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Greetings from President Marsha Au-Maxwell



Happy New Year!

Aloha! It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be able to serve you as President of United Chinese Society of Hawaii. We are the umbrella society representing well over 100 societies and organizations. We are here to provide community service and harmony to all.

Since 2019, we have been locked into a bad economy with prices skyrocketing and loss of jobs in Hawaii. However, because of COVID, we have found various alternatives by being more creative finding solutions living in Hawaii. Looking ahead, 2023 will be a year coming out of COVID, and we will have more events. We celebrated with a Chinatown Parade on January 14th with firecrackers, lion dance, and food booths as we hopped into the Year of the Rabbit.

I have an excellent team of more-than-capable Executive Board and Board of Trustees that I will be working with. Be assured that as we face challenges, we will work together to find positive and workable solutions. So, I invite all of you to visit our office or contact us should you need assistance. Lastly, I would like to congratulate Victor Lim, who we recognized at our installation banquet on December 3rd, as our 2022 Inaugural Hall of Honor Awardee.

Our Parasol newsletter has information as to what will be happening in UCS and other societies. Please continue to contribute stories about your organizations and members. This helps to give information about your organizations.

Xie Xie and Mahalo,

Marsha S. Y. Au-Maxwell

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President

Greetings from Immediate Past President Leonard Kam



We made it! Such a simple statement with so many meanings.

Before writing my final message, I looked at my first message for the Parasol. In that message, there was always the hope that we would emerge from the pandemic sooner rather than later. Our strategy was to move as quickly as possible to regain the momentum that we had gained prior to the pandemic. We remained vigilant and always evaluated the benefits versus risks of holding large group events. I believe that we can safely say that our team was successful in how we conducted business and maintained communication and interaction with all of you.

We took advantage of the downtime to enhance the physical aspects of UCS. Not the most fun things, but we changed the windows to energy efficient ones, changed the pipes for the water lines coming into the building, re-coated the roof, changed out our aging toilets, and replaced our inefficient and loud air conditioners. Many of these projects were done using grants and/or donations with minimal cost to UCS. Special thanks to Victor Lim for his generosity.

Our team was nimble when it came to conducting business as we often switched from virtual to in person meetings and gatherings throughout the two years. As things began to open up we took precautions to minimize exposure.

The pandemic gave us time to reevaluate our programs and activities. One of the new programs that emerged was establishing the Hall of Honor award. This award is driven by nominations from the Trustees and judged by an independent outside panel of community leaders. This award recognizes a well-rounded individual who has given through his/her personal involvement, leadership ability, and selfless volunteering of time and talent to positively affect UCS as well as the member societies, Chinese community, and community at large in Hawaii. This person is also successful in his/her personal life and career. We were proud to have Victor Lim as our inaugural awardee.

As we continue to partner with other organizations, we strive to work together to tackle the challenge of continuity. The hope is to have senior members provide guidance and support to their younger members to allow them to develop new and innovative ways to reenergize their respective organizations. As the times change, so must the organization. Let's all work together to build a stronger community.

I would like to thank my Executive Board, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Mona Choy, Ivy Yeung, Wendy Mow, Edna Wong McKenna, and Lena Wong for working tirelessly on the various programs and activities over the past two years. And last but not least, my wife Lori and daughter Lisa for their support and encouragement, not to mention their help with all of the events too! Thank you to all of you for your confidence in allowing me to serve the community through the United Chinese Society. All the best in the year ahead.

Calendar of Events

July 23, 2023

Family Picnic

December 3, 2023

Hall of Honor Award and Installation of Officers & Trustees

UCS Installation of 2023 Officers and Trustees and Banquet Honoring the Inaugural 2022 Hall of Honor Awardee Victor Lim

On Saturday, December 3, 2022, UCS held its installation of 2023 Officers and Trustees. That evening, we honored the inaugural Hall of Honor Awardee Victor W.D. Lim. Nominations were submitted by UCS Trustees and judged by independent outside community panels. We were proud to have Victor as our inaugural awardee, who positively impacted UCS and the community at large.

Thank you to all who came and celebrated with us. The team of 2023 UCS Trustees and Officers are excited to work together to serve UCS and the Chinese community in the coming year.



Thanksgiving Meal Distribution at Iwilei Senior Residence

On Tuesday, November 22, 2022, UCS participated in the Chef Hui Chinatown community food distribution, along with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Chinatown 808. Chef Hui was established during the pandemic to feed the community and help Chinatown businesses and restaurants with grants. On this day, volunteers from the groups above distributed food from Sing Cheong Yuen to residents of Senior Residence at Iwilei.



