



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



Aloha!

Spring is here and the Year of the Rabbit is hopping into summer.

On January 8th, 2023, we had a Tea Reception for Society Presidents to come and meet each other. We were not able to have a gathering for several years because of COVID. This year we were able to host at our hall so they could meet each other, as every year society presidents change. We had over 70 in attendance including officers & trustees from UCS and presidents of different societies.

I would like to thank the societies and presidents for coming out on this day to participate to meet everyone. We started off with a lion dance by Yeung Dak Dragon & Lion Dance Association. In attendance were: Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke, Senator Karl Rhodes, Honolulu City Councilman Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Deputy Director Jeff Lee from Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Honolulu, Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii President Jonathan Cook, Eddie Flores and others. We especially want to thank Edna McKenna for doing the Red Book and coordinating the list of new officers for all the societies, designing and printing. If your organization has not received one yet, please let us know. One Red Book is given to each society president.

On February 15th, 2023, we volunteered to help Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii to "Support Chinatown" event. Chef Hui, through a partnership with the Julia Child Foundation, purchased 150 boxes of treats/pastries from Jacky's Macau Café in Chinatown. The Julia Child Foundation grant was awarded to award winning author and activist Grace Young who is on a mission to support struggling Chinatown communities across the nation. There were over 30 volunteers from Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Chinatown 808, United Chinese Society and Chef Hui. We went door-to-door to businesses in Chinatown and presented them with a box of pastries/treats as a "gesture of thanks" and for not giving up and continuing to open their doors every day despite the many challenges they were faced with in recent years. We wanted them to know that we were here for them, we supported them, and we appreciated them.

In three months, we will be having our annual picnic. We hope you will all come out and join us on July 23rd, 2023, at Kapiolani Park. We will barbecue, and have fun playing games and winning prizes. More information to follow.

Xie Xie and Mahalo,

Marsha S. Y. Au-Maxwell

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President



Calendar of Events

July 23rd, 2023

Family Picnic

December 3rd, 2023

Hall of Honor Award and Installation of Officers & Trustees



We would like to congratulate our own Wendy M. N. Mow, UCS Assistant Treasurer, for being elected as the President of See Dai Doo Society.



Dr. Joseph Young passed away on February 16th, 2023. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Young, to his wife Barbara and their family. Dr. Young was UCS Chinese Model Father of the Year in 1998 and Citizen of the Year in 2004. He was also the Honorary Mayor of Chinatown and a community leader.



2023 New Year Day Society Visits

On January 1st, 2023, UCS Officers Marsha Au-Maxwell, 1st VP Mona Choy, and 2nd VP Ivy Yeung visited various societies, including: See Yup Society, Lung Doo Society, and See Dai Doo Society. We would like to congratulate all new society presidents and officers, and wish everyone a fruitful year ahead.



UCS 2023 New Year Tea Reception

On January 8th, 2023, UCS held its annual Tea Reception in-person for the first since the pandemic. We would like to thank everyone who attended and made it a memorable event.



Happy Year of the Rabbit!

On January 13th, 2023, the Narcissus Court came to visit during Choy Cheng (plucking the greens). They were Laura Mei Lan Ho (Queen), Jacelyn Chun Wei Ho (1st Princess), Kelly Wung Yun Yee (2nd Princess), Jessica Chen Lin (3rd Princess), and Kelsie-Ann Lan Suan-Kon (4th Princess).



Lunar New Year Parade

On January 14th, 2023, UCS participated in the Lunar New Year Parade from Hawaii State Capitol to River Street, organized by Chinatown 808. We were happy to see so many people who came out to celebrate. Did you spot us in the parade?



Meal Distribution at in Chinatown



On February 15th, 2023, UCS participated in the Chef Hui Chinatown food distribution, along with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Chinatown 808. Chef Hui was established during the pandemic to feed the community and help Chinatown businesses and restaurants with grants. On this day, volunteers from the groups above distributed food from Jacky's Macau Café to businesses in Chinatown.

Member Society Updates

Ching Clan Benevolent Society

On Saturday March 11th, 2023, the Ching Clan Benevolent Society held an Installation luncheon for their 2023 Officers at the Salt Lake Chinese Restaurant. Officiating was the Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke. Blessing this occasion with a Chinese Lion dance was from the Asian Lion Dance Team. The 2023 Officers are President Sharlene Y. Chun, Vice-President Juliet J.W.C. Garcia, English Secretary Cherie M.O. Ching (absent), Assistant Secretary Kin Ming Ching, Treasurer Pearl K.M. Ching, Assistant Treasurer Michele C. Choy, Immediate Past President Grant H.G. Ching, Auditor Robert K.C. Ching. Tables were decorated to celebrate the Year of the Water Rabbit. The Rabbit Year symbolizes Longevity, Peace and Prosperity. The year 2023 is predicted to be a year of Hope.



See Yup Benevolent Society and Yee Yee Tong

See Yup Benevolent society and Yee Yee Tong will be holding their annual banquet on June 11th, 2023 at Jade Dynasty at 5:30 PM.



