

United Chinese Society of
Hawai'i
2023 Quarter 4



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 Mona M. Choy



Happy New Year!

It is my honor and privilege to serve as the President of the United Chinese Society of Hawaii on the 140th anniversary of its founding. I would like to wish everyone good health and prosperity in the year of the Wood Dragon.

Our theme for this year is "Reconnection and Growth." Besides our Annual Picnic and Hall of Honor event, we have added new workshops, programs, and events for everyone to join. The preliminary schedule is available on our website and will be updated as we continue to add new events to our calendar, so please check back periodically.

Throughout our history, the United Chinese Society of Hawaii has proudly assisted our member organizations with the many cultural inquiries and projects they have had. We will continue to uphold the mission of perpetuating our Chinese heritage and making efforts to promote cultural awareness in the local community. In concordance with that mission and to offer leadership opportunities for our youth, we will be launching the "NextGen Leadership and Mentoring Program" this year. Our co-chairs, Ivy Yeung and Jill Fukumoto, will be hosting an initial social gathering in the coming months. Information will be forthcoming via email and our website. Please share this exciting new program with any young professionals in your group.

I would like to recognize and congratulate Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu, our 2023 Hall of Honor recipient. It was an honor to share the stage with him at the banquet and learn about his life journey. Also, my sincere gratitude and mahalo to you, the society Presidents, and the community leaders who attended our Hall of Honor Installation Banquet and our 2024 New Year Tea Reception. I hope you enjoyed both events.

Lastly, all my fellow 2024 UCS officers, trustees, and I are committed to bringing new ideas and programs to you, our members. We welcome your feedback and would love to hear your suggestions on how we can best assist you, your societies, your organizations, and our Hawaii community. So please don't hesitate to reach out with an email. Our Parasol newsletter is a great place to showcase your society as well, so please continue to submit your society highlights, news, and other important information to us.

Xie Xie and Mahalo Nui Loa!

Mona M. Choy

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President

Greetings from Immediate Past President Marsha Au-Maxwell



The year 2023 has finally ended. I would like to especially thank my Executive Board: Mona Choy, Ivy Yeung, Robert Yu, Lori Kam, Wendy Mow, Lena Wong, and past president Leonard Kam. I would like to thank all my Trustees and Emeritus Trustees who have helped me through this year. We have several new Trustees that I am sure are capable and able to continue UCS legacy.

During the past year, we had to be careful and watch the COVID situation as we did not have many gatherings. We certainly don't want to be closed up completely. We had a Chinatown parade for Chinese New Year where many people came out to celebrate. Because of COVID, we were unable to gather. Our Ching Ming service at Manoa Cemetery was held by Officers and Trustees. In August Mona Choy chaired our annual picnic where we had about 200 member societies and friends that came out to play games, win prizes and talk story. The Moon Festival was held at the Cultural Plaza on September 29th and 30th. Edna Wong had suggested we order a background picture of the Moon and the Rabbit where parents could take pictures with their children and lighted paper lanterns that were constructed for a nominal fee. The Installation of our UCS Officers, and celebration of our Hall of Honor recipient, Dr. Lawrence Tseu, was held at Jade Dynasty Restaurant on December 3rd, 2023.

I would like to thank Mr. Douglas Chong, our past Chinese Father and Citizen of the Year, who graciously volunteered his time to speak at the University of Hawaii on Chinese immigrants who migrated to Hawaii before the Chinese Exclusion Act. Lastly, I want to thank Mr. Thomas Sum who helped UCS in ordering 2024 Chinese calendars.

Here's wishing everyone a "Healthy, Happy and Safe New Years!"

Sincerely,

Marsha Au-Maxwell - Immediate Past President (2023)



Calendar of Events

February 25	Member's Educational Workshop/ Seminar # (1) Topic: Taxes on business, nonprofit & individual; Speaker: Peter Ma
March TBD	Member's Educational Workshop / Seminar # (2) Topic: How to conduct an effective board meeting; Speaker: Victor Lim & Gifford Chang
April TBD	UCS Health Fair
May TBD	Member's Educational Workshop / Seminar # (3)
August 11	Family Day Picnic at Kapiolani Park
September TBD	Mid-Autumn Festival
October TBD	Member's Educational Workshop / Seminar # (4)
December 1st	Installation Banquet

Please note that events and dates are subject to change. For more information about any of these events, please visit the website, www.ucsofhawaii.com. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our office. Mahalo!



