

A NEW PROJECT IS LAUNCHED!

The Lunar Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is the second most important Chinese festival after the Lunar New Year. Autumn, according to the lunar year, includes the seventh, eighth, and ninth lunar month. The 15th day of the eighth lunar month is mid-autumn, hence the date Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. The fifteenth of each lunar month is a full moon. The brightest and “biggest” moon of the year is the mid-autumn moon.

For the first time, the United Chinese Society of Hawaii is sponsoring a First Mid-Autumn Festival Tea honoring the presidents of our Chinese Societies. This event will be held on Sunday, October 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the United Chinese Society Assembly Hall.

A program will include authentic Chinese folk music will be presented by the Guang Zhong Chinese Music Club (Yes, the club will play “The Moon Represents My Heart” as one of its numbers), a lecture on the horticulture of Chinese fruit trees by Philip Wan, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Miss Lisa Wong, Miss Chinatown Hawaii 2006, and Princesses Kristina Chang and Shirley Lam. Storytelling and contestants of the Miss Chinatown 2007 Pageant will be introduced as well. Light refreshments will be served.

All presidents are asked to respond to the invitations (RSVP) to Henry Lee, Executive Director (phone 536-4621) by September 23rd.

CHINESE GROUPS WELCOME CHINESE NAVY DESTROYER'S VISIT TO HAWAII



Front row: members of the Chinese community greeted the Chinese vessels at Pearl Harbor.

Two Chinese warships, “Qingdao” (a Luh-class guided missile cruiser) and its accompanying oiler, “Hong Zehu” visited Hawaii on a goodwill mission, the first time in 6 years. Waving Chinese and American flags, members the Chinese community, 250-plus strong, greeted the vessels as they docked at Pearl Harbor Naval Base on September 6th.

A whirlwind visit of four days, five major Chinese organizations (plus others) participated in making the ships’ crew visit a memorable one, overflowing and smitten with aloha. The Chinese consulate in Los Angeles hosted a welcoming cocktails and dinner at the Tapa Room, Hiltan Hawaiian Village. The Chinese community hosted a welcome dinner at See Dai Doo Society the following evening. The U.S.-China People’s Friendship Group hosted a

picnic at Ala Moana Beach Park's McCoy Pavilion. Prior to their departure, the "Qingdao" officers hosted an aloha-farewell cocktails and dinner aboard the deck of the "Qingdao" missile cruiser for key members of the Chinese community and the admirals/officers at Pearl Harbor Naval Station.

Key Chinese community groups that sponsored the Hawaii welcome of the vessel and their crew included the United Chinese Society, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association, See Dai Doo Society, and Lung Doo Benevolent Society.



"Qingdao" 's Admiral Wang greets members from the United Chinese Society Kiki Young, Amy Jung, and James Young.



Father and Mother of the Year Dr. Vernon Jim (left) and Mrs. Yun Soong Jim, trustees Harry C.Y. Wong, and Keith Lim exchange pleasantries with Admiral Wang at the Tapa Ballroom reception.



Mayor Hanneman (center, back row) and the Chinese consul general from Los Angeles, host of the welcome party, at the Tapa Room and representatives from our Chinese Community enjoy the evening's friendship-bonding .



Henry Lee, left, on behalf of the United Chinese Society, presents an aloha gift of macadamia nut chocolates to Admiral Wang as trustees Larry iu and James Young look on.



Back row, left to right: Harry C.Y. Wong, Kiki Young, James Young, Jeanette Young enjoy the Chinese music and traditional Chinese musical instrument played by four members of the crew's western and Chinese bands on the deck of the "Qingdao" farewell-aloha party night.

HEPATITUS B FREE TESTING AND

IMMUNIZING CLINICS SCHEDULE

The Hawaii Jade Ribbon Campaign and Hawaii Department of Health, along with the sponsorship of the Congress of Chinese Societies, United, and the United Chinese Society announce that the free testing for Hepatitis B clinics that will be held from September 16, 2006 through March 3, 2007, from 10:30-1:00 p.m.. These clinics will be held at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza every first and third Saturday of each month.

