

LANTERN

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UPCOMING NARCISSUS FESTIVAL E V E N T S

The Coronation Ball will take place on Saturday, February 2, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Flyers were enclosed with last month's issue of *The Lantern*, but to refresh your memory, the evening begins with no-host cocktails at 5:00 p.m., the doors to the Coral Ballroom will open at 5:40 p.m., the lion makes its entry at 5:50 p.m., and the coronation is at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. The mouth-watering menu will feature fresh scallop soup, roast duck salad, lobster curry with fried *haupia*, scallop and double mushrooms with pine nuts, five-spice chicken, beef with black pepper sauce, and *lychee* ice cream with cookie wafer. The after-dinner entertainment program begins at 8:00 p.m., and the Governor's waltz with the newly crowned Narcissus Queen is scheduled for 8:45 p.m. The cost for the seven-course dinner is \$49.00 per person or \$490.00 per table.

On Friday, February 8, **Kuuleialoha Chun**, the 53rd Narcissus Queen and her court, escorted by Chamber officers, will visit a host of Chinese restaurants and stores as part of the Chinatown Open House. The evening starts at the Chamber office on King Street at 6:30 p.m. with fireworks and lion dances. The group will spend the evening walking through Chinatown, making visitations, and the young ladies will be given *li see*. They will ultimately end up at the Moongate Stage at the Chinese Cultural Center.

On both Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9, for the Chinatown New Year's celebration, there will be booths galore at the Chinese Cultural Center, selling foods, t-shirts, and other items. There will also be entertainment on the Moongate Stage, and of course the many restaurants and shops in the Center will be open. On Friday, the hours are from 5:00-11:00 p.m. while on Saturday, booths will be open from 12:00-11:00 p.m.

Finally, don't forget that Tuesday, February 12, is Chinese New Year's Day.

Hong Kong Talk

At 11:30 a.m., on Friday, February 22, **Norman Chan**, Deputy Director of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, will discuss Hong Kong and the "peg" of the Hong Kong dollar to the U.S. dollar and also China's prospects after its entry into the World Trade Organization. The talk at the Plaza Club is sponsored by the Hong Kong China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$30.00 for members and their guests. Seating is limited to twenty-five (25) people due to the size of the room, so if you want to attend, call Johnson right away at 222-8183

Chinese New Year's at Foster Botanical Garden



The Foster Garden Chinese New Year Festival will be held on Sunday, February 10. There will be a Chinese lion dance highlighting the program as well as a Chinese plant and herbal display, Chinese good luck scrolls (waichun), Narcissus bulb carving and flower display, feng shui display and sale, Kwan Yin fortune stick readings by Sharissa Chun, Year of the Horse recycled plant art sculpture, Chinese New Year's altar, food booths, and much more. The cost for all this is a mere \$1.00. What with all the wet weather recently, perhaps you should have some mosquito repellent with you if you're planning to attend.



Ban Chan

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season. Now that we are starting a new year, I wish that all of you achieve your goals for this year, and I also hope that this year brings you good health, peace, and prosperity! The numerals “2002” are interesting because whether read forward or backward, they still come out to “2002.” Perhaps this signifies that 2002 should be a year of balance, moderation, and avoidance of extremes.

On January 1, 2002, the officers of the Chamber attended the traditional New Year’s Day reception and greeting at our Chamber office. This event was

sponsored in conjunction with the United Chinese Society, and it was nice to be there and give my personal good wishes to many of our leaders in the Chinese community. Thank you to the officers and directors who attended this event.

What is the month of January without the Narcissus Festival? As you all know, the Chamber is very busy with coordinating various activities and events. By the time you read this message, the Queen Pageant will already have taken place, and a new Narcissus Queen and her Court will already have been announced. I hope that many of you enjoyed the events on the evening of Saturday, January 12.

Our Coronation Ball on Saturday, February 2, will be a grand extravaganza! If you haven’t already signed up, please do so because you will not be disappointed with the pageantry and ceremony of the evening as well as the delicious food. Narcissus Festival chair **Frank Mow** promises a lively evening of excitement and culinary delight!

