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SUN YAT-SEN FESTIVAL

Dr. Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925) will be honored and the 91st anniversary of the Revolution of the 1911 will be celebrated on Saturday, October 5, at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be a Chinatown parade at 10:00 a.m., starting from Maunakea and Beretania Streets; a lei presentation by some fifty Chinese societies and organizations at Dr. Sun's statue at 11:00 a.m.; a Sun Yat-sen exhibit; craft and food booths from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; lion dances, *kung fu* and other entertainment at the Moongate Stage from noon to 10:00 p.m.; voter registration; and appearances by both the Narcissus Queen and her court and Miss Chinatown Hawaii and her court.

Dr. Sun dedicated his life to overthrowing the corrupt, foreign Manchu dynasty, making several attempts before finally succeeding in 1911. Ironically, at the time of the revolution on October 10, Dr. Sun was on a train, crossing the United States. As a teenager, Dr. Sun came to Hawaii in 1879, and graduated with honors from what is today known as Iolani School in 1882.

The festival is being coordinated by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Chinatown Merchants Association, and a host of Chinese societies and organizations.

Variety Show

The Hawaii Chinese association (HCA) is presenting a variety show featuring performers and entertainers from Taiwan on Thursday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mid-Pacific Institute auditorium, 2445 Kaala Street. Hawaii is the last stop for the group; performances were given in nine mainland cities. For ticket information, contact **Judy Liu** at 946-4603 or visit HCA's Website (www.hkchcc.org/hca.htm).

Advance Notice

From President-Elect **Ming Chen**, the Chamber will have a trade fair and members' Christmas party dinner on Tuesday, December 10, at the Waiialae Country Club. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Cost will be \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-member guests. The cost for a trade fair booth table is \$50.00 for members and \$75.00 for non-members. There will be plenty of Christmas gifts given away, and over 250 people are expected. Ming invites all members to take this opportunity to buy a table to present your business to other members. Contact the Chamber at 533-3181 for reservations.

CHINESE LION COMPETITION



On Sunday, October 13, the 1st Hawaii World Invitational Lion Kings Competition will be held at Neal Blaisdell Arena. Competition among Chinese lion dance teams from around the world will begin at 1:00 p.m. Among the sponsors is Eastern Garden Chinese Seafood Restaurant. Tickets are on sale in-person at the Blaisdell Center box office and all Ticket Plus outlets; charge by phone from Ticket Plus at 526-4400 or online at Tickets.com. (Despite the 8/31 ad, the latter currently doesn't work).

SBA 2003 Small Business

A W A R D S

The U.S. Small Business Administration is seeking nominations for the 2003 SBA Awards. Members may recall that Thanh Quoc Lam was selected first as 2002 Hawaii Small Business Person of the Year, and then 2002 U.S. Small Business Person of the Year. Nominees are being sought for each of the islands – Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai. Nomination forms are available by calling the SBA at (808) 541-2990 and must be completed and returned to the SBA by Friday, November 15.



Reuben S. F. Wong

Over the past two decades, the leaders of the Chinese Chamber have successfully developed a relationship of friendship and cooperation with the government of the People's Republic of China. Based on that relationship, the Chamber has been invited to be a guest at China's National Day Celebration on October 1, 2002 in Beijing. As your President, I am honored to represent the Chamber at that celebration.

Throughout the month of September, the Chamber greeted a number of visitors at the airport, received them at the Chamber office, exchanged gifts

and ideas, and generally continued its efforts in the development of friendship and cooperation.

As you know, on October 10, 1911, Dr. Sun Yat-sen led the successful revolution against the Manchu dynasty in an effort to revitalize China. As the month of October approaches, it is only fitting that we honor Dr. Sun and his many achievements. Accordingly, on October 5, the Chamber will sponsor a Dr. Sun Yat-sen Festival at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. After a parade by the Chinatown Merchants Association at 10:00 a.m., the Chamber, through its Council of Presidents committee, will gather at the Dr. Sun Yat-sen statue on Beretania Street for a lei presentation. This will be a fun festival with food booths and a variety of entertainment at the Moongate Stage. The Chinese Cultural Plaza will be displaying pictures and presenting a video of Dr. Sun in the Sun Yat-sen museum located on the second floor of the Plaza. We urge all Chamber members to participate in this first-time event to honor a great man

and to reacquaint ourselves with an important part of our heritage.

