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Splendor of China

The 8th annual Splendor of China will be held at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall on Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31. Once again, Chef **Martin Yan** will be holding cooking demonstrations on both days as well as entertainers from China. This year, the entertainers will be from Honolulu's newest sister city, Qinhuangdao in Hebei province, and will include a national champion soprano and a multi-instrument entertainer. Booth vendors of all kinds and Chamber volunteers are more than welcome. Please contact the Chamber right away for prime booth space or more information.

Pearl Harbor Boat Tour

Once again, Chamber members have an opportunity to take a boat tour of Pearl Harbor on Wednesday, October 6, courtesy of Rear Admiral **Dixon Smith**, Navy Region Hawaii. The boat will leave promptly at 3:45 p.m. from the pier at the USS *Arizona* Visitor Center and return at 5:15 p.m. This boat tour is not open to the public at large, and visitors will have a unique view of the harbor from the water. The boat will circumnavigate Ford Island counter-clockwise, passing under the Cleary Bridge; sail between the USS *Utah* memorial and Pearl City peninsula, then past mothballed ships in Middle Loch, Waipio peninsula and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, and on to the Pearl Harbor channel entrance; turning around to pass the USS *Missouri* and submarine base; making a private stop at the USS *Arizona* memorial; and returning to the pier.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is a military installation and there are security requirements. Cameras are allowed, but no carry-on purses, fanny packs or bags are permitted, and all carry-on items are subject to inspection. You should have a photo ID (Hawaii driver's license, military ID, etc.) when you check in. You should also make use of the restroom facilities in the visitor center before boarding.

This boat tour is by invitation only, and you must have your name on the list or you will not be permitted to board. Ample free parking is available at the visitor center, and those signing up for the boat tour are well advised to get there early in order to find the boat and check-in. (Traffic on Nimitz Highway is heavy at that time in the afternoon, and additional travel time should be included so that the correct turn-off and parking can be found). While there may be a pre-departure announcement over the PA system, you should be pro-active and get to the boat a few minutes before the stated departure time. Seating on the boat is limited and if you want to go on the boat tour, call the Chamber at 533-3181 not later than Monday, October 4.



Queen Search committee meeting at Harry Wiston Jewelers in Ala Moana Center on July 26, 2010

Narcissus Festival NEWS



The 62nd annual Narcissus Festival will soon be underway with the Splendor of China and run through the Fashion Show on March 13, 2011. While the Narcissus Pageant will not be held until Saturday, January 8, 2011, Pageant Chair **Michele Choy** is already looking for individuals or companies to contribute money for prizes. The names of the donors – individuals or businesses – will appear in the Narcissus souvenir book as well as in the printed Pageant program. In addition, those whose contributions total \$600.00 or more will receive two complimentary Pageant tickets and a copy of the Narcissus souvenir book. Deadline for contributions is Wednesday, September 15, so contact the Chamber at 533-3181 right away if you are willing to contribute.

Chamber Christmas Party

Yes, it's only the beginning of September and Christmas is almost four months away. However, this is advance notice so that you can mark your calendars before any other December parties come up. The Chamber's Christmas party will again be held at the Hale Koa Hotel. The date this year is Wednesday, December 8. While the membership committee is working out the details, quite likely there will be a served, sit-down dinner. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date.



President
Jeffrey D. Lau

July was a busy month for the Chamber as we geared up for this year's Narcissus Festival. Our Queen search committee was up and running in April in our search for Pageant contestants, and I am pleased to report that we have at least 13 beautiful and talented candidates presently vying for the title of Narcissus Queen 2011, thanks to the great efforts by co-chairs **Catherine Wong Jayne** and **Dan Yuan** and their committee. Special thanks go to 2008 Fourth Princess **Chantel Katahara Ching** and Chamber member **James Shaeffer** for the use of her home and his beautifully appointed sitting room at Harry Winston Jewelers respectively.

A special mention goes to a beautiful reception at Washington Place and the wonderful performance at the Blaisdell Concert Hall by the Shanghai Children's Palace Performing Art Troupe, sponsored by the US-China People's Friendship Association,

the **Soong Ching Ling** Foundation, and Hawaii National Bank through the special efforts of our members **Francis Goo**, **Walter Chang**, **Yen Chun**, and **Warren Luke** and the many Chamber members who volunteered their efforts in front and backstage to make these two events our Chinese community's highlights of the summer.

The Chamber has been involved in the well attended UCS political candidate forum, working with non-profits on the River Street Residences issue, and providing our input, pro and con, on current proposals before the City Council on the banning of fireworks and the possible expansion of the Chinatown Historical District. I'd like to thank **Gerald Chang**, who ably assisted us with revising our position on the fireworks ban by emphasizing the religious importance of firecrackers for the Chinese community. **Wes Fong** will represent the Chamber in the Chinatown boundaries issue. If any of you wish to assist them or provide additional input, please contact them through the Chamber.

On the international scene, special *kudos* go out to Directors **Wesley Fong** and **Douglas Ho**, who have just been appointed Governor **Linda Lingle's** Hawaii liaisons for developing a relationship between Hawaii's Pacific Air Museum and the Flying Tiger museums in both Kunming and Chongqing. What a fortunate by-product of this year's Narcissus Goodwill Tour.

While we are pleased with the terrific progress we have made with collecting on

our building fund pledges, we still need assistance in retiring our debt. To maintain our progress, we are very grateful to Director **Douglas Ho**, who recently made a \$50,000.00 pledge on behalf of the **Beatrice Young** Foundation. What a great way to start of this new fiscal year! On behalf of the Chamber, thank you.

