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Greetings from President Leonard Kam



Greetings...I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health and high spirits.

I realize that with all that is going on in the world and our community it can be difficult to navigate through it all. The only thing we can do is to try our best to work through the situation and create or modify our events to be able to maintain some semblance of normalcy.

To that end we are still holding out hope that we will be able to have our installation banquet on December 4th. Many of you are wondering if we will be honoring a Citizen or Parent of the Year in 2021. The challenge we face is to provide a celebration befitting the honoree should we decide to have a search for either award. A decision will be made by the end of September and an email notice will be sent out announcing the plan for this year.

Please note that we will be holding our General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:30 pm via Zoom. RSVP information is provided in this newsletter.

I would like to thank the many organizations who contributed articles for this edition of the newsletter. Afterall, this newsletter is your newsletter, and we are here to serve all of you.

Please take care of yourselves. We hope to be gathering together soon!

UCS Office is Closed

The UCS office is still closed and the best way to reach us is through **email**.
Phone messages will be checked intermittently.

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Congressional Gold Medal Honoring Chinese American WWII Veterans

As Hawaii hopefully approaches the near ending of the COVID pandemic, the delayed activities honoring the Chinese American veterans who served during World War II are beginning to be rescheduled. Since the signing into Law in Dec 2018, the approval to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the 20,000 Chinese veterans at both National and Regional events were put on hold due to the difficulties involving COVID social and travel restrictions. The Congressional Gold Medal is our nation's highest expression of appreciation for individual and institutional achievements and contributions to America. Currently plans are being made to locally honor the more than 375 Hawaii recipients, families, and friends at a luncheon this year on 26 September - depending on the Hawaii COVID profile at that time. *[Editor's note: The event has been postponed to December.]* The 10 am to 2 pm venue will be at the Hilton Hawaiian Village which can potentially accommodate 700 to 1400 attendees – again depending on social distancing rules at that time. At the luncheon, photo opportunities will be available for all to commemorate and record this historic event. A special enlarged replica of the Congressional Gold Medal will serve as an outstanding photo backdrop for all who desire taking photos with those who are honored or celebrating this historic moment. For details on reservations and costs, go to <https://caww2.regfox.com/cgm-hawaii> and register to attend this event as well as purchase a specially designed commemorative Reysn aloha shirt honoring our WWII Veterans. Proceeds from shirt sales will help fund medals and lunch for each Hawaii living veteran and a guest. The cost for lunch is the same as the price for the Nisei CGM 11 years ago. Other regional events from coast to coast are being scheduled throughout the year. Indications are we may see many visitors from the mainland who want to participate in our Hawaii's CGM to have a large family reunion and enjoy the amenities of our state. Hawaii's CGM award to our WWII Chinese American Veterans will be a once in a lifetime event. To accommodate our visitors and locals who may want to engage in more on island activities, a very special tour which tentatively includes Pearl Harbor, the Missouri, the Bowfin, and Aviation Museum of the Pacific is being organized at a price yet to be determined. You may find more detailed and recent information on the Congressional Gold Medal at www.caww2.org and www.caww2hawaii.org.

Calendar of Events

We look forward to being able to connect again!

Please see below and save the dates for upcoming events.

August/September UCS Family & Friends Picnic – CANCELLED

October 5, 2021 UCS General Membership Meeting Via Zoom

December 4, 2021 Installation Banquet – Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant



UCS is deeply saddened by the passing of UCS 2016 Model Chinese Father of the Year, Mr. Wah Lun Wong. Mr. Wong passed away on July 10, 2021 at age 87 years old. A Chinese Taoist service was officiated by Rev. Duane Pang on August 5, 2021 at Borthwick Mortuary. He was past president of Lung Tow Wan, Lung Doo Society and Wong Kong Har Tong. UCS offers its deepest condolences to Edna Wong McKenna and her family.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

7:30 pm via Zoom

Please RSVP to ucshicom@gmail.com by Tuesday September 28, 2021 in order to receive the meeting link.

NOTE: There will be a presentation to Amend the By-laws. Please RSVP in order to receive a copy electronically.

