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Narcissus Queen & Court Visit UCS

The time-honored tradition of the Narcissus Queen and her Court calling on the United Chinese Society at the start Choy Cheng was held on Friday, February 2nd at the UCS office in Chinatown. Queen Tiana Wong along with 1st Princess Jennifer Wong, 2nd Princess Melody Lai, 3rd Princess Deanna Choy and 4th Princess Caroline (Chan) Kodama graced our offices with their charm and beauty. They were escorted by Chinese Chamber President Joseph Hu and Narcissus Pageant Coordinator Michele Choy who is also the United Chinese Society's 2017 Model Chinese Citizen of the Year. The Yeung Dak Dragon and Lion Dance Association greeted the gathering with a lion dance performance. President-Elect Calvin Lau along with fellow trustees and officers Victor (with wife Anita Lim), Edna Wong McKenna and Marsha Au-Maxwell welcomed our guests and presented lisee's to the Queen and her Court and wished them the very best for the New Year of the Boar.



L-R: Victor Lim, Michele Choy, Marsha Au-Maxwell, 3rd Princess Deanna Choy, 1st Princess Jennifer Wong, President-Elect Calvin Lau, Queen Tiana Wong, Chamber President Joseph Hu, 2nd Princess Melody Lai, 4th Princess Caroline Chan Kodama & Edna Wong McKenna.

New Year's Chinatown Parade

Several thousand well-wishers lined Hotel Street from the State Capitol to River Street to enjoy this year's Chinatown Parade and welcome in the Year of the Pig. Members of the United Chinese Society proudly carried our banner as they marched and waved to all who lined Hotel Street. Members of many local societies also participated by marching with their banners held proudly as the Chinese lions danced to the rhythmic beat of the drums. Our marchers were followed by special guests riding in Corvette convertibles such as our Mother and Father of the Year Dr. Roberta Wong Leung and Mr. Howard Pang, our Model Citizen of the Year Tina Au and UCS 2nd Vice President Sharon Chun. The parade was on Saturday, February 2nd and over 80 organizations marching together. Representing UCS were Victor & Anita Lim, Wendell Foo, Susie Chun Oakland, Marvin Mau and Marsha Au-Maxwell.



Anita Lim, Marvin Mau, Susie Chun Oakland, Wendell Foo and Victor Lim smile and wave to the crowd as they walk along Hotel Street from the State Capitol.

Visit our new website for the latest news and events around Chinatown www.ucsofhawaii.com

**UCS Trustee Suzanne Chun Oakland
Honored by McKinley High School & the
McKinley Alumni Association**

Trustee Suzanne Chun Oakland was inducted into the McKinley High School's Hall of Honor on Friday, January 25, 2019, and honored at a McKinley Alumni Association (MAA) brunch attended by over 120 people at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii on Saturday, January 26th. The Hall of Honor was started in 1985 to recognize its outstanding graduates who have brought honor to their alma mater by their achievements and contributions through unselfish community service and volunteerism. Also inducted posthumously were Lammy Ching (1935) and Dennis Ching (1938). Emeritus Trustee Colonel (ret.) Lawrence Siu serves as the president of the MAA and he and his wife Sandra along with fellow UCS officers and trustees Henry Ou (President), Maj Gen (ret.) Calvin Lau (President-Elect), Teddy Chong (1st Vice President), Marsha Au-Maxwell (Secretary), Edna Wong McKenna (Treasurer), Victor Lim (Emeritus Trustee), trustees Brandon Chong and Harvey Wong and Lani Kwong (Executive Assistant) attended this event to show their love and support.



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

In our January issue we informed everyone that both Houses of Congress passed the Chinese World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal

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Act and President Trump had 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. But there is still more work to be done. With the passage of the Act, we all now need to spread the word to identify and gather documents, uniforms, photographs, and other materials which identify and validate the eligibility of those Chinese Americans (males and females) who served in the Army, Army Air Corps, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines in World War II. Please spread the word among your membership (spouses, sons, daughters, relatives, friends, etc.) that we need their help to recognize and honor these heroes and past comrades. This is another great way to involve the younger generations in recognizing the accomplishments of the Chinese Americans in the growth of our nation. In order to receive the Congressional Gold Medal, a Chinese American Veteran of World War II must register on the website. Please help to get the word out and to assist in registering your society members and others of Chinese ancestry who may be eligible for this honor. The Hawaii Committee for this effort requests you contact Maj Gen (Ret) Robert Lee by email (bobleehnl@msn.com) if you have any questions. The website address is: www.CAWW2.org/preservation.

