, and onion.
3. Mash tamarind in some chicken stock
4. Dip crab pieces in flour, fry in oil, remove and drain
5. Stir fry shallot, chili, onion, black pepper, and garlic, then add crab pieces.
6. Discard tamarind, and pour sauce into crab, mix well, and serve.

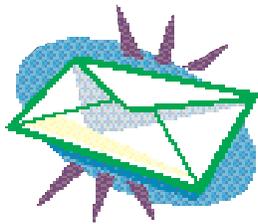
2002 REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

By now, Chamber members should have received the assessments, which were sent out by the City last Thursday and Friday, since the deadline for the mailout was Saturday, December 15. From anecdotal evidence, it seems that homeowners in central Honolulu and areas east were especially hit hard. This was confirmed by an article in the December 20 *Star-Bulletin*, which included a map of Oahu.

An article by Bob Dye in the November 18 *Honolulu Advertiser*
John Henry Felix

Lowell Kalapa of the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

You should look your assessment notice over VERY carefully.



The November 25 Dining Out section of the Honolulu Advertiser featured the picture of a couple of the workers at Helemano Plantation. Inside, there was a story about the annual fund-raiser on December 14 at the Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom.

Vicki Viotti's article, "A master will teach family-style hula," appeared in the November 28 *Honolulu Advertiser*, publicizing the "Christmas Ohana Workshop on December 1 and 8. The workshop, taught by Chamber director, 1992 Narcissus Queen, and *kumu hula* **Maile Loo** and her *hanai* mother, **Nona Beamer**, was "aimed at linking the generations in music and song." Maile was quoted as saying that "It's just something fun [for mothers and daughters] to do together as a family." The event was sponsored by the non-profit Hula Preservation Society, which was founded by **Kehaulani Beamer** and Maile, as a fund-raiser for documenting the hundreds of methods and styles in hula traditions throughout the islands. (The article stated that the Society was documenting "Beamer traditions" and Nona had to write a letter to the editor to correct this. She added that the Society's "preservation teams" were conducting and recording interviews with *kupuna* to perpetuate the knowledge about ancient hula, and will be made available for community hula research purposes. Maile, as *kumu hula* of Halau Hula O Kaho'oilina Aloha, was one of those interviewed for an article in the December 2 *Honolulu Advertiser* on newly-wed brides dancing a hula for their husbands at the wedding

reception. She said that women who have no hula background have learned a dance, not a hula, which includes the larger cultural context of Hawaiian history, myths, legends, and language.

Among those sharing their memories of the Pearl Harbor attack in the "Pearl Harbor Plus Sixty Years" special report in the December 5 *Honolulu Advertiser*, was **Henry Chu**. On the "date which will live in infamy," Henry was 17 and went down to Pearl Harbor with a friend after the attack. They spent 48 hours straight on the cruiser U.S.S. *Raleigh*, pumping out water and welding a patch to save the damaged ship.

The December issue of *Hawaii Business* featured executives biographies for executives from Hawaii's top 250 companies. (The companies were selected on the basis of gross revenues and the 250 largest companies were covered in *HB's* August issue). Chamber members **Eddie Flores, Jr., Johnson Kam, Warren Luke, and Nonie Toledo** were included in the "Black Book."

Victor Lim was one of six executives covered in "Public People, Private Passions" in the same issue of *Hawaii Business*. As anyone who knows Victor can tell you, he is definitely a dog lover, the owner of seven Shar-Peis, two of them champions. Walking his dogs in two shifts a day has lowered Victor's blood pressure and cholesterol level.

Helemano Plantation's annual fund-raiser for the special people of ORI took place on December 14 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Emcees were Chamber member and Helemano Plantation CEO **Ann Higa** and Dr. **Norman Cheung**. Norman's mother, the indomitable **Suzanna Cheung**, and Ann as well as the special people who are ORI clients were prominently featured in an affecting video. **Paulette Lee** of

Helemano Plantation and **Peggy Oshiro**, the fund-raiser chair, were pictured on the cover of the November 25 "Dining Out" section of the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

Linda and Larry Chan were pictured on the cover of the December 16 "Dining Out" section of the Honolulu Advertiser. A feature story inside focused on the holiday buffets on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day at Eastern Garden I (Waialae Avenue), II (Westridge Shopping Center, and III (Kaneohe). Brunch buffets are available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and priced at \$14.99 for adults and \$7.99 for children from 3-12 years old. The Christmas and New Year's dinner buffets will be served from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and the cost is \$21.99 for adults and \$12.99 for children. In addition to the normal Chinese selections, there will also be shrimp cocktail and prime rib available at the dinner buffets.

NEW MEMBERS

At their November 27 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Li May Tang**, president of Hong Kong Harbor View Seafood Restaurant (sponsored by **Ban F. Chan**) and **Thomas Wong**, a partner in the law firm of Devens, Nakano, Saito, Lee, Wong & Ching (sponsored by **Russell Leu**).

At its final meeting of the year on December 18, the Board of Directors approved the application for **Warren Woon**, an account executive with Dennis Wong & Associates (sponsored by **Queenie Chee**). Welcome to all of you, and we look forward to meeting you at the next general membership meeting.



NARCISSUS GOODWILL TOUR

It's many months away and no one knows who will be selected as the 53rd annual Narcissus Queen, but it may be appropriate to budget for the 2002 Narcissus Goodwill Tour. The 21-day tour, which leaves Honolulu June 15 and return July 5, includes seventeen days in China and three in Hong Kong.. The tour will visit Guangzhou, Xiamen, Zhangzhou, Wuyi Mountain, Shanghai, Luoyang, Shaoling Temple, Zhengzhou, Zeijing, Zhuhai, Zhongshan, and Shenzhen. There is also an optional two-day stopover in Taipei. Currently, the estimated cost is \$3,998.00 per person (double occupancy) and \$2,666.00 per child under 12 years of age. More details will be provided early next year. For more information or to sign up, contact the Chamber at 533-3181 or Skyway Travel at 526-1347.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 1 • Tue **New Year Day (2002)**
- Jan 12 • Sat **53rd Narcissus Queen Pageant**
6:15 p.m. - NBC Concert Hall
- Jan 22 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Jan 29 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Feb 2 • Sat **53rd Narcissus Coronation Ball**
5:00 p.m. - HHV Coral Ballroom
- Feb 8 • Fri **Chinatown Open House
& Lion Dance**
6:30 p.m. - Chinese Chamber Office
- Feb 8 & 9 **Chinatown New Year Celebration**
Fri, 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sat, 12:00 noon - 11:00 p.m.
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
- Feb 12 • Tue **Chinese New Year**

Special Offer for Chamber Members

by Aaron Chan

Are you looking for a good investment? Hawaiian Moon is offering a *kamaaina* 45% discount on all of its island lifestyle merchandise, ranging from men's, women's, girl's, boy's, and also toddler's, in contemporary Hawaiian prints and styles. All designs are exclusive and made proudly in Hawaii. There are many textures of rayon or cotton clothing to choose from. You even have your choice of solids. Hawaiian Moon is located in the Waikale Premium Outlet, next to Saks at 5th, and the phone number is 678-9826. Come visit a store that is designed to remind you what paradise is all about. Take your time and browse while you listen to the soothing music and enjoy the surroundings. This investment will bring new meaning to your lifestyle or to someone you care about. There is no better place for the true Gift of Aloha than here at Hawaiian Moon!

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