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Beijing Opera

The U.S.-China People's Friendship Association of Honolulu and the Chinese Language Education Association of Hawaii will present the National Taiwan Junior College of Performing Arts (NTJCPA) Opera Troupe on Friday, October 8, at the McKinley High School Auditorium. The troupe of twenty-eight talented performers are drawn from two famous performing arts schools, the National Fu Hsing Dramatic Arts Academy and the National Kuo Kuang Academy of Arts. The NTJCPA each year puts on more than 600 performances, both in Taiwan and around the world.

Donors are being sought for the performance, and will receive premium reserved seats, tickets to a welcome reception, recognition in the program, and a sizable tax deduction. The donor categories are Ambassador Circle (\$1,000.00), Patron Circle (\$500.00), and Friendship Circle (\$200.00). Net proceeds will go to the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association of Honolulu Koji Ariyoshi Scholarship Fund and the Chinese Language Education Association of Hawaii's educational programs. For more information or to make reservations, contact **Walter Chang** at 597-8135.

Narcissus Festival Patron packages

Patrons are being sought for the 56th annual Narcissus Festival. The categories of patrons are Special (\$1,500.00), Presidential (\$800.00), Director (\$800.00), Society (\$900.00), Member A (\$600.00), and Member B (\$300.00). Patrons will receive tickets/admission to the Narcissus Kick-Off, Narcissus Pageant, Coronation Ball, Fashion Show, and Narcissus souvenir books, the number depending on the level of contribution. For more information, contact the Chamber at 533-3181.

DREAMS AND DRAGONFLIES BENEFIT

The **Alana Dung** Research Foundation will hold "an evening of magic and promise" to support the **John A. Burns** School of Medicine's research efforts on Saturday, November 6, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Cocktails and a silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and there will be a performance of Ohi'a Productions' "On Dragonfly Wings." Tables seating ten are available at \$6,000.00 (Golden Pond Table), \$3,000.00 (Lily Pond Table); and \$1,250 (Waterbug's Table). In addition, there are individual Waterbug seats for \$125.00, optional donations for those unable to attend, and donations are also being sought for the silent auction. (On silent auction donations, kindly notify the Foundation not later than Friday, October 8) Checks should be made payable to the Alana Dung Research Foundation. For more information, call 945-2988 or visit www.alanadungfoundation.org.

Taste of China

In conjunction with the upcoming Taste of China event, Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24, orders are being taken for special *nian gau* at \$5.00, \$8.00, and \$10.00 apiece and *joong* for \$2.75. Orders can be picked up on either day, but orders should be placed in advance so that an appropriate number can be made. To order, contact the Chamber at 533-3181.

The Taste of China event will have food and cultural exhibits by various local vendors and Chinese societies. There will also be entertainment in the form of Chinese folk dances, singing, lion dancing, and dragon dancing. There will also be an interactive booth where children can play with a small Chinese lion head or Chinese musical instruments. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.



President
Winfred Pong

In a report delivered to the annual conference of the China Association of Science and Technology, **Hu Qiheng**, Director of the China Internet Information Center, said that China's dramatic growth in Internet use in recent years has been propped up by the strong development of telecommunications and information technology industries. China's economic growth has continuously spurred the demand for information and data. She further noted, however, that Internet applications in China are still at an initial stage with more "bulletins" than useful content. Ms. Hu concluded that the reform of Internet information management in China and the Chinese public's awareness of the information provided through the Internet will be more important to the continuous development of the Internet in China than the advance of hardware equipment and the design of software programs.

The most important thing the Internet does is that it is by far the most amazing, far reaching, and practically unstoppable way in which it can connect people together. The Internet allows people to communicate with each other over vast distances, and across all kinds of boundaries that for-

merly made communication difficult or impossible. Using the Internet, individual people are able to join with others to form or renew relationships, based on common interests. The Internet fosters new relationships, and perhaps even more importantly, new kinds of relationships. The most basic commercial importance of the Internet is how it moves the world slightly closer to a perfectly knowledgeable market, a market in which everything that is for sale is advertised and everything that is wanted for purchase is requested somewhere, and buyers and sellers can contact each other with no cost.

The Internet is a communications tool and good communications leads to good relationships, which is good business.

