

United Chinese Society  
of Hawai'i  
2025 Quarter 1

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*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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## Warm Greetings from President Ivy Yeung



Aloha UCS Ohana,

As we welcome the Year of the Wood Snake, we embrace its spirit of wisdom, renewal, and transformation—qualities that guide UCS as we strengthen our foundation for the future. Sustainability is not just about preserving traditions; it is about building the infrastructure to ensure future leaders can carry our mission forward with confidence and support.

This Lunar New Year season has been filled with meaningful celebrations—from our New Year's Tea Reception to visits with member societies, the Chinese New Year parade, and Choy Cheng Night. Most recently, we launched our **2025 Community and Cultural Engagement Series** with an inspiring event sharing the developments in **A'ala Park**, reinforcing our commitment to community connection.

UCS is proud to champion programs like **NextGen**, investing in young leaders who will shape the next chapter of our legacy. At the same time, we continue to elevate UCS as the trusted leader of the Chinese community in Hawai'i, ensuring our voice remains strong and unified.

May this new year bring you **good health, prosperity, and happiness**. Together, let's honor our past, celebrate the present, and build a thriving future for generations to come.

Xie Xie and Mahalo Nui Loa,

*Ivy Yeung*

## Calendar of Events – follow us on Instagram @unitedchinesesocietyhi

<b>February 22</b> 10:00am	<b><i>Member's Educational Seminar</i></b> <b><i>Topic: Community Update on 'A'ala Park</i></b>
<b>March 13</b> 6:00pm	<b><i>Member's Educational Seminar</i></b> <b><i>Topic: Community Update from Avalon Group Hawaii</i></b>
<b>March 22</b> 1:00pm	<b><i>NexGen Presents Member's Cultural Workshop</i></b> <b><i>Topic: An Afternoon of Poetry with Wing Tek Lum</i></b>
<b>April 26</b> 10:00am 11:30am	<b><i>Member's Cultural Workshops</i></b> <b><i>Topic: Calligraphy</i></b> <b><i>Topic: Chinese Tea Culture and History</i></b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>Family Day Picnic at Kapiolani Park</b>
<b>July/August</b>	<b>Leaders' Roundtable Summit</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Mid-Autumn Festival</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>NexGen: Speed Networking Event</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Member's Educational Workshop/ Seminar</b> <b><i>Topic: Exploring Taxation: Updates</i></b>
<b>December 5</b>	<b><i>Installation Banquet</i></b>

Events and dates are subject to change and additions. For more information about any of these events, please visit the website, [www.ucsofhawaii.com](http://www.ucsofhawaii.com). If you would like to volunteer, please contact our office. Mahalo!

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## 2025 New Year Tea Reception



The United Chinese Society welcomed the Year of the Snake with our annual New Year Tea Reception, attended by over 80 guests, including society presidents, community leaders, and distinguished dignitaries. Among our honored attendees were Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, Director General of TECO Jerry Chang, Senator Karl Rhoads, Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Representatives Jenna Takenouchi and Cory Chun, 2024 Hall of Honor Award Recipient Mr. Eddie Flores, Jr., Narcissus Queen Alycia Aboronado, and Miss Chinatown Jacelyn Ho.

The reception was a wonderful celebration of fellowship and community, bringing together leaders and friends to share in the joy of the season. A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us and contributed to the event's success. Special thanks to Terry Cheung, President of the Teo Chew Chamber, for the generous donation of goody bags for our dear society presidents, as well as to our dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the day. A warm mahalo to Jill Fukumoto for doing an excellent job as emcee, ensuring a memorable experience for all!



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## 2025 New Year's Day Visits

UCS had a meaningful start to the year with visits to our Chinese community organizations. On January 1, our visiting delegation—including President Ivy Yeung, President-Elect Robert Yu, Past President Mona Choy, TECO Director General Jerry Chang, TECO Deputy Director Jeff Lee, and Senator Karl Rhoads—visited Ket On, Lung Doo, Teo Chew and Teo Chew Chamber, the Association of Chinese from Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos, See Yup, Yee Yee Tong, Lum Sai Ho Tong, and See Dai Doo. Later that day, we joined the installation and banquet with the Association of Chinese from Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos, continuing our commitment to celebrating and strengthening our community ties.







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## Choy Cheng and Chinatown Parade



Mahalo to everyone who joined us for the Narcissus Queen and Court visit on Friday, January 24! It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome them to the UCS Hall.