From March 17, 2007 - September 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., the first and third Saturday of each month, will be the follow-up for immunizing only. One must be tested before immunization.

These tests/immunizations are for Asians and Pacific Islanders. These tests/immunizations are made free through a grant. Do get tested, as this 2 B tests usually cost \$80, and the 3 Hepatitis B vaccine shots, \$200. One must be 18 years and older to takes these Hepatitis B tests and immunization vaccine shots.

Every 30 seconds, Hepatitis B takes a life. Get protected. Get Vaccinated. Get the 3 shots



THE COMMUNITY PICNIC - MORE SHOTS

We couldn't resist: we had to share more candid shots of the Congress for Chinese Societies, United - United Chinese Society sponsored 2nd Annual Chinese Community Picnic! Among the society "delegates"-picnickers with ten or more signed up, we have: Kung Sheong Doo Society, Luk Tung Kuen, Chung Chung Alumni Association, Oo Syak Gee Loo Society, See Dai Doo Society, Lung Doo Benevolent Society, and United Chinese Society.

There were more children this year. Musical chairs, balloon toss, scavenger hunt, pass the pomelos, and lucky drawings were among the many activities enjoyed by all. The catered box lunches were big and mouth watering, along with chilled watermelon slices. Make and

wear your own lei and floral displays were also winners!



Lita Lum, left, and Kiki Young admire the Hawaiian floral arrangements created by Elizabeth Lau, right.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Harvey H.B. Young, president, UCS

The United Chinese Society of Hawaii has been busily engaged in activities even during the final quarter of the Year of the Dog. Here are updates on some of the events and activities.

Miss Chinatown Hawaii Pageant will be held on November 7, 2006 at the Hawaii Theater. Five beautiful young women have been preparing for the pageant since August. Their first public appearance will be on October 1, 2006 at Kahala Mall at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to meet the young women. Lion dancers from the Kuo Min Tang Physical Cultural Club will precede the women.

The Golden Anniversary of the Model Parent Program will be held on July 7, 2007 at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Spa and Resort. There will be a souvenir book with a page for each of the honorees. The book will include a biography, written by one of the family members, photo, and information on the second, third, and fourth generations of each honoree. The souvenir book committee has been delving archival records, telephone directories, and sleuthing to locate the descendants of each of the honorees. Two luncheon tickets will be reserved in the honoree's name, and there will be an option to purchase additional tickets to this historic event.

Office Lease -The Chinese Chamber of Commerce

currently occupies an office in The United Chinese Society of Hawaii (UCS) building at 42 North King Street. The office lease expired on December 31, 2005 and the lease was extended to June 30, 2006 and then further extended to December 31, 2006.

On several occasions, Danny Young, Henry Lee, and Harvey Young met with Chinese Chamber of Commerce President Alvin Wong to discuss terms of a new lease. During those discussions, two issues were reiterated:

First, the By-Laws of The United Chinese Society of Hawaii state that lease agreements shall be for three years with an option to extend the lease for two more years. The lease rent would be renegotiated after the three year term for the two-year option period. Secondly, under the provision of IRS Section 501(C)3, and in order to maintain the tax-exempt status of UCS, a negotiated lease rent rate is to be at fair market value.

The meetings appeared to clarify the issues and allow for a better understanding of each organization's needs.

Citizen of the Year 2007 will be selected at end of this month. He or She will be honored at a banquet on December 2, 2006 at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai.

together with other societies were invited aboard.

The Three for Life Project. Is a health endeavor sponsored by the Jade Ribbon Campaign of Hawaii. The project addresses the Hepatitis B issues which commonly affect Asian populations and South Pacific Islanders. The "three" refers to a series of three shots which are given to prevent Hepatitis B. UCS assisted Dr. Joseph Young, lead point-of-contact with the planning. The Project was kicked off on September 16, and will run through March 7 at the Chinese Cultural Plaza.

**More Chinese Community Picnic Photos



Musical chairs in progress. Calvin Ching "controls" the game.

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Chinese Naval Battleship Qingtao (no. 113) visited Hawaii in early September. The United Chinese Society,