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MICHELLE CHOY WINS TITLE OF 2017 UCS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 07 10:00 a.m. Presidents' Tea UCS Hall

Sun., Dec. 03 Installation. Jade Dynasty 6:00 p.m.



Trustees et al l. to r. president Victor Lim, Glenn Pang, Wendell Foo, Eddie Flores, Henry Ou are all smiles doing the grilling of hot dogs and hamburgers.

Family Day Picnic - Fun and Great Food for All

Contributed by Leslie Young

A beautiful Hawaiian Sunday greeted about 300 of our family and friends at our 13th Annual Picnic held at Kapiolani Park and sponsored by the Congress of Chinese Societies United in conjunction with the United Chinese Society of Hawaii. This year's turn-out is the largest ever and it was great to see so many members from various societies mingling, playing games, socializing and just having a fun and relaxing Sunday. The event was organized by tri-chairs Teddy Chong, Marsha Au-Maxwell, and Kennydeen Quon along with the help of many

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Michelle Ching Choy

Queen Mother of Narcissus Queens who spent 43 years as Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii has been coordinating the Narcissus Pageant over the past 43 years. Michelle herself was once a candidate in 1974 for Narcissus Queen has been a pillar of the chamber's annual Narcissus Queen Pageant. She has seen throughout the years the many changes and improvements. All pageant entries adore her charm and friendly approach.

Michelle, energy-laden, is credited with expanding the pageant experience to include Chinese cultural classes that employ instructors from the community to share their expertise in the origins and artistry of Chinese history, traditions and the myriad of art forms. Likewise, she is producer of the Narcissus Coronation Ball and the Narcissus Court Advisor.

Michelle received the Outstanding Volunteer award in 2003, and the Outstanding Narcissus Volunteer award in 2015 from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. She is a member of the Ching Clan Society, See Dai Doo Society, Tsung Tsin Association, Yin Si Sha, and serves on the golf tournament for Palolo Chinese Home annual golf tournament.

Congratulations to Michelle and the Chinese Community is most proud of her!

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Children had fun with musical chairs game.

through their donations of prizes or monetary contributions. All the able-bodied and young at heart had fun scooping up all kinds of "goodies" at the scavenger hunt, or from playing musical chairs, tug-o-war, and the water balloon toss game. Throughout the day, lucky numbers were called and in the end, everyone received a prize. Lunch was provided by L & L Hawaiian BBQ along with hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by our own BBQ "chefs" Emeritus Speaker of the House Calvin Say, President-elect Henry Ou, immediate past president Dr. Wendell Foo, trustee Dr. Glenn Pang, and Larry Kwong, president of Wong Leong Doo Society. This year a Dessert Contest was held with the true winners being all of those who had a chance to taste the delicious goodies provided by Mavis Chong (1st place \$25 -butter mochi with coconut) Flora Lu (2nd place \$15 - mochi cake), and Lani Kwong (3rd place \$10 - sesame seed mochi and taro balls). And what would a picnic be without ice cold slices of watermelon. Every year Emeritus trustee Tommy Sum has donated Hawaii's sweetest homegrown seedless watermelons for all to enjoy. The success of such a large event would not be possible without the leadership and organization of tri-chairs Teddy Chong, Marsha Au-Maxwell, and Kennydeen Quon and their committee of volunteers who

deserve a special mahalo for doing an awesome job. Also, special thanks to Larry & Sandra Siu, Marshal Au-Maxwell, Dr. Mrs. Joe Young, Gerry Nishimoto, Li May Tan, Howard Lum, Brad Young, Kendrick Settsu, Calvin Say, Dr. Glenn Pang, Howard Lum, Victor Lim, and Lani and Larry Kwong for their generous monetary donations or donation of goods and prizes.

Everyone had a great time enjoying the fresh air and fun in the sun. Hope to see you all again at our 14th Annual Family Day Picnic in 2018!



Hot dogs and hamburgers were also winners.

Zhongshan Friendship Delegation Banquet

Submitted by Leslie Young



Gifford Chang, Thomas Sum, Lawrence Dang and Kennydeen Quan at Banquet.