Timeline of Women's Achievements in History

Article provided by OCAW

1778: Deborah Sampson disguises herself as a man and fights in the American Revolution

1843: Former slave Isabelle Baumtree changes her name to Sojourner Truth and begins lecturing about suffrage and abolition

1848: The Seneca Falls Convention in Seneca Falls, NY, approves the Declaration of Sentiments focusing on women's rights

1849: Elizabeth Blackwell is the first US woman to earn a medical degree

1850: Oregon's Donation Land Claim law grants married women the right to own land

1854: Florence Nightingale introduces nursing innovations in Britain; Susan B. Anthony begins her crusade for American women's rights

1881: Clara Barton establishes the American Red Cross

1889: Journalist Nellie Bly, whose real name was Elizabeth Cochrane, leaves New York on a 24,899-mile journey around the world

1890: Wyoming is the first state to allow women to vote

1892: Annie Moore from Ireland is the first immigrant to arrive through Ellis Island

1900: Women first participate in modern Olympics in three events: golf, tennis and yachting

1901: Army Nurse Corps opens the door for women to serve in the US military

1903: Marie Curie wins the Nobel Prize for physics for her work with radioactivity

1905: Anna Eleanor Roosevelt marries her fifth cousin once removed Franklin Delano Roosevelt in New York City

1916: Manitoba is the first Canadian province to allow women to vote in provincial elections

1920: The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution grants women the right to vote in federal elections

1955: Seamstress Rosa Parks becomes a civil rights pioneer after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Ala.

1966: Betty Goldstein Friedan founds the National Organization for Women (NOW)

1972: American journalist Gloria Steinem helps launch Ms. Magazine

1981: Sandra Day O'Connor is appointed first female justice of the US Supreme Court

1984: Geraldine Ferraro becomes the first woman vice-presidential nominee of a major US political party

1997: Czech-born American diplomat Madeleine Albright becomes the first female Secretary of State

1999: Col. Eileen Collins is the first woman to command a space shuttle

2005: Danica Patrick finishes fourth in the Indianapolis 500, the best finish ever for a woman in the race's history

2007: Californian Nancy Pelosi is the first woman to serve as speaker of the US House of Representatives, making her the highest-ranking woman in US government history

2021: Kamala Harris becomes first female, first Black, first Asian American VP in US History

Major Achievements of Chinese American Women

- 1990: Sheryl WuDunn becomes the first Asian-American woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in Reporting. Television.
- 1951: Anna May Wong becomes the first Asian-American to lead a U.S. television show, with her work on The Gallery of Madame Liu-Tsong.
- Women won the right to vote in 1920, the right to serve alongside men in the military in 1948, and the right to equal pay in 1963—and the past 50 years have been just as influential when it comes to achievements made by women. Since 1969, women have launched into space, released some of the most popular music of all time, and made lasting impacts on political and judicial systems around the globe.
- 2016 Artist Maya Lin received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her career achievements, including her design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Ala. Former U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao was appointed to be the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Rep. Judy Chu (D-Los Angeles County) and Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) reelected.
- 2021 Commemorative Forever stamp of Dr. Wu Chien-Shiung, issued by the United States Postal Service. She is one of only two individuals being honored with stamps this year, and in a year that the USPS is honoring Asian American achievement. Dr. Wu was one of the most influential nuclear physicists of the 20th century.

Graffiti Removal Experts

After volunteering at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Chinatown cleanup, UCS trustees Michael Lau and Randy Chu kept the momentum going by putting their “on the job training” to work, painting over the graffiti on the metal roll-up door for N.K. Wine Shop. On August 28, 2021, Emeritus Trustee, Teddy Chong, met the duo as they volunteered to beautify the vandalized door. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to cleanup not only the UCS building, but also Chinatown! (Photos below)





(Before and after photos of the metal door)

Sprucing/Cleaning Chinatown

By Marsha Au-Maxwell

On Saturday, August 14th, members from UCS volunteered to paint 17 gray utility traffic signal boxes in the Chinatown area from King & Bethel to River and Beretania Streets to Fort Street Mall areas. This project was organized by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii who coordinated the work with the City & County of Honolulu. Edna Wong McKenna bought us manapua for breakfast and tea was made before we started out. I would like to give a Big Thank You to all our volunteers: Teddy Chong, Randy Chu, Calvin (Kelly) Lau, Leonard Kam, Michael Lau, Victor Lim, Edna McKenna, Calvin Say, Robert Wong and Les Young. We did have another group of volunteers that helped paint with us. We received instructions from Scott Goto of Dept. of Facility Maintenance at 9 a.m. The City provided us with 12 quart cans of paint, brushes, gloves, rags, and vests to wear. We were done before 10:30 a.m. with no spillage on ourselves. There was an estimate of 250 volunteers that spruced up the Chinatown area by sweeping and picking up trash. Don Murphy of Murphy's Bar & Grill and J. J. Niebuhr of J. Dolan's neighboring business owner/restaurateur gave all the volunteers hot dogs and bottled water or soda from Pepsi Co. & American Savings Bank, a fortune cookie from Panda, and a pocket size hand sanitizer from Home Street Bank.





