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UCS Family Day Picnic – A Day of Fun for Over 400 Friends & Family

Over 400 friends and family from the Chinese community, including from about 20 Chinese societies, enjoyed a day full of fun, food, games and prizes at our 15th Annual Family Day Picnic on Sunday, August 11th at Kapiolani Park. The weather was sunny and hot . . . perfect for playing games. All who participated walked away with their arms full of prizes. It was great to see so many folks, from youngsters to those young-at-heart, all join in and participate in the various games and activities. A big shout out to Home Street Bank, Jill Fukumoto and the Chinese Chamber Young Professionals for running the games for both the children and the adults. It was great to see so many people participating. Much appreciation, also to Howard Lum, Wendell Foo, Victor Lim, Mona Choy-Beddo & Home Street Bank for their generous prize donations.



President Henry Ou & Community Leaders

Food always tastes better at outdoor picnics and this picnic was no exception as everyone enjoyed a bento of barbeque chicken and were also served hotdogs and hamburgers grilled by our team of charcoal experts Director General Michael Tseng,

Calvin Say, Henry Ou, Kelly Lau, Dr. Wendell Foo, Michael Lau and Robert Wong. Extra special thanks to Calvin Say, Dr. Glenn Pang, Thomas Sum & Wong Kong Har Tong Society for donating the hot dogs, hamburgers and buns, TECO Dir. General Michael Tseng for the special cupcakes and See Dai Doo for the watermelons.



Picnic Co-Chair Leonard Kam gets things started

There were many door prizes given away throughout the day. The highlight of the picnic was the grand prize lucky number giveaway of two round trip tickets to Asia courtesy of Philippine Airlines.



Grand Prize Winner – Jennifer Aquino between Henry Ou and Sol Solleza of Philippine Airlines

A big thank you to Les Young, Harry Wong, Sister Davilyn AhChick, David Debelbot, Lawrence & Sandra Siu for their cash donations to help defray the cost of the picnic. Thank you to Kendrick Settsu for the tents, Judy Yamaki for gift cards for door prizes, Ted Chong for the charcoal, Marsha Au-Maxwell for the condiments & water balloons, Edna Wong-McKenna for purchasing and transporting the hot dogs, hamburgers, & buns, Victor Lim for the igloo coolers, Lani Kwong for the use of her tables, and Sharon Chun for transporting the tables.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Duck Doo Society, Gook Doo Society, Helemano Plantation, Home Street Bank, Honolulu Chinese Jaycees, Kams' Society, Kung Sheong Doo, Luk Tung Kuen, Lum Sai Ho Tong, Lung Doo Society, Lung Kong Kung Shaw, Oo Syak Gee Lu, Philippine Airlines, See Dai Doo Society, Shanghai Club, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Honolulu, Tsung Tsin Association, & Wong Kong Har Tong.



Before the Stampede for the Scavenger Hunt



Hungry folks line up for the hotdogs & hamburgers



Everyone grabs as much as they can hold



Emeritus Trustee Les Young & Grandson Bentley relaxing

Special recognition to the following organizations who participated with us: Associated Chinese University Women, Association of Chinese from Vietnam, Cambodia, & Laos, Buck Toy Club,

On behalf of this year's Co-Chairs Leonard Kam, Mona Choy-Beddo and Wesley Chong, we thank all the societies and friends who attended and to all the generous donors whose support made the picnic a great success.

United Chinese Society's 15th Year in the Kamehameha Day Floral Parade

This year marked the 15th anniversary of the United Chinese Society's participation in the annual King Kamehameha Day Floral Parade to showcase our Citizen and Model Mother & Father of the Year. UCS president Henry Ou rode in the first car with his parents followed by our 2018 Citizen of the Year Tina Au who was accompanied by her two brothers. 2018 Model Mother of the Year Dr. Roberta Wong Leung along with her husband and daughter rode in the third convertible and Howard Pang, our 2018 Model Father of the Year, rode in the 4th car.



President Henry Ou waves the "Shaka" sign

What makes our participation in this parade unique and important is that the United Chinese Society is the only "non-Hawaiian" based cultural organization represented and our presence highlights the diversity that makes Hawaii such a wonderful place and community to be a part of.

The front hood of each car was decorated with a beautiful floral arrangement of torch ginger and bird of paradise sitting on a bed of monstera leaves. A Chinese Lion Head adorned the back of the car by being draped on the trunk so that everyone in the crowd could see how the Chinese culture was blended into the local community while still maintaining its uniqueness.



