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67th Narcissus Mahalo Party

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2016 Installation Dinner

The annual installation banquet for the Chamber's 2016-2017 officers will be held on Thursday, May 19, at the Empress Seafood Restaurant. In addition, we'll honor and recognize Chamber annual awardees: Outstanding Narcissus Festival Volunteer, Outstanding Chamber Volunteer, Outstanding Business Person, and Lifetime Achievement. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m., and dinner and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The "early-bird" rate will be \$38.00 per person or \$360.00 for a table of ten if made by Thursday, May 12. Afterwards, it will be \$40.00 per person or \$380.00 for a table of ten. Please RSVP by Monday, May 16. Sponsorships with premium seating for a table of ten and a "vendor booth" are available: \$1,000.00 for Platinum, \$750.00 for Gold, and \$500.00 for Silver. Contact the Chamber office at 533-3181 to reserve your space.

TO YOUR HEALTH

Skin cancer screening. Each year, the Queen's Cancer Center offers FREE skin cancer exams, performed by doctors from the Hawaii Dermatologic Society. This year, it will be held on Wednesday, May 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but sign-in and registration begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call **Darlene** at 691-8984.

Stroke kills. Almost 130,000 Americans a year. One American every four minutes. Stroke is also a leading cause of serious long-term disability, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So on Wednesday, May 25, or again on Friday, May 27, The Queen's Medical Center will have a FREE presentation on "How to Prevent and Survive a Stroke." Join **Matthew Koenig, M.D.**, neurologist and associate medical director of neurocritical care at Queen's, for an informative hour that will cover: Signs and symptoms; prevention; treatment with clot buster medications; new interventions to restore blood flow to the brain; rehabilitation; and statewide efforts to ensure that patients receive the highest quality of stroke care in Hawaii

The presentations will be in Kamehameha Auditorium, located on the first floor of the Kamehameha wing of the hospital, right by the Queen's Cancer Center. Space is limited and reservations are required. Register online or call The Queen's Referral Line at 691-7117. Parking is available for a \$5.00 flat

rate with validation in the Physicians Office Building I, Physicians Office Building III (enter from Lauhala St.), and Miller St. parking garages. Please note that Miller parking is now valet service only, but the cost is the same \$5.00 flat rate with validation, and gratuities are not mandatory. Enter Miller from Punchbowl St. The recommended place to park is POB 1 parking garage. Take the POB 1 parking elevators to the 1st floor. Head toward the hospital and follow the red path toward Kamehameha Auditorium.



President
Eddie Flores, Jr.

Hi folks:

Since I just returned from Brussels and Paris yesterday, I will make my final message very short. It has been a long and busy year as president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Let me briefly summarize some of our key activities and events during my term:

The Chamber installation banquet was held in May.

The Narcissus Queen Trade and Goodwill Tour *via* Hawaiian Airlines took place in June.

We started a successful Moon Festival and a new event, “A Taste of Moon Cakes and Tea” in September.

We had a great Narcissus Festival with the Queen pageant, Chinatown open house and lion dances/ *choy cheng*, and the Coronation Ball. We included new event, “A Taste of Chinese New Year,” this year.

In February, with members of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, we had a joint trade mission to Manila.

We signed a quadripartite agreement with the Japanese, Korean, and Filipino Chambers so that we can share our activities with each other.

We submitted a \$300,000 grant-in-aid request to the State legislature. Although we did not obtain any money this year, we learned our lessons and will try again next year.

The Flying Tigers exhibit at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island was a great success.

We will be having a joint Chamber-Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association golf tournament on May 26.

And during the year, we were able to solicit many new sponsors, such as Hawaiian Airlines, the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, the Howard Hughes Corporation, Hawaiian Electric, Kaiser Permanente, the Hawaii Carpenters Union, Philippine Airlines, etc.

We also had many networking sessions and seminars, covering topics such as “impact marketing” and preparing for weather emergencies.