On August 11th, our Chinese community welcomed a 5-member Zhongshan Friendship Delegation to a special banquet hosted by the United Chinese Society, the Chinese Chamber of

Commerce and the members of the 7 Doo's.

The gala event commemorated the 20th anniversary of our Zhongshan and Honolulu Sister City that was initiated in 1997. Earlier in the afternoon, Vice-Mayor Lei and our Mayor Kirk Caldwell participated in the planting of a Pak Lan tree at City Hall as a symbol of the roots that tie both of our cities together and the growth that will result from our continued strong ties both culturally and economically.

Zhongshan City is one of the most economically robust and culturally vibrant cities in all of China. Since 1985 Hawaii and Guangdong Province have maintained a "Sister-State" relationship both of which have served further to our economic and cultural ties. This is very relevant in that over 80% of the Chinese in Hawaii can trace their ancestral roots back to Zhongshan.

The evening ended with picture taking and the exchanging of gifts with Managing Director Roy Amemiya (representing Mayor Caldwell) presenting a specially made gift box made from three special types of wood in Hawaii (koa, sandalwood, and lychee) and the United Chinese Society presenting a commemorative plaque and the Chinese Chamber presenting a book on the history of the Chinese Chamber in Hawaii and Vice Mayor Lei and his delegation presenting beautiful Chinese scroll paintings.

We look forward to hosting our friends from Zhongshan again in 2018.



Representatives from Hawaii's Doo's on stage, and were presented souvenirs from the Zhongshan delegation. Hawaii's seven Doo's are See Dai Doo, Lung Doo, Leong Doo, Gook Doo, Wong Leong Doo, Kung Sheong Doo, and Duck Doo.

We Bid Farewell to Two Pillars of Our Community...by Leslie Young



Our community lost two of its finest citizens recently with the passing of Mrs. Yun Soong Jim on July 27th and Dr. Vernon Jim on September 2nd. These community leaders lived to serve others through their respective careers as a teacher and as a medical doctor. Both Mrs. & Dr. Jim passed away at the age of 97. Mrs. Jim was recognized by the United Chinese Society as Model Mother of the Year in 1982 and as its Model Citizen of the Year in 2000. Dr. Jim was also selected in 2002 as the United Chinese Society's Model Father of the Year and in 2005 received the honor of being selected as the Model Chinese citizen of the Year, the only husband-wife team to have received such recognition. The legacy of the Jim's lives on through their daughters Arlene Chang, Gwendolyn Wong, Velma Jim and their 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

New Trustees Elected on Nov. 4, 2017

Five new trustees who were elected include: Brandon Chong, Wes Chong, Randy Chu, Michael Lau, and Edna McKenna.

Officers for 2018 Listing

Officers for 2018 were elected at the caucus on Nov. 5 include: President: Victor Lim; President-elect: Henry Ou; 1st V-P: Calvin Lau; 2nd V-P: Sharon Chun; English Secretary: Kennydeen Quon; Chinese Secretary: Flora Lu; Treasurer: Theodore Chong; Assistant Treasurer: Jeanette Young; Auditor: Sister Cavilyn Ah Chick, OSF; Sgt.-at-arms: Shane Maihui.

Celebrating 68th National Day of China
by Carol Mun Suzuki

After several months of planning by the China National Day Committee, a committee with members from over 13 Chinese societies and organizations, the 68th National Day of China celebration was held on September 23rd at the Ala Moana Hotel's Hibiscus Ballroom. Special guests included the Honorable Consul Chen Xiao, Consulate General of the People's Republic of China's Los Angeles Office, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, State Representative Romy Cachola representing the governor, and Council members Ann Kobayashi and Carol Fukunaga, as well as many of our local dignitaries and society leaders and members. Dr. Lawrence Tseu was the title sponsor and Donna Chang and Qingren He were the event co-chairs. It was a night where many good memories were made, friendships renewed, and new friends made.



Calvin Say, Romy Cachola, and Carol Fukunaga recognized co-chairs Donna Chang and Qingren He.

Moon Festival & Lantern Making

by Carol Mun Suzuki



Venue at Mid-Autumn Festival

On September 24, UCS welcomed over 40 guests to a special Moon Festival Lantern making class with lead by a master lantern maker from Shanghai, China. Lantern-making kits were provided by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and after working on the project for a few hours, participants were so proud of their panda bear lanterns.



