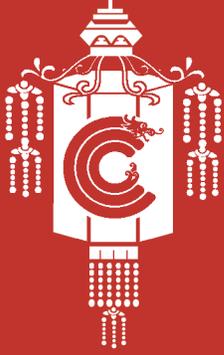


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Splendor of China

VOLUNTEERS

As announced in the June issue of *The Lantern*, due to an opening in the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall schedule, the 8th annual Splendor of China will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31 this year. That puts Splendor closer to the holiday season, which should benefit all of the vendors (including the food vendors), who at a minimum can offer gift certificates for sale to those attending. Letters went out to vendors, both former and prospective, about a month ago, and booth prices, which are pretty reasonable compared to other shows, are the same, at least for early-bird reservations. So if you're thinking of reserving one or more booths, please call the Chamber right away at 533-181. Don't procrastinate or you may find that as the show dates get closer, the rates may go up.

In addition, regular and associate Chamber members are cordially invited to sign up to help out on either or both days or even join the Splendor of China Committee, chaired by First Vice President **Leonard Kam** and co-chair **Angie Shiroma**. Due to Halloween falling on Sunday, there will be a haunted house for the kids, and perhaps people will be encouraged to get into costume for trick-or-treating that evening. So if you're interested in helping out and getting a close-up view of Splendor of China, contact **Sylvia Louie**, who's in charge of volunteers.

NARCISSUS CONTESTANTS

The Narcissus Pageant will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011. Prior to that qualified, enthusiastic contestants are needed: "nearly 50%" Chinese ancestry; single (never married or had a child); a resident of Hawaii for the preceding twelve months; and between the ages of 19 and 26 on the date of the Pageant. If you know a young woman who meets those qualifications, please have them contact the Chamber at 533-3181.

Narcissus Souvenir Book Ads

Just a brief reminder: the deadline for ad space is Tuesday, August 17, and the deadline for artwork and new ads is Tuesday, August 31. More information was provided in last month's issue of *The Lantern*. For reservations or more information, please contact the Chamber at 533-3181.



RECYCLING, CONTINUED

Last month's *Lantern* mentioned a program conducted by Hagedone Printing, 274 Puuhale Road, accepting glossy, coated paper as well as other paper for recycling. According to the June 7 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* article, this occurs on the second Saturday of each month. However, on that Saturday in July, it was discovered that Hagedone actually accepts paper for recycling Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On the second Saturday of the month, paper is also accepted for shredding. In addition, the five locations of Lex Brodie's accept paper seven days a week. For locations and drop-off times as well as the "ecoPaper route," go to the GreenFleet Hawaii Web page at hsblinks.com/2ge.





President
Jeffrey D. Lau

June was a very busy month for Narcissus Queen Tour Members.

The members of the 61st Narcissus Queen Tour send a big shout-out and our heartfelt thanks to **Peggy Luu** of Skyway Express Travel for all of her very time-consuming and amazing efforts in making this complex tour from June 7th to June 26th to 9 cities in 19 days a huge success. Without her deft management skills, based on her years of experience, this most ambitious of tours could have easily gone awry. Instead, under her steady guidance, the tour met every challenge thrown its way and beautifully represented our Chamber. From our welcome meeting in Taipei at their Overseas Chinese Affairs office, set up by our very own Director

General **Philip Wang** and Consular Officer **Shu Chu Lin**, to our final return banquet in Hong Kong, hosted by China Travel Service Managing Director **Zhou Laiwei** and Vice Managing Director **Chen Wenjie**, I am pleased to report that Queen **Angie Zhang** and her Court, 1st Princess **Selena Qiu**, 2nd Princess **Megan Chun**, 3rd Princess **Karen Chang**, and 4th Princess **Bonnie Von** performed their ceremonial duties exquisitely well and were much admired wherever they traveled.

But more on Peggy. When Governor **Linda Lingle** asked us to change our plans to meet her in Guangzhou for the Hawaii-Guangdong 25th anniversary gala with Governor **Hwang Huahua**, Peggy along with our friends at China Travel Service Head Office General Manager **Mark Wang** and Deputy General Manager **Colleen Xu** of the America & Pacific Department were able to alter our flight schedule from Taipei to get us there in time for the grand event and to witness the signing of an agreement to further Guangdong's relationship with Hawaii. We then traveled with Governor Lingle to Kunming where we were not able to join her in meeting the Vice Governor of Yunnan Province. This was due to our previously arranged meeting

with Director General **Yang Guangmin** of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Yunnan Province. That meeting was in a beautifully decorated Tibetan-style lodge restaurant after a tour of the Stone Forest. We were joined there by singers and dancers and even a pair of Tibetan hip-hop rappers for an evening of singing and dancing. With all of the frivolity of the evening, even the mayor of Shangrila (Zhongdian),



