



Mission: To further friendly relations among the Chinese and various Chinese societies in the State of Hawai'i to promote projects of benevolence, charity, and cultural awareness; and to promote the welfare of the Chinese community.

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Greetings from President Marsha Au-Maxwell



On September 29th & 30th, an event was held at the Chinese Cultural Plaza celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival. Bright paper lanterns adorned with colorful lights was a big attraction for the children and their families. A big mahalo to Edna Wong for providing these paper lanterns for all to purchase and enjoy. Also, a decorated backdrop of a large Autumn Moon and a Chinese temple provided a beautiful scenery for everyone to take pictures with their families. Thank you everyone for helping to make this event possible.

The United Chinese Society of Hawaii Installation of the 2024 Officers and Trustees will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, at Jade Dynasty Restaurant. Also being honored is Dr. Lawrence Tseu who was chosen as the 2nd Annual UCS Hall of Honor Awardee. A group of distinguished judges has selected Dr. Tseu, and he will be recognized. Congratulations, Dr. Tseu!!

Wishing you all a thankful Thanksgiving with your families!

Xie Xie and Mahalo,

Marsha S. Y. Au-Maxwell

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President

Calendar of Events

December 3, 2023

Hall of Honor Award and Installation of Officers & Trustees

Mid-Autumn Festival 2023

On September 29th and 30th, 2023, UCS participated in the Mid-Autumn Festival hosted by Chinatown808 and Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. UCS provided paper lanterns with LED lights for all to purchase. We also created a Mid-Autumn Festival themed photo booth backdrop with props for everyone to take photos with. Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated together. And thank you to all the Trustees who volunteered at this event, especially to Edna Wong who put together most of the items for our booth.



Annual Family Day Picnic 2023

UCS was excited to host our annual Family Picnic on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Kapiolani Park.

We would like to thank everyone who donated prizes, food, and supplies and those who volunteered at the picnic. We appreciate everyone who came out to support this event to help make it an enjoyable day filled with fun games, great prizes, and delicious food.



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You can find more picnic photos on our website: [Gallery | UCS of Hawaii](#)

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Chinatown Cleanup 2023

On Saturday, August 26, 2023, UCS Officers, Trustees, and members participated in the Chinatown Cleanup organized by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. They helped to paint over graffiti on electrical boxes, poles, and railings between Bethel Street and River Street.



Member Society Updates

Kung Sheong Doo Society

Students in the Kung Sheong Doo Cultural Education Program provided the root beer float service at the 2023 UCS Picnic. KSD hopes everyone enjoyed the floats as much as the fun our kids had serving them.





Oo Syak Gee Lu Society

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society celebrated its 126th anniversary at their Annual Banquet held August 5th, 2023 at Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. They were entertained by an opening lion dance performance by Majestic Culture & Arts Association - who provided six lions for the celebration. There were three adult lions, two baby lions, and a newborn tiny baby lion to bring good luck and fortune to the society.



The family and descendants of Nai Man Chang, one of OOSGL original charter members



President Jamie Chang, First Vice President Debbie Chun, 2nd Vice President Eric Chang, and Banquet Committee Chairperson



Lum Sai Ho Tong
Celebrating Lum Sai Ho Tong... in Toronto, Canada

Lum Sai Ho Tong is a world-wide organization and Hawaii is just one of its many chapters. In August we joined our sister organization in Toronto to celebrate their 100th birthday. We all know that the family name, “Lum”, can be spelled as “Lam, Lim, or Lin.” In Canada, they often spell it “Lem.” The Chinese character is the same, which translates to “forest.” Legend has it that this is where the first “Lum” was born.



Chapter Presidents from San Francisco, New York, Toronto, Vancouver, Hawaii, and from the World Lins Association based in Taiwan, were in attendance to celebrate Toronto Lem Si Ho Tong’s 100th birthday.



At the start of the banquet, dignitaries participate in the “dotting of the eyes” ceremony to awaken the lions. This ceremony is rarely seen in Hawaii and was told that it wasn’t necessary because all of our lions are already “awake”. There were over 600 people at this banquet.



Hawaii Chinese Association

Palolo Chinese Home Donation, Lunch and Patient Gifting event - September 15, 2023

Hawaii Chinese Association performed a short song and dance program, then proceeded to give each Kupuna patient a Palolo Chinese Home Donation, Lunch and Patient Gifting event on September 15, 2023.

