

LANTERN

August 2009

END OF SUMMER MIXERS

All Chamber members are cordially invited to attend one of a series of FREE end of summer mixers. It is an opportunity to meet and greet as well as to network with members, new and old. There will be wine and *pupu*. In addition, this is an opportunity to get a look at the new Chamber building and office, if you haven't done so already. There will also be a presentation on new developments for the Chamber, particularly the Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC) and its programs. Members will be asked to fill out a short survey form to determine their interest in participating in a variety of committees for Splendor of China and the Narcissus Festival, as well as taking or presenting CCDC classes. The dates are Thursday, September 10; Wednesday, September 16; Friday, September 25; and Saturday, October 17.

While members are free, guests or spouses will be charged \$8.00 each. In addition, in light of economic conditions in Hawaii and across the U.S., food banks are greatly in need of donations. To assist the Hawaii FoodBank, members are each asked to bring one of its "Top 5 Most Wanted:" Canned meats or tuna; canned meals (spaghetti, chili, corned beef hash); canned soups; canned vegetables; or canned fruits. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Shaolin Warriors

The famed Shaolin Warriors will return to Honolulu for six shows between September 23 and 27 at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. The performance at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, will be a benefit for Palolo Chinese Home, with tickets at \$35.00 per person and \$5.00 of each ticket will go to PCH. There will be performances in the evening each day (except Sunday) and an additional afternoon show on Saturday, September 26. Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday, September 22, at 9:00 a.m. Ticket prices range from \$30.00 to \$60.00, plus a booking fee. There is a \$10.00 discount per ticket for children under 18 years of age, college students with ID, seniors 60 and above with ID, and military with ID. Members of Chinese organizations will get a 50% discount. Tickets will be available in person at the Blaisdell box office; charge by phone with Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000; at outlets at Macy's in Ala Moana and Pearlridge; and online at www.ticketmaster.com, using the code "Wushu." (For specific show times, call the Blaisdell box office at 591-2211).

Splendor of China

The 7th annual Splendor of China is rapidly approaching. It will again be held at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. The dates are Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4. Booth space is still available, but don't wait or you'll be disappointed. (Compared to other trade shows in Honolulu, the cost of Splendor of China booths is quite reasonable – \$350.00 for an "inline" or regular booth; \$400.00 for a corner booth; and \$450.00 and \$500.00 for inline or corner food booths). Also, if you're interested in volunteering either or both days, check the enclosed survey or call the Chamber at 533-3181. If you've never volunteered for Splendor of China, it's an exciting, interesting experience. More details on Splendor of China – hours, attractions, and more – will be in next month's *Lantern*. In the meantime, mark your calendars and call the Chamber to volunteer. See you there!



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President
Dennis J. Hwang

A top priority this year is our membership, and ensuring that all of our members are reached out to and involved. Thus, there will be mixers on September 10, 16, and 25, and October 17. Every member and associate member is invited to attend free while guests and spouses will pay a nominal fee of \$8.00. At the mixer, you can get to know your fellow members and learn about the exciting direction we are heading in as an organization. We will also ask you to turn in or complete the membership survey provided in this *Lantern*. Please select and prioritize the dates you can attend as each member can attend only one of the four sessions. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is evolving. There are the traditional cultural and business activities we do, most notably with the Narcissus Festival and the Splendor of China. We hope you will participate. In addition, with our new building and the start of the Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC), it is a great opportunity for you and your business to be involved in a manner never before possible. The CCDC is for all members, as you or your business can use the facilities for meetings, training or classes. You or your business can also become involved in any of the four major areas of the Center. These areas are briefly summarized below:

1. Community Outreach and Classes. The CCDC will offer free classes to the community in many areas, ranging from business start-up to accounting, taxes, and law, taught by Chamber members or other business partners. The faculty can also serve as mentors for other members and new businesses. Please indicate in the survey form if you would like to teach a class or be a mentor. Also indicate if there are classes or mentoring services that would be especially useful to you and your business.

2. Referral Service. The Chamber has historically provided referral services, and under the CCDC, it will update a Chinatown Services Directory produced with previous partners such as the Catholic Charities Hawaii, the Child & Family Service, and other local organizations.

