

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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Ancestral Roots Trip Abroad

For the first time ever, our society will be planning a trip abroad to our ancestral roots at Oo Syak Village. This is your chance to visit the hometown of your ancestors. It will be an educational and fun-filled experience.

The trip will be a 10-14 day trip with hometown visits to Oo Syak Village and exposure to life in China. We will also do some sight-seeing and tourist events. More information will follow in future newsletters.

If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please contact Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or Connie Mark at 455-5221. Seats will be limited to the first 20 members. If there are more than 20 interested members, we will break it up into two separate groups on different dates.

2006 Scholarships Available

In its eighth year, four \$1000 scholarships will again be awarded to deserving Oo Syak Gee Lu Society student members. As usual, there is very little effort needed to complete the application form. However, starting this year, the application forms are not attached. You will find the forms on our Oo Syak web site at www.geocities.com/echang55.

Parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts please visit the web site to copy the forms. The completed application form and high school or college transcript can be scanned and submitted as an e-mail attachment or postal mailed. (see *Scholarships* page 4)

Feng Shui Master Clarence Lau



Interested in feng shui? Want good luck to flow through your life and home? Come to our Board of Director's luncheon on Saturday, April 15th at Golden Palace Restaurant at 12 noon.

Mr. Clarence K. Lau, feng shui master and teacher, will be giving us some of his skillful insights on this subject. We encourage all members who are interested in attending to please call Kenneth Chang at 537-4015 to reserve your space at the luncheon. Members are free. Guests will have to pay a small fee of only \$15 to cover the cost of lunch.

2006 President's Message
January 8, 2006
Hee Hing Restaurant

Kung Hee Sun Nien Fai Lok! Hauoli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year! May your lives be tranquil and peaceful throughout the year.

I wish to acknowledge that we have two special guests this afternoon. The Honorable Herbert Shimabukuro and his lovely wife, Lillian. We thank Judge Shimabukuro for taking time off from his very busy schedule to install the officers and directors of Oo Syak Gee Lu Society. He is a loyal and dedicated friend and has performed the installation ceremony for many, many years.

It is an honor for me to serve as your 2006 president of Oo Syak Gee Lu Society. I thank the outgoing officers and directors who served their position very well and who gave me much assistance this past year.

Congratulations to the incoming officers and directors, and I know that they will serve honorably.

We had a very exciting year, and I am please that the members participated in various programs held, including those by other Chinese organizations.

We had a few challenging issues, and some tough decisions were made. Discussions, I believe, only help strengthen our society and its mission. If you have questions, opinions, and concerns, please feel free to let us know. The Board and Officers are here to serve you. We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas and know some of them will be implemented if they benefit our society. Only through your interest and support will Oo Syak Gee Lu Society continue to make progress in the 21st century.

I am very pleased to report that we have approximately 216 members, thanks to Ed Chang for compiling and updating this information. However, approximately only 50 are active members. If you know of someone, a friend, or relative who meet the requirements of being a member, please encourage him or her to join. If you need assistance, please contact the PR and Membership Committee.

It is one of my goals for this year to bring in guest speakers from time to time, to enlighten the members of topics that may be of interest to you financially, culturally, and also be entertaining. I encourage members to attend such programs.

My sincere gratitude to all who have supported me and have given me guidance and wisdom this past year, and I look forward to your continued support.

Mahalo!

Edith P.S. Won

2006 Officers and Board of Directors

Congratulations to this year's officers and Board of Directors.



L-R: Daryl Hu (Treasurer), Edith Won (President), Kenneth Chang (1st Vice President), Trudy Yee (2nd Vice President), Connie Mark (English Secretary), and Wah Chock Chang (Chinese Secretary).

Officers:

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| President | Edith P.S. Won |
| 1 st Vice Pres | Kenneth K.C. Chang |
| 2 nd Vice Pres | Gertrude C. Yee |
| Treasurer | Daryl H.K Hu |
| English Secretary | Constance K.H. Mark |
| Chinese Secretary | Wah Chock Chang |



Front row L-R: Paulette Chang, Donna Chang, Margaret Chang, Mildred Ai-Chang; Back L-R: Duane Chang, Harold Hu, Shirleen Chang, Clayton Chang, Jonah Chang, Chris Chang, Ed Chang. Not present: Alvin Chang, Ellen Chang and Wah Jip Chang.

Board of Directors:

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| Mildred Ai-Chang | Ellen M. Chang |
| Alvin G.K. Chang | Jonah Chang |
| Christine M. Chang | Margaret M.H. Chang |
| Clayton K.L. Chang | Paulette Chang |
| Donna N. Chang | Shirleen Chang |
| Duane Chang | Wah Jip Chang |
| Edmund W. K. Chang | Harold K. C. Hu |

2006 Committees and Chairpersons

Budget & Assets Management (Harold Hu)
 PR & Membership (Jamie Chang)
 Banquets & Events (Connie Mark and Donna Chang)
 Nominating Committee (Ed Chang)
 China Travel Committee (Connie Mark and Jamie Chang)
 Bylaws & Review Committee (Duane Chang and Shirleen Chang)



**** Special General Membership Meeting ****

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

Date: July 16, 2006
Time: 11:00 am for all members
Place: Hee Hing Chinese Restaurant
Call: Kenneth Chang at 537-4015 for reservations.

(Note: Please do not call earlier than one month before the date.)

Purpose: To present, discuss, and vote on Proposed Amendments to our Bylaws.

(Proposed Amendments will be passed out to the members who attend the April 15th meeting. Those who are not in attendance will have it mailed to them.)
 Please review the packet and keep paperwork and bring it to the July meeting.

