

LANTERN

Match 2012



Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Laureate

Chamber members at Junior Achievement Hall of Fame dinner, honoring Daniel B.T. Lau Director of Chamber into the Hall of Honor. Missing from picture, Reuben Wong, Vera Wong, and Gerald Chang.

CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, March 22, the Chamber will once again host a golf tournament at the Hawaii Kai golf course. Check-in will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with lunch from 11:00 to noon. There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Format is scramble, four driver per player minimum, and maximum of 2 putts for all holes. Handicap for men is 30 and 36 for women. The awards banquet will be at 6:00 p.m. Prizes are \$10,000.00 for a hole-in-one, closest to the pin, and longest drive (men and women) as well as par 3 greenies contests. The price for a day of fun in the sun is \$150.00 for individual players and \$450.00 for a team of three. The entry fee includes green fees, two Mulligans per player, golf cart, driving range, lunch, on-course refreshments, team prizes, and the awards dinner. The net proceeds from the tournament will go toward assisting the Narcissus Queen and Court on the Goodwill Tour as well as funding the Chamber's scholarship program. With that charitable purpose in mind, even if you don't golf or can't make it that day, you can still make a tax-deductible contribution to the Chinese Chamber Foundation. To sign up or for more information, call the Chamber at 533-3181.

Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Laureate

On Friday, March 9, Junior Achievement of Hawaii inducted four Laureates into its Hawaii Business Hall of Fame. One of the 2012 Laureates was **Daniel Lau**, who was one of the six founders of Finance Factors. At the age of 92, still participates in company business as president of the Finance Factors Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the company. Over the years, Danny has been the recipient of numerous awards, recognizing his generosity and community involvement. Perhaps most significant is the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster (signifying two awards) and a Bronze Star, which he earned during the Battle of the Bulge. Congratulations, Danny, the JA award is one of many that are well deserved.

Ching Ming

For many years, the Lin Yee Chung Association or Manoa Chinese Cemetery has celebrated the start of the month-long Ching Ming observances with an elaborate ceremony, usually on April 5. However, the Ching Ming ceremony is observed on April 4 on leap years and 2012 is such a year. The Lin Yee Chung Association will conduct the Ching Ming ceremony on Wednesday, April 4. For traditional Chinese, Ching Ming is a time to visit the cemeteries where ancestors are buried to tend their graves, make offerings of food and tea, and celebrate the approach of spring. To help with the food offerings, Royal Kitchen (**Kwock Nam Lau**) sells large (pint) and small (half pint) *bai san* sets, consisting of oyster rolls, stuffed tofu, *kau yuk*, roast chicken, roast duck, with *san ga* (roast pork, fish, and egg), rice, tea, and cups and chopsticks for \$53.50 and \$37.50 respectively. For more information or to place an order, call 524-4461 or 524-2843.

FILM PREMIERE IN HONOLULU

The Pacific & Asian Affairs Council and the Hawaii Institute for Human Rights are co-sponsoring the Hawaii premiere of "In the Land of Blood and Honey" on Sunday, March 19. The film is **Angelina Jolie's** critically acclaimed directorial debut, set during the 1990s Bosnian wars. The screening will start at 7:30 p.m. at the **Doris Duke Theatre** at the Honolulu Museum of Arts. (According to March issue of *Honolulu* magazine, the institution *kamaaina* known as the "Honolulu Academy of Arts" is undergoing a name change this month to the "Honolulu Museum of Arts"). General admission tickets are \$10.00.



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THE
CHINESE
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
OF HAWAII



President
John Hui

Aloha:

The visit of Minister **Li Haifeng** and her delegation from the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council of PRC brought some excitement to the Hawaii Chinese community. A March 18 welcome banquet for Madame Li and her delegation at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant was hosted by Hawaii Chinese societies.