On Saturday, January 25, President Ivy Yeung and Hall of Honor Award recipient Eddie Flores, Jr. led our UCS team in the Chinatown Parade, waving to the crowd and proudly representing our organization. A special thanks to all who participated and helped showcase our unity and community spirit!







### Community Update on 'A'ala Park



The Community Update on A'ala Park was held on February 22, 2025 and was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the ongoing revitalization efforts for this historic community space. Mahalo to Emily Perry from Trust for Public Land for sharing insights on the park's developments and future plans. It's inspiring to see the dedication to making A'ala Park a vibrant and welcoming place for all.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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**(L-R) (Pictures 1-2)** Emeritus Trustee and recently retired Councilmember Calvin Say was presented the Medal of Lifetime Contribution Award for Sino-US Art Exchange and other awards. This was during the January 15

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opening dinner of the 2nd Hawaii International Calligraphy and Painting Exhibition of the Kawahara Reisei Cup which UCS co-sponsored. President Ivy Yeung, 2nd VP Cy Feng, and Immediate Past President Mona Choy were in attendance. (3) UCS offered congratulations to President Tina Tin and the Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo leadership team as they were installed for the second year of their two-year term on January 18, at Legend Seafood Restaurant. Pictured with Queenie Chee. (4) UCS extended congratulations to President Sharlene Chun and the OCAW leadership team during their Installation on January 12, at the Oahu Country Club. Pictured with 2025 Miss Chinatown Hawaii Jacelyn Ho. (5) President Ivy attended the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Coronation Ball on February 1 to celebrate and recognize the 2025 Narcissus Queen and Court. Pictured with CCCH President Sarah Moy and TECO Director General Jerry Chang. (6-7) UCS joined the Association of Chinese from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos at their Spring Banquet on February 8, celebrating the community's achievements and unity. Pictured with ACVCL President Ben Tran, UCS Immediate Past President Mona, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, First Lady Karen Chang, and CCCH President Sarah. (8) On February 15, UCS proudly congratulated Gook Doo Society and President Douglas Chong on their 18th anniversary and the unveiling of their new banner. (9) On February 15, UCS joined Palolo Chinese Home in celebrating the Lunar New Year, honoring tradition and community. Great work to CEO Darlene Nakayama, Board President Elvira Lo and team. (10) A giant gau, crafted by Tsun Tsin President Michael Wong, highlighting the skill and artistry involved in its creation. (11) 2nd VP Cy Feng attended the Wong Kong Har Tong Banquet on March 1, led by President Stephen Wong (12) At the Ching Clan Banquet on March 2, President Michele Choy was installed, with President-Elect Robert Yu also in attendance to show UCS's continued support for the community's growth and leadership. (13) 1st VP Peter Ma attended the Hong Kong Business Association Gala on March 2, where he was pictured with President Barinna Poon and UCS Title Sponsor Dr. Lawrence Tseu. (14) UCS Hall of Honor Award recipient Mr. Eddie Flores, Jr. and the UCS parade delegation

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## *Member Society Updates*

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**Lin Yee Chung (Manoa Chinese Cemetery):** this years Ching Ming 2025 For those Societies that use the Pavilion area the roof has been removed and the Association hasn't had time to replace it yet, So we are asking the Societies to bring their own tent 10X10 or 12X12 to use in area for Ceremony and remove it upon completion. So others can setup there's. the Cemetery use to prove the firecracker permit the past years, if you wish to burn firecracker at the cemetery than you'll need to apply for a permit, Because the Cemetery will not be responsible for everyone if they didn't get one. The Cemetery Superintendent. If Societies want to burn firecrackers at the Cemetery they may ask to try and help them get a permit, and stuff for a fee, if not they will be responsible if the police comes and check on them, Cemetery will not be held accountable. Most importantly is that societies need to inform no later 2 weeks prior to the day of their Ceremony. If not they are on their own. Royal Kitchen in Cultural Plaza offers Bai Saan set for \$120 and a Tiny Bai Saan set for \$85. Friends of Manoa Chinese Cemetery will be selling charms and necklaces on-site during the first two weekends and possibly throughout Ching Ming (Apr. 5 – May 3).

### **Palolo Chinese Home**

On Friday, May 9, 2025, Palolo Chinese Home will host its 33rd Annual Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament at the Ala Wai Municipal Golf Course. This event is one of Palolo Chinese Home's key annual initiatives in support of its mission to serve our Kupuna. We are also pleased to share that Tony Shi, CEO of CAA Construction and CAA Hawaii Cabinet, will serve as this year's Honorary Chair. More details can be found at <https://palolohome.org/2025-dynasty-golf-tournament/>.