Lantern-making participants show off their panda lanterns, taught by master lantern maker from Shanghai, China.

A Chinese Moon Festival celebration was held at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza on September 29 and 30, 2017. The United Chinese Society and Chinese Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored this event and we helped with providing two arts and crafts booths showcasing how to make paper lanterns, 3-D rooster ornaments, and paper dragon puppets.



Victor Lim and wife in fortune cookie take-out model.

The booth was busy from morn till night and the highlight was the gigantic Chinese take-out box complete with chopsticks and fortune cookies in which attendees could enter and take photos. Special mahalo to Print Masters for their generous donation of the box. Special thanks to Daisy of the Honolulu Association of Chinese Cultural Education (HACCE) who provided a variety of activities on Saturday, and to the members of the Associated Chinese University Women, Inc., who volunteered their time and skills. It was a tremendous success due to the contributions of many. Thank you to Chairs Carol Mun Suzuki and Kennydeen Quon for a job well done!

The final Moon Festival was a special concert performed by the Tianjin Chinese Orchestra who were on their 2017 U.S. Tour. (The performance was also held on October 6th at the Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium). These talented musicians put on a very energetic and animated performance that captured the audience's attention. The sharing of our culture through the playing culture and history through the playing of unusual Chinese instruments was very educational and had the audience cheering and clapping to the beat of the music throughout the performance.

Obituary

Dr. Herbert Yau Hoy Chinn, eminent physician, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 26, 2017, at the age of 97. He established himself as a pioneer of modern medicine in Hawaii.

In 1988, he was recognized as the Model Chinese Father of the United Chinese Society. He was president of See Dai Doo Society and Lin Yee Chung Association.

UCS Annual President's Tea Slated

The Class of 2018 UCS Presidents' Tea is scheduled for Sunday, January 7th at UCS' Sun Yat-sen Hall at 10:00 a.m. All new society presidents and re-elected presidents are invited to attend this social event.

Following New Year's welcome Lion dancing

by Yeung Duck Dragon and Lion Dance Club, the protocol of welcoming and introducing of special guests, the program will be followed by picture taking of the Presidents' Tea Class of 2018.

Refreshments to follow picture taking and the guests and presidents will have the opportunity of mingling and socializing, getting to know each other and their society's projects and programs.

UCS Contingent Visits Palolo Chinese Home

UCS paid its annual visit to the residents of Palolo Chinese Home on Sunday, Nov. 19th. After entertaining the residents, a donation to PCH was presented to the home.

This year's visitation was again coordinated by emeritus trustee Sister Davilyn Ah Chick, OSF.

UCS Welcomes Three New Members

Sponsored by Leslie Young, three new members were approved by the board in recent weeks. New members include Randy Chu, Michael Lau, and Wesley Fong. We encourage them to participate in the diversity of activities UCS offers to its members.

Republic of China's National Day

by Carol Mun Suzuki

On October 8, 2017, the Republic of China's National Day (October 10) was celebrated by the Taiwanese community at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. The celebration included many auspicious prancing lions from various martial arts clubs, a parade around the plaza, and culminating with a lei ceremony in remembrance of Dr. Sun at-sen, and a light dim sum lunch. UCS was well-represented by President Victor Lim and trustees. In the evening, dignitaries from the community, including former governor George & Mrs. Ariyoshi, Governor David & Mrs. Ige, May Kirk Caldwell, and others attended a reception hosted by Director General Cho, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Honolulu, to further celebrate China's National Day with lively entertainment of songs and dances.

Zhongshan Worldwide Convention

by Carol Mun Suzuki

The 11th Worldwide Zhongshan Convention was held on October 27 to 29, 2017, in Fiji. A contingent from the Chung Shan Association of Hawaii attended the convention with President Carol Mun Suzuki serving as its group leader. A pre-tour coordinated by Henry Ou of air & Sea Travel Center included a week in New Zealand. Highlights were meeting delegates from Australia, Belize, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Cost Rica, San Francisco, our native Zhongshan, and the Fiji planning team, who did a tremendous job putting on a very successful convention attended by about 400 delegates. We look forward to the next convention in 2020 to be held in Costa Rica. "Bula Vinaka" to all who attended the convention ("Aloha" and "thank you" in Fijian.)



