

LANTERN

September, 2015

Moon Festival

There are a variety of events scheduled for the 2015 Moon Festival. Chamber members, family, and friends are all cordially invited to participate in one or more of them. First off, on Saturday, September 19, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., there will be a lantern-making workshop at the See Dai Doo Society Hall, 1300 Pali Highway. The FREE workshop will feature a master from China teaching you how to make traditional Chinese lanterns. A registration form is available online at the Chamber Web site. On Sunday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, there will be a combination moon cake and tea pairing with *dim sum* tasting at the Empress Restaurant in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. The cost is \$20.00 per person. One of the event sponsors, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu donated moon cakes and teas.

A week later, on Saturday, September 26, there will be a moon cake eating contest for men, starting at 10:00 a.m., and for women, starting at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. This is a FREE event and presumably in each category, the grand prize is a year's supply of Pepsi Cola, a six-month Pepsi supply goes to the second place winner; and a three-month supply of Pepsi for the third place winner. There will also be a lantern contest and parade, apparently on both Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, at 8:00 p.m. You can use your own lantern or the one you made in the September 19 lantern-making class. And of course on both days, there will be the Moon Festival at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza, with booths offering items for sale as well as food from different regions of China.

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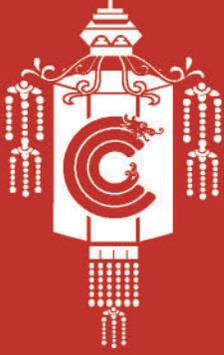


NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

If you or members of your family have unused, expired prescription drugs to be disposed of (NOT in the toilet or trash, please), this is your chance. This annual event will be held on Saturday, September 26, and you can drop off unwanted prescription drugs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at a number of locations throughout the state. On Oahu, drop-offs at the Hawaii State Capitol on Beretania Street, Kahala Mall, Windward Mall, Mililani High School parking lot, and the Navy Exchange (NEX) as well as the exchanges at Schofield Barracks and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Other locations may be added before that date, so you may want to check at https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/ntbi-pub.pub?_flowExecutionKey=_c3FD3385D-54E2-33F8-8F65-BF353849D779_kBD96EDA7-1461-44A8-2659-4D7F3AC95B2F

Community Clean-Up

The 12th annual Community Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, October 17, at Kaimuki High School. This is your opportunity to get rid of recyclable waste and perhaps turn trash into cash as well as donate canned goods to the Hawaii Foodbank (for its "Top 5 most wanted items," go to <http://www.hawaii-foodbank.org/pdf/Top5-Flyer.pdf>) and "gently used" clothing. For example, you can turn in computers/printers/scanners, one TV per vehicle, used household cooking oil, all kinds of batteries, and even exchange incandescent light bulbs for CFLs.



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President
Eddie Flores, Jr.

It is hard to believe that I've completed my third month as president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Time certainly flies when you are kept busy.

Thanks to the great job done by **Gifford Chang** and **Sherman Wong**, the Dragon Boat race was a great success; many Chinese Chamber members participated. Although the Chamber boat did not win, it did not dampen our members enthusiasm in cheering on our team. The sun was blazing hot. Fortunately, **Michele Choy** invited Shiseido Cosmetics, with a crew of volunteers, to pass out sun tan lotion. I met an old friend,

Alfred Wong at the event and was surprised to find out that he was **Reuben Wong's** older brother. I have known Alfred since I started my real estate business in 1972.

Thanks to **Dennis Hwang**, who gave a seminar on "How to Prepare for a Hurricane." It was an opportune subject since Hawaii was threatened by a hurricane that week. The seminar was conducted in the Chamber conference room with close to 30 people in attendance. Dennis also passed out copies of his book.

Other August events included an associate members meeting at One Ala Moana. A seminar on money and credit was presented to them. We also had members networking on August 12 at HASR Bistro. We had a very good turnout with close to 40 people. We were glad to see several Honolulu Chinese Jaycee members attending the function.

The Moon Festival is slated for Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26. Our committee chairs, **Mona Choy-Beddow**, **Gifford Chang**, and **Leonard Kam**, have been working overtime on this event. We need your help on all these events. Please note that there are two events – a lantern-making class on Saturday, September 19, and a combination moon cake and tea pairing as well as dim sum tasting on Sunday, September 20 – that are part of the Moon Festival. The FREE lantern-making class will feature a master from China and will be held at the See Dai Doo Society Hall while the moon cake-tea-dim sum event will be held at the Empress Seafood Restaurant. The ticket price is \$20.00. Please call **Lucia** for tickets. **Pamela Young** from KITV indicated that she plans to film the event.

The tentative program for the Moon Festival on Friday is 5:00 p.m., Grand Opening; 6:30 p.m., Comedy Show; and 8:00 p.m., Lantern Parade. Then on Saturday, entertainment starts at 9:00 a.m., the moon cake eating contest for males starts at 10:00 a.m. and for women at 10:30 a.m.; the Comedy Show is scheduled again at 6:30 p.m.; and the Lantern Parade again at 8:00 p.m. Thanks again to our members who helped to solicit our sponsors: **Reuben Wong**, **Doug Ho**, **Joe Young**, **John Zhang**, **Joseph Hu**, **Mona Choy-Beddow**, **Betty Brow**, **Michael Yee**, and **Walter Chang**.

