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QUEEN SEARCH

by Jasmine Nip and Kimberly Leong

Summertime and ... it's Narcissus Queen contestant search time again. The Narcissus Pageant will take place on Saturday, January 7, 2012. That may seem a long time, but take it from us, based on our personal experience a year ago, the time between contestant orientation in August and the Pageant in January flies by. Becoming a Narcissus contestant may be something a young female in your family, immediate or extended, may have contemplated since girlhood or may never have considered. It is an unparalleled opportunity for each contestant to learn more about her Chinese heritage as well as learning about and developing herself.

Prior to Pageant night, these young women gain insight into their culture, discovering what it truly means to be Chinese. There are classes in Chinese history, the Qing Ming ceremony's meaning and significance, traditional Chinese knotting and paper cutting, chop carving, martial arts, Chinese lion dancing, traditional Chinese cooking, acupuncture and herbal medicine, and narcissus bulb carving. In addition, there are classes in poise, public speaking, and career development that will prepare them not only for the public appearances and Pageant, but can be used throughout their lives.

On Pageant night, this group of lovely, charming young women will be performing with such grace and speaking with such poise that will amaze their family and friends, who will be proud of how much they have grown in a matter of months. They will have been transformed into beautiful and confident young women. Thereafter, they will have opportunities to get involved with and serve their community as associate members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

So if your immediate or extended family includes a young woman of Chinese ancestry (at least 50%), single and never been married or given birth, with a Chinese surname, between the ages of 19 and 26 years old on Pageant night, and been a resident of Hawaii for twelve months, they should contact the Chinese Chamber at 533-3181, either to sign up or for more information.

Dragon Boat Races

The annual Dragon Boat races and festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31, at Ala Moana Park. Races will be held on both days, and the Chinese Chamber will have an 18-member crew – 16 paddlers, a flag-catcher, and a drummer – competing in one of the boats. In addition, on Saturday, there will be a picnic with FREE food and soft drinks for Chamber members and their families. The Chamber will have a banner and canopy identifying its site on the Diamond Head-side of the tennis courts. In addition, for those interested in activities other than paddling, there also will be “futsal” (street soccer?) and grass volleyball tournaments, live musical entertainment, food and craft vendors, fun contests, a fashion show, and a showing on Saturday evening of the 2010 movie, “How to Train Your Dragon,” starting at 7:30 p.m. Each member of the Chamber's dragon boat team will receive a t-shirt, so if you're going to come to paddle or to meet and mingle at the picnic, please call the Chamber at 533-3181 so that chairman **Patrick Graham** (tel. no. 387-2942) can have an accurate head-count for t-shirts as well as for the food and soft drinks. (Please, please, please **RSVP** not later than Friday, July 23). Come on out, bring your family, and have fun with other Chamber members!

Hawaii Business News Reminder and “Lunch and Learn” session

Chamber members who do not currently have a subscription to *Hawaii Business* magazine should go to its Web site (www.hawaiibusiness.com/ qualified) to sign up or call Circulation Manager **Kim Koki** at 534-7590, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chinese Chamber members will receive a complimentary (read “free”) subscription to *Hawaii Business*, renewable annually. Those members who promptly signed up last month should have received the July issue right after the Fourth of July. For Chamber members who make use of social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.), you may want to check out the current “most viewed” *HB* article online, “Social Media Can Wreck Your Career.”

For those who want to learn more about social media, *Hawaii Business* will be having its second SmallBiz Lunch and Learn lunch, “Leveraging Technology and Social Media to Grow Your Small Business.” The panel discussion and question and answer session will be held on Friday, July 22, at the YWCA of Honolulu's Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards Street, from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. The cost is \$15.00, which includes lunch. If you want to attend, contact **Bobby Senaha**, bobbys@hawaiiibusiness.com.



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THE
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COMMERCE
OF HAWAII



President
John Hui

Aloha!

We had a very successful installation party on May 20, and I heard lots of compliments. I would like to thank to the chair, **Elvira Lo**, and her committee for making this banquet run so smoothly and successfully. Governor **Neil Abercrombie** took time out from his crowded schedule to stop by to greet the incoming officers and distinguished guests. We also had a number of government officials attending the dinner, including Mayor **Peter Carlisle**, House Speaker **Calvin Say**, and Councilman **Stanley Chang**. Thanks to **Linda Louie's** friend, **Kevin Terada**, we had a beautiful floral decoration for the stage, and Linda also donated a reusable Chinese Chamber banner. We are so grateful that the Chamber has such a big supporter like Linda.

