

LANTERN

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Pearl Harbor Boat Tour

In late afternoon on Wednesday, August 28, Chamber members have an opportunity to take a ninety-minute educational boat tour around Ford Island and Pearl Harbor. The tour, courtesy of the Navy Region Hawaii and the U.S. Navy, was arranged for by Chamber Board member Stanford Yuen.

Highlights include historic sites

on Ford Island, a close-up

of the battleship U.S.S.

Missouri as well as the

U.S.S. Arizona and

Utah memorials, Ford

Island Bridge, Waipio

and Pearl City peninsula,

active and mothballed

ships, the Pearl Harbor Naval

Shipyard, the Naval Supply Center,

and the submarine base. There may also be a visit to

the Arizona Memorial (This was not included the last

time the Pearl Harbor tour was offered). The tour

departs from the pier at the Arizona Museum at 4:00

p.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m., and should not be confused with public tours to the Arizona Memorial.

Twenty (20) spaces have been reserved for Chamber members. Best of all, the tour is FREE! Those inter-

ested in taking the tour should contact the

Chamber at 533-3181 not later

than close of business on

August 21.

For security rea-

sons, no large carry-on

purses or bags are

permitted. All carry-on

items are subject to

inspection. Names of

participants are required in

advance. And a government-

issued photo I.D., such as a Hawaii dri-

ver's license or Hawaii I.D. card, is required.



Golf Tournament Advance Notice



On Friday, September 20, the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii will sponsor its 7th annual golf tournament at the Hawaii Prince Golf Course. Net

proceeds will be donated to the Sui Wah Chinese School. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and a shotgun tee-off starts at 12:00 p.m. The maximum hand-

icap is 30 for men and 36 for women. (The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust the handicaps). There will be fabulous door prizes, great

team prizes, and a \$25,000 hole-in-one. An awards banquet will be held immediately after tournament play. The cost of \$125.00 per player includes

cart, green fees, and awards banquet while those wishing to attend only the banquet will be charged \$35.00. Entry deadline is Friday, September 6.

Contact Albert Chung at 383-6328 to sign up and for a starting time or for sponsor information.



Reuben S. F. Wong

On the recent Narcissus Goodwill Tour to China in June and July, the Narcissus Queen and Court were truly ambassadors of the Chinese people of Hawaii as well as the State of Hawaii. A highlight of the 19-day trip was the formal reception for the Queen and Court, and later a dinner at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing for all tour members. The Chamber meeting with Mr. Bu He, Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) did much to

maintain stronger ties between the Chamber and the Chinese government.

As usual, our Queen and Court performed the Hawaiian hula at the various reception dinner, but this time, the Queen and Court danced a hula to a popular Chinese song, which impressed the Chinese guests no end. Before the trip, we had the popular Chinese song translated and then choreographed to express, through the hula movements, the story of the Chinese song.

In the end, the tour brought much goodwill between the Chamber and the various Chinese government entities who met us.

During the past month, visits to Hawaii by Chinese officials and delegations (as discussed elsewhere in The Lantern) meant a busy month for the Chamber.

In the spirit of working together with

other organizations, the book drive with the Hong Kong Business Association is still under way. Also, a joint sponsorship with DBEDT, the East-West Center, and the Hong Kong Business Association of a luncheon on July 22, for Mr. Wan Jifei, Vice Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) brings to our members a chance to find out how "Hawaii Firms Can Benefit" from China's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Finally, our members should be getting a chance to have their business listing on the Chamber's Internet Website, which is being expanded in our efforts for greater communications among members.

Again, much thanks to the Queen and Court for their participation in the Goodwill Tour.

PALOLO CHINESE HOME FUNDRAISING

by Terrill Chock

When the Palolo Chinese Homes was founded in 1917, it was the first Asian care home in the U.S. The Home came about because of the vision and compassion that Hawaii's Chinese community leaders had to take care of their homeless elderly. The Home currently has sixty-eight dormitory-style beds and is planning to expand the facility to have eighty-eight apartments as well as to provide outreach service to their elderly in the greater community who may be in need of meals and other personal services, but do not reside in the Home.

