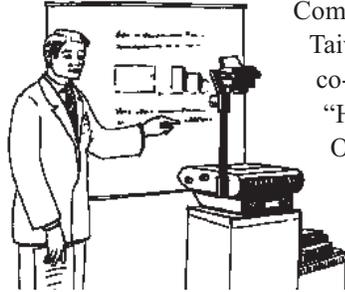


Canton Trade Fair OPPORTUNITIES



The Hong Kong-China-Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, the China Club, and the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a panel discussion on "How to Get the Most Out of Opportunities at the Canton Fair." The Canton Trade Fair (or by its full name, the Chinese Export Commodities Fair or CECF) takes place each year in May and October, and is huge, many

times bigger than our "world-class" Hawaii Convention Center. In order to help local businesspeople who have expressed interest in either attending or exhibiting at the trade fair, an evening gathering will be held on Friday, March 22, at the Hong Kong Harbor View Seafood Restaurant.

The goal is to provide information on getting the most out of business opportunities there. Registration and business networking will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion and opportunity for questions and answers from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The panel will include **Fu Lang**, Deputy Director General, Foreign Affairs Office and Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Guangdong Provincial People's Government; **Hu Zhusheng**, Ph.D., Deputy Chief, Shenzhen Municipal Government Economic Reform Commission; and **Wang Yu**, President, Asia Pacific Trading Group, Inc. Please note that their presentations will be in Mandarin only, and due to the tight schedule, there will be no English translation. Dinner will be from 7:30-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 for members of the sponsoring organizations, and \$40.00 for all others. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 20, by calling **Johnson Choi** at 222-8183, **Wayne Lu** at 478-7555, and **Michael Zhang** at 351-3588.

According to **Hu Chusheng**, Secretary General for the CECF, at the 90th session last October, there were more than 100,000 buyers from 176 countries and regions in attendance. Business turnover amounted to \$13.4 billion. Due to requests from visitors and exhibitors, the 91st session will be in two phases this spring: April 15-20 and April 25-30. Phase I of the Spring Fair will include raw materials; machinery and tools; electronics and electrical appliances; textiles and garments; foodstuffs, native produce, animal by-products, and medicines and health products while Phase II will include housewares and articles of daily use; gifts and ornaments; and stationery and sporting goods. Those interested should note the change in show time and format; presumably future sessions of the CECF will be in phases.

BREAKFAST WITH ROBERT LEES

The Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, the East-West Center, the Hong Kong-China-Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, the Hawaii Society of Corporate Planners, and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii are sponsoring a breakfast talk by **Robert G. Lees**, who is stepping down as Secretary General of the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC) after nine years. Lees' talk will cover his reflections on the region's political and economic situation and how it affects Hawaii's position and its economic future. The breakfast will be on Tuesday, March 12, in the cocktail lounge of the Waiialae Country Club. The cost is \$15.00 for members of the sponsoring organizations and \$20.00 for all others. If you're interested in the talk, contact the PAAC at 944-7780 by Monday, March 11, to RSVP. Please note that no-shows will be billed.

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS POSTPONED

Due to funeral services for **Frank Mow** on Friday, March 1, elections for a slate of sixteen directors to serve from 2002 to 2005 has been postponed to Tuesday, March 5. Members should have received a postcard notice in the mail by Tuesday, February 26.



Ban Chan

“Gung Hee Fat Choy” in the Year of the Horse! I hope that all of you had a nice Chinese New Year’s celebration. My wife, **Susanna**, and I wish all of you good health, prosperity, and happiness in the New Year.

Congratulations to our new Queen **Kuuleialoha Chun** and her new Court! Our Narcissus Coronation Ball on February 2 was a great success, and we are all proud of our new ambassadors of goodwill to the Chinese community, the state of Hawaii, and later on to China when they embark on the Narcissus Tour. Thank you to all of you who worked both on stage and behind the

scenes to make our Queen’s Pageant and Coronation Ball run so smoothly.

