

United Chinese Society of Hawai'i 2023 Quarter 2



Mission: To further friendly relations among the Chinese and various Chinese societies in the State of Hawai'i to promote projects of benevolence, charity, and cultural awareness; and to promote the welfare of the Chinese community.

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Greetings from President Marsha Au-Maxwell



It is already August and summer is here. Our hot weather is going to be in full swing for the next few months. We had our picnic on July 16th, with over 250 members, family, and friends getting together to enjoy delicious food, play games, and win prizes. I would like to thank Mona Choy and Robert Yu for being the Co-Chairs for our picnic, along with the many helpers.

The City and County of Honolulu has been trying to revitalize the Chinatown area, which includes having jazz concerts at the Sun Yat Sen Park next to Hawaii Theater. There were many prizes donated by downtown businesses.

Chinatown808 is going to have a Mid-Autumn Festival on September 29th from 5 PM to 10 PM and September 30th from 9 AM to 10 PM at the Cultural Plaza. There will be food booths, crafts, entertainment, and other activities.

Last December, UCS had an Inaugural Hall of Honor Award and was awarded to Victor Lim. We look forward to honoring our second recipient this year during our installation! The Hall of Honor award recognizes a well-rounded individual who has significantly contributed to the Chinese community and community at large in Hawaii.

Please stay safe and always be aware of your surroundings.

Xie Xie and Mahalo,

President

Marsha S. Y. Au-Maxwell

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Calendar of Events

December 3, 2023

Hall of Honor Award and Installation of Officers & Trustees

Ching Ming 2023

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, UCS Officers and Trustees Marsha Au-Maxwell, Mona Choy, Ivy Yeung, Lena Wong, and Cy Feng commemorated the annual Ching Ming observance at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery.

Special thanks to Robert Wong for coordinating the food and supplies as well as the logistics at the cemetery. Do jeh to Douglas Chong for conducting the service and reading the eulogy.



If you have anything you would like to share for this e-newsletter, please email ucshicom@gmail.com. UCS reserves the right to review, edit, and reject any submissions for publication. No solicitations of any kind are allowed.

Mahalo!

On Tuesday, May 30, 2023, UCS Trustees Randy Chu and Michael Lau volunteered to paint the air conditioning frame in the UCS office. Mahalo! We appreciate all our Trustees do for us.





Member Society Updates

Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii

Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii will hold our flagship international conference and few other events during the month of September 24-27, 2023. Below are the events open to public:

Sunday 24 September Welcome Dinner

at Jade Dynasty (6 pm - 9 pm)

\$65 per person

Tuesday 26 September GO GBA FORUM

at the Hawaii Convention Center (9 am – 8 pm) \$175 (full-day); \$125 (half-day) per registrant

(Includes a reception & mid-autumn comedy program)

Tuesday 26 September Mid-Autumn Comedy Program by Grant Avenue Follies, San Francisco

at the Hawaii Convention Center (6.30 pm – 8 pm)

\$25 per person (single/add-on)

Details program and Online Registrations at https://www.hkbah.us/forum

Questions: HKBAH vis email: hkbahinfo@yahoo.com; or Barinna Poon, Forum Chair at (808) 383-5008.



Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii proudly presents

MID-AUTUMN PROGRAM | RECEPTION

中秋節目 | 鸡尾酒会

Tuesday, 26 September 2023

Please join us for a special program to celebrate 2023 mid-autumn festival. This entertainment program is part of the GO GBA Forum activities and events.

Hawaii Convention Center

Lilli'u Theatre 310, 1801 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815

*Parking: Hawaii Convention Center parking structure - entrance from Kalakaua Ave,
\$15 per car | per entrance, OR find alternative parking nearby.

Registration and Networking Reception 5:30 pm Meet & Greet the Cast - The Grant Avenue Follies

Showtime 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Master of Ceremony - Pamela Young, Producer & Host of Mixed Plate

'Grant Avenue Follies Glam Bang Show'
Performed by Grant Avenue Follies, San Francisco

RSVP by Wednesday, 20 September 2023 (Show Only)

Credit Card Online Registration: www.hkbah.us/forum

Make check payment payable to: Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii
Mailing Address: HKBAH, P. O. BOX 1839, Honolulu, HI 96805-1839

Name	Compar	Company	
No. Attending	Additional Name (s)		
Check No.	Amount Enclosed \$	Phone	

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Admission Fees:

\$ 25 per person (Show Only)

\$100 per person (Show + Reception) *Deadline to register reception 08/22/2023.