Meet and Greet with Deputy Minister Chia-Ching Hsu

On Friday, November 18, 2022, UCS hosted a Meet and Greet with Chia-Ching Hsu, the Deputy Minister of the Overseas Community Affairs Council from Republic of China (Taiwan). About 30 local Chinese community leaders from different societies attended the meeting. Both Deputy Minister Hsu and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu Director General Richard Lin answered questions and discussed various topics of interest. Thank you to all who came and participated.





Welcome Dinner in Honor of Director General Richard Lin

On Wednesday, November 23, 2022, UCS hosted a welcome dinner in honor of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu Director General and Mrs. Richard Lin at Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. Society leaders and members were able to meet and welcome him.



City & County of Honolulu Council Member Candidate Forum

On Saturday, September 22, 2022, UCS hosted a Candidate Forum with the City and County of Honolulu Councilmember District 6 candidates at the UCS Hall. We invited Tyler Dos Santos-Tam and Traci Toguchi to come and talk to us about issues of vital importance to us, especially Chinatown and the Chinese community. Thank you to all who came and participated.





Annual Family Day Picnic 2022

UCS was excited to bring back our annual Family Day Picnic last summer. It was held on Sunday, July 24, 2022, at Kapiolani Park.

We would like to thank everyone who donated prizes, food, and supplies and those who volunteered at the picnic. We appreciate everyone who came out to support this event to help make it an enjoyable day filled with fun games, great prizes, and delicious food.





Chinatown Cleanup

On Saturday, August 27, 2022, UCS Trustees and members participated in the Chinatown Cleanup organized by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. They helped to paint over graffiti on electrical boxes, poles, and railings between Bethel Street and River Street.



Farewell Dinner with Director General Michael Tseng

As many of you know, former Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu Director General Michael Tseng retired and moved back to Taiwan last year. On Friday, September 23, 2022, UCS Trustees and Past Presidents hosted a farewell dinner for Director General Tseng and his wife Josephine at one of their favorite restaurants Chef Chai.



Member Society Updates

Chinese Cultural Club

Chinese Cultural Club at Lanakila Senior Center invites any seniors (60 years or older) to join us. If interested or have any questions, please call President Dorothy Mau at (808) 722-2717.

Happy Holidays everyone! May 2023 be healthy, prosperous, and happy for you and your family!

Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School

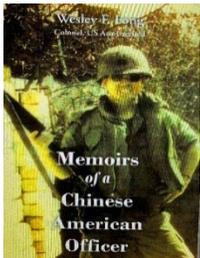
September 2022

By Maylani Chang, President

In June of this year, our Principal Lily Shan initiated our first weekend Summer Language and Culture Camp on six Saturdays in June and July. Fourteen students took part in Pin Yin classes, Chinese Games, Arts and Crafts, Digital Art, and Chinese Painting. A Coding class was also offered. The program culminated in a Saturday afternoon Closing Ceremony on July 23, 2022, which showcased their artwork to their parents and a short program where students read a story of the Chinese Zodiac and performed a group Dragon Boat Song.

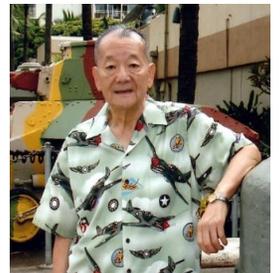


Fall Classes started on August 5, 2022 for which our Principal continued in-person, online, and hybrid classes.



In the news recently is our former MLS President Emeritus, Wesley Fong, is the author of a new book, *Memoirs of a Chinese American Officer*. It recounts his service in the military during the Vietnam War. This book is available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), as well as in Chinese via <http://www.HawaiiChineseDaily.com>.

On a sad note, our Director Barry Wong informed us of the passing of his dad, former Director Joseph Wong. Many of our Directors remember him fondly in personal notes to his family. He led an exceptional life of service to our country, 'serving as an interpreter for the American Forces during World War II in the China-Burma-India theater, including the famed 14th Air Force known as the "Flying Tigers" operating out of Kunming.' We are also so grateful for his service to MLS as our go-to emcee for our past dinners and events, besides his dedicated association to the Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club and the Wong Kong Har Tong organizations.



December 2022

On Veteran's Day 2022, our MHKLB dba Mun Lun School celebrated our first in-person dinner at our Mun Lun School Alumni and Friends Dinner Banquet that was held at Jade Dynasty Restaurant. We were so happy and grateful to fill the restaurant with family and friends and enjoy the meal that was prepared and organized by our Banquet Chair, Director Cheryl Kong. Past President Howard Lau was our MC, who donated most of the items for our lucky number drawing that was enjoyed by all. A big hit at our program was the singing of our School Song/Alma Mater led by our two 100-plus-year-old MLS grads Audrey Au, mother of Past President, Baldwin Au, and Eleanor L. Yep, mother of Director Rosalind Mau. Our famous Bake Sale, with donated items of custard pie, honey wheat bread, banana bread, rum cake, sponge cake, cookies, little gau, cooked peanuts, etc., garnered our best fundraiser ever. We are also so grateful to all those who gave us monetary donations to this event.

