

LANTERN

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CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year, the Chamber golf tournament will be held on Thursday, October 28, at the Hawaii Kai Executive Golf Course. Maximum handicap for men is 30 and for women is 36. Check-in and lunch start at 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., respectively, followed by a shotgun start at 12:00 noon. The format is scramble, 5 drives per player minimum, and maximum of two putts for all holes. The awards banquet is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. (Remember, at this time of the year, it gets dark earlier in the afternoon). Prizes will be awarded for hole-in-one (\$10,000.00) and closest to the pin, and there will be par 3 greenies contests. There will also be team and random draw prizes, including some really great ones, including hotel stays, and everyone should go home with something.

Eagle (\$2,500.00), Birdie (\$1,000.00), Par (\$500.00), and Hole (\$150.00) sponsorships are available. Individuals and three-member teams are being sought and currently, there are more prizes than golfers. The fee for individuals (\$125.00) or 3-member teams (\$375.00) includes lunch, green fees, two (2) mulligans per player, golf cart, on-course refreshments, and the awards banquet. This is likely the very last golf tournament for the year in Honolulu, and is a moderately priced opportunity for you to get together with business associates, friends or family as well as an opportunity to network with members of the Chinese Chamber (as well as members of other local chambers of commerce and business associations). Entry forms are available online at www.chinesechamber.com. Deadline for entries is Friday, October 8, and checks for players as well as tax-deductible donations should be made payable to "Chinese Chamber of Commerce Foundation". If you have questions or want more information, please contact **Michael Ching** by telephone at 535-6806 or by e-mail at michael.ching@ey.com.

Fund-raisers for Leilani Soon

by *Leilani Soon*

[Editor's note: As many of you know, **Leilani "Lani" Soon** was 2008 Second Princess. In 2009, she competed in the Miss Chinatown Hawaii pageant and was crowned Miss Hawaii Chinese. Lani went to San Francisco earlier this year, competing in the Miss Chinatown USA pageant and winning the talent competition. More recently, she gave up her previous title after being selected as Miss Hawaii International. Lani has been active as a Chamber associate member and has participated wholeheartedly in many Chamber activities. And to top it all off, she is a really, really nice young woman and is deserving of our support.]

Hello my dear Chamber friends:

As some of you know, I was recently named Miss Hawai'i International and will be representing Hawai'i at the Miss International pageant in Chengdu, Sichuan province, on November 7. I have relinquished my 2010 Miss Hawai'i Chinese Queen title to **Melanie Wong**, who was our First Princess. I will be leaving for Shanghai on Monday, October 18. I am so blessed to be a part of the Chamber family, and I will do my best to represent the Chamber and our state at this competition. Although accommodations in China and my airfare are covered expenses, everything I take to China, including gifts from Hawai'i to give away, a

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Splendor of China

As you may know by now, the 8th Splendor of China will be on Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31. It will be held once again at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. Reservations for booth space are still being taken, and the price is quite reasonable compared to other exhibitions and trade shows in Honolulu at the same venue: \$350.00 for inline or "regular" booths and \$400.00 for a corner booth. If you want one of the limited number of hot, cooked food booths, the cost is \$450.00 for regular booths and \$500.00 for one of the two end booths. (Cooking for these food booths must be done outside in the parking area between the Concert and Exhibition Halls).

There will be a variety of attractions in addition to the many vendors and their wares: **Martin Yan**, host of "Yan Can Cook," will make a return appearance, there will be entertainers from Qinhuangdao, the Red Panda Acrobat, a haunted house for the kids, a variety of cultural and food demonstrations, the ever popular dog show featuring a dozen or so breeds that originated in China, a dog costume contest in honor of Halloween, and of course the first appearance of the 12 lovely 62nd Narcissus Pageant contestants. Chamber members are invited to volunteer on either or both days as well as to help sell tickets. Call the Chamber at 533-3181 if you want to volunteer or need tickets for your family, friends, and co-workers.



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Greetings, Chamber members!

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves to work on our upcoming projects? Now that most of you are back from summer vacations and the Autumn Moon Festival is just completed, our members are gearing up for our largest projects of the year. First up is our annual Chamber golf mixer which will be held at the Hawaii Kai Executive Golf Course on the 28th of October. As this is one of the last golf tournaments of the season, we have an earlier start time to get everyone through the course before dark. The associate members and Narcissus contestants will be there to assist with this fun-filled

event. We still need teams, so please put one together with your clients, family, and friends and join us!