The Narcissus Goodwill Tour group returned to Honolulu on Friday, June 17. We had 27 members in our group, with **Daily Zhang** joining us in Beijing and Chengdu. We visited Taipei, Guangzhou, Shantou, Chaozhou, Shanghai, Nanjing, Beijing, Chengdu, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong, a total of nine cities in 17 days.

In Taipei, we were received by our old friend and former Chamber board member, **Hamilton Liu**, who is now the PR vice president of China Airlines. While here, Hamilton was the general manager of China Airlines' Honolulu office. He arranged for us to visit the aircraft simulator room of China Airlines, which was fun and exciting for everyone.

From Taipei, we flew on to Guangzhou where we visited the Guangdong Overseas Chinese Museum. We presented the staff with 36 issues of past Narcissus souvenir books, and the collection is now displayed in a showcase in the museum.

In Shantou and nearby Chaozhou, one can find the most gourmet foods in China. Gourmets like **Vera Wong** and her sisters

would love the food there. It is said that "A trip to Guangdong is not complete if you did not visit Chaozhou, and a visit to Chaozhou is not complete if you missed Guanji Bridge." Our visit was complete since we visited that bridge, one of four ancient bridges in China dating back to the 12th century.

In Shanghai, we took a boat cruise on the Huangpu River and were hosted at a banquet by Overseas Chinese Affairs Office. In Nanjing, we stopped at the Dr. **Sun Yat-sen** Mausoleum, which was under renovation. Nanjing is beautiful, perhaps the most attractive of China's great cities and is situated on the banks of the Yangzi. In Beijing, we visited the Great Wall (*wan li chang cheng*) and the Forbidden City or Palace Museum (*Gugong*), and were entertained at a banquet in the Great Hall of the People.

Chengdu was an important stop. With the support of Chamber, in May, 2009, I had initiated a proposal for a Honolulu-Chengdu sister city relationship at a luncheon meeting with the Chengdu Overseas Chinese Affairs Office Director **Feng Yueguo**. I hand delivered an invitation to then-Mayor **Mufi Hanemann** for the U.S.-China Mayors' Summit on April 24, 2010. In April, 2011, I hand

delivered a sister city letter of intent from City Council Chair **Nestor Garcia** to Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office Director **Qiu Haiming**. We had arranged for the signing in Chengdu of the friendly cooperative city agreement during the visit of Narcissus Goodwill Tour on Monday, June 13. And Mayor Carlisle's office has invited Chengdu Mayor **Ge Honglin** and a delegation to join the Clean Energy Summit in Honolulu this September. With the sister city relationship as a platform, we expect future exchanges between the two cities in tourism, business, economy, education, cuisine (the best food in China), etc.

Near the end of our trip, in Shenzhen's Windows of the World, we enjoyed a delicious ten-course dinner, hosted by **Eddie Ngan**, president of Skyway Express. Finally, in Hong Kong, a farewell dinner reception was hosted by CTS Hong Kong's Director **Chen Wenjie**.

Looking forward now, we have been invited by City and County to participate in the Fourth of July parade along Kalakaua Avenue. On Sunday, July 3, the 2011 Narcissus Court will be part of the parade through Waikiki. I encourage everyone to join us. Then on Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31, the annual dragon boat races will be held at Ala Moana Park. Our chair for this event is **Patrick Graham**. More information is provided elsewhere in this issue of the *Lantern*. If you want to paddle a dragon boat or attend the Saturday picnic, please be sure to call the Chamber at 533-3181 to RSVP. An accurate headcount is needed for paddlers' t-shirts and food. *Mahalo*.





SISTER CITIES TRIP REPORT

by Jeffrey Lau, Immediate Past President and Mayor's Liaison

Nine Chinese Chamber members accompanied Mayor **Peter Carlisle**, Councilman and Chamber member **Stanley Chang**, City Economic Development Director **Ann Chung**, and City International Relations Officer **John Chang** on a tour of four of Honolulu's sister cities in China and Taiwan.