Our general election for directors is just around the corner, and **Tai Yau Chung** and his nomination committee are busy putting the final touches to the agenda. Our election proves that although many people come and go, the quality of our leaders is never diminished, and we continue to have individuals volunteering their time and know-how to make our Chamber successful.

We had several events in February to keep us busy such as the 2002 Legislative Business Forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the CPCC delegation of six from Beijing, and the Hawaii Ethnic Heritage series at Honolulu Hale, featuring the Chinese Festival. Of course on Friday, February 8, we had the “Walk through Chinatown” with the new Queen and Court. It was a cold and wet evening, but it did not dampen the spirits of the crowd and the numerous merchants and shop owners that we visited to wish happiness and prosperity in the New Year. I was delighted to see several

Chamber members and directors along our Chinatown route, and I thank you for your moral support and warm words as our group weaved its way through the crowds.

As many of you know, the Horse in Chinese astrology is known for its determination and strong will. From a global perspective, this certainly is not the best of times. Our country remains at war, and our local economy is still in the doldrums. Determination and strong will add up to “perseverance,” and that is what we all need during this Year of the Horse. So let’s keep our hopes high, let’s keep on working hard, and let’s all contribute both individually and collectively to doing our best to help others and our community!

And finally, on behalf the Chamber’s officers, directors, and members, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of **Frank K. S. Mow**. As you know, he was the Narcissus Festival general chairman and Chamber President-Elect. Frank’s vitality, energy, and hearty handshake will be greatly missed.



The 53rd Narcissus Queen Pageant.



CHAMBER'S VISITORS

February 1-3, 2002

- Consul General & Mrs. Lan Lijun
 Consulate General of People's Republic of China and delegation of 3

CHING MING OBSERVANCE

According to front page stories in both major dailies on January 28, this year, the Lin Yee Chung will not be having its traditional elaborate annual observance of Ching Ming at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. One can only hope that before April 5, the Chinese community can unite to support at least a simple ceremony to initiate the month-long observance. Malama O Manoa, the community group dedicated to historic preservation in and education about Manoa Valley,



Coronation Ball and after

On Saturday, February 2, some 650 Chamber members, family, and friends gathered at the Coral Ballroom for an exciting evening of ceremony, fabulous food, and a variety of ethnic entertainment. The evening began with the stately royal procession and crowning of the new Narcissus Queen. The sumptuous seven-course dinner followed. Following dinner, Governor **Ben Cayetano** danced the first waltz with newly crowned 53rd Narcissus Queen, **Kuuleialoha Chun**, while other Chamber officers danced with the members of the Court. Many of the audience spent the rest of the evening dancing, some of them demonstrating that they were proficient ballroom dancers.

Then on Friday, February 8, Narcissus Queen Kuuleialoha Chun and her court were escorted through Chinatown. On a wet evening, they visited a multitude of shops and restaurants to offer Chinese New Year best wishes and to receive *li see* in turn. The following night, Saturday, February 9, the Queen and Court made an appearance on the Moongate Stage at the Chinese Cultural Center.

HANDS OFF THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

by Gerald Y. Y. Chang

As most Chamber members know, the legislature is in session. Faced with a deficit of some \$300 million, some legislators are now casting covetous eyes at the money in the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (HHRF) as a means of reducing the deficit. Apparently, some of them were lulled by the 2001 hurricane season which was a very quiet one. However, if they checked the Hurricane Daniel archive at the National Hurricane Center's Website (www.nhc.noaa.gov/2000daniel_text.html), they would find that it was a hurricane with winds up to 110 knots (over 127 miles per hour). Daniel was on track to go right up the Hawaiian archipelago, but fortunately, it veered further north-north-west as it roared toward the Big Island. Had it stayed on track, Daniel would have caused billions of dollars in damages, and the money in the HHRF would have been a drop in the bucket.

Hawaii has been lucky that in 1982 and 1992, it was only Kauai that got hit by Hurricanes *Iwa* and *Iniki*. According to the NHC Website, it took 40 minutes for the eye of *Iniki* to move from south to north (Waimea to Haena) across Kauai. Over land, *Iniki* had maximum sustained winds of 140 mph and gusts up to 175 mph.