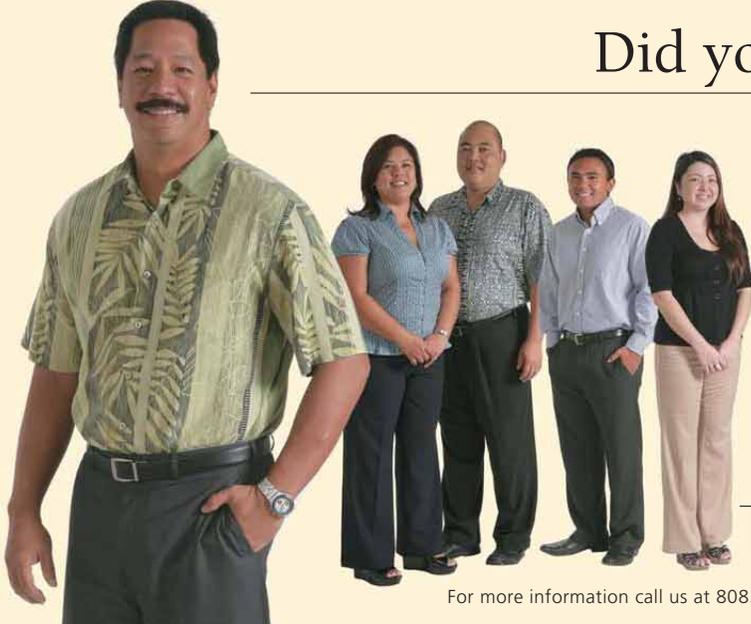
President of Taiwan Pavilion



Governor chatting with Court at Guangzhou-Hawaii 25th Anniversary of Sister State Relationship Gala. Bonnie Von, Karen Chang, Megan Chun, Selena Qiu, and Angie Zhang.

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Jeffrey Lau toasting Vice Chair Lu Yongxiang.

At the marble walled Macao Hall in the Great Hall of the People with Vice Chair Lu Yongxiang, Governor Lingle, and Mark Goldman of Goldman Sachs.



Mayor Zhu Haowen of Qinhuangdao signing of Sister City Relationship with Honolulu.



who was having a private dinner there, stopped by to greet and toast us.

When Governor Lingle advised us that she could not remain in Beijing for our visit with Vice Chair **Lu Yongxiang** of the National People's Congress, our friends at the China Association for International Friendly Contacts were able to have us leave the UNESCO Heritage Site of Lijiang a day early and to persuade the central government to open up the Great Hall of the People on a National holiday. As a result, we were hosted in the marble walled Macao Hall, which is one of the largest dining rooms in the Great Hall of the People. Vice Chairman Lu praised this year's tour for having beauties representing many facets of our island culture: our Queen from Shanghai, our first princess from Shandong Province, and third princess from Taipei, representing the strong bond and future promise between people of Chinese descent. He also spoke of the beauty and intelligence of our other island princesses who could trace their heritage back to Zhongshan in the Pearl River Delta. He urged us to maintain the trend of their diversity and Mandarin speaking skills. Clearly, the Queen and Court made a wonderful impression on him and the other Chinese

officials from CAIFC. This evening was truly a Hawaiian event as Governor Lingle mentioned the Macao coconut palm tree in this room, with one of her security detail, **Joey Napiahi**, singing a Hawaiian melody *a cappella* and capped with our Court dancing *hula* to "Haole Hula", a song sung by **Raiatea Helm** and written by **Kealii Reichel**, on marble stages in gorgeous sparkling lavender *cheongsam*. This was truly a sight to behold and to remember. On this visit to Beijing, we were also able to accept an invitation to meet with our friends at the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Vice Minister **Ren Qiliang**, Director General **Wu Hong Qin** and Division Director **Chen Ze Tao**, some of whom had visited us during Splendor of China last fall and dine with them in the fabulous grand ballroom at the Beijing Nikko Hotel in Xizhemen.

Peggy worked her miracles again in finding a flight out of Qinhuangdao so that this year's tour was able to make a special police-escorted visit there to assist Mayor **Mufi Hannemann** to sign a first ever sister city relationship in northern China with Mayor **Zhu Haowen**. With TV cameras running, we were also able to complete the

Sister City Agreement and a Cooperating Agreement with their Chamber of Commerce Promoting International Trade. Qinhuangdao is famous for Shanhaiguan, China's "First Pass Under Heaven"; Lulongtou or "Old dragon's head," the beginning of the Great Wall from the Bohai Sea; and Beidaihe, a turn-of-the-century diplomatic retreat area, filled with mansions of a time gone by, and of course, its sparkling sand beaches that bring thousands of northern visitors flocking to its shores during the summer season, much like Hawaii. (Beidaihe is perhaps best known as the retreat for top Chinese government officials including Chairman Mao, escaping Beijing's summer heat). Special thanks go out to some of our members who made this possible, starting with Associate Members Chair **Dan Yuan**, who hails from this fair city; Director **Alan Ho** who is the Mayor's other sister city liaison who accompanied me on an earlier trip; and member **James Schaefer**, who really helped to get this project going so that it could be completed in time for our tour. Many other directors and members helped with this project, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Mayor's Economic and Business Director **Ann Chung** and her International Relations Director **John Chang**. They also helped us gain approval for a grant to host Qinhuangdao during Splendor of China while we in turn are establishing student educational exchanges and visitor industry professor exchanges, hopefully commencing this fall.