That morning, Madame Li, accompanied by Chinese Chamber president **John Hui** and United Chinese of Hawaii president **Ted Li**, visited eight Chinese societies: the United Chinese Society; See Dai Doo Society; Lung Doo Society; the Hawaii Teo Chew Association; the Association of Chinese from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos; Dongguan Society; and See Yup Society, ending up at the Chinese Chamber.

We also had a meeting at the **Bo Hing** and **Lawrence Tseu** conference room. Madame Li applauded the dedication of local societies in promoting Chinese culture, and she encouraged further Chinese education for the next generation. We can expect a high-level Chinese performing arts troupe coming to Hawaii next spring.

On February 15, at the Chamber's Tseu conference room, a Chinatown sanitation project was hosted by **Wesley Fong**. The meeting involved Chinatown merchants and City representatives (Environment & Refuse). The discussion focused on reducing or eliminating produce refuse in Chinatown in order to improve the area's image and to reduce rodent infestation.

February 21 was the 40th anniversary of the handshake of Premier **Zhou Enlai** and President **Richard Nixon** upon the president's arrival in Beijing. The handshake was reenacted at the Turtle Bay Resort that evening. Mayor Peter Carlisle attended as did one hundred women executives and CEOs from China, who were participating in a conference at the resort hotel. The video documentary emphasized the historical moment of the handshake of Premier Zhou and President Nixon in 1972. It marked the resumption of the pre-Cold War friendship between China and America.

We will have a general membership meeting on Thursday, March 15, at the Empress Restaurant. We are honored to have **Andrew Cherng**, Panda Restaurant Group founder, chairman, and co-CEO, as our guest speaker. The topic of his speech is "Doing Business in Difficult Economic Times and Looking Forward to Prospective Advantages." I encourage all our members to attend this great event. Mahalo.

C H A M B E R N E W S & A C T I V I T I E S

Narcissus Queen Search

by Jasmine Nip

We have already started searching for contestants to participate in the 2013 Narcissus Pageant. Qualifications for contestants are nearly 50% Chinese; single (never been married or given birth to a child); 19 to no older than 26 years of age on the Pageant date (January 12, 2013); and a resident of Hawaii for at least twelve months prior to the Pageant.

It's a great way for young women of Chinese descent to meet new people, learn about their cultural heritage, gain poise and self-confidence, and have lots of fun! Enhance your personal presentation through classes in make-up and skin care, poise and public speaking, and career development. Discover your identity through free classes in Chinese history, the Ching Ming ceremony, knotting and paper cutting, chop carving, martial arts, Chinese lion dancing, traditional Chinese cooking, acupuncture and herbal medicine, tea and ceramics, narcissus bulb carving, and many more classes. Gain opportunities for community involvement, including free associate membership in the Chinese Chamber.

If you know any young women meeting the qualification and who are interested in becoming a contestant, please have them contact the Chamber at 533-3181 or info@chinesechamber.com

Right: Honoring Narcissus Queen and Courts by City Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard 2/15/12



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

The China seminar was founded some 35 years ago by University of Hawaii Manoa professor **Daniel Kwok**. It meets monthly at noon at Maple Garden Restaurant, 909 Isenberg Street, and features many interesting and qualified speakers. On Thursday, March 22, **Mike Chinoy**, CNN Beijing bureau chief (1987-95), will speak on "China and the U.S. in the Changing Regional Landscape," and on Thursday, April 12, **Ralph Cossa**, president of the Honolulu-based Pacific Forum CSIS, will speak on "Six-Party Talks: Is China Part of the Solution or Part of the Problem?" Each seminar session (including lunch) costs \$25.00 for people who are not members of the Friends of the East-West Center. Space is limited and reservations by mail or fax must be made not later than the day before the seminar. For more information, call **Deanna O'Brien** at 944-7111.

