

# LANTERN

August 2012



Chamber Past Presidents at the Great Wall Tree Planting Ceremony.

## NARCISSUS PAGEANT

Contestant applications are still being accepted, so if you're a female meeting the criteria and have considered entering the Narcissus Pageant, now is the time to take that initial step that may lead to the coveted title of "Narcissus Queen 2013" and a fabulous trip to China next summer. As part of the pre-Pageant preparation, the contestants have an opportunity to learn more about various aspects of their Chinese heritage in nearly a dozen different classes. There are also public appearances and rehearsals prior to appearing on stage at the Hawaii Theatre on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

Qualifications for contestants include being of Chinese ancestry ("nearly" 50%); single (never married or had a child); between the ages of 19 and 26 on the date of the Pageant; and a resident of Hawaii for at least twelve (12) months prior to the Pageant. Young women meeting those criteria should contact the Chamber for an application by calling 533-3181 or going to the Chamber Web site at [www.chinesechamber.com](http://www.chinesechamber.com) right away.

In addition, donations are being accepted for a number of items for the contestants. These include floral bouquets for the Third and Fourth Princesses (\$40.00 each); up to seven floral bouquets for the semi-finalists (\$30.00 each); and the judges' luncheon (\$200.00). Please contact the Chamber if you would like to donate funds toward any of the above items.

## General Membership Meeting

The next general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9, at the Empress Restaurant. **Joy van der Voort**, FBI Community Outreach Specialist, will present "Protect Your Business from Social Media/Cyber Threats." Members should already have received the flier. The price of the lunchtime presentation is \$20.00 per member or \$200.00 per table, and \$25.00 for non-members or \$250.00 per table. While the reservations deadline has passed, please call the Chamber at 533-3181 to see whether you can still be included.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

The 9th annual "I Love Liliha" town festival will take place on Sunday, August 26. The brainchild of state Representative **Corinne Ching**, the festival takes place at the intersection of Kua-kini and Liliha Streets, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free, thanks to sponsors Finance Factors, Liliha Bakery, and Longs Pharmacy. For more detailed information on entertainment, vendors, and exhibits, go to the Web page at <http://iloveliliha.org/?p=189>.

Finance Factors has been one of the Chamber's most dependable, long-term supporters. They are holding their 13th annual Finance Factors Junior Achievement golf tournament on Thursday, September 20, at Kapolei Golf Course. Chinese Secretary **John Zhang** is putting together one or more Chamber teams to participate in the tournament. The cost is \$450.00 per 3-person team and the registration deadline is Friday, September 14.

## LANTERN ADVERTISING RATES

Chamber members wishing to publicize their services or goods to our 300-plus members should be aware of the following rates: \$150.00 full-page, \$75.00 half-page, \$40.00 quarter-page, and \$25.00 for business card-size ads. To run your ad, contact the Chamber at 533-3181.



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A good friend of mine (not a member) recently asked me, “If you were to try to recruit me to become a member of the Chamber, what would you say?” Being the salesperson that I am, I rattled off the numerous benefits of networking with other members, access

to the Chamber’s incredible resources and contacts in China and Asia, and seminars about business, self-improvement, and other relevant topics.

Then, I said that being a member is also about the member putting in the time and effort to get the most out of their membership. What does that mean? Well, it means being an active participant in your Chamber by volunteering for projects and activities. It means attending meetings and seminars and using that time to network and make new connections. It means taking the initiative and speaking up to make suggestions about other types of activities that you would like to have as a Chamber member. In a nutshell, being a member is a partnership, it’s giving and getting, and it’s taking the initiative to make the most of your membership.

As officers and directors, we have the responsibility to maintain the Chamber in a fiscally sound and legal manner. We also have a duty to provide opportunities for you as members to get involved. So if that’s not happening for you, speak up, make a suggestion, work with us to make it happen.

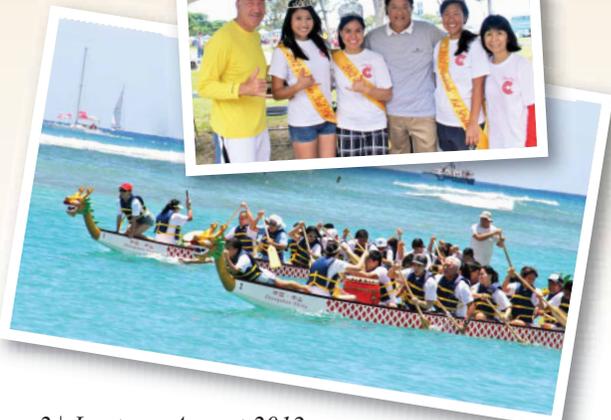
Speaking of programs and activities, we recently participated in the Dragon Boat Festival and Races, held on July 28 and 29. This was an excellent opportunity to network, have fun, and learn a little bit of Chinese culture. Another learning opportunity for you is our upcoming General Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held on August 9 and will be presented by the FBI, providing information on “Identifying Social Media Risks for Business.”