Contact Allen Ng at (808) 389-0904 OR via email: anaarch99@yahoo.com for additional information. Barinna Poon at (808) 383-5008 for sponsorship opportunities.

















The Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii cordially invites you to our GO GBA FORUM's

WELCOME DINNER

Sunday, September 24, 2023

The dinner is for Hawaii local and Chinese business communities to *meet* and *greet* our forum out of state delegates and speakers in a warm setting; and to show our guests the true meaning of *Aloha*!

RSVP by Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Make check or credit card payment to the HKBAH mailing address: **Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii, P. O. BOX 1839, Honolulu, HI 96805-1839**; OR register at HKBAH website: **www.hkbah.us/forum**

For more information, contact us via email: hkbahinfo@yahoo.com; OR Allen Ng at (808) 389-0904 via email: anaarch99@yahoo.com

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San Francisco







Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant

Ala Moana Shopping Center 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 4220 (Ho'oikipa Terrace) Honolulu

5:30pm Registration 6:00pm-7:00pm No Host Cocktails & Networking 7:00pm-9:00pm Dinner & Program



Dinner Cost:

\$65 per person (Member / Non-Member) *Include door prizes & giveaway 26 September 2023

Honolulu

program | registration | hotel

HONORARY CHAIR



Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu, DDS, FAGD Chairman, The Tseu Medical Institute; Member of the Board of Regents and a Fellow of University of Oxford, UK Éngland

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Ms. Yue-Sai Kan Co-Chair China Institute New York



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Aloha!

The world has gotten a lot more complex in recent years. We have seen more changes in the world in the last 4 years than we have seen in the last 40 – and yet there is so much more to come. But with economic, political, career, business, and pandemic volatility all around us, it's all too easy to fall prey to a swirl of negative thinking — with the result that you lose sight of the fascinating opportunities from what comes next. It's time to turn your mind to the future once again, restore a sense of hope and optimism, and link yourself to the fast-paced trends which energize your outlook on opportunity!

The potential is here!

Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii (HKBAH) is proud to bring its flagship conference back on Oahu. The GO GBA Forum will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu on <u>Tuesday, September 26, 2023</u>. This one-day forum will cover a range of topics, including greater bay area economic development, international business and trade, international legal and dispute resolution, real estate, finance, foreign direct investment, one country, two systems, US and China relations and Trade, tourism, technology, innovation, startup and entrepreneurship.

The forum convenes a diverse group of speakers from the industry pioneers, government and academic experts, business executives, entrepreneurs, and opinion leaders from the East - Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area, and the West - the Americas: Hawaii, Canada and U.S. mainland.

Being here enables you to:

- Meet the people on the way up The GO GBA Forum will bring together industry leaders and government agencies from Hong Kong, China's Greater Bay Area, mainland US, Canada, and those here in Hawaii to meet and to do business under one roof. By focusing on how to take advantage of the Greater Bay Area market, the Forum offers attendees a short cut to establishing strong personal relationships with Hong Kong, China, and worldwide players in business. Furthermore, Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii will lead a <u>trade mission</u> to HK, Shenzhen and the GBA area this December. Can you afford to miss out on being part of this event?
- Get the absolute most from your experience The GO GBA Forum will present unique insight into Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area. The Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii (HKBAH), a non-profit business organization, offers 27+ years of experience in promoting and facilitating trade, business and investment, building bridges between Hawaii, Hong Kong, and China. Please visit our website for more information of HKBAH: www.hkbah.us

Featured topics

US-China Relations and Trade China's Greater Bay Area (GBA

China's Greater Bay Area (GBA) Economic Development and Hong Kong Advantages

Focus on Finance, Professional Services and Business Environment

Hong Kong - One Country, Two Systems

International Legal and Dispute Resolution

Hong Kong Meets Americas

Tourism and Economic Development Summit

Hawaii's Post-Corona Real Estate

Focus on Innovation and Technology

Greater Bay Area Presentations and Opportunities - Qian Hai (Shenzhen) and Hong Kong Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park (Hong Kong)



TWO EASY WAYS TO REGISTER:

Online: https://www.hkbah.us/forum

By Mail: Make check or money order payable to: Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii, with forum registration form to P.O. Box 1839, Honolulu, HI 96805-1839.

