

# LANTERN

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Top: 4th of July Parade with Mayor Peter Carlisle. Photo by Stan Okada.

Middle: Wen Chung and Leonard Kam leading the Chamber contingent including, John Hui, Christina Soo Hoo, Jasmine Nip, Stacy Baba, Erica Lee and Associates, Catherine Wong Jayne, Selena Qiu, Karen Chang, Jeff Lau, Betty Brow, Michele Choy, Sylvia Louie, and Tina Au. Photo by Jeff Lau.

Left: Executive Board Members: Betty Brow, Michele Choy, Sylvia Louie and Tina Au at 4th of July Parade. Photo by Jeff Lau.

## Phoenix Dance Chamber

On Saturday, August 6, the Phoenix Dance Chamber will be presenting a dance concert, "reflections," at the Hawaii Theatre, starting at 7:30 p.m. The concert will present both traditional and interpretive choreographies reflecting Chamber founder **Diane Letoto's** journey through cultural exchanges across China as well as over 20 years of performing in Hawaii. Tickets (including a \$3.00 Hawaii Theatre restoration fee) are \$29.00 general admission, \$25.00 seniors and students, and \$19.00 for children and are available from the Hawaii Theatre box office. The box office can be reached at 528-0506 and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and two hours prior to the performance.

## BENEFIT CAR WASH

The Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association will be holding a fund-raising car wash on Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 a.m. to around 3:00 p.m. The car wash will be held at Excellent Motor Group, 1190 Dillingham Boulevard. The price is \$8.00 for cars and \$10.00 for trucks, SUVs, and vans. (For those who may be wondering, Narcissus Queen **Ningjin Miao**, former Narcissus Queen **Angie Zhang**, and former Narcissus Princess **Dan Yuan** are all HMCOA members).

## Honolulu Magazine 2012 Hale 'Aina Awards

Once again, it's that time of the year for *Honolulu* magazine's Hale 'Aina Awards. Each of the 34 different categories on the ballot includes five named restaurants (most of them sit-down dining places), plus room for a write-in as "Other." Some Chamber members' restaurants are named: Little Village Noodle House (**Nancy Chan**) and Pah Ke's (**Raymond Siu**) in Kaneohe in Chinese and Assaggio (**Thomas Ky**) in Italian. Not mentioned in the "best new restaurant" category is Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant (**Alan Ho**) and La Tour Café (**Thanh Quoc Lam**). And not mentioned in the Chinese category are The Mandalay (**Linda and Larry Chan**) and Empress Restaurant (**Kenneth Lee**); and in Thai is Siam Garden Café (**Edsel Gum**). Voting deadline is Wednesday, August 31, and one ballot (either the hard copy from the August 2011 issue or online at [www.honolulumagazine.com/haleainaballot](http://www.honolulumagazine.com/haleainaballot)) per person. There's a prize of a dinner for two at the 2012 Restaurant of the Year.

## Queen Search Continues

The Chinese Chamber is still accepting applications for Narcissus Pageant contestants. Despite posters you may have seen around town setting a July 29 deadline, the deadline has been extended into mid- or late August. The deadline will not be further extended. So interested young women should contact the Chamber at 533-3181 right away.



President  
John Hui

What great exposure! The 62nd Narcissus Queen, **Ningjin Miao**, and her court are featured in the July issue of China Airline's in-flight magazine, "Dynasty." You can view the article and three photos at [www.dynasty-magazine.com/Default.aspx](http://www.dynasty-magazine.com/Default.aspx). [On the welcome page, click on "Jul 2011" from the issue archive. On the next page, in the lower left corner, type in "78" in the box after "Go to" and click on "GO". Strangely, while the article "International Beauties Visit CAL Park" is on pages 76 and 77, you have to type a different page number or else go through the virtual magazine, page by page]. There are two pages, with photos of the Queen and court dancing a hula at a reception hosted by Mr. **Sun Huang-hsiang**, president of China Air-lines, at CAL Park. [One photo and an English translation of the article can be found at

<http://www.dynasty-magazine.com/articlecontent.aspx?categoryid=CORPORATE>]. CAL Park, which includes China Airlines' headquarters and crew training center, was completed at the end of December, 2009, and official move-in followed the inaugural ceremony on March 26, 2010. The superb design of four successively taller CAL Park buildings illustrates the concept of flight, with modern architecture in dramatic silver, white, gray, and blue. Thank you to China Airlines for the publicity as well as for the support of the Narcissus Goodwill Tour over the years.

On June 26, the United Chinese Society announced its 2011 model mother and father. Congratulations to **Flora Lu**, model mother of the year, and **Samuel Kum Mung Luke**, model father of the year. Flora operated a wholesale coral and jewelry business in Waikiki for almost 30 years, and her family's Lucoral Museum on Kuhio Avenue has hosted over 15,000 students to learn about the natural treasure of Hawaiian coral.

The City and County of Honolulu held its Fourth of July parade on Sunday, July 3. Starting from Ft. DeRussy, the Narcissus Queen and court, Chamber officers, and some of the associate members walked all the way to Kapiolani Park. (Since the promised convertible cars did not show up, the princesses chose to walk instead of riding on a City fire truck). It turned out a better result since the court could have closer contact with the public. And for the first time, the Chamber officers who participated all wore the new white Chamber polo shirts.

The Dragon Boat races this year was moved from June to Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31. As usual, it was held at Ala Moana Park, and the Chamber had paddlers, enough to crew two dragon boats, as well as a free picnic for Chamber members. Thank you to **Patrick Graham** for chairing this event. It was a sunny and fun day, and an opportunity for members young and old to mix and meet.

