

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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Hawaii Dragon Boat Festival

The Hawaii Dragon Boat Festival is bigger and better than previous years. It will be held at Ala Moana Beach Park on Saturday, June 19th and Sunday, June 20th.

The Dragon Boat Festival features local and national boat racing teams competing for an industry trophy in two categories – open race award division and division race award. Each boat consists of 16 paddlers, a flag catcher, a drummer and a steersman.

Competing teams row their way to the finish line in brightly, color-painted dragon boats. The first team to reach the finish line and grab the flag, wins.

There will also be food booths, keiki rides, and activities booths. These two days will also feature live stage entertainment, and *two nights* of movies on the beach. Saturday night will be showing *Alvin and the Chipmunks*, Sunday's movie will be *Avatar*.

If dragon boat races are not your cup of tea, there are other tournaments included: fustal (mini soccer), and grass volleyball tournaments. For more information, call 951-0350.



Dragon Boat Races at Ala Moana Beach Park

(Turn to page 3 for the history of the Dragon Boat Festival.)

HAWAII DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 19

- 8:00am Dragon Boat Races Begin
- 9:00am Fustal Tournament Begins
Grass Volleyball
Tournament Begins
- 10:30am Festival Events – live stage
entertainment by 98.5FM
- 3:00pm Dragon Boat Races Ends
- 7:30pm Movie – Alvin and the
Chipmunks
- 10:00pm Festival Ends

Sunday, June 20

- 9:00am Dragon Boat Races Begin
Fustal Tournament Begins
Grass Volleyball
Tournament Begins
- 10:30am Festival Events – live stage
entertainment by 98.5FM
- 1:00pm Dragon Boat Races Ends
- 7:30pm Movie – Avatar
- 10:00pm Festival Ends

*Schedule and events subject to
change and adjustments.*

Who's Who in Oo Syak Gee Lu Society

2010 Officers:

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

2010 Board of Directors:

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

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.

2010 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, Edmund Chang,
Ellen Chang, Hubert Chang, Edith Won

Banquet & Events Committee

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

Nominating Committee

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

Members Corner

謝謝

*At our last BOD meeting in April, member **Charlene Young** baked us some delicious banana muffins for our dessert. Thank you Charlene!*

Les Seng Chang – Passed away in March. She is the wife of past OSGL president Lawrence Gi Heen Chang. Les was born in Managua, Nicaragua, and is the sister-in-law of current OSGL president Alvin Chang.

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.



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 Still Going “Green”

Thank you to all of you who have already signed up to “Go Green”. You are not only eco-conscious, but you are helping the society save money one penny at a time.

It’s easy to sign up. Just 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, please send another email. It may not have gone through, or may have been overlooked.

Please also be sure to keep your contact information updated with your mailing address, phone number, and email address. Just call our Membership Chairperson Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or email her at jmechang@yahoo.com.



Qing Ming 清明 at Manoa Chinese Cemetery

On Tuesday, April 6th, Manoa Chinese Cemetery held the local Hawaii Qing Ming event. Our past-president Kenneth Chang represented OSGL and was one of the first delegates to present the incense and symbolic gifts.

Members who attended said that the event was very informative. A background on the history of Qing Ming and Manoa Chinese Cemetery was given. Lunch was also provided for all attendees as the event concluded.

OSGL made its annual donation to the event, and the late Benton Chang (also a past president) and his wife Margaret Chang contributed to this donation. Thank you Benton and Margaret!



Ex-Past President Kenneth Chang at Qing Ming.

History of the Dragon Boat Festival 端午節 (Duān Wǔ Jié)



Beautifully decorated faces of dragon boats used at races.



At races today, boats contain 16 paddlers, a flag catcher, a drummer and steersman.

The Dragon Boat Festival dates as far back as 221 B.C. Qu Yuan, a minister in government in the state of Chu, was exiled from the court of Emperor Huai due to the fact that he fought against corruption and antagonized other court officials. Qu Yuan descended from nobility, and a champion of political loyalty and truth eager to maintain the Chu state's power, he threatened to dominate them all.

During his exile, Qu Yuan travelled the countryside and collected many folk tales, wrote poetry and other literary masterpieces which became invaluable teaching material for studying ancient Chinese culture. Upon the decline of the Chu state (the Chu's were defeated by the Qin state) and his ailing mother's health, Qu Yuan fell into despair and ended his life in the Mi Luo River by drowning himself.