IMPORTANT: Please take advantage of our extended early-bird discount rate (full-day | half-day pass) by August 31, 2023.

For further inquiry, please contact: HKBAH via email: hkbahinfo@yahoo.com

Oo Syak Gee Lu

Oo Syak Gee Lu Scholarship Recipients

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society presented five \$1,500 scholarship awards to its student members on July 1st at King Restaurant & Bar on Kapiolani Blvd.

The 2023-24 OSGL scholarships were awarded to Brayden Chang-Kanoa (Kent State University), Carmina Erika Chang (University of Hawaii at Manoa), Jasmine Mei See Chang (University of California Irvine), Leah Megan Wai Lan McEvoy (Creighton University), and Sarah Liliaokahaku Mark (University of Hawaii at West Oahu).

The students had to apply via application process with essays written about their life lessons and genealogy from their Oo Syak lineage. The recipients were selected by an outside panel of judges based on their essay writing skills, scholastic achievement, leadership, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement.

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society rewarded more than \$89,000 in scholarships in the past 24 years to 41 student members. These scholarships are given directly to the student which shall be applied toward tuition, room and board, book, and/or other expenses.



from left to right: Sarah Mark, Leah McEvoy, Jasmine Chang, Carmina Chang, Brayden Chang-Kanoa

Organization of Chinese American Women – Hawaii Chapter

June 2023

By Queenie Mow Chee

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, the Hawaii Chapter held its second General Membership Meeting of the year at the Maple Garden restaurant in Honolulu.

Sixteen members and fourteen guests enjoyed a decadent nine-course Cantonese-style lunch, no dim-sum! Of course, the highlight of the meeting was not the food, although it was a close second. Our own Wendie Liu delivered a heartfelt invocation.

We were happy to have an independent documentary film producer share with us some of her prize-winning productions and hear her story. Kimberlee Bassford is born and raised in Hawaii, and the great grand-daughter of a prominent Honolulu Chinatown businessman and philanthropist in the early to mid-20th century, the late Mr. C.Q. Yee Hop.



Kimberlee, or Kim, for short, is an alumnus of Punahou School, received her Bachelor's Degree from Harvard, and a Master Degree in Journalism from U.C. Berkeley. Married with two little children, she juggles her career and interests with a healthy family life. Her productions advocate gender equity and diversity in films and television, some of which have garnered film festival awards and were shown nationwide on PBS as early as 2009.

Her first clip that she shared with us featured the first Asian American woman of color to serve in

the United States Congress in 1965, Hawaii Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink. Titled "Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority," it captured the feisty Japanese American gal from Maui in her finest hours. Fierce and determined to 'right the wrongs' and bring about fairness for women, Patsy forever changed the



way females were treated for scholarships and programs in higher education and athletics with her co-authored passage of "Title IX" which prohibited sex discrimination in those fields in 1972. Many talented and gifted young women benefited from this Bill since then. Kim noted that for every minute shown on this release, an average of sixty minutes of footage was reviewed and edited. Every documentation requires hours and days of research, personal interviews, and gathering of photos, film clips, and articles. This production took a few years to produce.



Another clip Kim shared was a personal one, about her great grandfather: "Lotus Root: A Great Granddaughter's Journey" (2010). She emphasized that he tried many things and not all were successful. But he was persistent and a survivor, who knew the challenges of racial discrimination of the times. One of the saddest events was the torching of Honolulu's Chinatown in 1900 when there was an outbreak of the bubonic plague. The Chinese were blamed for this and singled out for shameful treatment, and it led to the huge loss of businesses and properties and lives.



Kim's current project is on author of "The Rape of Nanking," Iris Chang. She is seeking funding for the production "Iris Chang: Power of One". For more information, please check her link: https://irischangfilm.wedid.it/

For more information: Kimberlee Bassford, director/producer makingwavesfilms@gmail.com



Our Hawaii Chapter seems to be on a roll, helping our Chinese American female film producers. From Diane Mark, whose film "Picture Bride" won recognition at the Cannes Film Festival in 1994, to Robin Lung's "Finding KuKan" tracing the only Academy Award-winning film produced by Li Ling Ai, to Crystal Kwok and her amazing "Blurring the Color Line" which is still being shown at various venues throughout the United States, these efforts reach a wide swath of our general population and help to promote the recognition of the disparity of Asian Americans.

