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Community Observes Qing Ming

Under a most beautiful Spring morning with sunny skies, the 17th Annual Hawaii Chinese Qing Ming Observance was held on Saturday, April 6th at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. Over 130 guests came to participate in this year's observance as the interest in Qing Ming and its cultural and historical significance continues to grow each year amongst our younger generation as the "older" generation passes on its traditions and practices to help perpetuate our Chinese culture.



Theodore Chong, Chuan Tai He, Henry Ou and Wai Inn Hu

The observance started with the presentation of the colors by the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, Regiment of the US Army Reserves under the leadership of Lt. Col. Matthew Cloud followed by the singing of our national anthem and Hawaii Pono'i a cappella by local artist Kingsley Kalohelani. Master of Ceremonies Ben Tran welcomed the gathering and introduced this year's United Chinese Society president Henry Ou who thanked the guests for their participation and continued support of this important cultural observance. Other speakers included Director General Michael Tseng of the Taipei Economic



UCS President Henry Ou Welcomes the Guests

and Cultural office in Honolulu, State of Hawaii Senator Karl Rhoads, Edwin Hawkins, the Mayor's Communications Director, and Dr. Glenn Pang, Vice President of Lin Yee Chung, the organization with responsibility for the Manoa Chinese Cemetery.

Celebrants this year were Henry Ou, UCS President, Chuan Tai He, President of U.S. Hawaii Fujian United Association and attendants were Theodore Chong, Wai Inn Hu, and Robert Wong. A Chinese eulogy was recited by MC Ben Tran and translated in English by Betty Jong. Vivian Loo also recited a lovely poem befitting of the observance.

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Lt. Col. Matthew Cloud and 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, Regiment of the US Army Reserves

Victoria Fong

Model Mother of the Year

Victoria Kam Yuk Chun Fong is a modest and humble woman whose selflessness and sacrifices have contributed greatly to the successes and achievements of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is the youngest surviving child of Chun Kim Chow and Emma Kwock Chun, owners of Chu Kim Chow, Ltd, and Kim Chow Shoes.



She was a teacher with the Department of Education and is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and Mun Lun Chinese School and received her Bachelors and Masters Degree with honors in Education from the University of Michigan and a Masters in Special Education with honors from the University of Hawaii. Victoria is proudest of are her 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and all that they have been able to achieve as a result of Victoria instilling in them the value of respect, humility, hard work, honesty and charity to others. Victoria is active with numerous organizations including the University of Michigan Chinese Club; Mun Lun Chinese School, See Dai Doo Society, and the Associated Chinese University Women's Club to name a few. Victoria has been married for the past 65 years to Judge Arthur Sung Kong Fong, the United Chinese Society's 2005 Model Father of the Year.

Wilson Lau

Model Father of the Year

Wilson Lau was born in Guangzhou China into a large family of 6 boys & 1 girl. At the young age of 14 Wilson left home to seek his fortune in Hong Kong. But it took almost 2 years before Wilson would eventually make it to Hong Kong.



During this time, he worked in Macau as a factory boy earning about \$3.00 USD a month and working 14 hours a day, 7 days a week. Finally, in 1964 Wilson reached Hong Kong and eventually got a job in a jewelry store in the Tourist District of Kowloon. Wilson's big break came at the age of 21 when he met a British merchant buyer for a jewelry chain store in Europe and was able to complete a large sale. This allowed him to open his own wholesale jewelry business. The very next year, on Christmas Eve of 1969, he met Mabel, his wife of 47. They were married three years later and honeymooned in Honolulu in 1972. They both fell in love with the islands and started a jewelry business in the International Marketplace in Waikiki. They spent four years in Waikiki before moving to the Chinese Cultural Plaza in August of 1976 and recently retired in early 2017. Despite all of his business successes, Wilson is proudest of his three sons and their accomplishments and successes as well as in his five grandchildren (2 grandsons and 3 granddaughters). Wilson's wife Mabel was honored as the 2003 Model Mother of the Year.