On Thursday, May 3, "A Hong Kong Night – Live in Concert" will be presented by the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii at the Hawaii Theatre. Music from the 1970s to 1990s will feature four contemporary Hong Kong performers. Tickets are \$60.00 for the orchestra, loge, and parterres, \$40.00 for the balcony, and \$30.00 for the upper balcony. VIP tickets in the orchestra, which include a post-show reception are priced at \$120.00. Tickets can be ordered by calling the Hawaii Theatre box office at 528-0506 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

International Parade on March 4th



Out and About with the Narcissus Queen and Court *by Tiffany Au*

On February 19, the Narcissus Court – Queen **Tiffany Au**, First Princess **Amanda Wong**, Second Princess **Stephanie Huang**, Third Princess **Julianne Cheng**, and Fourth Princess **Cherie Ching** – were honored with Certificates at Kapolei Hale by Councilmember **Tulsi Gabbard**. You may have seen them featured on *Olelo*.

On February 24, 2012 the court visited the children at Kamiloiki Elementary School to presented awards to the winners at a PTSA Art Reflections Awards Dinner, where the students had filled the cafeteria with paper Narcissus Queen dolls in the court's honor. Queen Tiffany Au's father, **Tien Au**, an employee at Kamiloiki, was recognized. It was a great way to show the children that rewards come with hard work and perseverance.

On March 2, 2012, Queen **Tiffany Au** and Fourth Princess **Cherie Ching** participated in the Read Across America program at Moanalua Elementary School. They read *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss to the students to commemorate his birthday and the new movie release, "The Lorax." The students were very excited to have the court visit and were very interactive during the reading and discussion!

They plan to plant their own trees at school to encourage everyone to be the 'Lorax' in our own communities!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Panda Express founder, chairman, and co-CEO (with wife **Peggy**) **Andrew Cherng**, was our guest speaker at the very well attended general membership meeting on Thursday, March 15. The meeting was held at the Empress Restaurant and about 230 people were there for Mr. Cherng's business insights, networking, and of course the six-course lunch. Started in 1983, Panda Express has grown to 1,419 wholly-owned stores in 42 states and Puerto Rico. In 2007, Panda Express had revenues of \$1 billion! Mr. Cherng's presentation had lessons (or reminders) for all businesspeople, not just those in the restaurant business. Things that stood out include his concern with the development of his employees, not just satisfying customers, and also the concept of "managing by walking around" or MBWA. Whatever the cost of the meeting, the talk was priceless. The meeting was a great success, thanks to the collective contributions of **John Zhang**, **Sylvia Louie**, **Alvin Wong**, **Linda Louie**, **Angela Wu-Ki**, and **MC Jeffrey Lau**.

Associates Member Officers Elections *by Jasmine Nip*

The Chamber's associate members recently elected new officers: Chair **Jasmine Nip**, Executive Vice Chair **Catherine Wong Jayne**, Vice Chairs /Secretaries **Megan Muramatsu**, **Emily Moore**, and **Megan Ching**, Treasurer **Selena Qiu**; Directors of Activities **Jason Chung**, **Stina Soo Hoo**, and **Erica Lee**; Directors for Communications **Kimy Leong** and **Erica Lee**; Directors for Fund-raising **Kimy Leong** and **Stacey Baba**; and Director for PR: **Tiffany Au**.



CHAMBER ELECTIONS

The election of directors to serve a term from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2015, was held on Friday, March 2. Newly elected to the board are **Mona Choy-Beddo**, HomeStreet Bank vice president and general manager, and **Jon Matsuoka**, president and CEO, **Consuelo Alger** Foundation. Reelected to the board were **Tina Au**, **Michael Chan**, **Kelfred Chang**, **Bruce Chen**, **Michael Ching**, **Lishan Chong**, **Lee-Ann Choy**, **Cy Feng**, **Thanh Quoc Lam**, **Daniel Lau**, **Edward Ngan**, **Wanda Tse**, **Angela Wu-Ki**, and **Joseph Young**. These directors were elected to a term beginning June 1, 2012, and ending May 30, 2015. Congratulations to each of you! A special board meeting will be held on Friday, March 23, to elect officers to serve June 1, 2012 to May 30, 2013.



