

LANTERN

May 2013



Chamber Golf Tournament

Narcissus Queen Search

This may only be May, but with summer comes the annual search for contestants for the 65th annual Narcissus Pageant. Contestants must be nearly 50% Chinese; single (and never been married or given birth to a child); between the ages of 19 and 26 years of age on the date of the pageant, January 11, 2014; and have been a resident of Hawaii for at least twelve (12) months prior to the pageant. Deadline for contestant applications is Wednesday, July 31. If you're a female meeting the above criteria or know someone who does, call the Chinese Chamber at 533-3181. (The contestant application should also be available at the Chamber Web site, www.chinesechamber.com.)



SUN YAT-SEN PHOTO EXHIBITION

As many local Chinese know, Dr. **Sun Yat-sen**, regarded as the father of modern China, had strong and important ties to Hawaii. His older brother, **Sun Mei**, brought him to Hawaii to be educated at 'Iolani School and Oahu College (now Punahou School) and paid his school expenses. Hawaii played an important part in Dr. Sun's later revolutionary activities and local Chinese donated generously in support of those activities. With that in mind, there will be an exhibition of more than one hundred rare photographs of Dr. Sun, "Sun Yat-sen, Sun Mei, and Hawaii," at the Hawaii State Capitol, June 4-14. The FREE photo exhibition is presented by the Sun Yat-sen Hawaii Foundation and supporting sponsors are the Chinese Chamber, the East-West Center, the Center for Chinese Studies, and the Confucius Institute. There will also be a FREE public forum on Wednesday, June 5, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the State Capitol auditorium.

INSTALLATION DINNER

The Chinese Chamber will hold its annual installation dinner on Thursday, May 23. The dinner will be held at the Empress Restaurant in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. Cocktails and networking start at 5:30 p.m. while the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the program, including the installation of the 2013-2014 officers. Entertainment will be provided by acclaimed soprano, **Bai He**, who has recently received a master's degree in music from the University of Hawaii Manoa. The cost of the dinner is \$35.00 per person or \$350.00 per table of ten. To make your reservation, call the Chamber at 533-3181.

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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Wow! How quickly a year has gone by ...

It seems like it was only yesterday that I was writing my first president's message. Well, it was yesterday that I was writing the April message ... I hope I got a chuckle out of that ...

When I took on this position, I thought to myself, "Self, you have a tremendous responsibility to the Chamber, the community, and to your family." You may understand why the first two, but to my family? In everything that we do, we have an obliga-

tion to do the best job that we can, but we also have an obligation (maybe it's because I'm Chinese) to bring honor to our family. I hope that in the short year that's gone by I have done that.

One of the ways that we assist our community is by partnering with other organizations to conduct a project or program. I am proud to report that we have been able to work with many other organizations to help better our community and to provide opportunities to showcase Chinese art and culture. We have also been able to cultivate more relationships that will allow us to offer business opportunities in the near future.

The most recent collaboration was our Golf Tournament, held on April 29 at the Kapolei Golf Club. We partnered with the Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association (HMCOA) to combine resources and talents to put on a very successful tournament. It was by far the best turnout ever, with 162 golfers hitting the links. Much thanks to the committee, which included: **Jeff Lau, Wayne Mau, John Zhang, Robert Yu, Sonny Zhang, Tina Au, Travis Lin, and Michele Choy.** Many on the committee worked very hard to make this tournament enjoyable for all. A special thank you to **Kenneth Lee**, HMCOA President, for his leadership and help in the planning and execution of the tournament. He is truly a person who leads by example and I have the utmost respect for him.

We also greeted delegations from Guangzhou and Zhangzhou in the last few weeks. It is always a pleasure to meet visitors from China. I had the honor of attending a presentation on the Flying Tigers by students from Kaiser High School and from Chengdu. These students participated in an exchange between the two schools and learned more about each other's culture and specifically researched information on the Flying Tigers and their significance in both China and the U.S.

I hope that you will be able to join us at our 102nd installation banquet on May 23 as I turn over the reins to **Betty Brow** and the officers for 2013-2014. I leave you in very capable hands. Thank you for the support that you have given me over the past year. I look forward to continuing to help the Chamber in its future endeavors.

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

Mun Lun School Summer Program

The 2013 Chinese Culture Paradise summer camp will be held at Mun Lun School, 1290 Maunakea Street. The summer camp be held from Monday, July 15, to Friday, July 26, and run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday Classes will include *gung fu*; ping pong; calligraphy; brush painting; paper cutting; knitting and hand painted crafts; Chinese folk music; folk dancing; Chinese history, geography, and culture; classic Chinese poems and prose; mental *abacus* calculation; high-speed Chinese character learning; and of course Mandarin. The classes and activities are for children from 6 to 18 years of age. This is a unique opportunity to learn Chinese language and culture through classes and activities that will be taught by twelve instructors from Hunan province. The \$155.00 tuition covers the classes and activities, uniforms, supplies, and lunch for the ten days. To register or for more information, call 521-5777.

Chinese Culture Paradise Summer Camp
2013 中华文化大乐园
 美国-夏威夷营 (明伦学校)
 7/15 - 7/26 9am - 3pm
 Rich Chinese language and culture knowledge and skills
 Will be taught by expert teachers selected from China
 12 位来自中国湖南的专业老师精心传授中国文化技艺

What will you learn?

