

# LANTERN

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## INSTALLATION LUNCHEON ADDENDUM

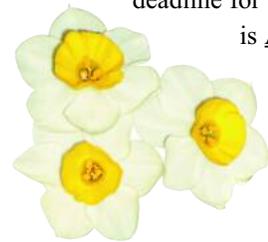
After fourteen years, *The Lantern* editor still slips up from time to time. That was true regarding last month's report on the installation luncheon. L & L Drive Inns (also known as L & L Hawaiian Barbecue in a growing number of locations on the mainland) co-founder and franchiser extraordinaire **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, gave a frequently humorous keynote address on "Marketing and Sales." Unlike the usual admonition "not to quit your day job," Eddie could give local stand-up comics like **Augie T** a run for the money. In addition, a well deserved Lifetime Achievement Award was made to **Tai Yau Chung**, and **Yu Shing Ting** and **Kevin Lam** were respectively recognized as the Chamber and Narcissus Festival Volunteers of the Year. Acknowledged for their efforts in the printed program were luncheon chair **Libby Lew**; ABC Wireless/Mobi PCS; **Candace Au**, Ala Moana Hotel director of catering; **Grace Chan**; **Chian Leng Chia**; **Daniel Chun**; the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel; **Wen Chung Lin**, **Linda Louie**; **Edna Marr**; **Irene Toyomura**; **Wanda Tse**; and **Betty Young**.

## HOT's "SOUTH PACIFIC"

On Saturday, July 28, there will be a performance of Rogers and Hammerstein's musical "South Pacific" starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. Thanks to Second Vice President **Wanda Tse**, Chamber members will be able to attend at the reduced \$25.00 group rate, plus \$2.00 handling fee. (Tickets are normally \$20.00 to 75.00). If you're interested in attending, call the Hawaii Opera Theater's box office at 596-7858 right away.

## *Narcissus Pageant* DONORS WANTED

Long-time pageant producer **Michele Choy** is looking for monetary donations to help defray some of the pageant expenses. More specifically, donations of \$55.00 for the Miss Talent sash; four \$100.00 packages of two semi-finalist trophies each (a total of eight trophies); four \$70.00 packages of two semi-finalist bouquets each; \$350.00 for the judges' dinner; and \$150.00 for leis. Donor/company names will be acknowledged in the Narcissus souvenir book as well as the printed pageant program. Donors of \$500.00 or more will receive two complimentary pageant tickets and a souvenir book. Due to the souvenir book printing deadline, the deadline for donations is August 10.



## *Narcissus Contestants*

### W A N T E D

The Chamber is accepting applications through Tuesday, July 31, for 59th annual Narcissus Pageant contestants. Contestants must be between the ages of 19 and 26 on the January 5, 2008 pageant date, at least half-Chinese, a Hawaii resident, and single (never married or given birth). Following an August orientation meeting, there will be months of classes in various aspects of Chinese culture, makeup for stage and public appearances, and charm (or how to walk unlike a model sashaying down a runway). For more information or an application, interested young women should call the Chamber office at 533-3181 right away.

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For seventeen glorious days, fifty-seven members of this year's Narcissus Goodwill Tour had an opportunity to see the many sights and wonders of China. We marveled at the beautiful scenery and the awesome history of this great country, we climbed the Great Wall, we ate and drank and partied well into the night, we saw some of the best shows China had to offer, and oh, yes, we bargained everywhere to assure that we got every trinket there was to buy in China. We also were very fortunate to encounter nothing but great weather. Only in the southern cities of Shenzhen and Hong Kong did we have to tolerate humidity. And we forged new friendships among ourselves that will hopefully continue for many years to come.

Our journey began in Shenzhen, a relatively new city across the border from Hong Kong. Other than the shopping, the highlight had to be a banquet hosted by **Edward Ngan** from Skyway Express, at the theme park, Window of the World. This was the best meal we had in China. A day later, we were off to Guilin. Pictures cannot do justice to the magnificent scenery of Guilin. A cruise along the Li River was truly spectacular. The *terra cotta* soldiers of Xi'an was our next visit. This is truly the eighth wonder of the world.

After the hectic pace of the first three stops, it was good to relax for a while aboard a river boat, cruising down the Yangzi River. While some took this time to catch up on sleep, others lounged away the afternoon having drinks with some new friends from California. You should

also have seen the group doing Tai Chi [*tai ji chuan*], or participating in the guest talent show, or singing *karaoke* late at night. The cruise culminated with the traversing of ship locks at the massive Three Gorges Dam, the largest hydro-electric plant in the world.