Have a happy and healthy summer, everyone! And again, we welcome our new National OCAW; President Maria Yang and are ever grateful to past President Christina Chang back in Washington, D.C.



Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Narcissus Queen Business & Cultural Tour 2023

Cost: \$3,295.00

Delegation Leader: Michael P.H.F. Young (2023-24) President, CCCH Tour Cities Covered: Xiamen, Fuzhou, Wuyishan, Zhangzhou, and Manila

Date: November 7-16, 2023 (10 days, 8 nights)

Optional: Zhongshan, Hong Kong, Macau Date: November 16-21, 2023 (6 days, 5 nights)

Cost: TBD

Please contact:

Chinese Chamber of Commerce: (808) 533-3181

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CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII

74th Annual Narcissus Festival

Narcissus Queen Search

夏威夷中華總商會主辦第七十四屆水仙花皇后選美



73rd Narcissus Queen & Court
(L-R): 4th Princess Kelsie-Ann Suan-Kon, 2nd Princess Kelly Yee, Queen Laura Ho,
1st Princess Jacelyn Ho, 3rd Princess Jessica Lin

he Search is on for the 2024 Narcissus Queen and Court who will reign over the festivities and events in this 74th Anniversary Year of the Dragon. This is your chance to meet new people, learn about your cultural heritage, gain poise and self-confidence, and have lots of fun! Enhance your personal presentation through classes in personal development, poise and public speaking.

Discover your identity through free classes in Chinese History, Knotting and Paper Cutting, Martial Arts, Chinese Lion Dancing, Narcissus Bulb Carving and many more classes. Gain opportunities for community involvement including free Young Professional Membership with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

2024 年水仙花皇后選美活動現已開始接受申請,中選的皇后及公主們將參與龍年第七十四屆水仙花節慶會的所有活動。在此選美活動中你可結交新朋友,學習中國文化和傳統,培養優雅與自信,並可享受很多樂趣。你可通過選美培訓班來提升自己的表現能力,例如:個人發展、儀態與公共演講。同時你還可以通過免費學習班來啟發自己的文化素養和認知,包括:中國歷史、繩結扎結與剪紙、武術、中華舞獅、水仙花頭雕刻及很多其它培訓班等。除此之外,你還可以獲得參與社區活動的機會,其中包括成為夏威夷中華總商會免費準會員。

Qualifications for Contestants:

- Must have a minimum of 25% Chinese ethnicity
- Single (never been married or given birth to a child)
- Must be 19 to 27 years of age on pageant date
- Resident of Hawaii for at least twelve months prior to pageant

參選者資格:

- 至少25%中國血統
- 單身(未婚或未生育)
- 至選美之日年齡需為 19-27 歲
- 選美之前至少在夏威夷居住滿 12 個月

Date of Pageant: January 5, 2024 選美日期: 2024年1月5日

For additional information please contact: Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

Phone: 808-533-3181 ~ E-mail: info@chinesechamber.com

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Please submit application by August 1, 2023

(Chamber accepts up to the first 12 qualified applications)

請于 2023 年 8 月 1 日前申請報名

(商會接受合格申請人前十二名為限)

Classes begin September 2023. 培訓課程將于 2023 年九月份開始。

Notice: Classes and Festival Events are subject to change pending State Covid guidelines. 備注: 所有課程及水仙花節的活动将依据州政府新冠疫情的指导方针來進行並可能會變更。

15TH ANNUAL CHINATOWN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



HOAKALEI COUNTRY CLUB WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 9:00AM CHECK-IN 11:00AM SHOTGUN

Please join us for a day of golf, fun and networking at the beautiful and exclusive Hoakalei Country Club.

Proceeds will help to fund several scholarships and grants for students and schools in our community as well as help the foundation to carry out its mission: improving downtown and Chinatown for our community and its merchants.

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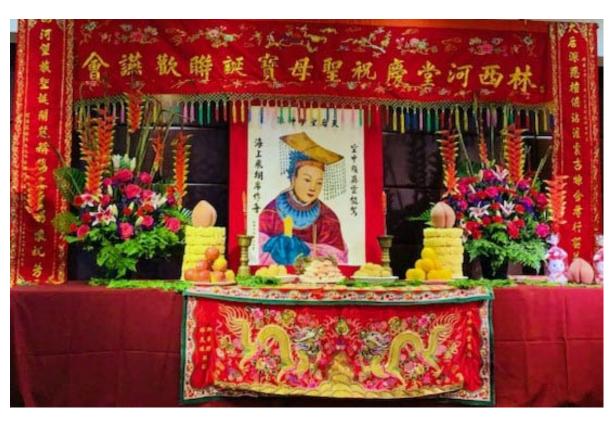
Phoenix Dance Chamber

Phoenix Dance Chamber is offering Chinese dance classes for a variety of age groups. Fees will be discounted for this coming sem!



