

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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烏石奇屋
Honolulu, Hawaii

April is for Qing Ming (Tomb Sweeping)

Qing Ming Jie (or Ching Ming) is a period to remember, honor, and pay respect to deceased ancestors and family members. It reinforces filial piety in the Chinese community by making the special effort to visit ancestor's graves to pay their respects.

Qing Ming, literally meaning clear and bright, falls in early spring (106th day after the winter solstice). Young and old pray before the ancestors, sweep the tombs and offer food, tea, wine, chopsticks, (joss) paper accessories, and/or libation to the ancestors. The rites are very important to most Chinese and especially farmers. Some people carry willow branches with them on Qing Ming, or put willow branches on their gates and/or front doors. They think that willow branches help ward off the evil ghosts that wander on this auspicious holiday.

This year's Qing Ming celebration was held on Monday, April 5th at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery. Oo Syak Gee Lu contributed an annual donation of \$100 toward this event.



Scholarships

2009 Scholarship Award Applications Available Online!

Now in its 11th year, Oo Syak Gee Lu has already given away \$31,500 to deserving student members pursuing a higher education.

This year, Oo Syak Ge Lu will be awarding four \$1,000 cash scholarships to student members based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, leadership, and community involvement. 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.

Each year, we have a varied number of student applications. People from the local community outside of the society are hired to judge the applications. The four scholarship winners will be recognized at our Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, July 11th at Mandalay Restaurant.

Please download our application from our website www.geocities.com/echang55 and submit it by the deadline of May 16, 2009.

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



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 Board of Directors

Ever wonder who our Board of Directors really are and what they do besides run the Society? Here's some of our Board members that you can get your chance to know a little bit of who they are and what they do.

Millie Ai-Chang – Millie is retired from Hawaiian Electric Company and enjoys traveling the world. She spends a lot of time with her family cooking dinner and babysitting her grandkids.

Clayton K.L. Chang – Clayton has his own business called CC Enterprise and works mainly with American Savings Bank and Hickam Federal Credit Union with computers, technology, and ATMs.

Edmund W.K. Chang – Ed works at Hawaiian Electric Industries as a Mechanical Engineer. He is OSGL's current webmaster, and was the newsletter editor until Jamie Chang took over in 2006.

Ellen M. Chang – Ellen is currently a lady of leisure spending her time volunteering at Pali Momi Hospital in Aiea as a diabetes educator for the past 10 years. She is also a certified nursing aide in Canada.

Evelyn Y. Chang – Evelyn is retired and does low dose exercising through walking and window shopping, but she is always home in time to watch her Korean soap operas.

Margaret M.H. Chang – Margaret is retired and spends most of her time at the Pauahi Senior Center or the chiropractor. She stays busy and feels like she doesn't have enough time.

Paulette K.Q. Chang - Paulette just retired from Hawaiian TelComm in the Finance Department. She loves to travel to the mainland and international destinations if she is not caring for her two grandsons.

Shirleen W.Y. Chang – Shirleen teaches 1st grade at Kauluwela Elementary School and coaches the Kalani High School Varsity Air Rifle team. She is married to OSGL's 1st Vice President, Duane Chang with four children.

More on the other BOD's in the next issue.....

Taiwan Study Abroad Opportunity

Have you been looking for an opportunity to travel and study abroad? Looking for a way to send your child away for the summer? A great opportunity has been extended to the students in OSGL for an educational summer program. It is a four-week program in Taiwan for students ages 16-27.



Taipei 101 – The world's tallest building

Participants will improve their competency in spoken and written Chinese language, enhance their knowledge of Chinese and Taiwanese cultures, and deepen their understanding of the establishment of Taiwan.

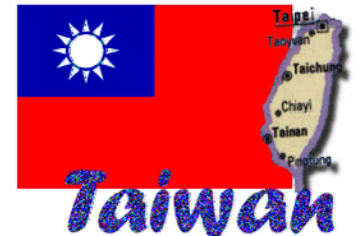
Activities include Chinese language studies, internet classes, and cultural studies such as calligraphy, painting, carving, Chinese kung-fu, folk dancing, yo-yo, games, knotting, paper cutting, etc. There will also be seminars on Taiwan's natural environment, history, geography, customs, festivals, art, and heritage. Field trips are organized to Taiwan's universities, cultural sites, and tourist destinations.

This four-week program is designed for youth to learn about their cultural heritage and also enjoy networking with other students their age. A valid passport is needed and must be valid six month beyond the summer camp dates. No visa is required for this trip.