Next stop was Beijing, the city that showcases both the old and new China. This city will be ready for the summer Olympic Games next year. Ever ate scorpion? Some of us tried this delectable treat. Next stop was Shanghai, clearly one of the most modern cities in the world. We stayed at an ultra-modern hotel, the Royal Meridien, and also saw the world famous Shanghai Acrobats. Final stop on the tour was Hong Kong, which is one huge shopping mall, complemented by the best Chinese food in the world. I am somewhat partial, as I was born in Hong Kong, but this was a great stop on our tour.

Beyond the great sights and sounds, we also had an opportunity to renew relationships with several key organizations in China. Chamber leaders, including Second Vice President **Wanda Tse** and Past President **Reuben Wong**, were received by dignitaries in many cities, highlighted by a visit with the Honorable **Xu Jialu**, Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress, who hosted us in the Great Hall of the People. We were also invited to a luncheon at the New Century Hotel by the Honorable **Xu Yousheng**, Vice Minister of the Overseas Chinese

Affairs Office of the State Council. Secretary General **Chen Zuming**, representing the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC) hosted us to a sumptuous dinner at the *Diaoyutai* State Guest House in Beijing.

Narcissus Queen **Jessica Lau** and three of our princesses, **Adrienne Au**, **Jennifer Lam**, and **Julia Chen**, well represented the Chamber and Hawaii with their beauty, charm, and grace. They enchanted our hosts and the rest of the audience, with their beautiful *hula* on several occasions.

All tour members were complimentary about this first class travel experience and will gladly recommend this tour to their family and friends. The Chamber can be very proud to be the sponsor of this exceptional experience.

What a great start to an exciting year. But not we have to get to work. We have some ambitious goals this year, and I sincerely hope that you will participate actively in our organization's many activities, all designed to serve the needs of our members. See you soon!



## Dragon Boat Races

This year, the Dragon Boat races will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, at Ala Moana Park. Paddlers are needed for the Chamber's dragon boat on Saturday. Practices for the paddlers will begin around Saturday, July 14. (For the Francophiles among you, that's Bastille Day). Those interested in paddling this year should contact either **Daniel Chun** (tel. no. 277-7517) or **Kristi Sue-Ako** (tel. no. 265-2904). Those less athletically inclined are invited to cheer the Chamber paddlers on during their races on Saturday, August 11. There will be a FREE picnic and barbecue for the Chamber "rooters" from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please call **Grace Chan** at the Chamber (tel. no. 533-3181) so that there will be an accurate head count for the food and non-alcoholic refreshments. Bring your own lawn chairs and beach mats, and look for the Chamber picnic and barbecue Diamond Head of the tennis courts and McCoy Pavilion.

## HONOLULU PARKING

As Chamber members, particularly members of the board of directors, may have noticed, weekday parking in Chinatown is becoming harder to find. The July 2 *Honolulu Advertiser* took note of the situation, not only in Chinatown where the front-page article's subtitle noted "Chinatown's revival means more drivers, scant spaces," but also in Kakaako, Kaimuki, and Waikiki. So the June 22 *Advertiser's* front-page headline "Car dealers' sales decline," is of little comfort, especially when the June 25 *Advertiser's* front-page headline read, "Cars on road close to matching population." However, the reporter perhaps should have done further research to find out how many of the passenger vehicle registrations were to car rental agencies.

## Pearl Harbor Boat Tour

Thanks again the **Stanford Yuen**, executive assistant to the Admiral, Navy Region Hawaii, there will be another boat tour this year. (There was one this year on May 23, and due to popular demand, this one has been added). This nautical "extra" is scheduled for August 29. Further details as well as dos and don'ts will appear in next month's *Lantern*. However, you can call the Chamber office now to get on the list – if your name isn't on the list submitted to the Navy, you won't be permitted to board the boat.

## Win a Trip for Two to China

McCully Shopping Center (Chamber board member **Alex Marn**) is offering a chance to win a round-trip for two to China, including air, room, and four-day tour, a \$4,000 value. In addition, weekly prizes of a \$50.00 dinner for two gift certificate, presumably redeemable at the many restaurants in McCully Shopping Center, are also being given away. The entry forms have been appearing in the *Star-Bulletin* and *Midweek*, and require matching six of the shopping center's restaurants with six foreign flags. The entry forms have been appearing in the two daily newspapers, and require a match of six of the shopping center's restaurants with six foreign flags. Entry forms must be dropped off with a shopping center merchant, and no photocopied or mailed in forms will be accepted. The contest began on June 20 and ends on July 11, with the winner of the trip being notified by phone on July 12.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Yu Shing Ting** was pictured at the Narconon fund-raiser with a couple of out-of-towners (**Kelly Preston** and **John Travolta**) in the June 6 *Midweek*. Also in the same issue, there was an article on **Yen Chun's** father, **Walter**.