John and I left for China on May 24, days after the installation banquet, in order to represent Honolulu at the Chengdu International Sister City Week and Intangible Cultural Festival. While there, we met representatives from Chengdu's 26 other sister cities in 19 other countries. In the future, with some support from the Chengdu municipal government, we will be able to bring Hawaii cultural acts to participate in their festival.

We were pleased to receive Kung Zai Boy as Chengdu's Panda Ambassador to Honolulu; participate in planting a new bamboo grove with other sister city representatives; witness their amazing intangible cultural parade; visit Dujiangyan's Earthquake Museum memorial; and coordinate matters for Mayor Carlisle's visit two weeks later with the Narcissus Goodwill Tour. Successful meetings with Chengdu's Foreign Affairs Office, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), and the Chengdu General Chamber of Commerce as well as the U.S. Consulate's commercial service officer, **Lily Liping Lin**, and Chengdu's retail merchants certainly laid the foundation for our Mayor's visit.

Once done in Chengdu, I was off to meet the Goodwill Tour when they arrived at the China Marriott Hotel in Guangzhou, fresh from their visit to Taipei. We were pleased to host Director **Ming Hui Wang** of the Guangdong Overseas Chinese Museum and deliver to him as promised on last year's tour, many Narcissus souvenir books. He had the three dozen books on display for us in the museum the next day. It is a collection that is not to be missed on future Narcissus Tours.

As the Narcissus Tour headed off to Chaozhou, John Chang and I met the Mayor and his wife **Judy**; **Alan** and **Sylvia Ho**; and the rest of his party in Taipei where we spent much time meeting China Airline executives, including former Hawaii General Manager **Hamilton Liu**, Taipei municipal officials, and Taiwan's ambassador to North America, **Bruce J. D. Linghu**. It was great to see our dear friend, former TECO Director General **Philip Wang**, busy with his document project which will be displayed in the Palace Museum this fall, and State of Hawaii Office Taipei Executive Director **Alex Lei**.

After five days in Taiwan, visiting Kaohsiung and conducting many rail studies, we headed off to Shanghai to participate in the opening event of the Shanghai International Film Festival where we hobnobbed with the likes of **Susan Sarandon**, **Matt Dillon**, **Mischa Barton**, *kung fu* star **Sammo Hung**, Taiwan model and actress **Lin Zhiling**, and Hong Kong's iconic personality **Angela Yeung "Angelababy" Wing**.

Of course, with our own beauties **Judy Carlisle**, **Betty Brow**, **Ann Chung**, **Jin Yi**, and our own former Narcissus Princess **Dan Yuan** present, our mayor and Honolulu got national and regional coverage on CCTV and Phoenix TV while on the SIFF red carpet! (http://mail.ollon.com/exch-web/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.china.org.cn/video/2011-06/14/content_22779401.htm). Also with us were **Sonny Zhang** and members of Hawaii International Film Festival and UH "Film School." Meeting with the UH "Film School" and the city of Wujin's Overseas Director Ms. **Ni Xiaoqian**; a breakfast debriefing with Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce President **Brenda Foster** and UH Law Professor **Larry Foster**; and lunch with Division Chief **Tao Guofeng** and Deputy Chief Ms. **Zhang Xiayun** of the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs highlighted our visit to Shanghai.

From there, we were off to Chengdu again to meet with their Tourism Deputy Director **He Jian** and Foreign Affairs Deputy Director **Zhong Laizhao** to work on the friendly cooperating

agreement, a preliminary to the formal sister city agreement, with Mayor **Ge Honglin** and Foreign Affairs Director **Qiu Haiming**. With Chamber President **John Hui** and the entire Narcissus Tour group in attendance, we were able to complete our agreement to work toward a sister city relationship, hopefully by September. <http://www.cdfao.gov.cn/english/detail.asp?ID=3134&ClassID=020203>

All this was done after spending the morning at the Giant Panda Breeding Research Base with Narcissus Queen **Ningjin Miao** and her Court. What a wonderful ceremony and reunion it was as the Court expressed what a terrific experience they were having. Mayor Carlisle would also like to express his gratitude in having the excellent services of Dan Yuan as his interpreter and protocol escort officer, which certainly made this tour a delight.

Daily Zhang of the Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association and his friend, **Tiger Zhang**, joined us in Chengdu and accompanied us through our visit to sister city Qinhuangdao, dinner with Mayor **Zhu Haowen**, and visits to its wonderful tourist and historical sites with a police escort.