*...to promote projects of
benevolence, charity, and
cultural awareness; and to
promote the welfare of the
Chinese community.*

**Member Society
Updates**

Special Request from Manoa Chinese Cemetery for Community Support

Lin Yee Chung Association is a non-profit organization that manages and operates the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. The purpose of this letter is to make our community, not just the Chinese community but the community at-large, aware of the current financial strain that Lin Yee Chung Association has been operating under for the past several years. So now, after 170 years of operation, we are reaching out to our community to seek your financial support so that we can continue to operate, maintain and improve the cemetery grounds.

Manoa Chinese Cemetery was founded 170 years ago as a final resting place for our loved ones. Since its founding in 1851, the cemetery has continued operations from the revenue generated through the sales of cemetery plots on an “as-needed” basis and continues to do so because Hawaii State regulations prohibit the “pre-sale” of plots. Additionally, only about 10% of the cemetery grounds remain available. The revenues to be generated from the remaining plots will not be sufficient to maintain and upkeep the entire cemetery. These two conditions have severely impacted the cemetery’s ability to generate sufficient funds to maintain and improve the grounds.

Many of you have past family members and loved ones at the Manoa Cemetery and pay your respects throughout the year. This is perhaps especially true during the Ching Ming / Bai Shan season in April of each year. We do our best to maintain the grounds and to provide safe access and observance.



Our operating costs continue to rise while our revenues continue to be limited. Therefore, we are asking for your financial assistance to help perpetuate the Manoa Chinese Cemetery for our ancestors who are interred there and for our future generations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

All contributions of \$250 or more will be recognized with the donor’s name engraved on a plaque to be placed at the cemetery. Please select your contribution level from the categories below. A receipt for your contribution will be mailed for your tax filing records.

- \$250 - \$500
- \$501 - \$1,000
- \$1,001 - \$2,500
- \$2,501 - \$5,000
- Other: \$ _____

(Continued below)

Member Society Updates

Please make your donation payable to: Lin Yee Chung Association and mail to 3430 East Manoa Road Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Lin Yee Chung is an IRS 501(c)(13) tax-exempt organization and contributions are tax-deductible for federal tax purposes under IRS Section 170(c)(5). Please seek the advice of your tax advisor for more information and details.

The charity of your heart will be remembered by future generations, and the officers and directors of Lin Yee Chung extend our Mahalo and Aloha to you and your family.

Kung Sheong Doo Keeping up with Covid

Since the start of the pandemic, KSD has utilized ZOOM technology to continue to function as a Society and provide opportunities to engage its membership. All Board meetings since 2020 (until recently) have been conducted via Zoom. All Membership meetings since 2020 have also been conducted via ZOOM. To provide assistance to our Restaurants, members participating in the virtual meetings were sent Gift Cards from neighborhood Chinese Restaurants in lieu of their lunches. KSD has provided its members “drive through” events such as our 2020 annual picnic, our 2021 Spring Banquet, and 2021 annual picnic. Our Cultural Education Program flourished as our College bound “Scholars” were able to receive their awards by participating in Zoom meetings and by providing presentations (cooking demos and on food topics) at the virtual membership meetings. The virtual meeting format has also enabled out of state KSD members to actively participate in its activities. So until we are able to gather as a Society once again, KSD will continue to conduct business in this manner and is exploring hybrid methods involving on-line and in person participation. KSD has and will provide technical support and assistance to other Societies. Contact Wes Mun at wkmun@hawaii.rr.com.

Buck Toy Club

Buck Toy Club celebrated the birthday of the club’s patron, Generalissimo Kang (康公) with a traditional Taoist service conducted by the Rev. Duane Pang of Wah Kwong Temple on Saturday, August 14, 2021, which coincides with the lunar calendar date 7th day of the 7th month. Generalissimo Kang was a famous patriot from the Sung Dynasty. Village legends speak of bandits attacking Buck Toy Village but suddenly retreated when they saw the General’s battle flags flying high in front of the village entrance. This was witnessed by a young farm boy tending his water buffalo in the rice fields. When he saw the bandits coming down the road, he climbed up high to hide in a tree. After the bandits left, he ran home to tell his father of what he saw. The village elders said no soldiers were anywhere close to the village. They built a temple to honor the great general for saving them.

