

# LANTERN

September 2009

## Splendor of China

It's finally here! The seventh Splendor of China will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, at the Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. The cultural and trade show opens each day at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be performances by members of the Heartbeat Hawaii show as well as by *qigong* grand master **Tu Jin-Sheng** from Taiwan. Also appearing on stage will be the 2009 Narcissus Queen **Lisa Wong** and her court, and the twelve lovely Narcissus Pageant contestants will make their first public appearance. There will be a variety of other entertainment on stage as well as demonstrations at the Chinese Culture Exploration Center during the two days. A photographic display of the thirty-year U.S.-PRC diplomatic relationship as well as a booth for Expo 2010 in Shanghai are also features of the show. And of course, there is the ever popular dog show, with proud owners showing off a surprising number of different breeds that originated in China. Be sure to pick up the printed program upon entry to the show, with an entertainment schedule as well as a list and locator map of vendors. General admission tickets are \$6.00 per person; children eight years old and under are free. \$1.00 discount coupons are available from Panda Express and L & L Drive-Inn locations on Oahu or online at [www.splendorofchina.com](http://www.splendorofchina.com). See you there!



### INTRODUCTORY ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEMINAR

Plans are being formulated for an introductory entrepreneurship seminar on Saturday, October 31. The class would be presented by Chamber members who have experience in business startups, and would be free and open to the first 40 members to call the Chamber. More details will be e-mailed to all Chamber members when they become available.

### UH Hall of Honor Dinner

The Shidler College of Business, University of Hawaii Manoa, will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. An anniversary dinner will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom on Thursday, October 15. As part of the dinner festivities, former Chamber President, current Hawaii Restaurant Association Chair, and McDonald's franchisee **Victor Lim**, and three others will be inducted into the college's Hall of Honor. Victor received both his bachelor's (1973) and master's (1975) in business administration from UHM. The Chinese Chamber has reserved two tables and the cost is \$75.00 per person. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m., reunion receptions by decades starts at 5:30 p.m., and the "opening performance" and banquet begin at 6:30 p.m. Dress is "business aloha." Those Chamber members who wish to honor Victor should reserve their place by calling the Chamber at 533-3181 not later than Friday, October 2.



President  
Dennis J. Hwang

Aloha everyone:

Things are moving rapidly at the Chinese Chamber. Let me fill you on the activities. The Splendor of China Committee, led by First Vice President and Chair **John Hui** and his able assistants, Second Vice President **Libby Lew** and **Linda Louie**, is preparing for our 7th annual Splendor of China on Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4. This is expected to be the most exciting Splendor to date, with the following highlights:

- See the amazing powers of internationally known *qigong* Grand Master **Tu Jin-Sheng** as he breaks steel bars, pushes a car with a spear to his throat, and stands on raw eggs while painting.
- See the spectacular Beijing Acrobatic Dancers in their colorful costumes, courtesy of Heartbeat Hawaii. They will be performing early on Saturday and Sunday.
- There will be a photo exhibition commemorating 30 years of US-China diplomatic relations, sponsored by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. This exhibit has been shown in Beijing, Shanghai, at the Nixon Library in Los Angeles, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and will be at our Splendor of China, before ending up at the Carter Center in Atlanta. This will be a wonderful edu-

cational exhibit for our members and the community.

- Learn about Expo 2010 in Shanghai from a display and exhibit brought to Hawaii by a Shanghai delegation.
- See cooking demonstrations our very own, **June Tong**, author of the popular cookbook, *Popo's Kitchen*.

Please attend the spectacular Splendor of China, and bring your family, friends, relatives or co-workers. More information is available online at [www.splendorofchina.com](http://www.splendorofchina.com)

The mixers for the members are going very well, thanks to the work of membership chair **Gerald Chang**, and volunteers **Linda Louie**, **Michele Choy**, and **Rena Hwang**. So far, 42 members and guests attended the first mixer on September 10, 32 the second on September 16, and 40 on September 25. Fifty member surveys were turned in, and we have learned a lot from them. Preliminary results indicate the following:

- The main interest of the members or their reason for joining the Chamber was, as expected, business networking and, to a lesser extent, cultural activities. Our activities will thus focus even more on business. It is surprising how many members want to help the community, with even more responses than social networking. These members will be used for our new Community Development Center ("CCDC").
- Of the 50 surveys, 20 members were interested in chairing a committee and being on the board. We will ask many of these respondents to chair an activity such as a membership event.
- Thirteen members are willing to teach classes for the CCDC on topics ranging from US history and civic responsibility, to taxes, Internet mar-

keting, business organizations, banking, law, entrepreneurship, energy efficiency, and personal fitness and health. These members will be added to our current faculty for the CCDC.

