

LANTERN

May 2006

Splendor of China

UPDATE

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 6, of chairs and volunteers working on the event. The meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Chamber office, 42 North King Street. Everyone interested in participating is invited to attend.

In addition, there should be inserts in this issue of *The Lantern* for booths: cultural and community organizations (no charge) and vendors (\$300.00/\$350.00 for regular/corner booths and \$400.00/\$450.00 for regular/corner food booths).

CHAMBER GOLF CLUB

There is a fledgling Chamber golf club which meets on the last Sunday of the month. For more information, contact **Richard Chun-Hoon** at 525-8118 or rchun-hoon@fhb.com.

BENEFIT LUNCHEON AND FUND-RAISER

by Yen Chun

On Sunday, June 11, the Hawaii Foundation for Chinese Culture and Arts (HFCCA) will be having its gala 2006 benefit luncheon and fund-raiser at the Pacific Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A Platinum table (for 10) is \$750.00; Gold table \$500.00; general admission \$35.00 per person; and \$16.00 per child. Besides a sumptuous buffet, there will also be a raffle, entertainment showcasing the dancers of the Phoenix Dance Chamber, and a silent auction featuring Chinese arts and crafts.

The Honolulu-based Phoenix Dance Chamber, an affiliate of the HFCCA, has toured internationally and sponsored several dance exchange tours to China since its inception in 1989. The company has won numerous international dance competition awards and, through its director, has received the Cultural Preservation Award from the Hawaii State Dance Council. The Phoenix Dance Chamber has been a long-time supporter of our Chamber. They have performed numerous times for the Chamber at the Coronation Ball, installation banquet, Fashion Show, and most recently, the Splendor of China. This year's gala is a fund-raiser to bring a top dance teacher from China to teach in Hawaii as well as to create scholarships for dancers to compete in the North American Chinese Dance Competition to be held in Vancouver this August. If you cannot make it to the event, the HFCCA would appreciate your donation or sponsorship. For more information, contact **Yen Chun** at 550-0509 or yenaloha@hotmail.com.



Gala 2006 (top to bottom): Chasing Tide dance, Water Festival dance, and Mongolian dance.



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President
Ming Chen

By the time you read this message, I will already have completed my term as president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

I feel like I have just graduated from “the college of the Chinese Chamber.” Some people are curious about my experiences as president. I would simply say that it was great. I have accomplished something outside of my medicine and surgery, and will forever treasure a lot of extraordinary memories from this experience. I could not have done it without all the help

from the Chamber staff, the board of directors, the Chamber members, and the many volunteers. Now is the time to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

My top priority as president was to preserve our positive image and Chinese culture. I have tried very hard to make sure that every one of our functions ran well.

Another priority was to promote harmony with other Chinese societies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the leaders of the many societies in Honolulu for being very kind to me as the president of the Chamber. Thank you for inviting me to your banquets as a honored guest and speaker.

It was my great honor and privilege as Chamber president to accompany Governor Linda Lingle and Mayor Mufi Hannemann on their respective missions to China to promote business and friendship. We believed we accomplished a lot during the trips and hope in the

near future, good results will follow.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii has had and will continue to have a very important role in promoting business for its members and in perpetuating Chinese culture and civic events not only for the Chinese community, but for the state of Hawaii as well. I would like to ask for your continued support for the Chamber and its non-profit Chamber Foundation to ensure that both will continue to grow for the betterment of all of us.

At this time, I proudly place the Chamber’s mission into the capable hands of Alvin Wong, our newly installed Chamber president, and the new officers and directors. Best wishes and congratulations to all of them.

Finally, as I take my leave as your president, I wish each and every one of you an abundance of good health and happiness in the remainder of the Year of the Dog.