United Chinese Society “Got Talent”

Thirteen UCS officers, trustees and friends ventured into Toma’s Karaoke on Monday night, March 18th for an evening of singing and fun and let’s just say that “what happens at Toma’s stays in Toma’s”. The evening started out with Les Young singing one of his favorites, “I’m Singing in the Rain” by Gene Kelly after being encouraged by Kennydeen Quon who also belted out several tunes on her own. This opened the door and loosened the vocal cords for several of the folks who vowed that they would not sing. One by one they gave in, grabbed the microphone and provided all of us with an unforgettable evening of songs that vaguely resembled what the song was supposed to sound like.



Les Young & Kennydeen Quon’s attempt at a duet While Sandy Siu Looks Up her Next Song to Sing

Larry Dang was the ringer in the room because he used to play bass guitar and sang for a group in a previous life. He, along with wife Liz, sang several songs from the 70’s to the 80’s. Our version of the Chinese Supremes also surprised us with several songs and sounded a lot like Anita Lim, Lani Kwong and Mei Leung Mau. Victor “I Do Not Sing No Matter What” Lim showed us his talented side by serenading us with several songs and was joined several times by Edna “What Me Sing - No Way” Wong McKenna and Teddy Chong, who did a lot of lip-syncing. Sandy and Larry Siu sounded great as they each



Victor Lim gets consoled by Edna Wong McKenna while Teddy Chong tried to figure out what song Victor is trying to sing

sang several solos numbers and duets. Marvin Mau showed us his lung power by singing several songs with gusto and enthusiasm . . . the lyrics may have been wrong but sure came out nice and loud. Once everyone recovers from the shame and embarrassment of the evening, another karaoke night is definitely being planned.

In Memoriam

Richard W. K. Lum, United Chinese Society President in 1998, passed away on November 16, 2018. He was born on August 30, 1924 and is survived by wife, Mabel, son Dickson (Diane), daughter Debora Brede (Rob Brede), and 6 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Dr. Bernard Fong, MD, United Chinese Society President in 1973, passed away on March 13, 2019. He was born on May 18, 1926. Dr. Fong was honored as the United Chinese Society’s Father of the Year in 2009. He is survived by his four children, Phyllis, Jeffrey, Camille, and Allison, and two granddaughters.

Rod H. C. Tam, United Chinese Society President in 1997, passed away on May 15, 2019. He was born on October 3, 1953 and is survived by his wife Lynette and their 2 daughters.

People's Republic of China LA Consul Visits United Chinese Society Office

On March 25th, a delegation from the Los Angeles office of the People's Republic of China, including Deputy Consul General Shi, visited the officers and trustees of the United Chinese Society at the society's Chinatown office. The delegation was greeted by UCS Officers Pres-Elect Calvin Lau, 1st Vice President Theodore Chong, Secretary Marsha Au-Maxwell, Treasurer Edna Wong McKenna and Trustees Larry Dang, Michael Lau, Alan Ho, Harvey Wong, Wendell Foo, Marvin Mau, Mona Choy-Beddo, Leonard Kam and Executive Assistant Lani Kwong. President -Elect Calvin Lau welcomed the delegation with his opening remarks and Deputy Consul General Shi addressed the attendees by stressing the importance of the United States in the Asian Pacific Theater. The visit concluded with a tour of the UCS hall which is once again being considered as a viable site for the annual visa service visit to Hawaii



L-R: Harvey Wong, Michael Lau, Marvin Mau, Larry Dang, Calvin Lau, Deputy Consul Gen Shi, Alan Ho, Vice Consul Yu, Joseph Hu, Teddy Chong, Edna Wong McKenna, Lani Kwong, Mona Choy Beddo & Leonard Kam

NEW WEBSITE

Get the latest news and stories about the United Chinese Society and other society news through the new UCS website.

