

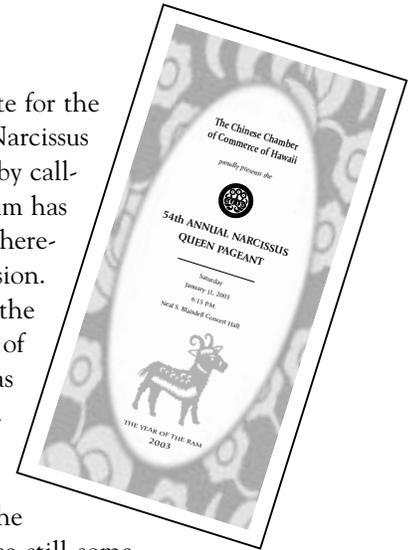
LANTERN

December, 2002

Narcissus Pageant

On Saturday, January 11, the fifteen lovely contestants will compete for the coveted title of Narcissus Queen. This will mark the 54th annual Narcissus Queen Pageant. Good seats are still available and can be obtained by calling the Chamber at 533-3181. Reportedly, **Neal Blaisdell** auditorium has been renovated to include more toilets in the women's restroom, thereby reducing the time women have to stand in line during intermission. The show will be entertaining with the contestants showing off the talent that they have spent months, even years, perfecting, and of course each of the contestants will show off her elegant as well as demonstrate her knowledge of Chinese culture in the speech phase.

The evening's fast-paced schedule will begin with the opening number promptly at 6:15 p.m. Pageant chair **Michele Choy** warns that there will be a Lionel Ritchie concert that evening in the arena, so be sure to come early to get parking! There are of course still some good seats available, and Pageant producer **Janet Maduli** can be depended upon to put together an entertaining and exciting evening.



Narcissus Coronation Ball

The gala Coronation Ball, "Chinois Paradiso," will be held on Saturday, January 25, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. There will of course be the usual sumptuous seven course Chinese dinner: spicy shrimp salad in radicchio shells; roast duck breast with braised endive and vegetable cake; golden crispy whole fish; scallops and cuttlefish curry with coconut diamonds; three mushrooms with broccoli; roasted strip loin crusted with orange and Chinese black bean; and a dessert of persimmon mousse pearl chocolate shell. (The menu is given in in the Narcissus souvenir book on page 74). As you can see from the fusion menu, the food will be a collaboration of Golden Dragon chef **Steve Chiang** and Bali by the Sea chef **Roberto Los Banos**.

No-host cocktails start at 5:00 p.m. Then at 6:00 p.m., there will of course be a royal procession to start the evening off and the new 54th Narcissus Queen will be crowned by our new governor, **Linda Lingle**. Dinner and a program will follow, including the **Rosalie Woodson** Dance Academy's Chinois Paradiso performance and the traditional first waltz for the Narcissus Queen and her court. Finally, there will be dancing from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

There are currently quite a few seats still available, and if the past is any indication, many people are planning attend, but are waiting for the last minute to call the Chamber for reservations. The price is \$50.00 per person or \$500.00 per table while a wine-pairing table is \$600.00. According to Coronation Ball co-chair **Lee-Ann Choy** (the other co-chair is **Kathy Lau Best**), the last few balls have been sold out once the actual evening arrived, so don't wait too long or you'll be left out! Call the Chamber at 533-3181 to reserve a seat or two.



President **Reuben Wong** congratulates Past President & emeritus Director **Wallace Wong** as a Citizen of the Year 2002.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Reuben S. F. Wong

Happy New Year! The new year is upon us and in another month, the Year of the Ram begins. We can reminisce about the past, such as the Chamber's Christmas visit to the Palolo Chinese Home and the Chamber's combination Christmas Party/trade fair at Wai'alae Country Club, but we have much to look forward to in the near future.

The Chamber's major event, the 54th Narcissus Festival is about to begin with the exciting Queen Pageant and the Coronation Ball just days away. Then, beginning with the burning of firecrackers at the open house in Chinatown, a new beginning and a new year free of evil spirits is assured.

Please show your support of the Queen Pageant on Saturday, January 11, and the Coronation Ball on Saturday, January 25, by inviting a friend or two to those events.