The program, which should be completed in 2005, is expected to cost \$18 million. Chinese societies and organizations are being approached to contribute \$500,000.00 of these funds as our donations will demonstrate to the foundations and other major donors that the Chinese community is solidly behind this project. Members of the Chinese Chamber are encouraged to support this program. All pledges will be payable over a three-year period and are fully tax-deductible as the Palolo Chinese Home is an IRS 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

Spinning a New Web

by Justin M. W. Goo, Ph.D., Chamber Technical Director

Three years ago, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce took its first big step into the new millennium with the installation of a new high-speed computer system. Since that time, the system has advanced our operations from the age of quill and abacus to an age of e-mail and databases. This summer, the Chamber is poised to take its second technological leap with the development of a fantastic new Website.

This major project, spearheaded by Technical Committee Chair Dr. Justin Goo, will endeavor to redefine the Chamber's archaic image and to boost our communications infrastructure. Our current Website (www.ccchi.org), donated many years ago, has suffered from a lack of recurring updates and offers sparse information to interested visitors yet serves as a central communications hub for all members of the target community. As such, our new Website will not only exhibit our technical prowess, but cultivate our role as a serious business network.

Some of the new features under development include:

- A new, more intuitive and easy to remember Domain name - www.chinesechamber.com;
- A sleek, vibrant, and stunningly attractive new look designed by former Narcissus contestant and professional graphics designer Audra Chun;
- A central calendar where you can get up-to-the-minute scheduling on Chamber events and community happenings;
- A featured member section where you will get to know a featured member of the Chamber every time you visit the Website;
- A searchable member directory (for members only) where you can find and contact just the right member for the job quickly and easily;
- A searchable archive of The Lantern (for members only), including the latest issue and many back issues, where you can browse or search for all the interesting articles you may have missed;
- A Chamber Webmail interface (for members only) where you can check your new e-mail account - yourname@chinesechamber.com;
- A slick and sexy, flash-enhanced Narcissus multimedia experience detailing the Narcissus Pageant and Festival;
- A huge compilation of information regarding the Chamber, its members, our Chinese community, and the legacy of Chinese in Hawaii;
- A Chinese mirror where the entire Website will be translated and viewable in Chinese;
- And much, much, much more...

Because of the massive volumes of information that need to be assembled and an anticipated late September launch date, the Technical Committee is seeking all interested writers, historians, translators, and computer enthusiasts who want to contribute to the Chamber's online presence. With all of its exciting and dynamic features, this is one Website that you'll want to visit often and proudly show to all your contacts in China or around town. Spiderman won't be the only one spinning a blockbuster web this summer.



ORI Fundraiser

by Yu Shing Ting

Chinese Chamber member Susanna Cheung and the crew at Opportunities for the Retarded, Inc. (ORI), are planning their annual fundraising gala to be held on Friday, December 13, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom IV and V. Over 400 guests attended last year's event, and ORI thanks the many organizations and community members who helped in making it such a successful and memorable night.

The year's theme will be "An Enchanted Fantasy World," and money raised from the event will benefit the special people of ORI. Fundraising co-chair and Chamber member Yu Shing Ting is asking for your help by donating an item to the silent auction. In appreciation of your participation, your name or your company's name will be acknowledged in the program as well as any other promotional endeavors for this event. Anyone interested in making a donation or for more information, please call Paulette Lee at 622-3929 or Yu Shing Ting at 222-4469.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

March 29-30, 2002

- Mr. Li Yiping Deputy Consul General
The Consulate General of People's Republic of China and delegation of 2

June 4-5, 2002

- Mr. Gao Zhansheng, Deputy Director General
Department of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Affairs, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and delegation of 3

June 12-14, 2002

- Yang Jie Mian, Director General
Shanghai International Research Institute and delegation of 7

