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Leonard J.K.H. Kam

As the saying goes, time sure flies when you're having fun, and there's even more fun yet to come.

Thank you to all of you who attended the recent General Membership Meeting. It was very informative and helpful. Look for more opportunities to attend meetings in the near future. **Robert Yu** and **Sonny Zhang** are hard at work planning more functions for members to network as well as learn about timely topics.

Final plans are being made for the Christmas Party. Look for information in the coming months. In the meantime, mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 12 for the party. If you're interested in helping with the planning, contact Robert Yu to volunteer.

The Narcissus Festival is in full swing and we look forward to introducing the contestants to you at their first public appearance at the Splendor of China. If you haven't done so already, contact the Chamber office to purchase your tickets. Through the generosity of **Douglas Ho**, we will be having a drawing for a solid gold coin for all members who purchase tickets. Keep in mind that you will receive one entry for each increment of 25 tickets that you purchase and/or sell.

Queen **Tiffany Au** and I had the pleasure of attending the Miss Chinatown Hawaii Pageant. I am happy to report that 2011 4th Princess **Erica Lee** was crowned 2013 Miss Hawaii Chinese and will compete for the Miss Chinatown USA title in February 2013. 2011 1st Princess **Christina Soo Hoo** was crowned 2013 Miss Hawaii Chinese 1st Princess.

The Chamber is such a dynamic organization in that we always have more than one thing going on at any given time. We are hard at work on establishing a Sister City relationship with Zhangzhou, the home of the narcissus flower. With the help of member **John Chang** from the Mayor's office and Councilmember **Stanley Chang**, we will surely succeed. In fact, Mayor **Peter Carlisle** and Past President **Jeffrey Lau** will be visiting the city of Zhangzhou this month.

Please take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved in Chamber events. Contact Lucia at the Chamber office (533-3181) to find out more information or to get in contact with the chairpersons of any of our upcoming events.

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

CPPCC delegation's visit to Honolulu

by Yen Chun

Minister **Chen Yunlin**, member of the Standing Committee and chairman of the Committee for Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, and Overseas Chinese of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and his delegation of five visited Hawaii July 18-20. Minister Chen is president of the mainland-based Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) and chief negotiator for the Chinese mainland for cross-Strait relations. Members of the Dr. **Sun Yat-sen** Hawaii Foundation, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association hosted the delegation

The purpose of Minister Chen's visit was to study Chinese language education in Hawaii. He attended a seminar held at the Mun Lun School and met with representatives from many Chinese language schools in Honolulu, including Mun Lun, Sui Wah, Hoo Cho, and the Confucius Institute. The delegation also visited Pearl Harbor and Punahou School where Dr. Sun Yat-sen and President **Barack Obama** attended school. On the evening of July 19, Minister Chen hosted a banquet for Chinese community leaders at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant. Chamber President **Leonard Kam** presented souvenirs to Minister Chen. Many Chamber directors and former presidents were invited to the banquet and provided valuable assistance to make the delegation's visit a big success.



Above: Ten new contestants were introduced to the public at the 64th Narcissus Orientation.

China Haixun 31

Below: Haixun 31 Captain (middle) with Chamber members.



MEMBER NEWS

Welcome Sister City Qinhuangdao Student Camp Delegation To Hawaii

Students from No.7 Middle School included junior high and high school students accompanied by a few college students. A number of them have plans to attend high school and college in Honolulu as the result of their visit. This program completely organized by Chamber Director Dan Yuan with the assistance of the Prof. Lu of University of Hawaii, the Chamber, the City & County of Honolulu, HMCOA, Iolani Palace Museum, Polynesian Cultural Center, Hawaii Baptist Academy, Empress Restaurant and many others. They enjoyed classes with HBA students and visits to Punahou, University of Hawaii, Chaminade, the Mayors Office, Iolani Palace, Polynesian Cultural Center, besides Pearl Harbor and a trip around the Island during their home stays.

Belated congratulations to former Chamber president and long-time McDonald's franchisee **Victor Lim** for his selection as the United Chinese Society's 2012 Father of the Year. It's an honor that was deservedly bestowed on Victor. While on the subject of McDonald's, it is the first national restaurant chain to include calorie information on all items on its restaurant and drive-through menus, and for those interested in games, McDonald's Monopoly© game will run from late September to some time in October. (Also, according to a September 12 article in the *Wall Street Journal*, McDonald's is testing menus for 2013 that will include recommended food group selections from the 2010 U.S. Department of Agriculture's dietary guidelines. To paraphrase an old Army saying, "You take care of your customers and they'll take care of you.")

On the front of the business section of the August 12 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, Ba Le Sandwich and Bakery CEO **Thanh Quoc Lam** and his operations manager and son, **Trung**, were pictured smiling and showing off the 1,400 solar panels atop their processing facility on Nimitz Highway. In the article, "Solar heats up Oahu electric grid," Trung is

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Queens and Courts gathered at the 64th Narcissus Orientation.

NEW MEMBERS

At its August 28 meeting, the board of directors approved the application for **Peggy Luu**, Vice president of Skyway Express (sponsored by **Louis Luu**). Welcome to the Chamber and we look forward to meeting you at the next Chamber member event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 30	Sun	Mid-Autumn Festival
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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quoted as saying that when Ba Le production facilities and offices were relocated from Dillingham Boulevard to the huge, multi-story Weyerhaeuser building in 2009, the first month's electricity bill was \$30,000.00! The \$1.9 million photovoltaic system is comprised of two separately metered systems – 100-kilowatts for their La Tour Café on the ground level and 280-kilowatts for the commercial bakery and offices. Trung estimates that the photovoltaic system will cut their electricity bill 50-60% and that the cost of the system will be recouped in less than five years.

In the Dining Out section in that same issue of the *Star-Advertiser*, **Alana Folen's** column was entitled "Piggin' Out on Pork Belly." One of the three restaurants featured in that column was The Mandalay, and in addition to the write-up, there was also a photo of an order of the Mandalay's Pot Roast Pork (*kau yuk*) as well as another photo of owner **Linda Chan** holding up an order of *kau yuk*.

On August 13, Governor **Neil Abercrombie** and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Secretary General **Xu Hubin** signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) setting up a framework to start a clean energy investment and deployment program in Hawaii. Under the MOU, interested Chinese investors and developers would be referred to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Energy Office to be matched up with clean energy project partners in Hawaii needing capital or development partners. The MOU is a follow-on to a letter of intent (LOI) signed in November, 2011.

During August, a number of Chamber members' photos were included in *Midweek*. **Daniel, Evelyn, and Russell Lau** were photographed in the August 8 issue at the annual Finance Factors Charity Breakfast. In the August 22 *Midweek* Pa'ina section, **Reuben and Vera Wong** were photographed while attending the ground-breaking for the Sullivan Center at Iolani School. **Victor Lim, Frances Goo, Wesley and Linda Fong, Gordon Au, 2012 Narcissus Queen Tiffany Au and 1st Princess Amanda Wong, Daniel Lau, Alvin Wong, and Jeff Lau** were in the August 29 *Midweek*, attending the Palolo Chinese Home Golf Tournament awards dinner. In the same issue, **Neil Abercrombie, Eddie Flores, Jr., and Puongpan and Thanh Lo Sananikone** were photographed while attending the East-West Center's "International Affair" dinner honoring former Gov. **George Ariyoshi**.

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