



THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII

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Chamber Christmas Party

On Thursday, December 15, the Chamber's Christmas party will be held at the Empress Restaurant in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. The festivities begin with no-host cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and will go on throughout the evening, with after-dinner games, door prizes, and Christmas caroling. The cost is \$30.00 per person. If you plan to be there, please contact the Chamber at 533-3181 to reserve your place(s). Kindly RSVP not later than Wednesday, December 14.

Quad Chambers Lege Panel

The Filipino Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, January 7, at the Ala Wai Golf Course clubhouse. Starting at 9:00 a.m., there will be a FREE breakfast, with a panel of legislators, who will outline their plans for the Lege session that opens in mid-January. Members of the Quad Chambers – Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, and Korean – are cordially invited to attend and to voice their concerns that may be addressed by legislation. The panel discussion will be moderated by **Bennette Misalucha**. More details will be provided as they become available.

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United Chinese Society Installation Banquet

Chinese Chamber former president, *Victor Lim* was installed as the new president for the United Chinese Society; and Chamber immediate past president, *Eddie Flores, Jr.*, was honored as the UCS Citizen of the Year.



Narcissus Festival

In January, 2017, the Narcissus Festival will be in full swing. The 68th annual Narcissus Queen Pageant will be held on Saturday, January 7, at the Hawaii Theatre. Fourteen lovely young women will be competing for the coveted title

of Narcissus Queen. Their months of hard work – poise, talent, and research for a question on their Chinese heritage – will be on display. Then on Friday, January 20, the new Narcissus Queen and her court, escorted by Chamber officers, will visit various stores and restaurants in Chinatown as part of the annual Chinatown Open House. On both Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21, there is the Chinese New Year Celebration at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. Chinese New Year – a Rooster year – will be on Saturday, January 28. (In case you're wondering, the Coronation Ball will be held after the start of Chinese New Year, and after a hiatus of several years, there will be a Narcissus Fashion Show).



President
Mona Choy-Beddow

In November, we partnered with Rhythm Media Group from California, and we welcomed and celebrated the 150th anniversary of Dr. **Sun Yat-Sen**'s birth. A special photo exhibition, seminars, documentary movies, and a gala dinner were held at the beautiful Tapa Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort and Hotel. Our heartfelt gratitude to Chairman and President **Xie Yining** for selecting Oahu for this wonderful celebration.

Our chairwomen **Michele Choy** and our 68th Narcissus contestants are in the midst of preparing for the upcoming Narcissus Pageant to be held at the nostalgic Hawaii Theatre. Public appearances were held at various venues on Oahu, showcasing our beautiful contestants, who presented themselves so elegantly. I want to take this opportunity to thank Michele for her commitment and dedication to our Chamber; all of the events that she chairs are always a great success. Please support your Chamber and the contestants by attending the 68th Narcissus Queen Pageant on Saturday, January 7, and our signature event, the Coronation Ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Saturday, February 4.

I am so excited to announce that our former president, **Victor Lim**, will be installed as the new president for the United Chinese Society and our Immediate Past President, **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, will be honored as the UCS Citizen of the Year at their upcoming banquet on Sunday, December 4, at the Empress Restaurant. Please congratulate and join them at the banquet. We are so proud of you, Victor and Eddie!

With warm *aloha*, Mona

Happy Holidays!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are ready for another exciting Christmas holiday in paradise. The next membership event will be our annual Christmas networking and party at the Empress Restaurant on Thursday, December 15. It will be a fun event and I hope to see you there!

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

Year End Donations for the Chamber's Training and Visioning Center

by Dennis Hwang

As the end of the year approaches, now is a great time to make your year end donations to support the renovations for the Chinese Chamber's Training and Visioning Center.

When the Chinese Chamber bought their first ever building in 2008, we established a Training Center and curriculum so we could provide free classes in business, marketing, law and other areas to our members and the entire community. New renovations to the conference room, and the Chamber building, will allow the Chamber to expand AND FULLY IMPLEMENT OUR educational mission by creating THE Chinatown Visioning Center.

Through the Visioning Center, educational programs, plans, policies and implementation strategies can be developed to cover critical issues THAT WILL IMPACT Chinatown such as rail, transit oriented development (TOD), public transportation in general, affordable housing, increasing tourism and creating a vibrant, walkable community. WE MUST PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CHINATOWN'S FUTURE TO PRESERVE ITS UNIQUE AND HISTORIC CHARACTER WHILE POSITIVELY INFLUENCING CHANGES WHICH ARE ABOUT TO COME.