C H A M B E R N E W S & A C T I V I T I E S

Chinatown Summit

On Thursday, June 22, the Mayor’s Chinatown Summit will be held at the Hawaii Theatre. The summit, which runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is free and open to the public. The summit is intended to bring together residents, business people, community leaders, and Chinatown organizations to develop plans to revitalize Chinatown. In the morning, there will be presentations and discussions on “customer” perspectives of Chinatown; community views; the entrepreneurial experience (led by **Anthony Chang**); the arts in Chinatown; and economic development for immigrant groups. After a no-host luncheon, there will be workshops on mini-grants, community concerns, and “what do customers want?” Registration is required, and those interested in attending should contact the Hawaii Theatre at 528-8506 by June 17, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The summit is sponsored by the City & County of Honolulu and Enterprise Honolulu and is hosted by the Hawaii Theatre. (For background information, there is a commentary by Mayor **Mufi Hannemann**, “Chinatown renaissance,” in the Sunday, May 14, issue of the *Honolulu Advertiser*

(<http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2006/May/14/op/FP605140309.html>) as well as a cautionary editorial, “Chinatown must retain its heart, soul” (<http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2006/May/14/op/FP605140302.html>) and accompanying commentaries by **Sarah Richards** and **Wing Tek Lum**).

Model Father and Mother of the Year

The United Chinese Society has named its 2006 Model Chinese Father and Mother of the Year: **George H. T. Chu** and **Vera Hui Wong**. George was Chamber president (1982-83), and has been a long-time Chamber director as well as emeritus director and was also in charge of the China management program in which Chinese officials and business people came to Hawaii for seminars and site visits before proceeding on to the mainland and field trips. Vera is the wife of former Chamber president and emeritus director **Reuben Wong**. More of their respective qualifications for the honor will undoubtedly be recounted at the UCS annual banquet on Saturday, July 1, at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai, starting at 6:00 p.m. Dress is casual/aloha attire. Call the UCS at 536-4621 before June 12 if you plan to attend to be there to honor George and Vera.

THE KING AND I

Chamber members have an opportunity to attend a special performance of *The King and I* on Saturday, July 22. Reserved seating for the Chinese Chamber will be available at the 7:30 p.m. performance at the Hawaii Theatre. The musical stars **Richard Chamberlain** and Grammy-winning soprano **Sylvia McNair**. A limited number of tickets will be available at the group rate of \$25.00 per person (plus a \$2.00 handling fee). Call **Wanda Tse** at 593-9223 or the Hawaii Opera Theater (HOT) Box Office at 596-7858 and ask for "Chamber group seating."

Installation Banquet

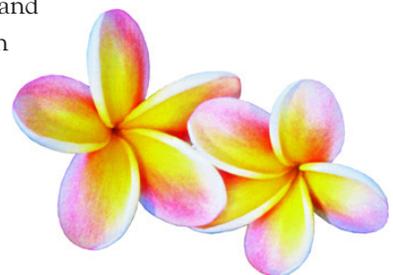
The annual Chamber installation banquet was held on Wednesday, May 31, at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai. Over four hundred Chamber members, family, and friends gathered for the installation of Chamber president Alvin Wong and the officers for 2006-2007. After the sumptuous seven-course dinner, the formal program included a number of awards: long-time *Lantern* editor **Gerald Chang**, Outstanding Chinese Chamber of Commerce volunteer; **Daniel Chun**, Outstanding Narcissus Festival volunteer; Small Business Administration Exporter of the Year **Tim Law**; and Outstanding Businessperson **Daniel Lau**. After Alvin's brief inaugural address, remarks were made by Governor **Linda Lingle**, Minister for Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council Madame **Chen Yujie**, and U.S. Senator **Daniel Akaka**, and several presentations were made by local politicians. (True to form, several "locals" mistakenly believed they were at their fund-raisers with a captive audience and that Chamber membership gave them license to ramble). Thanks to master and mistress of ceremonies **Vernon Ching** and **Darah Dung** and banquet chair **Michele Choy** and her hard-working committee.

Chinatown Declared Historic

On May 23, **John Nau**, chairman of the White House Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Mayor **Mufi Hannemann** announced that Chinatown has been designated as a "Preserve America Community Neighborhood." The announcement was made at a reception at Iolani Palace Barracks. Federal historic preservation funds may be available for Chinatown properties. Chinatown is the first neighborhood in Hawaii to receive a Preserve America designation and only the seventh neighborhood in the nation so recognized.

