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## Tina Y. T. Au Honored as the 2018 Model Chinese Citizen of the Year

This year marks the United Chinese Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of honoring and recognizing a Model Citizen Chinese of the Year. A crowd of nearly 300 family, friends and members of our Chinese community gathered on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant to honor Tina Y. T. Wong Au as the United Chinese Society's 2018 Model Citizen of the Year. Tina's service to the community at-large includes involvement and leadership in numerous Chinese organizations and societies as well as civic groups and charities. She is currently president of the Hawaii Chinese Civic Association, National Director of the U. S. China People Friendship Organization, Director of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Board member of the Girls Scout Council of Hawaii, just to name a few. Tina is currently an Assistant Vice-President at Territorial Savings Bank and also a Senior Tax Partner with the Business Integration Group.



President Henry Ou presents Perpetual Trophy to Tina Au along with Immediate Past President Victor Lim

Tina is married to Richard Au and they have three daughters, Andrea Au, Rene Newport, and Mellissa Au and are blessed with three granddaughters, Abigail, Rebecca and Madelyn.  
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## Installation of United Chinese Society's 2019 Officers & Trustees

The swearing in of our 2019 Officers and Trustees was held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of our Model Chinese Citizen of the Year Banquet. The Honorable retired Chief Justice Ronald Moon presided over the ceremony as he has done so many times in the past. The new officers for 2019 are: President – Henry Ou; President Elect – Maj. Gen Calvin Lau (retired); 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Theodore Chong; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Sharon Chun; Secretary – Marsha Au Maxwell; and Treasurer – Edna Wong McKenna. Newly elected Trustees who will serve a 3-year term are Jeffrey Chang, Mona Choy-Beddow, Leonard Kam, Marvin Mau and Harvey Wong and newly elected Emeritus Trustees are Dr. Wendell Foo, Victor Lim, Harry Wong and Jeanette Young.



New Officers & Trustees taking the Oath of Office

President Henry Ou welcomed our guests and thanked out-going President Victor Lim for his service and also thanked the officers and trustees for placing confidence in him for the upcoming year.

As a thank-you gift from the officers and trustees, Henry and Trustee Suzanne Chun-Oakland, presented Victor Lim with a beautiful etched crystal bowl as a token our appreciation..  
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The special Model Chinese Citizen of the Year perpetual trophy was presented to Tina and will be displayed in the main hall of the United Chinese Society office for all to see. Several other government and community leaders, including Governor David Ige, Director General Michael Tseng of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say and Councilwoman Carol Fukunaga were on hand to present proclamations that recognized Tina.

We are proud to honor Tina T. Y. Au and to add her to our list Model Chinese Citizens of the Year, a list of distinguished leaders who have given of themselves and have contributed much to make our local community a better place for our future generations.

**Special Mahalo, Thank You & Xie Xie to our Banquet Table Sponsors**

The United Chinese Society is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and appreciates the continued generosity of our community to underwrite its many programs, activities and events. Our Model Chinese Citizen of the Year Banquet is a major fundraiser for the year and its success is made possible by the support of our Table Sponsors. On behalf of the United Chinese Society, we want to recognize and thank the following:

Platinum Sponsor – Territorial Savings Bank

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Special thanks to the Banquet Committee for their attention to detail and in making sure that the event ran smoothly. The Committee Chair was Henry Ou assisted by Victor Lim, Les Young, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Lani Kwong, Gail Sue; Calvin Lau, Dr. Glenn Pang, Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Carol Mun-Suzuki, Teddy Chong and Brandon Chong. And a special Mahalo to the evening’s master of ceremonies, Trustee Randy Chu.



Presentation from Governor Ige  
L-R: Victor Lim, Gov. David Ige, Tina Au & Henry Ou



Presentation from Director General Michael Tseng  
L-R: Henry Ou, Michael Tseng, Tina Au and Victor Lim



Presentation of Appreciation Gift  
L-R: Calvin Lau, Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Henry Ou & Victor Lim



## Welcome to 2019 Lunar New Year of the Pig

The Pig is the twelfth of all the zodiac animals. In the Chinese culture, pigs symbolize wealth as their chubby faces and large floppy ears are all symbols of wealth and fortune. Pigs are believed to have beautiful personalities and are blessed with good fortune in life.

According to one ancient myth, the Jade Emperor decided that the order of the zodiac animals would be decided by the order in which they came to his party. So, the first to arrive was the Rat but the last to arrive was the Pig. One legend says that the reason the Pig arrived late was because he had overslept. Another legend says that a wolf destroyed his house so the Pig had to rebuild it before he could leave for the Jade Emperor's party.

People born in the Year of the Pig are known to think logically and are problem solvers. They are not very good communicators but are very kind and provide very well for their family and loved ones. One fault is they are known to be short-tempered.

You are born under the Zodiac sign of the Pig if your year of birth is 1922, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995 or 2007.

## Congressional Gold Medal Recognition for World War II Veterans of Chinese Ancestry

Both Houses of Congress passed the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act and President Trump recently signed the Act into law to make appropriate arrangements for the awarding of a symbolic single Congressional Gold Medal to the Chinese American Veterans of World War II in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II. The medal shall be displayed at the Smithsonian Institution and it is hoped that the Gold Medal will also be made available for display in other locations such as Hawaii which had a large contingent of Americans of Chinese ancestry who bravely and courageously served their country during World War II.

## Upcoming Events

### January 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday: New Year's Tea Ceremony

The annual Tea Ceremony will be held at the United Chinese Society Hall starting at 10:00 AM. President Henry Ou will welcome all of our Chinese and local community leaders. As has been our tradition, a group picture of sitting society presidents will be taken followed immediately by a light lunch.

### April 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday: Ching Ming Observance

This year's Ching Ming Observance will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. Sponsored by the Chinese Societies of Hawaii and coordinated thru the United Chinese Society, this event carries much significance in the Chinese culture as generations of families pay homage to their departed ancestors with offerings of food, drink, flowers and the burning of incense and firecrackers.

## Society News & Happenings

Over 150 members of the Buck Toy Club enjoyed their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at its clubhouse on N. Vineyard Blvd. The festive event included the introduction of the 2019 Officers and Directors, the singing of Christmas songs, a visit from Santa including the handing out of many door prizes and a delicious plate lunch with cake for dessert. The Wah Kong Temple lion dance troupe opened the party with a performance and the popping of firecrackers.



2019 Officers: Jeffrey Young - Asst Treasurer; Kelly Xu - English Secretary; Tim Wan Li - Chinese Secretary; Guoming Li - Vice President; Alfred Young - President; Runtian Yeung - Auditor.