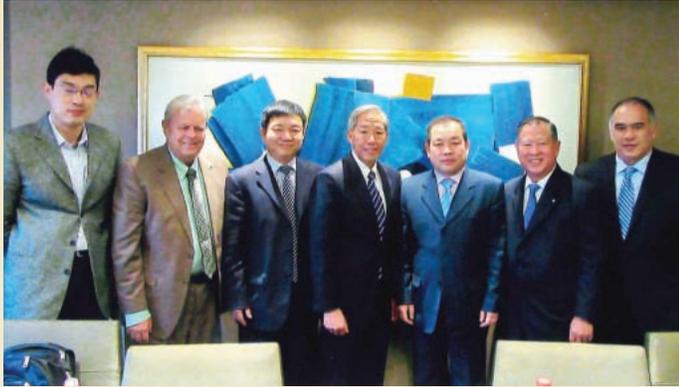
Your donations will go to IMPROVING THE conference room and FOR building renovations that will make this VISION A REALITY. Please,

make your checks out to the Chinese Chamber Foundation (a 501 (c)(3) organization), if you would like to make a charitable donation, or the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (a 501(c)(6) organization), if you wish to make a business deduction. A formal fundraising effort will kick off in 2017, with naming opportunities for different levels of support. Your donations in 2016 will count for the recognition plaque to be created in 2017. Please contact the Chinese Chamber at 533-3181 for more information.



Hawaii Veterans Delegation

by Wesley Fong, COL (Ret.), U.S. Army



HVGD 7 Panel with China "Think Tank" Scholars in Beijing.

On November 4, I led the latest delegation of retired local general officers (and their spouses) to China: Major General **Darryll Wong**, Major General **Peter Pawling**, and Brigadier General **Braden Sakai**. We visited Beijing, Hangzhou, and Shanghai.

In Beijing, we visited the China Air Museum and its collection of over 400 planes; Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall. The delegation participated in a panel discussion with representatives from a Chinese "think tank," discussing the future of China-U.S. relations in light of a new U.S. president (to be inaugurated on January 20, 2017); the South China Sea claims; and prospects for stability in the Korean peninsula. That evening, the delegation was hosted at a grand banquet by Vice President **Xin Oi** at the private dining room atop the Beijing Hotel, overlooking Tiananmen Square.

Our next stop was beautiful Hangzhou, a city which few Narcissus Goodwill Tours have visited in the last 30 years. We cruised Hangzhou's famous West Lake (*Xi Hu*). We also visited the well-known (at least to tea aficionados) Dragon Well tea (*longjing cha*) farm and a silk farm.

Leaving Hangzhou, the delegation took a bullet train to Shanghai. Upon arrival, they participated in a panel with professors from the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, another Chinese think tank. They discussed similar international issues as they had in Beijing. That evening, we were hosted to another grand banquet, this one at the State Guest House. We were hosted by Senior Advisor (President) and Vice Admiral (Ret.) **Zhao Guojun**, former commander of the PLA Navy's East Sea Fleet. The next day, the delegation visited the former French Concession, the famous Jade Buddha Temple, the Shanghai Museum, and the Bund (*waitan*), which runs along the west bank of the Huangpu River and is a portion of Zhongshan East Road (*Dong Lu*).

The delegation agreed that, thanks to the CAIFC and the Chamber, the HVGD program has been very successful in promoting friendship and a better understanding between China and

the U.S., and more so, the two countries' militaries to help maintain stability and peace in the Pacific region.

[Editor's Note: The first Narcissus Goodwill Tour to China (previous GWTs had toured around Asia: Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Singapore, Bangkok, and Hong Kong), led by **Mel Chow** in 1981, visited both Shanghai and Hangzhou. Real China hands know that Hangzhou was an important site that Premier **Zhou Enlai** included in the 1972 itinerary of the first U.S. president to visit China. The sites visited by the HVGD are located in the historic city center of Shanghai in Puxi. Pudong and the "skyline of Shanghai" across the Huangpu River are fairly recent developments. In 1983, Pudong was still largely agricultural land and a run-down backwater, and it was not until 1990 that the Chinese government set up a Special Economic Zone in Chuansha, creating the Pudong New Area. For those interested in the earlier history of Shanghai, a "good read" is **Noel Barber's** *The Fall of Shanghai: The Splendor and Squalor of the Imperial City of Trade, and the 1949 Revolution That Swept an Era Away* (1979). The end papers in the hardcover edition are a map of historic Shanghai, showing the U.S-British International Settlement, the French Concession, the racecourse where the Shanghai museum is now located, and the Bund.]



CAIFC banquet hosted by CAIFC Vice President Xin Qi.



HVGD 7 Panel with Shanghai Institutes for International Studies.

Chinese Cookbooks

Christmas is rapidly approaching, and as usual, among the gift books that may be used and enjoyed by your favorite cooks, there are a couple of interest to those who enjoy Chinese food. At Costco, there is the latest by British cookbook writer **Fuchsia Dunlop**, *Land of Fish and Rice: Recipes from the Culinary Heart of China* (2016). Ms. Dunlop spent a year studying as a chef in Sichuan's leading cooking school, the Institute of Higher Cuisine in Chengdu, and is the winner of four James Beard awards for her writing on Chinese food.

