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November 2010

Pearl Harbor Boat Tour CANCELLED

Due to overwhelming demand for limited space, the boat tour re-scheduled for Friday, November 12 has been cancelled. There may be another scheduled early next year. In the meantime, according to a story in the November 1 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, the new \$58 million *Arizona* Memorial visitor center will be unveiled on December 7.

HAWAII FOODBANK DONATIONS

With the festivities and merriment of the holiday season fast approaching, this is a good time for each of us to remember that there are hundreds of people, either individually or with their families, who have been caught up in the weak Hawaii economy. Throughout the year, the Hawaii Foodbank has been collecting monetary and canned food donations that are then distributed to other community organizations. Last year, Chamber members were occasionally asked to bring canned food donations to Chamber events; the response was less than overwhelming. Once again, you are asked to bring a canned food donation (the Hawaii Foodbank's "Top 5" Most Wanted canned foods can be found at http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org/pdf/Flyer%20Top%205%204-up.pdf) to or to make a cash donation at Chamber events that you attend. Please note that this donation request applies to each of our upcoming Chamber events. We who have relatively much should be willing to share with those who have relatively little.

FRANCIS BROWN WAI PRESENTATION

On Saturday, December 4, the Chamber is honored to be able to share the story of Hawaii-born and raised Francis Brown Wai. Educated at and graduated from Punahou School in 1935, he graduated in 1939 from UCLA with a degree in banking and finance. As a captain in the 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, he landed on Red Beach during the invasion of Leyte, on October 20, 1944. Repeatedly exposing himself to Japanese machine gun fire, he was instrumental in getting the men off the beach and was killed while leading the assault on the last Japanese pillbox in the area. Originally awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest U.S. award for valor, his DSC was upgraded to a Medal of Honor in 2000. CPT Wai has the distinction of being the only Chinese-American and only one of two Oriental officers (the other being Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouve) to be awarded a Medal of Honor in World War II. At the presentation on CPT Wai, we will have an opportunity to learn more about this courageous son of Hawaii. Sign-in will be at 9:30 a.m. and the presentation will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Tseu multipurpose room in the Chamber building. There will be light refreshments, and due to the limited seating in the room, please call the Chamber at 533-3181 to reserve your seats.



2010 Narcissus Contestants Fashion Show at Splendor of China

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Chamber member and former director Laisin Lee will be the featured speaker, sharing her knowledge of and experience with Chinese buyers interested in Hawaii real estate. (At a later date, we hope to have a follow-on for Hawaii buyers interested in Chinese real estate). Sometime this month, there will be a general membership meeting at which Laisin will generously share her years of knowledge and experience in dealing with Chinese buyers. More details on the date, time, place, and cost will be provided by an e-mail from the Chamber, so stay tuned.

UH presentation

Professor Reginald Kwok will give a talk on "Fengshui-Prescribed Urban Design: The Making of Beijing," Tuesday, November 9, as part of the University of Hawaii Manoa's Center for Chinese Studies and Confucius Institute's Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series. The Chinese belief in and practice of feng shui (geomancy) dates back four millennia, influencing the siting and layout of cities as well as individual houses in order to enhance the occupants' living environment. Prof. Kwok will explore basic and established feng shui precepts and how they have been incorporated into spatial design practices, using physical components of Beijing as illustrative of these principles. The flier has been sent to Chamber members, but to recap, the presentation will be at 4:00 p.m. in the Tokioka Room, which is located in Room 319 of UHM's Moore Hall, 1890 East-West Road at Maile Way. (At that time of the day, parking may be available in the parking lot across East-West Road from Moore Hall). Admission is FREE and there will be a reception afterward.

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President Jeffrey D. Lau

Congratulations, Chamber members! Your selfless efforts resulted in a terrific 8th Splendor of China the weekend of October 30-31! While the final numbers are not in, attendance exceeded all of our expectations, thanks to our innovative marketing as well as last minute decisions to expand our reach to new sectors of the local market and of course, some help from our friends at Cirque de Soleil's Alegria. Congratulations and much mahalos go out to Leonard Kam and Angie Shiroma and all of their invaluable committee chairs, those behind the scenes, and the many, many committee members and volunteers who played a part in making this event truly a success.

All of the visiting dignitaries from China - from the Consul General and his educational directors visiting the Confucius Institute booth; Qinhuangdao Deputy Secretary General Zhang Guoqiang and his staff and business associates, the Shanghai Overseas Affairs director and his staff; the Liaoning Association for Friendly Contacts director and his party; and the Hainan Lawyers Association - all expressed their amazement of the size and scope of the cultural activities that Splendor of China offered them. Even Martin Yan, who travels extensively in Asia and the entire U.S. mainland, believes that Splendor of China is the largest cultural exhibition of Chinese arts of its kind that exists in the United States. All expressed their desire to see it continue to grow and develop. Consul General Zhang Yun expressed a desire to have his Los Angeles office plan more events with our Chamber as a direct result of his most recent visits to Splendor. After witnessing Splendor, Deputy Secretary General Zhang was pleased to know that they made the right decision to develop a sister city relationship with such a community of warm and friendly people who could put on such a wonderful event. Similar accolades came from the Shanghai Overseas Office and others. In particular, Chamber member Leigh-Wai Doo expressed his thanks on behalf of the Hainan lawyers for sharing our space for their seminar and to have a chance to mingle with our members and the people of Honolulu.