And speaking of our Narcissus Festival, I want to thank our outgoing Queen and Court – **Ying Ying Lee, Brandi Jim On, Michelle Loo, Melodee Young, and Natasha Lum** – for their enthusiasm, cooperation, service, and sincerity in representing the Chamber. All of these young ladies were exemplars in their attitudes and actions to put their best foot forward for the Chamber. Please join me in wishing them the best in their future endeavors, and we hope to hear from all of them in the future as they continue onward in their careers and other achievements.

The topic of our office location continues to be a subject of discussion among past presidents, board members, and several senior leaders of the Chamber. Our present office lease expires in several years, and we need to formulate a game plan as to what we should do at that time. A special committee will soon be formed to do an in-depth study of this topic. We will keep you informed of developments.



The annual Christmas party was held at the Treetops Restaurant December 17, 2001

CHINA MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

by Kenneth Chong

A delegation of eleven from the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC), headed by **Ren Qimin**, visited Hawaii from January 15-18. They attended a management training program sponsored by the Chinese Chamber and coordinated by its Business Development Committee, headed by **George Chu**.

The delegates were from Beijing, Jiangsu, and Fuzhou, and included some who were in hotel management and real estate development. They were greeted on their arrival by Chamber President **Ban Chan** and Executive Vice President **Wen Chung Lin**. After a day of sight-seeing, they enjoyed a sumptuous Chinese dinner at Royal Garden with members of the Chamber who had been hosted by CAIFC in the past.

Two and a half days of training sessions and hotel tours followed. Cooperating with the Chamber in this program were **Rick Egged**, President of the Waikiki Improvement Association and former head of the State tourism office; Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo architects; the Sheraton Moana Surf-rider; the Halekulani Hotel; the Hilton Hawaiian Village the Ko Olina Resort Association; and the J. W. Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa.

All of the representatives were effusive in their praise for the training program, arranged by Ken and **Lishan Chong**; the translation provided by the Chamber's interpreter, **Yeh Ding**; the host speakers; and the warm Hawaiian hospitality. The delegation's itinerary after Honolulu included stopovers in six mainland cities before returning to Beijing.



CAIFC delegation of 11 visited Hawaii January 15-18, 2002 to attend the US Training Program on Hotel Management, co-sponsored by the DBEDT and the Chinese Chamber

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CHAMBER ELECTION

This is an early notice to members regarding elections for Chamber directors. Voting will be held at the Chamber office, 42 North King Street, on Friday, March 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Members should remember that it is their right to vote, so please exercise that right by taking the time to stop at the Chamber to vote. And while you're at it, perhaps you can help one of the small businesses in Chinatown by eating lunch that day at one of the many fine restaurants in Chinatown, some of whose owners are Chamber members.

SCHWAB WORKSHOPS

Charles Schwab & Co. provides a variety of investing workshops for new and old investors, whether Schwab clients or not. Chamber member and Schwab broker **Teresa Lau** has sent the first quarter schedule and it's too full to reproduce here. Suffice to say that they have a Webshop workshop (Feb. 19 and Mar 19 in English and Feb. 5 and Mar. 5 in Cantonese) which teaches the basics of using and navigating the Schwab.com Website. There is also a Women Investing Now (WIN) conversation series on retirement (Feb. 12 and Mar. 12), investing strategies (Feb. 13 and Mar. 13), and putting your portfolio on track (Feb.14). Other workshops include Navigat-ing Today's Market (Feb. 6 and Mar. 6), Are You Ready to Retire? (Feb. 20), Planning Your Financial Future (Mar. 20), and Fixed Income (Feb. 7 and Mar. 7). For more information or to sign up, call Teresa at 534-9708.

NARCISSUS PAGEANT

On Saturday, January 12, the excitement began at about 6:15 p.m. when **Glenn Wakai** and **Stephanie Lum**, both reporters with KHNL News 8, took their places as master and mistress of ceremonies. Following the opening number choreographed by **Audra Chun**, the many family, friends, and Chamber members were welcomed by President **Ban Chan** and Festival Chair **Frank Mow**.

