

LANTERN

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Moon Festival

This year, the Chinese Chamber will be holding a Moon Festival observance on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26. Festival activities will include a “Taste of China” with numerous food booths offering food from various regions in China; entertainment by Chinese and local stars; Chinese gifts and crafts for purchase; a moon cake eating contest; moon cake and tea pairing; performance of the myth of the Moon Goddess; a health fair; lantern-making and a lantern parade at the Cultural Plaza; and a contest for the best lanterns made. This is billed as the largest Moon Festival in Hawaii, and so is an event not to be missed, especially since it will be FREE to the public. Small booths (8’ x 8’) as well as large and “premium large” booths (both 12’ x 12’) are still available. Rental for the stalls are \$250.00, \$450.00, and \$700.00 each, with the first two rental prices, partially underwritten by the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, good until September 4. The security deposit of the stall is refundable if the space is left in a clean condition. For more information on booth rentals (and sponsorships), please contact the Chinese Chamber right away at 533-3181 or 533-3886. NOTE: The limited seating lantern-making class and the moon cake and tea pairing are apparently being held on Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, respectively, so for more information, contact the Chamber.



NARCISSUS PAGEANT PRIZES

In the run-up to the 2016 Narcissus Pageant on January 9, 2016, Chamber members (and friends) are invited to donate for a variety of items to support the Narcissus Pageant.

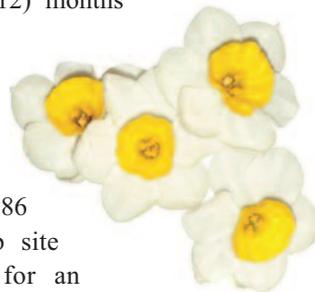
These include sashes for the four princesses (\$85.00 each); a sash for Miss Popularity (\$65.00); Miss Photogenic and Social Media trophies (\$60 each); floral bouquets for the third and fourth princesses (\$40.00 each); semi-finalist floral bouquets (\$60.00 per “package” of two); *cheongsams* for the Queen and four princesses (\$150.00 each); Hawaiian print contestant short *cheongsams* (five “packages,” \$170.00 per package of two); *cheongsam* fabric for the Narcissus Court (\$250.00); evening bags for Queen and princesses (\$150.00); judges’ dinner (\$600.00); and *lei* (\$150.00).

Donors for one or more categories will have their individual or company name(s) acknowledged in the Narcissus prize list in the Narcissus souvenir annual and in the Pageant program. Anyone donating \$700.00 or more will receive two complimentary Pageant tickets and a Narcissus souvenir annual. Thank you for your past support and thank you in advance for your generous support again this year. If you have questions or wish to make a donation, contact the Chamber at 533-3181 or 533-3886. Deadline for Pageant donations is Friday, September 12.



Narcissus Queen Search

Contestant applications for the 67th annual Narcissus Pageant on Saturday, January 9, 2016, are still being accepted. Contestants must meet the following criteria: Minimum of 25% Chinese ethnicity; single (never have married or given birth to a child); between the ages of 19 to 26 years of age on the pageant date; and a resident of Hawaii for at least twelve (12) months prior to the pageant. Young women meeting all of those criteria (or those of you knowing a qualified young woman) should contact the Chamber at 533-3181 / 533-3886 or go to the Chamber Web site (www.chinesechamber.com) for an application.



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President
Eddie Flores, Jr.

Aloha Folks:

I have been very busy since I returned from the Narcissus Trade and Goodwill Tour. During our executive board meeting on June 30, we discussed a number of issues. Foremost, we formed the committees for the Moon Festival on September 25 and 26 at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. I would like to thank **Mona Choy-Beddow**, **Gifford Chang**, and **Leonard Kam**, who volunteered to be the co-chairs. The Moon Festival is billed as the largest in Hawaii. There are many activities that include a moon cake eating contest, moon cake and tea pairings, lantern-making and lighting ceremony, a lantern parade in the Cultural Plaza, performance of the Moon Festival legend, "Taste of China," with food and craft booths, and many other activities. I am very excited because the Moon Festival will showcase our Chinese culture and history to the Hawaii community. **Frances Goo** was able to invite a lantern master from Shanghai at no cost to CCCH. The lantern master will arrive in Honolulu on September 17.