Finally, we have eleven lovely contestants signed up. It is a great opportunity for young Chinese women to learn about their Chinese heritage and culture.

Aloha, Eddie

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

OCTOBER EVENTS

by *Mona Choy-Beddow*

Chamber members should mark their calendars for two FREE events in October. First, on Thursday, Oct 22, there will be a FREE seminar on "Where is the Gold Market Heading?" This will be presented by **Douglas Ho**, president of Classic Coins Hawaii Inc. The presentation will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chinese Chamber building. Then a week later, on Thursday, October 29, there will be a networking event: "How to network at a networking event." The presentation will be by **Jan Kaeo** of **Dale Carnegie** of Hawaii and will be from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hukilau in the Executive Center. (The cost is to be determined). In addition, there will be door prizes. Call the Chamber at 533-3886 if you plan to attend either or both events.

Doing Business with China Breakfast

Pacific Business News will be hosting its 2015 "Doing Business with China" breakfast at the Plaza Club, 900 Fort Street Mall (20th floor), on Friday, October 16. The speaker is **Manny Menendez**, who has 35 years of doing business in China and the Asia-Pacific region. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 6:45 a.m., program and question and answer period begin at 7:30 a.m., and the program concludes at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$40.00 and since the Chinese Chamber is a "supporting partner," Chamber members will receive a 10% discount. If you plan to attend, you can register online with a credit card at <http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/event/133992>. The discount promo code is **1016CCC**. Please note that the registration deadline is Monday, October 12; no refunds or cancellations after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13; and NO walk-ins or payments at the door.

HIREC/FIABCI Reception

On Friday, September 11, local and out-of-state real estate members of either the Hawaii International Real Estate Council (HIREC) or FIABCI or both organizations braved pouring rain to attend a HIREC-sponsored international reception at Oahu Country Club. FIABCI, the International Real Estate Federation, is a business network of real estate professionals worldwide, and members were in Honolulu for the Asia-Pacific Real Estate Conference, September 10-12. Also invited were representatives of Honolulu ethnic chambers of commerce: the Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Hong Kong-China-Hawaii, Indonesian, and African chambers of commerce. The Chinese Chamber contingent included (in alphabetical order) **Betty Brow**; former Realtor® **Gerald Chang**, CIPS, CRB, GRI; Realtor® **Gifford Chang**, ARM, CCIM, CPM and 2015 IREM president-elect; Realtor® **Stanley Ching**, CCIM, CIPS, AHWD, e-PRO, and SFR; **Russell Lau**; Realtor®-Associate **Joan Sato**; Realtor® **Judy Sykes**, CIPS, CRS, GRI, SRES., AHWD; and **Lily Tang**. (You'll have to ask the named real estate professionals what the various professional designations mean). Unfortunately, whoever organized the reception apparently was a novice at *pupu* selection since the food ran out after an hour or so.

FOREIGN RELATIONS REPORT

by Jeff Lau

The last several weeks have been busy for Chamber members, preparing for the mid-autumn Moon Festival while handling our international responsibilities. The Honolulu Chinese community hosted a dinner for China's Los Angeles-based Consul General, **Liu Jian**, and his wife on Thursday, August 23, to commemorate China's involvement in helping win World War Two in the Pacific. Nearly 100 people were in attendance at Panda Cuisine. This same group will host a China National Day Celebration at the Empress Restaurant on Saturday, September 26.

Later on Friday, August 31, many of us attended the Taste of Taiwan event at The Mandalay restaurant where visiting Taiwanese chefs prepared many of their culinary specialties for all of us to enjoy. Our very own Narcissus Princess and 2015 Miss Chinatown Hawaii **Stephanie Wang** introduced all of the wonderful dishes and shared emcee duties with United Chinese Society president and Hawaii state Representative **Calvin Say**. New TECO Director General **Wallace Chow** and his lovely wife hosted a table of foreign consuls from around the world, including retired Taiwan ambassador **Benjamin Liang**, now president of the Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs in Taipei, making this a particularly festive event with many of our members in attendance.

With several Chamber directors' assistance, the curators of our sister city Zhongshan's **Sun Yatsen** Museum in Cuiheng brought over two elaborate displays for us to enjoy in Honolulu. The first one, on Tuesday, September 1, presented by Chamber director **Yen Chun**, was opened at the Kapiolani Community College's LAMA Library, displaying many



prominent photographs of Sun Yatsen's life and Chinese friends in Hawaii. This display was set up by Museum Director **Zhang Yongmei**, who was accompanied by Chairman of the Museum **Hu Songke**, Deputy Curator **Lin Huaxuan**, translator **Anna Fen Wang**, and press officers. The public can view the photographic display at the main entrance and on the second floor of LAMA library.