Looking forward to meeting more of you at our upcoming events.

CHAMBER NEWS & ACTIVITIES

## Pearl Harbor Boat Tour

On Thursday, July 19, about 20 Chamber members and friends took the opportunity to go on an invitation-only boat tour of Pearl Harbor. Unlike previous boat tours, the seat allocation for the Chamber was filled as were nearly all of the approximately 150 seats, partly by a contingent of Korean War veterans. Due to RIMPAC 2012 security, it was not possible to sail under the Admiral Clarey Bridge, which links Ford Island to the Halawa shore. (**Stanford Yuen**, who arranged the tour and served as emcee, pointed out that when completed in 1998, the bridge was ahead of schedule and under budget, something that the Navy – and we as taxpayers – can be quite proud of). Nevertheless, the tour covered most of the other sights (and sites) usually seen in “normal” boat tours, and a brief, special stop was made to the USS *Arizona* Memorial. (Older *kamaaina* may know that **Elvis Presley** performed in a 1961 concert that helped raise funds for the Memorial, which was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1962). Stanford, who has been involved with Pearl Harbor for years as an engineer before becoming Executive Assistant to the Admiral, Navy Region Hawaii, may be retiring at the end of 2012, so if the opportunity arises before then for another boat tour, Chamber members should sign up right away since there is a waiting list.



## Dragon Boat Races by Patrick Graham

The Dragon Boat races on Saturday, July 28, marked another successful year. We had about 50 people in attendance for the races (and the picnic). We had two teams this year, and we came in second on the first two races and first place on the last two races. While we didn’t make it to the finals, a good time was had by all. I would like to thank **John Zhang** and **Aaron Wu** of Panda Express for catering the food for the picnic and delivering it to Ala Moana Beach Park. I would also like to thank Narcissus Queen **Tiffany Au** and her court as well as the other past contestants for attending.



Chamber Presidents and officers with OCAO Vice minister Zhao Yang (center), Director Chen (left-1), and Director General Tan Tianxing (right-5).

## Six Presidents' Trip

by Jeff Lau

How could one resist an all expenses-paid trip of a lifetime to Tibet, courtesy of the All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese (*Qiaolian*) who were having their annual meeting in Chengdu. Considering all the concerns over travel in Tibet, six intrepid former Chamber Presidents (**Vernon Ching, Ronald Young, Frances Goo, Ted Li, Dennis Hwang,** and I) couldn't resist the chance to test their luck and were handsomely rewarded with seven marvelous days on the "Roof of the World." Beautiful sunny weather, with temperatures reaching the 70s each day, greeted us every day. We marveled at the clear blue skies, amazing cloud formations, beautiful azure blue holy lakes, glacial mountain peaks, crisp rushing mountain streams and mirror reflecting lakes, herds of yak and sheep, green and brilliant yellow flowered landscapes dotted with Tibetan *yurts* and Mongolian *gers*, all in the same day mind you!

On other days, we had to physically prepare ourselves for hiking the many steps of the Potala Palace or rambling over the Tashilhunpo Monastery to listen to the melodious sound of monks praying or debating with one another. Truly amazing sights and sounds when juxtaposed against the beautiful artwork, statuary, and *stupas* scattered throughout these amazing temples. We felt privileged to view the final destination of so many Tibetan and Buddhist pilgrims, who had traveled far to prostrate themselves and pray at the Jokhang Temple.

Our tour took us to the cities of Lhasa, Gyantse, Shigatse, and Lingchi while visiting the holy lakes of Namtso and Yamdrok Tso, viewing glaciers and glimpsing the awesome Himalayas. Acute mountain sickness was always on our minds as we traveled from 9,500 feet all the way up to over 17,000 feet on this tour. At one point, we witnessed the headwaters of the Brahmaputra River and were just a mountain ridge away from India and Bhutan.