Condolences

On Friday, May 19, **Ken Stanford**, JN Automotive Group vice president and general manager, passed away at the age of 63. He was very supportive of the Chamber, particularly the Narcissus Festival, and was largely responsible for the Narcissus Queens in recent years having the use of a car during their reigns. Ken was also a great supporter of the U.S. Navy, particularly the enlisted personnel, and his funeral service was held on Thursday, May 25, on the fantail of the USS *Missouri*. He is survived by his father **Sam**, brother **Joe**, wife **Julie Hassel**, son **Tony**, and daughter **Morgan**. Our deepest sympathies go out to Ken's family.





BE A CHAMBER BENEFACTOR

Each of us can be a benefactor of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. A benefactor of the foundation is anyone who informs the foundation in writing that he or she has made provision in his or her will, life insurance policy, annuity or other estate plan document naming the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Foundation” as a beneficiary of a minimum donation of \$3,000.00 or more.

All monies contributed will be kept in an endowment fund to support the foundation’s mission under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.. That mission is for “charitable” purposes, including the relief of the poor, distressed or underprivileged; the advancement of education or science; lessening the burdens of government and the promotion of social welfare; or to buy or lease buildings for the foundation.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

Platinum	\$250,000.00 or above
Diamond	\$200,000.00 or above
Gold	\$100,000.00 or above
Silver	\$50,000.00 or above
President’s circle	\$20,000.00 or above
Governor’s circle	\$10,000.00 or above
Founder’s circle	\$5,000.00 or above

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Eddie and Elaine Flores were pictured in the April 19 *Midweek* while attending Chaminade University's 50th anniversary Gala Celebration dinner at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. This marked the kickoff of the school's \$50 million capital campaign. Eddie and Elaine were also pictured in the May 5 *Midweek* at Goodwill Industries of Hawaii's 15th annual fund-raising auction, held at the Sheraton Waikiki. Eddie, L & L Drive Inn's co-founder, was more than happy to share the burgeoning chain's recipe for *mochiko* chicken for *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* food columnist **Betty Shimabukuro's** new book, *By Request: The Search for Hawaii's Greatest Recipes*. The book is a compendium of the most requested recipes from Shimabukuro's column over the years.

Also pictured at the Goodwill fund-raising auction were state Representatives **Jerry Chang** and **Suzanne Chun Oakland**. Both were probably happy that the legislative session had come to an end and they could take it easy for a while before gearing up for this fall's elections.

Thomas Ky (and the recipe for Assaggio Chicken) was featured in one of "Five Special Stories" at the end of Betty Shimabukuro's book. He was a young refugee when he arrived in Hawaii in 1975, and through a great deal of hard work, by 1995, Thomas was able to bring his parents and

siblings to Hawaii where he had a house on Waialae Iki. Today, there are Assaggio locations in Ala Moana Center, Mililani, Hawaii Kai, and Kailua.

Linda and Larry Chan's Mandalay restaurant was one of three Chinese restaurants "that stand out as special choices" in the May 5 *Advertiser* Dining Scene. Restaurant critic **Helen Wu** mentioned "intoxicatingly refreshing" cold drunken clams; shrimp stir-fried with fresh red chilies *Siquan*-style; spicy beef sauteed with tangerine peel; "delicious" *Chiuchow*-style dumplings; and baked barbecue-pork buns (*char siu bao*).