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## **Ching Clan Benevolent Society**

The Ching Clan Benevolent Society will be having its annual Bai San ceremony on Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 10:30 - 11am at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. We invite all Ching Clan members, their family and friends to join us in paying respect to our ancestors. Lunch to follow.

The Ching Clan Benevolent Society, recently participated in the Chinese New Year Parade on Saturday, January 25 that travelled from the State Capitol to River Street. 15 enthusiastic parade-goers marched with the Ching Clan group, including 94 year-old senior Ching member, Pearl Ching. Other members included Michele Choy, Leland Ching and Grant Ching. Mainlander Loretta (Ching) Nekota along with nieces and nephew, "Honeygirl", and Michael and Jody Rodrigues had fun for the first time to be in a parade. We thank Maryknoll parents Tiffany Chong, Christine Fuller and their children Saylor Fuller and Kacey Chong, as well as Harper and Ryder Davis and Aleia Rauckhorst for participating in the parade.



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## **Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW)**

Opening the Auspicious Year of the Green Wood Snake the Organization of Chinese American Women's Club Hawaii Chapter celebrated with the Installation of their newly elected 2025 Officers at the beautiful Oahu Country Club with a delicious buffet lunch. A Chinese Lion Dance performed by the Asian Lion Dance Team blessing the day and all who attended. The Honorable Legislature Representative Cory M. Chun

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installed President Sharlene Y. Chun. Vice President Kelly Tan Peterson. Treasurer Leonora Loo. Secretary Kimberly Chun Hoi. With a beautiful voice Performing songs was Ellie (Caroline) Feng Miss Chinatown Princess. And Over the Hilltop Serenaders, Phill Mow and Kazuo Shirakawa. We were blessed with many door prizes in gift cards. We were able to meet the new TECO Director Jerry Chang. And graced with the beauty of the Narcissus Queen and her Court. OCAW first GMM will be on Sunday March 9, 2025 at Straits restaurant (Singapore cuisine) in the Ward Complex. Kung Hei Fat Choy for a Prosperous, Healthy and Safe 2025.



1. President Elect Sharlene Chun. Closing the Dragon Year Welcoming the Snake year
2. Lion blessings. Roberta Wong Leung CWC President. Brenda Young Matsui ACUW President. Ivy Yeung UCS President. Sharlene Chun OCAW President. TECOH Director General Jerry Chang.
3. Marsha Au-Maxwell and Sharlene Chun
4. Narcissus Queen and Court with Sharlene Chun
5. Newly elected OCAW 2025 Officers: Secretary Kimberly Chun Hoi. Treasurer. Leonora Loo. President Sharlene Chun Representative Cory Chun. (Missing VP Kelly Tan Peterson)



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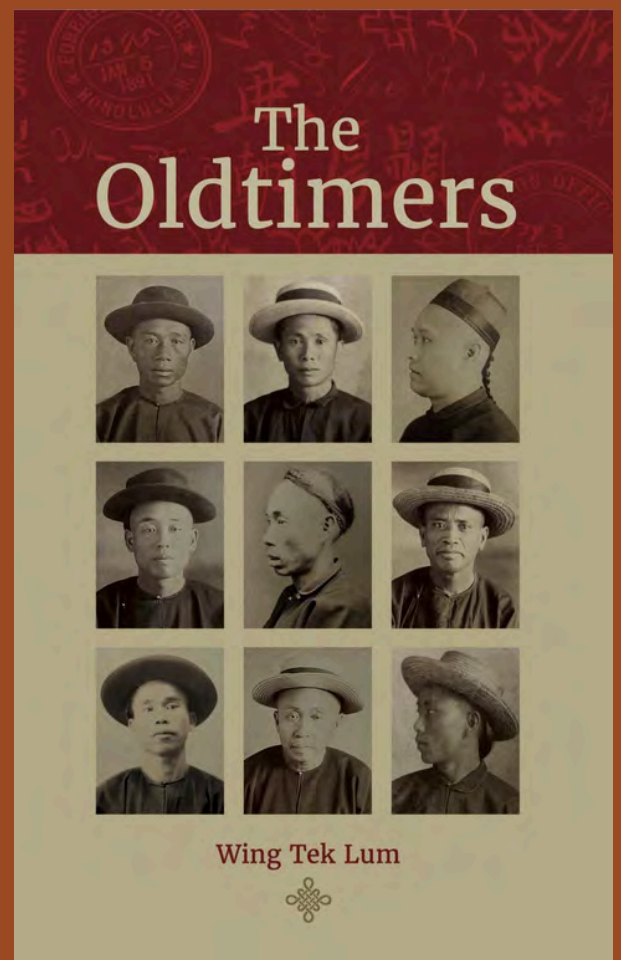
**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 22, 2025**