**United Chinese Society Requests Your
Support to Obtain Approval from the
State for Grant in Aid Funds**

The United Chinese Society needs your support by writing or calling your State senator and representative and asking them to support UCS' application for Grant in Aid funds. The UCS office building was built 85 years ago in 1934. No major repairs have been made since then and "father-time" has slowly caught up to our building. (Continued on next page)

Repairs and renovations are now critical as our building continues to age at a time when usage continues to increase as we strive to meet the ongoing needs of our local Chinatown and the greater community at-large.



UCS Building at 42 N. King Street

Safety and comfort are of utmost priority. Age and frequency of use has, unfortunately, required building repairs beyond which organizational funds can adequately provide. Approval of our application for a Grant in Aid would greatly help pay for these much-needed repairs and provide a safe, comfortable and accessible facility to be used by our community.

UCS Tours the Helemano Plantation

Mrs. Susanna Cheung and her gracious staff hosted several UCS officers and trustees with a tour of the Helemano Plantation facility in Wahiawa on Sunday, February 24th. Helemano Plantation is a division of ORI and lead by its CEO, Mrs. Susanna Cheung. Mrs. Cheung along with her staff allowed our members to tour their 50-acre facility that included separate residences for clients, a full kitchen and dining facility, beauty salon, and a sewing and massage center. All of these facilities are geared to provide work training for her clients. ORI was founded in 1980 in Honolulu and in 1984, Mrs. Cheung with the support of her husband Ho Ming Cheung and several other community leaders who had the same vision as Mrs. Cheung, dedicated its present Helemano Plantation training and residential center in Wahiawa in order to provide a safe and nurturing environment for many of

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Hawaii's developmentally challenged. After the tour, our members were treated to a special lunch prepared by the Helemano Plantation staff that included their famous oxtail soup, fried shrimp rice, cold ginger chicken, a full salad bar that included tomato soup, pineapple pie and banana lumpia.



Susanna Cheung (center in yellow) and her staff and clients pose with UCS officers and trustees



L-R: Marsha Au-Maxwell, Henry Ou, Mrs. Susanna Cheung, Harvey Wong, Sharon Chun, Kelly Lau, Teddy Chong & Mona Choy-Beddow

Palolo Chinese Home Ushers in the Year of the Boar

Palolo Chinese Home celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Boar on Sunday, Feb. 10th with its residents, their family members, donors and

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special guests. Jay Jarman, Co-Executive Director of Common Grace, provided the blessing and got the festivities with a martial arts demonstration by the Gee Yung International Dragon and Lion Dance Association that included the gongs, drums, firecrackers and three lions.



Stanford Yuen, Calvin Say, Rena Ochse, Palolo Chinese Home CEO Darlene Nakayama & Beverly Mau

Long-time Palolo Chinese Home supporter Dr. Lawrence Tseu and Janice Tyau Peterson, daughter of Blossom Tyau, presented a special plaque in honor of Blossom Tyau, who served on Palolo Chinese Home’s board of directors until she passed away last year. The plaque and Blossom’s portrait will be used to start a new Hall of Honor to recognize the generous support of donors. To top off the celebration, everyone enjoyed a plate full of Chinese chicken salad, roast pork with buns, jai, chow mein, and gao, and many took tours of Palolo Chinese Home to learn about the full range of care options for seniors, including senior day care, adult residential care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services. For more information about Palolo Chinese Home’s programs to support seniors and caregivers, call (808) 748-4909 or visit palolohome.org.

Hawaii Fujian Business Assn Banquet

The Hawaii Fujian Business Association held its first Spring Banquet on January 20th at the Dole Cannery Ballroom. President Peter Shi, along with his officers, welcomed their many guests which included Mayor Caldwell and several City Council members along with several members of the State Legislature.



