

Chamber Elections

On Tuesday, March 5, Chamber members had an opportunity to vote on a slate of sixteen directors who will serve from June, 2002 to June, 2005. New directors are **Gordon Au**, an insurance agent with Pyramid Insurance Centre, Ltd., and **Stanford Yuen**, executive assistant to the Admiral, U.S. Navy Region Hawaii. Directors reelected to new three-year terms are **Clyde Chun**, president, Chun & Associates; **Yen Chun**, senior consultant, Uniket Ltd.; attorney **Dennis Hwang**; retiree **Vernon Jim**; **Leonard Kam**, sales agent, Royal State Group; U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee **Gayle Lau**; **Kwock Nam Lau**, owner, Royal Kitchen, Inc.; attorney **Russell Leu**; **Elvira Lo**, owner, *Elvira Chocolat*; **Sylvia Louie**, vice president, private banking, American Savings Bank; **Alex Marn**, managing partner, McCully Associates; **Alvin Wong**, general partner, Royal Kinau Partners; Dr. **Franklin Young**, pediatrician; and retiree **Henry Yu**. Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your willingness to serve.

Elections for 2002-2003 officers were held on Friday, March 15. The following will be sworn in at the installation dinner in May: **Reuben Wong** will serve as President, **Terrill Chock** will be President-Elect; First Vice President will be **Winfred Pong**; Second Vice President will be **Ming Chen**; **Michele Choy** will be English Secretary; **Henry Yu** will be Chinese Secretary; **Alvin Wong** will be Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer will be **Libby Leu**; Auditor will be **Elvira Lo**; and of course, Immediate Past President will be **Ban Chan**.

CHINESE TOURISM MEETING

The Hawaii Chinese Tourism Association will be holding its annual membership luncheon on Thursday, March 28. The meeting will be held at the Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel, 2300 Kalakaua Avenue, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a guest speaker, **Dalton Tanonaka**, formerly host of NHK's "Japan Business Today" and a correspondent with CNN International, and now a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor. Tanonaka will speak on "Why Hawaii is Behind in the Race to China and How We Can Catch Up." Cost is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling 523-1837 and send checks to HCTA, #2003, 1188 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI 96813. For more information, call **Henry Ou** at 951-7778.

Palolo Chinese Home Benefit

For all the golfers in the Chamber, the Palolo Chinese Home (PCH) is holding its 12th annual PCH Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament at the Ala Wai Municipal golf course on Thursday, May 9. There will be a putting contest and check-in starting at 9:30 a.m., and a light lunch and beverages will be served prior to the start. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. with a 3-person modified scramble format. Maximum handicaps for men (30) and women (36), and minimum total team handicap (36). There are prizes for the first ace on the 8th hole (grand prize of round trip for two to Hong Kong (3 nights)/Shenzhen (1 night)), 2nd hole (special monthly dinner for ten at Hee Hing), 5th hole (use of 2002 Toyota RAV4 for one year and double-occupancy, 2-night stay at Hilton Hawaiian Village and dinner for two at Bali-by-the-Sea Restaurant), 11th hole (\$5,000 prize plus \$5,000 donation to PCH), and 15th hole (use of a 2002 Lexus ES300 for a year plus double-occupancy, 2-night stay at Sheraton Waikiki plus dinner for two at The Ocean Terrace). There will be an awards banquet immediately following the tournament with prizes for lucky number winners who must be present to win.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support PCH programs and services. You're invited to participate as a patron in any of four categories: Dynasty (\$3,000 and 12 complimentary golfers), Platinum (\$1,500 and 6 complimentary), Gold (\$750 and 3 complimentary), and Silver (\$300 and 1 complimentary). Golfers not playing under the auspices of a patron may form their own team for an entry donation of \$110 per player. If you choose not to participate in the tournament, an outright gift will be welcome as well as contributions or team prizes. For more information or to register (by March 30), contact Associate Administrator **Paul Gunter** at 739-6032.



Ban Chan

By the time you read this newsletter, the Chamber elections for directors will have taken place on March 15. Let me assure all of you that a great deal of thought goes into deciding who will go on the ballot each year for our elections. Being a Chamber director is a responsible position, for the directors provide the guidance and experience for all of the officers on the executive committee. Through all the years, the Chamber has had many different kinds of individuals from all walks of life serve as

directors. One common thread runs through them: their desire to put the Chamber's interests before any personal interests. There are many organizations whose directors cannot make this same claim. So congratulations to our elected directors and thank you to the entire Board for their support and wisdom.

Time seems to fly by, and our community's spring banquets will soon begin. Every year, the Chamber officers are honored to be invited to the many family associations and clan organizations that get together for their once a year festivities. They are wonderful occasions for **Susanna** and me to see our many good friends at these banquets. The companionship, the food, and the joviality make each and every one of these events worthwhile to attend.

I am very satisfied that during the almost one year as your president, I can point to my promotion of close relation-

ships with the many representatives of our Chinese community and their family associations as one of the highlights of my term. I can assure you that fostering good relationships with these organizations will continue long into the future, and these relationships will pave the way for greater cooperation and goodwill.

Our Narcissus Festival this year was a complete success, from the Narcissus Queen Pageant to the Coronation Ball and concluding with the Fashion Show. Now, we just have one more major event, the Narcissus Goodwill Tour, which is scheduled to depart in June. We have a great itinerary, so I hope and encourage you to sign up and join the Tour! This tour is the best "red carpet tour" to China from anywhere in the world! The itinerary and sign-up forms can be picked up from the Chamber office.