Many of our members are not aware that we have a vibrant and valuable resource tool with the establishment of the Chamber's Internet Web site. The Web site was established under the technical guidance of Chamber member **Justin Goo** and can be found at www.chinesechamber.com. When entering the home page for the Web site, the profile of a Chinese Chamber member will be featured. The profile of a different Chamber member will be featured each time the home page is accessed. The various activities of the Chinese Chamber (i.e., Narcissus events, membership dinners, and trade delegations) are also scrolled in front of you in the sequence the events will be held. The most current edition of the *Lantern* is also available for viewing on your computer monitor by clicking on a hotlink.

There are other links to the Narcissus Festival, a calendar of events, and most importantly, the most recent direc-

tory to all of the members of the Chinese Chamber. The directory is categorized by the members' last name, company name, and type of business. The address, telephone numbers, and e-mail address are also provided in the directory. Access to the membership directory is restricted by requiring a login name and password. All members should contact **Grace Chan** at the Chinese Chamber to obtain their login name and password. Grace can be contacted by e-mail at gchan@chinesechamber.com.

We are currently in the process of revamping our Web site so that it can be a portal or host that can be used by the various Chinese societies in Hawaii. Each Chinese society will be given an opportunity to have a presence on the Internet through a Web site that will be hosted by the Chinese Chamber. We will also be translating our Web site into Chinese so that friends and relatives in China can also read about our activities in Hawaii. It is also our desire to provide links to companies that have supported our activities to develop business opportunities in China and Southeast Asia.

You can help yourself to maintain a presence on the Internet through the Chinese Chamber Web site by providing us with current contact information. You can also revise your profile to update your current interests and professional background. With the growing importance of the Internet in the global market economy where there are no walls, the Chinese Chamber Website can provide you with a communication tool through which you can renew old relationships or develop new ones.

We can all agree that good communications is good business.

USS Chung-Hoon Commissioning events

On Friday, September 10, the USS *Chung-Hoon* (DDG 93), the U.S. Navy's newest and most capable warship, arrived at its new Pearl Harbor home port. With a crew of some 330 officers, chiefs, and enlisted personnel, *Chung-Hoon* is the forty-third of sixty-two Arleigh Burke-class destroyers currently authorized by Congress. It is named after Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon, who was born in Hawaii in 1910, educated at Punahou School, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1934, and won the Navy Cross and Silver star for his actions during World War II. Since its arrival, there have been a series of events for *Chung-Hoon's* crew, family, and extended *ohana*: an on-board reception was held for members of the Commissioning Committee on Wednesday, September 15; the commanding officer's reception at the USS *Missouri's* Ford Island berth on Friday, September 17; a platform briefing with continental breakfast at the Navy Lodge on Ford Island and then the ship's commissioning on Saturday, September 18; and finally, the crew reception and an informal seven-course dinner at the New Empress Restaurant on Sunday, September 26.

For the *Lantern's* editor, the late summer sun set during the commanding officer's reception, and there was an opportunity to go aboard the *Missouri* and spend a quiet half hour or so, watching the beginning and end of evening nautical twilight (BENT/EENT) time from the ship's fantail. A really "chicken skin" moment came during the commissioning ceremony as the commissioning pennant and the U.S. flag were hoisted up *Chung-Hoon's* mast, and again when the crew, seated at dockside, were ordered to "man the ship and bring her alive."

The September 26 crew reception was a way for the crew to relax in an informal atmosphere – *Chung-Hoon's* skipper, CDR Kenneth Williams, set the example with aloha shirt, Bermuda shorts, and loafers – after a week or more of "drill and ceremonies." Special guests at the reception were the 2004 Narcissus Queen **Kerri Ching** and members of her court, 2005 Miss Chinatown Hawaii **Tracy Tom** and her court, and the 2005 Narcissus Pageant contestants. Both Kerri and Tracy performed hulas as part of a brief after-dinner program. Many people in attendance took the opportunity to have their pictures taken with the young women.

The reception was co-sponsored by the Chinese Chamber and the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States. Many Chinese organizations contributed to the reception: the Associated Chinese University Women, the Chinatown Merchants Association, Elvira *Chocolat*, the Hawaii Chinese Civic Association, the Kauai Chinese Heritage Association, the Lin Yee Chung Association, the Lum Sai Ho Tong Society, the Lung Doo Benevolent Society, the Lung Kong Kung Shaw Society, the See Dai Doo Society, the United Chinese Society, the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association of Honolulu, the Wong Kong Har Tong Society of Hawaii, and the Wong Mung Duck Tong. Individual donors included **Melvyn** and **May Yap** (Plank Owner), **Gordon** and **Lana Au**, **Gerald Chang**, **Walter** and **Emily Chang**, Rep. **Corinne Ching**, **Lawrence S. L. Ching**, **Wesley** and **Linda Fong**, Dr. **Vernon** and **Yung Soong Jim**, **Herbert** and **Bernice Loo**, **Gayle Lau** and **Lorinda Wong-Lau**, and **Stanford** and **Lynette Yuen**. The crew reception committee that organized the event and selected the menu items was chaired by **Stanford Yuen**, and included **Melvyn Yap**, **Gayle Lau**, and **Gerald Chang**.