The total cost of this program is \$1,300 USD, however, the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Commission will subsidize \$700 USD per participant. Each participant will only need to pay \$600 USD, which includes most food, lodging, and ground transportation payments.

In addition, the participant must pay the round-trip airfare from Hawaii to Taiwan.

If you are interested in attending this summer camp study abroad opportunity, or if you would like to send your child / grandchild to this enriched experience, please call Henry Lee at (808) 536-4621.



Summer Camp in Taiwan

When: July 1- July 30, 2009 for group ages 16-18 years old
 July 8 – August 6, 2009 for group ages 19-27 years old

Cost: \$600 USD (Includes partial payment of food, lodging, and ground transportation.)

* Participant must also pay roundtrip airfare from Hawaii to Taiwan.

** Passport must be valid six months beyond summer camp dates. No visa needed.

Members Corner

- **Ellen Hun Jun Amoy** – Ellen passed away on March 24th at 91-years young. Her brothers Albert and Herbert Amoy are also members of the Society.
- **Mervyn H.H.O. Chang** – Mervyn passed away on April 26th. He was the son of Past-President Sing Chang, and brother to Robert A. Chang and Jackie Faria. His sons are Elias, Jonah (former BOD), and Matthew Chang.
- **Steven D. Chang** – Son of Dr. Hing Chang and Dr. Lorene Anastasi Chang, Dr. Steven Chang received an endowed professorship at the Stanford School of Medicine.

If you have news or information that you would like to share about a current member or yourself, please contact our newsletter editor Jamie Chang at (808) 373-1714 or email her at jmechang@yahoo.com.



Pearl Harbor Boat Tour



OSGL BOD Edith Won with Stanford Yuen

On March 27th, member of Oo Syak Gee Lu took a boat tour ride inside Pearl Harbor. This tour was free of charge to OSGL members, families, and friends, and we had a full sold out boat. We were joined by members of the Chinese Catholic Club, Executive Women’s Club, and other organizations. We were graciously hosted by Stanford Yuen, Executive Assistant to the Admiral (Navy Region, Hawaii).

This was an educational sightseeing tour around Ford Island and Pearl Harbor. Some of the major highlights of the tour included 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. Stanford Yuen also informed us on the current projects and future plans of Pearl Harbor, including the \$900 million Ford Island development.

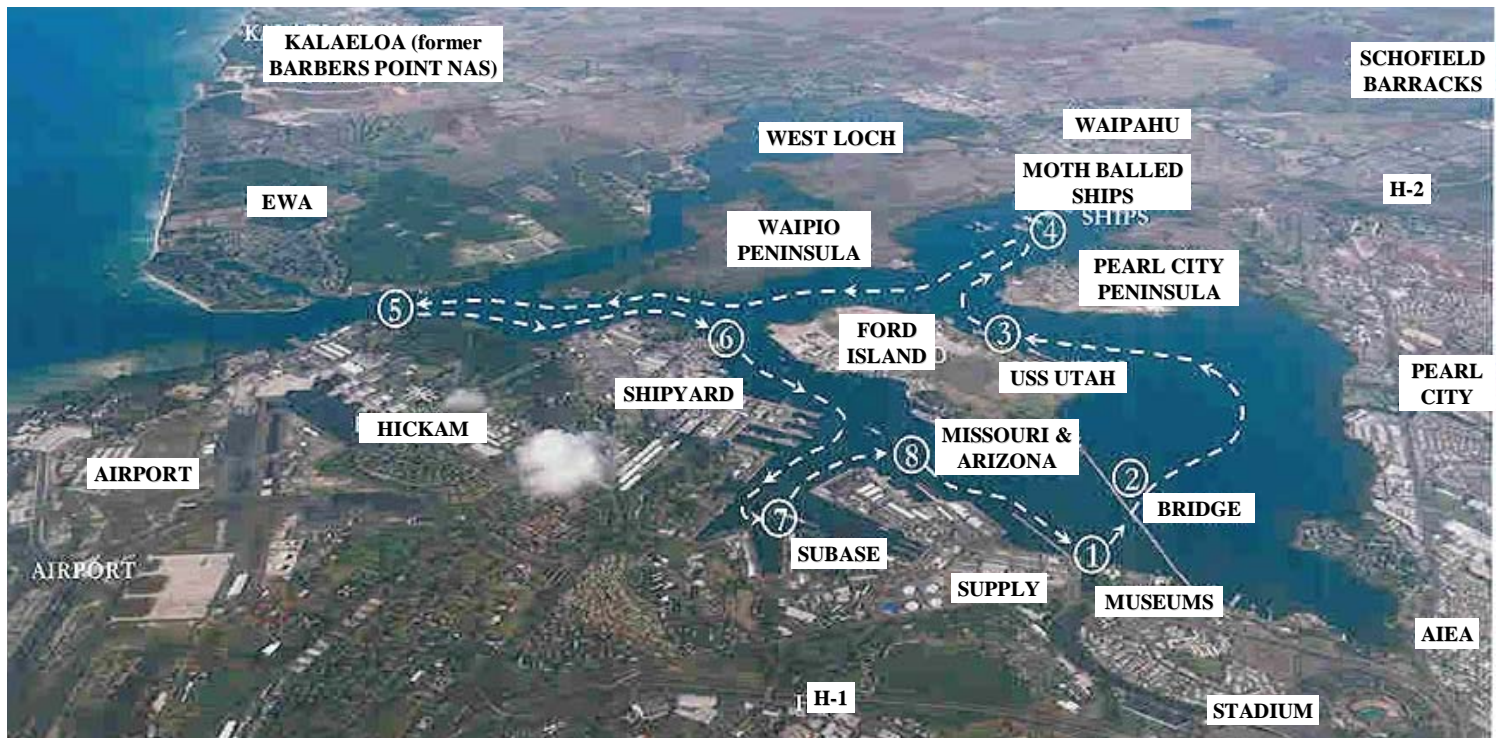
The tour also covered the West, Middle, and East Loch shorelines, the Waipio and Pearl City peninsulas, and the site where the Walt Disney movie “Pearl Harbor” was filmed. At the conclusion of the tour, we made a private visit to the USS Arizona Memorial.