I would like to thank all of the office staff, members, directors, and executive board members for their support and contributions to all the above events and activities. . Since I was the new kid on the block, **Robert Yu** started to mentor me two years ago. **Mona Choy-Beddow** spent endless hours working with me. **Tina Au**, **Gifford Chang**, **Michele Choy**, **Jonathan Cook**, **Leonard Kam**, **John Chang**, **Gerald Chang**, **Frances Goo**, **Alvin Wong**, **Dennis Hwang**, **Yu Shing Ting**, and **Vernon Ching** are just a few members to mention for their efforts this year. I would be remiss if I did not mention our office staff, **Wen Chung Lin** and **Lucia Liang**, who have done a great job. Please forgive me if I missed any names, but I’m getting over jet lag. You all did a fantastic job in making the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii a great organization.

Finally I would like to congratulate our president-elect, Mona Choy Beddow, and her team of newly elected officers, wishing them a successful year. I plan to be around and to offer my assistance whenever possible to the Chinese Chamber in the future.

Again, a big Mahalo to everyone.

Aloha, Eddie

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

GMM and Meet and Greet

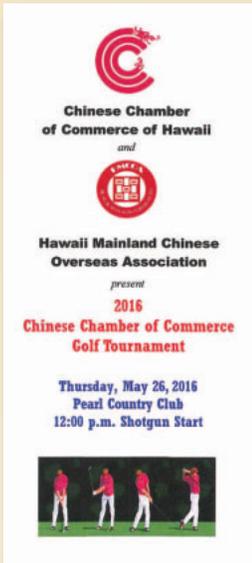
There will be a general membership meeting (GMM) and an opportunity to meet 2016 Narcissus Queen **Ashley Fu** and her court on Tuesday, May 24, at the *Hokua* condominium, 1288 Ala Moana Boulevard. The GMM will be held from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., and is for the purpose of adopting newly amended By-Laws as approved by the Chamber board at its April 26 meeting. Then from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Chamber members and friends are invited to meet and greet the 2016 Narcissus Queen and court. There will be heavy *pupu* and door prizes. The cost of this event is \$25.00 for Chamber members, \$30.00 for non-members. To reserve a place for yourself and your guests, call the Chamber at 533-3181.



LANTERN ADVERTISING RATES

Chamber members wishing to publicize their services or goods to our 300-plus members should be aware of the following rates: \$150.00 full-page, \$75.00 half-page, \$40.00 quarter-page, and \$25.00 for business card-size ads. To run your ad, contact the Chamber at 533-3181.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce/ HMCOA Golf Tournament



Please join us for a day packed with fun and fellowship. The golf tournament, jointly presented by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association, will be held on Thursday, May 26, at the Pearl Country Club. Player check-in and lunch begin at 10:30 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 12:00 noon. The awards banquet starts immediately after completion of play. Maximum handicaps are 30 for men and 36 for women. The format is three-person scramble, with minimum of four (4) drives and a maximum of two (2) putts once on the green. There will

be team and door prizes as well as prizes for closest to hole, and hole in one (\$10,000 cash prize split between first player and Chinese Chamber). The entry fee is \$145.00 per player and \$435.00 for a team of three. Title, eagle, and birdie sponsorships are available and tax-deductible contributions to the Chamber are welcome. To register, please click on the link [2016CCCHGolfregistrationForm.pdf](#) or contact the Chamber office at 533-3181 if you have any questions or to register.

Annual Food Drive

The Hawaii Bankers Association's (HBA) ninth annual drive to benefit the Hawaii Foodbank began on April 18 and runs through May 31. Food and monetary donations are being accepted at nearly 300 bank branches throughout the state. HBA members participating in the food drive include American



Savings Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Finance Factors, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii National Bank, and HomeStreet Bank. The "Top Five Wanted Items" are canned protein (meat, tuna, chicken), canned meals (stew, spaghetti, chili), canned vegetables, canned fruit, and rice. With monetary donations: \$4.80 provides four days of meals for a hungry child; \$10.00 helps the Foodbank distribute enough food for 25 meals; \$16.80 provides dinner for a family for a week; and \$36.00 one month of meals for a senior. Last year, bank customers and employees contributed 29,000 pounds of food and nearly \$77,000 in donations. Tellers at participating branches will accept cash donations.