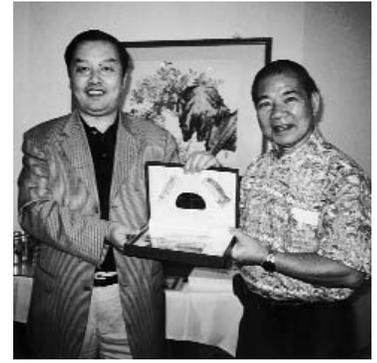
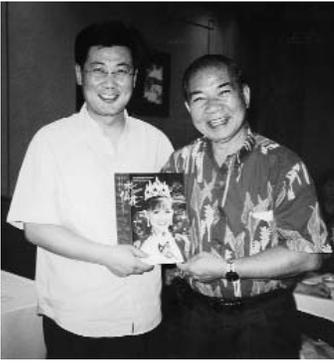
After an evening in which the sixteen lovely contestants showed off their talents and dazzling *cheongsams*, the judges' decision was announced. First came the special awards: Miss Popularity (based on Narcissus Pageant ticket sales) was **Yu Shing Ting**; Miss Congeniality (based on the contestants' votes) was **Katherine Mei Ching Chung**; and **Kuuleialoha Kwai Lin Chun** won the Miss Talent award by performing a graceful *hula*, "My Sweet Pikake Lei." Finally, the moment everyone had been waiting for, the Narcissus Queen and her court. In order of the announcements: **Kaipolani Jasmine Kam Lan Chang** was selected as Fourth Princess; **Colette Chin Mei Ching** was Third Princess, Second Princess was **Sherri Mei Jing Seto**, First Princess was **Natalie Wai Chung Louie**, and **Kuuleialoha Chun** was Narcissus Queen.

Afterwards, family and friends greeted the sixteen contestants in front of the Neal Blaisdell auditorium. Congratulations and well done to all of you. Without you, there would be no Narcissus Pageant.

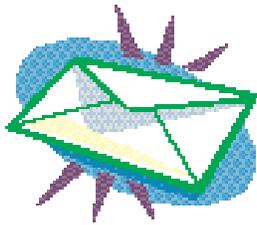


Narcissus Queens New and Old

According to the January 21 *Star-Bulletin*, her father, **Patrick** is full Chinese, and her mother, **Theresa**, is half-Russian, one-quarter Chinese, and one-quarter Hawaiian. Doing the necessary math, that means the new 53rd Narcissus Queen, **Kuuleialoha Chun**, is 5/8 Chinese, 1/4 Russian, and 1/8 Hawaiian. The 50th Narcissus Queen, **Leilani Tan**, was recently pictured in *Ku Lama*, the UH system's newsletter, as part of a three-woman moot court team that placed fourth in the International Environmental Law Competition in Florida. Leilani competed against fifty other students to be recognized as Best Oralist Runner-Up, showing her skill at oral argument. And 47th Narcissus Queen, **Elyn Yao**, was home recently to serve as a judge at the Narcissus Pageant. Apparently Elyn is living in the Seattle area and is working for that monopolist software company, Microsoft. That's OK, we still love you, regardless of who you work for.



M E M B E R S H I P N E W S



“A new game,” an article by **Johnson Choi**, appeared in the Sunday, December 23, *Star-Bulletin*. The article, which covered most of the page, dealt with the opportunities as well as the challenges for Hawaii businesses presented by China’s entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO). On a recent trip to Hong Kong, Johnson met with over thirty business leaders in Hong Kong and southern China. As a result of the meetings, it appears that one of Hawaii’s biggest handicaps is a lack of direct flights from China and Hong Kong while education and health care present opportunities. To read the entire article, go to the Hong Kong China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce Webpage at www.hkchcc.org.

According to the December 28 issue of *Pacific Business News*, former President **Kenneth Chong** has been named managing director of Avalon Realty LLC. He will be in charge of all licensee activities in the company. After retiring in 1990 from Kaiser Development Company, Ken started his own firm, Pacific Realty Consultants, Inc. He has been involved in real estate development, financing, marketing management, litigation, and education for

more than thirty years.

Leonard J. K. H. Kam was recently elected first vice president of the Tsung Tsin Association.

