

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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Passing on the Torch

In November, OSGL held its annual General Membership and Election Meeting. There are a few changes in officers and Board of Directors this year.

Our current President, Kenneth Chang, is the Ex-Past President and passing on the torch to our new President Alvin Chang. Each of the remaining officers have moved up in rank: Duane Chang – Vice President, and Donna Chang – 2nd Vice President. Our Treasurer and Secretary remains the same: Daryl Hu – Treasurer, and Connie Mark – Secretary. The Chinese Secretary, previously Donna Chang, is now Jamie Chang. In addition, OSGL welcomes a new member to its Board of Directors: Jocelyn Chang-Chuck. *(turn to page 3)*



2008 President Kenneth Chang passing on the gavel to 2009 President Alvin Chang.

Happy New Year!

It's a time for joy, a time for laughter, and a time for celebration. Another year has quickly gone by again. We just got through one of the toughest and busiest times of the year. (It's been really busy for me, and that's why this newsletter is very tardy. So sorry! But I hope you enjoy this newsletter as much as all the other ones.)

Christmas has come and gone. The craziness at the malls (or shopping online), baking cookies and other sweet treats, the Christmas and New Year's dinners, and all the fireworks and celebrations are all bygones for now.

We have all survived the stormy weather that has not only hit Hawaii (not to mention our island-wide blackout the day after Christmas), but it has also hit those on the mainland. Winter storms have hit and affected the Pacific Northwest and the Northeastern coasts.

I am sure we are all glad that 2008 is over, and that we are looking forward to a fresh new year. Let's be thankful we've survived last year and the gloomy economy, look forward to a brighter and better 2009.

As the Gregorian new year passed, we have the lunar new year to look forward to, and another celebration tend to. Chinese New Year is early this year on January 26th. We will be welcoming in the Year of the Ox. Gung Hee Fat Choy!

Turn to page 4 for more information on Chinese New Year and the Year of the Ox.

Who's Who in Oo Syak Gee Lu Society

2009 Officers:

President	Alvin G.K. Chang
1 st Vice Pres	Duane K.F. Chang
2 nd Vice Pres	Donna N. Chang
Treasurer	Daryl H.K. Hu
English Secretary	Constance K.H. Mark
Chinese Secretary	Jamie M.Y. Chang
Ex-Past President	Kenneth K.C. Chang

2009 Board of Directors:

Mildred Ai-Chang	Roy K.S. Chang
Clayton K.L. Chang	Shirleen W.Y. Chang
Edmund W. K. Chang	Wah Jip Chang
Ellen M. Chang	Ethel Chang Chow
Evelyn Y. Chang	Jocelyn Chang Chuck*
Margaret M.H. Chang	Harold K. C. Hu
Paulette K.Q. Chang	Edith P.S. Won

* Indicates new directors.

Honorary Directors:

2008 Maile K. Chang
2007 Wah Chock Chang

An Honorary Director is a member who has been recognized as a benefactor to the Society through outstanding services, such as serving as an officer or director. This award is the highest that the Society bestows. This non-voting position award is presented for the life of the individual.

2009 Committees:

Financial Committee

Chairperson: Harold Hu
Clayton Chang, Wah Jip Chang, Daryl Hu

PR & Membership / Scholarship Committee

Chairperson: Jamie Chang
Mildred Ai-Chang, Donna Chang, Ellen Chang,
Hubert Chang, Edith Won

Banquet & Events Committee

Co-chairpersons: Constance Mark and Donna Chang
Margaret Chang, Paulette Chang, Shirleen Chang

Nominating Committee

Chairperson: Edmund Chang
Evelyn Chang, Maile Chang, Ethel Chow

Bylaws & Review Committee

Chairpersons: Duane Chang
Donna Chang, Edmund Chang, Ellen Chang,
Roy Chang, Shirleen Chang

Meet Our Officers

Ever wonder who our officers really are and what they do besides run the Society? Here's your chance to get to know just a little bit of who they are and what they do.