UCS Visits Palolo Chinese Home

submitted by Leslie Young



This year, nine members of UCS visited the Palolo Chinese Home (November 19) to present a monetary donation and to assist in providing musical entertainment to over 50 residents of the home. Under the leadership and direction of

Emeritus Trustee Sister Davilyn Ah Chick, OSF of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Ewa, ten of her elementary and middle school students put on a wonderful recital that included five electronic pianos, a solo singing performance, an energized hi-hop dance, and a medley of Hawaiian and contemporary songs all played in unison on the electric keyboards. Residents of the home were all smiles and applauded loudly after each song. Les Young, Vice Chairman of the Emeritus Trustees, opened the event with a welcome to the residents and a mahalo to the staff of PCH for all that they do to serve our elderly kupuna. UCS also presented a donation to PCH.

Attending on behalf of UCS besides Sister Davilyn Ah Chick were Emeritus Trustee Thomas Sum, and trustees Flora Lu, Kenydeen Quon, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Jeanette Young, Gail Sue, and Executive Assistant Lani Kwong.



Energized students from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.



Sister Davilyn Ah Chick, who coordinated the UCS's Annual visit to PCH.

Youth Cultural Group Performs at UCS

A Youth Group from Zhongshan performed at UCS Sun Yat-sen Hall Nov. 28. It was a variety show of sorts that included folk dances, skits, musical numbers on Chinese instruments such as the pipa, erhu, and sheng.

Society News

Buck Toy Club.

by Les Young and Jeff Young

On Sunday, August 27, 2017, over 80 members of Buck Toy Club observed the birthday of its patron deity, Hung Gung. Generalissimo Hong was a military hero during the Sung Dynasty (960 AD - 1279 AD). One legend says that he was being pursued by enemy soldiers and hid in a ditch on the side of the road. Ducks surrounded him so the soldiers could not see him and continued away, leaving the General safe and unharmed. Ever since, duck is not eaten in the General's presence. On another occasion during a period of heavy banditry in South China, thugs approached Buck Toy Village only to be greeted by flags of General Hong's soldiers. Fearing for their lives if they proceeded to pillage Buck Toy, they quietly left.



Rev. Duane Pang conducts the Taoist rites as the directors look on.

A village boy hiding behind in a tree nearby watched as the bandits approached, saw flags and then left. When the boy booked back at the village gate, the boy looked back at the village gate, the flags were gone!

PALOLO CHINSE HOME

Darlene Nakayama is the new CEO of PCH as if September 10, 2017. The replaces Darryl Ing, who retired after ten years as CEO of PCH.

ACUW

ACUW celebrated Family Day during the summer at Kalakaua Gardens with a Korean bento and lots of songs and dances by children. They also set up a venue at the Moon Festival celebration at the Cultural Plaza, with hands on activities for the children and demonstration of mooncake making.

SEE DAI DOO SOCIETY

See Dai Doo Society's free Mandarin classes boasts of 25 enthusiastic students taught by Donna Chang on Mondays, 7:00 pm.

WONG KONG HAR TONG

The blessing of its new headquarters, located on 718 Haoli Street was held on Sunday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m. with 90 members and guests attending. The formal Taoist rites were conducted by the Rev. Duane Pang and lasted for more than an hour and a half.



Edna McKenna helps with the rededication of the ancestral shrine.

CCBA (Chinatown Community Business Assn.)

CBCA 8th Chinatown Heroes banquet was held on October 29th at Golden Palace Restaurant, honoring two outstanding Chinatown Restaurant Pioneers: Don Murphy of Murphy's Bar and Grill and Duc Nguyen of Duc's Bistro on Maunakea Street.

Entertainment was provided by Brenda Young Matsui and Angela Chang. Co-emceeing were Kimo Wong and Stanford Yuen, and introductions of the honorees were by Chu Lan Schubert Kwock.

Ho Farms and Fat Law Farm produce were on sale, including fresh basil and tomatoes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR (OF THE DOG)



UCS trustees all turn out to participate in the picnic..

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