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The Mayoral Canded Forum organized by Quad Chambers held on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at the Mandalay Restaurant. (Photos courtesy of Mona Choy-Beddow)



## Chinese Medical Seminar

On Monday, October 17, a visiting eight-member Chinese delegation from the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office (OCAO) of the China State Council (*Guoqiaoban*) will present a FREE day-long medical seminar, open to medical practitioners, alternative medicine practitioners, and members of the public. The delegation is led by **Xu Li**, director general of the Shanghai OCAO.

The seminar and demonstrations will be held at the See Dai Doo Society building, 1300 *Pali* Highway, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the seminars, running from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., will cover Chinese herbal medicine, health care, and the way to keep in good health. Following a lunch break from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be health demonstrations that may include cardiovascular disease and hypertension, diabetes, rheumatism, acupuncture, and massage. Please RSVP right away, but no later than October 13, by calling the Chamber office at 533-3181 or by e-mail to [info@chinesechamber.com](mailto:info@chinesechamber.com).

## General Membership Meeting

There will be a combination general membership meeting and networking session on Wednesday, October 5. The general membership meeting will be held at the One Ala Moana building and is scheduled for 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. The networking event, "Hats and Chats" (wear your favorite hat or *chapeau*), will start at 6:00 p.m. and will run until 8:30 p.m. There will be heavy *pupu*, drinks, and prizes. Bring your non-member friends and business associates. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Call Lucia at the Chamber at 533-3181 so that there can be an accurate head count for the food and drinks.



*President*  
Mona Choy-Beddo

September was an extremely busy month for our Chamber as two major events were held in the same month. The 2nd annual Moon Festival at the Chinese Cultural Plaza, chaired by past president **Leonard Kam**, was home for the Moon Cake and Tea Tasting luncheon, a “sold out” event! (Thanks to all who attended). A lantern-making class was held at the United Chinese Society, with 49 people signed up. A big *mahalo* to

President **Wendell Foo** and the UCS for sponsoring the lantern-making class at their society hall.

Under the leadership of past president **Vernon Ching**, immediate past president **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, and 16 steering committee members, the 67th China National Day celebration was held at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. We were honored by the presence of Consul **Sun Weidong** of the Consulate General of the PRC in LA, Governor **David Ige**, and First Lady of Hawaii, **Dawn Amano-Ige**, who were among many distinguished leaders from government agencies, foreign consulates, and the Chinese community attending the sold out event. The attendees commented on how well the event was organized and how they thoroughly enjoyed the program and exceptional entertainment.

A fun networking and General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, that will be co-chaired by **Sherman Wong** and **Sarah Moy**. We are excited to introduce our new junior professional members (formerly associate members), who will be chaired by our 67th Narcissus Queen, **Ashley Fu**. We know that you will not want to miss this event, so please join us!

On Monday, October 17, a Chinese traditional medicine delegation will be visiting Hawaii and they are offering a FREE seminar and health demonstrations for our community. Please join us for this special event. A big *mahalo* to past president **Wesley Fong** and the See Dai Doo Society’s Board of Trustees for having this event at their society hall.

Lastly, I am thrilled to share the news that the long awaited, new air conditioning system for the Chamber building was completed in late September! We are now able to hold more Chamber meetings and training in our Chinatown Community Development Center.

With warm *aloha*, Mona

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Eddie and wife Elaine presented a \$100,000.00 check to Palolo Chinese Home in later September.

## Chinatown Halloween Party

The honorary Mayor of Chinatown, Dr. **Joe Young**, will present a Chinatown Halloween Party on Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. 67th Narcissus Queen **Ashley Fu** and her court will be there to pass out candies and be available for photos. Children wearing Halloween costumes are invited to attend and to participate in different categories of costume contests, workshops, photos with the Narcissus court, games, and to receive candies or prizes from various vendors. An RSVP is not needed. This is a fun and safe community event, so please share it with your friends and family.



Narcissus Tour Reunion:  
First course was the delicious  
steam fish.  
Left: Narcissus Queen Ashley  
Sauyu Fu, Pallas Beddow and  
Nainoa (tour member) at the  
Pacific club.



## Leadership Workshop

**Cynthia Yamasaki**, chief energizing officer and owner of EEPATH, will be the speaker at a FREE workshop on “Leadership for the 21st Century.” The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, and will be held in the Chinese Chamber Development Training Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cynthia will provide an overview of the shifts that leaders need to be aware of and how to enhance their leadership skills and effectiveness, now and in the future. Registration is required by Monday, October 31. Seating is limited, so call the Chamber right away at 533-3181.

## Environment Friendly

With the end of summer and the start of autumn on September 22, there are opportunities to do some house cleaning. This Saturday, October 8, there will be a “Going Green” event, collecting e-waste, such as old desktop and laptop computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, and cell phones, and other recyclable items at Kaimuki High School, 2705 Kaimuki Ave., from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Other Oahu e-waste events, are listed at [http://www.opala.org/solid\\_waste/calendar/Going\\_Green\\_events.pdf](http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/calendar/Going_Green_events.pdf). If you have documents to be shredded, FREE secure shredding will be offered by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Hawaii’s “Secure Your ID Day” at McKinley High School (entrance off Pensacola Street) on Saturday, October 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A release form, certifying that you own the documents to be shredded must be completed, preferably in advance, and can be downloaded at <https://www.hellosign.com/s/18a76a85>. Alternatively, on the second Saturday of every month, documents to be shredded are accepted at Hagadone Printing, 274 Pu’uhale Road, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

## Chamber Member Survey

On October 3, all Chamber members were sent a survey by e-mail. Several years ago, members were surveyed on why they joined the Chamber and what activities they were interested in. The membership committee co-chairs, **Sherman Wong** and **Sarah Moy**, are spearheading the latest effort to find out what Chamber activities members want to get involved in. Please complete the survey and return it right away to the Chamber. Your input is welcome and may also help in planning more events of interest to members.