In the midst of all this activity, kudos go out to those members of the Chamber who still were able to help with and attend the Palolo Chinese Home's gala affair thanking a longtime volunteer of theirs and ours, the always gracious and helpful Blossom Tyau. Congratulations, Blossom, for all that you have done for our Chinese community over the years.

As this is going to press, we have still one more event to go as we are all excited about the Chamber having the opportunity to work with the City and County of Honolulu in developing the first sister city relationship in China in over 12 years. This relationship culminated this summer during the Narcissus Goodwill Tour, and on Monday, November 1, at the Grand Ballroom of the Moana Surfrider Hotel, our friends from Qinhuangdao will present to Mayor Peter Carlisle the signed documents between Mayor Lu Hao Wen and then-Mayor Mufi Hannemann. This document formalizes the sister city relationship between Honolulu and the tourist and industrial city of northeastern China, Qinhuangdao, famous for its lovely villas in Beidaihe; Laolongtou, "Old Dragon's Head," the eastern beginning of the Great Wall; and Shanhaiguan, the "First Pass Under Heaven," where the Qing Dynasty began.

Many initiatives are already under way, including tour groups, educational exchanges, and potential real estate investments. Witnessing this event will be Speaker Calvin Say and other representatives, members of the City Council who helped pass this resolution, along and representatives from Governor Lingle's staff, Lt. Governor James "Duke" Aiona, and Rep. Charles Djou. Others include sponsors from the Chamber Alan Ho, Douglas Ho, and James Schaefer of Harry Winston; and the Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association and Bank of Hawaii.

Last week was truly busy as while the Chamber was greeting all of the foreign dignitaries, we also conducted our recent second annual Chamber Golf tournament at Hawaii Kai Golf Course. While the morning started off cool and blustery, the day warmed up nicely and a good time was had by all who attended. It was a great chance to greet old friends and to make new friends with those who came out to join us from the community. Everyone came away a winner as a result of our sponsors: in particular, Steve Teruya and Finance Factors, and **John Zhang** and Panda Express. Let us not forget the free coupons from **Victor** Lim of McDonald's and also coupons for Donald Kim's two new restaurants, Burgers on the Edge and Good to Grill, near the Kapahulu Safeway. Thank you, everyone! We look forward to an earlier event time in 2011, in the spring or possibly in late May or June when we can take advantage of more daylight!

As we get ready for our next series of events, including public appearances of our lovely Narcissus Pageant contestants at Windward, Kahala, and Ala Moana Shopping malls, we will have several other meetings that should be interesting for our members. First, member Laisin Lee will give a report on real estate investments in China and Hawaii by the Chinese. Then, coming up on Saturday, December 4, at 9:30 a.m., an event not to be missed is the first ever public discussion about the first Chinese-American to receive the Medal of Honor, Captain Francis Brown Wai. From there, please enjoy the Christmas season by coming out to our always fun Christmas party to be held at the Hale Koa Hotel on Wednesday, December 8, where you will have a chance to sit and chat with our lovely Narcissus contestants and reflect on what a wonderful year it has been.

Well, I certainly hope you all had a wonderful and "Splendid" Halloween - the University of Hawaii Warriors sure did! Now let's all be thankful to have received the bounty from all of our efforts this year at the Chamber and have a Happy Thanksgiving.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again, the Chamber's annual Christmas party will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel. As previously announced last month, the date is Wednesday, December 8. The evening's festivities will start with no-host cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and entertainment, games, and door prizes. The sit-down dinner will feature a combination of herb marinated sirloin steak and citrus honey mustard chicken breast. The 2010 Narcissus Queen and Court as well as the 2011 Narcissus contestants will be there. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet the lovely young ladies as well as to meet and mingle with new and old Chamber members. The cost is \$48.00 per person. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, November 30, or until sold out. Please note that since this is a sit-down dinner rather than a buffet, only a specific number of dinners will be prepared, and there will be NO walkins permitted. So if you want to partake in the delicious dinner and fun and festivities, call the Chamber at 533-3181 and reserve your seat(s).

PAU HANA MEMBERSHIP MIXER

There will be a mixer for Chamber members on Thursday, November 18, starting at 5:30 p.m. The location is Grand Café & Bakery and HASR Wine Co., both located at 31 North Pauahi Street, Members and friends will have an opportunity to sample some of the wines sold by HASR as well as some of the *pupu* prepared by award-winning California Culinary Academy graduate **Anthony Vierra**, whose grandfather **Ti Chong Ho** founded the original Grand Café. While there, take the opportunity to look over the Grand Café menu (if you haven't previously eaten there) and browse the aisles of HASR and look over the variety of wines sold there. Ample parking is available right across the street at Smith-Beretania municipal parking lot. The cost is only \$30.00, and reservations should be made by calling the Chamber at 533-3181 as soon as possible so that a headcount can be provided to Grand Café.

