

LANTERN

January 2012



2012 Narcissus Queen contestants made public appearance at Ala Moana Shopping Center Centerstage.

Narcissus Festival

On Saturday, January 7, over a thousand people – family and friends as well as Chinese Chamber members, directors, and officers – gathered at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall for the 63rd annual Narcissus Pageant. Fifteen lovely young women vied for the coveted title of 2012 Narcissus Queen. The evening began with the opening number, choreographed by **Leilani Soon**, 2008 Narcissus Second Princess. After a technical glitch delayed the talent phase, emcee **Billy V** of Hawaiian 105 Kine did yeoman work in moving the program along as well as doing an excellent solo job in filling up time between contestants and phases.

Following an intermission, the Pageant continued with the gown and speech phases. Finally came the moment everyone had been waiting for, the announcement of the results. Miss Popularity, based on sales of tickets and souvenir books was **Megan Ching**; Miss Congeniality, based on a vote by the contestants was **Tiffany Au**; and Miss Talent was **Yan Ma**, who performed a Beijing opera number, “Hegemon King Says Farewell to His Queen.” Then came the announcement of the Narcissus Court – **Cherie Ching** as Fourth Princess; **Julianne Cheng** as Third Princess; **Stephanie Wang**, Second Princess; **Amanda Wong**, First Princess and **Tiffany Au**, 63rd Narcissus Queen.

The Festival continues with the Chinatown Open House on Friday, January 13, as well as the Chamber sponsored Chinese New Year celebration on both Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. Following a break for Chinese New Year’s Day on Monday, January 23, the gala Coronation Ball will be held on Saturday, January 28, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. The price of the Chinese dinner is \$68.00 per person or \$680.00 for a table of ten; wine tables (with a bottle of red wine and a bottle of white wine) are available for \$780.00. If you plan to go, kindly make your reservations early by calling the Chamber at 533-3181.

China Children's Choir of Beijing

The world-renown China Children’s Choir of Beijing will appear in concert in Honolulu on Sunday, January 29. Their single performance will be at Kawaiiaha’o Church, 957 Punchbowl Street, starting at 7:00 p.m. The open-seating tickets are \$20.00 each, and doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Air & Sea Travel Center in Kukui Plaza or by calling 951-9800. (L & L Drive-Inn/Hawaiian Barbecue is one of the sponsors and the committee includes Councilman **Stanley Chang** and **Henry Ou**).

Narcissus Scholarship Golf Tournament

by Michael Ching

The Narcissus Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, March 22, at the Hawaii Kai Golf Course. Please join us for a fun-filled day with friends, colleagues, business associates, and other Chamber members. Net proceeds from the tournament will go toward assisting the 2012 Narcissus Court on their Goodwill Tour to China and the Chamber’s new scholarship fund. Space is limited, so please submit your application quickly and take special note of the unique sponsorship opportunities. Please contact the Chamber office at 533-3181 if you have any questions.

FREE Home Security Presentation

Now that the holiday season is over, you may have all kinds of pricey gifts from family and friends in your home or apartment or you may have valuable equipment or business records at your office. On Saturday, January 21, **Jim Harrow** from the Security Alarm Shop will be at the Chamber’s **Tseu** conference room to give a presentation on home and business security. Sign-in and networking will begin at 9:30 a.m. and there may be light refreshments. The presentation will start at 10:00 a.m., and there will be an opportunity to ask questions around 10:20 a.m. So if you want to get an overview of ways to protect your home or commercial premises, come to the presentation. Seating is limited, so call the Chamber at 533-3181 to reserve a seat.



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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



President
John Hui

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

On December 4, officers and directors for the United Chinese Society were installed. Congratulations to **Thomas Sum**, the new UCS president, and 2011 UCS Citizen of the Year, **You Soukaseum**.

The Chinese Chamber Christmas party on Monday, December 12, was

combined with a farewell for **Grace Chan** at Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Thank you to **Sylvie Louie**, the chairperson of the Christmas party, and to **Michele Choy** for the new contestants appearance. It was a fun-filled and great networking party with fabulous food, entertainment, games, and lots of door prizes! Grace is leaving the Chamber after 17 years of dedicated service.