Please contact Ivy Hsu at (808) 398-3597 or Hawaii.pdc@gmail.com for more information.

Lum Sai Ho Tong Celebrating Tin Hau May 12th and 21st, 2023



Each year Lum Sai Ho Tong celebrates the birthday of our Gu-Po, our great grand auntie, Tin Hau. Born a Lum maiden named Lin Moniang, it was through her kindness and helping others that she is now celebrated throughout the world. She has been given over 20 official titles by Imperial China, but we at Lum Sai Ho Tong Hawaii (LSHT), recognize her as Tin Hau, Queen of Heaven.





This year LSHT held two celebrations, one at Tin Hau Temple and the other at Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. At the temple, a traditional ceremony was performed by Rev. Duane Pang accompanied by a band of musicians. Prayers were given, food presented, and "money" sent to Heaven. Lucky participants were given bags of blessed rice and tea. On banquet day we carried a lit heung (incense pot) from the temple to an altar that we built for Tin Hau at the restaurant. Here, we invited Tin Hau to join us to celebrate a feast in her honor with over 200 guests in attendance. In all, we believe Tin Hau was very happy.



Ching Clan Benevolent Society

On Friday, April 7, 2023 the Ching Clan Benevolent Society paid homage to their Ancestors at the Pavillon in Manoa Cemetery. With the Traditions and Culture of Ching Ming Robert Wong taught us to Respect our forefathers for paving the way for generations to come to these Sandalwood Mountains.





Sun Ming Ting Benevolent Society

The Sun Ming Ting Benevolent Association held its annual Ching Ming ceremony at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery on Sunday, April 30, 2023. This was the first ceremony open to all members since the pandemic.



Associated Chinese University Women

Associated Chinese University Women continue to be active contributors to our diverse Honolulu community.

We collect and distribute food, sundries, and funds to the Hawaii Foodbank, the Women's Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, Shriner's Hospital, Public Health Institute of Hawaii, River of Life Mission, Navian Hawaii, and Palolo Chinese Home. Recently, our members cooked meals for forty families, spent hours of enjoyment teaching and playing Mah Jong with seniors at Kalakaua Gardens, and sewed and stuffed over 120 comforting cushions for hospice patients. We look forward to helping our senior members continue Chinese family traditions as well as educate our multi-racial membership to gain more knowledge about Chinese culture in Hawaii. One such activity is learning to cook delicious white cold ginger chicken and baking light and airy chiffon cakes in August and celebrating the fall moon at the end of September. A flyer is attached below for this public event.

We also recognize community service and scholarly achievement of youth with cash awards for historical research, science research, achievement in creative arts, and college scholarships. We will celebrate with our college bound students and families at our July 1st general membership meeting.

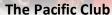
We welcome inquiries and new members as we move into our 93rd year as a non-profit organization.



Associated Chinese University Women (ACUW)

Presents

"A Celebration of Mooncake and Cheongsam"



1451 Queen Emma Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Saturday, September 30, 2023, 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Delicious 9-Course Dinner

Featuring Roast Suckling Pig, Chinese Chicken Salad, Sweet Onion Puffs, and More

- Mooncake Tasting
- Parade of Cheongsam
- Erhu Music Performance

Sponsor a Table

Diamond \$2500, includes a Table of 10, a Large Centerpiece, an Acknowledgement in the Printed Program, and the ACUW Bulletin/Newsletter, ACUW Website and Special Recognition at the Event and Subsequent General Membership Meeting

Imperial \$1500, includes a Table of 10, a Centerpiece, an Acknowledgement in the Printed Program,

ACUW Bulletin/Newsletter, and an Acknowledgement at the Event

Individual Tickets \$90

Reservations will be closed after Tuesday, August 15, 2023

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Checks payable to: Associated Chinese University Women Mail to:

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P.O. Box 62264

Honolulu, Hawaii 96839

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