

# LANTERN

March, 2016



Above: Eddie and Mona attended a ceremony for unveiling the statue of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen on March 11, 2016 at Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu. (Photo courtesy of Mona Choy-Beddow)

Honolulu Festival Parade 2016

(Photos courtesy of Jeffrey Lau)

## FREE Marketing Seminar

Chinese Chamber president, L & L Hawaiian Barbecue founder and CEO, and author and lecturer **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, will be presenting a FREE seminar on "Impact Marketing." Eddie's presentation on Wednesday, March 16, will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end around 7:30 p.m. at the Hawaii National Bank Training Room. Due to the size of the room, seating is limited to the first 35 people who RSVP by calling Lucia at the Chamber at 533-3181 or e-mail [info@chinesechamber.com](mailto:info@chinesechamber.com). Light refreshments will be served and maybe there will be samples of L & L's famous chicken *katsu* or its *ramen* burgers.

## HCCA Spring Banquet

The Hawaii Chinese Civic Association will hold its spring banquet at the Empress Restaurant in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza on Thursday, April 21, from 6:00 p.m. On the menu will be a seven-course dinner with ham and dried scallop soup, deep-fried stuffed tofu, crispy skin chicken, Capital pork chops, sin choy with beef, eggplant with shredded beef, and sam see e-mein. The dinner speaker will be Reed Riggs, a Ph.D. candidate in Chinese language, who will talk about "How many Chinese languages do you speak?" Cost of the dinner and program is \$27.00 per person or \$270.00 for a table of 10. Make your checks payable to "Hawaii Chinese Civic Association" and mail to Sharon L. Pang, P. O. Box 235085, Honolulu, HI 96823-3501. If you have any questions, call Sharon at 888-9888.

## General Membership Meeting

On Thursday, April 12, there will be a general membership meeting, together with a meet and greet with the 67th annual Narcissus Queen and Court. This exciting night, filled with fun, food, and prizes, will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. At this date, the place is still to be determined, so stay tuned for more details as they become available.

## Chamber Board Member Election

On Friday, March 4, the annual election of Chamber board members was held. Newly elected board members are **William Chang**, general manager of Mobile IT Force; **Gabriel Lee**, American Savings Bank executive vice president for commercial markets; and **Cynthia Yamasaki**, chief energizing officer for CYM Consulting LLC, dba EEpath. Re-elected to the board were **Gifford Chang**, **Jonathan Cook**, **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, **Patrick Graham**, **Alan Ho**, **Jan Leu**, **Linda Louie**, **Peggy Luu**, **Mangmang Qiu**, **Angeline Shiroma**, **Delwyn Wong**, **Sherman Wong**, **Pearl Yuen**, and **Sonny Zhang**.



President  
Eddie Flores, Jr.

February has been a very busy month to attend dinners and banquets hosted by the Chinese societies and organizations to welcome the Year of the Money. I would like to thank **Mona Choy-Beddow** and **Gifford Chang** for taking my place whenever I was unavailable to attend. I must have gained ten pounds.

The first joint trade mission to the Philippines with the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (FCCH) was a great success. We left Honolulu aboard Philippines Airlines on February 16, with 40 delegates representing the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and 10 from FCCH. We were met at the Manila airport by representatives of the Philippine Tourism Department, with *pikake* leis and red carpet treatment.

In the morning of the first day, we visited the *Intramuros* or the Walled City and Old Manila for sightseeing and lecturing on Manila real estate. Our bus was accompanied by four motorcycle police officers who cleared traffic for us. We made a stop to visit Manila Mayor **Joseph "Erap" Estrada**, former president of the Philippines. We were welcomed by a band and police officers in formation, who saluted us as we entered the city hall. After a lunch hosted by the Philippine Tourism Department, we visited Malacañang Palace on a private tour. We stopped by the Consuelo Foundation on our way back to the hotel. I would like to thank Chinese Chamber director **Jon Matsuoka**, who hosted us with great snacks at the

Consuelo Foundation. In the evening, I went to a Chinese restaurant to eat shark fin and bird nest soups.

On the second day, the four motorcycle police officers again came to escort us to the Philippine Economic Department. We listened to an update on the Philippine economy. We were hosted by Mayor **Guia Gomez** of San Juan City, sister city of Maui County, for a delicious Chinese lunch. There were many Filipino-Chinese business-people who networked with us during our lunch. The group went to shop at Greenhills after lunch. I requested four body guards to accompany some of our female shoppers. In the evening, we were hosted at the Makati Business Club (similar to the Pacific Club in Honolulu) for dinner.

On the third day, we visited Tagaytay, a major tourist attraction. We heard a lecture on Philippine real estate as we drove to the outskirts of Manila. I hired a masseur to massage everyone on the bus. Wells Fargo Mortgage Company hosted us lunch. Unfortunately, all of the good restaurants were booked in Tagaytay, but we managed to eat at an open-air hole-in-the-wall restaurant. We got a taste real local food. Fortunately, nobody got sick.

On the fourth day, part of the group traveled to Cebu. I left with my wife, **Elaine**, for Myanmar for 10 days of rest and recuperation. It was not easy to manage a group of 50 people on a tour. If you missed the Philippine trip, you can still join us for the Narcissus Queen Goodwill and Trade Tour to China in June. **Mona Choy-Beddow**, who will have been installed as president by then, will be leading the group to Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, and Shanghai.