The 2012 Narcissus contestants made public appearances on Sunday, November 20, at Windward Mall; Sunday, November 27 at Kahala Mall; and Saturday, December 17, at Ala Moana Center. The 15 lovely contestants showcased their beauty, poise, and intelligence in front of the local community, including many friends and family members. We are proud of you all.

The annual visitation to Palolo Chinese Home took place on Saturday, December 17. Former Chamber presidents **Walter Chang** and **Vernon Ching** chaired the Christmas entertainment program with the 2012 Narcissus contestants and Chamber's directors for the elders of the Chinese Palolo Home. I presented a donation check from the Chinese Chamber to Chief Executive Officer **Daryl Ing** of the Palolo Chinese Home. And **Frances Goo**, former Chamber president and president of the Palolo Chinese Home, gave a thank-you speech.

We are looking forward to the Narcissus Pageant at Saturday, January 7, which will be held at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. Directors, members, and friends, please come to support and join us for this fun-filled Narcissus Pageant. There will also be a post-pageant reception at the Empress Restaurant.

If you have not yet purchased the beautiful Chamber centennial silver coin, don't miss the opportunity to own this limited edition coin.

In closing, I would like to wish all of you have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous Year of Dragon!

N E W M E M B E R S

At its December 13 meeting, the board of directors approved the membership applications of **John Chang**, an international relations planner with the City & County of Honolulu (recommended by **Jeffrey Lau**), and **James Tam**, a partner at the law firm of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing (recommended by **Jeffrey Lau**). Also, during 2011, 42 other members joined the Chamber, some of whom were not listed in previous issues of the *Lantern*: January, **Fran Kramer**, owner, Healing Dream Garden life coaching (recommended by **Lei Ahu Isa**); **Catherine Lin**, China sales director at Choi International (recommended by **Edward Hu**); **Derek Tamura**, director of marketing and promotions, Pacific Expos (recommended by **Marsha Joyner** and **Alvin Wong**), and **Lance Wong**, food and drug supervisor, state Department of Health (recommended by **Alvin Wong**); February, **Elaine Chao**, a Realtor®-Associate with Prudential Locations (recommended by **Reuben Wong**); April, **Yanan Campbell**, bookkeeper and administrative assistance at non-profit ATRC (recommended by **Ningjin Miao**); **Jonathan Cook**, owner and president of Panana Marketing (recommended by **Patrick Graham**); **Yaling Fisher**, owner, Hawaii Aloha Travel (recommended by **Tina Au**); and **Dan Yuan**, assistant manager at Four Seasons Holiday Co. (recommended by **John Zhang**); May, **Linda Dias**, Bank of Hawaii vice president (recommended by **Leonard Kam**); **Annie McCrea**, a Realtor®-Associate with Prudential Locations (recommended by **Jeffrey Lau**); **Sunsette Miyahira**, an insurance agent with Liberty Mutual (recommended by **Leonard Kam**); **Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock**, owner, Chu Lan Properties and ABC Mortgage (recommended by **Jeffrey Lau**); **Joyce Yuan**, senior project manager, Central Pacific Bank (recommended by **Leonard Kam**); husband and wife **Xiao Fan "Ruby" Zhou** and **Michael North**, owners of business and cultural exchange company America-China Bridge (recommended by **Wen Chung Lin**); July, **Beverly Mau**, owner and principal broker for Real Estate Magic (recommended by **Jeffrey Lau** and **Michele Choy**); and **Alice Woo**, Hawaii manager for Christian Dior (recommended by **James Schaefer** and **Ted Li**); and associate members **Royce Hui**, a student at the University of Hawaii (recommended by **John Hui**); **Creighton Lee**, a college student (recommended by **Erica Lee** and **John Hui**); and **Stanford Lee**, a student at Kapiolani Community College (recommended by **Erica Lee** and **John Hui**); August, **Darouny Hu**, a Realtor®-Associate with Kahala Associates (recommended by **Frances Goo**); and **Yeu-Tsu Margaret Lee**, a physician (recommended by **Frances Goo**); October, **Caroline Kim**, a business consultant (recommended by **Libby Lew** and **Ted Li**) and associate **Chung Yui Hei**, a University of Hawaii student (recommended by **Jeffrey Lau**); and November, **Anthony Arakaki**, program manager for the Maui County community development block grant program (recommended by **Sylvia Louie**); and November, **Feng Fukeda**, tax accountant with Accuity LLP (recommended by **Sylvia Louie**); **Lyle Ho**, owner of wholesale and distribution company Lyleco LLC (recommended by **Sylvia Louie**); **Randy Leong**, Deputy Director for the City & County Department of Enterprise Services (recommended by **Joseph Young**); dentist **William Li**, DDS (recommended by **Huasong "Lori" Wang**), **Stephanie Macadangdang**, client services coordinator with Safe Harbor Homecare, Inc (recommended by **Gifford Chang**); **Michael Young**, a construction manager with Bowers + Kubota Consulting (recommended by **George Chu**, **Michele Choy**, and **Jeffrey Lau**); and associates and Narcissus contestants **Tiffany Au**, **Julianne Cheng**, **Cherie Ching**, **Megan Ching**, **Rina Ching**, **Karianne Hong**, **Nina Hung**, **Jenny Lin**, **Gloria Lui**, **Yan Ma**, **Courtney Sue-Ako**, and **Stephanie Wang**. Welcome to each and every one of you, and we look forward to meeting you at future Chamber membership events.

