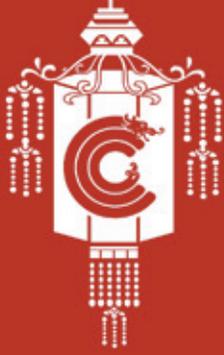


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Narcissus Fashion Show

The gala 57th annual Narcissus Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, March 5, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Boutique sales and a silent auction will begin at 9:00 a.m., and lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by the fashion show. On the lunch menu are Caesar salad with Romaine lettuce, herbed croutons, and the Hilton's Caesar dressing; Chicken Parmesan in tomato basil sauce accompanied by a medley of seasonal vegetables and *fettuccini* pasta with olive oil, Parmesan cheese, and herbs; rolls; *lychee* ice cream in a chocolate lotus cup with raspberry *coulis*. A vegetarian meal is available upon a timely advance request. Entertainment will be provided by soprano **Sherry Shaoling**. The fashion show will be produced by Fendi, spotlighting its spring and summer 2006 collection. Each guest will apparently be given an entry form for a special drawing that will be held on March 21 for a one-year Fendi shoe wardrobe (one pair of shoes per month). Individual seats are \$48.00 or \$480.00 per table while prime VIP seating is \$100 or \$1,000.00 per VIP table. Chamber members should already have received earlier this month a reminder in an imperial yellow-orange envelope.

General Membership Meeting

Bank of Hawaii chief economist **Paul Brewbaker** will be the guest speaker at the general membership meeting on Thursday, March 30. His topic will be "Hawaii's Economic Outlook in 2006," with an emphasis on real estate, which is timely in view of soaring real estate values over the last three years. The meeting will be held at the Hong Kong Harbor View Seafood Restaurant, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and running to about 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person, whether Chamber member or guest. Validated parking is available in the area *makai* of the HECO power plant and Diamond Head of the Maritime Museum. Kindly call the Chamber by Thursday, March 27, if you plan to attend.



ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

On Friday, March 3, the annual election of directors will be held. Members can stop by at the Chamber office on the second floor, 42 North King Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sixteen individuals have been nominated to serve a term beginning on June 1, 2006. Each member has the right to vote in the election, so come out and exercise that right.

HONG KONG-HAWAII TALK

For those who attended the Hong Kong-China-Hawaii Chamber of Commerce spring business luncheon on February 24, there will be a complimentary follow-up luncheon. On March 9, **Jacqueline Ann Willis, JP**, and Hong Kong Commissioner for Economic and Trade Affairs, will give a talk on "Hong Kong and Hawaii: Countable Islands, Unlimited Opportunities," at the Hawaii Prince Halehakala Room. Ms. Willis is the Hong Kong SAR's senior representative in the U.S. and supervises the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (HKETO) in Washington, D.C., New York, and San Francisco. Registration and networking begins at 11:00 a.m. and the luncheon and talk will begin at 12:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP to reserve your seat (by March 6), call **Johnson Choi** at 524-5738 or by e-mail at johnsonwkchoi@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



President
Ming Chen

I hope that every one of you had a great Chinese new year.

The Chamber had a very busy month to promote Chinese culture and business during this period of time. The Narcissus Festival reached its peak in the last month as well. We had an exciting pageant on January 14, and we have a new 57th Narcissus queen and court. They are beautiful, intelligent, and ready to be our ambassadors for the Year of the Dog.

We had a memorable and successful coronation ball on January 21. Some of our past presidents and queens were honored on stage in front of 850 guests and celebrities. Past president **Wallace**

Wong (1983-84) at 94 years of age still walked across the stage with a former queen. (Twenty-one past presidents and former queens were present, but not all of the queens were escorted by the respective president due to unavoidable absences). Past president **Tai Yau Chung** (1972-73) rode across the stage in his wheelchair, accompanying his queen, **Valerie Wong Liu**. We were all touched by their spirit and support. There were all kinds of compliments on the success of the coronation ball. I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Michele Choy**, **Dennis Hwang**, **Alvin Wong**, and their committee members for working very hard to make the event possible.

The two-day Chinatown open house the following weekend was also very successful. We were able to continue our tradition of closing King Street for six groups of lion dancers. They later visited many Chinatown merchants and restaurants to chase out the evil spirits with firecrackers and to bestow blessings for a safe and prosperous Year of the Dog for them. I (and other Chamber officers) had the privilege of representing you to escort the

Narcissus Queen and court to visit almost forty merchants and societies and to greet them with wishes for a happy new year. We paid for the off-duty police cost and received a grant from the City.

Over at the Chinese Cultural Plaza, the Chinese New Year celebration run by the Chinese Chamber on January 27-28 was packed with people, both locals and tourists. All the restaurants were full, with long lines of people waiting to get a meal. The Chamber showed its leadership in Chinatown with this successful event.

The last function of the 57th Narcissus Festival will be the upcoming Narcissus Fashion Show on Sunday, March 5. This year, we really get out of the box and have a true fashion company giant to produce a professional fashion show for us. Please do not miss this fashion show presented by Fendi of Paris.

In closing, I just want you to know that your officers have been working very hard to carry out our mission so that you can be proud of being a member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

CHAMBER NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Chinese Paintings Exhibit

The Honolulu Academy of Arts will feature "Chinese Painting of the Shanghai School" on show from March 8 through July 15. Following the Opium War (1839-42), Shanghai was opened to foreign trade, and artists and patrons flocked there to participate in the buying and selling of art works. This was a pivotal time in Chinese art history, and the Shanghai School or haipai was made up of native Shanghainese artists as well as sojourners from other areas. Apparently the paintings are so extensive that there will be two rotations during the showing period. For more information on hours and admission prices, call the Academy at 532-8700.