President Peter Shi and Mayor Caldwell



UCS Officers & Trustees enjoy the Hawaii Fujian Business Association’s banquet: 1st Row: Edna Wong McKenna, Anita Lim, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Teddy Chong & Victor Lim. 2nd Row: Wendell Foo, Tina Au, Sharon Chun, Lani Kwong, Mona Choy-Beddow, Thomas Sum and Leonard Kam.

Wong Kong Har Tong Open House

With two yellow lions prancing auspiciously midst the din of firecrackers and pounding of
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drums, gong and cymbals, Wong Kong Har Tong, the lions entered the parlor of its new headquarters at Hauoli Street and paid respects to the ancestral shrine in the main hall on Saturday, February 9, at the lunar year open house, commencing at 10 am. (Wong Kong Har Tong's headquarters is now located away from Chinatown.) Well over a hundred members and visitors arrived, including the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office's Dir. General Michael Tseng and his deputy. Among other luminaries were 2019 Narcissus Queen and her court, escorted by Michele Choy. The atmosphere was conducive to the Lunar Year festivities and everyone had box lunches of dim sum, noodles, roast pork and sweet desserts along with festive conversation and socialization. Submitted by Harry C.Y. Wong



President Arthur Wong and Vice President Wayne Wong

Ching Ming Observance Saturday April 6

The Chinese Societies of Hawaii and the United Chinese Society will be observing its Annual Ching Ming Observance on Saturday, April 6th at the Chinese Manoa Cemetery by the Grand Ancestors Tomb. We welcome the public to attend and to learn more about this time-honored Chinese tradition that embodies the Oriental traits of filial piety, family honor and respect for those who sacrificed to make our lives better.

Date: Saturday, April 6th
 Time: 9:30 AM

**Emeritus Trustee Thomas Sum
 Recognized at TECO Event**

Emeritus Trustee Thomas Sum and wife Diana were both recognized as Overseas Chinese Community Affairs Directors by Director General Michael Tseng and Mrs. Tseng of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu. The event was attended by several hundred community leaders and society presidents and was held on Saturday, February 16th during the Celebration of the Lunar New Year at a reception at the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Cultural Center at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza.



Thomas Sum in center and wife Diana Sum 4th from right.

Upcoming Events

Ching Ming Observance

Date: Saturday, April 6
 Time: 9:30 AM
 Place: Manoa Chinese Cemetery

Kamehameha Day Parade

Date: Saturday, June 8
 Time: 9:00 AM
 Place: Downtown to Kapiolani Park

Model Chinese Mother & Father of the Year

Date: Saturday, June 8
 Time: 5:30 PM
 Place: Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant

The Hawaii Chinese Writers' Association

The Hawaii Chinese Writers' Association ("HCWA") is a non-profit organization established on October 18, 1997 in the U.S. by founder and Chairperson, Sai-Lin Wong 創會會長, 黃世連 (筆名黃河浪), with Chin-Tang Lo as Honorary Chairperson 名譽會長 羅錦堂. The Association is now headed by current President, Yip Fong 會長 葉芳, Vice President Lian Yun 副會長 連芸 and Vice President & Treasurer Celia Ko 副會長兼財務 高于晴. The Hawaii Chinese Writers' Association's mission is to compile and publish Chinese literary works by writers living in Hawaii and those worldwide; to promote the Chinese culture regardless of political, religious, or ethnic background; and to sponsor exchanges between Chinese writers throughout the world. For more information about the Hawaii Chinese Writers' Association, please visit the United Chinese Society website at: www.uscofhawaii.com

More New Year Chinatown Parade Photos



Standing: Mayor Kirk Caldwell with the Narcissus Court
Kneeling: UCS Officers & Trustees



Emeritus Trustee Lawrence Siu and Sandra Siu ride on the
Kam Society Parade Float



Victor Lim and the Narcissus Queen & Court



United Chinese Society Model Mother & Father of the Year Dr.
Roberta Wong Leung and Mr. Howard Pang