Pearl Harbor Boat Tour

Last call for the boat tour scheduled for Wednesday, June 8. As mentioned previously, this is a special boat tour around Pearl Harbor, circumnavigating Ford Island. It has been offered from time to time in the past and those who have taken the opportunity have been glad that they did so. This June boat tour, as has been the case starting in 2013, is primarily for the members of the Punahou Class of 1966, which is celebrating its 50th reunion. The tour is preceded by a short film at 3:30 p.m. and the boat tour lasts about 90 minutes.

On the boat tour, you will see the ships "mothballed" in Naval Inactive Maintenance Facility in Middle Loch, the entrance to Pearl Harbor, the drydock facilities, the naval shipyard, the submarine base, and the USS *Missouri* before stopping at the USS *Arizona* Memorial. Please note that between June 13 and June 26, the dock of the Memorial will be dismantled, removed, and replaced, and it may be a while before the next tour or at least stops at the Memorial. That being the case, call Lucia at 533-3181 if you're interested in going so that your name can be added to the tour manifest. (More information and a boat tour map will be provided for those signing up for the boat tour).



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8 • Sun
Mother's Day

May 19 • Thu
**105th Chinese Chamber
Installation Banquet**
Empress Restaurant – 5:30 p.m.

May 23 • Mon
Executive Board Meeting
Chamber Office – 6:00 p.m.

May 24 • Tue
**General Membership Meeting
and Meet & Greet Event**
Hokua – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

May 26 • Thu
**2016 Chinese Chamber of
Commerce Golf Tournament**
Pearl Country Club – 12:00 p.m.

May 30 • Mon
Memorial Day

May 31 • Tue
Board of Directors Meeting
Empress Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

Jun 5 • Sun
**2016 Narcissus Queen
Goodwill Tour departure**

Jun 17 • Fri
**2016 Narcissus Queen
Goodwill Tour return**

Jun 19 • Sun
Father's Day

MEMBER NEWS

According to the May 12 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, state senator **Suzanne Chun Oakland** has announced that she will not run for re-election this year. “Susie” has served a total of 26 years in the state House and Senate, focusing on human services programs and serving as a strong advocate for the disadvantaged and the needy. According to the article, she was instrumental in launching more than 100 caucuses, informal committees or other organizations, involving thousands of people in lobbying the legislature and working to make the legislature more transparent.

In the same issue of the *Star-Advertiser*, former Chamber president **Wesley Fong** had an op-ed, “Chinatown’s seniors need more than just housing,” published. Noting that Chinatown is changing in terms of variety of cuisine as well as entertainment venues, he also points to increasing numbers of senior residents, at a rate four times greater than the general population. As a former president of Palolo Chinese Home, Wes stresses the need for the Chinatown Community Center, combined with affordable housing project on River Street, as an alternative to more expensive long-term care homes and as a way for seniors to remain physically and mentally active.

Lisa Kam, daughter of former Chamber president **Leonard Kam** (and wife **Lori**), was photographed at the May 7 Maryknoll School scholarship dinner at the Sheraton Waikiki. She was named the 2016 Monsignor **Charles A. Kekumano** Scholar and recognized for her scholastic achievements, demonstrated commitment to community service, and interest in honoring and perpetuating Chinese culture in Hawaii. Lisa’s *haku* and *lei*-bedecked photo appeared in the May 16 *Star-Bulletin*.

New Members

At its April 26 meeting, the Chamber board of directors approved the applications for **Brandon Dela Cruz**, marketing director for L & L Hawaiian Barbecue (recommended by **Eddie Flores, Jr.**), and **Courtney Viernes**, outreach representative for Argosy University (recommended by Joseph Hu).

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