Moon Festival Observance

There will be Moon Festival ceremonies and festivities on Saturday, October 2, at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. The event is co-sponsored by Buddha's Light International, the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce, and China Airlines. For more information, consult the weekend calendars in the Friday *Advertiser* and *Star-Bulletin*.

CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT AND NETWORKING SESSION

Oahu Country Club in Nuuanu was the venue for the Chamber golf tournament on Wednesday, September 22. Some fifty Chamber members and friends gathered for the odyssey around the OCC's eighteen holes. Late that afternoon and evening, there was a networking session and awards dinner, centered on OCC's fabulous buffet. Special thanks to gold sponsors Hawaii National Bank and Architects Pacific, Inc. Thanks also to donors Aloha Airlines, Ba-Le Sandwiches, Crack Seed Center, D. Otani Produce, First Hawaiian Bank, Harrah's, Hee Hing Restaurant, the Hilton Waikoloa, Hiroshi Yakiniku, Louis Vuitton, McDonald's, Meadow Gold, Sam Choy's Restaurant, Sand and Seaside Hotel, Seafood Village Restaurant, Shogun Restaurant, the Plantation Café, Royal Kinau Partnership, and Webco. And finally,

there was the hard-working golf committee of Dr. **Ming Chen**, **Steven Hong**, **Ed Pei**, and **Alvin Wong**.





The food section in the September 1 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* had **Raymond Siu's** recipe

for making taro duck at home. A former Hawaii resident now living in California had requested the recipe from **Betty Shimabukuro's** "By Request" column. Ordinarily, making taro duck involves the laborious process of boning a whole duck. In responding to the request, Raymond simplified the recipe to using two duck breasts, and the result would serve 4-5 people. If you want the real thing, however, a whole order is \$36.00 from Raymond's Pah-Ke's Chinese Restaurant in Kaneohe.

Fast-food restaurant competitors **Victor Lim** and **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, were pictured in the September 1 *Midweek* at the Sheraton Waikiki for the Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished Citizen Award to **Alan Doane** of Alexander and Baldwin.

Among those running for an at-large seat on the Board of Education is **Lei Ahu Isa**. In the September 19 primary election, she received 50,092 votes and came in third. She advances to the November 2 general election where voters will choose six at-large BOE members.

George Lum was pictured holding a *Kupuna* ID card in a September 24 *Advertiser* article on the Hawaii Senior Fair/The Good Life Expo which was held that day and through Sunday, September 26, at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.

Adelia Chung, CLU, ChFC, has been named 2005 President of the Million Dollar Round Table, the premier association of financial professionals. She is the first female president in the MDRT's seventy-seven year history, and is a twenty-two year qualifier with six Top of the Table and seven Court of

the Table honors, which are reserved for producers who achieve the highest level of production and client service. Adelia was the second woman to serve as president of the MDRT Foundation in 1999. She credits her success to the work ethic instilled by her father, **Tai Yau Chung**, a former Chinese Chamber President. Truly a phenomenal record for Adelia, who started her insurance career in 1981, and still found time to have three children with husband **Stephen Dung**.

NEW MEMBERS

At its August 31 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Patrick Graham**, a realtor-agent with Coldwell Banker (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**); **Dr. Gerald Kim**, an orthodontist (sponsored by **Ted Li**); **Emy Louie**, an architect and *feng shui* consultant (sponsored by **Sharissa Chun**); **Rick Mikami**, an executive with Pharmedex (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**); and **Hsiao Min Pang**, a sales agent with Q-Merchant Solutions (sponsored by **Wen Chung Lin**).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 11 • Mon **Columbus Day**
- Oct 19 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber's Office - 12:00 noon
- Oct 23 • Sat **Taste of China**
Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Oct 24 • Sun **Taste of China**
Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Oct 26 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Nov 4 • Thu **56th Narcissus Festival Kick-Off Reception**
Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom

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