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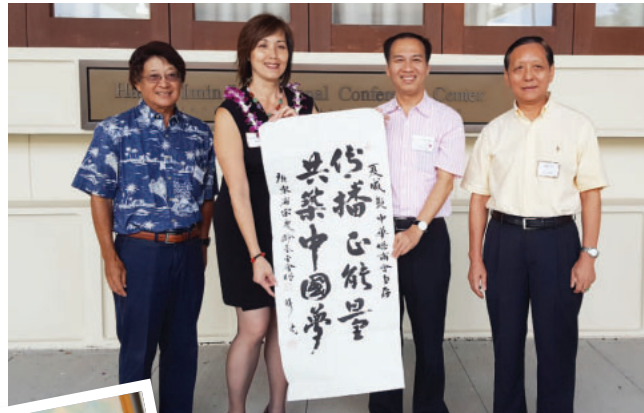
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Sun Yat-Sen 150th Anniversary Forum

Mr. Cai Yanzhao, Secretary General of the Guangdong Soong Chingling Foundation presents a calligraphy to Chinese Chamber President Mona Choy-Beddow at Dr. Sun Yat-sen 150 Anniversary Forum on Saturday, 8/6/16 at Imin Conference Center, Keoni Auditorium, University of Hawaii.

Left: At the Forum, Rose Sun Tchang and Pearl Sun Lin. (photo by K Russell Ho)



At the welcome banquet, Warren and Carolyn Luke, Brian and Linda Schatz and Deputy Consul General Wang Lei. (photo by Linda Louie)



Co-sponsor organizations presented lei to Dr. Sun's Statute - Wen Chung Lin, Yen Chun, Gay Yuen, Mona Choy-Beddow and Lucien Wong. (Photo by Dick Ching)



Moon Festival Celebration

The Mid-autumn Festival occurs on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, according to the Chinese lunar calendar. This year, the date falls on the Gregorian or western calendar on Thursday, September 15. The Chinese Chamber and United Chinese Society are sponsoring the now annual mid-autumn or Moon Festival Celebration on Friday and Saturday, September 9-10. Once again, the locale is the Chinatown Cultural Plaza, and the hours are 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday. This FREE event will include Chinese entertainment; Chinese craft and food booths; Chinese lantern-making and a lantern parade; moon cake and dim sum tasting and tea pairing (see following article); and for those who really, really love to eat moon cakes, a moon cake eating contest. Small (8' x 8'), large (12' x 12'), and premium large (12' x 12') booths are available at \$300.00, \$500.00, and \$600.00, with refundable clean-up fees of \$150.00, \$250.00, and \$300.00. Small booths and a couple of large booths are still available, so call the Chamber at 533-3181 to reserve your booth.



Moon Cake-Tea Pairing

As part of the weekend Moon Festival Celebration, on Saturday, September 10, there will be a moon cake and dim sum tasting and tea pairing. The event will be held at the Empress Restaurant in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$25.00 per person or \$200.00 for a table of ten for yourself and nine others. Last year, the event was sold out, so don't wait since seats are limited. Call the Chamber right away at 533-3181.

Lantern-Making Workshop

The Chinese Chamber will hold a lantern-making workshop on Sunday, September 11, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the United Chinese Society Hall, 42 North King Street. Children 14 years and older may attend. However, seating is limited to the first 50 registrants only. Please contact the Chamber office right away to reserve space.



President  
Mona Choy-Beddo

Since my return from the fabulous Narcissus Goodwill tour, the first order of business was to identify and assemble the 2016-2017 Standing Committee chairs. We are very fortunate to have many talented and supportive board members and individuals who are so willing to chair the various committees and give of their valuable time. A big *mahalo* to the 2016-2017 Standing Committee chairs! I look forward to our continued partnership.

Your executive committee has been busy planning this year's Narcissus Festival and related activities. Our first major event is the second annual Moon Festival in partnership with the United Chinese Society and chaired by our past president **Leonard Kam**. It will be held on Friday, September 9, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be many food booths, live entertainment, moon cake

eating contests, lantern parades, and more! We thank you in advance for your participation and support in attending.