3. Chinatown Revitalization. The CCDC is involved as a think tank for all issues related to the economic revitalization of Chinatown. Already, we have had a class on the Obama stimulus package, and are involved with the proposed National Heritage Area as well as acting as a facilitatory for the River Street Project. This role will continue as the skills of Chinese Chamber members are best utilized. Furthermore, because we make our training room available to other community organizations that have no facilities of their own, we are making an even greater impact. Our facilities have already been used by the Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association, the Citizens' Committee on River Street Housing, and the organizing committee for the 60th China National Day. A written policy for the use of our facility by outside organizations has been developed.

4. Center for Foreign Relations. There is great potential in this area to increase the relationships that the Chamber already has through the work of past presidents and overseas members. We will report more on this area in the coming months. The goal is to increase exchanges with other countries in the areas of business, goodwill, culture, education, and science. To that end, 15 thank-you letters with messages for follow-up exchanges were sent to dignitaries in Shanghai, Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, Guilin, and Zhongshan who we meet with during the recently completed

60th Narcissus Goodwill Tour. Our relationships have led to top-notch international entertainment appearing at previous Splendor of China shows, and this year will include an exhibit from Shanghai for Expo 2010.

We urge all the members to get involved with the Chinese Chamber by participating in one or more of the four areas of the CCDC or the Narcissus Festival. Whether you joined the Chamber for business, networking, cultural exchange, training or helping the community, there will be something to benefit you and your company. The CCDC offers new opportunities and may just be the spark that is needed to boost your organization and make a much needed difference in the community.

Regarding the 61st Narcissus Festival, your Executive Committee is hard at work preparing for events under the able leadership of General Chairman **Jeff Lau**. The 7th Annual Splendor of China is fast approaching, and the committees, led by First Vice President **John Hui**, are creating a very exciting cultural and trade show. Major highlights include an internationally known *qigong* Grand Master, acrobatic Beijing dancers from Heartbeat Hawaii, world famous Chinese folk singers, an Expo 2010 Shanghai display, and a historic 200-photo exhibit, "30 Years of China-US Relations." Second Vice President **Libby Lew** is busy with business programs and assisting with the CCDC. The Third Vice President **Gerald Chang** is serving double duty, creating the *Lantern* every month while organizing many membership activities in the coming months. Please feel free to contact the Executive Committee and get to know them, and we will make a similar effort on our part. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming networking sessions!

TYPHOON MORAKOT FUND-RAISING

On Friday, August 7, typhoon *Morakot*, a category 2 hurricane, struck Taiwan, moved back over water in the Taiwan Strait a day later, and then made landfall in China on Sunday, August 9. *Morakot* was the deadliest typhoon to strike Taiwan in recorded history. Over 100 inches of rain led to massive mudslides and extensive flooding in southern Taiwan. Damage was estimated at NT\$110 billion (\$3.3 billion USD), and the Taiwan government has embarked on a three-year long NT\$100 billion ((\$3 billion USD) reconstruction program. Along with a number of other Chinese organizations in Hawaii, the Chinese Chamber quickly began collecting donations. On Monday, August 24, the donations collected to date were presented to Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office Director General **Philip Wang** by representatives of the Chamber and the other organizations. Tax-deductible donations through the 501(c)(3) Chamber Foundation are still being gratefully accepted. The **Lin** and **Ella Wong** Foundation has donated \$11,000.00, and **Douglas Ho** has offered to match Chamber member donations up to an additional \$10,000.00.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Michele Choy

On Wednesday, July 22, 58 golfers took to the greens of Ewa Golf Club with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon for the annual Chinese Chamber of Commerce International Golf Challenge. Instead of the usual "Hole-In-One" and "Closest to the Pin" contests, an "On the Green" and "Off the Green" contest was added to the excitement of the game. At the end, all 58 golfers received a prize at the awards banquet that followed the tournament, with one of the prizes being a one-night accommodation at the Grand Wailea Hotel Resort & Spa.

Much thanks go to the golf committee of **Ed Pei, Richard Chun-Hoon, Jay Chrisman, John Zhang, and Bernard Choy** for their efforts in a successful golf tournament. Special thanks to **Jonathan Ishikawa, Catherine Wong Jayne, Shaelyn Lin, Teresa Lu, Jennifer Lam, Jodie Miyagi, Ming Chi, Shane Nakasone, John and Jenny Hui, and Daniel Lau, Jr.** for volunteering their time to help out the day of the tournament. The committee would also like to thank Panda Express and John Zhang for being a title sponsor, and John Hancock Life Insurance Co. for sponsoring Hole #6 and giving away a \$250 cash prize to the Par-3 winners.