The June-July issue of *HILuxury* magazine had a picture of **Stanford Yuen** at the recent Symphony Ball, held at the Convention Center on Atkinson.

In the June 20 *Midweek*, **Eddie Flores, Jr.** was pictured at a TGIO (Thank God It's Over) party at the new Honolulu Design Center, celebrating the close of the recent legislative session and as a joint fund-raising event for five state senators.

The June 22 *Honolulu Advertiser's* TGIF supplement had a review of Restaurant Epic and its new chef. The graphic rating of three and a half forks

(midway between "very good" of four forks and "good" of three forks) seemed out of sync with food editor **Wanda Adams'** favorable narrative of the food quality and quantity as well as the service and the fine recommendations from the seemingly caring and knowledgeable wait-staff.

On June 3, the *Advertiser* came out with its annual "Best of the Best" People's Choice Awards. In the Food and Dining category, L & L Drive Inns (**Eddie Flores, Jr.** and **Kwock Yum "Johnson" Kam**) won first place as Best of the Best plate lunch and second place for its *loco moco*; Assaggio (**Thomas Ky**) won first place for its Italian food; McDonald's Restaurants (franchisee **Victor Lim** has seven of its Hawaii locations) was second for American food; and Panda Express

won third place for Chinese food. (“area coach” **John Zhang**). Then on June 24, the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* came out with its “Hawaii’s Best.” L & L Drive-Inns and Assaggio Ristorante Italiano again won first places for plate lunch and Italian food, respectively; McDonald’s Restaurants won first place for fast food; Ba-Le Sandwich Shops (**Thanh Quoc Lam**) won second places for Vietnamese food and the sandwich category; Royal Kitchen (**Kwock Nam Lau**) won third place for its *manapua*. In addition, Royal Kitchen was one of five *manapua* outlets mentioned in **Kawehi Haug’s** Restaurants column in the June 20 issue of *Honolulu Weekly* under the title, “They once were *bao*.” Royal Kitchen was cited as “the home of the baked *manapua*,” and specifically mentioned were its curry chicken, vegetarian, black sugar, Portuguese sausage, and

*kalua* pork versions, in addition to the usual *char siu bao*. Haug opined that “The *kalua* pork *manapua* is almost as good as next-day *luau* leftovers on a Portuguese sweet bread roll.” Stay tuned, since the *Weekly’s* “Best of Honolulu” should appear in August.

The June 26 *Advertiser* had pictures of Chamber director and weekly Chinatown tour guide **Anthony Chang** on the front-page, above the fold, opening a carton of orange juice for his mother, and another one on the following page, showing Tony bringing his mother home from a trip to the doctor’s office. The photos were part of an article on unpaid caregivers, taking care of family members in Hawaii. Hawaii was tied with Minnesota in fifth place for the hourly value (\$10.95) of at-home caregivers.

The “Flavors of Honolulu” (formerly known as the “Taste of Honolulu”) was held on Friday through Sunday, June 29 through July 1, at the **Frank Fasi** Civic Grounds. Among the many restaurants participating in the fund-raiser for Benefits Abilities Limited were **Li May Tang’s** Hong Kong Harbor View Restaurant and Shanghai Bistro and **Linda and Larry Chan’s** The Mandalay.

## NEW MEMBERS

At its May 29 meeting, the board of directors approved the application of **Charles Steden**, dean of the Hawaii Pacific University College of Business Administration (sponsored by **Lei Ahu Isa**). Then at its June 26 meeting, the board approved the applications for **Ryan Marn**, a sales and leasing associate with Colliers Monroe Friedlander (sponsored by **Alex Marn**); **Angeline Shiroma**, a personal banking officer with First Hawaiian Bank (sponsored by **Richard Chun-Hoon**); **Willies Ta**, vice president of AKW Travel, Inc., which specializes in China and Vietnam tours (sponsored by **Ted Li**); and **Hong Wang**, a Chinese herbalist (sponsored by **Alvin Wong**).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 04	Wed	<b>Independence Day</b>
July 24	Tue	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b> Chamber’s Office - 12:00 noon
July 31	Tue	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> The New Empress Restaurant 12:00 noon

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