Buck Toy Club

Buck Toy Club was founded in 1885 by people who immigrated to the Hawaiian Kingdom from Buck Toy Village (北台村) starting in the 1850's. Membership is composed of anyone who can trace to an ancestor who once lived in the village, located in Zhongshan County of Guangdong Province. Meetings, events and activities are conducted bilingually in English and the native Buck Toy Village dialect, one of several known as Heong Ha Wah (鄉下話), a derivative of Cantonese (廣東話).

On Sunday, March 26th, 2023, around 17 Buck Toy members gathered at the clubhouse and spent a fun day assembling ingredients for chicken jook, cha gwo (ip jai), gwok jai (half moon), jin dui and steamed taro cakes. It was just like being back in the village.



On Tuesday evening, March 28, members hosted classmates from Buck Toy Village who had immigrated to Sydney Australia and Boston Massachusetts. The banquet was held at the newly renovated Hawaii Dim Sum & Seafood Restaurant (聚賢酒樓). Buck Toy Club is proud to maintain contact with descendants of Buck Toy villagers who have settled around the world.





Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

Main events for May and June:

Sunday, May 7th, 2023 - "Dealing With Dad" Movie Screening

2:15 PM at Consolidated Ward 16

Film about Chinese-American family dealing with Father's depression.

Tickets are \$6 each, which will go to NAMI

Call Chamber for details (808) 533-3181 or go to <https://events.aarp.org/film5-7>

Friday, May 19th, 2023 - Installation & Annual Awards Banquet

6:00 PM at Jade Dynasty

Call Chamber for details at (808) 533-3181

June 15th – 26th, 2023 (Japan) and 26th – 30th, 2023 (Taiwan) - Narcissus Queen Tour

Tour visits Yokohama, & Tokyo, Chitose, Furano, Asahikawa, Noboribetsu, Otaru, Shiraoi, Sapporo.

Optional Taiwan Tour visiting Taipei, Jioasi, Shifen.

Call Chamber for details at (808) 533-3181



Chinatown 808

Chinatown 808 announces the following upcoming events:

Presented by: American Savings Bank, F.S.B.

Dragon Festival

Aala Park

Saturday, July 15th, 2023 | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Featuring:

Land dragon boat races, food trucks, craft booths, entertainment, lion dances, bounce houses, sumo tournament

Mid-Autumn Festival

Chinatown Cultural Plaza & Sun Yat Sen Mall

Friday, September 29th, 2023 | 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Featuring:

Lantern making, craft booths, entertainment, lion dances, picture booth, Cantonese style Moon Festival altar

For more information visit our website: chinatown808.com



Gook Doo Sam Heong Society

We are looking to update a membership list of the Gook Doo Sam Heong Society. This society has a property located at 688 N. Kuakini St. and a temple named Huang Tin Tin Hu.

The membership list is lost and we are trying to re-connect with membership. If you are related to anyone who is a member, board of director and or past-President of the society, please contact Gifford Chang at 808 306-4570 or idealgifford@gmail.com.

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688 N. Kuakini Street, Honolulu, HI 96817-2204

History: Descendants of emigrants from the three villages Oo Syak (*Wushi* 烏石), Peng Larm (*Pinglan* 平嵐), and Kew Tow (*Qiaotou* 橋頭) in the Gook Doo (*Gudu* 谷都) district of Zhongshan province first gathered on December 6, 1953, in the old Mun Lun Chinese school auditorium, to form the Sam Heong Tung Heong Hui (*Sanxiang tongxiang hui* 三鄉同鄉會). Wah Hin Lum was the founding president; Others in leadership roles included Sing Leong Chang, Yuke See Chang, Wah hin Chang, Juk Chin Lum, and Yum sin Chang. Given the late start of this organization, most members were already well assimilated in Hawai'i, many likely having been born on the islands, but the impetus for its formation paralleled those of the older hometown societies.

Mission: Assisting those in need, promoting Confucian values and philosophy, and reawakening interest in the language and cultural heritage of the members

Activities: Among the events that draw members together are banquets to celebrate New Year's, Ching Ming (Qingming), and the annual installation of new officers. The New Year (Spring) banquet also honors an outstanding member of the society.

Meetings of the Society are usually conducted in Chinese. An ongoing project focuses on fundraising for a clubhouse.

Membership:

Lifetime membership costs \$5 and is open to anyone with ties to the home villages. In 1984, there were over 700 members.