Also on Saturday, September 10, the second annual Moon Cake and Tea pairing event will be held at the Empress Restaurant. You will have the unique opportunity to taste special moon cakes made in Hawaii, China, and Taiwan, courtesy of **Wallace Chow**, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Honolulu. Individual tickets will be on sale for \$25.00 for individuals and a table of 10 for a discounted price of \$200.00. This was a SOLD OUT event last year, so call the Chamber at 533-3181 and reserve your tickets early.

A big *mahalo* to **Eddie Flores**, whose continued efforts to promote our Moon Festival, led us to secure two major sponsors! The *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* for \$3,000 cash and \$12,000 in media support, and L & L Hawaiian Barbecue for \$5,000 cash and \$5,000 in media support.

Eddie and I also had the privilege of meeting with **Hsiao Sui Wu** of China Airlines, our new sponsor this year! China Airlines generously donated 5 round-trip airline tickets to Hong Kong. Our returning sponsor, **Soledad Solleza** of Philippine Airlines, kindly donated 2 round-trip tickets to Asia. Other notable sponsors are the Hawaiian Electric Company; **Walter T.C. Chang**, CPA; American Savings Bank; the Pepsi Company; the TECO Office Honolulu; and my company, HomeStreet Bank. Our Public Relations co-chairs **Yu-Shing Ting** and **Brandon Dela Cruz** are actively promoting this event, using various media channels. A press release was sent by Eddie Flores. Social media promotions were done by our social media chair, **Jon Cook**. We anticipate more people attending this year than in the past, so please volunteer to assist in whatever capacity you can. Also, if you are interested in any food or craft booths, please contact our Chamber office for more information.

Chamber members were also honored to attend the **Sun Yat-sen** 150th Anniversary Forum on Saturday, August 6. Chaired by **Leland Sun**, great-grandson of Dr. Sun, the forum was well attended by over 160 delegates, including Sun family members, elected officials, and organizations from around the world. The family of Dr. Sun wanted to spread his message, "To strive and promote world peace, justice, and equality." It was inspiring and heartfelt.

Calling all young Chinese ladies! The Chamber is now accepting contestants for the 2017 Narcissus Pageant. This is a great opportunity for our young Chinese ladies to learn about our Chinese culture, their family origin, and a chance to visit China in 2017. If you know anyone who may be interested, please visit our Chamber Web site for more information.

Lastly, I wanted to congratulate our Dragon Boat Race chairwoman, **Eula Chu**, and her team. They were successful in advancing into several heats, and everyone who attended enjoyed a day of fellowship and delicious food under our beautiful Hawaiian sky.

Great teamwork everyone! I am so blessed to work with all of you!

Aloha, Mona

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



At the invitation of the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC) the seventh Hawaii Veterans Goodwill Delegation led by Colonel (R) Wesley Fong will be visiting China in November, (L-R) COL. Wesley Fong, BG Braden & Mrs. Sakai, President Mona Choy-Beddo, MG & Mrs. Peter Pawliing, MG & Mrs. Darrell Wong.

## National Day Celebration Banquet

On October 1, 1949, Mao Zedong announced the *kaiguo dadian* (or freely translated, the birth of a new nation) from atop *Tiananmen* or the Gate of Heavenly Peace. The China National Day Celebration Committee, comprised of a number of Chinese organizations and societies in Honolulu, is planning a China National Day celebration banquet on Saturday, September 24. The banquet will be held at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant in Ala Moana Center, with dinner and the program beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person or \$300.00 per table of 10. Sponsor tables are available: Silver (\$500.00 per table), Gold (\$750.00), and Platinum (\$1,000.00). Kindly RSVP by Friday, September 2, by calling the Chamber at 533-3181.



## Narcissus Festival

With the approach of the annual Narcissus Festival, the Chamber is once again looking for patrons and sponsors. The levels and contribution amounts are: Silver Patron (\$150.00), Gold Patron (\$300.00) and Platinum Patron (\$400.00). In addition, there are two patron packages available: Presidential Patron (\$600.00) includes two tickets to the Pageant, two tickets to the Coronation Ball, and two copies of the 2017 Narcissus souvenir book while the Emperor Patron (\$1,500.00) includes four tickets to the Pageant, a table for ten at the Coronation Ball, and four copies of the souvenir book. The names of all patrons will be printed in the Narcissus souvenir book; due to publishing deadlines, however, the patron reservation must be received by the Chamber office not later than Thursday, September 15.