The opening of their second exhibit took place on Thursday, September 3, at the Hawaii State Library, celebrating the birth of the Chinese revolutionary air force by Sun Yatsen's relative, **Sun Yet Young**, of Beitai Village, Zhongshan, and maternal grandfather of Chamber member **Leigh-Wai Doo**. Mr. Sun was instrumental in the development of the revolutionary air force. Leigh-Wai was assisted greatly by Chamber director **Cy Feng** and **Blossom Tyau** and hosted a large gathering interested in this aspect of revolutionary China.

Sandwiched between these two wonderful events, on Wednesday, September 2, I was fortunate to greet the People's Republic of China's delegation, Minister **Li Kexin** and Counselor **Tang Zhiwen** from the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C. The occasion was the 70th anniversary celebration of the Japanese surrender on board the USS *Missouri* and the end of World War II. They were instrumental in arranging the loan of the pen that Fleet Admiral **Chester Nimitz** used to sign the Japanese surrender agreement. Three pens were used, one by General of the Army **Douglas MacArthur** and two by Admiral Nimitz, of which one went to the ranking Chinese officer and was later discovered in the Nanjing Museum of History. Counselor Tang was able to have it delivered to the USS *Missouri* to be exhibited for only three days surrounding this event before it will be returned to Nanjing. (Editor's note: Nimitz and MacArthur, along with four other colleagues, were promoted to five-star rank in December 1944; Omar Bradley was promoted to that same rank in 1950).




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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 19 Sat **Lantern Making Workshop**
See Dai Doo Society Hall
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Sep 20 Sun **Moon Cake, Tea Pairing & Dim Sum Tasting**
Empress Restaurant
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Sep 22 Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.
- Sep 25 Fri **Moon Festival Celebration**
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
5:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Sep 25 Fri **Lantern Contest and Parade**
Chinatown Cultural Plaza – 8:00 p.m.
- Sep 26 Sat **Moon Festival Celebration**
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Sep 26 Sat **Moon Cake Eating Contest**
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
10:00 a.m. for men's contest
10:30 a.m. for women's contest
- Sep 26 Sat **Lantern Contest and Parade**
Chinatown Cultural Plaza – 8:00 p.m.
- Sep 27 Sun **Mid-Autumn Festival**
- Sep 29 Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

Russell Lau was one of five people interviewed for August 26 *Midweek* Poll. The question for the week was “What is your *pau hana* time ritual?” His answer: “I go to work out four days a week. The wife isn’t home yet, she works late, so I have to stay out of trouble.”

Now that she’s a retired “banker lady,” **Lily Yao** has time to pursue her golf avocation. She was photographed after the **Tadd Fujikawa** Invitational Golf Tournament in the September 2 *Midweek*. Unfortunately, whoever was taking down the names of those in the photographs grievously got Lily’s name wrong as “Lili Wao.” Ah, well, the tournament at Kapolei Golf Course benefitted the March of Dimes for an eighth year.

The September 3 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* featured a photo of **Doug Ho**, sponsor of the Miss Chinatown Hawaii Pageant, after the pageant with the newly crowned 2016 Miss Hawaii Chinese **Michelle Hee** and 2016 Miss Chinatown Hawaii **Tarah Driver**. Michelle will represent Hawaii in the 2016 Miss Chinatown USA Pageant on February 13 at San Francisco’s Palace of Fine Arts Theater. Driver will compete in the 2016 Miss Hawaii Pageant later next year. Congratulations, ladies, and best of luck to you next year in your respective pageants.

Chamber member and L & L Hawaiian Barbecue chief financial officer **Elisia Flores** appeared on the cover of the September 13 *Star-Advertiser* “Dining Out” section. Smiling and looking quite chic in a dark blue L&L t-shirt and holding an L & L bowl with barbecue chicken and lots of steamed vegetables to go along with the choice of white or brown rice. The barbecue chicken was also featured, along with a pork chop and teri steak and the usual “two scoops rice, one scoop mac salad.” (For those who dislike mayonnaise, you can always request “all-rice” instead). L & L is currently running an Ilima Awards Contest in which two winners will be invited to the October 12 event at the Diamond Head Theatre L & L will unveil a brand new dish to be added to the menu. Enter until the end of September by going to www.hawaiianbarbecue.com/contests or L & L’s Facebook page.

NEW MEMBERS

At its August 25 meeting, the Chamber board of directors approved the applications for **Judy Barrett**, a Realtor® and owner of Judy Barrett, Realtor® (recommended by **Eddie Flores, Jr.**); **Shelly Kamakura**, an assistant vice president and senior relationship banking officer with Central Pacific Bank (recommended by **Gifford Chang**); **Coreen Sarabia**, a Realtor® with Kauai Realty (recommended by **Eddie Flores, Jr.**); and **Christopher Sung**, vice president for Standard Sheetmetal (recommended by **Mona Choy-Beddow**). Welcome to the Chamber and we look forward to meeting you at the next membership event.

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