Website: ucsofhawaii.com

Email: ucsofhi@gmail.com

Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-Wen Visits Hawaii & Hosts Reception

Over 300 guests, including officers and trustees of the United Chinese Society, members of the greater Chinese community, and State dignitaries and legislative representatives were hosted by President Tsai Ing-Wen of the Republic of China on Tuesday, March 26th at a gathering held at the Kahala Hotel & Resort. This was the President Tsai's second visit to Hawaii and a stopover as she returned home after having visited Palau, Nauru and the Marshall Islands. Her remarks highlighted the United States as the model of Democracy and the importance of the 40 years old US Taiwan Relations Act of 1979. The act enabled continuance of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the US and Taiwan. Her remarks also cited progressive and innovative moves in Taiwan's economic structure and environment. In the spirit of Aloha and respect, the UCS provided a floral arrangement for the event.



L-R: Stanford Yuen, Diana Sum, Thomas Sum, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Douglas Chong, Harvey Wong, Anita Lim and Mona Choy Beddo

Wong Kong Har Tong Dedicates it New Legacy Monument at Manoa Cemetery Article by Harry Wong

Wong Kong Har Tong Dedicated its Legacy Monument on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. Located just below the Manoa Chinese Cemetery's Grand Ancestor's (Continued on next page – Wong Kong Har Tong)

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Tomb, this new black granite monument replaced the former tomb. The magnificently carved monument assures the society's legacy for posterity & generations to come. The Legacy Monument project took a year in carving in Fujian Province, China. It took our tomb's good fengshui and incorporated the elements of feng shui with carving of symbolic animals. Inscriptions include donor's names, the history of Wong Kong Har Tong, its founders, and past presidents. Two granite lions flank each side of the Legacy Monument with inscriptions done in gold.



Completed in time for Wong Kong Har Tong's April 13th Ching Ming Baisan rites, the dedication and unveiling of the monumental edifice was unveiled at 10:00 a.m. opening with the traditional burning of firecrackers. The dedication rites conducted by President Arthur Wong, included speeches by Charles Wong, project coordinator and president of Lin Yee Chung. About fifty members attended the dedication, and there was bountiful picture taking of the Legacy Monument with family groups.

Lum Sai Ho Tong Celebrates 130th Anniversary & Ceremony and Parade

On Saturday, April 27th, Lum Sai Ho Tong celebrated its 130th anniversary with a Tin Hau

Dahn ceremony at the Tin Hau Temple followed by a morning parade in Chinatown starting at and ending at the Tin Hau Temple on River Street. On the following day it held its Annual Spring Banquet at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant to honor its patron saint, Tin Hau, also known as "Matsu".



Buck Toy Club Bai Shan

Members of the Buck Toy Club met the that Manoa Chinese Cemetery on the morning of Sunday, April 14th to observe Qing Ming. President Alfred Young and Vice President Guoming Li were the celebrants surrounded by over 40 members. After the ceremony, the members road their chartered bus back to the clubhouse and were met by about another 35 (Continued on next page – Buck Toy Bai Shan)

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members to enjoy a delicious lunch of fresh roast pork, choy sum with scallops, rice and sweet bun with custard filling along with an afternoon of fellowship.



Buck Toy Club President Alfred Young & Vice President Qing Ming observe the traditions

Upcoming Events

Jeanie Chun's Club De La Mode to Honor Dr. Lawrence K. W. Tseu at Luncheon and Fashion Show

Designer Jeanie Chun of the Club De La Mode, a social women's fashion club, is hosting a **Luncheon and Fashion Show** and will be honoring Dr. Lawrence Tseu at the Waiialae Country Club on **Saturday, June 1st**. Boutique Sales will start at 9:30 am, the Program will start at 11 am, honoring of Dr. Tseu will start at 12:30 pm, and the fashion show will start at 1:00 PM. The event is being chaired by Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi and assisted by co-chairs Jane Au and Marsha Au-Maxwell. Every attendee will receive a \$150.00 Value Designer's shirt.

Contact Jeanie at jeaniechundesign@gmail.com or (808) 352-0103 for more information.