We were able to secure a number of major sponsors, such as the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* for \$3,000 cash and \$12,000 media support; L & L Hawaiian Barbecue for \$5,000 cash and \$5,000 media support; Howard Hughes Corporation for \$5,000 (split between the Moon and Narcissus Festivals); Hawaiian Airlines for seven coach and three business class tickets to China (split between the Moon and Narcissus Festivals); Servco Pacific for \$3,000 (split between the Moon and Narcissus Festivals); Bank of Hawaii for \$1,000; American Savings for \$1,000; **Walter Chang** for \$1,000; Panda Express for \$2,500; **Reuben Wong** for \$2,500; **Doug Ho** for \$2,500; DTRIC for \$3,000 (split between the Moon and Narcissus Festivals); HomeStreet Bank \$3,000 (split between the Moon and Narcissus Festivals); Philippines Airlines (3 round trip tickets to Asia); and more to come.

I especially would like to thank our board members **Reuben Wong**, **Douglas Ho**, **Walter Chang**, **John Zhang**, **Michael Yee**, **Joseph Hu**, **Betty Brow**, and **Mona Choy-Beddow** for their support of the Moon Festival. If you are interested in any food or craft booth, please contact Leonard Kam or Gifford Chang. The committee members have been working very hard on this project. I promise you that it will be an event that every Chinese Chamber member will be proud of.

I am starting to work on sponsors for the Narcissus Festival. I revised the sponsorship levels as follows: Platinum (Title Sponsor) \$10,000, Gold \$5,000, and Silver \$3,000. We plan to start our Narcissus Festival solicitation by the end of July.

I had a meeting at the Chamber office with **Wallace Chow**, the new Director General for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Honolulu. Director General Chow is a personable and friendly person. During our meeting, I mentioned the Moon Festival. Director General Chow agreed to sponsor the moon cakes and teas from Taiwan for our Moon Cake and Tea Tasting event. He also set up an appointment for me to meet with China Airlines for possible sponsorship. Later in the week, Mona and I met with Mr. **Hsiao Sui Wu**, the General Manager of China Airlines. Mr. Wu is very receptive to our Moon Festival, and he will consider sponsoring us with some airline tickets. Mr. Wu will get back to us in a couple of weeks.

The Chamber is looking for contestants for the 2016 Narcissus pageant. This is a great opportunity for young Chinese women to learn about the Chinese culture and for networking. **Michele Choy** usually has a great program to train and prepare the young women for the Narcissus Pageant. The qualifications for the contestants are: Minimum of 25% Chinese ethnicity, single (never been married or given birth to a child), at least 19 to 26 on the date of the Pageant, and a resident of the State of Hawaii for the past 12 months. If you have any candidate in mind who meets those qualifications, please call the Chamber office at 533-3181 or 533-3886. For additional information, please check the Chamber Web site: www.chinesechamber.com.

The Dragon Boat races will be held on July 25 at Ala Moana Beach Park. Once again, the Chamber will be sponsoring a team. Everyone is excited with the competition. Hopefully, we will bring home a trophy this year. I will give you a full report next month.

Aloha, Eddie

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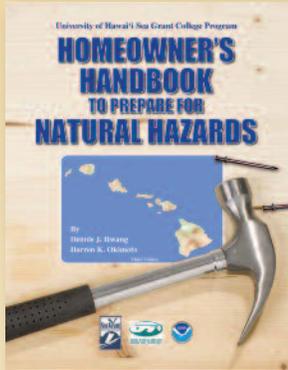
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

by Dennis Hwang



On July 30, the Chinese Chamber and the Chinese Chamber Foundation hosted, with the Filipino and Korean Chambers of Commerce, an emergency preparedness seminar. **Dennis Hwang**, past president of the Chinese Chamber and a faculty member at the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program (part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), spoke on the *Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards*. This is a book that Dennis wrote, and is now available in seven other states (Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Delaware, and Massachusetts), as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Guam.

The seminar covered hurricane risk in Hawaii; the close calls in 2014 with Hurricanes Iselle, *Julio*, and Anna; and the projections for 2015. It was mentioned that Oahu has been fortunate to not have been hit by a hurricane. Since Oahu has eight times more structures than Kauai, a strike like Hurricane *Iniki* in 1992 that damaged or destroyed 7,000 houses on Kauai, could result in over 50,000 damaged structures on Oahu. Within weeks of this seminar, Hurricanes Guillermo and Hilda passed near the islands. Then we heard from NOAA that the Pacific is experiencing the strongest El Niño in history. El Niño is when the waters of the eastern Pacific are unusually warm, which is very favorable for hurricane formation. Hurricanes *Iwa* in 1982 and *Iniki* in 1992 formed during El Niño years. Hawaii has entered the most active part of hurricane season, the months of August and September.