PALOLO CHINESE HOME VISITATION

On Sunday, December 1, President **Reuben Wong** (and his wife, **Vera**) led a group of Chamber officers, directors, and friends to spread some Christmas cheer among the Home's residents. Among those participating were **Tai Yau** and **Nora Chung**, **Wen Chung** and **April Lin**, **Terrill Chock**, **Chian Leng Chia**, **Michele Choy**, **Stan Okada**, **Narcissus Queen Kuuleialoha Chun**, **Second Princess Sherri Seto**, **Third Princess Colette Ching**, the fifteen Narcissus contestants and their escorts/drivers, **Leigh-Wai Doo**, and **Vernon Ching**. In addition, nine Chinese journalists from *People's Daily*, *Xinhua News Agency*, and *China Daily* in Hawaii for a nine-month fellowship also participated. In addition to serving lunch to the residents, they were entertained by *hula* performed by the Narcissus Queen and her court while **Walter Chang** led the singing of Christmas carols accompanied by Dr. **Stanley Wong** on the guitar.



Chamber annual visitation to Palolo Chinese Home on December 1, 2002.



Girls' Scholarships

by Yen Chun

Girls Going Places, Guardian Life Insurance Company's annual scholarship program for girls ages 12-16, are now available for applicants. Applicants should be individuals who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship, are taking the first steps toward financial independence, and are making a difference in their school and communities.

How does Girls Going Places work? It's simple. A girl is nominated by an adult who must submit a 1,000-word essay describing why she deserves the scholarship. Three top scholarship prizes of \$10,000.00, \$5,000.00, and \$3,000.00, and 12 finalist prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded in 2003.

Nominations for the 2002-2003 Girls Going Places scholarship competition must be postmarked by February 28, 2003, and received no later than March 5, 2003. Complete competition rules and additional information may be found at www.girlsgoingplaces.com.

The 2001-2002 top winner, 16 year old **Karalynn Forrest** of Arizona, operates her own kids camp, Kara's Kids Camp, for children aged four to seven. A second top winner, 13 year old **Dana Philen** of Georgia, turned a pet project into a thriving business. Dana invented and markets a Walk N Train specialty combination dog collar and chain, now a patented, UPC-registered product sold in pet shops and catalogs in the U.S. For more information or application forms, contact **Pearl Yuen** at 721-0533 or 948-8428.

HONOLULU ACADEMY OF ARTS

E X H I B I T S

There are two exhibits that may be of interest to Chamber members. First, "Masterpieces of Chinese Lacquer" is an exhibit, which opened on December 18 and will continue through April 27, 2003 in Gallery 14. The selection of pieces from the **Mike Healy** Collection span the period from the Song (11th century) through the Ming (17th century) dynasties. The thirty-piece collection includes red and black lacquer as well as rare covered boxes with mother-of-pearl inlay.

Second, "Ancient Chinese Bronzes: Inscriptions and the Birth of the Written Word" is open on January 8 and run through March 2, 2003 in the **Maurice J. Sullivan** Family Gallery of Chinese Art. The selection of bronzes from the Shanghai Museum's world renowned collection of Chinese bronzes, including ritual vessels from the Xia (18th-16th century B.C.), Shang, and Zhou (11th-8th century B.C.) dynasties as well as the Warring States period (5th to mid-4th century B.C.), together with rubbings of the inscriptions found on the vessels. In addition, there will be four hanging scrolls demonstrating different scripts of writing styles, and will be fully translated and on display with the bronzes and rubbings.

The bronze exhibit represents the third cooperative effort between the Shanghai Museum and the Academy. Members may recall that in 2001, the Academy and the Chamber partnered to bring a selection of Chinese jades from the Shanghai Museum to Honolulu. This partnership with one of China's most influential and progressive museums will continue to provide opportunities to share collections. For more information on either exhibit as well as hours and admission, call the Academy at 532-8700. (Presumably, sometime during the exhibits, the 54th Narcissus Queen and her Court may make a public appearance at the Academy in conjunction with Chinese New Year, perhaps on February 7 and 8).

NARCISSUS CARVING CLASSES

Once again, local architect **Gilman Hu** will be offering a series of workshops on the ancient and once nearly extinct art of growing narcissus plants for the Chinese New Year celebration. The classes are sponsored by the Honolulu Academy of Arts and held at the Academy Art Center, 1111 Victoria Street, beginning Saturday, January 4, 2003. Students will learn the art of upright and crab-claw narcissus culture. Students will learn about the anatomy of the narcissus bulbs as well as preferred cutting methods. Over the course of the four Saturdays, students can see how the bulbs progress. Narcissus cultivation takes about 14-17 days. The students' work will presumably be on display at the annual Narcissus Exhibition in the Honolulu Academy of Arts courtyards on February 8 and 9.