Noctuna Lounge Associate Karaoke Party and Chamber Officers.

“Workin’ at the Car Wash, Girl”

by Jasmine Nip

That line may be from the hit song performed by Rose Royce in the 1976 movie, "Car Wash," but on Saturday, April 28, the associate Chamber members, including members of the 2012 Narcissus Court, will be holding a car wash at Waialae Chevron and Mini-Mart, 4117 Waialae Avenue. The car wash will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost for cars is \$10.00 and \$15.00 for trucks, vans, and SUVs. For pre-sale tickets or more information, send an e-mail: ccch.associates@gmail.com. Volunteers and donations are welcome. See you there!

L & L LIN-SANITY T-SHIRT PROMOTION

For those who are not rabid basketball fans, the term “Lin-sanity” may not mean much. But it refers to the excitement generated this season by a Chinese-American point guard, **Jeremy Lin**, who has seemingly come out of nowhere. According to **Howard Beck**’s February 25 *New York Times*, “The Evolution of a Point Guard,” tells the 18-month journey of Lin, who spent many hours in practice, improving his game to become an “overnight” sensation. The *Times* also had an article the next day on Lin’s family, “Tight-Knit Family Shares Lin’s Achievement.”

Adding some local fuel to the fire is L & L Hawaiian Barbecue, which is offering “Lin-Katsu’ Chicken” t-shirts, available in sizes small to extra large, for \$15.00. Anyone wanting to purchase a shirt should stop by the L & L corporate offices in Suite 202, 931 University Avenue, during business hours, Monday through Friday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 2	Fri	Chamber Election Day Chamber Office 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mar 15	Thu	General Membership Meeting Empress Restaurant – 11:30 a.m.
Mar 20	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber Office – 5:30 p.m.
Mar 22	Thu	63rd Narcissus Scholarship Golf Tournament Hawaii Kai Golf Course – 12:30 p.m.
Mar 23	Fri	Special Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBER NEWS

In a 15-page Department of Land and Natural Resources insert in the February *Honolulu* magazine, State Rep. **Jerry Chang** (D-South Hilo, Waiakea Kai, Kaumana, Keaukaha) talked about the impending introduction of Gov. **Neil Abercrombie**’s plan to double the size of protected watersheds over the next 10 years, and noted that such protection is a “critical” statewide problem.

Marsha Rose Joyner had an op-ed piece, “Condition of Honolulu Catholic Cemetery is a sad disgrace,” in the March 7 *Star-Advertiser*.

On Tuesday, March 13, the Hawaii Republican Party held its first ever presidential caucus. Over 10,000 votes were cast, either in person or by mail-in ballot. Unlike other states, Hawaii’s Republican caucus was glitch-free and uncontroversial, due perhaps to the organizing talents of West Point graduate and party chair **David Chang**. In addition to founding half a dozen businesses in the last few years, David was the 2011 *Pacific Edge* magazine Young Professional of the Year.

On St. Patrick’s Day, 2009 Narcissus Queen **Lisa Wong** and **Nolan Kido** welcomed the arrival of daughter **Arya Kido**. The baby was born at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. Arya reportedly does not yet have a middle name. Congratulations, Lisa and Nolan.



Noctuna Lounge Associate Karaoke
Party and Installation of Officers

NEW MEMBERS

At its February 28 meeting, the board of directors approved the applications for **Hall Ho**, principal broker and Realtor® for Homeowners Realty LLC (recommended by **Patrick Graham**); **Mavis Nellis**, a Realtor® with Kahala Associates (recommended by **Renée Hampton**); **Ben Pulmano**, a vice president at Central Pacific Bank (recommended by **Amery Lam**); and **June Wong**, branch manager for Bank of Hawaii’s Chinatown branch (recommended by **Lianne Uradomo** and **Michele Choy**). Welcome to the Chamber, and we look forward to meeting you at the next Chamber event.

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