A Farewell and a welcome aboard

The Chamber Christmas party was held on Monday, December 12, at Ft. Shafter's *Hale Ikena*. About a hundred people gathered to enjoy the fellowship and the prime rib buffet on a blustery evening. Along with the networking, there was an extended game involving most of those attending as well as awarding quite a few door prizes. In addition, it was an opportunity to bid a fond farewell to Chamber administrative assistant **Grace Chan**, who is leaving after 17 years of dedicated service and to welcome **Yongzhong "Lucia" Liang**, who will carry on where Grace left off. So there was a gentle "roast" of Grace by several of her friends, including **Vernon Ching**, **Wen Chung Lin**, **Gerald Chang**, **Frances Goo**, **Leonard Kam**, and **Michele Choy**.



63rd Narcissus Festival Public Appearances



Chamber President John Hui presented a donation check to Palolo Chinese Home Chief Executive Officer Daryl Ing.



L & L "Chow Down" Limited Edition T-Shirts

Get your limited edition L & L "Chow Down" t-shirt! The green, black and white "Chow Down" t-shirt is available for only \$10.00 at the Keeaumoku, airport, Kaimuki, Old Stadium, and University of Hawaii lower campus L & L locations or online at www.hawaiianbarbecue.com! All monies made from t-shirt sales will be donated to the UH's *Na Koa* football club. The limited edition "Chow Down" t-shirt! Available for a limited time, while supplies last.

USS *Chung-hoon* returns home

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii may be the only chamber of commerce in the world with its "own" warship. Named after World War II Navy Cross-recipient and Hawaii-born RADM **Gordon Chung-Hoon**, the **Arleigh Burke**-class guided missile destroyer was commissioned in September, 2004. Working with the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the U.S., **Stanford Yuen**, **Melvyn Yap**, **Gayle Lau**, and **Gerald Chang** worked on commissioning activities. They planned and executed an *aloha* dinner for the crew and their families at the Empress Restaurant in October, 2004. That year, the crew helped in the Splendor of China set-up, and once or twice in succeeding years had a booth at Splendor. Unfortunately, due to "demands of the naval service," more often than not, the *Chung-Hoon* crew has been on overseas deployments and unable to participate in Splendor. Most recently, on December 1, the *Chung-Hoon* returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific, just in time for the holiday season. The ship was chosen to do a pass-in-review as part of the December 7 Pearl Harbor observance.

