

LANTERN

September 2011



Vice Chairman of the Kuomintang Party of PRC delegation paying tribute to Sun Yatsen Statue with Chamber, Soongchingling Foundation and UH Chinese Studies program on the 7th of September.

CHAMBER OFFICER AND DIRECTOR PHOTO UPDATE

All current Chamber officers and directors who do not have an up-to-date color photo are reminded that they can have two free photos taken at Ace Portrait Studio, 1157 South King Street (just past McKinley High School). Photos are needed for the upcoming Chamber centennial book as well as for the member directory on the Chamber Web site. There may be a charge for photos/proofs beyond the first two. Deadline for the photos is Thursday, September 15. You can call 591-9220 for an appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., up to the deadline date. Make sure to mention that you are either a Chamber officer or director and that the photos are for the centennial book.

EDDIE FLORES “KEYS TO SUCCESS” SEMINARS

L & L Drive-Inn/Hawaiian Barbecue President and CEO **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, will present a series of “Keys to Success” seminars for budding entrepreneurs and business start-ups on four successive Tuesdays: September 20 and 27 and October 4 and 11. Eddie and other experts will be sharing their experience and expertise in areas such as the economy, technology, business strategy, and business law with those attending. The seminars will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Hawaii National Bank main branch on North King Street. (However, depending on the number of people signing up, the location may be changed to the **Tseu** multipurpose room at the Chinese Chamber).

This is a unique learning opportunity because enrollment is open to members of the Filipino and Chinese Chambers of Commerce. So those attending will have an opportunity to meet and network with members of the Filipino Chamber. Each person must deposit a \$100.00 check with the Chamber. Upon attendance at and completion of all four sessions, the check will be returned. With limited space, if you plan to attend, call the Chamber at 533-3181 right away. (And there may be a second phase of seminars starting later in the month, so stay tuned).

ZHOU ENLAI LUNCHEON

Zhou Enlai was a towering figure in modern Chinese history, serving as prime minister or premier from the PRC’s founding on October 1, 1949 until his death on January 8, 1976 as well as PRC foreign minister from 1949 to 1958. During the APEC conference in Honolulu, there will be a buffet luncheon on Friday, November 11 (11/11/11) at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. The Zhou Enlai Peace Institute will be unveiled during the program following the luncheon, and there will be an exhibition on Zhou Enlai on display in the ballroom. Full details about the “A Hero of Peace” luncheon are available at <http://zhouenlaiinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Zhou-Enlai-APEC-Luncheon.pdf> and scheduling, pricing, and ordering information are at <http://zhouenlai.eventbrite.com/>. Please note that Chamber members will receive a 10% discount.

Help Wanted

The Chamber personnel committee, chaired by **Frances Goo**, is in the initial stages of searching for a replacement for long-serving Chamber secretary and executive assistant **Grace Chan**, who will be leaving in January, 2012. The position is a full-time one, calling for someone with computer skills and proficiency in using Microsoft Word and Excel; familiar with e-mail and social media such as Facebook; and of course fluent in Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese). Those interested in the job opening should e-mail their resume to fgoo@guardianescrow.com right away.



President
John Hui

Aloha:

Congratulations to **Alvin Wong**, one of four 2011 Shidler College of Business Hall of Honor Award recipients. Alvin and the other 2011 nominees will be honored at a banquet at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom on Thursday, October 13. Please join us at the banquet to celebrate. Contact the Chamber office for registration.

Congratulations also to **Tina Ng**, 2009 Narcissus First Princess, who recently won the title of “2012 Miss Hawaii Chinese.” With the new year, Tina will head for San Francisco to compete in the Miss Chinatown USA Pageant. Good luck, Tina. And last but not least, congratulations to 2011 Narcissus contestant **Sonya Ling**, who won the title of “2012 Miss Chinatown Princess” in the local Miss Chinatown pageant.