According to Ms. Dunlop, who has previously written cookbooks about Sichuan (2003) and Hunan (2007), her latest book is about the cooking of the *Jiangnan* (literally, "south of the river," the river in this case being the *Yangzi Jiang*) region: The southern parts of Jiangsu and Anhui provinces and the northern part of Zhejiang province. In her opinion, "I know of no other [Chinese cuisine] that can put one's heart so much at ease as the food of Jiangnan," a "land of fish and rice" (*yu mi zhi xiang*).

Also at Costco is the complementary *China: The Cookbook* by **Kei Lum Chan** and **Dora Fong Chan**, including dishes from around China. According to the Chans, there are four main geographical areas in China with Eight Great Cuisines and flavors: North (Shandong) – salty, East (Anhui,

Jiangsu, and Zhejiang) sour, South (Guandong and Fujian) – delicately sweet, and West (Hunan and Sichuan) – spicy. In addition, in their estimation, there are also smaller regions: Northeastern (Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang), Northern (Hebei, Henan, Beijing, Tianjin, and Shanxi), Northwestern (Xinjiang, Gansu, Shaanxi, and Ningxia), Western (Tibet and Qinghai), Southwestern (Yunnan, Guizhou, and Guangxi), Central (Hubei and Jiangxi) as well as Buddhist vegetarian, Hong Kong, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai, and Taiwan.

One of the recipes in the Chans' cookbook is for "General Tso's Chicken," named for a famous Qing dynasty General **Tso Tsong-Tang**, who loved spicy food. The dish was actually invented by Taiwanese chef **Peng Chang-Kuei**, who passed away on November 30 at the age of 98. Both Peng and Tso were from Hunan and the name of the dish was a hint that it was spicy, not doused with a sweet-sour sauce as served in many U.S. Chinese restaurants. (And it may reflect the lack of knowledge between "light" but salty soy sauce and "dark" but somewhat sweet soy sauce. That lack of knowledge is apparent in comments to Dunlop's version at the online *New York Times*: "recipe box," which uses small amounts of both light and dark soy sauce, but no sweeteners).



Sui Wah School

Mandarin & Cantonese Classes for Children, Youths, and Adults

Sui Wah School has Cantonese classes for children ages 3-18 and adults, Mandarin classes for children (ages 3 to 12) and adults. For children Mandarin classes, the teacher/students ratio is 1-6 and we offer one hour of tutorial/review every week. For Cantonese classes, students will learn both Cantonese and Mandarin (we dedicate one third of the time for Mandarin). **Enrollment is ongoing, join anytime!**



Classes begin in January!

Cantonese:

Starting- January 8, 2017
Sundays, 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Children Mandarin:

Starting- January 8, 2017
Sundays, 9:00 – 12:00 noon
2 hrs. of instruction; 1 hr.
of review/tutorial

Adult Mandarin & Cantonese:

Starting- January 22, 2017
Sundays, 9:15-11:15a.m.

All Classes end in May

For more information call 597-4661 www.suiwah.org 135 N. Kukui St.

The November 30 *Midweek* "Pa'aina" section included photos of people attending the **Sun Yat-sen** 150th Anniversary Commemoration dinner at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Tapa Ballroom on November 12. They included **Elvira Lo**, her brother **Terry Lo**, Dr. **Joe Young**, **Nicole Chong**, **Tina Au**, and **Victor Lim** (and wife **Anita**). Other Chamber members were there, but missed (or avoided) the *Midweek* photographer.

On Friday, December 2, the Hawaii Chinese Civic Association Christmas party was held at Maple Garden restaurant, with 54 members and friends squeezed into the meeting room. Starting a bit late around 5:40 p.m., there was a seven-course dinner as well as time for a couple of Christmas carols, three games that really made you think, and a number of door prizes. Among those attending were Dr. **Joseph Young**, **Betty Brow**, **Tina Au**, and **Gerald Chang**. Thanks to having organized the Christmas party four years in a row, the sister-brother team of **Elvira** and **Terry Lo** kept things moving so that everyone could leave a little after 8:00 p.m.

Chamber members who subscribe to the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* will likely have seen **John Berger**'s "On the Scene" column in its December 4 "Sunday Magazine." Following a

brief biography of long-time Chamber director **Douglas Ho**, Berger asks five questions, regarding Doug's latest project (serving as executive producer on the documentary "Finding 'Kukan'"); the Miss Chinatown Hawaii Pageant's "two queens;" his favorite memory of **Muhammad Ali**, who Doug has known since 1968; his inspiration for the **Beatrice Young** Foundation's philanthropy; and the one coin he's looking for to add to his personal coin collection.