President Angeline Shiroma and Event Chair Vanessa Kop, Past President presented a Donation Check to Palolo Chinese Home CEO Darlene Nakayama.

Patients were alert, happy, tapping their feet and clapping to the rhythm of the music.





Palolo Chinese Home

Peter C. K. Fong: A Champion of Service and Maryknoll School 2023 Noblesse Oblige Award Honoree



Peter C. K. Fong's life is a testament to the transformative power of dedication and service. His unwavering commitment to the Palolo Chinese Home in particular, has been a guiding light, ensuring its mission to "educate, support, and care for seniors and their families by providing a continuum of quality care in a culturally sensitive family setting" is realized to the fullest. In 2023, Maryknoll School honored him with the prestigious Noblesse Oblige Award, recognizing his outstanding contributions.

As the President and Board Chair of the Palolo Chinese Home, Peter's role extends far beyond titles; it's a commitment to the well-being of the elderly residents who call the facility their home. His tireless support has been a driving force behind the Palolo Chinese Home's success. Peter ensures that the elderly receive not just care but also a sense of community and belonging. His leadership has allowed the facility to provide a continuum of quality care, addressing the unique cultural and familial needs of its residents.

Professionally, Peter is an Attorney and Partner at Fong & Fong, Attorneys-at-Law, and also serves as a per diem Judge for the State of Hawaii. This legal acumen is not just an asset in the courtroom but also an invaluable resource for the Palolo Chinese Home. His legal expertise has been instrumental in navigating the complex regulatory landscape, ensuring that the Home operates in full compliance with all legal requirements. Without Peter's legal guidance and advocacy, the Home may have faced insurmountable challenges.

Beyond his legal career, he plays a significant role as Chairman of the Board at Maryknoll School, contributing to the education and development of young minds. Peter's career boasts a diverse range of notable roles, including President/CEO of Chun Kim Chow, Ltd., President of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, and various significant positions in the legal and business world.

Peter C. K. Fong's life is a shining example of how dedication and unwavering support can make a profound difference in the lives of others. His legacy at the Palolo Chinese Home is a testament to the power of service and the impact one person can have on a community. As the 2023 Noblesse Oblige Award Honoree, he continues to inspire those who seek to make a difference in the world. Additionally, he was recently recognized with the Chinese Women's Club for his exceptional contributions to the community.



Honolulu Chinese Jaycees

Honolulu Chinese Jaycees Celebrate 70 Years of Community, Culture, and Connection

Honolulu, Hawaii — September 30, 2023

In a jubilant celebration of 70 years of unwavering dedication, the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees marked a significant milestone at their anniversary event held on September 30, 2023, at the prestigious Hyatt Regency Ballroom in Honolulu, Hawaii. The event, attended by nearly 300 community leaders, present and past members, and supporters from various Chinese organizations, celebrated a long history of cultivating local young professionals' development through community involvement and perpetuating strong roots in Chinese heritage.

Governor Josh Green, in a congratulatory message to the chapter, praised the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees for their longstanding commitment to the community. "The Honolulu Chinese Jaycees are a testament to the strength of Hawaii's cultural diversity," he said. "Their 70 years of service and leadership have not only shaped the Chinese community but have also contributed significantly to the broader fabric of our society."

The event emphasized the organization's continued dedication to fostering young leaders, regardless of ethnic descent. Through individual development opportunities, community projects, and leadership roles, the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees provide their members with essential skills and experiences for future success. Notable projects of the chapter include involvement in the annual Miss Chinatown Hawaii Pageant, Night in Chinatown, Dragonboat Festival, and the Healthy Baby Contest.

In her speech, the President of the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees, Alena Kangas Auyoung, expressed gratitude to the community. "Our journey over the last 70 years has been defined by the passion and commitment of our members and the support of the community," she stated. "We look forward to the future with renewed energy, eager to continue our tradition of service, leadership, and cultural preservation."

For more information about the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees and their impactful community initiatives, please visit: honoluluchinesejaycees.org

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Ching Clan Benevolent Society

The Ching Clan Benevolent Society participated in the 112th Anniversary Double Ten Celebration Parade around the Chinese Cultural Plaza on Sunday October 8th and Presenting a lei to Dr. Sun Yat Sen's statue along River Street. Although small in size, we are big at heart to support our Hawaii Chinese Community. Participants were Ching Clan Treasurer Pearl Ching, President Sharlene Chun, and Director Grant Ching.



Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

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HIRING!**

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Event Coordinator
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