The Chamber also thanks former member and Director **Russell Leu**, who on his way back to China, took time out of his very busy schedule to share with our members at our most recent *pau hana* seminar his personal thoughts about Hawaii's opportunities and helpful hints about doing business in China. This program was well attended and so well received that it was extended an additional 45 minutes to handle all of the questions raised.



Leonard Kam and **Angie Shiroma**, this year's Splendor of China Chairs, have been hard at work with their committee to create a very special event for our community this year. The date of the event has been moved to October 30-31 to coincide with Halloween, so don't be surprised by the

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Chamber Golf Tournament *by Michael Ching*

For all the golfers out there, this is advance notice on the Chamber golf tournament and mixer, which will be held at the Hawaii Kai Executive Golf Course on Thursday, October 28. Please join us for a packed day of fun and fellowship! This is a great opportunity to meet with old friends, make new friends and business acquaintances, and dust off your clubs. The tournament entry fee includes the round of golf, lunch, dinner reception, prizes, and FUN!! Please take this opportunity to help support the Chamber by sponsoring a team or donating prizes or both. Co-chairs this year are **Bernard Choy** and **Michael Ching**.

Library Built with Love

by Reuben Wong

As part of the 61st Narcissus Tour led by president **Jeff Lau**, a delegation of 13 people led by past president, **Reuben S. F. Wong**, went to Jiangyou city in Chengdu, Sichuan, for the dedication of the two-story library/computer building built with the love of the Hawaii Overseas Chinese. The building is appropriately named “Xia Wei Yi Qiao Ai Tu Shu Guan” (meaning the library built with the love of the Hawaii Overseas Chinese).

Two years ago, when a devastating earthquake struck Sichuan, causing the collapse of many school buildings, the Chamber, led by Reuben, raised over \$115,000.00 from the Chinese in the community. For the dedication of the new library/computer lab, the delegation took school supplies, a desktop computer, a laser printer, and an additional \$5,000.00 to the 1,020 cheerful and grateful elementary school children of Yong Sheng Elementary School. The first floor (2,500 sf) is a library and reading room and the second floor (2,500 sf) is a computer lab and meeting room. This new building stands as an everlasting symbol of the love of the Hawaii Overseas Chinese for the people of Sichuan province and particularly the love for the children of Yong Sheng Elementary School.



Ka Shen's Journey

As part of the Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF), on Saturday, October 16, there will be a showing of the award-winning documentary, “Ka Shen’s Journey,” at the Dole Cannery Theatres. The 90-minute film is about Hong Kong-born **Nancy Kwan**, who made her motion picture debut in the title role in “The World of Suzie Wong” (1960) and starred as Linda Lo in the hit musical “The Flower Drum Song” (1961). Ms. Kwan will make a special appearance at the HIFF to receive an award and the film’s executive producer is Dr. **Lawrence Tseu**.



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NEW MEMBERS

The August 25 *Midweek* "Honolulu Pa'ina" included photos of the recent Finance Factors charity breakfast. Chamber director and Finance Factors co-founder **Daniel Lau** was shown twice: once with wife **Evelyn** and again with four young children of Finance Factors' employees.

MEMBER NEWS

At its August 31 meeting, the board of directors approved the applications for **Russell Lau**, CEO of Finance Factors, Ltd. (sponsored by **Reuben Wong**); **Michael Lee**, manager of Hee Hing Restaurant (sponsored by **Victor Lim**); **Mika Schmer**, executive director, Intercultural Communications College (sponsored by **Dennis Hwang**); **Doris Tam**, **Thao Tu Tran**, **Maria Wang**, and **Sarah Wong**, all associates at the law firm of Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda (sponsored by **Wesley Fong**).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 06	Mon	Labor Day
Sept 21	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber's Office – 5:30 p.m.
Sept 22	Wed	Mid-Autumn Festival
Sept 28	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12 noon

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special effects and events that will take place. **Martin Yan** plans to continue his cooking lessons and Honolulu's newest sister city, Qinhuangdao, will send performers.

If you don't think that will keep our members busy in October, Assistant Treasurer **Michael Ching** and Michele's husband, **Bernard**, will be heading up our annual golf tournament on October 28 at the Hawaii Kai Executive Course. It's still early, so if you would like to be a sponsor or contribute door prizes, please contact the Chamber right away! If you don't golf, but would love to participate by volunteering, please contact Grace.

Of special note, our 2008 2nd Princess and Pageant opening number choreographer **Leilani Soon** will soon be off to Shanghai and Chengdu to participate in the Miss International Contest in October as Miss Hawaii International. Lani started her pageant career under the watchful eye of our own **Michele Choy**. After a year in Taiwan, Lani returned to win the coveted Miss Chinese Hawaii title and to then compete for Miss Chinatown USA in San Francisco where she won the talent award. If anyone is interested in sponsoring her please let us know. Congratulations, Lani!

We said our goodbyes and thank-yous to our very good friend Senior Consular Officer **Shu-Chu Lin** of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. She has been just wonderful to work with these past three years. Best wishes on your new assignment involving overseas education in Taipei.

Lastly, please be reminded that a very important election is coming up soon that will impact our Chinese community, our city, and our state, so please go out and vote for the candidate of your choice!



Chamber members hosts dinner to welcome the Guangdong Delegation from International Friendship Group



Linda Lingle greets Shanghai Association International Friendly Contacts delegation

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