Kamehameha Day Parade

This year the United Chinese Society will be entering 4 convertibles to transport our President Henry Ou, our Citizen of the Year Tina Au, and our Model Mother of the Year and Model Father of the Year Dr. Roberta Wong Leung and Howard Pang in this special annual parade to be held on Saturday, June 8th. Our convertibles will be decorated with beautiful floral arrangements on the front hood of each car and a traditional Chinese lion head on the back of the car. Our parade committee is headed by Brandon Chong and we are looking for volunteer drivers as well as several helpers to decorate the cars on the morning of the parade.

United Chinese Society Mother and Father of the Year Banquet

The banquet honoring this year's Model Mother of the Year Victoria Fong and Model Father of the Year Mr. Wilson Lau, will be held on **Saturday, June 8th at Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant** starting at 5:30 PM. For information, contact the UCS office. (Continued on next page)

UCS Names New Emeritus Trustees

At its recently held monthly meetings in January and February, the officers and trustees elected several members to the position of Emeritus Trustees. Emeritus Trustees serve for life and are an integral part of the society's advisory group. New Emeritus Trustees are Harry Wong, Jeanette Young, Dr. Wendell Foo, Dr. Ming Chen, Alan Ho and Edward Wong. Harry Wong has served several terms as a trustee and editor of the United Chinese Society's Parasol Newsletter and Jeanette Young served several terms as a trustee and officer. Dr. Ming Chen served as president in 2007, Alan H. L. Ho served as president in 2011, Edward W. O. Wong served as president in 2014 and Dr. Wendell K. S. Foo served as president in 2016.

GET INVOLVED with UCS

We welcome everyone to learn more about the United Chinese Society and see how you can become a part of a great team.

Chinese Societies of Hawaii Annual Family Day Picnic

The Annual Family Day Picnic will once again be held at **Kapiolani Park on Sunday, August 11, 2019**. This picnic will mark the 15th year that this popular event has been held to bring the families and children of our societies together for a day of fun, games and prizes, great food, and best of all . . . friendship and fellowship. Tickets for lunch are still available for purchase by calling the United Chinese Society office or contact your society president for more information. Co-Chairs for this event are Leonard Kam, Wesley Chong and Mona Choy.

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The observance concluded with a 21-rifle salute by the 100th Battalion and the playing of Taps by a solo bugler followed by each guest being able to pay their respects by placing a lit “heong – joss stick” at the ceremonial urn. At the conclusion of the observance, all guests were treated to a lunch of fresh roast pork, noodles, steamed rice cake, and jai. The Chinese Societies of Hawaii, with the support of the United Chinese Society, extend a warm Aloha to all of those who helped through your active participation, financial support and attendance. And we welcome everyone to join us next year to observe Qing Ming on Sunday, April 6, 2020.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Jeanie Chun’s Luncheon & Fashion Show to Honor Dr. Lawrence Tseu

Date: Saturday, June 1
 Time: 9:30 AM
 Place: Waialae Country Club

Kamehameha Day Floral Parade

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

Model Chinese Mother & Father of the Year Banquet

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

Chinese Societies Annual Family Day Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 11
 Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 Place: Kapiolani Park (between Bandstand and Waikiki Shell)

Photo Gallery of Recent Activities



TECO Director General Michael Tseng and Senator Karl Rhoads addresses guests at Qing Ming



Dr. Glenn Pang, of Lin Yee Chung, gives some history about Manoa Cemetery & Ed Hawkins brings greetings from the Mayor



Qing Ming MC Ben Tran



Henry Ou & Gloria Chong



Lani Kwong & Her Team
of Food Servers



Wes Chong, Leonard Kam
Mona Choy-Beddo & Mike Lau



Narcissus Queen and Court with the 100th Battalion, 442nd
Infantry Regiment



Chinese "Supremes" Mei Leung Mau, Anita Lim & Lani Kwong
during Karaoke Night at Toma's



Larry Siu, Liz & Larry Dang Look On and
Wait for Their Turn to Sing

Retail – Office Space for Lease

The ground floor space of the United Chinese Society building, located at 42 N. King Street, is currently available for lease. The area includes a large street level space of approximately 1,700 square feet plus a basement of approximately 1,200 square feet. All interested parties should contact the UCS office at (808) 536-4621 or via email at ucsofhi@gmail.com