Lessons that many of us learned in the Philippines. 1. It is safe in Manila. 2. Filipino-Chinese run most of the big businesses. 3. People are very friendly and most speak English. 4. We look like Filipinos in Manila. 5. It was fun to travel to the Philippines.

I would like to thank **Mona** for conducting the February board of directors' meeting while I was away.

The Power Networking session on March 10 was very well received. We had over 40 participants who gathered at *Sistina Cafe*. Many of them were not Chinese Chamber members. We started with an introduction by **Tina Au** and myself about the Chinese Chamber's activities. Our speaker did a great job explaining about networking. We divided into five groups for networking. We rotated the groups until we had an opportunity to meet everyone. We had many door prizes to give away. Thanks for **Tina** and all the members for organizing the event.



Photo courtesy of Linda Louie

Congratulations to **John Zhang** who opened "Uncle Tetsu," a Japanese cheesecake store at Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, (part of a new operation for Panda Express). He brought 10 boxes of the famous Uncle Tetsu cheesecake for drawings. You must go to Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center to purchase a box of their cheesecake. It is very different from American cheesecake. It

tasted more like a French soufflé. It is *ono*. Thanks to **John** and Panda Express for bringing Uncle Tetsu to Hawaii.

A reminder that the Chinese Chamber will be conducting a free seminar on "Impact Marketing" on Wednesday, March 16, at the Hawaii National Bank conference room. Thanks to **Bryan Luke** from Hawaii National Bank for co-sponsoring the event. The seminar is open to everyone.

Aloha, Eddie



Photos courtesy of Douglas Ho

Director **Douglas Ho** closed January with a bang while attending the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony, with **Marcus Mariota**, quarterback for the Tennessee Titans; **Manti Te'o** linebacker for the San Diego Chargers; **Ronnie Stanley**, offensive tackle for University of Notre Dame; and **Michael Bennett**, defensive lineman for the Seattle Seahawks. February was again a whirlwind month for Douglas and past president and emeritus director **Reuben Wong** as both celebrated Chinese New Year in San Francisco. Douglas was a special guest of basketball legend **Yao Ming** at his winery in Napa Valley. The next day, Douglas was in the grandstand to watch a magnificent three-hour Chinese New Year parade through downtown San Francisco and Chinatown, later joining Mayor **Ed Lee** and 50 other guests for a nine-course VIP dinner at the famous R&G Lounge.

On February 4, the 2012 Narcissus fourth princess **Cherie Ching**, now attending law school at Suffolk University in Boston, was featured in a *National Jurist* article, "Law Student of the Year: Cherie Ching, Suffolk University." She is the leader of Suffolk Law's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and was recognized for leading a team that raised \$7,000 for the Harry H. Dow scholarship. Now in her third and final year of law school, Cherie is being honored as one of 25 future lawyers in the *National Jurist's* inaugural "Law Student of the Year" feature.

On February 20, the Consular Corps of Hawaii's 192nd anniversary awarded its Distinguished Service Medal to former Dean of the Corps and Honorary Consul of Belgium **Jeffrey Lau** for "exemplary invaluable and tireless efforts in support of the Consular Corps of Hawaii." Other award recipients that evening at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel include former Honorary



Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Lau

Consul of France **Patricia Lee** (Lifetime Achievement Award), former Governor **George Ariyoshi** (Distinguished Service Award), and Honorary Consul for Spain and Portugal **John Henry Felix** (Special Service Award).

According to the March 2 *Midweek* Hotshots, Hawaii National Bank raised \$5,414.60 for the Salvation Army during the 2nd annual Four-Corner Red Kettle Challenge in December. HNB president and chief operating officer **Bryan Luke** was photographed presenting an oversized check to two Salvation Army representatives. In the same issue, the Honolulu Pa'ina had photos from the Hawaii Chinese Association's February 2016 Spring Festival and installation banquet at the Pacific Beach Hotel, and **Linda Louie** and **Joseph Hu** were among those attending while **Gabe Lee** was photographed at the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's Young Professionals kicked off a professional development series.

The March 9 *Midweek* Pa'ina included photos from the January 30 Narcissus Coronation Ball with **Ronald Young**, **Victor Lim**, **Douglas Ho**, **Jan Leu**, **Michele Choy**, **Angie Shiroma** (and husband **Randal**), **Vernon Ching**, **Edward Pei** (and wife **Gayle**), **Betty Brow**; 2016 Narcissus Queen **Ashley Fu**, second princess **Jill Lau Fukumoto**, third princess **Jessica Cheng**, and contestant **Leslie Ching**; 2015 Narcissus first princess **Nicole Chong**, second princess **Christina Yee**, and 3rd princess **Michelle Lam**; and 2012 second princess **Stephanie Wang**.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 4	Fri	<b>Chamber General Election Day</b> Chamber Office – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mar 9	Wed	<b>Quad-Chamber MOU Signing Ceremony</b> T Galleria – 6:00 p.m.
Mar 10	Thu	<b>Power Networking Pau Hana</b> Café Sistina – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Mar 16	Wed	<b>Marketing Seminar</b> Hawaii National Bank Training Room 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Mar 22	Tue	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b> Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.
Mar 25	Fri	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> <b>Election of 2016-2017 New Officers</b> Empress Restaurant – 11:30 a.m.
Mar 25	Fri	<b>Good Friday</b>
Mar 27	Sun	<b>Easter Sunday</b>



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