Dennis encouraged homeowners to prepare using the guidelines in the *Homeowner's Handbook*. Every family should have their emergency supplies ready so that they do not have to go to the store or gas station when there is a hurricane watch or warning. They should have an evacuation plan, so they know whether they will stay in their home or go to an emergency shelter during a hurricane. There may be a need to shelter because of high water (near the coast) or high winds (e.g., an older house not capable of withstanding hurricane forces). Public hurricane shelters are an option of last resort, as there is space for only 35% of the population.

Finally, methods to strengthen existing houses through retrofitting were covered, especially those built before 1988, when hurricane clips were not required. Dennis encouraged homeowners to spend 10% of any home improvement on making the house stronger rather than pretty. This could include adding hurricane clips, window protection, reroofing stronger when a roof needs replacement, and taking care of

trees near your house, a very common cause of high wind damage to homes.

A FREE interactive, electronic PDF file of the *Homeowner's Handbook* is available at: <http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/homeowners-handbook-prepare-natural-hazards>. FREE printed copies are available at the University of Hawaii Sea Grant office, located in the Hawaii Institute for Geophysics building on the Manoa campus. (Editor's note: In addition to Dennis's book, Hawaiian Electric's 2015 *Information Handbook for Emergency Preparedness* is available FREE at your nearest state library and may also be available at City Mill, Home Depot, and Lowe's).

Dragon Boat Races by Eula Chu

The annual Dragon Boat Festival was held on Saturday July 25, 2015, beginning about 8:00 a.m. and ending around 4:00 p.m. Once again, the dragon boat races were held at Ala Moana Beach Park. Our Chamber team was led by **Jessica Chen**, and racers included **Deborah Ing, James Soong, Ben Niu, Daniel Lu, Derick Guo, Jonathan Abedania, Rey Urbano, Michael Lam, Mark Shiroma, Dallas Wong, Chase Perry, Amanda Lee, Stanley Ching, Isabel Wiemken, Caroline Kim, Allen Ng, Megan Muramatsu, Jenny Chan Takemoto, Stuart Aldrich, Lane Hosaka, and Trent Tsukimura**. It was a rough-water day at Ala Moana, and a number of boats flipped over from surprisingly strong surf. We had a time of 2 minutes and didn't make it past the first race. However, we all had fun competing and that was the main thing.

We had about 40 attendees: Chamber members, many associate members, and friends. For a change of pace from Chinese food, we had lunch catered by Shaloha Pita, which offers Mediterranean food. We had *pita* bread with chicken *shawarma* (like Greek *gyros* and both are derived from Turkish *doner kebab*), *schnitzel*, *falafel*, salad, and *pita* chips; the hot sauce was a hit.

I would like to thank the coordinators from the Chinese Chamber, **Wen Chung Lin** and **Lucia Liang**, and coordinators from the associate members, Megan Muramatsu and Jessica Chen, for assisting me in coordinating the practices, lunch, and the overall event. A big *mahalo* to **Sherman Wong** for use of the tent; to **Paulette Bethel** and her family for bringing our lunch to us; to Dr. **Joe** and **Barbara Young** to helping subsidize our luncheon; and to everybody who came to support our team and contribute to the event.



Report on Current China Trip

by Jeff Lau

The Chinese Chamber associate members put on a fabulous show at the Chengdu Youth International Music Festival this year. Even former UH Chancellor and current Dean of the School of Social Sciences **Denise Eby Konan** got into the act, speaking to the audiences in Chengdu Hua, much to their delight! Again, 2008 Narcissus Princess **Lani Soon** produced and directed the entire production to rave reviews. Her shows have gained Honolulu the status of being first to be recognized during the opening ceremonies and a place of honor during the closing ceremonies. Once again, Lani and Nashville's popular **Jackson Wells** closed the opening ceremony with their emotional rendition of "Auld Lang Syne," joined by everyone on the indoor stage. Honolulu and the Chinese Chamber can truly be proud of the efforts put forth by associate members; 2008 Second Princess Leilani Soon, 2010 Third Princess **Karen Chang**, **Crystal Lin**, member **Chris Loo**; Lani's dancing partner **Nicole Luna**, who really



added a Hawaiian touch to the performances; and our Chamber member/volunteer in Chengdu, **Jun Ye Wei**, who was always ready to help. They really brought the *aloha* spirit to the great city of Chengdu and to the other 25 sister city delegations from around the globe.

