

LANTERN

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Narcissus Queen Search

The Narcissus Queen Search committee is still seeking young women interested in competing for the coveted title of Narcissus Queen. Contestants must be at least half-Chinese with a Chinese surname; single and never married or had a child; 19 to 26 years of age on Pageant night, January 10; and have been a resident of Hawaii for at least twelve months prior to the Pageant. Prospective contestants should contact the Chamber at 533-3181 right away.

Splendor of China BOOTH S

As you may know, the Splendor of China will take place again this year on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, at the Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. Up to 200 booths (10' wide x 10' deep) may be available this year. "Inline" non-food booths are \$350.00 and corner non-food booths are \$400.00 while inline food booths are \$450.00 and corner food booths are \$500.00. There is a 25% discount for the second inline booths. Each booth includes an 8-foot long table and two chairs as well as six Exhibitor's Passes. Deadline for booth reservations is September 10.

CHINESE STUDENTS TO PERFORM

Some 200 young Chinese students visiting Hawaii this summer will perform in the "First Hawaii International Young Artists Festival," a fund-raiser for the Hawaii Foodbank. They will perform at the Hawaii Theatre on Sunday, August 24, at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 for the performance, and vouchers are available at the Chamber office. The vouchers can be exchanged, the sooner the better, at the Hawaii Theatre box office prior to the performance date for seat assignments. The box office is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The performance is sponsored by the Chamber, the Association of Chinese from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, and the United Chinese Coalition.

HKCH CHAMBER MEETING

The Hong Kong-China-Hawaii Chamber of Commerce will have a lunchtime meeting at the Pacific Club on Friday, July 25, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker **Ed Case** will discuss "What Does the Presidential Campaign Mean to the Asia-Pacific Region?" with special emphasis on China and Japan. The cost is \$35.00 for Chamber members. To RSVP, call 524-5738.

NARCISSUS FESTIVAL PATRONS

Each year, our many generous Narcissus Festival patrons help underwrite the many events that perpetuate Chinese culture in Hawaii. There are two packages for the biggest donors as well as three non-package lower-level donations. This year, an Emperor patron who donates \$1,250.00 receives ten tickets to the Splendor of China, 4 tickets to the Queen Pageant, a table of ten at the Coronation Ball, two tickets to the Narcissus Classic, and two souvenir books while a Presidential patron who donates \$600.00 receives four tickets to the Splendor of China, two tickets to the Queen Pageant, two tickets to the Coronation Ball, two tickets to the Narcissus Classic, and two souvenir books. There are also Platinum (\$350.00), Gold (\$250.00), and Silver (\$125.00) patrons. All of these individual patrons will be acknowledged in the Narcissus souvenir book. If you're interested in being a patron, contact the Chamber at 533-3181.





President
Ted C. T. Li

A few days ago, I got back from the Narcissus Goodwill Tour. I would like to say that it was an unforgettable trip! I believe that the Queen and court as well as all of our tour group members would agree with me.

As is expected for the Goodwill Tour, the accommodations and food were excellent. The national and local tour guides throughout the trip were very knowledgeable and experienced. Skyway Express Travel in Honolulu and China Travel Services in China and Hong Kong did a superb job of making all of the detailed arrangements so that the tour went very smoothly and was extremely enjoyable and memorable.

We greatly appreciate that **Hamilton Liu, Karen Pau**, and other China Airlines staff members were on hand at Honolulu International Airport to make sure that everyone safely boarded the plane and that we had a warm sendoff for a happy journey.

We were very fortunate that throughout the entire 18-day tour, the weather was very cooperative, with only three days of partial rain. Furthermore, the temperature was not too high. I am also very happy to report that no one became sick or was injured during the trip.

Everywhere we went, we were greeted and hosted by some high ranking government officials or dignitaries. Our Queen and Princesses did an exceptional job as goodwill ambassadors representing the Chinese community in Hawaii. Their beautiful *hula* performances were enjoyed tremendously by our hosts wherever we went.

For those of you who have never been on the Narcissus Goodwill Tour, I strongly encourage you to join the tour next year. For those of you who have been on the tour before, but not recently, I suggest that you visit China again. You will be pleasantly surprised by the many

changes in China and will need to see the transformed cities to update your memory.

To our hosts in China and Hong Kong, our heartfelt appreciation for what you have done for our tour. Your hospitality has created a long and lasting friendship and great memories for the years to come.

To our tour conductor, **Michele Choy**, much *mahalo* for all of your hard work and coordination during the Goodwill Tour. It certainly made my role as the delegation leader a lot more enjoyable.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our tour members for joining the Queen, the Court, and me in spreading the *aloha* spirit to our motherland. All of you were fun to spend time with. I hope we will see each other and do things together in the future.

