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Greetings from President Leonard Kam



Happy Women's History Month! It is a very fitting greeting as we begin 2022 at the United Chinese Society.

Most notable is the fact that all the other members of the Executive Board are women. It truly is a testament to the caliber of women members that we have at UCS. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of women stepping up to lead our organization.

That being said, we're hitting the ground running so that we can present our 2022 programs to our membership and member societies. With the loosening of restrictions come opportunities for us to bring back our community activities.

Look for more information on the 2022 Picnic which will be held on Sunday, July 24th at the Kapiolani Park. Lots of delicious food and goodies along with fun and exciting games with awesome prizes.

One of the changes that we are implementing is holding one banquet a year. Our installation banquet will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022. We will be sending out information on the award that will be presented at the banquet in the coming months. We're excited about the improvements to the award.

We're hoping to plan more activities in the coming months. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us. We would love to collaborate with you and your organization to put together a fun event.

I would also like to give a shout out to Edna Wong McKenna and Lena Wong for coordinating, designing, and printing the Red Book. If you haven't picked up your copy, please reach out and we will make arrangements to get a copy to you or your organization. This is limited to one per organization which is given to the current president.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for the honor of serving as your President. We have had to navigate through the pandemic and we are confident that we will be able to emerge an even stronger organization.

UCS Hall Beautification... One Step at a Time!

After the installation of the new air conditioning units in the main hall and hospitality room, the “Graffiti Experts” graciously volunteered to paint the wood trim around each unit. UCS Trustees, Michael Lau and Randy Chu, recruited Trustee Wes Chong and member Les Young for this project, bringing all the supplies needed for the job! Thank you all for giving up your Saturday morning to improve the UCS building! (Photos below)



Calendar of Events

July 24, 2022
October 2022
December 3, 2022

UCS Family & Friends Picnic at Kapiolani Park
UCS General Membership Meeting
Installation Banquet

Member Society Updates

Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii



Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii President Barinna Poon,
UCS President Leonard Kam, and Dr. Lawrence Tseu at the 2022 Lunar New Year Gala



OCAW HAWAII CHAPTER

By Queenie Chee

The Hawaii Chapter held their first in-person members meeting after two years, this past February 27, 2022. Guest speaker featured a new member, a “Keto Queen snowbird”, Kelly Tan Peterson.

Kelly is a certified Nutrition and Health Coach, internationally renowned Keto diet expert, born and educated in Singapore. Her American husband is a physician and thus they reside in Jackson, Wyoming until winter approaches, -flying in to stay until spring in Hawaii.

Long-time Hawaii Chapter member, Sylvia Young, introduced Kelly to OCAW. Thank you, Sylvia!

With her power-point presentation, Kelly shared valuable tips and information to better manage our health in an energetic, entertaining and fact-filled manner. She had just arrived on a long flight that morning from Tahiti, and showed no sign of jet-lag! Kelly is a walking testament that Keto-style of eating has definite benefits of looking young, feeling good and being healthy.

Susan Chong Wong brought her husband to listen. Calvin Wong is a cardiologist and was that day, our lone male guest. He listened intently to Kelly’s presentation and agreed with her message, -in fact, enthused.

The lunch boxes that day were especially prepared with Keto diet in mind. Even the rice and noodles were a substitute of carbs, using a product from Japan called shirataki. Kelly donated her personal supply as it is currently only available in Asia, and taught the preparation to the cooks at the restaurant. It was delicious!

A successful first meeting for Hawaii, it was attended by 16 stalwart members and seven other guests. The popular option of eating at the restaurant or take-out after the talk and business meeting was much appreciated. Hawaii still required masks indoors at that time.

In another exciting Chapter news, member Crystal Kwok has completed the production of her documentary film, "Blurring the Color Line" where she explored the attitudes of the Chinese Americans living in Augusta, Georgia over half a century ago. Crystal's grandmother, uncles, aunts and cousins who still reside in Georgia shared their personal feelings, experiences and observations.

This film has already won acclaim and was first shown virtually through the Socially Relevant Film Festival of New York in February. Then on March 26, 2022, it was shown before a live audience at the Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival in Sonoma County, California.

This April, University of Oregon holds their DisOrient Film Festival and will screen it virtually. In mid-April, Hawaii finally will have an in-person screening as a part of the Hawaii International Film Festival at the Kahala Theater.

Congratulations, Crystal!

For more information, visit online: www.blurringthecolorline.com

April is also the month of Ching Ming Festival which many families in Hawaii continue to celebrate and uphold the tradition of honoring their ancestors. As time goes by, it is a wonder that these rituals can still continue, drawing families back to pay respect to the past elders by visiting their graves and carrying out what they learned from their grandparents. It certainly helps to keep family connected!

Just wondering how widespread this might be across America among Asians?