We were then on to Beijing for a private dinner with CAIFC's Deputy Director **Li Xiaohua** in the Great Hall of the People and an opportunity to thank our friends and renew our friendships with Deputy Director **Martin Zhang**, Interpreter **Sunny Liu**, and Officer **Kevin Qian Long**, who worked so diligently in helping us create the Qinhuangdao relationship last year. I can report that Chengdu is anxious to start flights and send tourists to Honolulu, and Shanhaiguan in Qinhuangdao would like to build a Waikiki-themed beach on the Bohai Sea.

Less than 24 hours in Beijing and we were off to meet Zhongshan's new Mayor **Chen Maohui**, and to renew our friendships with Vice Mayor **Han Zesheng** and Foreign Affairs Deputy Director General **Joe Junfeng Zhang**. This visit was highlighted by visits to

Sun Yat-sen's family home and to the outstanding middle/high school that is named for Dr. Sun and is run by Principal **He Yulin**.

Rushing back to Shenzhen, our party was treated to a delightful experience at the Intercontinental Shenzhen Hotel with the Asia Pacific division of restaurateurs' **Escoffier Society**, which honored us with a Hawaiian theme and awarded special honors to Mayor Carlisle and to Alan Ho's Ala Moana restaurant, Jade Dynasty.

After 14 days on the road for the mayor and 26 days for John and me, we were glad to see Hong Kong and to be treated by Alan and Sylvia to a few delicious closing meals before heading home.

We were satisfied that Honolulu's relationships in China and Taiwan were sound, and when coupled with the mayor's quick earlier trip to Inchon and planned trip to Okinawa and Hiroshima, with the knowledge that our present City administration truly understands our relationships and the boundless potential existing with Honolulu's sister cities and their cultures.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this trip an unqualified success.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4	Mon	Independence Day
July 19	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber Office – 5:30 p.m.
July 26	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.
July 30	Sat	Dragon Boat Race & Picnic Ala Moana Park 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Victor Lim was one of nearly 100 business leaders who were at Washington Place for the launch of the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter's "Ready When the Time Comes" disaster training program, according to a photo in the Honolulu Pa'ina section of the June 22 *Midweek*. And the June 29 Honolulu Pa'ina had photos of the Palolo Chinese Home's Dynasty May 19 golf tournament awards banquet attended by **Frances Goo**, Narcissus Queen **Ningjin Miao**, Narcissus First Princess **Christina Soo Hoo**, **Walter Chang**, **Lana** and **Gordon Au**, **Gayle Lau**, and **Alvin Wong**.

In the "Dining Out" section of the June 26 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, two of **Alan Ho's** restaurants, Atlantis Seafood and Steak and Seafood Village, both located in Waikiki, were mentioned. Seafood Village was featured on the cover and had a two-page article, including six color photos of some of its mouth-watering dishes, and Atlantis had almost a full page, including a mention of a 10% *kamaaina* discount.

The June 16 Star-Advertiser also included the "Hawaii's Best 2011" insert. Winners were based on reader ballots, and included Assaggio (**Thomas Ky**), first place for Italian Food; Ba Le Sandwiches (**Thanh Quoc Lam**), first place for Vietnamese Food and second place for Sandwiches; L & L Hawaiian Barbecue (**Eddie Flores, Jr.** and **Kwock Yum Kam**), first place for Plate Lunch and second place for Spam *Musubi*; McDonald's of Hawaii (**Victor Lim** is a franchisee), first place for Fast Food; Little Village Noodle House (**Jennifer Chan**), second place for Chinese Food; and Royal Kitchen (**Kwock Nam Lau**), third place for Manapua. Congratulations to the winners and also to other Chamber member restaurateurs – running a restaurant is a tough business, especially in the current economy – and they welcome our support.

On Sunday, June 26, **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, was included in *Hawaii Business* magazine's 2011 "Founders and Visionaries" program, hosted by **Kim Gennaula**. In addition to L & L Drive Inn/Hawaiian Barbecue, other local businesses included the Fun Factory, Big Island Candies, KTA Super Stores, and Hawaii Coffee Company. The program initially aired on KHNL-2 on Sunday, June 26, and will be repeated on Sunday, July 17, at 1:30 p.m. Tune in to see whether both Eddie and partner **Kwock Yum "Johnson" Kam** are both interviewed.

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