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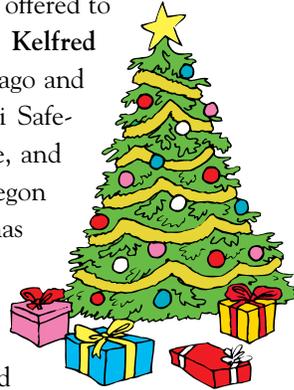
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Chamber Christmas Tree Discount

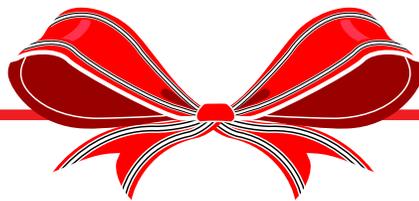
A 10% (ten percent) discount on fresh plantation sheared Christmas trees is being offered to Chamber members by **Gifford and Kelfred Chang**. The trees arrived a few days ago and are being offered for sale at the Pali Safeway parking lot. The Douglas, Noble, and Grand fir trees are grade A (Oregon Nurseryman's Association of Christmas Tree Growers' Premium Grade #1) quality and most of the trees are kept in the refrigerated shipping container rather than being exposed to our December heat and humidity.



The discount does not apply to Christmas wreaths, which come in a variety of shapes. However, wreath sales have been brisk, and the only shapes still available are candy cane (J-shape) and mixed with or without holly. For more information on the trees (and for pictures of the wreath shapes), check the Ideal Hawaii Web site at www.idealhawaii.com and click on "Santa's Trees" from the navigation bar on the left-hand side of the page. Gifford also says that delivery of the trees is available for a \$25.00 delivery charge.

ORI FUNDRAISER

Opportunities for the Retarded, Inc., (ORI) will be having its annual Christmas season fundraiser on Friday, December 19. The venue for the nautical-themed "An Enchanted World" is the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. There will be a lion dance performed by some of the special people of ORI, who have the only lion dance troupe made up of developmentally challenged people, a silent auction, and a four-course dinner. For over twenty years, the men and women of the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks have supported the nearby Helemano Plantation. (The civil-military partnership is due to the determined efforts of ORI founder **Suzanna Cheung**). In light of that connection and with two brigades scheduled to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan next year, it is fitting that **Vicky Olson**, wife of the 25th ID's commander, Major General **Eric Olson**, is honorary co-chair of the event. (The other honorary co-chair is KITV-4 weather anchor **Kathy Muneno**). Platinum-level tickets are \$100.00 per person or \$1,000.00 per table while Gold-level tickets are \$65.00 per person or \$650.00 per table. Proceeds from the dinner will enable ORI to help developmentally challenged people in Hawaii. For tickets or for more information, call **Paulette Lee** (who like Suzanna is a Chamber member) at 622-3929.



Chamber Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at Hee Hing Restaurant, 449 Kapahulu Avenue. The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. and run to around 8:00 p.m. The price is \$12.00 per person, whether or not a Chamber member, and there will be heavy *pupu* from the Hee Hing kitchen. Parking is available downstairs and also at the nearby First Hawaiian Bank parking lot.



P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



Terrill S. W. Chock

Aloha!

It was very nice to see so many Chamber members at the 55th annual Narcissus Festival Kick-off Reception that was held at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Thursday, November 13. Our twelve Narcissus Queen contestants were understandably nervous as they prepared themselves for the event, but they all presented themselves very well once they made their appearances on stage. Before the end of

November, they will have also been introduced to the public on the center stages of the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, the Windward Mall and the Ala Moana Shopping Center. Chamber members **Sylvia Louie** and **Randall Kondo** did an excellent job in organizing the Kick-off Reception, and **Dennis** and **Rena Hwang** are making sure that there are no problems at the other public appearances.

The Chamber has begun receiving many delegations from the People's Republic of China. Since my last message, we have been visited by delegations from the city of Xiamen, the Shanghai International Film Festival organization, the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC), and a delegation from the province of Ningxia, led by its governor.

Representatives from the Chamber met the group from Ningxia at the

State DBEDT office, with **Ted Liu** and **Richard Behar** as hosts. The delegation came here to explore the possibilities of having parties from Hawaii learn and see Ningxia's great investment potential, as it is rich in natural resources and food production. Investors from around the world have recognized Ningxia's investment potential and have already gotten in at the ground level.

Nevertheless, we are entering the holiday season. Second Vice President **Alvin Wong** is busily planning the Chamber's annual Christmas party, and our Narcissus Queen contestants are preparing for the Chamber's Christmas visit to Palolo Home on Saturday, November 29. It is time to be grateful for our blessings. On behalf of the Chamber's officers and directors, I wish you and your families a wonderful celebration of Thanksgiving.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

November 7-9, 2003

- Mr. Chen Xiu-Mao, President CPPCC
Xiamen Government Delegation of 7

November 20-23, 2003

- Mr. Wang Xiao-wei, Officer
CAIFC and delegation of 3



A Xiamen Government Delegation of 7, led by Mr. Chen Xiumao, President, Xiamen CPPCC, enjoyed the meeting with Terrill Chock, Chamber's President, Dr. Ming Chen, First Vice-President, Richard Bahar, Business Development Manager, DBEDT, and Manuel Menendez III, Executive Director, Office of Economic Development, City and County of Honolulu on November 8, 2003.

HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship opportunity is being offered by Hawaii Pacific University, according to **Shirley Zhuang**, director of the HPU Adult Service Center. A non-renewable \$500.00 scholarship is being offered to new students, and may be used toward tuition for selected undergraduate courses offered through HPU's Options College in the spring, 2004 semester. The scholarship can be used to defray the tuition on any one of a list of twenty-six three-credit courses such as Chinese 1100 (Beginning Mandarin I); Finance 3200 (Personal Finance); and Finance 3300 (Investments). The scholarship is designed to encourage employers and busy business professionals to reconnect with their educational goals and to get a taste of what HPU has to offer without making a big investment in time or money. Prospective scholarship recipients must not have previously applied to or attended HPU. For more information, contact the HPU Options College at 544-9300.



NARCISSUS UPDATE

Due to holiday schedules, *The Lantern* may be somewhat delayed next month and Chinese New Year will come early. Consequently, information is given early on two major events in January:

First, the 55th annual Narcissus Pageant will be held on Saturday, January 10. As usual, it will be held at the Neal Blaisdell Center Concert Hall. There are twelve lovely contestants this year, and you can check their biographies in the Narcissus souvenir book, which is available for sale at the Chamber office and will be available for sale on pageant night. Tickets are available at the Chamber office for \$25.00 and \$31.00. To get your ticket(s), call the Chamber at 533-3181.

Second, the gala Coronation Ball will be held on Saturday, January 24, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. No-host cocktails start at 5:00 p.m., and the coronation procession, coronation, dinner, and program begin at 6:00 p.m. The seven course dinner will feature Cantonese and Szechwan cuisine, a collaboration of the chefs at the Hilton's Golden Dragon Restaurant and at Jackie's Kitchen, Hawaii's newest restaurant. (For those who missed the news, Jackie's Kitchen will open this holiday season at Ala Moana Shopping Center as the first location for martial arts superstar **Jackie Chan's** new restaurant enterprise). The seven-course dinner will include Golden Dragon shrimp curry with fried *haupia*. Tickets are \$55.00 per person or \$550.00 for a table of ten. You can upgrade to a table with "Papio Wines" at \$650.00 per table. To reserve your ticket(s) or table, contact the Chamber at 533-3181.

NARCISSUS KICKOFF

The Kickoff reception for the 55th annual Narcissus Festival was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom on Thursday, November 13. Despite a 6:30 p.m. start time, people began lining up for the free food at 6:20 p.m. and by the time the lion danced shortly after 7:00 p.m., little was left but pickled cabbage, rice, and almond float. While around 450 people were expected, apparently well over 500 showed up. The Narcissus souvenir book was available for sale to non-Chamber members for \$10.00 a copy. And of course the ostensible reason for the get-together, the first appearance of the twelve lovely Narcissus contestants was worth making the trip to Waikiki. Between mid-November and the January 10 Pageant, there are three public appearances where you can see how the contestants progress in their preparations for the pageant night.



More than 400 people attended the 55th Narcissus Festival Kick-off Reception, held on November 13, 2003 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom.



Chamber's president Terrill Chock joining with 50 participants, including some Chamber's officers, Past-Presidents, Directors, members, Narcissus Queen and Court, contestants, Chinese students, and friends, made the annual visitation to the Palolo Chinese Home, and brought warm aloha and season's greetings to the elderly residents there on November 29, 2003.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Larry and Linda Chan were shown smiling on the front of the November 2 *Honolulu Advertiser* "Dining Out" section. The likely reason for their smiles was their second Ilima Award in three years. Linda talked about the labor-intensive lotus leaf-wrapped crab in mochi rice while Larry favors the Northern-style baby back ribs. The two locations of Eastern Garden on Waiālae Avenue and in Westridge Shopping Center will have traditional holiday items for their Thanksgiving (and Christmas) buffets.

Congratulations are in order to former Chamber present and long-time

McDonald's franchisee **Victor Lim**. He was recently recognized for his efforts in promotion of McDonald's in the community and contributions to the brand's recognition. Victor is on the national executive board of the McDonald's advertising cooperative, which handles national advertising and is also chair of the board's Asian consumer marketing committee. For these (and many other public service) contributions, Victor was honored with the Ronald Award, which is the most prestigious recognition within the McDonald's family.

NEW MEMBERS

At its meeting on October 28, the Board of Directors approved the applications for businessman **Danny Auyoug** (sponsored by **Alvin Wong**); insurance agent **Liane Chong** (sponsored by **Alvin Wong**); and DBEDT economist **Cy Feng** (sponsored by **Winfred Pong**). And at its November 25 meeting, the directors approved the application for **Jackie Yoshida**, director of sales at the Waikiki Gateway Hotel and Waikiki Sand Villa Hotel (sponsored by **Richard Foo**).



54th Narcissus Queen and Court and 55th Narcissus Queen Contestants took part in the community service activity "McDonald's World Children Day Fundraiser" on November 22, 2003, at the McDonald in the Ala Moana Shopping Center.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 16 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber's Office - 12:00 noon
- Dec 17 • Wed **Membership Christmas Party**
Hee Hing Restaurant - 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Dec 23 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Dec 25 • Thu **Christmas Day**
- Jan 1 • Thu **2004 New Year Day**

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