Alvin G.K. Chang – (President) Alvin is a retired insurance agent from his own general insurance company. After retirement, he volunteered some of his time with AARP during income tax season.

Duane K.F. Chang – (1st Vice President) Duane works for the Department of Education as a Kalani Complex substitute teacher. He also coaches the Kalani High School Varsity Air Rifle team.

Donna N. Chang – (2nd Vice President) Donna teaches ESL (English as a Second Language) day and evening classes at the McKinley and Farrington Community Schools for Adults for more years than she can count on her fingers and toes.

Daryl H.K. Hu – (Treasurer) Last year, Daryl opened up his own Accounting firm, Daryl H.K. Hu LLC, in Kalihi. If you haven't done your taxes this year, he can give you accounting and tax advice.

Connie K.H. Mark – (English Secretary) Connie is a retired teacher, but she still fills in as a substitute at Waiau Elementary from Kindergarten to 6th grade. She recently had eye surgery for a detached retina, and is recovering at home.

Jamie M.Y. Chang – (Chinese Secretary) Jamie has her MBA degree in Marketing and BA in Advertising. She received a OSGL scholarship in 2003, and currently does a little bit of everything with her BOD father, Clayton's computer company, CC Enterprise.

Kenneth K.C. Chang – (Ex-Past President) Kenneth was a certificated marine chemist #625, and retired from Honolulu Shipyard 5 years ago. He now spends a lot of time on his computer keeping up with today's stock markets.

Installation Meeting Photos – January 4, 2009



We have also welcomed Maile Chang to be this year's Honorary Director. In past years, Maile has served as the Society's Vice-President and President.

The Honorary Director is a lifetime position that was created last year for recognition as a benefactor to the Society through outstanding services.

Last year, Wah Chock Chang was honored with this prestigious award. It is the highest that the Society bestows, and is a non-voting position presented for the life of the individual.

Above: 2008 Honorary Director Maile Chang accepting her certificate at the January 18th BOD meeting.

Right: 2009 Board of Directors (Front row, from left to right) Jocelyn Chang-Chuck, Margaret Chang, Paulette Chang, Evelyn Chang, Ethel Chang-Chow. (Back row, left to right) Edmund Chang, Roy Chang, Wah Jip Chang, Maile Chang, Clayton Chang, Edith Won, Harold Hu, Millie Ai-Chang, Ellen Chang, and Shirleen Chang.



Left: 2009 Officers (from left to right) Treasurer Daryl Hu, 2nd Vice President Donna Chang, 1st Vice President Duane Chang, President Alvin Chang, English Secretary Constance Mark, and Chinese Secretary Jamie Chang.

Below: Officers and Board of Directors taking the oath of office from retired judge Herbert Shimabukuro.



Gung Hee Fat Choy! – Year of the Ox

Traditionally, Chinese New Year is a time where families unite and have a reunion. Top to bottom cleaning of homes, purchasing new clothes, paying off debts, painting their doors, and getting new haircuts are some of the auspicious traditions for Chinese families. A dinner is usually rounded up with a feast of abundant foods, and little children are rewarded with red li-see envelopes.

Ox Traits and Personality – People born in the Year of the Ox tend to be patient, speak little, and inspire confidence in others. Their main attribute is to get the job done. The Ox rarely procrastinates. They succeed through perseverance, and tend to be eccentric, bigoted, and anger easily. They have fierce tempers, and even though they speak little, they speak quite eloquently. Ox people are mentally and physically alert. They are generally easy going, but they can be very stubborn.

Oxen are most compatible with the snake, rooster, and rat.



Chinese New Year Parade – January 24, 2009

There was another large turnout in Chinatown this year for the 2009 Chinese New Year Parade. There were probably thousands of spectators lined up on Hotel Street waiting to see martial arts groups and lion dance groups showing off their skills. OSGL members marched from Richards Street in the State Capitol Grounds to River Street, sporting their OSGL t-shirts and passing out pencils to the little kids. Members ended the parade with a Chinese New Year dinner at New Empress Restaurant, and we entertained by a lion dance performance.