Association presidents:

1953-54	Wah Hin Lum*	1977	Walter K.W. Young	1991-92	Edwin Y.H. Chang
1955	Hew Chang*	1978-79	Wah Jip Chang	1993	Mildred B.W. Lum
1956	Dan Fong Chang*	1980-81	Sing Hoy Chang	1994-96	Hing Chang, Jr
1967-68	Kwon Leong Young*	1982	Sai Chow Chang*	1997-98	Augustus Fong Lum
1969	Mun Bo Chang*	1983	Wilfred W.S. Young*	1999-00	Wah Jip Chang
1970	Walter Won Chang*	1984-85	Harry H.W. Chang*	2001-02	Henry T.H. Chang
1971-72	Augustus Fong Lum	1986	Durmond Look	2003	Hing D.S. Chang, Jr.
1973-74	Victor K.B. Young	1987-88	Hing Chang, Jr.		
1975-76	Henry Y. Amoy*	1989-90	(Senator) Anthony Chan		



Hawaii Chapter of Organization of Chinese American Women

The First General Hawaii Chapter Membership Meeting of 2023 was themed “Reach Out to the New Generation!”

The OCAW Hawaii Chapter held its first general membership meeting for 2023 on Sunday, March 19th, 2023 at the King Restaurant and Bar in Honolulu.



Two of the most recent winners of the titles, Miss Chinatown Hawaii, Star Dahl-Thurston, and Narcissus Festival Queen Laura Ho, were invited to speak to us on how they perceived the relevance of Chinese societies today, and specifically the Chinese women’s clubs, to themselves and to those individuals in their age bracket.

We included members of their court to attend as personal guests of our President and Secretary.



Miss Chinatown Hawaii
Star Dahl-Thurston

Narcissus Queen Laura Ho honestly said that prior to this invitation, she and members of her court did not even know of our club’s existence, or what we did or stood for. They were now impressed by what we do, what we stand for and are trying to achieve.

Miss Chinatown Hawaii gave a great suggestion on how to reach the younger generation: social media communication! Most of us oldies don’t use Twitter, LinkedIn, or Facebook. Maybe it is time to rethink.



Narcissus Queen
Laura Ho

They also expressed not wanting to be a junior Chapter but be part of the main group – thus be “Inclusive rather than Excluded.” Star mentioned doing something similar to speed dating which caused many attendees to sit up! The idea is to couple a young newbie with a senior member and allow them to get acquainted with quick exchange of thoughts and ideas. Wow!

The 38 people who attended thoroughly enjoyed the sharing and relished the bountiful servings of food from steamed fish fillet, roast duck, beef broccoli, and crispy noodles topped with bean sprouts and mushrooms, to Yang Chow fried rice and long beans with ground pork.

By the time all were done eating, the formal part of the general membership meeting was an afterthought!

At the end of the day, the Hawaii Chapter gained six new members: three members of the Narcissus Festival Court, a past ACUW President, a former New Yorker, and the second male member to join our chapter (he is the son of our current Treasurer.) All in all, it was a wonderful and successful meeting!

The next one will be held on Sunday, May 21st, 2023, and the guest speaker is a young filmmaker, Kim Bassford, who has ancestral roots to the C.Q. Yee Hop family of Honolulu Chinatown.



Hawaii Chinese Association, Inc.

On January, 28th, 2023 (Saturday), the Hawaii Chinese Association (“HCA”) held its 2023 Spring Banquet and installation of board directors at the Japanese Cultural Center. Nearly 300 people attended the event. VIPs include Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Councilman Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Deputy Director Jeffrey Lee at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu, District Judge Paul Murakami, and presidents and delegates from the various ethnic societies and organizations in Hawaii.

The gala event opened with the entrance of the God of Good Fortune and 4 lions from the Majestic Cultural and the Arts Association who greeted the guests with blessings for the New Year.

In her opening speech, HCA President Angie Shiroma thanked everyone for their attendance and acknowledged the event committee and karaoke group for their efforts. In Mayor Blangiardi’s speech, he mentioned that his wife, Karen is from Taiwan which led him to appreciate the Chinese Culture and Chinese New Year celebrations. Following that, District Judge Paul Murakami installed the slate of officers to the 2023 HCA board of directors. City Representative, Tyler Dos Santo-Tam then presented each officer with a certificate of achievement.

The evening’s entertainment featured the HCA karaoke group singing Chinese New Year songs and dance performances by the HCA line dance group, Dance Magic 808, and various dance groups. There was also a lucky draw which featured many attractive prizes such as cash giveaways and gift vouchers (airline tickets, hotel stays, sunset cruise, and restaurants). The evening concluded with a jazzy Zumba session which got everyone on their feet and followed by lots of music for general dancing.





Taiwanese Association of America

The Taiwanese Association of America (TAA) will be hosting a special acrobatic team from Taiwan to join Hawaii Chinese community to celebrate US Asian American week. The team was specially selected by the Oversea Community Affairs ROC (Taiwan) to Hawaii and will perform on May 28th, 2023, at UH Kennedy Theater at 9:30 AM. The performance is open to the public.

This event is hosted by TAA Hawaii annually. TAA Hawaii will also present scholarships to local public schools' outstanding students during that event.

2023 TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK AND ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN CANADA
 — 美國臺灣傳統週暨加拿大亞裔傳統月文化訪問團 —

FREE admission

演出日期
May 28 Sunday
早上9:30 AM

演出地點
UH夏威夷大學
Kennedy theater

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