The 54th Narcissus Festival committee, led by Chairman **Terrill Chock**, is working very hard to produce an exciting festival. The Narcissus Festival Kickoff Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Meanwhile, the Chamber's Business Expo committee, led by **Elvira Lo** and Dr. **Ming Chen**, is planning an expo at the Waialae Country Club on Tuesday, December 10. The event will allow members to network and to display their products and services. Guests and members will enjoy a fabulous dinner, be entertained, conduct business networking, and have fun. Already, First Hawaiian Bank, through our Emeritus Director Lily Yao, has agreed to be one of the major sponsors for this event. Please contact Elvira or Ming to participate as a sponsor, exhibitor or attendee.

We look forward to seeing you at all of these upcoming Chamber events.

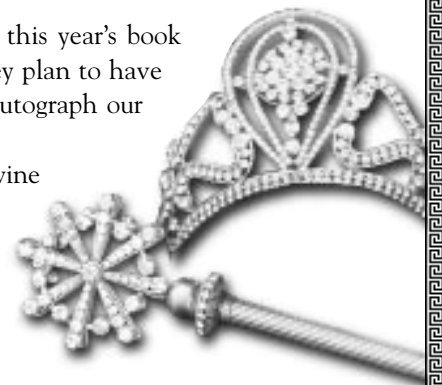
Narcissus Contestants

by Terrill S. W. Chock

Michelle Choy has been keeping our fifteen Narcissus Queen contestants very busy since their orientation program was held on Thursday, August 22. They have been attending classes to prepare them for the Wednesday, November 6 Kickoff Reception as well as several public appearances that are scheduled throughout November and December. They have had classes in Chinese history and Chinese martial arts. They have learned Chinese games and now have a better understanding of the symbolism used in the costumes and choreography of the lion and dragon dances. Going forward, the contestants will be having classes in Chinese cooking, calligraphy, Ching Ming, acupuncture, Chinese knotting, and paper cutting. The young women have been busy, busy, busy.

May Lee Chung, our souvenir book editor is putting the finishing touches on this year's book and is just about ready to turn everything over to **Angela Wu-Ki** for publishing. They plan to have the books ready for sale at the Kickoff Reception, so we can have the contestants autograph our personal copies.

Kathy Best and **Lee-Ann Choy** have finalized the menu and accompanying wine selection for our Coronation Ball that they co-chair. They collaborated with both Chef **Steve Chiang** of the Golden Dragon Restaurant and Chef **Roberto Los Banos** of the Bali by the Sea Restaurant to create the menu. Talk about exceeding expectations and the entertainment that they are planning for us, wow! "Chinois Paradise" – people will be talking about this event for years. Don't miss out on this one!



HAWAII PRO-DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE

Did you vote in the September 21 primary election? Are you planning to vote in the November 5 general election? (If not, why are you among the 59% of eligible voters in Hawaii who failed to exercise this basic right. As a result, a "minority of a minority" determines who will be spending your hard earned money, whether it's state income taxes or county property taxes).

The non-partisan Hawaii Pro-Democracy Initiative is intended to encourage citizens to become involved in politics and to bring about a more citizen-friendly politics in Hawaii. Among the directors are Larry Meacham of Common Cause Hawaii and Jean Aoki and Grace Furukawa of the League of Women Voters. The Initiative includes widely supported good government proposals that have consistently failed at the Legislature and legislative process proposals that citizen groups have wanted for years.

There will be a briefing on the Pro-Democracy Initiative at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, in conference room 225 at the State Capitol. Parking is free in the Capitol basement. There will also be a Hawaii Pro-Democracy workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11, at the Hale Koa Hotel. You are all cordially invited to attend both events and to make your voice heard.



Chamber president Reuben Wong exchanges gift with Mr. Huang Yuejing, President of Shanghai Chinese Overseas Friendship Association at a welcome reception held at Royal Garden Restaurant on 8/29/02.



