

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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10th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner



SCHOLARSHIPS

Oo Syak Gee Lu scholarship applications have been submitted by five students this year, all vying for one of the society's four \$1,000 cash scholarships. The judges are now at work reviewing all the applications. These scholarship awards are based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, leadership, and community involvement, as well as communication, writing skills, presentation, and creativity.

So far, for the past nine years, Oo Syak Gee Lu Society has awarded cash scholarships to its members who have decided to pursue a higher education after high school. So far, a total of 18 students have received \$27,500 collectively!

This year, we are opening up the normally private scholarship awards dinner to all of our members. At the dinner, our scholarship winners are introduced, recognized, and presented with a certificate and their cash award.

The scholarship awards dinner will be held at 5:30pm on Saturday, July 12th at Mandalay Restaurant on Alakea Street in Downtown. Members and non-members are welcome to join us for \$30 per person. If you would like to attend and help congratulate our scholarship recipients, please call Connie Mark at 455-5221 by July 2nd.

Board of Directors Meetings & Attendance

We have some things we'd like to remind you of when attending our quarterly Board of Director's meeting. Our meetings are held to conduct business for the Society, and it is open to all members who are interested in the welfare of the Society.

It is important that you ***please be on time***. Meetings will start at approximately 11:00am. General members who arrive after the meeting starts will have to wait outside until the meeting is adjourned. This is so there are no interruptions as the meeting progresses.

Please note that all of the Board Members (which includes Officers and Directors) will be sitting together at two tables for both the meeting and the luncheon. This makes it easier to conduct business, so the meetings can progress smoothly and efficiently. Also, meetings can get through much quicker, so we can eat lunch a lot sooner.

One last thing... It is advised that if you'd like to sit near other family members or friends, please arrive before the meeting begins and arrive together. There will be no saving of seats for those who do not show up on time. Seats are available on a first come, first serve basis.

With these things in mind, we hope that our meetings will be less interrupted and more efficient. See you at our next meeting!

Who's Who in Oo Syak Gee Lu Society

2008 Officers:

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

2008 Board of Directors:

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

* Indicates new directors.

2008 Committees:

Financial Committee

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

PR & Membership / Scholarship Committee

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

Banquet & Events Committee

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

Nominating Committee

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

China Travel Committee

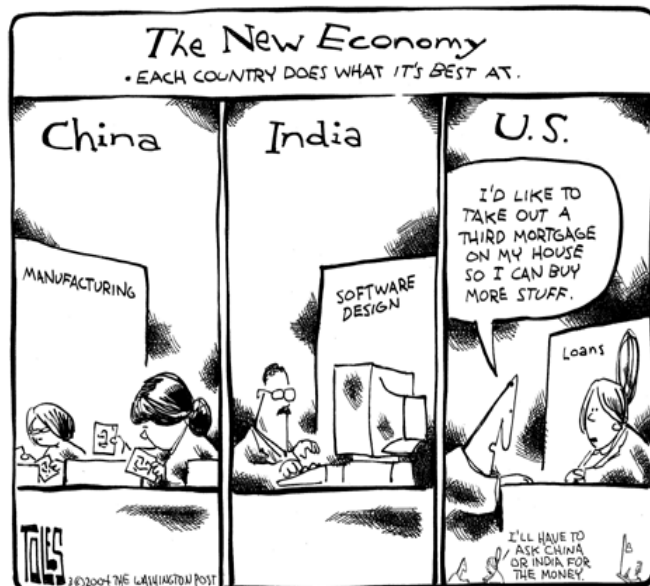
Co-chairpersons: Constance Mark and Jamie Chang
Donna Chang, Paulette Chang

Bylaws & Review Committee

Chairpersons: Duane Chang
Edmund Chang, Ellen Chang, Roy Chang, Gertrude Yee

Members Corner

- **Kenneth K.C. Chang** – Had peripheral arterial surgery on his right side last month. He is now recovering from his surgery at home. The thing he missed most during his stay in the hospital was the food. He was unable to eat what he wanted, and had to eat the bland hospital food for a number of days.
- **Anna M. Hu** – Wife of Board of Director **Harold K.C. Hu**, Anna was recently hospitalized and had bypass surgery. She is now recovering at home.
- **Mabel York Lan Hu Sitch** – Recently passed away in May at the age of 82. She is survived by 4 sons, brothers and OSGL members **Alfred S.L. Hu** and **Joseph S.T. Hu**, and sister OSGL member **Grace Y.M. Hu Ching**. Mabel would always attend our annual banquet each year, and was very active in the Kailua United Methodist Church in her later years.