Conference on Chinese Immigrants in Hawaii

On Thursday, November 30, 2023, an International Alliance for Invitational Educational was held at University of Hawaii at Manoa. There were 27 school teachers and administrators from Hong Kong and a few from mainland China, roughly 45 attendees. Scott Robinson, PhD of UH invited UCS to speak about Chinese immigrants coming to Hawaii from China. Douglas Chong spoke for 40 minutes on this topic and Marsha Au-Maxwell spoke about UCS.



UCS Installation of 2024 Officers and Trustees and Banquet Honoring the 2023 Hall of Honor Awardee Dr. Lawrence K. W. Tseu

On Sunday, December 3, 2023, UCS held its installation of 2024 Officers and Trustees. That evening, we also honored the 2023 Hall of Honor Awardee, Dr. Lawrence K. W. Tseu. Nominations were judged by independent outside community panels. We would like to congratulate Dr. Tseu, who positively impacted the our community.

Thank you to all who came and celebrated with us. The team of 2024 UCS Trustees and Officers are excited to work together to serve UCS and the Chinese community in the coming year.





If you have anything you would like to share for this e-newsletter, please email ucshicom@gmail.com. UCS reserves the right to review, edit, and reject any submissions for publication. No solicitations of any kind are allowed.



Member Society Updates

The Sun Ming Ting Benevolent Association

The Sun Ming Ting Benevolent Association joyously marked its annual Christmas celebration on December 3, 2023, marking a heartfelt return after a pandemic-induced hiatus. The gathering brought immense joy as members reunited, creating cherished holiday moments together at Au's Garden. Thank you to the leadership team that planned the party (Barbara Young, Terrence Young, Haven Young-Rafto, and Ivy Yeung).





Sunday | March 3

Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant 翡翠王朝海鮮酒家
Ala Moana Shopping Center - 1450 Ala Moana Blvd,
#4220, Honolulu, HI 96814 Tel: (808) 947-8818

No Host Cocktails & Networking 5:15 pm
Program & Dinner 6:45 pm

Program Highlight

- Brief Address by **Ms. Jacko Tsang** - Director, Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office, San Francisco
- Complimentary Chinese Calligraphy Fai-chun 免費揮春
- Hanfu dress-up, photo-op 漢服裝扮. 合影
- Photo-op with Miss Chinatown Hawaii 與華埠小姐
Chinese God of Wealth 財神合影
- Dance Blessing Ceremony 舞獅賀歲
- Hanfu Costume Show by Chinoise Society of Hawaii Troupe. 古風演藝社漢服秀
- Live Performance 歌唱. 舞蹈表演
- Best Chinese Dress Contest 最佳中國傳統服飾大賽
- Door Prizes 幸運抽獎

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Table of Ten \$ 650

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Individuals \$ 65

Members & Guests are welcome
Attires: Chinese Formal (Optional)

RSVP by **Saturday, February 24, 2024**

Online RSVP starts 02/02/2024 @
<https://www.hkbah.us/events>

For gala information, please contact
Allen Ng (808) 389-0904; or email **HKBAH**
hkbahinfo@yahoo.com

HKBAH 28th Anniversary
2024 Spring Festival Celebration Gala
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Year of the Wood Dragon ‘木龍年’

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For additional information, please contact Barinna Poon by **February 24, 2024** at 808-383-5008 OR via email: barinnap@gmail.com

You are also invited to a ‘LUNCH and LEARN’ Seminar with Ms. Tiffany Wong, Director of Hong Kong Trade Development Council in Los Angeles and a guest speaker (TBD): i) Practical tips to export your food and related products into Asia; particularly in Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area cities; and ii) General information on 2024 HKTDC Food Expo -August 15-19 at HKCEC in Hong Kong, and how the expo can benefits your products to market into Asia faster.

- Complimentary - HKBAH members & gala guests
- \$15 / Admission - Non member
- Hawaii FTZ, Pier 2, HAM ITRC Conf Center - M401

Monday, March 4, 2024 11:30 pm – 1:30 pm

(Lunch will be provided at 12:00 pm and the discussion will start promptly at 12:30 pm.)

RSVP are required. MAHALO!

Event Sponsor:



Organizer:



Palolo Chinese Home

Palolo Chinese Home Spreads Festive Cheer with Christmas Wishes and Exciting Event Announcements



PALOLO CHINESE HOME
Better Care. Better Lives

Palolo Chinese Home (PCH), a nonprofit senior care and cultural organization, extends warm wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season, hoping to spread joy and warmth during this special time of the year.