Above & Top Right: A meeting co-sponsored by the DBEDT and the CCCH is scheduled at DBEDT conference room on 9/18/02 to receive a Shanghai CCPIT delegation of 12, headed by senior adviser Zhang Zhiqun.



Left: Mr. Michael Tsai, Deputy Representative of TECO visits Chamber office on 9/13/02.



Fujitsu Asia Pacific Scholarship Program

The Japan-America Institute of Management Science (JAIMS) has announced that the 2003-2004 Fujitsu Asia Pacific Scholarship Program is now accepting applications. The scholarship is intended to enhance international understanding and cross-cultural communication through management education. For Hawaii residents, the scholarship covers full tuition for the China-focused MBA or Japan-focused MBA. Application deadline is October 31. You can download program information and apply online at the Fujitsu Asia Pacific Scholarship Website at <http://www.fapsp.com>. If you have questions, you can contact Julie Chen at 396-7119 or e-mail her at jchen@jaims.org.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

August 27 - 29, 2002

- Mr. Zhaoi Shaolin, Senior Advisor
Jiangsu Provincial Government and delegation of 6

August 29 - 31, 2002

- Mr. Huang Yuejin, President
Shanghai Chinese Overseas Friendship Association and delegation of 5

September 13, 2002

- Mr. Michael Tsai, Deputy Representative
Tapipei Economic and Cultural Office

September 17 - 20, 2002

- Mr. Zhang Peiping, Vice Chairman
Shanghai CCPIT and delegation of 12

China Watch

Two recent items of interest from the *New York Times* Website (www.nytimes.com), both from the September 22 issue. First, "Shanghai, Modern but Still Exotic" is from the "Frugal Traveler" column by **Daisann McLane**. The first two nights were spent at the Ruijin Guest House, the former Morriss Estate in the old French Concession, and four nights at the Sofitel Hyland on Nanjing Road East. The author mentions that **Sun Yat-sen** lived in the area early in the twentieth century, and Dr. Sun's home at 7 Xiangshan Road is a museum, open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily with an admission fee of \$1.20.

Second, the "Travel Advisory" column had an item about Air China, the People's Republic of China's national airline starting nonstop 747 service between New York and Beijing on Friday, September 27. Flights will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The 13.5 hour flight from JFK to Beijing departs at 5:30 p.m. and arrives at 7:00 p.m. the next day while the 14.5 hour flight from Beijing to JFK departs at 2:00 p.m. and arrives at 3:30 the same day. If Hawaii hopes to tap into the China travel market, the state government should be working with the U.S. Department of Transportation to arrange reciprocal nonstop Hawaii-China flights by Air China and U.S. airlines like United Air Lines which already flies into China.

NEW MEMBERS

At its August 27 meeting, the Chamber board of directors approved the applications for **Leslie Chang**, a Vice President and General Manager of Hawaii National Bank (sponsored by **Warren Luke**); **William Chee**, a sales manager for John Hancock Insurance (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**); and **Leonard Tom**, a Vice President of Hawaii National Bank (sponsored by **Warren Luke**). Welcome aboard and we look forward to meeting you at the next general membership meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Oct 5 • Sat | Dr. Sun Yat-sen Festival
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. |
| Oct 14 • Mon | Columbus Day |
| Oct 22 • Tue | Executive Board Meeting
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon |
| Oct 29 • Tue | Board of Directors Meeting
Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon |

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Helemano Plantation *Thank You*

by Paulette Lee

A special mahalo to Narcissus princesses **Sherri Seto** and **Colette Ching** for volunteering at Helemano Plantation's August Moon Senior Festival. **Michele Choy** was instrumental in getting the Narcissus volunteers and also was a great help during the event. Three hundred fifty seniors attended and enjoyed the on-litigious *dim sum* lunch catered by Helemano Plantation. The seniors were delighted to see Sherri and Colette and took lots of pictures and autographs. Such beautiful people sharing their love to our elders goes to show that our Narcissus representatives have beauty on the inside as well as on the outside.

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