The January 2002 issue of *Hawaii Business* focused on “What Now?” for the Hawaiian economy. **Elvira Lo**, Chamber director and owner of Elvira Chocolat, was pictured on page 23 and featured in “Chocolate Highs” on pages 29 and 30. Elvira was named 2001 Small Business Exporter of the Year for Hawaii by the U.S. Small Business Administration. In addition to local sales, Elvira exports to Japan and Taiwan, and is now looking at expanding to China.

Between Christmas and New Year’s, **Douglas Ho** appeared on Channels 4, 8, and 9 in pieces covering his travels with world heavyweight champion **Muhammad Ali**. Doug’s sister, **Annie**, is married to Ali’s personal physician, Dr. **Charles Williams**, and Doug traveled with Ali as part of his entourage and financial advisory team from 1970-82. He was ringside at over twenty championship fights, traveling with Ali to such places as New York, Las Vegas, Malaysia, Africa, London, Berlin, Vancouver, and the Philippines. On October 1, 1975, Doug was at ringside to witness the “Thrilla in Manila” when Ali KO’d **Joe Frazier** in the fourteenth round. It was the greatest heavyweight championship fight of all time. According to Doug, traveling with the legendary Muhammad Ali was the greatest experience of his life.

L & L Drive-Inn founders **Johnson Kam** and **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, were pictured in the January 6 “Dining Out” section of the *Honolulu Advertiser*, showing off the artwork for their Year of the Horse t-shirt. (The following week’s supplement had a coupon that you can use to get the T-shirt with a design featuring a horse with an Uncle Sam hat on, a string of firecrackers (Chinese, of course), and the legend “God Bless America” for only \$5.00 with the purchase of a Pepsi drink) According to the article, the two entrepreneurs have plans to expand, opening fifty L & L locations throughout the West Coast in the next five years. Five franchises are already up and running in Southern California, and seven more will open in the next four months – four more in Southern California, one in the Bay Area, one in Seattle, and for the gamblers who need their fix of local plate lunch, Las Vegas. Hawaii has forty-eight franchises—forty on Oahu, four on Maui, three on the Big Island, and one on Kauai.

N E W M E M B E R S

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

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

January 15-18, 2002 (Hotel Management

Training Program)

- Mr. Ren Qimin, Deputy Secretary General
China Association for International Friendly Contact
and delegation of 11

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 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 Day**
- Feb 18 • Mon **President's Day**
- Feb 19 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Mar 3 • Sun **53rd Narcissus Fashion Show**
11:30 a.m. - HHV Coral Ballroom

FUN COOKING

Our regular correspondent, **Elvira Lo**, is traveling for a food show on the mainland. In lieu of her column, however, for the foodies, we suggest you check the Electric Kitchen at the Hawaiian Electric Website (www.heco.com). This year, there are so many Narcissus-related recipes that they had to be in installments. The first installment includes recipes prepared by 2001 Narcissus Queen **Jessica Ying Ying Lee** and two of her princesses: Lobster Curry with Fried Haupia (Ying Ying); Prawns with Honey Glazed Walnuts (1st Princess **Brandi Jim On**), and Almond Float (2nd Princess **Michelle Loo**). (These recipes show how simple it is to make the fried *haupia* as well as to make the walnuts just for snacking). Narcissus contestant cooking instructor **Linda Chang Wyrzatsch** has recipes for the second installment: Chinese Onion Pancakes (sometimes referred to as green onion pancakes), Microwave Shanghai *Gau*, and Potstickers with Dipping Sauce.

The Electric Kitchen programs are broadcast on Oceanic Cable channel 16 on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Mondays at 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m., and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. The program featuring Ying Ying and two of her princesses apparently was shown from January 1-15, and the one featuring Linda Wyrzatsch will be shown January 16-31.

The Electric Kitchen has recipes dating back to 1995 as well as a historical background on the Electric Kitchen. Did you know that the Electric Kitchen's ethnic cooking program had its beginnings with the Narcissus Festival cooking programs over 30 years ago? For foodies, it's a good place to get some enticing local recipes although there doesn't seem to be a "printer-friendly" formatting capability if you want to download the recipes.

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