

LANTERN

October 2012



Former Chamber President Jeff Lau and Dupty Mayor of Zhangshou signed a Cooperating Agreement between the Chamber and the CCPIT of Zhangzhou at the signing ceremony.

Splendor of China

As Chamber members know, the tenth iteration of the Splendor of China trade and cultural show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4. As usual, it will be held at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. You are cordially invited for the food, fashion and jewelry, as well as arts and crafts, activities for children while parents are checking out the vendors, entertainment, and the first public appearance by the 11 lovely Narcissus contestants. General admission tickets are \$3.00, children 8 years of age and under are FREE, and pre-sale tickets (available from Chamber members and the Chamber office) are \$2.00. Contact the Chamber at 533-3181 for tickets or more information. (Chamber members are very welcome on Sunday afternoon to help collect the vendor signs; assist in collecting folding, and turning in the table cloths; and pack up material at the Chamber booth – more hands make quicker work).

EXTRA! According to **Betty Shimabukuro**'s "By Request" column in the October 24 *Star-Advertiser*, **June Tong** will debut her new cookbook, *Popo's Kitchen Volume 2*, as well as demonstrate some of her recipes at the Splendor of China. You can buy June's \$16.75 book at the show and save yourself the additional \$3.25 postage fee. Part of the proceeds from sales of the book will go to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii.



CHINA Town Hall

The Pacific Forum CSIS has invited the public to the FREE 2012 "CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections" meeting, which will be held on Monday, October 29, at the Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. CHINA Town Hall is a national day of programming designed to provide Americans across the United States and beyond with an opportunity to discuss issues with leading experts. Featured speakers will be **Gary F. Locke**, U.S. ambassador to the People's Republic of China (*via live Webcast*) and **Ralph A. Cossa**, president of the Pacific Forum CSIS. The Webcast will be moderated by **Stephen A. Orlins**, President, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

Registration is from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.; opening remarks start at 1:30 p.m.; Webcast with ambassador Locke will be from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. followed by 15 minutes for questions and answers; then a presentation by Mr. Cossa from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. followed by a question and answer period and adjournment at 4:30 p.m. Metered parking is available at the Capitol, however, it may be better to park at Alii Tower, 1099 Alakea Street, to avoid the hassle of meter-feeding. If you would like to attend, please call **Ellise** at 521-6745 or send an e-mail to PacForumEvents@pacforum.org.



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As of late October, planning and preparations for the Splendor of China are in full swing. This means that we are getting ready to kick off the 64th annual Narcissus Festival. Mark your calendars and buy your tickets to attend the Splendor of China on November 3 and 4. You'll be able to see this year's 11 Narcissus contestants for the first time. It was truly a pleasure for me to meet many of the contestants and their parents at the orientation, which was held in early September. I welcome them into the Chamber family and look forward to their active participation in other Chamber events.

I had the honor of welcoming the Chinese Maritime Safety Administration ship, *Hai Xun 31*, upon its arrival in Honolulu Harbor. The ship was very

impressive in its design and amenities. During the time that the crew and dignitaries were in Honolulu, I had the privilege of attending a reception hosted by Rear Admiral Charles Ray, commander of U.S. Coast Guard District 14, held at the Diamond Head lighthouse. It was an incredible location and an opportunity to mingle with the Chinese dignitaries and local and national Coast Guard officers. The visit by this ship and its crew was very significant in that it was the first time that a Chinese Maritime Safety Administration ship docked in a U.S. port. Even more significant was the joint participation of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Chinese MSA in exercises in search and rescue. This exchange of knowledge and techniques proved to be of tremendous value to both sides.

As I mentioned in last month's *Lantern*, we are hard at work on establishing a sister city relationship with Zhangzhou, the home of the narcissus flower. Former President **Jeffrey Lau** recently returned from a trip to various sister cities in China with Mayor **Peter Carlisle**. One of their stops was Zhangzhou. The Mayor signed a letter of intent to form a sister city relationship with the Mayor of Zhangzhou. Along those lines, Jeff signed a Cooperating Agreement between the Chamber and the CCPIT of Zhangzhou. It is through partnerships such as this that the Chamber is able to leverage its relationships in China to promote cultural and business exchanges between cities.



Getting back to the upcoming Splendor of China, the featured entertainment is a group of entertainers from Yunnan Province. This region is known for numerous minority groups, and the entertainment is rich with the culture and history of these minorities. In fact, a special Grand Chinese Cultural Performance, which will bring the Chamber's Centennial Celebration to a close, is scheduled for Monday, November 5. Thanks to many generous sponsors, we are able to bring this show to you at a discounted price. See the enclosed flier for more information. This is definitely a show that you won't want to miss.

The Splendor of China trade and cultural show and the start of the Narcissus Festival mean that the Year of the Dragon will soon fly away and the Year of the Snake will slither in. So take every opportunity to enjoy the festivities and join at us at our many Narcissus Festival events.

CHAMBER NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Yunnan Cultural Performance

The Chinese Chamber proudly presents "Cultures of China – Colors of Yunnan Grand Cultural Performance" on Monday, November 5, at the Hawaii Theatre, 1130 Bethel Street. The performance will start at 7:00 p.m. and will feature some of the most beautiful dancers, well-known performing stars, and vocal artists from China. (Yunnan province is located in the southwest portion of the People's Republic of China, and its population of nearly 46 million includes many minorities, such as the Yi). The Chamber and its Centennial Committee are coordinating the Yunnan troupe's performance. Tickets are available at \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00 and can be purchased from the Hawaii Theatre Center box office or the Chinese Chamber office. For more information or to order tickets or arrange for a group discount, contact the Chamber office at 533-3181.