On February 17th, 2024, PCH will host a vibrant and cultural celebration in honor of the **Chinese New Year**. The event will feature a captivating lion dance, delicious cuisine, and festive decorations to ring in the Year of the Dragon. Families, friends, and community members are invited to join us for this special occasion as we come together to embrace the rich traditions of the Chinese New Year. To reserve a seat and get more info please contact info@palolohome.org.

Additionally, we invite you to mark your calendars for our **32nd Annual Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament**, scheduled to take place on May 10th, 2024. This highly anticipated event has become a highlight in the community, attracting golf enthusiasts and spectators alike. The tournament promises a day of friendly competition, networking opportunities, and, of course, golfing excellence. For more information about this event, please visit our website <https://palolohome.org/2024-dynasty-golf-tournament/> or contact golf@palolohome.org.

About Palolo Chinese Home (PCH):

Palolo Chinese Home (PCH) is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization with over 127 years of dedicated service to Hawaii's seniors. Our mission is to educate, support, and care for seniors and their families, by providing a continuum of quality care, in a culturally sensitive family setting.





Palolo Chinese Home invites you to our Chinese New Year Celebration!

**Saturday, February 17, 2024
9:00 AM**

2459 10th Avenue in lush Palolo Valley

Usher in the Year of the Dragon!

Please RSVP to (808) 748-4904 or
cyoshina@palolohome.org by February 12

A New Year's Blessing

Fill your new year with an abundance of gratitude, respect, and peace. Join us for a special blessing by **Jay Jarman**, founder of **Common Grace**.

Chinese Lion Dance

Get ready to feed the lion for good luck! Presented by **Gee Yung Martial Arts Dragon & Lion Dance Sports Association**.

\$10 Special Lunch

Receive a delicious lunch full of local favorites from **L&L Hawaiian Barbecue**. Reserve your bento today! Cash, credit card or check is accepted. Please make your check payable to Palolo Chinese Home.

Guest Speaker

Hear an uplifting and inspiring presentation by **Gerry Yahata**, founder of the **Ikigai Initiative**.

Mini Bazaar

Find great bargains at the mini bazaar, led by the **Palolo Chinese Home Women's Auxiliary**. Proceeds benefit Palolo Chinese Home.

Guided Tours

Take a tour of Palolo Chinese Home and learn about the full range of care options for seniors including senior day care, adult residential care, skilled nursing & intermediate care, rehabilitation services, in-home care, and more!

Join us for a celebration filled with entertainment, culture, and music.



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Ching Clan Benevolent Society

On Sunday November 19, 2023, the Ching Clan Benevolent Society held its Holiday Party and Elections of 2024 Officers at Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter. Friends, family, and members enjoyed a Hawaiian Buffet Lunch. Elections of the Ching Clan 2024 Officers were: President Sharlene Y. Chun, Vice President Michele Ching Choy, Treasurer Pearl K.M. Ching, Assistant Treasurer Dr. Kin Ming Ching, and Secretary Grant H.G. Ching.

Santa (Kin Ming Ching) made a special visit bringing gifts to the children and others. Everyone had an enjoyable time with food, fun, and friendship. Happy New Year!

The Next big event will be on May 4, 2024, at Oahu Country Club Celebrating the Ching Clan's 75th Anniversary.



Hawai'i Chinese Association

Hawai'i Chinese Association had a successful mid-autumn festival. TECOH Director General and his wife joined us in the festivities. We played the dice game and had lots of prizes. We also distributed moon cakes for good luck.

Everybody went home happy & with a full stomach!

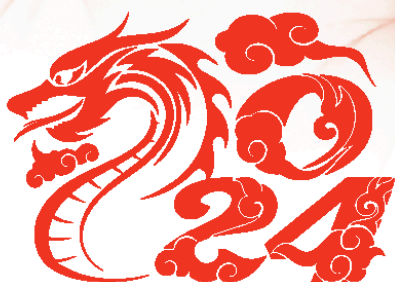
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Saturday, February 3, 2024

Lunar New Year Festival: 9AM-10PM
Beretania St. between Maunakea St. &
River St. / Aala Park

Parade: Starts at 4:30 PM
Hotel St., from State Capitol thru Chinatown



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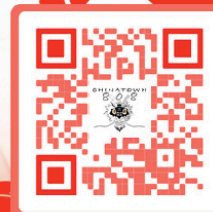
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