According to a January 13, 2002 *Advertiser* survey of the legislators, 43 legislators were against using the HHRF to help balance the state's budget, one was in favor, and the other 32 had no response! (There are a total of 76 legislators, 25 senators and 51 representatives).

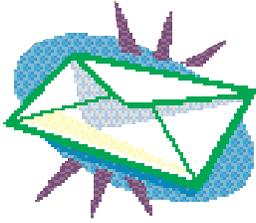
And according to reports in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Los Angeles Times* the previous week in January (as well as in the January 11 issue of *Pacific Business News*), the water in the eastern Pacific is already heating up and it looks like an *El Nino* condition is being created. As you may recall, *El Nino* is associated with severe weather and the eastern Pacific is the breeding ground for hurricanes, including Daniel in 2002.

So to those Chamber members who are currently serving in the legislature, perhaps you should share this information with your colleagues. The question is "when", not "if" Hawaii will get hit by another big hurricane. Members wanting to refresh their memories about the background and mechanics of the HHRF should check the Hawaii Association of Realtors (with some 5,000 members state-wide) Website at www.hawaiirealtors.com/govaffairs/410_HHRF_background.htm or get an update at www.hawaiirealtors.com/govaffairs/410_HHRF_default.htm

[Editor's note: This article is intended to provide information to the members about the HHRF issue. However, it is the writer's opinion that the HHRF money should not be touched. It is solely the writer's opinion, which is not necessarily shared by the Chamber's officers or directors.]



New Queen Kuuleialoha Chun and her court.



On the cover of the February 3 "Dining Out" section of the *Honolulu Advertiser*, behind an array of blooming Narcissus flowers, **Linda Chan** is pictured holding a golden horse and **Larry Chan** is holding a *gau*. The Chans of course are the owners of Eastern Garden I-III (Waialae Avenue, Westridge Shopping Center, and Kaneohe). A special Year of the Horse banquet was being offered earlier this month as well as a six-course Valentine Day special.

According to the *Pacific Business News* Website on Thursday, February 7, AM Partners recently received an award from the Institute of Store Planners and *VM+SD* magazine. The nautical-themed design of the ABC Store in the Shops at

Wailea was only one of one hundred sixty-eight projects competing. **Charles Lau** is president of AM Partners, which employs ten architects, each with more than 20 years experience, and has revenues of nearly \$8 million a year.

Chamber member **Li May Tang**, owner of Hong Kong Harbour View Seafood Restaurant, and her restaurant manager were pictured the cover of the February 10 "Dining Out" section of the *Honolulu Advertiser*. The restaurant had a Chinese New Year's day special featuring lion dances and fireworks starting at 7:00 p.m. There were also special set menus for parties of three, six or nine people. The article also noted that lunchtime *dim sum* plates are only \$1.98 each.

NEW MEMBERS

At its January 29 monthly meeting, the Board of Directors approved the application for Dr. **Samuel Lo**, who is an ophthalmologist and eye surgeon (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**).

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Condolences

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It was a shock to find out that Narcissus Festival general chair and Chamber president-elect **Frank Kim Sui Mow** had passed away on Tuesday, February 19, at Tripler Army Medical Center. Frank was a general agent with Ameritas Life Insurance Company (formerly Bankers Life of Nebraska Life Insurance). He is survived by his wife, **Yat Fun "Dorothy" Mow**, son **Philip**, daughter **Queenie Mow-Chee**, sister **Margaret Lin**, and two grandchildren. On Friday, March 1, visitation at Borthwick Makai Chapel, 1330 Maunakea Street, was from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. A tribute by Chinese Chamber officers and directors was at 11:15 and funeral services began after 12:00 noon. Graveside services with full military honors were at 2:00 p.m. at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery; the afternoon in Kaneohe was beautiful with blue skies and some cloud cover. Frank's sense of humor was reflected in the printed funeral program: "No *huhu*, call Magoo's." Frank will be missed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 19 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Mar 26 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

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