

LANTERN

May 2012



Associates' Car Wash on April 28



Chamber Installation Dinner

The annual installation of officers will be held on Sunday, May 20, at the Empress Restaurant in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. No-host cocktails and networking start at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and the program will start at 6:15 p.m. Following dinner, the program will include presentation of annual awards, installation of 2012-2013 officers, and President **Leonard Kam**'s inaugural address. The price for the dinner is \$35.00 per person or \$350.00 for a table of ten. Sponsorships with premium seating for the table of ten and a "vendor booth" are available: \$1,000.00 for Platinum, \$750.00 for Gold, and \$500.00 for Silver. The deadline for reservations is Friday, May 11.

Vino & Vegas

Our friends at the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii will hold their "Vino & Vegas: The Roaring 20s" event on Saturday, May 26. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at The Villa at Aloha Tower. There will be casino games of course as well as wine and spirits, dancing, raffles and prizes, and more. Dress is tuxedos, zoot suits or gangster garb. The cost is \$40.00 for an evening of fun and an opportunity to network with members of another chamber of commerce. Tickets are available through islandtix.com or by calling **Desirea** at 429-8628.



Narcissus Fund-raiser

On Sunday, May 27, there will be an benefit dinner at a Kahala home to raise funds to help meet the expenses of the Narcissus Queen and Court on the upcoming Goodwill Tour. There will be *hors d'oeuvres* (or *na pupu*), soup and salad, a *demi-entrée* of pan-fried island *papio*, an *entrée* of braised beef in a wine sauce, and desserts. The dinner will be prepared by chef **Warren Sasaki** of the Kahala Hotel and the desserts by **Don Norman** and **Julianne Cheng**. The price for the dinner is \$100.00 per person. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 18. For more information or to RSVP, call the Chamber at 533-3181.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President
John Hui

Aloha!

On Friday, March 23, the Chamber board elected officers to serve from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. Congratulations to **Leonard Kam**, incoming Chamber President, and the new officers, all of whom will be installed at a Sunday, May 20, dinner at the Empress Restaurant.

The 60th Cherry Blossom Pageant was held on Saturday, March 31. Hawaii is a melting pot of different ethnic groups in Pacific. The Cherry Blossom

Pageant is one of the highlights of local community events. Narcissus Pageant chair **Michele Choy**, 2012 Narcissus Queen **Tiffany Au**, 2012 First Princess **Amanda Wong**, 2011 Princess **Jasmine Nip**, 2008 Narcissus Queen **Catherine Wong Jayne**, and **John** and **Jenny Hui** enjoyed the evening.

The tenth annual Hawaii Chinese Ching Ming Celebration was held on April 5 at Manoa Chinese Cemetery. The Chinese community in Hawaii is known for maintaining and preserving our most cherished Chinese traditions. One of those is worshiping and honoring our Chinese ancestors and promoting respect for our elders.

The Sunday, April 7, Associated Chinese University Women's "Younger than Springtime" fashion show at Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom also marked its 81st anniversary, with boutiques and a silent auction as well as the fashion show featuring the work of three designers. The Chamber's 2011 Narcissus Queen, **Ningjin Miao**, and former princesses, **Christina Soo Hoo**, **Dan Yuan**, and **Erica Lee** modeled the designers' clothing on stage.

The Narcissus Festival *mahalo* party was held on Saturday, April 21. Thanks to the chair of the mahalo party, **Sylvia Louie**. She led members of the board of directors in a line dance. Festival Chair Leonard Kam presented commemorative plaques to all the committee chairs who contributed their time and efforts for the festival.

Finally, on Saturday, April 28, a car wash was held to raise funds to help defray expenses of the Narcissus Court on the Goodwill Tour. It turned out to be a very successful car wash. We had over 40 volunteers washing and drying cars, SUVs, and other vehicles. Thanks to Waiialae Chevron Food Mart, which generously provided the facilities. And thanks to the hard work of the associate members, led by **Jasmine Nip**. Former Chamber President **Vernon Ching**, Immediate Past President **Jeff Lau**, President-elect Leonard Kam, and Michele Choy also participated. Lunch was sponsored by **John Zhang** of Panda Express and Jasmine's parents, **Gary** and **Joyce**. *Mahalo* for all the delicious food.

CHAMBER NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Ching Ming Ceremony on April 5, 2012

Below: Chamber President John Hui with UCS President Thomas Sum, Mr. You Soukaseum, Mr. John Chang of Mayor Office



Mahalo Party

Left: Susan and Sylvia making sure Stan was appreciated at the Narcissus Mahalo Party

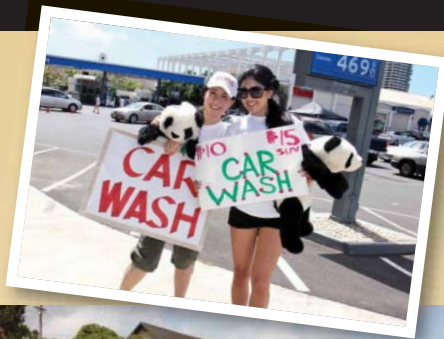


Cherry Blossom Pageant at Hawaiian Theatre on March 31, 2012

Left: Amanda Wong, Catherine Wong Jayne, Tiffany Au, Jasmine Nip, Michele Choy, John and Jenny Hui

Associates' CAR WASH

by Jasmine Nip



Ted Li supervising his car being washed



Over 25 associate members, the Narcissus Queen and Court, Chamber members, Narcissus escorts, family, and friends rose early on Saturday, April 28, to help wash cars and raise money at Waialae Chevron Food Mart. From 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we washed and dried cars non-stop. At the end, when we were finally able to breathe, we found out we had washed over 165 cars and raised over \$1,800.00. The Queen and Court were also able to raise some money for their upcoming goodwill tour to China.

