

LANTERN

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PEARL HARBOR BOAT TOUR

It's that time of the year again. **Stanford Yuen**, executive assistant to the commander, Navy Region Hawaii, has arranged to reserve about twenty seats for Chamber members on the boat tour of Pearl Harbor. The tour will be on Wednesday, September 10, starting promptly at 1600 hours (that's 4:00 p.m., National Guard time) and ending around 1730 (5:30 p.m.). Departure is from the pier at the U.S.S. *Arizona* Museum, and the boat will cruise under the Ford Island bridge, then past the Waipio and Pearl City Peninsula; the U.S.S. *Utah* memorial; West, Middle, and East Lochs; current and future plans around Pearl Harbor, including Ford Island development; and the battleship U.S.S. *Missouri*. Tentatively scheduled is a visit to the *Arizona* Memorial. This tour is by invitation only and is not open to the public.

Due to security concerns, there are special instructions: no large carry-on purses or bags; all carry-on items are subject to inspection, no loose objects. Cameras are okay. Please use the restroom before boarding. Names are required in advance, and a photo identification (driver's license) is required before boarding the boat. NO entry for names not on the list. Seating is limited, so if you want to go, contact the Chamber at 533-3181 right away!



Minister & Mrs. Lan Lijun of the Chinese Embassy in Washington D.C., who were accompanied by Deputy Consul General Li Yiping, Consul Lai Bo and Consul Yang Yi of the Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles on a visit to Hawaii, were greeted by Chinese Chamber's officers Terrill Chock, Ming Chen, Alvin Wong and Wen Chung Lin at a breakfast meeting at the Rainbow Lanai Restaurant, Hilton Hawaiian Village on July 14, 2003.

Chamber Golf Tournament

Reminder to all golfers: the Chinese Chamber golf tournament will be held on Thursday, October 2, at the New Ewa Beach Golf Club. Check-in starts at 11:00 a.m., the pre-tournament putting contest is at 11:30 a.m., lunch is at noon, and the shotgun start for the tournament is 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$125.00 per player and \$375.00 per team, which includes cart, green fees, lunch, door prizes, hole-in-one contests, and the post-tournament awards dinner. Maximum handicaps are 30 for men and 36 for women. Format for the tournament is shotgun start, 3-person team, modified scramble. The buffet awards dinner will begin with no-host cocktails immediately following tournament play. Checks should be made payable to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact **Bernard** or **Michele Choy** at 456-5599 evenings or the Chamber at 533-3181 during working hours, Monday through Friday.



The orientation for 55th Narcissus Queen contestants was held on August 21, 2003 at the Honolulu Suites, Hilton Hawaiian Village.

"Taste of China"

This event, scheduled for September 17, has been re-scheduled to Saturday, October 4. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall Hawaii Suites. Admission is only \$2.00 while booth space is \$250.00 (including a \$50.00 refundable deposit). Members should have received an information packet including a letter from President **Terrill Chock**; a flier giving details of the event such as the events on the program as well as the silent auction and exhibition; a flier with details for those interested in exhibiting at the event; and a diagram/locator map for up to fifty (50) booths. Chair **Elvira Lo** has put a lot of time and effort into the planning of this event, and has drawn on her experience at shows where *Elvira Chocolat* and other Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association members have exhibited.



Terrill S. W. Chock

Sino International Inc. (Hawaii) has, for several years, developed working relationships with governmental officials of several provinces in the People's Republic of China, and has been using these relationships to assist businesses and individuals desiring to invest or conduct business in the PRC. Chamber member **Bill Chee** is the general manager of this company and made arrangements through the Chamber to have a delegation from the Harbin Development Zone meet with several of DBEDT's officials in Honolulu. Sino International recently worked with a mainland construction firm which will be opening an office in Harbin to develop production housing projects in that northeastern corner of the PRC. Chamber Second Vice President **Alvin Wong** and Executive Vice President **Wen Chung Lin** accompanied me in that meeting with DBEDT.

Later that evening, I had long conversations with **Daniel Pyun**, President of the Korean Chamber of Commerce, and **Taeyong Kim** of the Korean-American Coalition Hawaii at a joint reception held to celebrate their respective

organizations' installation of officers. Both groups expressed a strong desire to work with not only the Chinese Chamber, but also the many other ethnic Chambers. The groundwork for collaboration among these Chambers has already been set in place by the Affiliated Chambers and Business Organization Council (ACBOC), which had been meeting monthly and has served as the means through which the programs and events of all the member groups are shared with each other.