There will be no rest for the weary as the following day will be set-up day for Splendor of China, our largest fundraising event for the year. This year, we will have China's 21st Century National New Talent Award Winner appearing, along with her equally gifted father, who is a multi-talented musician, and another nationally renowned *guzhong* player, all from Qinhuangdao. In addition, the ever popular **Martin Yan**, host of "Yan Can Cook," will make a return appearance. Last, we have coming in from San Francisco the famous Red Panda Acrobat, who is also willing to do additional performances at schools and other institutions around Honolulu, so please contact the Chamber if you are interested in having him visit your school or institution. There are still a few openings for additional booths, so please call us to reserve one for your business or society!

Keep the date open on Monday, November 1, right after Splendor of China, for a welcoming banquet for the Qinhuangdao city officials who are accompanying the entertainers. With the

assistance of the City & County of Honolulu, the Chinese Chamber, and the Hawaii Mainland Overseas Association, we will celebrate our new sister city relationship with Qinhuangdao. This is the first such relationship for Honolulu in the northern part of China. There will also be a signing ceremony with their tourism department and with Honolulu's Office of Economic Development. Please come to celebrate and welcome Honolulu's newest sister city.

Many ventures and projects are under way to develop better tourism markets and educational opportunities at the secondary and university levels. As some of you may already know, Qinhuangdao is located where the eastern end of the Great Wall meets the Bohai Sea at the Old Dragon's Head or *Laolongtou*. Nearby is Shanhaiguan, the "First Pass Under Heaven," where many battles were fought and the Manchu invasion of China took place in 1644, starting the Qing Dynasty. Other worthwhile sights are Beidaihe where many elegant European style estates abound and are country retreats for Communist party elite, including Chairman Mao; the bird estuary harboring many rare species; the

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Olympic Soccer Stadium built for the 2008 Olympics; scenic Jiaoshan Peak where the Great Wall descends to the plains before reaching the sea; and last but not least, the **Qin Shihuangdi** memorial where the First Emperor of China sought the elixir of immortality. All these and more sights are available to delight the visitor to Qinhuangdao.

Please keep a lookout for our next General Membership Meeting, coming soon, which will feature former executive committee member **Laisin Lee**, who will be leading an October study tour on real estate investment to China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. She will share insights on Chinese clients and real estate. We will also have a special afternoon discussion on **Francis Brown Wai**, a Punahou graduate and the only Medal of Honor winner of Chinese descent, on Saturday, December 4. I am sure we will all be interested in the unknown story of the valor of one of Hawaii's own.

For our associate members, please look out for your first mixer coming up soon, and don't forget to support our former 2nd Princess **Leilani Soon** in her quest for the Miss International title in Chengdu in October. She has two fund-raisers coming up to help to get her there. She recently performed, as did associate member chair **Dan Yuan**, at the China National Day Celebration and Mid-Autumn Festival Party to rousing applause. Lani, good luck, we are all so proud of you. And Dan, the Chamber is so proud of the work you did as mistress of ceremonies for the evening.

On Wednesday, September 1, our Narcissus Pageant committee introduced 12 fabulous new contestants for the pageant, which will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011. Be sure to support them at their many public appearances throughout the fall. They will be appearing at Windward Mall, Kahala Mall, and Ala Moana shopping center as well as at our Christmas party at the Hale Koa Hotel on Wednesday, December 8. The annual Christmas party for all of our members is an affair not to be missed. You are all cordially invited to attend and participate in our holiday festivities. Last year's event was a rousing success, so please join us. The date was announced in last month's *Lantern* so that you could mark your calendars ahead of competing events. Look for more details coming soon!

Lastly, the Chamber wishes to thank past presidents **Frances Goo** and **Walter Chang** as well as Director **Yen Chun** and Governor **Linda Lingle**, who put together the beautiful Washington Place reception welcoming the Shanghai Children's Palace Performing Arts Troupe for their wonderful performance held at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. In addition, I would also like to thank all those who participated in the State of Hawaii meeting involving our sister state relationship with the people of Hainan in their quest to bring direct air flights to Hawaii from China.

Alright, let's roll up our sleeves and empty our pockets to support these many upcoming projects of the Chamber. We will see you there!

Mahalo, Jeff

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How to Open a Business in China: Hainan example

by Leigh-Wai Doo

The Hawaii State Bar Association, in cooperation with the Hainan Lawyers Association, will be conducting a full-day seminar on October 31 as part of the expanded activities of the Chinese Chamber's annual Splendor of China event. Small businessmen and women, lawyers, accountants, retirees, and the general public are invited.