At the January 31 board of directors meeting, long awaited “plank owners’ plaques” were presented to several board members who participated in planning and preparations for the September 2004 commissioning of the USS *Chung-Hoon* (DDG 93) and the crew reception held a week later at the Empress Restaurant. First and foremost, plaques were presented to **Melvyn Yap** (Captain, USNR (Ret.)) and his wife **May** for large donation. Plaques were also presented to (in alphabetical order) **Gerald Chang** (LTC, USAR (Ret.)), **Gayle Lau** (Captain, USNR), and **Stanford Yuen**, executive assistant to the commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and chair of the crew reception committee. The dark hardwood, laser-engraved plaques also include the obverse and reverse of what may be a commemorative *Chung-Hoon* commissioning coin. As some may remember, the ship is named after a Hawaii-born and raised Chinese-Hawaiian, the late Rear Admiral **Gordon Chung-Hoon**, who won a Navy Cross, the nation’s second highest award for valor, for his actions during the battle for Okinawa in April, 1945. *Chung-Hoon* departed Pearl Harbor early in January for a six-month deployment in the western Pacific.

In the February 15 *Midweek*, **Jo McGarry’s** Table Talk column listed some of her favorite dishes and restaurants. One of those mentioned was Chef **Chih Chieh Chang’s** “special dried beef” at Shanghai Bistro Chef

Chang’s monthly Saturday cooking class continues at 10:00 a.m. on March 25 with spring rolls, sweet and sour meatballs, and *jin dui*. The weekend Broadway-style entertainment continues on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. According to owner **Li May Tang**, the piano stylings of **Don Conover** begin at 7:30 p.m., singer **Rex Nockengust** takes center stage at 8:00 p.m., and the duo continue to 9:00 p.m. There is a \$20.00 cover charge, which includes one drink and a *pupu* platter; however, the cover is waived for early diners. To make dinner reservations or to sign up for the \$25.00 cooking class, call 955-8668.

Linda and **Larry Chan** have opened a new restaurant, Mandalay, in the old Yong Sing Restaurant location on Alakea Street. According to the Dining Scene review in the February 17 *Advertiser*, the Chans spent \$1.5 million in renovating the site, and the restaurant received a three and a half fork (out of a possible five), between very good (four forks) and good (three forks). The Mandalay also was reviewed in **Nadine Kam’s** Weekly Eater column in the February 12 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, receiving three stars (very good, exceeds expectations) for its food and three and a half star for its service. Kam notes that during weekday lunch, there is dining in as well as an express operation, which starts at 10:30 a.m. and offers plate lunches, while on weekends, there is cartless *dim sum* service. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily and the phone number is 525-8585.

To honor the Year of the Dog, **Raymond Siu** has frosted dog cookies available throughout the year at his

Pah-Ke’s Bakery and Deli in 99 Ranch Market in Mapunapuna. The designs are labor-intensive, but do add more sweetness to the cookies. Each cookie comes with a slip with information on the Year of the Dog. There are four different size dog cookies: a Scottie (\$1.75), a collie (\$2.50), a black and white spotted dog (\$2.95), and a poodle (\$3.50). In addition, Raymond’s “healthy Chinese-Hawaiian cuisine” at his Kaneohe restaurant is reflected in his bakery operation. With an eye on the increase in type II diabetes among adults, he has managed to get access to “Diabeti Sweet,” a sweetener for Raymond’s baked goods with no glycemic response. In addition, his cakes can be frosted with a non-dairy cream frosting for the lactose-intolerant. Regular items include a mini-sponge cake, in either standard or chocolate flavors, for \$1.25, and *chi chi dango mochi* (10 pieces for \$3.50); peanut butter, red bean or coconut *mochi* (four pieces for \$3.75); and a novel blueberry *mochi* (\$3.95 for a 5-1/2 x 7-inch pan). If you want baked goods for fund-raising (instead of Zippy’s chili) or a special occasion or a gift basket of goodies, call Raymond with your needs at 839-1717.

The United Chinese Society recently honored long-time Chamber board member Dr. **Vernon Jim** as its 2006 Citizen of the Year. His wife, **Yun Soong**, was honored as the UCS 2001 Chinese Citizen of the Year, and so the Jims are the first husband and wife to be so honored. A very nice article by **Catherine Toth** about the couple appeared in the February 15 *Honolulu Advertiser*.

NEW MEMBERS

At its January 31 meeting, the board of directors approved the membership applications of **Jay Chrisman**, president of Archery Headquarters (sponsored by **Phoebe Chrisman**); **Che-Wai Lau**, a sales consultant with Servco Kaimuki Toyota (sponsored by **Phoebe Chrisman**); and **Caron Ling**, an agent with Servco Insurance Services (sponsored by **Phoebe Chrisman**).

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

February 23, 2006

- Ms. He Ying, Division Director
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 3 • Fri **Chamber General Election**
Chamber's Office
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Mar 5 • Sun **57th Narcissus Fashion Show**
Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral
Ballroom - 12:00 noon
- Mar 14 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber's Office - 12:00 noon
- Mar 17 • Fri **Special Board of Directors Meeting**
New Empress Restaurant
- 12:00 noon



THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII
Proudly Presents
2006 Narcissus Queen Goodwill Tour

Delegation Leader:
Alvin Wong, President-Elect, CCCH

FEATURING BEIJING, XIAN AND GUILIN
Visiting Cities: Zhongshan, Guangzhou, Guilin, Xian,
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Date: June 8 - 24, 2006 (17 Days / 16 Nights)

Optional Taipei Tour
Date: June 24 - 27, 2006 (4 Days / 3 Nights)

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