Editor's Note:

For the past two years, I have had the special task of delivering you with news and information about OSGL and the local Chinese community. I have gotten some feedback from members saying they look forward to receiving our newsletter each quarter. To keep serving you better, please continue to send me your comments. I am always open to suggestions of improvement and fresh ideas.

If you have any news or an interesting story you would like to share about yourself, your family, or the Chinese community, please contact me anytime at jmechang@yahoo.com or call (808) 373-1714.

Jamie Chang

Palolo Chinese Home Visit

Back in April, OSGL members made a visit to Palolo Chinese Home to tour their state-of-the-art facilities. We were given the grand tour by former President and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Palolo Chinese Home, Wesley Fong, and later joined by Chief Executive Officer Darryl Ing.

Our tour began in the newly renovated Lani Booth Building which is LEED (Leader in Energy and Efficient Design) certified. Here, skilled nursing care is given to their residents. We then visited their wellness center, state-of-the-art kitchen and cafeteria. The Palolo staff cooks all the meals for their residents and elders in the community here. They are also one of the largest suppliers to the Hawaii Meals on Wheels program.

Next on our tour, we were able to see their expansion plans on over 15 acres in the rural area of Palolo Valley. The three-story flagship building is expected to be completed this summer, which will provide more needed nursing home beds. We ended our tour visiting a group of elders in their day care program, and residents being entertained the Tzu-Chi group doing a sing-a-long and dancing. We also met up with resident Wah Chock Chang, member and Honorary Director from OSGL. He is very happy living at Palolo Chinese Home, and was so excited to show us his private room.

Palolo Chinese Home provides a complete continuum of care including residential cleaning services, care coordination thru HiNOA (Hawaii Neighborhood Outreach to the Aged), adult day care, overnight respite, intermediate and skilled nursing care, and hospice house. They also have a partnership with the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine by sending doctors into the community to provide medical assistance to their elderly residents and the community. The partnership with the University also provides a training program for student nurses in geriatrics where the Home gives course credit to the students in exchange for their time and services.

For many years, OSGL has helped support Palolo Chinese Home by an annual contribution. We contributed to this not-for-profit charitable organization during our visit by giving them a donation



OSGL Board of Director Edith Won (center) presents a donation li-see to Darryl Ing (left) and Wesley Fong (right) of Palolo Chinese Home.



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Day care participants stimulating their minds by playing question and answer games in the activity room of Palolo Chinese Home.



The group of Oo Syak members who visited Palolo Chinese Home in April.

OSGL Going “Green”

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 do understand that some of us don't have email or don't even know what email is. Don't worry. We will still send our newsletters the old fashioned way through “snail mail” via the US postal service.



We currently send newsletters 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. 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.

We'd also like to remind you that we need your help in keeping our membership records updated. This helps ensure our 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....



Annual Banquet

We have started taking reservations for our Annual Banquet..... If you haven't RSVP'd yet, our tables are almost sold out! There are only a few tables left. Each year our banquet is so popular, our tables go quickly.

There will only be a total of 44 tables available – the maximum capacity of the restaurant. The cost is \$155 per table.

This year, the menu is as follows:

- *Two Melon Salad with Jellyfish and Ham*
- *Steamed Winter Melon with 8-Treasure Casserole Soup*
- *Steam Chicken with Virginia Ham and Mustard Cabbage*
- *Steamed Fresh Salmon with Black Bean Sauce*
- *Braised Beef Short Ribs with Taro*
- *Stuffed Shitake Mushrooms with Fishcake*
- *Scallops with Fresh Asparagus and Garlic Sauce*
- *Steamed White Rice*
- *Lychee Sherbert*

To make your reservation, please call Connie Mark at 455-5221 as soon as possible, but no later than August 2nd. Your reservation will not be confirmed until payment has been received. No refunds will be given once payment is made.