In addition, generous donors are once again being sought for Pageant award donations: Miss Talent sash (\$65.00), Miss Popularity sash (\$65.00), Miss Photogenic sash (\$65.00), Miss Social Media sash (\$65.00); and Miss Social Media trophy (\$60.00). First Princess floral bouquet (\$40.00), 2nd Princess floral bouquet (\$40.00), 3rd Princess floral bouquet (\$40.00), 4th Princess floral bouquet (\$40.00), two semi-finalist floral bouquets (A) (\$60.00), two semi-finalist floral bouquets (B) (\$60.00), and two semi-finalist floral bouquets (C) (\$60.00). Queen's *cheongsam* (\$150.00), 1st Princess *cheongsam* (\$150.00), 2nd Princess *cheongsam* (\$150.00), 3rd Princess *cheongsam* (\$150.00), 4th Princess *cheongsam* (\$150.00), *cheongsam* fabric (only) for Court \$250.00, and evening bags for Queen and Court (\$150.00). Judges luncheon (\$250.00), Judges dinner (\$600.00), and multiple *lei* (\$150.00). Donors will be acknowledged by name in the printed Pageant program and the Narcissus souvenir book. Again, due to publishing deadlines, donations must be made not later than Thursday, September 15.

## Sun Yat-Sen 150th Anniversary Forum

*Yen Chun, Emeritus Director*

On August 6, the Sun Yat-sen Center Foundation, chaired by **Leland Sun**, great-grandson of Dr. Sun, presented the Sun Yat-sen 150th Anniversary Forum at the East-West Center. The theme was "Sun Yat-sen: Supporters and Legacy." The forum was attended by over 160 delegates, including Sun family members, elected officials and organizations from around the world, academics, supporters, and the general public. The co-sponsors of the event were the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, along with the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Hawaii Foundation, Confucius Institute at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the China **Soong Ching Ling** Foundation of Beijing, and the Chinese American Museum of Los Angeles.

We had amazing speakers as well as stories and history told by the delegates. The moment that stayed with me the most was the humility of my two cousins, the only granddaughters of Dr. Sun, **Pearl Sun Lin** and **Rose Sun Tchang**. They were here to spread Dr. Sun's message "to strive to promote world peace, justice and equality." In this day and age, full of hatred and chaos, Dr. Sun's teaching of "Universal Love" and "The World is for All" have even more significance.

I worked with an amazing team, planning eight events over four days. The welcome banquet was held on August 4 at Waialae Country Club and was attended by 130 guests, including dignitaries from Hawaii: U.S. Senator and Mrs. **Brian Schatz**, state Senator **Susie Chun-Oakland**, Speaker Emeritus **Calvin Say**, and Councilwoman **Carol Fukunaga**. Deputy Consul General **Wang Lei** and Consul **Wang Xuezheng** from the PRC Consulate General in Los Angeles honored us with their presence.

On August 5, I led over 83 people on a "Sun Yat-sen trail" in Honolulu, covering all the historical sites, including Punahou and Iolani Schools; St. Andrew's Cathedral where Dr. Sun used to attend services on Sundays; the original site of *Xin Zhong Hui* (Revive China Society); the old American Theater site; *Zhongshan* School; and *Mun Lun* School. In the afternoon, **Doug Chong**, a local Chinese historian, led the group to visit sites in Waipahu identified with Dr. Sun's elder brother, Sun Mei, and uncle as well as the location where Dr. Sun's revolutionary funding campaign took place.

On August 7, the group went to Maui for a visit, including Sun Mei's ranch in Kula, and was received by Maui Mayor **Alan Arakawa**. Returning to Honolulu, the rain storm did not lessen the enthusiasm of the group. A closing banquet was held at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant that night. All the out-of-town delegates and the Sun family members told us how much they enjoyed the trip because they learned so much from all the speakers and descendants of Dr. Sun's supporters who participated in the events.

Many Chamber directors, officers, and members attended some of these events. I want to give special thanks to **Eddie Flores, Jr.**, for supporting us from the very beginning; President **Mona Choy-Beddow** for attending the *lei* greeting ceremony at Dr. Sun's statue and giving welcome remarks at the forum; director **Mangmang Qiu** for being the mistress of ceremonies for the welcome banquet; **Lucia Liang** for helping with public registration; **Wen Chung Lin** for doing all of the behind the scenes work, including coordinating with the Chinese Consulate for their visit; **Linda Louie** for taking photos at the events and providing her big, beautiful portrait of Dr. Sun to decorate the stage at the forum; and all those who attended the forum.