- Eight members or companies have potential internship positions, and they will be added to our current list. Internships are a benefit not only for our younger members, but also for the participating companies trying to fill their manpower needs as efficiently as possible.
- Mentors for small business and our associate members were found in the areas of commercial real estate, financial planning, best business practices, energy efficiency, and personnel training. They will be added to our current list of mentors for the CCDC.

If you have not attended one of the mixers, please try to make the last one on Saturday, October 17, at 9:00 am. The mixer is free and pastries and coffee/tea will be served. This is your chance to meet your fellow members, see what the CCDC is about, and let us know how we can best serve you.

Also note that on Saturday, October 31, at 9:00 a.m., there will be a seminar on entrepreneurship, to be taught by faculty from the Chamber, the Small Business Development Center, and Hawaii National Bank. If you are interested, please call the Chinese Chamber at 533-3181.

Finally, I want to mention that thanks to the work of **Ted Li**, **Reuben Wong**, and **Douglas Ho**, the Chamber as well as many other organizations, such as Dong Guan Societies of Hawai'i, on September 16, we were able to present a check to TECO Director General **Phillip Wang** and Tzu-Chi Foundation Executive Director, Dr. **Jerome Fan**, for Typhoon Morakot relief. (Altogether, Chamber members donated \$33,750). Thank you to all who so generously contributed.



A dapper **James Schaefer**, Harry Winston Ala Moana salon director, was pictured in the September 11 *Star-Bulletin* and the September 23 *Midweek*. On the first occasion, he was attending a *pau hana* cocktail party at the Halekulani on behalf of the Hawaii Theatre for Youth while on the second, the occasion was the Tag the World triathlon's red carpet luau at the Royal Hawaiian.

According to a story in the September 12 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, **Neil Abercrombie** was to be honored with the

**Harry S Truman** Award that day at the National Guard Association of the United States convention in Nashville. This highest honor from the NGAUS was awarded for "sustained contributions of exceptional and far-reaching magnitude to the defense and security of the United States." Neil is chair of the House subcommittee on Air and Land Forces. During 2008, he diverted nearly a billion dollars that would have funded future weapons programs to the more pressing need to rearm and re-equip Guard units that had been forced to leave weapons and equipment behind in Iraq or Afghanistan. Trucks, heavy equipment, and radios can of course be used in the event of stateside natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina. (One thing that very people know is that the "S" is not an initial for a middle name, since Truman did not have one, and actually stands for nothing, in accordance with Scots-Irish tradition).

On Monday, September 14, **Gayle Lau** received an early morning call from (and short interview by) DJ **Billy V** of Hawaiian 105 KINE. It seems that he had the winning weekly entry in the *Honolulu Advertiser's* "Pigskin Picks." Not only had Gayle correctly picked the winners of 15 high school, college, and professional football games, but he correctly answered the tie-breaker question as well. For his accomplishment, Gayle won a five-day, four-night trip for two to Hawaii's "ninth island," Las Vegas, and \$100.00 in Papa John's pizza.

**Thomas Ky** and his wife **Siri**, the team who built Assaggio in Kailua into a chain of five restaurants over more than 20 years, recently opened Assaggio Bistro Kahala. In keeping with a tradition of giving an ownership interest to their dedicated employees, Assaggio Bistro will be owned and operated by long-time employees. Located next to Umeke Market near Kahala Mall, all proceeds from the September 14 and 15 grand opening "Good Living, Good Giving" were donated to Aloha United Way.

**Yu Shing Ting's** "Style" section in the September 23 *Midweek* publicized the upcoming Splendor of China, featuring fashions from vendor Xin Xin's Fashion. The models were members of the 2008 (**Catherine Wong Jayne** and **Teresa Lu**) and 2009 (**Dan Yuan**, **Kacie Pang**, and **Kristine Duong**) Narcissus Courts. The ladies, all of whom are new Chamber associate members, were lovely and the fashions were nice, too.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 03	Sat	<b>7th Splendor of China</b> Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Oct 04	Sun	<b>7th Splendor of China</b> Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Oct 12	Mon	<b>Columbus Day</b>
Oct 17	Sat	<b>End of Summer Mixer</b> Chamber's Office – 9:00 am
Oct 20	Tue	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b> Chamber's Office – 12:00 noon
Oct 27	Tue	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> The New Empress Restaurant 12:00 noon
Oct 31	Sat	<b>Halloween</b>

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