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## Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Open House

Did you know that other than our Chinese Lunar New Year, Moon Festival (also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival) is the second most important and celebrated event each year by the Chinese people?

The Mid-Autumn Festival is a harvest festival celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar which corresponds to around late September to early October. One of the popular myths about the origin of the Moon Festival is found in a story about a young hero named Hou Yi, who lived during a time when there were 10 suns in the sky. This caused great harm to the villagers, so Hou Yi shot down nine of the suns and was given a magical elixir that would make him immortal. But Hou Yi didn't want to live forever without his wife, Chang'e, so he did not drink the elixir and gave it to his wife for safekeeping. One day, a student of Hou Yi tried to steal the elixir from her and to foil his plans, Chang'e drank the elixir and flew to the moon where she still lives and can be seen dancing on the moon during this festival time.



Event Co-Chairs Kennydeen Quon and Carol Mun Suzuki along with President Victor Lim and 1st Vice President Calvin Lau

This year, the United Chinese Society held its very first “open house” at the society hall in Chinatown on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 3:00 and welcomed the public to learn more about this auspicious event and its historical significance and cultural importance to the Chinese way of life. The event was spearheaded and organized by Carol Mun Suzuki and Kennydeen Quon of the United Chinese Society. Admission was free and featured a lion dance and kung fu demonstration by Yeung Dak Physical Culture Dragon & Lion Association led by Triste Yee and Vernon Heu, traditional Chinese music and dances performed by the Lung Doo Benevolent Society music group, a special Moon Festival story telling by the 2018 Model Mother of the Year, Dr. Roberta Wong Leung, a pictorial display of the United Chinese Society’s past cultural community events, and the free sampling of a variety and styles of Moon Cake.



Mother of the Year, Dr. Roberta Wong Leung, storytelling to the young children & the Lung Doo Society entertainers on stage

Visitors had the opportunity to participate in lantern and dragon puppet making and of course . . . moon cake making. For the photogenic minded guests, there was a Moon Festival photo booth along with a giant Chinese

food “take-out” box complete with 6’ high chopsticks. Other activities included “hands-on” arts and crafts to make their own necklaces and bracelets and hand-cut animal figures.



*Folks enjoying making Lanterns & paper Dragons*



*Volunteers working & also having fun*

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Hawaii Heritage Center who opened their museum to our guests.

### **Commemoration of the 69th National Day of the People’s Republic of China**

On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, over 280 members of our community gathered at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant to welcome the Honorable Sun Lushan, Deputy Counsel General of the People’s Republic of China in Los Angeles and to celebrate the 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China. October 1, 1949 is considered to be the memorial



*Deputy Counsel General Sun Lushan along with Gov. Ige, Mayor Caldwell and Event Co-Chairs Peter Shi and Jeffery Young feed the Lions for Good Luck and Blessings for the Event*

day for the founding of the People’s Republic of China although the actual Chinese independence day was September 21, 1949. The grand ceremony held at [Tiananmen Square](#) on October 1, 1949 was to celebrate the forming of the new country’s Central People’s Government and later on October 2, 1949, the new government passed a resolution and declared October 1<sup>st</sup> to be the Chinese National Day.



The evening's festivities got started with the traditional Lion Dance performed by the Gee Yung Chinese Martial Arts Dragon & Lion Dance Sports Association followed by the singing of the national anthems of both the USA and China. Throughout the evening, we were all entertained by the talented members of the Lung Doo Benevolent Society.

Governor David Ige and Mayor Kirk Caldwell, along with Emeritus Speaker Calvin Say, Rep. Daniel Holt and Councilwoman Carol Fukunaga were on stage to present Deputy Counsel General Sun certificates and citations on behalf of the people of Hawaii.



*UCS officers and trustees (L-R): Les Young, Dr. Lawrence Dang, Edna Wong McKenna, Lani Kwong; Teddy Chong, Henry Ou, Calvin Lau and Dr. Wendell Foo*

Honorary Co-Chairs for the event were Mr. Peter Shi, President of the Hawaii Fujian Business Association, and Mr. Jeffrey H. F. Young, President of Buck Toy Club. President of the Celebration Committee is Vernon Ching and advisors are Eddie Flores, Victor Lim and Joseph Hu. Through the efforts of many who served on the steering committee, the event was a resounding success, and we all look forward to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> National Day of the People's Republic of China.

The annual banquet to recognize and honor our 2018 Citizen of the Year and install our new officers and trustees will be held on Saturday, December 8th at the Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant. Call the UCS office for more information.

### **107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the National Day of the Republic of China**

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu welcomed Hawaii's community with a celebration to commemorate the 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of China. The event was held at the Pacific Club on Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Hosted by Director General Michael Tseng and his wife, Josephine, the event showcased not only the growth and strength of Taiwan's diverse and dynamic economy but also its presence as a world leader in the global economy. Director General Tseng also reminded us of the strong ties between not only our countries but also our State and City. Governor Ige reinforced our Sister State relationship which was formed in 1993 and celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Mayor Caldwell also spoke about the many benefits that have been realized as a result of the Sister City relationship that was established 56 years ago between the City & County of Honolulu and Kaoshung City. Governor David Ige along with Mayor Kirk Caldwell offered their congratulations, presenting citations to commemorate the event, sharing their thoughts on the value of continuing our strong ties and relationship with the government and great people of the Republic of China.

#### **Upcoming United Chinese Society Events**

**Model Chinese Citizen and UCS Officer and Trustee Installation Banquet**



*Director General Michael Tseng, Governor David Ige and Mayor Kirk Caldwell Toasts to the Guests*

The gathering was topped off with the serving of roasted pig with all the trimmings, carved roast beef and an abundant presentation of delicious finger foods and a delicious assortment of desserts.



*UCS Members (L-R): Les Young, Sharon Chun, Kelly Lau, Lani Kwong, Anita Lim, Henry Ou, Teddy and Barbara Chong, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Sandra Siu, Kennydeen Quon and Larry Siu*

## SOCIETY NEWS

### **Buck Toy Club Members Enjoy Jin Dui Making Party at Vineyard St. Club House**

About a dozen American-born members of the Buck Toy Club participated in a Jin Dui Party on Saturday, October 6 at the clubhouse. Taught by Director Mrs. Wai Kwon Ng Low, the ladies got their hands sticky kneading dough, dicing, slicing and mincing ingredients for the “salty” filling, wrapping mochi in banana leaves, steaming cha gwo, which we locals call “ip jai”

and rolling and pressing the jin dui. This hands-on approach allowed everyone to feel the process instead of watching it on YouTube videos. None of the jin dui lasted long as it was all gobbled up before it had a chance to get cold. Everyone had a chance to take home ip jai, all hot and gooey. Those who still understand a little Chinese interpreted Mrs. Low’s instructions for their classmates, laughing and cheering each other on.

This follows on the heels of similar Cha Gwo Parties held at the clubhouse by the China-born members who grew up during the Cultural Revolution where traditional cooking methods were placed on the back burner. After moving to Hawaii, these members had to learn a new language and find jobs to support themselves in a new land. Finally settling down after 20 years, they came together last March after seeing Cha Gwo party pictures and videos taking place back in Buck Toy Village and held similar cooking demonstration sessions here. Since these parties were held in Chinese, we started an English-speaking session.

In January, Mrs. Elizabeth Young will conduct a session in making the traditional Chinese New Year’s dish, Jai. More information to follow.