At the Forum, Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say presented proclamation from House and Senate to Leland Sun. (photo by K Russell Ho)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 4 • Thu  
**Quad Chambers Mayoral Candidates Forum**  
The Mandalay Restaurant • 5:00 p.m.

Aug 6 • Sat  
**Women and Money Conference**  
Japanese Cultural Center Manoa Grand Ballroom  
8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Aug 6 • Sat  
**Sun Yat-sen 150th Anniversary Forum**  
Imin Conference Center, Keoni Auditorium,  
University of Hawaii at Manoa campus  
8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Aug 23 • Tue  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
Chamber Office • 12:00 p.m.

Aug 30 • Tue  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Empress Restaurant • 12:00 p.m.

Sep 5 • Mon  
**Labor Day**

Sep 9 • Fri  
**Moon Festival Celebration**  
Chinatown Cultural Plaza • 5:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Sep 9 • Fri  
**Lantern Contest and Parade**  
Chinatown Cultural Plaza • 8:00 p.m.

Sep 10 • Sat  
**Moon Festival Celebration**  
Chinatown Cultural Plaza • 9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Sep 10 • Sat  
**Moon Cake, Tea Pairing & Dim Sum Tasting**  
Empress Restaurant • 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Sep 10 • Sat  
**Moon Cake Eating Contest**  
Chinatown Cultural Plaza • 2:00 p.m.

Sep 10 • Sat  
**Lantern Contest and Parade**  
Chinatown Cultural Plaza • 8:00 p.m.

Sep 11 • Sun  
**Lantern Making Workshop**  
United Chinese Society Hall • 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Sep 15 • Thu  
**Mid-Autumn Festival**

Sep 24 • Sat  
**67th China National Day Celebration**  
Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant • 6:00 p.m.

Sep 29 • Thu  
**Social Media**  
Location TBA • 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

## MEMBER NEWS

So far this month, Chamber members have been captured in *Midweek* Pa'ina photos at a number of community events. In the August 3 issue, **Elisia, Elaine, and Eddie Flores, and Russell Lau** attended the Changing Faces Women's Scholarship Seminar at Kapiolani Community College, but on the facing page, with photos from the Finance Factors annual charity breakfast at Finance Factors Center, Russell wasn't in any of the photos although he is Finance Factors' vice chairman and CEO. The same issue also had photos from the United Chinese Society's 59th annual banquet, attended by **Victor Lim, Suzanne Chun Oakland, Eddie (and wife Elaine) Flores, and Joe Young**. The August 10 *Midweek* had photos of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce Installation with **Eddie and Elisia Flores, Betty Brow, and Brandon Dela Cruz** attending. According to the August 17 *Midweek*, the Certified Realty Specialists (CRS) dinner at Dave & Buster's was attended by Realtor® **Judith Sykes**. And in the August 24 *Midweek*, the "Good Neighbor" column spotlighted Realtor® and Chamber director **Brandon Lau** and Locations LLC's The Choice Group team and its KupunaWiki.

Several Chamber members have changed employers. Chamber director **Sarah Moy**, formerly a financial advisor with Wealth Strategy Partners, is now a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. **Cherie Martyn**, formerly a property manager at Colliers, is now a property manager with Jones Lang Lasalle and is managing Adventist Health properties in Hawaii that include Castle Medical Center and the former Hawaii Pacific University Windward campus. Cherie may be one of the few, if not the only, Chamber members to have a master's degree in Oriental medicine and hopes to get her acupuncturist license by the end of the year. For those who don't know much about the benefits of acupuncture, there's **Jim Miller's** "Savvy Senior" column in the August 11 *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, "Acupuncture is effective at relieving various pains."

## New Members

At its July 26 meeting, the Chamber Board approved the applications for **Deirdre Barnum**, senior account manager, UPS (recommended by **Ralph Hasegawa**); **Miki Lee**, senior community builder, Honolulu Cultural and Arts District (recommended by **Dean Sakamoto**); and **Siyuan Wong**, integrated marketing assistant, PacRim Marketing (recommended by **Dave Erdman**). Welcome to the Chamber and we look forward to meeting you at the next membership event.

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