For all of these experiences, we have to thank the planning of Vernon Ching, who put together this wonderful "Chamber Centennial Tour." Many thanks go to **Mark Wong** and **Colleen Xu** of CTS, Head Office and to CTS Manager **Li Jun** in Lhasa, and especially to our veteran Everest base camp guide **Jimmy**. Our expedition actually started in Beijing where we were joined by **Wen Chung Lin, Walter Chang,** and **John Hui** in meetings and banquets with the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs of the State Council (at the *Diaoyutai* State Guesthouse), the Chinese Association for International Friendly Contact, and the China Travel Service Head Office where we celebrated our relationships of nearly 30 years with all of them. It was great renewing old friendships and discussing new plans, programs, and trips for the future. Highlights in Beijing included a historical tour of the Buddhist lamasary in northeast Beijing as well as visits to *Panjiayuan* flea markets and Olympic Park, and our ceremonial planting of a grove of cedar trees near the Great Wall at Badaling. We hope that **Betty Brow** will be able to find the trees and report back to us next year!

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## Splendor of China

by Tina Au

The 10th annual Splendor of China will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4. Your help is requested in soliciting vendors for both food and non-food booths. We encourage you to be a part of this spectacular event, which welcomes our local community and visitors to come and experience the wonders of China.

The booth price is quite reasonable compared to other exhibitions and trade shows in Honolulu at the same venue. The price is \$350.00 for inline or "regular" booths and \$400.00 for a corner booth. (The price for these booths includes a table and two chairs, a vendor sign, and six exhibitor passes; booths measure 10' wide x 10' deep). If you want one of the limited number of cooked food booths, the cost is \$450.00 for regular booths and \$500.00 for one of the two end booths. (Cooking for all food booths must be done outside in the parking lot between the concert and exhibition halls).

So, if you're interested in having one or more booths, don't wait until the last minute to sign up for the Splendor of China 2012. To reserve your booth(s) or for more information, please call the Chinese Chamber at 533-3181 or **Tina Au** at 256-1592. We look forward to your participation and to working with you in making the Splendor of China an even greater success this year!



Chamber Director Dan Yuan, President Leonard Kam, Vice Mayor Liu of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, President Elect Betty Brow, and Past President Jeff Lau at 50 year Sister City Banquet last Friday night at Empress Restaurant.

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When attending the *Qiaolian* banquet in Chengdu, we were fortunate to visit both the *Sanxingdui* and *Jinsha* Museums to really have a chance to study the Shu kingdom's culture. On the way back from Tibet, we were also hosted as sister city representatives for Honolulu by Deputy Director **Zhong Laizhao** of the Department of Foreign Affairs. They announced that there would be an All- China Friendship City Conference this September 11-13, and to commemorate our new-found relationship, they are setting up a permanent Honolulu display in their brand new Cultural Friendship City Museum in Tianfu Square near **Mao Zedong's** statue. As our tour wound down, we looked forward to a more relaxing experience at Wuzhen water village near Shanghai where we enjoyed a brief home-stay along the canals. This was truly place to visit for a water village experience. From there, we were off to visit Wen Chung's beautiful Shanghai apartment and one last diner with our friends at the Overseas Chines Affairs office in Shanghai before heading home with lots of great memories. We will surely treasure these renewed friendships.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Aug 09 Thu | <b>General Membership Luncheon Meeting</b><br>Empress Restaurant<br>11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. |
| Aug 21 Tue | <b>Executive Board Meeting</b><br>Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.                                |
| Aug 28 Tue | <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b><br>Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.                        |

## MEMBER NEWS

**Eddie Flores, Jr.**, Governor **Neil Abercrombie**, and **Stanford Yuen** were photographed in the June 27 *Midweek "Pa'ina"* while attending the University of Hawaii Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner earlier in the month. In the July 4 *Midweek "Pa'ina,"* **Kevin Lam** was photographed at the HECO golf tournament, while **Linda Louie, Fran Kramer, Beverly Mau, Dan Yuan,** and **Betty Brow** were photographed at the ACUW fashion show earlier this year.

As of Saturday, July 21, **David Chang** is no longer an eligible bachelor. The current chair of the Hawaii Republican Party wed **Beth Fukumoto**, a former HRP chair. The marriage rated an entry in the Weblog, *Honolulu Civil Beat*, on July 21: "Nuptials for Hawaii GOP Power Couple." The new Mrs. Chang is a candidate for state House District 36 (Mililani-Mililani Mauka-Waipio Acres). A West Point graduate, David got married in his Army dress blue uniform at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Congratulations, David, and best wishes, Beth.

The July 22 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* had a photo of **Yi Jin**, who was attending the Alliance Française of Hawaii's July 14 Bastille Day celebration at the Waialae Country Club.

**Jasmine Nip** is competing in the 26th annual Miss Asian American Pageant in San Francisco on Saturday, August 4. Thanks to the support of Chamber members, both regular and associate, Jasmine was successful in filling an advertising page in the pageant souvenir program. Among the well-wishers was Finance Factors, which donated \$500.00. Best of luck, Jasmine!



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