We are happy to report that our Principal Lily Shan has a new website for MLS (munlunschool.com) where you can find our latest school activities and news, along with new tabs for student and adult course offerings for our weekday and weekend school, registration form, tuition payment online with PayPal, and online donations. We are currently looking for qualified weekday Mandarin teachers, and any tips on usable pianos anyone may want to donate to our school. We appreciate you contacting Principal Lily Shan at (808) 382-5557.

Our 2023 MLS Installation Dinner is scheduled for February. We will have the same slate of officers, except Director Velma Akinaka will return to our Executive Board as our English Secretary. We thank Director Lily Chu for all her hard work this first year of my administration.

With our best wishes for a healthy, safe, and prosperous Year of the Rabbit!
新年快樂 · 萬事如意! Happy New Year and May All Your Wishes Come True!



Ching Clan

The Ching Clan celebrated the holidays with a festive dinner for all members and their guests. We are all looking forward to future gatherings in this upcoming 2023 new year of the rabbit!



Chinese Women's Club of Honolulu

By Sharlene Chun

I chaired this event with Kimberly Hol co-chairing. It was an event celebrating the Full Moon on September 10, 2022. I wanted to bring the Chinese Culture back into our Social Club. President Jane Au presided at each event keeping us alert with her jokes.

To kick off the Harvest Full Moon High Tea at Oahu Country Club, I had a Joong wrapping event on September 4, 2022 at Hawaii Loa Ridge Club Room with twenty ladies in attendance led by chef June Tong, the author of Popo's Kitchen Cookbooks. She demonstrated how to wrap Joong properly so that water would not seep in while cooking. It ended up being a hands-on experience with everyone making a Joong. Pre-orders were taken and with a limit and it was sold out that day. Everyone had a fun learning experience.



The September 10th Harvest Moon High Tea event was an English High Tea in a Chinese Garden held at Oahu Country Club Banquet Room. The room was decorated with Chinese lanterns and a backdrop depicting a Chinese garden door. Dr. Lawrence Tseu donated a mooncake to every guest as a favor with a silver tiger charm attached for the Year of the Tiger. A mini Chinese steamer basket was filled with White Rabbit candy to symbolize the white rabbit on the moon story I told. A Chinese lantern with forsythia and bamboo graced the center of each table. With my white rabbit puppet, I told the legend why there is an outline on the moon of a rabbit holding a pestle during the full moon celebration when we also eat mooncakes. A reward earned by the cute, fluffy, white rabbit from the Jade Emperor. The white rabbit whose name is Jade Rabbit stands for piety, selflessness, and sacrifice. Guests at each table received a Jade rabbit charm and then gave the centerpiece to the person across the table from them experiencing the symbol of selflessness. We were entertained by Brenda Young Matsui who gracefully performed two Chinese dances. This was a time to rekindle friendships and to learn about the Chinese Moon Festival. A memorial Fun Cultural event for all who attended.





Lum Sai Ho Tong

A Lam Family Reunion, July 2022

Kong Fuzi (Confucius) taught the importance of family, and these values have long been the foundation of Chinese society and culture. So when Ron and Pat Rollins of Minneapolis, Minnesota, published their book, “Our Lam Family History in Hawaii”, it sparked a need for the extended families to reunite. Pat Rollins is the granddaughter of Lam Toi who in 1868 came to Honolulu to start a new life. Lam Toi became a successful businessman in Chinatown and is known to have been one of the founders of both Lum Sai Ho Tong and See Yup Society.



Ron and Pat’s book details the history of the Chinese in Hawaii in the late 1800s and early 1900s. It includes research into the five generations of the Lam Toi family and all the efforts it took to document their genealogy. It also includes the recent trip to their ancestral village in China and information on the two benevolent societies that Lam Toi founded. A lot of excellent and thorough research went in to writing this book and is definitely a good read for those interested in early Chinese coming to Hawaii.

Lam Toi Family Reunion at Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park. It was a beautiful day for a picnic.



LSHT’s Tin Hau temple is a Taoist temple where people can come and ask the goddess Tin Hau for guidance on their questions. Here, Ron Rollins tries his hand with the Fortune Sticks. You shake the canister until a single stick comes out. It must have been a very complicated question because a whole bunch of sticks fell out... we decided to give him a “do over.”

On the top floor of the Lum Sai Ho Tong clubhouse, under the watchful eyes of the past presidents, descendants gathered to pay respect to Lam Toi who was a past president of LSHT for 18 years. Grand-daughter Pat Rollins is seated holding Lam Toi’s picture (wearing black).