To celebrate the centennial of the Xinhai Revolution and the 62nd anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China, there will be a week-long Xinhai centennial photo exhibition at the Hawaii State Capitol. Starting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. There will be a high-level delegation from the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs (*Guoqiaoban*) and PRC Consul General **Qiu Shaofang** from Los Angeles, and Hawaii government officials. This event is being chaired by Dr. **Ming Chen** and Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawaii Foundation vice president **Yen Chun**.

On Saturday, September 24, there will be a grand cultural performance sponsored by the *Guoqiaoban* at the **Neal Blaisdell Center Concert Hall**. The show will feature 35 national-level actors, actresses, and performers from Beijing. It should be a performance to look forward to, so mark your calendars and call the Chamber at 533-3181 to reserve your place. *Aloha*



Installation of Officers Chinese Students and Scholars at University of Hawaii at Manoa. Four past presidents of Chamber Vernon Ching, Frances Goo, Jeff Lau and Walter Chang representing US China Goodwill and the Chamber meet with Yang Ming New President, and Ningjin Miao Past President and 2010 Narcissus Queen, and her mother who just arrived in Honolulu for the first time. Sunday July 31, 1 pm.

The 2011 Dragon Boat races and festival were held on Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, at Ala Moana Park. This year's Dragon Boat races were the best by far. We had good friends, new and old; good food; and a beautiful sunny day. Who could ask for anything more? This year, the Hawaii Dragon Boat Association had three new boats from China. Made of fibreglass and weighing only 600 pounds, they were a lot lighter than the old, more traditional dragon boats made of a composite of materials and weighing 2,500 pounds. (They are also a lot more prone to tipping over as half a dozen or so crews found – even or balanced side-to-side weight distribution is necessary). These new Dragon Boats fly on the water and were fun to watch. Everyone had a great time, and the best part was that for the first time, we had two teams and both teams did very well. We didn't bring home the gold this year, but we sure tried. Then there's always next year!

I'd like to thank Narcissus Queen **Ningjin Miao** and her court **Christina Soo Hoo**, **Jasmine Nip**, **Stacey Baba**, and **Erica Lee** for coming down and helping out, inspiring the other paddlers. Even Mayor **Peter Carlisle** put in an appearance..



## Dragon Boat Race and Festival

by Patrick Graham



Above: Last race of the day, 2nd place

Left: Chinese Chamber tent at Dragon Boat Festival

Below Right: Team that stayed through the last race



Above: Mayor Peter Carlisle and Chamber President John Hui at the Dragon Boat races

Right: Start of the last race



## Rescue Me!

As *aficionados* of oldies, but goodies rhythm and blues music may remember, **Fontella Bass** had a 1965 hit song, "Rescue Me." Immediate Past President **Jeffrey Lau** has been "arrested" and needs to be rescued or "bailed out" from the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "jail" at the Hawaii Theatre on Wednesday, August 24. The "judge" has set bail at \$2,000.00, which will be used to send two children with muscle disease to the 2012 MDA summer camp. If you want to help spring Jeff from the *hoosegow*, give him a call at 535-1498 or send him an e-mail at [jlau@ollon.com](mailto:jlau@ollon.com), in either case with a monetary pledge.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 23 Tue **Executive Board Meeting**  
Chamber Office – 5:30 p.m.
- Aug 30 Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**  
Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.
- Sept 1 Thur **63rd Narcissus Festival Orientation**  
Hilton Hawaiian Village  
South Pacific I & II - 7:30 p.m.
- Sept 23-30 **Xin Hai Photo Exhibition**  
State Capital Chamber Level  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sept 24 Sat **Xin Hai Centennial**  
Grand Chinese Cultural  
Performance  
Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall  
7:00 p.m.

Chamber First Vice President and Bank of Hawaii Executive Vice President, International Division, **Betty Brow** was photographed at the June 25 Bankoh Community Walk at Kapiolani Park. According to the July 6 *Midweek* "Pa'ina," there were "hundreds" of Bankoh employees and their families participating, raising \$111,000 to benefit three Honolulu children's groups

Governor **Neil Abercrombie** was at the blessing for the second season of "Hawaii Five-0." He was pictured in the July 15 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser's* "online" section shaking hands with **Daniel Dae Kim** (Chin Ho Kelly). According to the Associated Press report in the July 11 "Pulse," the long-time Chinese Chamber member was at the Five-0 studio, located in the old *Advertiser* building at Kapiolani Boulevard and South Street earlier that day for the blessing and start of shooting for the Honolulu-based series. *Kahu* **Curt Pa'alua Kekuna** from nearby Kawaiahao Church conducted the blessing. (In the photo gallery, while most are wearing white cloth slip-ons over their street shoes, **Alex O'Loughlin** (Steve McGarrett) is wearing slippers and **Grace Park** is barefooted). Late in June, Neil met with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister **Cui Tiankai**, who was in Honolulu for a pre-APEC meeting and also for a meeting with ADM **Robert Willard**, the commander, U.S. Pacific Command.

City Councilman **Stanley Chang** (District 4) was interviewed by columnist and West Oahu College political science professor **Dan Boylan** in the August 3 *Midweek*. Boylan was impressed by the first-term councilman's commendable focus on city issues which affect everyone "every day." At the same time, neither of them mentioned the seeming conflict between at least \$5.5 billion in discretionary spending for rail and \$4.5 billion in mandatory spending (per the consent decree filed in federal court in 2010) for long neglected sewer improvements. As the late U.S. Senator **Everett M. Dirksen** (R-IL) once said, "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon, you're talking real money." Also not mentioned were Tables 3-9 and 3-10, buried 100 pages inside the City's final environmental impact statement (FEIS), that show that even if rail is built, in 2030, there will still be "congested conditions" on the highways inbound in the morning and outbound in the evening.

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