Susanna and I wish all of you a Happy Easter!

FUN COOKING

by Elvira Lo

Turkey Chili

Ingredients:

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| 1-2 cloves of garlic, pressed | 2 cans kidney beans |
| 1 large onion, chopped | 1 6 oz. can tomato paste |
| 2 links of Chinese sausage, diced | 1/2 pound celery, washed and diced |
| 1/4 cup chili powder | 1/2 tsp. black pepper |
| 1 pound ground turkey | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 14 oz. can no-salt stewed tomatoes | 1/8 cup brown sugar |
| 1 pound fresh tomatoes, washed and diced | |

Method:

1. Stir fry the garlic, onion, and Chinese sausage until golden brown.
2. Add the remaining ingredients and simmer for about two hours.
3. Add chicken stock as needed for flavor and consistency.

TECH TIPS

For all the Websurfers, you've undoubtedly run across annoying pop-up ads on Websites such as the *New York Times* Online and others. One way to get rid of a pop-up ad blocking what you're reading or looking at is to hold down the "Alt" key, then press the "F4" key. Alternatively, the Pop-Up Stopper from Panicware (www.panicware.com) works with Net-scape Navigator and Internet Explorer. Pop-Up Stopper 2.6 is free for personal use while Pop-Up Stopper Pro 1.8 costs \$19.95.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

March 19-23, 2002

- Consul General Lan Lijun
Consulate General of People's Republic of China
and delegation of 7

March 19-23, 2002

- Minister Counselor Zhang Keyuen
Chinese Embassy, Washington D.C.

March 21-23, 2002

- Mr. Tian Jiyun, Vice Chairman
The Standing Committee of National People's
Congress and delegation of 26

Hawaii Foodbank

The Hawaii Foodbank's 13th annual Food Drive to help feed Hawaii's hungry is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Items wanted as donations are canned fish (tuna and sardines), canned meat (spam and Vienna sausages), canned corned beef hash, canned soups (chicken noodle), pork and beans, canned spaghetti or chili, canned vegetables, canned fruits, peanut butter, and rice. Monetary donations are also welcome.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Saturday collection, the registration deadline is Friday, March 29. T-shirts are given to the first 125 volunteers for each shift at Koko Marina Center, Pearl City Shopping Center, Town Center of Mililani, Waikeola Congregational Church in Kahala, and Windward City Shopping Center, and the first 250 volunteers on each shift at Restaurant Row. Shifts are 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and 2:00-5:30 p.m. For further information, call the Hawaii Foodbank at 836-3600, e-mail at foodbank@hawaiifoodbank.org. Their Website is at www.hawaiifoodbank.org.

Narcissus Festival Wrapup

The 53rd annual Narcissus Festival concluded with the Fashion Show on Sunday, March 3. As President **Ban Chan** reports in this month's President's Message, this year's Festival was a financial success. This was due in no small part to the direction and guidance provided by Festival General Chair, **Frank Mow**. If Frank was still here, he would undoubtedly extend a hearty "mahalo and well done" to the many dedicated committee chairpersons and members of their committees who worked so hard to make the Festival a success.



Welcome Banquet co-sponsored by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and the US-China People's Friendship Association in honor of the H.E. Mr. Tian Jiyun, Vice-Chairman of the standing committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, March 22, 2002.



Thanh Quoc Lam has been selected as the Small Business Administration's Small Business Person of the Year for Hawaii. (The SBA also selects four county recipients, but Thanh's award is a state-wide one). Ba-Le Inc. was started by Thanh in 1984, and has grown to a multi-million dollar business with twenty-one restaurant franchises and over 70 employees in Hawaii. In addition to being renowned for its sandwiches on crispy French rolls or croissants, Ba-Le's bakery also sells wholesale pizza dough, deli sandwiches, and baked goods to a variety of clients. According to a story in the March 12 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, which included two pictures of a smiling Thanh Quoc, he still works 14-hour days, down from 20-hours when he first started the business in 1984. Ba-Le includes 21

franchises on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island and one outlet that Thanh Quoc retains. On the near-term drawing board are a franchise outlet at Daiei on Kaheka Street and a store and another bakery (in addition to the one on Dillingham) in Kapolei; long-term, expansion to China. This SBA award is Thanh Quoc's second one, his first was for Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 1989.

On Saturday, March 16, the Chang Wing Yong Tong held its annual installation dinner at Wo Fat restaurant. Chamber President **Ban Chan** swore in the officers for 2002-2003. Chamber members included **Gerald Y. Y. Chang** as first vice president, **Randall O. Chang** as second vice president, **Ian Ho**

Chang as auditor, and **Walter T. C. Chang** as treasurer. Each is serving a second year in their respective office.

N E W M E M B E R S

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 26, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **George Ing**, president and owner of Ing International, Inc., a corporate and hotel management consulting company (sponsored by **Yen Chun**) and **Tony Lau**, a project engineer with Hawaii Pacific Engineers. Welcome aboard and we look forward to meeting you at the next general membership meeting.

MANOA CHINESE CEMETERY

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, made a grant of \$500.00 to the Manoa Chinese Cemetery according to its president, **Barbara Lowe**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 23 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Apr 30 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

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