The orientation meeting for 2012 Narcissus Pageant contestants was held on Thursday, September 1., at the Hilton Hawaiian Village’s South Pacific Room. Twelve contestants were introduced before their orientation by Contestant Coordinator **Michele Choy**. The audience included members of the Chamber executive committee, Chamber board of directors, and Narcissus Festival committee as well as the contestants’ proud parents. Once the final deadline closed, however, we now have fifteen lovely contestants.

On Wednesday, August 3, I attended a Chamber-hosted dinner, coordinated by **Wesley Fong**, for three professors from China. Dr. **Wang Chuanxing** from the Institute of America Studies

and two others were attending a comprehensive crisis management course at the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, Ft. DeRussy.

August is a busy month with preparations for the concurrent September 13-15 sister city/clean energy summit events as well as for Splendor of China in October. International relations chair and Immediate Past President **Jeffrey Lau** had a meeting with **Ann Chung** and **John Chang**, representing the mayor’s office for the inaugural Counties of Hawaii sister cities summit.

Upcoming sister cities/clean energy summit events are as follows:

Tuesday, 9/13. Welcome for Chengdu representative at Honolulu International Airport. There is also a welcome dinner for Honolulu’s sister city delegations from China (Chengdu, Zhongshan, and Haikou), Japan, Korea, the Philippines, etc., at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Wednesday, 9/14. The Counties of Hawaii Sister Cities Summit (CHSCS) will have an economic development session at the Hawaii Convention Center that will start at 10:00 a.m. The lunchtime sister cities signing ceremony will have the three Neighbor Island counties signing agreements with their newest sister cities while Honolulu will receive documents from Chengdu.

Following lunch, there will be a clean energy panel from 1:30-3:00 p.m. After an hour-long break for coffee and networking, there will be an APEC update with a speaker from the U.S. State Department, and then a presentation by a U.S. Commercial Services officer in Beijing on doing business in China. (Councilman and Chamber member **Nestor Garcia** will moderate the presentation from 4:00-5:30 p.m.).

More information for the sister cities events can be found at the CHSCS Web site: <http://hawaiiisistercitiesummit.com>. For information on the concurrent Asia-Pacific Clean Energy Summit and Expo daily schedule, check <http://www.ct-si.org/events/APCE2011/program/>.

Thursday, 9/15. The China sister city delegations luncheon will be jointly hosted by the Chamber and United Chinese Society at the UCS office, starting at noon. All local society leaders and friends are invited

Friday, 9/16. Welcome dinner for Zhongshan sister city hosted by Chinese Chamber and UCS at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. Zhongshan city recently donated three dragon boats to the Hawaii Dragon Boat Association, which now has six sleek, modern dragon boats.

Thursday, 9/22. Opening of the “Xinhai Revolution: 100 Years Photo Exhibition” in the lower Chamber level of the Hawaii State Capitol at 4:30 p.m. The exhibition is chaired by Dr. **Ming Chen** and **Yen Chun**, and runs through September 30.

Welcome dinner for Overseas Chinese Affairs Office Vice Minister **Xu Yousheng**, a seven-member delegation, and the performing arts troupe from Beijing as well as representatives of the PRC Consulate General in Los Angeles. The dinner will be held at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant and the cost is \$38.00 per person.

Friday, 9/23. National Day banquet (invitation only) hosted by PRC Consulate General, Los Angeles.

Saturday, 9/24. Xin Hai Centennial Grand Chinese Cultural Performance, sponsored by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the PRC State Council and the Chinese Overseas Exchanges Association (*Guoqiaoban*), and coordinated by the Chinese Chamber Centennial Celebration Committee will be held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall, starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are still available from the Chamber.

Xinhai Centennial Concert

On Friday, September 24, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Xinhai Revolution, there will be a Grand Chinese Cultural Performance at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. Sponsored by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the PRC State Council and the China Overseas Exchanges Association (*Guoqiao-ban*), several famous Chinese entertainers as well as members of the China Central National Performing Art Troupe will appear on stage, starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$35.00, \$25.00, and \$20.00. (There is a \$5.00 discount on the \$35.00 tickets for Chamber members). With national-level talent, this a performance not to be missed, so call the Chamber at 533-3181 right away while good seats are still available.