Chamber member **Johnson Choi** has been an instrumental part of ACBOC, and it was through his efforts as president of the Hong Kong China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, along with Chamber Board member **Yen Chun** (Japan-American Institute of Management Science) that the Chamber co-sponsored a forum on the history of China's economic status and trends. Other co-sponsors were DBEDT, the Center for Chinese Studies (Chamber member **Ron Brown**), the Beijing University Alumni Association in Hawaii (**Mangmang Brown**), and the China Club. It was a very interesting evening. I felt as though I was in a classroom again, and was in great need of a dictionary. The speaker, **Hai Wen**, Ph.D., is the Deputy Director of China's Center for Economic Research at Beijing University in Beijing.

Chamber Emeritus Director **Warren Luke** was seated next to Taiwan's Vice President **Hsiu Lien Lu** at a dinner reception that was held at Chamber member **Li May Tang's** Hong Kong Harbour View Seafood Restaurant. The

Chamber members who were present at this reception were very proud that Warren was at the head table. It was another honor befitting this man who recently stepped forward to have Hawaii National Bank and Loyalty Enterprises, Ltd., be the event sponsors for the Chamber's upcoming "Taste of China."

The Chamber has been asked to assist Huangshan City to establish a "sister-city" relationship with Honolulu. We have already started the process for them, and I will be appointing an *ad hoc* committee determine if there are other cities in China that would like to have such a relationship with Honolulu.

President-elect **Winfred Pong** and I recently attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees. As a result of that evening, I have asked Second Vice President **Alvin Wong** to plan a mixer with the Chinese Jaycees and the other Chinese Chambers in Honolulu. This social event will be a tremendous networking opportunity.

Congratulations go to, among others, Chamber members **Wesley Fong**, who just celebrated his 60th birthday with a bang, and **Justin Goo**, who is now the proud husband of **Audra Chun**.

SUPPORT YOUR CHAMBER, PARTICIPATE!

Important dates are Thursday, October 2, the Chamber Golf Tournament (contact the Chamber office at 533-3181 for details), and Saturday, October 4, "Taste of China" at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.



Through Chamber's arrangement, a Harbin business delegation, led by Mr. Feng Yao-dong, Deputy Director General, Administrative Office of Harbin Economic & Technology Development Zone, visited DBEDT's office and welcomed by Mr. Richard Bahar, Business Development Manager on July 30, 2003. Both parties briefed each other on the information of current economic and business situation and looked forward to the opportunities of future business exchange and co-operation.

CHONGQING TRADE FAIR

by Douglas Ho

I have just returned from the 8th annual Chongqing Trade Fair and Festival, held during the last week of July. At the invitation of the Chongqing government, I was given a complimentary booth to display services and products from Hawaii-based companies. There were also several hundred companies from China, Europe, and the United States present to display their products and services. I was also the guest of honor at several fashion shows, martial arts demonstrations, and a beauty pageant which included over fifty contestants.

However, it was the lucrative business exchanges and discussions between government officials and businessmen from Chongqing that was the highlight of my trip. I found many of them to be highly cooperative, motivated, and helpful in establishing business relationships with Hawaii-based companies. The municipality of Chongqing is being given top priority by the central government in Beijing with over US\$200 billion of infrastructure funding over the next decade. Thus, Chongqing, the largest of the municipal cities in China, with a population of over 30 million, will no doubt be the next economic powerhouse of China in the twenty-first century.

For those of you who would like more information and details about doing business in Chongqing, you may contact me at 591-9799.

Dragon Boat Races



Joining with the Chamber's team, Narcissus Queen and Court participated in the competition of the Dragon Boat race, held at Ala Moana Beach on August 8-9, 2003, and won the Bronze Title in the community group.

[Editor's note: On Saturday and Sunday, August 9 and 10, the 8th annual AT&T Dragon Boat Festival was held at Ala Moana Beach Park. Both days were hot and sunny, with lots of blue sky and competition from the Organization of Chinese-Americans' national convention and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team. Nevertheless, a number of Chinese organizations had teams competing in the Division races on Saturday (listed in alphabetical order): the Chang Wing Yong Tong, the Chinese Chamber, the Kam Society, Lum Sai Ho Tong, Lung Doo Benevolent Society, Lung Kong Har Tong, See Dai Doo Society, U.S.-China People's Friendship Association, Wong Kong Har Tong, and the Lin and Ella Wong Foundation. Near the end of a long day on Saturday, the Chinese division race was held, and Wong Kong Har Tong finished first, the Chang Wing Yong Tong boat finished second, and the Chamber's boat, which included a large distaff contingent in the form of Narcissus Queen **Kathleen Wong** and her court, came in third!].