Hawaii Sister Summit 2002

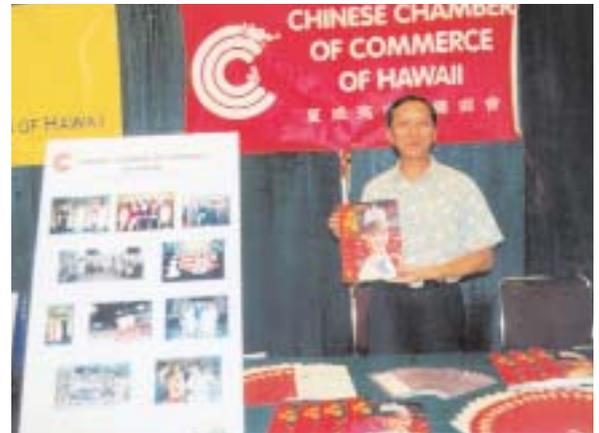
Your Gateway to International Business



Left: Governor Cayetano, Mayor Harris, Mayor Kim, Mayor Apana, & Mayor Kusaka at the Summit.

Below Left: Mr. Li Zhaochun, Director of Sun Yat-sen Library of Guangdong Provinces, China presents a souvenir to the Summit to Mr. Winfred Pong, 1st Vice President of the CCCH in appreciation for book donation by the Chamber.

Below Right: Chinese Chamber's booth at the Summit attracts a lot of visitors and attention.



Above: Mr. Vernon Ching, Former President of the CCCH meets a Chinese delegation from Zhangjiaju of Hunan Province at the Summit.



Left (L-R): Governor K.C. Fan, Mrs. Fan, President Reuben S.F. Wong at a dinner hosted by Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu, President Wayne Lu.

Governor K.C. Fan is the governor of the Taiwan Provincial Government, who attended the state of Hawaii Sister-State Summit held on July 8-9, 2002.

HVCB-HAINAN AIRLINE GROUP INITIATIVE

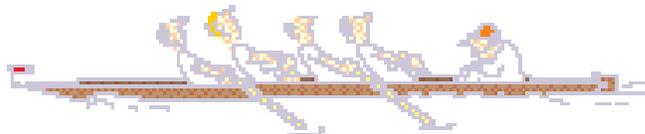


On July 9, the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) and Hainan Airline Group signed a memorandum of cooperation to increase opportunities for Chinese tourists to visit Hawaii. The HVCB and Hainan Airline Group will work cooperatively to promote and facilitate tourism from China to Hawaii. In addition to general tourism, there will be targeted approaches for eco-tourism, sports tourism, programs built around Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and short-term training.

If current U.S. visa restrictions can be relaxed, Chinese visitors to Hawaii could increase to several hundred thousand annually. The China National Tourism Administration says that 10.5 million Chinese traveled abroad in 2000, a 13% increase over 1999, and according to the World Tourist Organization, within two decades, 100 million Chinese will travel abroad annually.

Hainan Airlines was founded ten years ago and has grown into China's fourth largest airline. It is a publicly listed company traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Interestingly, its largest shareholder is the Soros Foundation, part of financier George Soros' group.

Dragon Boat Races



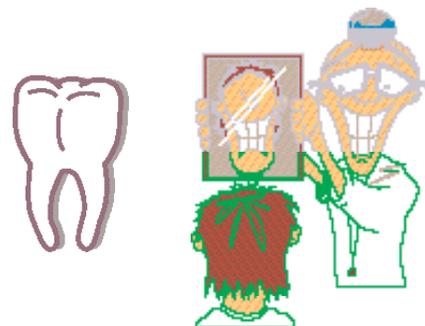
The 7th annual AT&T Dragon Boat Festival will be held on Saturday, August 3, and Sunday, August 4, at the usual Ala Moana Park venue. Following the annual blessing of the dragon boats in late June, rowing practice began. The practice on Saturday, July 13, has come and gone, and a group of young and old paddlers showed up. There will be more practices on Saturday, July 27, starting at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, July 29, starting at 5:30, and on Tuesday, July 30, again starting at 5:30 p.m. Please note that the practices are in the waters fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village while the races are at Ala Moana Park. Anyone interested in paddling in the Chamber boat on August 3 - the Cup Race Division heats - should show up for practices. Novice and experienced paddlers alike are welcome. Chamber dragon boat race T-shirts will be given to each paddler, courtesy of a donation by Ideal Realty.