There is much more to relate about our later stops in Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong, but that will have to wait for another day. Before closing, however, I would like to thank Peggy Luu and **Eddie Ngan** of Skyway Express for their assistance, the Chamber for giving me this so very special opportunity to represent the Chamber and the Chinese people of Hawaii, Mayor Mufi Hannemann for allowing me to represent the City and County of Honolulu, and Governor Lingle for allowing all of us to represent the great State of Hawaii.

Mahalo kakou!

Banning Fireworks. NOT!

Thanks to a number of outlaws – yes, that’s what they (and you) are if you buy and use aerial fireworks on New Year’s Eve – the members of the Honolulu City Council are on the verge of enacting an overly simplistic and ignorant island-wide ban on all fireworks, including firecrackers.

It is overly simplistic because there is already a City ordinance banning aerial fireworks. Under the circumstances then, aerial fireworks are contraband, and “contraband” is defined in the Merriam-Webster online dictionary as “goods or merchandise whose importation, exportation or possession is forbidden.” As such, no one has a compensable interest in contraband if seized by federal, state or local law enforcement personnel. Unfortunately, a succession of Honolulu police chiefs have washed their hands in this matter, claiming that unless a police officer actually sees someone lighting the aerial firework, no one can be arrested and thereby not enforcing a valid city ordinance.

There are of course hundreds of HPD officers, driving either marked City-owned cars or unmarked City-subsidized cars and SUVs, patrolling beats all over Oahu. Surely if ordered to do so, they could be checking out pre-holiday fireworks vendors to see if they’re selling illegal aerial fireworks. Instead, they’re apparently busy checking for drivers not wearing their seat belts, driving while intoxicated or jaywalking. As a result, scofflaws go their merry way, selling contraband (and arguably helping the slow economy) or buying contraband so that they can “inadvertantly” set fires, occasionally killing a neighbor as happened in Palolo several years ago.

A ban on all fireworks also ignorant. The term “fireworks” is the all-encompassing term for both aerial and ground “pyrotechnics.” The latter category includes firecrackers, which Wikipedia defines as “a small explosive device primarily designed to produce a large amount of noise, especially in the form of a loud bang, any visual effect is incidental to this goal.” Yet in the “firecracker ban” portion of the Wikipedia firecracker entry, the writer(s) conflate noise-making firecrackers and fireworks used for show, either on the ground or mostly aerial.

What the members of the City Council overlook (or ignore) is the fact that firecrackers have been used for centuries by Chinese during Chinese New Year and on ceremonial occasions like weddings and funerals to scare away evil spirits. Also overlooked is the fact that even today, the vast majority of Chinese were and are farmers. Aerial fireworks, by their nature, were prohibitively expensive, and as a result were primarily for the entertainment of the emperor and the officials of the mandarin. Even the poorest commoners, however, could nevertheless afford “penny packs” containing 4-6 firecrackers even if they couldn’t afford common size packs (16-20 firecrackers) or larger packs (24-120 firecrackers), not to mention strings of hundreds or thousands of firecrackers. And virtually all

Chinese firecrackers are made with red paper, leaving a lucky red residue on the property of the user while aerial fireworks leave any residue yards or miles away, thereby bringing no luck to the user.

So the City Council should open their eyes to the fact that while firecrackers are a Chinese cultural tradition, aerial fireworks are not. Therefore, what has been missing has been effective police enforcement of the City ordinance banning aerial fireworks at the point-of-sale. And an island-wide ban on all fireworks, including firecrackers is sadly misguided.



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Metropark CTS dinner hosted by Zhou Lai Wei Managing Director with Chen Wen Jie Deputy Managing Director CTS (H.K.).



Narcissus Queen and court in White Swan Ballroom for Gala in Guangzhou.

Goodwill tour members with the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Mascot Haibao.

MEMBER NEWS

Jon Matsuoka, currently dean of the UH Manoa's **Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work**, is leaving at the end of this month to become president and CEO of the Consuelo Foundation in August.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 24	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office – 5:30 p.m.
Aug 31	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12 noon
Sept 06	Mon	Labor Day
Sept 22	Wed	Mid-Autumn Festival

NEW MEMBERS

At its July 27 meeting, the Chamber board of directors approved the applications for **Jennifer Huang**, consultant-owner of JB Consulting (sponsored by **Bryan Li**); **Vivienne Ma**, a certified ballet teacher and artistic director with the Royal Academy of Ballet (sponsored by **Gayle Lau** and **Gerald Chang**); **Susan Seah**, attorney and founding partner with Gardner Seah LLP (sponsored by **Gayle Lau**); **Hannah Wong**, principal and architect with Pacific Atelier International (sponsored by **Hsin-fu Wu**); and **Yonggin Zhu**, program administrator with CARE Hawaii (sponsored by **Jeff Lau**). The board also approved the associate membership application for **Marcus Sortijas**, who is in the Pacific New Media certification program (sponsored by **Chantel Ching**). Welcome to the Chamber and we look forward to meeting you at the next Chamber membership event.

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