The classes will begin on January 4 and continue for the next three Saturdays. Workshop sessions for all levels of students — beginning and advanced — will be offered in the morning from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and in the afternoon from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Fees for the workshops are \$35.00 for new students and \$25.00 for new students. To register or to get more information, call the Academy Art Center at 532-8742.

Membership Meeting and Christmas Part

The combination membership Christmas party and trade fair was held on Tuesday, December 10, at Waialae Country Club. Although this is not the first time that the Chamber has sponsored a trade fair by and for its members, turnout was good, due in part to the combination with the Christmas party and a multitude of door prizes.

Many Chamber members took advantage of the opportunity to showcase their goods or services to fellow members (alphabetically by company or member name): Aloha Born Free Fashions, Inc. (**Ban Chan**); **Ming Chen**, M.D., a Board-certified ophthalmologist; Dwyer and Associates (**Thomas Dwyer**) had Nu Skin products; Helemano Plantation (**Susanna Cheung**, **Ann Higa**, **Ho Min Cheung**, **Dr. Norman** and **Kelly Cheung**, **Paulette Lee**, **Maile Lowrey**, **Yvonne Beluna**, and **Beatrice Leong**), which provides services for special people as well as a "famous lunch buffet" just outside Wahiawa on the road to Haleiwa, had gift boxes on display; **Douglas Ho** was displaying the collector and commemorative coins minted in Honolulu by Classic Coins Hawaii, Inc. as well as a business trip to Chongqing later in 2003 through the Worldwide Investors Group; John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (**William Chee**) has long-term care insurance and trips to China in 2003 — Spring China tour (May), Dietetic China tour (August), and China Tour (November); **Betsy Au Lum** had a selection of Chinese bags and jackets; New Dimension Controls, Inc. (**David Castleberry**) offers control systems integration for your office as well as programmable logic controllers (PLC) and human-machine interface (HMI) software; and Planet Hollywood (**Jan**

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Chamber Christmas Party & Trade Fair on December 10, 2002 at Waialae Country Club.

CHINA WATCH

In November, **Sue Herera** of CNBC visited China for a series of short pieces, NBC in China. These were later collected and broadcast as a one-hour special on Thanksgiving Day and again on November 30 and December 1. The show focused on northern China, more specifically Beijing and Shanghai, to the total exclusion of developments elsewhere in China such as in Guangdong province, Shenzhen, and Chongqing. Herera demonstrated a Westerner's superficial knowledge of even the limited portion of the China that she visited. For instance, when asked by **Tyler Mathesen** of CNBC about the promenade in Shanghai, Herera responded, Oh, you mean Pudong. (Sorry, Sue, but the old promenade in Shanghai is the Bund or *waitan*, which fronts the Huangpu River, and is now named *Zhongshan Dong Lu* or "Zhongshan East Road").

More comprehensive and knowledgeable treatment was the Greater China cover story for the international edition of the December 9 issue of *Business Week*. (The story and some of the profiles were also printed inside the U.S. edition of the same date). Greater China refers to the increasing economic integration of the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Taipei. The story included a chart of China: The New Math; a graphic map of Where the Action Is in Greater China; and profiles of Hong Kong developer **Vincent Lo**, Taiwanese high-tech entrepreneur **Richard Chang**, Shenzhen mayor **Yu Youjun**, Bank of China chairman **Liu Mingkang**, **Victor Fung** of Hong Kong trading company Li & Fung, and **Hong Chen**, founder of the Hua Yuan Science and Technology Association. (The Fung and Hong profiles were omitted in the U.S. edition).

A closer look at developments in Chongqing was provided in "Westward Ho!" in the October 21 issue of *Business Week*. According to the story, the Chinese central government is planning to spend some \$200 billion over the next decade, largely for infrastructure improvements.

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Katada) offers family dining for lunch and dinner.

Non-Chamber members included: American Karate Kai martial arts school; American Mutual Group offering long-term care insurance; **Linda Corter**; **Jonathan Gelacio** offered magic or foldable baskets; Golden Hall Jewelry; Island Fresh Flower & Fashion (**Sue Wah Wut**); Meely and her hand-made jewelry and \$10 silver zodiac pendants; Ohana Creation (**Sulin Lee**) graphic and gift designer had small, light, realistic clay flowers for sale; Robertson & Co.; SeneGence (Sense Cosmetics/SeneDerm) SkinCare System (**Leigh Kadooka**); **Carol Tsai** promoting the Organization of Chinese Americans as well as Cathay Kai and Aqua Gem jewelers; and **Cathy Tsung**.