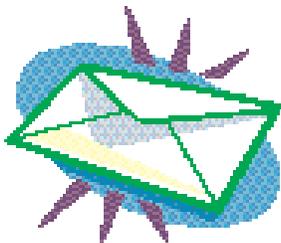
Plans are being made for a picnic lunch on race day. The team hopes to improve on its record last year of winning two heats, so come out and paddle or just come out to support the Chamber paddlers, and also look for the Chamber tent. Bring your families, especially the kids, since there will be continuous live musical entertainment, craft and food booths, and things to do for the kids. The festival runs from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on both days, and there is NO admission charge!

CHAMBER DENTAL DISCOUNT PLAN

The Hawaii Family Dental Centers' Ho'ala Dental Program is available for the Chamber or its members. The Ho'ala Dental Program was created by Hawaii Family Dental Centers (HFDC), a locally owned and operated company that has been providing quality dental care for over sixteen years. HFDC has grown to eleven Centers state-wide and has over 35 dentists of all specialties. On Oahu, HFDC has Centers located in Aiea Heights, Mililani, Westridge, Windward Mall, and Waterfront Plaza.

Ho'ala was designed especially for individuals and groups desiring a dental program that is affordable and easy to use. Ho'ala is a membership program that enables members to receive complete dental care at discounted rates, not an insurance program. There are no age restrictions, benefit maximums, waiting periods or exclusions. The monthly membership fees are \$14.00 per month for individuals, \$28.00 per month for two-parties, and \$49.00 per month for families. Benefits range from free checkup and cleaning (up to twice a year) to 75% discount for some procedures at HFDC. For detailed information and a brochure, please call the Chamber at 533-3181.





State Representative Nestor Garcia recently filed to run for a City Council seat in District 9, encompassing Wai-pahu, Mililani, and Makakilo. With many residents in the area commuting to work downtown, Nestor has to get up really, really early to wave and hold signs.

The July 23 deadline for candidates to file to run for office in elections this fall has come and gone. It appears that State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland is unopposed for her senate seat. Her "Capitol Connection" newsletter has an

update on the 2002 legislature, listing a number of bills that she voted in favor of. With the bill numbers given in the newsletter, it was possible to find the act numbers for two bills on prescription drugs (Acts 74 and 75).

Other Chamber members who are running for office include: Lei Ahu Isa who recently switched parties and will be running for the 12th Senatorial district (Waikiki, Ala Moana, and Downtown) seat as a Republican; Corinne Ching, who is running for the 27th house district (Liliha, Punui) seat; Rod Tam, who has left the senate and is running for the 6th Council district (Kalihi Valley, Nuuanu, Kakaako) seat; and Jerry Chang who is running for reelection in the 2nd House district (Piipihoua, Kaumana) on the Big Island.

Longtime Chamber director Vernon Jim has been selected as the United Chinese Society Model Chinese Father of the Year 2002. On August 11, Dr. Jim (as well as the Model Chinese Mother) will be honored at a dinner at the China Plaza Restaurant at the Chinese Cultural Plaza starting at 5:30 p.m.

Elvira Lo attended the 3rd Sino-U.S. Mayors Conference dinner on July 25 at

the Hilton Hawaiian Village. About 100 people attended, including the vice mayors of seven different cities in China as well as Chinese business representatives and nineteen delegations. There was a lion dance, a Hawaiian dance group provided entertainment, an exchange of gifts, a group photo, and a chance to network.

N E W M E M B E R S

At its June 25 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for Edmund Chang, senior vice president for Anbe, Aruga & Ishizu Architects, Inc., (sponsored by Terrill Chock); Hubert Chang, personnel systems manager for the Hawaii National Guard (sponsored by Wesley Fong); Gary Cui, director at Four Seasons Travel Agency (sponsored by Wen Chung Lin); Robert Ching, a retiree (sponsored by Wesley Fong); and Thomas Dwyer, president of Dwyer & Associates (sponsored by Ban F. Chan).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 30 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Aug 20 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Aug 27 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

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