Moving???

If you are moving, or if your address has changed, please notify Ed Chang at echang55@hawaii.rr.com or call 623-5910 so you can



continue to be in the loop and receive newsletters and information about our Society.

Scholarships... (cont'd)

Originals are not necessary. For complete details, download the application and guidelines from our website at www.geocities.com/echang55.

If you are not yet a member, you can still apply for membership before the May 13, 2006 scholarship application deadline. To apply for Oo Syak Gee Lu Society membership, please call Jamie Chang at 373-1714 (H) or 387-9854 (C). The one-time membership application fee is just \$5.00 (subject to change).

Please don't wait until the last minute. Get your scholarship application in before the deadline.

The winners will be introduced at our July 9, 2006 Scholarship Awards Dinner. The location and other details will be announced later.

Previous Scholar Winners...

If you have been a previous scholarship winner, we'd love to hear from you. Did you graduate? Where are you working? Send an email to jmechang@yahoo.com and we can share the news with the rest of the society.

Jamie May Yin Chang – 2003 Recipient

Jamie graduated from Hawaii Pacific University in 2004 with a Masters of Business Administration in Marketing. She currently is working with her father, Clayton, managing the ATM and computer business for American Savings Bank. Her marketing degree and background is being put to use as a manager for a local Hawaiian band called "Kupa'aina."

Lindsay Kwai Lin Chang – 2001 & 2002 Recipient

Lindsay graduated from King's College in 2003 with a Masters Degree in Physician Assistant Studies. She recently moved back to Hawaii from Minneapolis in December 2005. She is working as a first assistant in orthopedic surgery at Straub Clinic and Hospital.

Members Update

- Congratulations to member Wah Jip Chang who has been re-elected president of Mo Hock Ke Lok Bo for the year 2006. Our president, Edith P.S. Won, has been elected as Assistant English Secretary. Both were installed on January 12, 2006. This organization is the founder of the Mun Lun School, whose purpose is to educate our children in the Chinese language and its culture. Edith is also the vice president of the Mun Lun School Alumni. Wah Jip continues to serve as president of the Gook Doo Sam Heong Society.
- Congratulations to members Gertrude "Trudy" Yee and Edith Won. Trudy was elected a director, and Edith was appointed a trustee by the President of the Chinese Catholic Club for 2006.
- Our condolences to the family member Sing Hoy Chang who died on January 24, 2006 after being hospitalized. He is survived by wife Ellen K.T. Chang, a son and two daughters. We received a thank you note from the family.
- President Edith Won was the fortunate winner of a free round trip for one on All Nippon Airways (ANA) to China and two free weekend nights at the Deluxe Room on the Executive Floor of the Marriott New World Courtyard Beijing. The grand prize drawing was held on October 9, 2005 at the Splendor of China 3rd Annual Cultural and Trade Exhibition, sponsored by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

If you have any news you would like to share about yourself or your family in this newsletter, please contact Jamie Chang at jmechang@yahoo.com or call Edith Won at 373-2658.

Gung Hee Fat Choy!

Over 20 members participated in the 2006 Chinese New Year Parade on Saturday, January 21st from the State Capitol on Richards Street down Hotel Street, ending at River Street. This was the largest parade that Oo Syak has participated in. Other parade marchers included Mufi Hanneman, Miss Chinatown and her court, as well as a number of Hawaii Chinese societies, and local and mainland lion dance associations. Thank you to all the participants who showed their spirit during the new year. To view more photos, visit our website at <http://www.geocities.com/echang55/parade.html>.



Oo Syak members marching down Hotel St.

Model Chinese Mother and Father of the Year

The United Chinese Society is searching for a Model Chinese Mother and Father of the Year, who by their dedication, hard work, and integrity have reared a successful family, as evidenced by the character and accomplishments of their children. If you know of someone that might fit the description, please contact Edith Won at 373-2658 for the entry form. The deadline is Friday, May 21st before 5:00pm.

Ching Ming Celebration

The Hawaii Chinese Ching Ming Celebration will be held on Thursday, April 6th at 10:00am at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. Our society donated \$100 to help replenish the Ching Ming fund, upon request.

Hawaiian Chinese Cultural Art Museum & Archives

Last year, a number of members took the opportunity to tour the Hawaiian Chinese Multicultural Museum & Archives to learn about our roots and cultural beginnings in Hawaii. Admission is \$3, and the cost would be borne by the society for members only. Plans are in the making for those members who did not have a chance to tour the museum and would like to consider joining other members. Contact Jamie at 373-1714 for more details.

Note Your Calendars!

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Contact</u> * |
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| Apr 15 | Board of Director's Meeting & Speaker Clarence Lau, Feng Shui Master | 11am Golden Palace Restaurant (members join at 12noon) | Kenneth Chang by 4/5 |
| May 13 | Scholarship Applications Due | (email or postal mail) | Ellen Chang ** |
| July 16 | Special General Membership Meeting | Hee Hing Restaurant | Kenneth Chang by 7/ 5 |
| Aug 12 | Annual Banquet | Hee Hing Restaurant | |
| Oct 15 | Board of Director's Meeting | TBA | Kenneth Chang by 10/5 |
| Nov 19 | General Membership / Election Meeting | TBA | Kenneth Chang by 11/9 |
| Dec 2 | Annual Christmas Party | TBA | |

* To RSVP for meetings, please call Kenneth Chang at 537-4015 by the deadlines listed above beginning one month prior to the event.

** Scholarship applications are to be mailed to Ellen Chang at 95-122 Kahela Street, Mililani, HI 96789 or emailed to echang55@hawaii.rr.com. No hand-delivered applications will be accepted.