SHIDLER HALL OF HONOR

On Thursday, October 13, the University of Hawaii's Shidler College of Business will induct new members to its Hall of Honor. One of those being honored that evening is former Chamber President **Alvin Wong**. The dinner and program are being held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Coral Ballroom, with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. and an opening performance and dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$150.00 per person, of which \$75.00 is tax-deductible. (Proceeds will benefit the Shidler Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund). Dress is "business aloha." If you plan to attend, call the Chamber at 533-3181 right away since the Chamber will reserve at least one table, and perhaps one or more, depending on how many Chamber members will attend.



HMOCA (HI Mainland Chinese Overseas Assn.) car wash with Ray Seid, Narcissus Queen Ningjin Miao and her mother.



Professor Kate Zhou of UH recognizing guests from Zhejiang University and top Chinese MBA student from Hogan Entrepreneurship Program at Chaminade.



Susan and Jeff Lau and Commander at the Wheel of ROC's newest Coast Guard Cutter built in December at Kaoshiung.

Finance Factors Golf Tournament

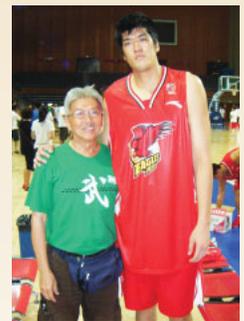
On Thursday, September 22, Finance Factors will be holding its 12th annual golf tournament. It will be held at Kapolei Golf Course, 91-701 Farrington Highway. Check-in and lunch are 11:00 a.m.; shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.; and dinner and program start at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Junior Achievement of Hawaii. The fee for a three-person team is \$450.00. To sign up (or for more information on sponsorships, the tournament format, and hole-in-one contest), call JAH at 545-1777 or e-mail to dianne.ward@ja.org; sign-up deadline is Friday, September 16.

MEMBER NEWS

Panda Express Area Director **John Zhang** appeared in both the August 10 "Good Neighbors" and August 24 "Hotshots" features in *Midweek*. He was photographed with two other top Hawaii Panda executives with a facsimile check representing Panda employees' donations totaling \$73,800.00 for the Kapiolani Children's Miracle Network. The August 10 article noted that Panda Cares is the philanthropical arm of Panda Restaurant Group, and the company matches employee donations on a 1:1 basis. Managers from Panda Restaurants also contributed funds at the annual leadership conference that was held in Hawaii earlier this year. Panda Cares has also supported the Special Olympics and the March of Dimes.

According to the Summer 2011 *Punahou Bulletin*, **Linda Auyoung Louie** arranged a dim sum lunch for some of her classmates at Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. The event took place earlier this year and was well attended. Meanwhile, her older brother, **Danny Auyoung**, has closed his "Full of Chefs" food truck (the new name for what used to be referred to as "lunch wagons") and formed the "Association of Lunchwagons and Vendors." This organization is on Facebook and will work with the 350 or so food trucks on Oahu to reform outdated laws affecting their operations.

Stanford Yuen accompanied the University of Hawaii basketball team on its 14-day "Warriors to Asia" trip to China in early August. In China, the team and about a dozen members of the UH men's basketball boosters' club visited Dongguan, Weifan, Qingdao, and Benxi. The team played two practice games against World University Games teams Australia and Brazil, then four games against Chinese Basketball Association pro teams. According to Stanford, some of the players on the Chinese teams are quite tall and outweighed the UH players. While the Chinese play a very physical type of basketball, the UH players did not get into an on-court altercation like the Georgetown Hoyas. In Qingdao, the group visited the Tsingtao Brewery Co. and got to sample its output, including some types not sold in Hawaii. In Shenyang (Benxi), Stanford managed to score a VIP seat and was interviewed about it for the "Warrior Insider" – <http://www.warriorinsider.com/2011/08/warrior-fans-enjoyed-the-trip-too/>. **Brian McInnis** has an overview of the trip, "Relationship Builder," together with a map and game schedule in the August 5 *Star-Advertiser*.