Now that the Goodwill Tour is over, my battery has been recharged. Let's continue our mission. This year, I plan to work more closely with our government officials and leaders in the community, and to participate with other community groups so that we can pull our resources together. By working together, we will have a bigger impact as well as a more prosperous and harmonious community.

CHAMBER NEWS & ACTIVITIES

2008 Beijing Olympics

Due to Chinese concern for numerology, the Beijing Summer Olympics will begin at the auspicious time of 8:08:08 p.m. China Standard Time, on Friday, August 8, 2008. (Despite China spanning five time zones, east to west, the whole country is deemed by the government to be on one time zone). For those who haven't been to Beijing lately, there are recent articles on the changing face of the city in the last seven years since winning the 2008 Olympic bid: The July 11 *USAToday* carried an AP report by **John Leicester**, "Transformed Beijing is ready to greet Olympic visitors" and *Times'* architecture critic **Nicolai Ouroussof** wrote in the July 13 *New York Times* about "In Changing Face of Beijing, a Look at the New China."

Condolences

Former Chamber president (1961-62) and long-time emeritus director **Frederick Chun** passed away on June 24. He was also former president and board chairman of Chun Kim Chow Ltd. And the **Emma Kwock Chun Corp.** Mr. Chun is survived by wife **Ruby**, sons **Theron** and **Raynard**, daughters **Cheryl Kong** and **Gwyned Lum**, sister **Victoria Fong**, ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Taoist services will be held at Diamond Head Mortuary from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, with eulogy and speakers from 11:30 a.m. Call after 9:30 a.m. Burial 12:45 p.m. at Diamond Head Memorial Park. Aloha attire. No flowers. Mr. Chun contributed much to this community and will be missed. Our deepest condolences and sincere sympathy to his family.

According to the June issue of *Small Business News*, at a recent Small Business Hawaii awards banquet, McDonald's franchisee **Victor Lim** was the recipient of the SBH **Jean Fukuda** Civic Leadership Award. In addition, students from **Winnie Chan's** Piano Studio provided a musical accompaniment for the awards.

At a June 6 press conference, L & L Drive-Inn/Hawaiian Barbecue president and CEO **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, presented a check to **Coralie Chun Matayoshi** for the American Red Cross' International Response Fund for the relief of victims of the May 12 Sichuan earthquake. L & L franchisees and customers around Hawaii and on the mainland contributed over \$30,000.00 for China earthquake relief. On a lighter note, on June 10, L & L held its 3rd annual 76¢ plate lunch promotion, commemorating the 1976 purchase of the first L & L Drive-Inn site. The "anniversary sale" was held at the L & L in the Keeaumoku Wal-Mart between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and the proceeds were donated to Goodwill Industries of Hawaii. Eddie's philosophy is "If you do good things, it'll come back to you." According to the June 11 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, an elderly Japanese man arrived at 5:30 a.m. to get the plate lunch, a 10¢ soft drink, a month's supply of Pepsi, and a free t-shirt.

The fashions for men, women, and children of **Aaron Chan's** Hawaiian Moon were featured in the two-page spread in **Yu Shing Ting's** "Style" section of the June 11 *Midweek*. Aaron's company has just introduced the "luana [relaxed in Hawaiian] dress" for maternity wear, an addition to its line of matching prints for the whole family, including pets. Hawaiian Moon has retail outlets in Ward Warehouse and on the second floor of the new Waikiki Beach Walk.

Bank of Hawaii executive vice president **Betty Brow**, vice president **Edward Hu**, **Yi Jin**, and **A. J. Oxley** were among the BOH delegation in attendance at the opening of the 11th annual Shanghai International Film Festival on June 14. They accompanied a group from the Hawaii International Film Festival.



Chinese Home's annual Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament at the Ala Wai golf course. Among those pictured were Narcissus Queen **Catherine Wong Jayne** and Narcissus Princess **Jacklyn Ma**, **Gordon Au** (twice), **Wesley** and **Linda Fong**, **Wallace Wong**, **Chu-Lan Shubert-Kwock**, and **Daniel Lau**.

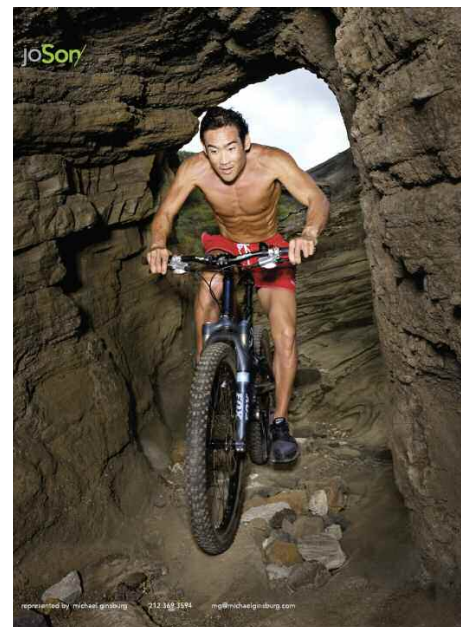
Reporter **Mary Kaye Ritz** wrote "8/8/08 is a lucky day for a wedding" in the July 8 *Honolulu Advertiser*. Among her sources was long-time *Lantern* editor **Gerald Chang**, who purportedly said that "American Chinese aren't as traditional as those from the Republic of China and Taiwan" and that the date is popular "simply because it's a nice number." As newspaper reporters are wont to do, they get facts garbled ("Republic of China" should have been "People's Republic of China") and the latter quote was apparently someone else's. After all, your editor knows enough about Chinese culture