Model Citizen of the Year Tina Au



Model Mother of the Year Dr. Roberta Wong Leung



Model Father of the Year Howard Pang

Special thanks to our committee chairperson, Brandon Chong along with Les Young, Teddy Chong and drivers Jeff Chang, Mike Oakland, Ratcliff Lee and Hon Kit Wai. And a special mahalo to Shane Maihui of Yeung Dak Lion and Dragon Dance Association for decorating the cars with the Lion Heads.

Aloha & Mahalo to Our TECO Friends

On July 8th fifteen members of the United Chinese Society said “Aloha” to our good friends Mars Wang and Teddy Liao of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu. Both men will be missed as they truly embraced the Aloha spirit during their service here in Hawaii. Mars Wang’s new assignment is in the Marshall Islands where he will serve in a similar capacity as he did here in Honolulu. Teddy Liao, on the other hand, retired from his government service and will be moving back to Taiwan for a well-deserved retirement. A dinner was held in their honor at the Doraku Izakaya Restaurant and both men were presented with Aloha shirts as a token of our appreciation for their service and friendship.



Front (L-R): Henry Ou, Teddy Liao and wife, Mars Wang and Harvey Wong. Back Row (L-R): Wendell Foo, Sharon Chun, Kelly Lau, Tina Au, Thomas Sum, Anita Lim, Les Young, Leonard Kam, Lani Kwong, Brandon Chong, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Edna Wong McKenna and Ted Chong

NEW WEBSITE FOR ALL SOCIETIES

The United Chinese Society’s website is a community resource that is available for making announcements and sharing news about your society. Buck Toy Club and Wong Kong Har Tong regularly provide us with updates on what their society is doing which we, in turn, publish in our Parasol Newsletter and website. We

encourage you to utilize our website as a way of letting your own members as well as the general community know about what’s happening in your society. Contact our office at 536-4621 or via email at ucsofhi@gmail.com for more information.

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

ucsofhawaii.com

Citizen of the Year – Call for Applications

Applications for the United Chinese Society’s 2019 Model Citizen of the Year are now being accepted at our office. This year marks the 26th anniversary of the selection of a Model Citizen of the Year. This honor started in 1994 as a way of recognizing a special individual who embodies the qualities of service and contribution to the community, success in their profession, being family-centered, and unselfishly passing their knowledge and experience to our younger generations.

For more information contact our office at 536-4621 or via email at ucsofhi@gmail.com

Our office is located at 42 N. King Street in Chinatown.

**Deadline to submit your application is
Friday, September 27, 2019**

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Buck Toy Club Hong Gung Celebration

On Saturday, August 3rd, over 50 club members attended the annual Hong Gung service conducted at the clubhouse by the Rev.

Duane Pang on the occasion of Hong Gung's birthday. Representing the membership was President Alfred Young, Vice President Guoming Li and Board of Directors member Yun Le Cao, each carrying an antique incense holder, standing and kneeling as the service progressed. Over 100 members names were recited on whom special blessings were bestowed. Members who contributed \$20 or more were given a container of jai in appreciation of their generosity and all participants received a package of blessed tea, rice and a good luck charm.

When Buck Toy Club was originally founded in 1885, it was called "Buck Toy Ngee Mew" – the 2nd temple of Buck Toy. Back in the home village, several temples exist celebrating many different deities. The temple to Hong Gung is one of the oldest and his statue is paraded around the village once a year. Past president Daniel H. C. Young brought over the current Hong Gung statue and erected a shrine in the main hall of Buck Toy Club in 1995 and the club has been celebrating this service every year on Generalissimo Hong Gung's birthday.



Hong Gung Statue & Shrine

Members and a lion troupe from Wah Kwong Temple paid their respects to Hong Gung. A delicious lunch of vegetarian jai was prepared by President Alfred Young's son, Russell, who is the head chef at Straub Hospital. In addition to the jai, succulent roast suckling pig and miniature buns shaped like longevity peaches with green leaves rounded out a very satisfying meal.



President Alfred Young, Vice President Guoming Li and Board of Directors member Yun Le Cao pay their respects

Buck Toy Club Annual Banquet

Buck Toy Club members, family and friends gathered at Happy Day Restaurant in Kaimuki on Sunday, July 21st for its annual member banquet. Over 190 people were in attendance and were served a delicious 7-course lunch including Chinese chicken salad, garlic chicken, Eight Treasures Tofu, Capital pork chops, beef with kai lan, sea bass with choy sum and honey walnut shrimp.

The Kuo Ming Tang Physical Cultural

Association opened the event with the traditional lion dance and received lisee's from President Alfred Young and Vice President Guoming Li.



The highlight of the banquet including the awarding of two \$1,000 scholarships to Lee Danielle Young and Liana Michelle Young, daughters of Leo and Vivian Young, for their academic achievements and participation in and support of club activities and events. All members also received a \$10 Times Supermarket gift card in appreciation for their attendance and ongoing support.