Please submit your payment payable to “Oo Syak Gee Lu Society” to:

*Connie Mark
2386 Auhuhu St.
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782*

For any questions regarding the annual banquet, please call Connie Mark at 455-5221 or Donna Chang at 537-4015.

Honor Thy Model Chinese Mother & Father

The United Chinese Society will be having their Annual Model Chinese Mother & Father dinner on Sunday June 29th at 5:00pm at Empress Chinese Restaurant in Chinese Cultural Plaza. The cost is \$35 per person.

They will be honoring Ramona Yuk Yip Lee Kong and Thomas Bew Lau as our Model Chinese Mother and Father for 2008. If you are interested in attending the dinner, please call Henry Lee from the United Chinese Society at 536-4621 by June 20th.



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li-see. Through our contributions, Palolo Chinese Home has our Society's name (with other donors) on one of their plaques displayed on their wall in the Lani Booth Building. This contribution enables the Home to continue planning and providing for the growing senior population so they can have a good quality of life. Having this Home is a great source of pride for our Chinese community.

If you missed out on this opportunity, and would like to tour the facilities at Palolo Chinese Home, you still can. Our first visit was in April, during the month of Qing Ming, so we know that most of you weren't able to make it. Please call Edith Won at 373-2658 to let her know you are interested. When we get enough people to attend, another tour will be scheduled later in the year.

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

**Congress of Chinese Societies
United Picnic**

The Congress of Chinese Societies United (CCSU) is once again hosting a picnic for all the local Chinese societies in Hawaii. This has become an annual event for Oo Syak Gee Lu members. It gives us a chance to co-mingle with other Chinese societies, and just have some summer fun in the sun!

The picnic will be held on Sunday, August 3rd from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Kapiolani Park, between the Waikiki Shell and the Bandstand.



There will be games and prizes for everyone who attends. Not to mention loads of fun, excitement, and laughter for all.

OSGL will cover the cost for any member who wishes to attend. You can also invite your friends and pay a nominal fee of just \$6.00! A picnic lunch is included for all who attend.

There will be a meeting held by CCSU for those who wish to attend on Sunday, June 22nd at 10:00am at the Buck Toy Club on Vineyard Blvd. Anyone else interested in attending the meeting may come – especially those who wish to help during the day of the picnic.

If you would like to attend the annual picnic on Sunday, August 3rd, please call Ellen Chang at 623-5910 by July 20th, or RSVP at our BOD Meeting that day.

Note Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location / Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
July 12	Scholarship Dinner	Mandalay Restaurant (1055 Alakea Street, Downtown) / 5:30pm (\$30 per person)	Connie Mark by 7/2*
July 20	Board of Directors Meeting	Duck Yun Chinese Restaurant (820 W. Hind Dr. - Aina Haina Shopping Center) / 11:00am	Alvin Chang by 7/10
Aug 3	Congress of Chinese Societies, United - Picnic	Kapiolani Park near Waikiki Bandstand / 10:00am	Ellen Chang by 7/20**
Aug 23	Annual Banquet	Hee Hing Restaurant (449 Kapahulu Ave.) / 5:30pm	Connie Mark by 8/2*
Oct 19	Board of Directors Meeting	Wah Kung Restaurant (1151 Maupunapuna St. – Mapunapuna Shopping Plaza – old 99 Ranch Store) / 11:00am	Alvin Chang by 10/9
Nov 16	General Election Meeting	TBD	Alvin Chang by 11/6
Dec	Annual Christmas Luncheon	TBD	

To RSVP for meetings, call Alvin Chang at 533-3762 by the deadlines listed above beginning one month prior to the event.

* Scholarship Dinner and Annual Banquet reservations: Call Connie Mark at 455-5221.

** Picnic reservations: Call Ellen Chang at 623-5910 by July 20th. (See above)



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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.*