Lum Sai Ho Tong

Chinese New Year at Lum Sai Ho Tong

Chinese New Year, also known as Spring Festival, is a 16-day holiday in China. It actually starts on the eve of Chinese New Year. At Tin Hau Temple we are usually open for an all-night celebration on the eve, but because of the pandemic, we decided out of caution to just open early on Chinese New Year's Day, February 1st. Do you know that this date is different each year as it is based on the Chinese lunisolar calendar which tracks the sun and the moon? On this day, people came and greeted each other with "Sun Nin Fai Lok" (Cantonese), "Xin Nian Kuai Le" (Mandarin), and "Chuc Mung Nam Moi" (Vietnamese). People came with offerings of fruit, flowers, and faux money; a veneration and appreciation for the gods. Candles and incense were lit with prayers for prosperity and protection in the new year.



Here a worshipper is shaking the Chinese Fortune Sticks and asking the goddess Tin Hau for her guidance.



In the days following Chinese New Year, many lion groups came to get blessings for their lions.



On February 10th, a traditional Taoist ceremony called "On Tai Ping Fook" was performed by Rev. Duane Pang asking for Heaven's blessing for the new year.

This is the year of the Water Tiger. It is a year for connecting with others, taking risks, and having a good time. For other events at Lum Sai Ho Tong please visit us at:

www.lumsaihotonghawaii.com



Palolo Chinese Home

A cherished tradition in support of Hawaii's seniors will be in full swing again with the **30th Annual Palolo Chinese Home Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament**. For the first time in two years following postponements due to the pandemic, the tournament returns on Friday, May 13, 2022 and will be held at the Ala Wai Municipal Golf Course. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. and tee off is at noon, with a celebratory banquet to conclude the event.

Since 1852, Palolo Chinese Home has been providing better care for better lives to kupuna and their families. This fundraising tournament is vital for the nonprofit to help meet these ever-growing needs. As the cost of care continues to increase, and more seniors require quality care in their own homes or within Palolo Chinese Home, the involvement of participants and sponsors becomes all the more crucial.

Palolo Chinese Home provides comprehensive care solutions that reach beyond the grounds of its campus, building on the organization's historical role of also aiding the elderly who live in their own homes. Through the innovative Hawai'i Neighborhood Outreach to the Aged (HiNOA) Program, an integrated provider network, the home has further enhanced and extended these efforts to offer affordable services within the community without compromising quality of care.

To help meet the mounting costs that accompany these efforts, Palolo Chinese Home is looking for tee-rific tournament sponsors and donors! Learn more on how to sponsor the **30th Annual Palolo Chinese Home Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament** or donate by contacting Brenda Young-Matsui at email bmatsui@palolohome.org or by calling her at (808) 748-4904.



Mun Lun School

Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School held its Installation of Officers on January 19, 2022 at Lobster King Restaurant. Maylani Chang was installed as the first woman President in its 111-year history of the school. Other officers include Tina Tin as 1st V. P., Cy Feng as 2nd V.P., Baldwin Au as Treasurer, and Lily Chu as English Secretary.

Mun Lun School will be celebrating its 50th year at the Maunakea Street location on March 27, 2022. An Open House is planned to acknowledge our generous donors and parents through the years, with a lion dance, short program, and slide show. Souvenir pens and a snack box will culminate this event to all invited guests.



Ching Clan

The Ching Clan celebrated the 2022 new year and initiation of new club officers with a drive-thru. Members and guests of the Ching Clan picked up food catered from Maruju Market along with prosperity good luck "red" banners (designed by Mun Lun Chinese school) at our recent event. Please see our attached photos of our recent gathering.



Phoenix Dance Chamber

After raising \$808 for the AAPI Community Fund through our "CELESTIAL 21" Hawai'i Theatre Center production in July, our Intermediate and Advanced dancers got back into a twice weekly routine of in-person (masked and vaccinated) dance classes. At the end of November, those dancers participated in Chinese dance examinations, an annual PDC custom that was put on hold in 2020. For these exams, we focused on classical techniques, and both dancers and instructors received feedback from PDC alumni Anna Tam Chung, Karen Chan, Ching Jen Lum, Devon Izumigawa, and Emma Giguere. You can watch a highlight video of these exams here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/6d59p3qbjgat0xd/Exams%202021%20Edit.mp4?dl=0>

We had planned to return to dance practices in person at UH Manoa in January, but with the current surge in cases, we will be cautiously playing it by ear. Tentatively, classes will resume with a zoom class on Thursday January 6 from 4:30-6:00pm. I will be contacting dancers directly regarding Saturday January 8, and whether that class will be in person or not.

For those interested in keiki and beginning level dance class, please stay tuned for more updates as we learn more about our studio spaces.

Mahalo for all of your continued support. Wishing you a safe, happy New Year and an abundant year of 2022.

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