2008 Hawaii's Best

On June 22, the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* released its annual supplement, featuring *SB* and *Midweek* readers' choices on their "favorite places to shop, eat, hang out and get things done." A number of Chamber members' restaurant operations were included: In the Chinese category, Little Village Noodle House (**Jennifer Chan**) was first and Panda Express (PE Area Coach **John Zhang**) was second; McDonald's (**Victor Lim** and other franchisees) was first in Fast Foods and third in Coffee; Assaggio (**Thomas Ky**) was first in the Italian category; L & L Drive-Inn/Hawaiian Barbecue (**Eddie Flores, Jr.** and **Kwock Yum "Johnson" Kam**) was first in Plate Lunch; Royal Kitchen (**Kwock Nam Lau**) was second in the *Manapua* category; and Ba-Le Sandwich (**Thanh Quoc Lam**) was second in both the Sandwich and Vietnamese categories. Congratulations to each of you and your businesses!

and history as well as numerology to realize the significance of the number eight.

David Low, managing director of Hawaii Capital Management, reports that he has been chosen as exclusive model for an international ad campaign for Specialized Components, a well-known manufacturer of bicycles and equipment.



Notice to MEMBERS

Due to production staff unavailability for part of July and August, there will be no August issue of *The Lantern*. Instead, there will be a combined August-September issue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4	Fri	Independence Day
July 22	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office – 12:00 noon
July 29	Thu	Board of Directors Meeting The New Empress Restaurant 12:00 noon
Aug 19	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office – 12:00 noon
Aug 26	Thu	Board of Directors Meeting The New Empress Restaurant 12:00 noon

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SICHUAN EARTHQUAKE DONORS

by Reuben Wong

The Chinese community in Hawaii was saddened by the tragic May 12 earthquake in Sichuan, China. Within days after that disaster, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, through past president **Reuben Wong**, embarked on a fund-raising effort to help the victims of this human tragedy. The initial goal was to raise \$50,000.00. However, due to the community's outpouring of support, in four days, the Chinese community in Hawaii donated over \$115,000.00 to the "512 Wen Chuan Earthquake Relief Effort Team Charitable Trust." This charitable trust is an Internal Revenue Service- approved 501(c)(3) charity authorized to send money to China to help in this disaster.

The Chinese community in Hawaii can be proud that it walks side-by-side with other Chinese communities around the world to step forward to express our sympathy, our love, and our compassion for the families and friends in our ancestral homeland.

Chamber members and friends who donated \$1,000.00 or more include Excellent Gems Corp (**Wilson and Mabel Lau**); City Mill (**Steven Ai**); **James and Lily Yao**; Air & Sea Travel Center, Inc. (**Henry Ou**); **Gifford Chang**; **Walter Chang, CPA**; **Ming Chen, M.D.**; **Ho Ming** and **Susanna Cheung**; **Vernon Ching**; **George Chu**; **Bertrand Chun**; **Peter and Daisy Chun**; **Tai Yau Chung**; **Fu Loon Inc/Terrill Chock**; **Alan and Sylvia Wong**; **Dennis Hwang**; **Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Jim**; **Finance Factors Foundation (Daniel Lau, trustee)**; **Henry and Elizabeth Lau**; **Ted and Patricia Li**; **David Louie**; **Edward Pei**; **Lloyd Sueda**; **Lily Sun**; **Lawrence Tseu**; **Delwyn Wong**; **Reuben Wong**; **Wallace Wong**; and **Joseph Young**. Organization and society donors of more than \$1,000.00 include the **Beatrice Young Foundation (President Douglas Ho)**; the **Lin and Ella Wong Foundation (President Vera Wong)**; the **Chang Wing Yong Tong Society (President Becky Spray)**; the **Chinese Catholic Club of Honolulu**; the **Chinese Women's Club of Honolulu**; the **Hawaii Chinese Civic Association**; the **Hawaii Lion Dance Association**; the **Hou Tow Changs Society of Hawaii**; the **Wah Ngai Lion Dance Association**; the **Wong Kong Har Tong Society of Hawaii**; and the **Wong Leong Doo Benevolent Society**. Thank all of you for your generosity.



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