We'd also like to recognize and give special thanks to the following generous donors who contributed to the success of the tournament: **Abe**

Mariano Pure Golf Academy; AMAP LLC; Crack Seed Center (Ted Li); American Savings Bank; Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Endodontics Specialists, Inc.; Go Systems Hawaii (Bernard Choy); Hau Tree Lanai at The Kaimana Beach Hotel; Hee Hing Restaurant; Jay and Phoebe Chrisman; John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (Nelson Wang); Kapalua Golf Club; Kyo-ya Hotel and Resort; Lung Fung Chinese Restaurant; McDonald's Restaurant (Victor Lim); Mid-Pacific Country Club; Miramar at Waikiki; On On Restaurant at McCully; Pacific Beach Hotel; Pah Ke's Chinese Restaurant (Raymond Siu); Panda Express (John Zhang); Paradise Beverages; Pro Am Golf Shop; Royal Kitchen (Kwock Nam Lau); Sea Life Park; The Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa; Walter T. C. Chang; and Wesley Fong.



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Narcissus Contestant ORIENTATION

The orientation meeting for 2010 Narcissus Pageant contestants was held on Thursday, August 27, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Eleven lovely young women were present and ready to begin a journey to a greater understanding of themselves and appreciation of their Chinese heritage. As part of their preparation for the Pageant, they will have twenty-two classes on various aspects of Chinese culture. Your first chance to get a look at the contestants will be during the Splendor of China, October 3 and 4, when the young women make their first public appearance. The Queen Search Committee, headed by 2008 Narcissus Queen **Catherine Wong Jayne**, did well.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 7	Mon	Labor Day
Sept 22	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office – 12:00 noon
Sept 29	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting The New Empress Restaurant 12:00 noon

MEMBER NEWS

Immediate Past President **Ted Li** is the owner of Crack Seed Center in Ala Moana shopping center. Ala Moana, the largest shopping center in the U.S. when it opened on August 13, 1959, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. According to the August 16 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, Crack Seed Center is one of only eleven businesses that have been in Ala Moana since the shopping center's opening day. In addition to being mentioned (along with wife **Patricia**) in the article, Ted was also interviewed by KITV-4 on August 13.

Ed Pei was pictured in the August 26 *Midweek* while participating in the March of Dimes 2nd annual **Tadd Fujikawa** Invitational Golf Tournament at the Kapolei Golf Course.

Hawaii Restaurant Association chairman and president of LWD, Inc., dba McDonald's®, **Victor Lim** will be one of four inductees into the University of Hawaii Manoa Shidler College of Business' Hall of Fame. This is the 60th anniversary of the UHM's business school, and Victor and the other recipients will be honored at a Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom dinner on Thursday, October 15. For more information or to make reservations, call 956-0887 or visit shidler60.com.

NEW MEMBERS

At its July 28 meeting, the board of directors approved the applications for **Julia Chen**, a graduate student at UH Manoa, working on a master's degree in nursing (sponsored by **Michele Choy**); **Jeffrey Taylor**, owner of and senior marketing consultant at East Asian Marketing Strategies (sponsored by **David Chen**); and **Jesse Zhai**, a financial advisor at John Hancock Financial (sponsored by **Kevin Lam**).

And at its meeting on August 25, the board of directors approved the applications for **Elroy Abe**, branch manager of First Hawaiian Bank's Chinatown branch (sponsored by **Ed Pei** and **Sylvia Louie**); **Milagros Ayson**, owner of Hawaiian Isles Residential Homes and Aloha Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies (sponsored by **Gerald Chang**); **Tina Ng**, a news producer at KHON-TV (sponsored by **Dennis Hwang**); **Kandace Lui** (sponsored by **Michele Choy**); and **Xavier Tsang**, a business banking officer with Bank of Hawaii (sponsored by **Ted Li**). Julia, Tina, and Kandace are associate members. Welcome to the Chamber and we look forward to meeting all eight of you at the next Chamber get-together.

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