7'4" Chinese Professional & 5'10" American Sr. Citizen Stanford Yuen.

Councilman **Stanley Chang** co-authored an interesting op-ed, "City should consider alternative sewage treatment technologies," which appeared in the August 24 *Star-Advertiser*. In it, he briefly covered four alternative technologies which could be used to reuse sewage sludge (instead of the current stop-gap of trucking sewage sludge from Sand



Three members of the 2011 Narcissus Court, Miss Hawaii Chinese Lorrie Chong, and the incoming and outgoing Lung Doo Benevolent Society presidents.



Paul Chang Director General of TECO and Thomas Sum of UCS celebrating Mid Autumn Festival last Saturday the 10th at the Chinese Cultural Center.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 5 Mon **Labor Day**
- Sept 12 Mon **Mid-Autumn Festival**
- Sept 20 Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber Office – 5:30 p.m.
- Sept 23 Fri **Xin Hai Photo Exhibition**
State Capital Chamber Level
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sept 24 Sat **Xin Hai Centennial**
Grand Chinese Cultural Performance
Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall
7:00 p.m.
- Sept 26-30 **Xin Hai Photo Exhibition**
Mon-Fri
State Capital Chamber Level
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sept 27 Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

Island to other treatment plants around the island). Earlier in the month, Stanley and Governor **Neil Abercrombie** were on hand to greet the inaugural China Eastern Airlines' regularly scheduled Shanghai-Honolulu flight on August 9. The direct flights will increase seating capacity from China to Hawaii by over 12,000 in 2011 and produce a projected 37% increase in Chinese arrivals this year.

Tina Au was featured in the "Business Leaders on the Move" section of the August 24 *Midweek*. With over 30 years of mortgage experience, she has been appointed wholesale account executive at Territorial Savings Bank. The August 31 issue had photos of **John** and **Jenny Hui** (Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii luncheon), and **James Schaefer** (without a tie, for once) and **Rich Turbin** (both at the Alliance Française Bastille Day party). And finally, the September 7 issue had a photo of **Veronica Kaneko** at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii annual golf classic.

The eighth "I Love Liliha Town" festival was held on Saturday, August 28. State Rep. **Corinne Ching** was the moving force behind the annual celebration of the spirit and heritage of Liliha and Nuuanu. The event ran from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., encompassing the block of North Kuakini Street between Liliha and Nalanui Streets. The festivities included the Royal Hawaiian Band, a Chinese lion dance, belly dancing, an oral historian, a health fair, food from neighboring restaurants, a *keiki* fun zone, and antique fire truck rides. Best of all, admission was free!

Victor Lim had an op-ed article, "Isle restaurateurs support efforts to ease visa rules for foreign visitors," in the September 6 *Star-Advertiser*. (Apparently Victor's op-ed is part of the "premium" *S-A* content, so you may not be able to readily access it). Victor is a past chairman of the Hawaii Restaurant Association and is on the board of the National Restaurant Association.

Chamber director and 1992 Narcissus Queen **Maile Loo-Ching** and her efforts in preserving hula traditions and techniques were the subject of a five-page article, "Voices of the *Kupuna*," in the September *Honolulu* magazine. As a result of a simple question from her *hanai* mother, **Winona "Nona" Beamer**, about what her contemporaries, born before 1930, knew and remembered, an effort was launched by the pair. Under the auspices of the non-profit Hula Preservation Society, over 50 of Auntie Nona's contemporaries have been interviewed so far and over 1,200 hours of video footage have been collected. The urgent, time-sensitive effort continues as some of the interviewees have since passed on.

In the L & L offices on University Avenue, President and CEO **Eddie Flores, Jr.** has a tangible and perhaps prophetic memento of his early days in the U.S.. Born in the Philippines, Eduardo Flores, Jr., came to the U.S. in 1963 as a passenger on the American President Lines' *President Wilson*. He brought with him a small suitcase, and his father wrote Eddie's name on the top and a capital "F" in a square on each end. Prophetically, when the suitcase is stood on edge, the "F" looked like an "LL."

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