The United Chinese Society held its annual installation of officers and presentation of its Citizen of the Year award on Sunday, December 4, at the Empress Restaurant. There were quite a few Chamber officers and directors present to see the installation of former Chamber president **Victor Lim** as 2017 UCS president and presentation of the 2016 UCS Citizen of the Year award to immediate past Chamber president **Eddie Flores, Jr.** As those who have Hawaii real estate licenses and have taken classes from Eddie, true to form, he kept his acceptance speech light (and short), with quite a few jokes – with all his practice, he could give lessons on timing to retired Chief Justice **Ronald Moon**, who swore in the incoming UCS officers.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
Presents

68th Narcissus Festival Queen Pageant



Date: Saturday, January 7, 2017
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Hawaii Theatre Center
1130 Bethel Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Price: \$34 and \$29 (\$3 Facility Fee & \$1 Promoter Fee inclusive)

R.S.V.P. by Thursday, December 29, 2016
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Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
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68th Narcissus Coronation Ball

Saturday, February 4, 2017
Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom
No-Host Cocktails – 5:00 p.m.
Dinner and Program – 6:00 p.m.
Dancing – till 11:45 p.m.

Premium Table of 10 – \$980
(with one bottle each of red wine and white wine)

Supporting Table of 10 – \$880

Individual Ticket – \$88

R.S.V.P. by January 23, 2017
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 4 • Sun
Chamber's Annual Visitation
Palolo Chinese Home
5:30 a.m.

Dec 13 • Tue
Executive Board Meeting
Chamber Office – 12:00 p.m.

Dec 15 • Thu
Membership Christmas Party
Empress Restaurant
5:30 p.m.

Dec 20 • Tue
Board of Directors Meeting
Empress Restaurant
12:00 p.m.

Dec 25 • Sun
Christmas Day

Jan 1 • Sun
New Year's Day

Jan 7 • Sat
68th Narcissus Queen Pageant
Hawaii Theatre Center
8:00 p.m.

Jan 16 • Mon
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 20 • Fri
Chinese New Year Celebration
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Jan 20 • Fri
Chinatown Open House (Choy Cheng)
Chinatown District
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Jan 21 • Sat
Chinese New Year Celebration
Chinatown Cultural Plaza
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Jan 28 • Sat
Chinese New Year Day

Feb 4 • Sat
68th Narcissus Coronation Ball
Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom
5:00 p.m.

MEMBER NEWS

New Members

At its November 29 meeting, the Chamber board approved the applications for 16 Young Professionals, most of them contestants in the upcoming 68th annual Narcissus Pageant in January.

Amanda Awai, a student in counseling parents with special needs children at UH Manoa; **Jielin Chen**, a student at Kapiolani Community College; **Daniel Cheong**, a sales representative with ADT Business (recommended by **Eddie Flores, Jr.**); **Karen Cho**, a student of interior design with no school stated; **Shin-yeh Chow**, a student at KCC; **Lesly Goo**, a Hawaiian Airlines flight attendant and owner-instructor of Tahiti Toa School of Dance; **Hok Keung Hui**, a student of accounting and marketing at UHM; **Michelle Lai**, a music teacher; **Erica Lee**, a student at the UHM John A. Burns School of Medicine; **Candice Liang**, a student at UHM who has studied at Nanjing University of Science and Technology and California State University; **Courtney Liu**, a public relations coordinator at Neiman-Marcus; **Morgan Liu**, a health manager and medical graduate of Carnegie Mellon University; **Frankie Wong**, a student in fashion and design at the UHM; **Monica Woolley**, a law student with no law school stated; **Jingru Wu**, employed by Atlantis; **Josephine Yu**, a student at Leeward Community College. Welcome to the Chamber and we look forward to meeting you at the next membership event.

Condolences

Prof. **Chian-Leng Chia**, specialist *emeritus* with the Department of Tropical Plant and Soil Services, UH Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and a long-time Chamber member and *emeritus* director, passed away unexpectedly on November 16. Born in Singapore, “Leng” spent 25 years at UH Manoa and contributed much to the growth of tropical fruits (especially bananas, papayas, and macadamia nuts) in Hawaii, and appropriately, was winner of the Golden Banana Award from the Hawaii Banana Industry Association and the State of Hawaii. Even after his retirement in 2005, Leng was still on campus daily, taking courses and lunching with friends and former UHM colleagues. He was also active with the Chinese Chamber, attending all or most of its events, including the Narcissus Festival and Chinese New Year celebration. A life-long food lover, Leng will be missed by many. Our sincere condolences and deepest condolences to his life partner, **Marietta Nip**; his relatives in Singapore, Penang, and Thailand; and his many friends and colleagues in Hawaii.

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