Before the parade at the Capitol.



Spectators lined up on Hotel Street.



Edmund Chang feeding the lion.



Marching down Hotel Street.



Passing out OSGL pencils to spectators.



Devin Chang teasing the lion.

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Double Ten Parade – October 5, 2008



Back in October, OSGL participated in the Double Ten Parade, commemorating the National Day of the Republic of China (modern-day Taiwan). Members walked a short march around the Chinese Cultural Plaza block passing out OSGL goodies to bystanders and kids.

The parade was concluded with a lei presentation to the Dr. Sun Yet Sen statue near River Street at the Sun Yet Sen Mall.

Members cooled off and enjoyed a tasty lunch at the New Empress Restaurant.



Members getting ready to march in the parade.



Members showing patriotism and enthusiasm with their Taiwan and US flags.



President Ken Chang and the group presenting a lei to the Sun Yet Sen Statue.

2009 Model Chinese Mother and Father of the Year

The United Chinese Society is currently searching for candidates for the 2009 Model Mother and Father of the Year.

The purpose of this annual project is to honor and give community-wide recognition to a Chinese Mother and Father, who by their dedication, hard work, and integrity have reared a successful family, as evidenced by the character and accomplishments of their children.

Completed application forms are to be turned in to the United Chinese Society before March 13, 2009. All applicants are judged by a panel of leading citizens. Winners will be honored at the United Chinese Society's annual banquet.

Applications are available at the United Chinese Society or on our website at www.geocities.com/echang55. For further information, please call Mr. Henry Lee, the Executive Director of the United Chinese Society at (808) 536-4621.

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Pearl Harbor Boat Tour

Members of OSGL expressed interest in attending a boat tour of Pearl Harbor. The Public Relations Committee is putting together an opportunity for members, friends, and family to see Pearl Harbor on a free personal group tour.

This is an educational sightseeing boat tour around Ford Island and Pearl Harbor. Some of the major highlights of the tour include Ford Island, the Submarine Base, active and mothballed ships, housing, historic sites, close-ups of the Battleship USS Missouri, the USS Utah Memorial, and the remnants from the December 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The tour will also cover the West, Middle, and East Loch shorelines, the Waipio and Pearl City peninsulas, and the site where the Walt Disney movie "Pearl Harbor" was filmed. We will make a private visit to the USS Arizona Memorial toward the conclusion of the tour.

We will be hosted by Stanford Yuen, Executive Assistant to the Admiral (Navy Region, Hawaii). He will be enlightening us on the current projects and future plans of Pearl Harbor, including the \$900 million Ford Island development.

The tour is open to 120 people, by invitation only, *FREE OF CHARGE*. This tour is not exclusive to OSGL members only. Please invite your family and friends. OSGL will also be extending the invitation to other groups: Chinese Catholic Club, Executive Women's Club, and others. This is a chance to get to meet other people and learn about some important history to Hawaii and to our country.

If you are interested in attending this tour, please call Edith Won at 373-2658 and provide the full names of all the people who will be attending. You will need to bring a photo ID the day of the tour. However, there will be no carry on or handbags allowed on the tour. All carry-on items are subject to inspection. Cameras are permitted. It is advised that you allow time to arrive early. The boat tour leaves promptly and 3:45pm, and will not wait for late passengers.



Pearl Harbor Boat Tour

Date: Friday, March 27, 2009
 Time: 3:45pm – 5:15pm (boat leaves promptly at 3:45pm)
 Place: Arizona Memorial Museum Pier
 RSVP: By March 1st to Edith Won at 373-2658
 Cost: FREE OF CHARGE!!!



PALOLO CHINESE HOME

Did you miss out on our Palolo Chinese Home Tour back in April? We toured the new facilities and got a sneak peak of the new expansion plans. We saw the state-of-the-art cafeteria and kitchen, and newly renovated residences – a marked departure from several years ago.