Thanks go to the many sponsors who helped ensure the success of the trade fair. Gold Sponsors were Honolulu artist **David Lee**; Eyesight Hawaii, which offers Lasik (?) surgery to improve your vision; and First Hawaiian Bank (Vice Chair and former Chamber President **Lily Yao**). American Mutual Group; the law firm of Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel (**Ernest Loo**); Hawaii Dental Service; Merrill Lynch; TheoDavies Euromotors (Mercedes-Benz); Webco; and the Wu Group were Silver Sponsors. And of course the many booth sponsors previously mentioned.

Co-chairs for the event were Dr. **Ming Chen** and **Elvira Lo**, and their committee members included **Terrill Chock**, **Justin Goo** (who showcased the Chamber new Webpage in the dining room), **Dennis** and **Rena Hwang**, **Randall** and **Laurie Kondo**, **Libby Lew**, and **Winfred Pong**. And special thanks go to Ba-Le Sandwich (**Thanh Quoc Lam**), Elvira Chocolat, **Kay Mattos** of the Waialae Country Club, Morton's the Steakhouse (**Cheng Hsiao**), and Verizon Hawaii (**Debra Lau Okamura**).



Eddie Flores, Jr. and Kwock Yum Johnson Kam were pictured in the December 1 *Advertiser's* "Dining Out" section. Apparently their L & L Drive-Inns is still expanding in Hawaii, now in 40 locations, one of which is near you. Eddie and Johnson were pictured along with the brief note. The

December 18 *Star-Bulletin* noted the opening of the newest L & L Drive-Inn in the Marketplace at Kapolei that week was the 62nd outlet and the only one to open in Hawaii this year. At the time of the brief article, there were 48 L & L Drive-Inns throughout Hawaii and 14 L & L Hawaiian Barbecue outlets on the mainland. However, according to Eddie, as of this writing, there are actually 64 L & L outlets, so presumably two more have opened on the mainland. Congratulations to Eddie and Johnson on their ever-expanding chain!

The December 2002 issue of *Hawaii Business* had a cover article entitled "Black Book: Executive Biographies of Hawaii's Top 250 Companies," which included 334 of Hawaii's top executives. Chamber members whose biographies were included: **Eddie Flores, Jr.** and **Kwock Yum Kam** of president and chairman of the board respectively of L & L Drive-Inns/L & L Hawaiian Barbecue; new member **Daniel Lau**, chairman of the board and corporate secretary, Finance Factors Ltd.; **Warren Luke**, president, CEO, and chairman of the board of Hawaii National Bank; **Sandra Ngo**, Managing Partner of New York Life; and **Nonie Toledo**, vice president and general manager, Sprint Hawaii.

Former Chamber President **Wallace Wong** was honored as the United Chinese Society's "Citizen of the Year 2002" at its annual banquet on Sunday, December 15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 1 • Wed	New Year Day
Jan 11 • Sat	54th Narcissus Queen Pageant NBC Concert Hall - 6:15 p.m.
Jan 17 • Fri	Chinatown Open House Chinese Chamber Office - 6:30 p.m.
Jan 17 • Fri	Chinese New Year Celebration Chinatown Cultural Plaza 12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Jan 18 • Sat	Chinese New Year Celebration Chinatown Cultural Plaza 12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Jan 20 • Mon	Martin Luther King's Day
Jan 25 • Sat	54th Narcissus Queen Coronation Ball HHV - Coral Ballroom - 5:00 p.m.
Jan 21 • Tue	Executive Board Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Jan 28 • Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Wo Fat Restaurant - 12:00 noon

NEW MEMBERS

At its Monday, December 23, meeting (held a day earlier due to Christmas Eve falling on Tuesday), the Chamber Board of Directors approved the applications for **Sandra Au Fong**, senior vice president and secretary of Market City, Ltd. (sponsored by **Reuben Wong**); **Daniel Lau**, chairman of the board and secretary of Finance Factors, Ltd. (sponsored by **Hiram L. Fong**); and **Dan Tow**, service manager at TheoDavies Euromotors (sponsored by Dr. **Joseph Young**). Welcome to each of you and we look forward to meeting you at the next general membership meeting.

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