USS Arizona Memorial



All participants who joined the Pearl Harbor Boat Tour



Annual Banquet Coming Up

Mark your calendars.... The Oo Syak Gee Lu Annual Banquet is coming up just around the corner. This is the event that you never want to miss out on. It is always a great time to get together with family and friends. There will be great company, ono food, and special entertainment.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at Hee Hing Restaurant in Kapahulu. There will be a full eight-course dinner. (See menu in side box.)

The discounted cost for members will be \$150.00 per table of ten. This is a great bargain in today's ailing economy. OSGL will be subsidizing the other half! Whole table purchases only.

To make your reservation, please call Connie Mark at 455-5221 as soon as possible. There are only a few tables left. In the past, tables sell very fast! We have even run out of tables and had to turn people away. So pick up the phone and make your reservation today. Your table will not be confirmed until payment is received.



ANNUAL BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$150 per table
 Call: Connie Mark
 Phone: (808) 455-5221
 Deadline: July 15th, or until sold out

On the Menu:

- Chinese Chicken Salad with Jellyfish
- Steamed Winter Melon with Eight Treasure Casserole Soup
- Steamed Chicken with Virginia Ham and Vegetable
- Steamed Fresh Salmon with Black Bean Sauce
- Braised Beef Short Ribs with Taro
- Top Shell Abalone with Black Mushrooms & Vegetable
- Fresh Asparagus with Garlic Sauce
- House Special Cake Noodles
- Lychee Sorbet
- Rice

Note Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location / Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Mar/Apr	Scholarship Applications	Available Online	Jamie Chang **
May 15	Scholarship Applications Due	Postal mail or email	Hubert Chang **
July	Scholarship Dinner	Mandalay Restaurant (Alakea Street, Downtown) / 5:30pm	Jamie Chang **
July 19	Board of Directors Meeting	Legend Buddhist Vegetarian Restaurant (Chinese Cultural Plaza – Across from Legend Seafood Restaurant) / 11:00am	Duane Chang by 7/9 *
Aug 8	Annual Banquet	Hee Hing Restaurant (Kapahulu) / 5:30pm	Connie Mark +
Oct 18	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD / TBD	Duane Chang by 10/8 *
Nov 15	General Election Meeting	Wah Kung / Mapunapuna Ethnic Village (Old 99 Ranch Plaza) / 11:00am	Duane Chang by 11/5 *
Dec 5	Annual Christmas Luncheon	Empress Restaurant (Chinese Cultural Plaza, 2 nd Floor) / 12 noon	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.

Mail scholarship applications to Hubert Chang: 744 20th Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816, or email changp005@hawaii.rr.com. No hand delivered applications will be accepted.

+ Annual Banquet reservations: Call Connie Mark at 455-5221.



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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....