MUSEUM CONNECT

by Jeff Lau

The Museum Connect project will bring together U.S. State Department-funded International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years and Diploma Program students from Kaiser High School in Honolulu and prep school students at Guangya School at Luxehills (GSL) International Community in Chengdu, China, to work together to study the Flying Tigers in Chengdu and the attack on Pearl Harbor; discuss these events with one another after their visits; and prepare a report of their conclusions. Sister City liaisons between the two cities are assisting with this project. The Kaiser High students were photographed earlier this month with Chamber members **Jeff Lau**, **Betty Brow**, and **Stanley Chang** at a reception announcing this project at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island.



Chengdu Honolulu Ambassador Program Interviews

In picture starting third from left Lauren Yu Honolulu liaison who met Presidents' Centennial Tour, Chamber Director Dan Yuan interviewing students for the Honolulu Mayor's Office and Si Beibei Chief of Staff Chengdu Foreign Affairs Oceania and North America who visited us and signed the sister City agreement with Honolulu during Honolulu Sister City Summit last Fall. These students will attend Chamber sponsored Honolulu's First Student Ambassador Program next January.

National Day Banquet



Condolences

On a sad note, two Chamber members recently passed away. **Jennifer Chan** was co-owner (with husband **Kenneth**) of the highly regarded Little Village Noodle House and was a serial restaurateur. Born in China, when she arrived in Honolulu in 1974, she spoke no English and had less than \$100.00 to her name. Over the years, she and her husband successfully operated a series of Chinese restaurants on South King Street, Nimitz Highway, and Little Village in Chinatown. **Anthony Chang** was a long-time member of the Chamber board of directors and for a number of years, also led the Chamber's weekly Chinatown tours. He was a graduate of the William S. Richardson law school, and served as a delegate to the 1978 Constitutional Convention and a state Senator. Anthony also was President of the Organization of Chinese Americans. Our sympathies and condolences to their respective families. They will definitely be missed.

2013 PAAC CHINA SUMMER STUDY TOUR

The Pacific and Asian Affairs Council has announced that it will be sponsoring a study tour to China next summer. Fifteen to 25 Hawaii public or charter high school students (grades 9–12) will travel to China in June 2013 on full or partial scholarships, funded by a generous grant from the Freeman Foundation. Ten non-scholarship spots will be available to private or public Hawaii high school students. Tentative dates are for a group orientation on June 7 and the study tour itself from June 10-24.

The students will travel from Beijing to Xi'an and Shanghai. They will study Mandarin at a language institute, visit a high school and spend a weekend with local families, and marvel at China's cultural treasures. The opportunities to create personal relationships and explore China beyond the tourist track will give participants a unique and unforgettable look at China today.

Applications for the PAAC summer study tour are now available at: <http://paachawaii.org/high-school-program/travel-scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked by November 19, 2012. For more information, contact **Natasha Schultz** at 944-7759 or hs@paachawaii.org.



This month, *Midweek* had photos of members at a variety of community events. In the September 5 *Midweek*, state Senator **Suzanne Chun Oakland** and also **Reuben** and **Vera Wong** attended the Rehab of Hawaii funds-raiser. In the same issue, **Linda Chan**, co-owner of The Mandalay, was the subject of a short sidebar. **Michael Ching** was photographed at the American Diabetes Association's 18th annual golf tournament, appearing in the September 12 issue. Then in the September 19 issue, Chamber President **Leonard Kam** was photographed at INspiration's Premiere Celebration, Narcissus Queen **Tiffany Au** was at the After-School All-Stars fund-raiser, and **Suzanne** and **Mike Oakland** were at the Kapiolani Health Foundation's "Evening of Excellence."

According to **Ben Wood's** "Wood Craft" column in the September 22 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, *Midweek* editor **Yu Shing Ting** was one of a number of

"names" who took part in the Celebrities and Their Pets Fashion Show at the September 8-9 Hawaii Woman Expo.

2011 Narcissus Queen **Ningjin Miao** and 2009 Second Princess **Dan Yuan** were models in the Chinese Women's Club annual fashion show, fittingly held on September 26 at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel's Monarch Room.

In September, former Chamber President **Jeff Lau** accompanied Mayor **Peter Carlisle** on a final trip to China, visiting Chengdu, Zhangzhou, and Fengshan, all of which are or are in the process of becoming sister cities with Honolulu. In Zhangzhou, Mayor Carlisle signed a letter of intent for a sister city relationship (approved by our City Council on October 3) while Jeff signed a cooperating agreement with the Zhangzhou CCPIT.



On Friday, October 5, the Palolo Chinese Home honored **Daniel Lau**, long-time Chamber board member and a founder of Finance Factors, with its "Caring for Generations" award at a dinner in the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. The award was in recognition of his years of dedication to improving our community and his commitment to making a positive difference in the lives

of others. This is only the latest in a number of awards for Danny in recent years. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to support Palolo Chinese home's upcoming capital project. A gallery of six photos of Danny at the dinner includes Mayor **Peter Carlisle** and former Governor **Ben Cayetano** and his wife **Vicky**, a former Chamber member, and can be found at *Urban Honolulu's* Web page, <http://urbanhonolulu.hawaiinewsnow.com/news/business/110325-palolo-chinese-home-honors-daniel-lau-caring-generations-award>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 8 Mon **Columbus Day**
- Oct 23 Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 30 Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.
- Nov 3 Sat **10th Splendor of China**
Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 4 Sun **10th Splendor of China**
Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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