**1:00PM**

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**'25 SEMINAR  
SERIES**

Seminar I - Wed, April 30

Seminar II - Wed, May 14

(11:30am - 1:30pm)

**At Wolfgang Steakhouse**

RHSC, 2301 Kalakaua Ave., Ste C301

Seminar III - Wed, June 18

(03:30pm - 05:30pm)

**At FTZ-No. 9**

521 Ala Moana, Pier 2

The Homer A. Mazey International Trade  
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**Parking:** Free parking for 3-hour w/  
validation at RHSC parking structure for  
Seminar I & II. Free parking at FTZ-9 for  
Seminar III.

**Seminar I**, Wednesday, April 30, 2025 w/ lunch  
**Is The Rule of Law in Hong Kong Dead?**



Steve C. Nelson

Gerald A. Sumida

Guest Speaker, **Steve C. Nelson**,  
Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis.

Speaker & Moderator, **Gerald A. Sumida**,  
Partner, Carlsmith Ball LLP, Honolulu.

Deadline to Register: **April 25, 2025**

**Seminar II**, Wednesday, May 14, 2025 w/ lunch  
**Hong Kong: Still The World's Freest and Safest Marketplace?**



David C. Donald

Bee Leng Chua

Guest Speaker, **David C. Donald, Ph.D.**  
Attorney at Law, Hawaii and New York; Emeritus  
Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Speaker & Moderator, **Bee Leng Chua, Ph.D.**  
Director, Creator2Business Foundation Ltd.,  
Singapore.

Deadline to Register: **May 09, 2025**

**Seminar III**, Wednesday, June 18, 2025 w/ refreshment  
**Dark Web -The Dark Side Of The Internet**



Michael Gazeley

Guest Speaker, **Michael Gazeley**,  
Managing Director and Co-Founder, Network  
Box Corporation Ltd. (HK) will join from Hong  
Kong via videoconferencing.

Moderator, **TBD**

Deadline to Register: **June 13, 2025**

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## Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii


### 75th Anniversary Narcissus Festival

#### Chinese Cultural Class Series

##### **Significance of Ching Ming (Class #4)**


 **Date:** Sunday, March 30, 2025

 **Time:** 1:00 – 2:30 PM

 **Location:** Manoa Chinese Cemetery, 3430 E Manoa Rd, Honolulu, HI 96822

 **Deadline to Register:** March 23, 2025


##### **Papercutting Series (Class #5)**

 **Date:** Saturday, April 26, 2025

 **Time:** 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

 **Location:** UCS Hall

#### Fashion Show: Couture & Flowers

 **Date:** Sunday, April 13, 2025

 **Boutique Vendors:** 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

 **Lunch & Fashion Show:** 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM


 **Location:** Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

##### **Featured Designers & Floral Showcase:**

- **Anne Namba** – Designs inspired by Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Indian cultures
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## **2025 Honolulu Chinatown Scavenger Hunt**

### **Business Flyer**

We invite local 🏢 Honolulu and 🏡 Chinatown 🏢 businesses and 🏢 organizations to 🎉 participate in an exciting 🕵️ scavenger hunt that will bring new 👤 customers to your 🚪 doors while supporting the 🌱 revitalization of our 🏠 downtown Chinatown community!

### **? Why Participate?**

- 📢 **Boost Visibility** – Get featured in event media, including social media, promotional materials, and participant communications.
- 🎯 **Attract New Customers** – Showcase what's new and exciting at your business while engaging with a broad audience.
- 🏡 **Support Chinatown's Growth** – Be a part of the movement to revitalize and celebrate our historic district.

### **🔍 How It Works:**

- Businesses provide 🎁 prizes, 💰 discounts, or 📄 promotions for 🕵️ scavenger hunt participants.
- 🚶 Participants visit your 📍 location to complete ✅ challenges, discover 🔍 your offerings, and 📄 redeem rewards.
- Your business will be 📢 promoted before, during, and after the event across various platforms.

### **🎁 What You'll Get:**

- 📢 **Marketing Exposure** – Inclusion in digital and print promotions.
- 🚶 **Foot Traffic Increase** – New 👤 visitors eager to explore and support local businesses.

📍 **Location:** Chinatown, Honolulu

📅 **Date:** April 12, 2025

🕒 **Time:** 0900-1300

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