## Data Security

On September 22, news broke that 500 million Yahoo accounts had been hacked or stolen. With reports from time to time of large corporations having their servers being broken into, individuals should take proactive steps to protect their data. The November 2016 issue of *CR/Consumer Reports* has a cover article on “How to Protect Your Privacy.” The 14-page article covers 66 ways to take control of and protect your e-mail, cell phone, computers (including laptops and tablets), and online accounts as well as protecting yourself from snooping gadgets (like “smart” TVs) and also unwanted snail mail. The only thing missing is a checklist, categorizing the steps needed to protect your data, and that involves a little work on the reader’s part.

## Kakaako Vendor Blender

The Hawaii chapter of the Institute for Real Estate Management (IREM) is holding a “Vendor Blender” trade show event in Kakaako. Sponsored by Kamehameha Schools, the FREE public event on Thursday, October 13, will be held at 449 Cooke Street, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m., and will feature food trucks on Cooke Street, a variety of vendors, a beer garden, and prizes. Chamber members will be given a \$100.00 discount on the booth fee. More information for vendors is available at <http://files.constantcontact.com/d3ec2551301/d654ff89-5f48-4427-8c11-0fe8525d7c6f.pdf>. Booth vendors can sign up by calling the Chamber at 533-3181.

## Ilima Award Restaurants

The list of 2016-2017 *Ilima* Award-winning restaurants appeared in a supplement to the October 9 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. In alphabetical order, they included Assaggio (**Thomas Ky**, five Oahu locations), Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant (**Alan Ho**), La Tour Café (**Thanh Quoc Lam** and family), and Little Village Noodle House. L & L Hawaiian Barbecue was one of four “casual” restaurants in the Star Circle, having been an *Ilima* Award winner for ten or more years. While not on the list, there are also **Linda Chan**’s The Mandalay, Alan Ho’s Seafood Village, Thanh Quoc Lam’s Ba-Le Sandwich & Bakery (sandwich shops in multiple locations), the late **Kwock Nam Lau**’s Royal Kitchen, and of course **Victor Lim**, with six McDonald’s franchises on Oahu. All are fine places to dine, with a variety of foods and prices to suit your taste and wallet.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 5 • Wed

### General Membership Meeting

One Ala Moana – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Oct 10 • Mon

### Columbus Day

Oct 17 • Mon

### Chinese Medical Seminar

See Dai Doo Society – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oct 22 • Sat

### Halloween in Chinatown

Chinatown Cultural Plaza

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Oct 24 • Mon

### Executive Board Meeting

Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.

Oct 25 • Tue

### Board of Directors Meeting

Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

Oct 31 • Mon

### Halloween

Nov 3 • Thu

### Leadership Workshop

Chamber Office – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Nov 11 • Fri

### Veterans Day

Nov 24 • Thu

### Thanksgiving Day

## MEMBER NEWS

According to an article by **Allison Schaefer**s in the September 21 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, one of Asia's largest independent media and communications corporations, Tokyo-based Vector Inc., will acquire Honolulu-based PacRim Marketing Group Inc. and its sister companies PRTech LLC and PacRim Marketing Tokyo KK. PacRim was founded 26 years ago by **Dave Erdman**, its CEO and president, who later established PRTech in 2004. Dave will remain as president and CEO of both Honolulu-based businesses. While local employee numbers will remain the same, local clients will have larger opportunities in the many Asian markets where Vector is already established, with offices in Shanghai, Beijing, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

Congratulations to **Lisa Kam**, daughter of former Chamber president **Leonard Kam** (and wife **Lori**), for winning the "Outstanding Community Leaders—Youth" award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Hawaii chapter. Lisa and the other six winners will be honored at a National Philanthropy Day luncheon on Wednesday, **November 16**, at the Sheraton *Waikiki* hotel. The luncheon is part of a day-long conference, "Philanthropy: A Catalyst for Change," which will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The conference fee, including the luncheon, is \$240.00 for non-AFP members while the luncheon only is \$150.00 for non-AFP members. For more information or to register, go to [afphawaii.org](http://afphawaii.org), email [office@afphawaii.org](mailto:office@afphawaii.org) or call 527-2426.

Also to be honored by the AFP, Hawaii chapter, as an "Oahu family who have made philanthropy a treasured heirloom" are immediate past Chamber president and L & L Hawaiian Barbecue president, CEO, and founder **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, and his daughter, L & L chief financial officer **Elisia Flores**. In keeping with the family's philanthropy, Eddie and wife **Elaine** presented a \$100,000.00 check to *Palolo* Chinese Home in later September.

The September 25 *Star-Advertiser* featured a photo of long-time Chamber director and title sponsor for the Miss Chinatown Hawaii Scholarship Pageant **Douglas Ho**, with 2017 Miss Chinatown Hawaii **Chelsie-Ann Mow** and 2017 Miss Hawaii Chinese **Stephanie Wang**. The two lovely young women were selected at the Miss Chinatown Hawaii Pageant on Saturday, September 17. Stephanie is a young professional Chamber member and will compete in the Miss Chinatown USA Pageant in San Francisco on Saturday, **February 4**, 2017. (Interestingly, the current Miss Chinatown USA is named **Stephanie Wong** from Millbrae, just down the Peninsula from San Francisco, while the entire 2016 court is from the Bay Area).

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