I am happy to report that the Chamber's participation in this year's Dragon Boat Race was very successful. We started with three good practice sessions at the beach to get everyone familiar with the boat. Even **Terrill Chock** with his silk shirt and loafers showed up at one of the practices. On Friday, August 8, the Narcissus Queen and her court were featured on the KHON-TV morning show. **Kathy Wong** and **Sue Ping Kuo** were interviewed and appeared to be very poised in front of the camera. I really like this group because they seem to be the down-to-earth type. However, I was pleasantly surprised with their hidden competitive spirit.

On the day of the race, the Queen and Court, together with sixteen other paddlers, were ready to go. They told me that they really wanted to win the division race. Or thought they could. They posted one of the best times of the day and won their second race against See Dai Doo and Chang Wing Yong Tong by a large margin. As you know, most of these women are petite, inexperienced paddlers, and half the Chamber team was women! I wouldn't call them angels, but they certainly can paddle like the devil. Although they fell short and captured third place in the Chinese Organization division finals, they showed a lot of *aloha* spirit by congratulating and shaking hands with the winners. If you ask me, I think that they are winners, too.

It was a very successful event for the Chamber. From the first practice to the end, everything went smoothly. *Mahalo* plenty to **Victor Lim** for providing water, ice, cups, and fruit punch, and to **Reuben Wong** for the t-shirts, lunch, and Council of Presidents tent.

SARS Update: With warmer weather, SARS has seemingly disappeared. However, this does not mean that it may not reappear with cooler fall weather. A *New York Times* article, "China allows sale of animal tied to SARS," on August 14, reporting that Beijing agricultural officials have allowed resumption of the sale of palm civet cats and fifty-three other exotic animal species, making a distinction between supposedly safe farm-raised animals and wild caught ones. (However, a microbiologist at Hong Kong University is not sure that there is enough evidence to support that distinction). That same day, the *Wall Street Journal* had a similar article on the front page, "China Lifts Wild-Animal Ban Despite Risk of Link to SARS." In addition, the August 21 issue of the *Far East Economic Review* had a cover article, "SARS: Is it coming back?" These articles should be available online for subscribers, and at various Oahu libraries.



On August 9, friends and family gathered at the Royal Garden Restaurant to celebrate the sixtieth birthday of that venerable elder, none other than **Wesley Fong**. After a sumptuous nine-course dinner, there was a roast-like program put on by his family and his old Punahou classmates. While Wes may have very few secrets left after the many revelations, it was clear that Wes is fortunate to have such loving friends and family. (Wes and his wife, **Linda**, were

also pictured in the August 20 issue of *Midweek*, attending a recent Arthritis Foundation gathering).

The 11th annual "Best of Honolulu" list, compiled by *Honolulu Weekly* from a readers' poll as well as its editors, appeared in the August 13 issue of the paper. While no members' restaurants appeared in the readers' poll categories, **Jennifer Chan's** Little Village was picked as "Best Chinese Food" in the Editors' Choices. "Editor" **Sanford Leung** cited the honey-walnut shrimp, steamed *basa* (catfish fillet) in a ginger-soy sauce, and garlic spinach as "stellar" while also mentioning *ham yu* fried rice, which isn't on the menu. (The dishes were chosen by a seemingly knowledgeable *pake* foodie). That same evening, Jennifer and her restaurant were shown on KITV-4's "On the Menu." Apparently, Jennifer and her husband, **Kenneth**, are also still operating Chan's Gourmet Buffet out on Nimitz as well.

According to the August 24 *Advertiser* Business Section, Hawaii National Bank chairman and CEO **Warren Luke** has become a member of the Hawaii Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers and senior officers of companies with headquarters or a major presence in Hawaii.

NEW MEMBERS

At its July 29 meeting, the board of directors approved the applications for **Jeffrey Lau**, an agent with New York Life Insurance (sponsored by **Reuben Wong**); **Jin "Jasmine" Me**, a financial advisor (sponsored by **Michael Qu**); and **Hanney Yin**, an investment banker with United Hawaiian Investment Group (sponsored by **Yen Chun**). Welcome aboard and we look forward to meeting you at the next general membership meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 1 • Mon **Labor Day**
- Sept 23 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber's Office - 12:00 noon
- Sept 30 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Oct 2 • Thur **Golf Tournament**
The New Ewa Beach Golf Club
- 1:00 p.m.
- Oct 4 • Sat **A Taste of China**
Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall
- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

July 30, 2003

- Mr. Feng Yao-dong, Deputy Director General
Harbin Economic & Technology Development Zone
and delegation of 3

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- Mr. Zu Wei-qing, Secretary General
Zhongshan Delegation

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