Palolo Chinese Home

Investing in the Next Generation of Caregivers

Palolo Chinese Home's commitment to providing Hawaii's seniors and their families with better care for better lives extends even to its internship programs, and so onto the next generation of caregivers. This summer, 15-year-old Christopher Han completed 25 hours of training and 200 hours of volunteer services in PCH's adult residential care home and gained invaluable experience in a real work environment. He learned how to care for seniors with cognitive challenges such as dementia, and those with physical disabilities such as difficulty walking. He became skilled at assisting during activities, meals, and in taking blood pressure and temperatures, as well as in helping with ambulation, exercise, and more. Christopher was dependable, caring, and showed a genuine passion for seniors.

This dedicated young volunteer was referred to PCH by his father, Geoffrey Han, Deputy Director of the Taiwan Economic & Cultural Office in Honolulu. Christopher came to Hawaii in 2019 with the hopes of perfecting his English, and with a wish to help other people as a prelude to a career as a physician. Upon arrival on Oahu, he attended Kawananako Intermediate and will be attending Roosevelt High School this Fall as a Junior. During his first two years at Kawananako, he made a lot of friends and became a member of a school Volunteer Club, where he welcomed freshmen and helped them to become acclimated to their new academic environment.

Christopher shared how volunteering at PCH was extremely rewarding. He enjoyed keeping the seniors' minds stimulated with the games played in the Activity unit, and felt that these interactions had a direct effect on improving their memories. During breaks, he would "talk story" with the kupuna, telling them things about his schooling and what he did in his free time. These were prime opportunities that strengthened his decision to become a physician, and the seniors benefitted from having such a wonderful, young individual to converse with. It was a "win-win" for all!



L to R: Darlene Nakayama, CEO of Palolo Chinese Home and Christopher Han

Upcoming event:

31st Annual Palolo Chinese Home Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament

Friday, May 12, 2023, at Ala Wai Municipal Golf Course

Check in time: 9:30 a.m. - Tee Off @ 12 p.m.

Please Contact: Brenda Young Matsui at bmatsui@palolohome.org or call (808) 748-4904.

(All proceeds benefit Palolo Chinese Home so that more seniors can receive better care for their lives).



Hawaii Chinese Association

Line Dance Class

We started the quarter with our weekly Line Dance class. We have about 20 enthusiastic members that signed up. Everyone was excited to not only review old dances but also the opportunity to add new songs and dance steps to our repertoire. We are fortunate to collaborate with Dance Magic 808, one of the largest ballroom dance clubs in Hawaii for dance instructions. Our dancers are excited to showcase our new dances at our Spring Banquet in January 2023! We have room for more dancers. If anyone is interested in joining our class, please contact Amy Wang.



Annual General Membership Meeting / Mid-Autumn Festival

We held our Annual General Meeting/Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on September 4, 2022, at The Anaha, a luxury condo at Kakaako. The AGM was well attended by 40 members and was held an hour before the start of the Mid-Autumn Festival celebration. Everyone was happy to reconnect after a pause of 3 years and was pleased to welcome our newest members into our fold. Both old and new members were excited to help plan activities for the next few months. Following the meeting, HCA was very honored to have TECO Deputy Director Jeff Li and Jose Chow join us at the Mid-Autumn Festival celebration. Co-chairs Amy Wang, Monique Hwang, and Ginger Niver arranged for a very delicious and authentic Taiwanese dinner from a popular Taiwanese caterer. After dinner, everyone was treated to an assortment of delectable desserts including: mung bean Taiwanese mooncakes, azuki bean shave ice, taro ice cream with fresh diced taro, and a fresh berries almond float dessert! During the event, HCA director Stella Chow conducted a mooncake making session and half the attendees tried their hands in the kitchen making their own mooncakes to take home! Needless to say, everyone went home very contented.



Community Service Hour

As a community outreach, HCA also hosted a FREE Asian Pre and Early Diabetes presentation by Dr. Alex Yeung in July.



Special Pearl Harbor Boat Tour

It was also the day before Veterans Day, and 50 HCA members and their guests were treated to a special boat tour of the Pearl Harbor. 11/10/22 was a perfect day in Hawaii with sunshine and lots of breeze! The tour included a 45-minute documentary movie about the bombing of the Pearl Harbor, the Arizona Memorial and it also included a special tour of places not normally shown to the general public. On the trip, our guide brought us an advantageous view of Ford Island, the Ford Island Bridge, the wreckage of the USS Utah and the sites of other US warships that were attacked on 12/07/1941. The Ford Island was at the center of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. Pacific Fleet by the Imperial Japanese fleet. The Ford Island Bridge was constructed in 1998 which led to the development of Ford Island with over \$1-Billion worth of construction! Ford Island remains as an active military base today.