Buck Toy Club was originally organized in Honolulu in 1895 under the name “Second Temple of Buck Toy” (北台二廟) as a place for people who were born and raised in Buck Toy village [Beitai Cun, Heongshan County, now Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province; 中國大陸廣東省香山縣 (現在中山市) 北台村] to meet and network with fellow villagers who had immigrated to Hawaii. A shrine to Hong Gung sits in the club’s main hall. Only President Alfred Young, Vice

President Guoming Li and Director Xiaozhong Lin represented the membership who could not attend due to pandemic restrictions. VP Li read a poem to Hong Gung, written by club scholar, the late Bing Hen Young, styled in 4-word stanzas, a truly lost art. As part of the prayer for world peace and a quick end to the pandemic, Rev. Pang recited the names of over 130 members and friends who donated to have this service conducted. Traditional Taoist temple music was provided by Kutt Hing Society members, a few of whom are also Buck Toy Club members. A lion dance was performed by members of the Wah Kwong Temple Lion Dance Troupe. A simple vegetarian lunch was prepared by Buck Toy Club member, Russell Young and his wife Debbie.

Generalissimo Kang's feast day is the 7th day of the 7th month of the Chinese lunar calendar (七月七) which coincides with the Festival of the Cowherd and the Weaver Girl (七夕節), China's traditional "Valentine's Day". Buck Toy Club is proud to maintain many of the traditional rural Chinese festivals and cultural events brought to Hawaii by our ancestors from Chungshan over 200 years ago.

Organization of Chinese American Women Hawaii (OCAW)

From: President Dr. Roberta Wong LEUNG



Aloha and Happy Safe Summer!

I trust everyone is safe and happy to return to a more normal life with more covid vaccinations and less positive cases. Crystal Kwok gave a wonderful June zoom presentation on "Blurring the Color Line" a documentary film she is producing for her University of Hawaii PhD program on her family growing up in Atlanta, Georgia and racial challenges they faced. We donated \$1000 to her fund. We appreciate her taking time to be our guest speaker and join as a member.

We have 5 new members join this year. Please continue to recruit more members as we have an excellent program of speakers.

We are excited and looking forward to Queenie being our speaker August 8, 2021, and giving information about OCAW.

Mildred Wong will be our guest speaker on November 28, Elections Day. Please volunteer to be Nominations Chair as we need to fill that important position.

We are hoping we can all meet face to face December 19 for our Christmas Installation lunch at Oahu Country Club.

Our Hawaii OCAW Chapter has had excellent coverage and articles in this year's two National OCAW Newsletter issues. Please feel free to write and submit an article. Mahalo to Queenie and her son for submitting excellent articles. Award winning book author Claire Chao submitted an interesting article about Qi Pao dress.

I thought you might be interested in Women's Achievements in USA History for the past 4 decades as well as Chinese American Women Achievements. We have come a long way and making progress. (see article above)

Continue to be healthy and safe!

We hope to be able to meet again soon in person.

Hungry Ghost Festival at Lum Sai Ho Tong

August 22, 2021

The Chinese believe that during the 7th month of the lunar calendar the gates of the underworld open up and releases the ghosts (including the spirits of one's ancestors), to mingle with the living. It is said that when the ghosts come out they are hungry and if not fed, will resort to mischief. To appease the hungry ghosts, Tin Hau Temple performs an ancestor worship ceremony, acknowledging and offering them food and money. This tradition is called Chung-Yun (Hungry Ghost Festival) or Siu Yee "burning clothes". Siu Yee refers to the tradition of burning joss paper which represents money, clothes or other items that the spirits can use in the afterlife.



Mr. Wong, Tin Hau Temple caretaker, give thanks to the ancestors with President Daren Lum looking on.



In the kitchen, friends from Big Island and India are helping to prepare the food. In India, they have a similar ghost festival called Ullambana. In Japan it is called Obon.



Plates of Hawaiian food are prepared in honor of the spirits of the Hawaiians who had for centuries lived on the land where Lum Sai Ho Tong building now sits.



The plates of food are placed along the sidewalk outside of the temple for the wandering spirits to partake.



People brought bags of folded joss paper which were then placed inside the incinerator at the temple. The bags were often labeled with the names of the ancestors for whom they are for.



The joss paper is burnt to allow the spirits to use it which makes them happy.



Many families came to pay respect to their ancestors.

At Lum Sai Ho Tong, for over a 100 years, we have perpetuated the traditions that our forefathers brought with them from China.

<https://www.lumsaihotonghawaii.com>

If you have anything you would like to share for this e-newsletter, please email Communications Chair, Ivy Yeung at ucshicom@gmail.com. Quarter 4 of the Parasol will be out around December 2021/January 2022.