We'd like to thank **John Zhang** and Panda Express for donating the food for our volunteers and even some of our car wash goers to enjoy. A big *mahalo* goes out to all those who helped wash and dry cars, as well as all those who came out to have their car washed, for their support of our associate membership. See you at the next event. I also want to include a thank you to **Megan Muramatsu** for coordinating the car wash. She was our liaison between our membership and Waialae Chevron Food Mart. And a big thank you to **Vernon Ching, Leonard Kam, Jeff Lau, and John Hui** for working hand in hand with our members during the car wash.



MEMBER NEWS

Kristine Duong, who is a former Hawaii Foodbank employee, once again was a volunteer in their annual food drive on Saturday, March 21. (This year marks the 23rd year of the food drive). She had a full day (from at least 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) at Pearl City Shopping Center, taking care of other volunteers by checking them in and later *schlep-*ping water and snacks to them, up, down, and around the shopping center. As if that wasn't enough, Kristine then joined some of her old classmates in their class booth at the

NEW MEMBERS

At its April 24 meeting, the board of directors approved the application for **Yong Shi**, an estimator at construction company Nan, Inc. (sponsored by **Selena Qiu** and **Jeffrey Lau**). Welcome to the Chamber and we look forward to meeting you at the next membership event.



Flying Tiger Museum in Chongqing

L-R: Douglas Ho, Eddie Long (one of the two Flying Tiger alive), and John Hui.

ACUW Banquet Fashion Show on April 7

Left:
2011 Narcissus Queen Ninjin Miao

Below:
John Hui with Stephenie Lum, Susan Lee, President of ACUW; Tiffany Au and Dr Tseu



Iolani Fair. So she had a very full day. The *Lantern* editor was a volunteer at Waikeola Congregational Church for the 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. food drive shift.

For everyone’s information, due to the slow Hawaii economy, the demands on the Hawaii Foodbank’s stocks are high and continuous, and donations of food or cash are very welcome throughout the year. More immediately, on Saturday, May 12, the Hawaii State Letter Carriers’ Food Drive will take place, and during the month of May, the Hawaii Bankers Association (HBA) food drive is going on (donors will receive an orange ribbon). The Hawaii Foodbank’s “Top Five” donations include canned meats and tuna; canned “meals” (spaghetti, chili, and corned beef hash); canned soup; canned vegetables; and canned fruit. This list is available as a

downloadable four-in-one form at <http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org/pdf/Flyer%20Top%205%204-up.pdf>.

The old saying, “Better late than never” is *apropos* to the May 2 *Midweek* “Honolulu Pa’ina,” which belatedly has a full page of photos from the January 28 Narcissus Coronation Ball. The array of pre-Ball photos (from upper left to lower right of the page) included state Rep. **Corinne Ching** and daughter **Anna**; state Sen. **Suzanne Chun Oakland** and husband **Mike**; Chamber President **John Hui** and wife **Jenny**; 2011 Narcissus Queen **Ningjin Miao** and Princesses **Christina Soo Hoo**, **Jasmine Nip**; **Stacey Lam**, and **Erica Lee**; **Walter Chang**; **Karianne Kaukeinamoku (Hong)**; **Megan Ching**; **Gloria Lui**; **Angela Wu-Ki** and husband **Ken**; **Kristine Duong**; **Alvin Wong**; **Sylvia Louie**; **Edward Pei**; **Michele Choy**; **Wen Chung Lin**; **Bryan Luke**; **Leonard Kam**; **Ted Li** and wife **Patricia**; 2012 Miss Hawaii Chinese **Tina Ng**; **Vernon Ching**; **Libby Lew** and husband **Bob**; **Marvin Dang**; **Jeffrey Lau**; **Victor Lim** and wife **Anita**; **Tai Yau Chung** and wife **Nora**; **Betty Brow** and son **Derek**, **Reuben Wong** and wife **Vera**; and **Stanford Yuen**.

Belated congratulations to **Libby Lew**, 2012 President of the Honolulu chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI). Her predecessor, 2011 President **Corey Matsuoka** PMP, had high praise for her in his initial newsletter message to the local membership a year ago, looking forward to working with “the best Vice President ever.” Libby’s term of office coincides with the calendar year.

Hong Kong island has a population of 1,289,500, and what are the chances of running into someone you know from (or formerly from) Hawaii? While the odds may be astronomical, Chamber director **Elvira Lo** was recently in Hong Kong and ran into former Chamber executive assistant **Grace Chan** near the convention center (or centre). Grace asked Elvira to say “Hi” to all the Chamber members and to say that she misses us.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 13	Sun	Mother’s Day
May 20	Sun	Installation Banquet Empress Restaurant – 5:30 p.m.
May 22	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.
May 28	Mon	Memorial Day
May 29	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

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