Wong Kong Har Tong Society “Happenings”

By Harry C. Y. Wong

On **May 2nd** Wong Kong Har Tong sponsored two teams of 3 persons each in the 2019 Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association golf tournament held at the

Hawaii Prince Golf Course in Ewa. Golfers included Dennis Wong, Brad Tom, Russell Chong, Alvin Wong, Bradford Chun and Peter Chan. No big winners but all enjoyed the tournament golfing fellowship and opportunity to exercise their golfing skills.

On **May 10th** fifteen members and guests participated in the 29th Annual Palolo Chinese Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament at the Ala Wai Municipal Golf Course. Golfers are Dennis Wong, Kevin Wong, Russell Chong, Brad Tom, Wayne Wong, Peter Chan, David Wong, William G.K. Wong, Danton Wong, Alvin Wong, Bert Fong, Mari Johnson, Bradford Chun, Jeffrey Wong, and Yvonne Wong. Wong Kong Har Tong of Hawaii has supported and participated in the PCH golf tournament every year since the tournament started 29 years ago.

Approximately 40 members, all sponsored by Wong Kong Har Tong, participated in the **May 18th**, 2019 Visitor Industry Charity Walk, a six-mile walk along Waikiki. A mini breakfast was served at 6:00 a.m. and the walk began at 7:00 a.m. Along the route, there were many mini snacks by the sponsors.

Wong Kong Har Tong recently held two additional member events. On Saturday, **June 29th** members rode the Hawaiian Railway Train from Ewa to Ko’Olina and back and on Saturday, **July 20th** members attended a special showing of Disney's Lion King at the Kahala Consolidated Theaters.

Both excursions were chaired by Beverly H. Wong.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii “Whiskey, Mooncake, & Tea Tasting”

The Chinese Chamber of Hawaii is hosting a special “tasting” event featuring special whiskeys, mooncakes from Vancouver and imported Chinese tea to match a special six course dinner.

Date: Thursday, September 12th
Time: 5:30 PM No-Host Cocktails
6:00 PM Tasting Starts
Place: The Mandalay – 1055 Alakea Street

For more information contact the Chinese Chamber of Hawaii office at (808) 533-3181 or email at yliang@chinesechamber.com

70th China National Day Banquet

Date: Sunday, September 22nd
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: Ala Moana Hotel– Hibiscus Ballroom

For more information contact the Hawaii China National Day Celebration Committee at (808) 533-3181 or email at info@chinesechamber.com

United Chinese Society Installation & Model Citizen of the Year Banquet

Date: Saturday, December 7th
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant

For more information contact our office at (808) 536-4621 or via email at ucsofhi@gmail.com

PHOTO GALLERY OF RECENT UCS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Annual Family Day Picnic



Watermelon Eating Contest



Master Grillers Michael Tseng, Robert Wong, Henry Ou,
Wendell Foo and Michael Lau



The Gang from Helemano Plantation



Dr. Joe Young & Wife Barbara chatting with friends



Water balloon toss ... another way to keep cool on a hot day



Children Running to Grab as much as they can carry



Dir General Michael & Mrs. Tseng with Donna Chang



To the victor goes the spoils ... showing off the prizes



Kelly Lau, Larry Dang & Les Young ...
"Who says giving orders is not exhausting"

Kamehameha Day Floral Parade



Shane Maihui & Teddy Chong with Ratcliff Lee (in the car) setting up at Aloha Tower



UCS Trustee Jeff Chang practicing his "parade wave"



Mike Oakland relaxing before heading out under the hot sun

Mother & Father of the Year Banquet



Victoria Fong & Wilson Lau receive their UCS Trophies



Henry Ou, Model Mother Victoria Fong, Dir. Gen. Michael Tseng, Model Father Wilson Lau & Robert Yu, representing Governor Ige



Judges Dir. Gen. Michael Tseng, Les Young and Ret. Chief Justice Ronald Moon. Lei Ahu Isa between Les & CJ.

**Photo Gallery Continued:
Model Mother & Father Banquet**



UCS Emeritus Trustee Thomas Sum, Senator Karl Rhoads, UCS Trustee Mona Choy-Beddo, UCS 2nd VP Sharon Chun, Susanna Cheung and Ho Ming Cheung



Incoming President Calvin “Kelly” Lau, Lani Kwong, Treasurer Edna Wong McKenna, Barbara Chong, 1st VP Teddy Chong & Trustee Brandon Chong



Clockwise: Dr. Roberta Wong Leung, Aldrin Leung, Howard Pang, Douglas Chong, Lani Kwong and 2 guests, CJ Ronald Moon, and Ron Nagasawa