中文识字	Chinese Gong Fu
乒乓球	Ping pong
中国书法	Chinese Calligraphy
中国舞	Brush painting
剪纸手工	Paper cut
编织手帕	Knitting & Hand-painted craft
中国民间音乐	Chinese Folk Music
中国民间舞蹈	Folk dancing
中国历史地理文化知识普及	Chinese history/geography/culture
趣味汉语	Fun & Cool Mandarin
经典中文背诵	Classic Chinese poems and prose
快速识字	High-speed Chinese characters learning
算心算	Mental abacus calculation

Enrollment for ages 6 - 18
 Call 521-5777 for details
 Fees: \$155.00 (including tuition, supplies, uniform, and lunches for 10 days) 包含学费、管理费、材料费、及10天午餐

Inquiry and registration: Call Mun Lun School 521-5777



CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Chamber golf tournament was held on Thursday, April 29, at the Kapolei Golf Course. A more detailed report from tournament chairman Jeff Lau will appear in next month's *Lantern*.



FREE Music Workshops

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM), through its Hawaii representative, **Winnie Chan**, cordially invites you to attend three FREE upcoming music workshops at the end of the month. "Singing (and Playing) with Spirit and Understanding," which would be especially useful for choirs, will be held on Thursday, May 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; "Why is ABRSM Special and Why Are ABRSM Exams World-Renown: How to Score High and 'Ace' Each Exam" on Thursday, May 30, from 7:30-9:00 p.m.; and "Why ABRSM? What's In and Available for Your School, Educators and Students: How to Incorporate ABRSM into Your Music Programs," on Friday, May 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All three workshops will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center, Room 322A. To make reservations or for more information, call Winnie at 596-9268.

MEMBER NEWS

As many people who pay attention to local politics know, the current incumbent for U.S. House congressional district 1 (largely urban Honolulu), has decided to run for the U.S. Senate in the 2014 election. As a result, according to the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, on April 24, Honolulu City Councilman **Stanley Chang** announced that he is running for that congressional seat. Stanley is first out of the gate, and with some 18 months before the election, he currently has the field to himself.

With the end of the 2013 session of the Hawaii state legislature on Thursday, May 2, Governor **Neil Abercrombie** must decide on which of hundreds of bills to sign and which ones to veto. There are petitions being

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NEW MEMBERS

At its April 30 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Nathan Fong**, vice president, Colliers International (recommended by **John Zhang**) and **Zihang Ou**, president, Engineer Builders, Ltd. (recommended by **John Zhang**). Welcome to the Chinese Chamber, and we look forward to meeting you at the next membership event.



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circulated, urging the governor to veto specific bills, including S.B. 1171, which ostensibly would allow construction projects to proceed without the completion of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the entire project. Instead, projects could be segmented into phases and a separate EIS would be prepared for each phase. Prior to the legislature adjourning *sine die*, Neil launched his gubernatorial reelection campaign on April 29. Of perhaps more interest to Chamber members who would like to see repairs made to the roof of the Chamber building and perhaps a photovoltaic system (and an elevator) installed, Governor Abercrombie awarded legislature-approved and appropriated grants to the Filipino Community Center

and the Kauai Filipino Cultural Center. The capital improvements grant to the Waipahu FilCom Center of \$450,000 is for installation of a photovoltaic (PV) system among other things. Savings on their electricity bill will be used to “expand its services while perpetuating the Filipino heritage within the larger multi-cultural community in Hawaii.” The \$1.5 million capital improvements grant for the Kauai Center was for the construction of a new 30,000 square foot facility. Both grants were appropriated by the 2012 session of the legislature.

Fast food fans have reason to take notice of recent developments in Honolulu. **Panda Express** has added “Samurai Surf & Turf,” featuring Angus top sirloin steak and marinated shrimp, to its “gourmet Chinese” menu. A free single-serving offer on April 17 proved quite popular, with some outlets running out in the evening. **McDonald’s** will be taking the Angus beef hamburgers and snack wraps off its menus by mid-June, according to articles in the May 13 and May 14 *Star-Advertiser*. That means you can say *aloha* to the different Angus burger choices as well as the Angus snack wraps. (Oh, no, no more mushroom and Swiss cheese Angus wraps). In addition, McDonald’s has recently introduced an Egg White Delight McMuffin with 100% egg whites (instead of a whole egg), a toasted English muffin (with 8 grams of fiber), a slice of Canadian bacon, and white Cheddar cheese, which joins the original Egg McMuffin on the menu, and you can also get egg whites on their Big Breakfast platters. (If you visit the McDonald’s Web site, you can print a coupon that when redeemed – there is no apparent expiration date – and you can get an Egg White Delight for the princely sum of \$1.00). In addition, McDonald’s is also removing Angus beef from its menu and replacing them with three different Quarter Pounders. And finally, it’s that time of the year for **L & L Hawaiian Barbecue’s** annual 76¢ plate lunch promotion at the Keeaumoku location in the Walmart block. The promotion will be on Thursday, June 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The first ten (10) people in line will receive a one-month supply of Pepsi while the first one hundred (100) people in line will receive a free L & L t-shirt. Beware that for this promotion, people start to line up very early in the morning. Proceeds from the promotion will be donated to Goodwill Industries of Hawaii.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12	Sun	Mother’s Day
May 21	Tue	Executive Board Meeting Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.
May 23	Thu	Installation Banquet Empress Restaurant – 5:30 p.m.
May 27	Mon	Memorial Day
May 28	Tue	Board of Directors Meeting Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

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