OSGL donates an annual contribution to Palolo Chinese Home to help with renovations to provide outstanding care and service to for elderly in our community.

If you missed out on this opportunity, and would like to tour the new facilities at Palolo Chinese Home, you still can. We will be planning another visit sometime in November.

Please call Edith Won at 373-2658 to let her know you are interested.

More information about Palolo Chinese Home is available on their website at www.palolohome.org.

2009 Scholarship Award Information

The OSGL Scholarship Committee is meeting to prepare for the 2009 Scholarship Awards. Now in it's 11th year, OSGL has already given away \$31,500 to deserving student members pursuing a higher education.

Scholarships are open to students who have been OSGL members for at least 6 months and will be attending a two-year or 4-year accredited college, trade school, or technical school in the fall. Graduate, post-graduate, and internships are excluded.

Scholarship applications will be available online at our website in March/April. Please check our website www.geocities.com/echang55 regularly for updates and announcements our Society may have.

If you have any questions regarding OSGL's 2009 Scholarship, please call Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or email her at jmechang@yahoo.com.

Note Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location / Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Jan 26	Chinese New Year	Gung Hee Fat Choy!	
Mar/Apr	Scholarship Applications	Available Online	Jamie Chang *
Mar 27	Pearl Harbor Boat Tour	Arizona Memorial Museum Pier / 3:45–5:15pm (Boat leaves promptly at 3:45pm!)	Edith Won by 3/1**
Apr 6	Qing Ming	Manoa Chinese Cemetery / 9:00am	
Apr 19	Board of Directors Meeting	Golden Palace – 111 S. King Street / 11:00am	Duane Chang by 4/9
July	Scholarship Dinner	Mandalay Restaurant (Alakea Street, Downtown) / 5:30pm	Jamie Chang*
July 19	Board of Directors Meeting	Duck Yun Restaurant (Aina Haina Shopping Center) / 11:00am	Duane Chang by 7/9
Oct 18	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD / TBD	Duane Chang by 10/8
Nov 15	General Election Meeting	TBD / TBD	Duane Chang by 11/5
Dec	Annual Christmas Luncheon	TBD / TBD	Connie Mark

To RSVP for Board of Directors meetings, please call Duane Chang at 734-8899 or email duane.chang@hawaiiantel.net by the deadlines listed above beginning one month prior to the event.

* Scholarship Information: Call Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or email jmechang@yahoo.com.

** Pearl Harbor Boat Tour reservations: Call Edith Won at 373-2658.



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Moving??? *If you are moving, or if your address has changed, please notify Jamie Chang at jmechang@yahoo.com or call 373-1714 so you can continue to be in the loop and receive newsletters and information about our Society.*

OSGL Going “Green”



With all the “green” talk in today’s lingo, Oo Syak Ge Lu has decided to do its part and contribute to “going green.” We are moving towards helping save some trees by sending you our newsletter electronically via email. We already have some members signed up and we are on our way to “GO GREEN!”

We still send newsletters the old fashion “snail mail” way through the U.S. Postal Service to the head of the household at each address we have on file. Now, each OSGL member in the household can elect to receive individual emails from us. You can also sign up your kids to be “green” with OSGL. Upon giving us your email address, you can also be notified of last minute announcements pertaining to OSGL functions.

If you would like to receive our newsletters via email and save a few trees, send an email to Jamie Chang at jmechang@yahoo.com, with “**OSGL EMAIL**” in the subject line. If you have already signed up to go green, and are still receiving “snail-mailed” newsletters, send another email. It may not have gone through, or may have been overlooked.

We’d also like to remind you to keep our membership records updated. This helps ensure accuracy for membership, and we can deliver you important news and information about the society. If you are moving, or have moved, please notify us so you can still receive our quarterly newsletters. Please also check with other friends or relatives who you know are members.

Don’t worry, your information is held for private use of the society and will not be released or sold to outside parties.

To make sure that your records are updated, please call our Membership Chairperson Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or email her at jmechang@yahoo.com.

Do your part to start saving the world....

