

New Year Tea Ceremony – Special Edition

United Chinese Society Welcomes in the New Year 2019

An overflowing gathering of over 130 of our local society presidents and members of our Chinese community joined together on Sunday, January 6th to welcome in the New Year 2019 at the United Chinese Society's New Year's Tea Ceremony. This annual event provides an opportunity for fellow members, family and friends to express and share their gratefulness for the good fortune and prosperity of the past year and to wish each other the very best for the new year. Edna McKenna Wong welcomed our guests as our mistress of ceremonies promptly at 10 AM and then got the morning started with the traditional lion dance performed by members of the Lung Kong Physical Culture Club under the leadership of Sifu Ernest Loo.



L-R: Victor Lim, Gov. David Ige, Lt. Gov. Josh Green, Ed Hawkins, Dir. Gen. Michael Tseng and Henry Ou with Lung Kong Physical Culture Club

Newly installed President Henry Ou addressed the audience by announcing that his goals for 2019 include more outreach to our members in order to strengthen our bonds with existing societies and to build relationships with new

societies and its members. He also mentioned that the new United Chinese Society website is now on-line and will be the primary source for information about Society events, activities, and general Chinese community news. The UCS website is: www.ucsofhawaii.com and our new email address is: ucsofhi@gmail.com



President Henry Ou Welcomes the Audience

This year we were honored to have Honorable Governor David Ige and Lt. Governor Josh Green in attendance and their remarks were comforting to hear as they shared their appreciation of the contributions of the Chinese community, the historic and economic value of our Chinatown district to our State, and acknowledged that there is still work that needs to continue in order to rebuild, restore and revitalize our Chinatown. Director General Michael Tseng of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office also shared his appreciation for the community service and outreach that the United Chinese Society has provided throughout the years and looks forward to providing his support in our future endeavors.



Governor David Ige Greets the Audience and Acknowledges the Contributions of the United Chinese Society



Lt. Governor Green Talks About the Need to Continue to Improve our Chinatown



Dir. General Michael Tseng Thanks the Audience for Their Continued Support and Community Service

All society presidents in attendance were recognized by UCS Secretary Marsha Au-Maxwell and joined each other on stage for a

group photograph. This was followed by the serving of lunch consisting of roast pig, noodles and choy sum to our guests in the meeting hall which provided time to relax, mingle with friends and acquaintances and “talk story”



Society Presidents and Community Leaders

Upon entry, all society presidents were given a “Welcome” packet containing special and very ornate Chinese calendar with a colorful depiction for the Year of the Pig on the front, a copy of the UCS Redbook directory, a cookbook compliments of Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, and a listing of our upcoming 2019 events. Guests were also served hot tea and cookies prior to the event by trustees Wes Chong and Randy Chu.



Trustees Wes Chong, Les Young and Randy Chu Greets Guests with Hot Tea and Cookies





Sharon Chun, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Edna Wong McKenna, Suzanne Chun-Oakland and Mike Oakland Help at the Society Presidents Sign-In Table

United Chinese Society 2019 Officers & Trustees

The new officers and trustees for the United Chinese Society were sworn in at the Installation Banquet held on December 8th at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. Here is our 2019 group picture.



1st Row: Jeanette Young, Lawrence Siu, Harry Wong, Secretary Marsha Au-Maxwell, 1st VP Theodore Chong, President Henry Ou, President-Elect Calvin Lau, 2nd VP Sharon Chun, Treasurer Edna Wong-McKenna, Marvin Mau & Calvin Say

2nd Row: Dr. Glenn Pang, Dr. Lawrence Dang, Wesley Chong, Brandon Chong, Randy Chu, Les Young, Victor Lim, Lani Kwong, Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Mona Choy-Beddow, Jeffrey Chang, Harvey Wong & Leonard Kam. Missing: Sister Davilyn Ah Chick, Thomas Sum, Yuk Guy Yee, Flora Lu, Dr. Wendell Foo, Michael Lau, Cyrus Kam & Gail Sue

Calendar of Events for 2019

The following events are currently scheduled for the upcoming year. If you are interested in joining us in the planning of any of these events, please contact our office at (808) 536-4621 or email at: ucsofhi@gmail.com

- February 2: Night in Chinatown & Parade (Chinatown Merchants Association)
- February 5: Chinese New Year Day
- April 6: Ching Ming Observance
- June 8: Kamehameha Day Parade
- June 8: Model Mother & Father Banquet
- August 11: Annual Family Day Picnic
- September: Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Celebration (date TBD)
- December 7: Model Chinese Citizen Banquet and 2020 Officer Installation (Jade Dynasty)