The seminar's focus is "How to Open a Business in China," utilizing the policies, regulations, and forms of Hainan province. Hainan was the first province in China to provide legal transparency of its regulations when a CD was presented as Hainan's gift to the nation during the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of the People's Republic China. A complete update of the Hainan policies and regulations was published in March 2010 and will be available for distribution. The compilation's author is Mr. **Wang Jing**, President of the Hainan Lawyers Association, who will lead the Chinese presentation, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Splendor of China.

"How to Open a Business in America," using Hawaii's regulations and forms will be presented at 9:30am by Hawaii lawyers and will be covered in a checklist format with Powerpoint slides. The presentations are free to people holding a Splendor of China ticket. Materials, including Powerpoint notes and other hard copy, will be available for a fee. The material on How to Open a Business in China, including the hard-cover book *Towards An International Tourist Island*, will largely be in Chinese, with a table of contents and Powerpoint copy in both English and Chinese.

This seminar is the fourth seminar presented on the principles of Chinese and American law, which was first presented in 1992. Following this seminar, the 14 lawyer and judiciary members in the Hainan delegation will make site visits to Hawaii law firms, judiciary administration, and courts as well as observe our general election process before leaving Hawaii for Japan and Korea. The Hainan delegates welcome affiliations with their counterparts to assist American businesses into Hainan and Chinese businesses into Hawaii. This collaboration has been coordinated by a new not-for-profit, the Foundation for Islands of Harmony (www.Hawaii.Hainan.Hui@gmail.com). Arrangements for the seminar have been coordinated with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the City and County of Honolulu as co-sponsors with the Hawaii State Bar Association. *Mahalo nui* to them.

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Pearl Harbor Boat Tour Postponed

Regrettably, due to construction work on the USS *Arizona* Visitor Center pier and nearby area, the boat tour scheduled for early October has been re-scheduled to Friday, November 12. Departure time remains promptly at 3:45 p.m. and you must have your name on the passenger manifest in order to board. Reservation deadline is Friday, November 5. Call the Chamber right away if you want to go on the boat tour. (Other details can be found in last month's issue of *The Lantern*).

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Hawai'i "national" costume with accessories, evening gowns, shoes, swimsuit, and accessories are "preparation expenses." If anyone is interested in sponsoring me with gifts or cash donations, that would be much appreciated.

My friend, **Jennifer Huang**, has kindly offered to sponsor a wine tasting fund-raiser this coming Sunday, October 3, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Capitol Place. The cost is \$25.00 a person. Please call her by phone at 778-6904 or by e-mail at jbhuang@gmail.com. I will be performing as well. We will also have a sendoff/fund-raising dinner before I leave. The dinner will be on Wednesday, October 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Hee Hing Restaurant. The dinner is \$40.00 per person and all proceeds go to my trip. Hee Hing owner **James Lee** is generously donating a portion of the actual dinner cost. If you want to attend, please contact Jennifer by Friday, October 8.

I really appreciate meeting and getting to know so many wonderful Chinese Chamber members over the past three years and thank each of you for your friendship. *Mahalo nui loa!*

MEMBER NEWS

The September 7 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* printed a letter from director **Linda Louie** strongly supporting the candidacy of **Stanley Chang** as Councilman for District 4.

In the September 18 primary election, a number of Chamber members were candidates. They included **Neil Abercrombie** for governor; **Suzanne Chun Oakland** for state Senate; **David Chang, Jerry Chang,** and **Corinne Ching** for different state House seats; and **Stanley Chang** and **Richard "Rich" Turbin** for City Council. After two decades in Washington, D.C., Neil has come home to run for governor; Suzanne, Jerry, and Corinne are seeking reelection; and Stanley and Rich are competing for the same East Oahu Council seat. Best wishes to each of you in the Tuesday, November 2, general election. (As a reminder, Monday, October 4, is the deadline to register to vote, and walk-in voting at City Hall, Windward Mall, and Kapolei Hale starts on Tuesday, October 19, and ends on Saturday, October 30).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 11	Mon	Columbus Day
Oct 19	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office – 5:30 p.m.
Oct 26	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12 noon
Oct 30	Sat	Splendor of China NBC Exhibition Hall 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Oct 31	Sun	Splendor of China NBC Exhibition Hall 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



China National Day Celebration and Mid-Autumn Festival Party

Left (L-R): Director of Chinese performing Arts Group, Counselor Sun Weide of Chinese Consul LA, Event Chair & Chamber Past President Ted Li, and Chamber President Jeff Lau.

Bottom Left: MC and performer, 2009 2nd Princess Dan Yan.

Bottom Right: Performer and 2008 2nd Princess, Miss Chinese Hawaii and Miss Hawaii International Leilani Soon.



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