Joining us on this trip to Panda Land was UH Dean Denise Konan, who along with escort Chamber Member Jun Ye Wei and I, had productive exchange visits to some of the best universities in Chengdu (which has a population of over 14 million and over 6.6 million in the surrounding area), including Sichuan University, the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC), Southwest University of Finance and Economics, and Sichuan Normal University. All are interested in furthering existing student exchanges or wish to start new programs. This was Dean Konan's first return to Chengdu Normal after she attended and taught English there nearly 30 years ago. What an emotional experience it was for her and the professor that she met there who had attended her *alma mater*, Goshen College in Indiana. Thank you Foreign Affairs Specialist **Lauren Yu Ran** for making this special event happen and Director General **Lu Sheng** and Deputy Director General **Zhong**

Laizhao for honoring us and making our trip a great success.

After Chengdu, Dean Konan and I visited **Sun Yatsen University** in Guangzhou, **Shenzhen University**, **UESTC Zhongshan Institute** as well as **China Hong Kong English School** that have students interested in attending the UH system. Deputy Director-General **Joe Zhang (JunFeng)** and **Rachel Chen** of the **Zhongshan Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau** assisted us with transportation and hosted us for a luncheon meeting about further sister city cooperation and made arrangements for us to visit the **Sun Yatsen Cui Heng Museum** for further collaboration with **Hamilton Research Library** at UH Manoa. We are much appreciative of the **Zhongshan municipal government's** assistance with the sister city programs.

During this trip, Dean Konan and I were able to deliver the last two **Narcissus Pageant** souvenir books to Director **Wang Ming Hui** of the **Guangdong Overseas Chinese Museum**, and he shared with us the new book on the life of **Sun Mei**, the Maui businessman and brother of Sun Yatsen. He also expressed an interest in displaying a **Narcissus Queen's coronation cheongsam** and **Crown** as part of their exhibit of **Overseas Chinese culture**. If anyone is interested in working with us on this project, please contact Chinese Chamber.

This trip ended with a lovely dinner with UH alumni at the **Salisbury Hotel** in Hong Kong, aided by the former General Manager, our dear friend **Aldrin Leong**, who has since retired to Honolulu! His staff did a wonderful job hosting the UH alumni with a great update and networking dinner. We were truly moved by the overwhelming response we received from the alumni and friends and can expect great things from them in the future.



Sun Yat-sen and Cultural Museum Student Ambassador Felicia Lau, Denise Konan, and Rachel Chen of Zhongshan Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau.

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The August 5 *Midweek Pa'aina* had photo coverage of Finance Factors' 20th annual charity breakfast. Among those photographed at the July 10 morning event were Chamber board members **Daniel Lau** and his son **Russell**. The breakfast donation was \$6.00 and proceeds this year and next go to Kupu's Capital Campaign to develop a Green Job Training Center in Kahuku.

The cover article for the August 2 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* "Dining Out"

section was about The Mandalay restaurant, owned and operated by long-time Chamber member **Linda Chan**. Photos accompanying the article featured steamed whole winter melon with seafood soup, steamed oyster rolls, and deep fried stuffed duck. The oyster rolls seem to be one dish not seen too often nowadays.

NEW MEMBERS

At its July 28 meeting, the Chamber board approved the applications for **Van Ko**, a Realtor®-Associate with Locations (recommended by **Frances Goo**); **Dean Sakamoto**, an architect and principal of Dean Sakamoto Architects LLC (recommended by **Walter Chang**); and **Wymond Wong**, new car inventory manager with Servco Pacific, Inc. (recommended by **Jeffrey Lau**). Welcome to the Chamber and we look forward to meeting you at the next Chamber event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 18 Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 20 Thu **Pau Hana and Networking Event**
HASR Bistro – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Aug 25 Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.
- Sep 3 Thu **2016 Narcissus Queen Pageant Orientation**
Hilton Hawaiian Village, South Pacific I & II – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sep 7 Mon **Labor Day**
- Sep 25 Fri **Moon Festival Celebration**
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
5:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Sep 26 Sat **Moon Festival Celebration**
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Sep 27 Sun **Mid-Autumn Festival**

Condolences

Long-time Chamber member **Anthony Ching** passed away unexpectedly on July 22. He was a co-owner and operator of Lambert & Sons Jewelers and the first Certified Gemologist in Hawaii. Anthony was a former Chamber president (1976-77) and emeritus director as well as a former president of the Ching Clan Benevolent Society, the United Chinese Society, and President of: the Hawaii Jewelers Association, and a member of the See Dai Doo Society. He is survived by his wife, **Amy**; son, **Alan**; daughter, **Lisa**; and brother, **Samuel**. Private services have been held. Our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the Ching family. A condolence book is available online until Thursday, August 25: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/DignityMemorial/guestbook.aspx?n=anthony-ching&pid=175387317>.

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