Presentation on ECFA

TECO Director General **Paul Chang** will give a presentation on the cross-Strait Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement. ECFA was signed by representatives of the Chinese and Taiwanese governments on July 29, 2010, and went into effect on September 12. It provides a basis for further trade agreements between China and Taiwan. The informative presentation will be on Wednesday, <u>December 15</u>, at the Chinese Chamber. Registration and sign-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. Director General Chang's presentation may be of interest to those exporting to or importing from either China or Taiwan as well as those interested in the developing bilateral relationship between the two. Light refreshments may be provided. If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact the Chamber at 533-3181.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, October 28, 57 Chamber members and friends gathered at the Hawaii Kai Golf Course for a second annual Chamber Golf Tournament. It was a blustery day, with occasional showers, making for some challenging golfing for the 19 3-person teams competing for some very fine prizes. The tournament was sponsored by Finance Factors and Panda Express, and started with check-in beginning at 10:30 a.m. Golfers were given a bento lunch and a small goody bag containing coupons from McDonald's (courtesy of Victor Lim) and two new restaurants in the Safeway Kapahulu complex, Burgers on the Edge and Good to Grill (courtesy of Donald Kim). Then came the shotgun start a little after noon and several hours of challenging conditions out on the course. At this time of the year, the sun had dropped behind Kokohead as the last golfers returned to the clubhouse around 5:30 p.m. The awards dinner had a fine buffet and everyone had a fun day of golfing. A job well done by co-chairs Bernard Choy and Michael Ching. Chamber members and friends can look forward to an even bigger and better tournament next year, perhaps with participation from other ethnic and geographic chambers of commerce on Oahu.



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MEMBER NEWS

The October 20 **Midweek** "Honolulu Pa'ina" had a photo of **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, and wife **Elaine** attending the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*'s Ilima awards ceremony at the Diamond Head Theatre earlier in the month.

In last month's Lantern, we noted that a number of Chamber members had made it through the primary and that two Chamber members were in a face-off for a City Council seat. Congratulations to Governor-elect Neil Abercrombie (a Chamber member since 1999) who swept 50 of 51 districts, Suzanne Chun Oakland re-elected to the state Senate; Jerry Chang and Corinne Ching re-elected to the state House; and Stanley Chang elected to the City Council. Thanks also to David Chang and Richard "Rich" Turbin, neither of whom made it this time, but are to be thanked for offering themselves as candidates and going through the long, grueling process of running for office. We will undoubtedly hear from and of them in the future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	Nov 11	Thu	Veteran Day
	Nov 13	Sat	62nd Narcissus Queen Contestant Appearance Kahala Mall – 1:00 p.m.
	Nov 21	Sun	62nd Narcissus Queen Contestant Appearance Windward Mall – 11:00 a.m.
	Nov 23	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office – 5:30 p.m.
	Nov 25	Thu	Thanksgiving Day
	Nov 30	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.
	Dec 8	Wed	Chamber Christmas Party Hale Koa Hotel – 6:00 p.m.
	Dec 12	Sun	62nd Narcissus Queen Contestant Appearance Ala Moana Centerstage – 2:00 p.m.

ORI/Helemano Plantation Fund-Raiser

The annual ORI/Helemano Plantation fund-raiser, this year themed "Marching to a Different Drummer," will be held on Friday, <u>December 17</u>, at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel's recently renovated Monarch Room. The event also recognizes the organization's founding thirty years ago. No-host cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m., and dinner, followed by entertainment and dancing, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$150.00 for individuals, with sponsorship levels for tables of ten at \$1,500.00, \$3,000.00, \$5,000.00, and \$10,000.00. Monetary donations are also being accepted. You are cordially invited to attend for a great dinner and entertainment, all to benefit a worthwhile cause. For reservations or more information, call **Yvonne de Luna** at 622-3929.

Splendor of China

Dozens of Chamber members put in varying amounts of time on Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31, to put on the 8th Splendor of China at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. (Not to mention the many months of planning, coordination, and arrangements to ensure that the event could be held). Thanks to their concerted efforts, under the leadership of Splendor Chair Leonard Kam and co-chair Angie Shiroma, the event was an apparent success, with large crowds and many favorable comments from vendors as well as from officials such as the PRC's Los Angeles-based Consul General Zhang Yun and the leaders of the delegations from Qinhuangdao City, the Liaoning China Association for International Friendly Contact, the Shanghai Overseas Chinese Affairs Office, the Hainan Lawyers' Association, and Hainan agricultural delegation. Hundreds of survey forms were turned in by many of the people attending, and those must be collated, tabulated, and the data analyzed. And there will soon be a internal review of what went well and making a few minor "tweaks" based on input from vendors, the delegations, and those who completed the survey forms. Again, each and every one of the Chamber members and volunteers can take a welcome break and know that their efforts are greatly appreciated.





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