Thursday, June 8, will be the official 11th anniversary for Hong Kong Harbor View Seafood Restaurant in Aloha Tower Marketplace. On that day, there will be a lion dance at 7:00 p.m. and the Guang Hawa Chinese Music Club will perform from 6:00-9:30 p.m. There is also a special seven-course anniversary menu, plus dried scallop and egg yolk fried rice as well as executive chef **Chih Chieh Chang's** innovative mango pudding for desert. (A smiling **Li May Tang** was pictured on the cover of the June 4 *Advertiser* "Dining Out" section, apparently holding the shrimp and chicken salad in a basket, and the other anniversary dishes arrayed in front of her). The cost, exclusive of tax and tip, is \$298.00 for a party of ten. Meanwhile, at Li May's other Chinese restaurant, Shanghai Bistro in Discovery Bay, the weekend brunch, which was started about six weeks ago, continues with a selection of some forty items for \$15.95. The brunch is available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., including weekend holidays

like Mother's (May 14) and Father's (June 18) Day. Finally, the next cooking class at Shanghai Bistro will be on Saturday, July 1, and will feature carving vegetables and also cutting paper shapes to hold food (perhaps similar to fish *en papillote*).

The *Advertiser's* "2006 Best of the Best People's Choice Awards" came out a few days ago. The first choice for *loco moco* was L & L Drive Inn (**Eddie Flores, Jr.** and **Kwock Yum Kam**), third choice for crack seed was Crack Seed Center (**Ted Li**), and third choice for sandwiches was Ba-Le Sandwich (**Thanh Quoc Lam**). Congratulations to each of you.

According to ads in the *Advertiser*, **Raymond Siu's** Pah Ke Bakery & Deli has joined with Auntie's Ono Gourmet Foods (tel. no. 225-5720) to offer groups more food choices when fund-raising. Instead of Zippy's chili, organizations looking for new food items for fund-raising can offer Pah Ke's pumpkin cran-raisin rolls, cinnamon rolls, *haupia* rolls, banana bread, and cheese or pepperoni pizza.

NEW MEMBERS

At its May 26 meeting, the board of directors approved the applications for: **Sandra Chun**, a Realtor® with Watercolor Properties (sponsored by **Stanford Yuen**); **Nolan Kido**, lead adjunct professor of business at Chaminade University (sponsored by **Dr. Ming Chen**); **Thomas Wong** (sponsored by **Pearl Yuen**); and **Hong Teck "Peter" Yeo**, assistant vice president (commercial property) for American Savings Bank (sponsored by **Gordon Au**).

Gas, Gas, Gas What Are You Paying?

Now that the gas cap “experiment” has ended, the problem of finding gas for your vehicle at a reasonable price persists. Some months ago, a Web site appeared – HonoluluGasPrices.com – with periodic postings of the lowest and highest gas prices in town. Most of the time, it appears that Costco has the lowest prices while at least one day a week – “fast gas Friday,” Lex Brodie’s seems to have promotional prices.

CHAMBER’S VISITORS

May 29 - June 1, 2006

- Mdm. Huang Xiaojian, Deputy Consul General
The Consulate General of PRC in Los Angeles

May 30 - June 1, 2006

- Mdm. Chen Jujie, Minister
OCAO, State Council of PRC and delegations of 6

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 20 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber’s Office - 12:00 noon

June 27 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
New Empress Restaurant
- 12:00 noon

Grads, Dads, and Hurricanes

June 1 marked the beginning of hurricane season. For those wanting to “be prepared,” check the American Red Cross Web site for more information on their difference sizes of disaster kits. (While they were available locally from the ARC’s Hawaii chapter – at least until Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans last year – they are apparently not available locally and may have to be ordered from the mainland).

On a different note, June is the traditional time for high school and college graduations as well as Father’s Day (Sunday, June 18, this year). Several Chamber members’ restaurants have advertised specials. Helemano Plantation (**Susanna Cheung**) has a Father’s Day lunch buffet (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) for \$8.50 per person and \$5.00 for children 3-11 years old; pot roast beef and “ono-licious” fried chicken have been added for that day. Available separately for \$8.50 is oxtail soup with rice. The Mandalay (**Linda and Larry Chan**) has graduation specials for lunch (five kinds of *dim sum* and four entrees at \$138.00 per table of ten) and dinner (seven-courses at \$228.00 per table of ten). And Seafood Village (**Alan Ho**) in the Hyatt Regency has graduation specials for lunch (five kinds of *dim sum* and four entrees for \$9.95 per person, ten people minimum) and dinner (seven-courses for \$19.95 per person, four people minimum).



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