Left: The Opening of The "Flying Tiger" Exhibit at the Pacific Aviation Museum. (L to R): John Hui, ADM Ronald Hays, Consul General Qiu ShaoFang, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, Governor Neil Abercrombie, Wesley Fong.

2011 Narcissus Queen **Ningjin Miao** has had an extraordinarily busy year. In addition to her many duties as Narcissus Queen, she has also been a graduate student at the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawaii Manoa. At UHM, Ningjin has been diligently working on her master's degree in accounting. She also was hired as an accountant at Deloitte & Touche, one of accounting's Big Four firms.

2009 Narcissus First Princess and now 2012 Miss Hawaii Chinese **Tina Ng** was one of a number of community volunteers who participated in Special Olympics Hawaii's "Over the Edge of Waikiki" fund-raiser. In return for raising at least \$1,000.00 in donations and pledges, she had the opportunity to rappel 315-feet from the top of the Waikiki

Sheraton Hotel and live to tell the tale. (That's much higher than the tower at the 25th Infantry Division's Air Assault school at Schofield's East Range where the instructors show students how to tie the "Swiss seat" rig, but the rush is much the same after hearing the commands "On rappel" and "On belay" before going off the tower some years ago). Tina's current Facebook profile photo has her all rigged up and literally "hanging out" at the start of her rappel.

On Sunday, December 11, a number of Chamber members were up and about at "Oh-dark thirty" to participate in the Honolulu Marathon. Old hands **Dennis Hwang** and **Libby Lew** were joined by newbie **Patrick Graham**, who is looking forward to the 2012 marathon. Reportedly **Ed Pei** has signed up for 2012.

On her Facebook page, **Kandace Lui** posted a photo taken over the Christmas holidays of her and her father with President **Barack Obama**. The occasion was a Christmas Day visit to Marine Corps Base Hawaii by the Obama family to meet and greet some of the Marines, male and female, having Christmas dinner at the Anderson Hall mess facility. Kandace spoke glowingly of the rare opportunity to meet the President and be there when both President and Mrs. Obama were present.

Linda and **Larry Chan** and their Mandalay restaurant were featured on the cover and in a two-page spread in the January 1 "Dining Out" section of the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, just in time for the upcoming Chinese New Year.

In her capacity as Miss Hawaii Chinese, **Tina Ng** was present in the governor's office on the fifth floor of the Hawaii State Capitol on Saturday, January 7. Surrounded by a bevy of beautiful women, Governor **Neil Abercrombie** had the opportunity to crown the new Mrs. America, **Lara Fonoimoana**. He is on the cover of December-January 2012 issue of *Generations* magazine, and according to the December 20 *Star-Advertiser*, he is cautiously optimistic that in the next fiscal year, starting July 1, there may be a budget surplus and no need for new taxes.

The January issue of *Honolulu* magazine listed the 2012 Hale Aina award winners, including a Silver award to La Tour Café (**Thanh Quoc Lam**) as "Best New Restaurant;" in "Best Chinese," a Gold award to Little Village Noodle House (**Jennifer Chan**) and Pah Ke's (**Raymond Siu**) was a Finalist; and a Gold in "Best Italian" to Assaggio (**Thomas Ky**). Congratulations to all of you!

Then in the belatedly received December issue of *Honolulu*, the cover story on "Sweet Treats" included a photo and a short write-up on the *macarons* at La Tour Café. (For the uninitiated, *macarons* originated in Paris and have almond-flavored meringue shells sandwiching chocolate or buttercream *ganache* while *macaroons* quite simply have coconut and come from the U.S.).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 1	Sun	New Year's Day
Jan 7	Sat	63rd Narcissus Queen Pageant Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall – 6:30 p.m.
Jan 13	Fri	Chinatown Open House Chinatown District 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Jan 13	Fri	New Year Celebration Chinatown Cultural Plaza 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Jan 14	Sat	New Year Celebration Chinatown Cultural Plaza 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Jan 16	Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 23	Mon	Chinese New Year Day
Jan 24	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber Office – 5:30 p.m.
Jan 28	Sat	63rd Narcissus Coronation Ball Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom 5:00 p.m.
Jan 31	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

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