When people heard about his suicide, local fishermen rushed to their boats and threw rice into the river to perhaps save him in his afterlife. The legend states that the fish in the river began to eat the rice, so to prevent the fish from eating the rice, the rice was wrapped in silk to protect it. Later the silk was replaced with bamboo leaves, and it is known to us as the delicious glutinous rice treat *joong* (or *jongzi*). The fishermen would paddle out on their boats and used drums and paddles to scare the fish away. Hence, the Dragon Boat Festival and Races were created.

The commemoration of Qu Yuan and the Dragon Boat Festival falls on the anniversary of his death on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month.



Joongzi – delicious glutinous rice snacks wrapped in bamboo leaves.

Annual Banquet Coming Soon!



Hee Hing Restaurant on Kapahulu Ave.

On the menu:

- *Two Melon Salad with Jellyfish & Ham*
- *Seafood Tofu Soup with Fish Maw*
- *Steamed Chicken with Virginia Ham & Shanghai Cabbage*
- *Steamed Salmon with Black Bean Sauce*
- *Braised Beef Short Ribs with Taro*
- *Szechuan Scallop with Broccoli*
- *Fresh Asparagus with Shrimp in Garlic Sauce*
- *House Special Cake Noodles*
- *Lychee Sherbert*

The Oo Syak Gee Lu Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Hee Hing Restaurant.

We will be fortunate to have comedian Frank DeLima entertain us again with new jokes.

If you have been to our banquet in past years, you will know that our banquet is usually a full house. Tables sell out quickly! The Society subsidizes 50% for members. The cost per table for members is \$175.00. A total of 44 tables will be sold.

As of May 31st, there are only four tables left!!!! So make your reservation today.

Reservations are being taken on a first come, first serve basis, and is not guaranteed until payment is received.

OSGL ANNUAL BANQUET

Date: Saturday, August 14, 2010
 Time: 5:30pm
 Place: Hee Hing Restaurant
 Cost: \$175 per table (members) / \$350 (non-members)
 RSVP: Donna Chang, 537-4015

**Mail payments to: Oo Syak Gee Lu Society
 Attn: Donna Chang
 2549 Pauoa Rd.
 Honolulu, HI 96813**



Scholarship Applications in Review

Scholarships have been submitted by OSGL student members and are being reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are awarded to OSGL members who are pursuing a higher education at a two-year or four-year accredited college, trade school, or technical school. It is based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, leadership, and community involvement.

Winners will be announced at our Scholarship Dinner at Mandalay Restaurant July 10th. All members, families, and guests are invited to attend and congratulate our winners. Seats are \$30 per person, for a full-course Chinese menu. If you would like to join us for the Scholarship Dinner to congratulate and meet the winners, please call Jamie Chang at 373-1714 no

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Date: Saturday, July 10, 2010
 Time: 5:30pm
 Place: Mandalay Restaurant
 1055 Alakea Street, Honolulu, HI 96813
 Cost: \$30 per person
 RSVP: Jamie Chang, 373-1714

later than June 30th.

Scholarship winners will be published in our next newsletter with their bios and pictures of the Scholarship Dinner .



Revisit to China Roots



Three years ago, in spring 2007, 11 people (members, families, and friends) participated in our ancestral roots tour in China. It was an 18-day tour, and we visited many places such as Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Suzhou, Hong Kong, and Oo Syak village in Sam Heong Province (Guangzhou, aka Canton). We had a warm welcome in Oo Syak from the dignitaries and government officials. They were singing praises of our homecoming to our ancestors. We also got the chance to go shopping and see the famous sights of our Motherland country.

There have been more inquiries since we returned from our trip if we will make a second trip back. This is a great chance to revisit your ancestral roots or see how much the village has changed over the years of modernization. If you have some interest in going to China and visiting Oo Syak village, please call Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or email jmechang@yahoo.com. If there is enough interest from our members, we will be glad to plan another trip in the near future.

Director General Farewell Dinner

On June 8th, OSGL officers attended a farewell dinner for the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Philip Wang. The dinner, held at Empress Restaurant, had about 400 people in attendance. Many were from the local Chinese community, Chinese societies, and also some of Hawaii's government council such as Lieutenant Governor Duke Aiona, Senator Rod Tam, and others.

OSGL wanted to show their appreciation and presented a gift of Hawaiian etched glassware with OSGL t-shirt, hat, pens, and pencils.

Philip Wang became the Director General in Honolulu in December 2004. He has provided relations with Hawaii and the Taiwan government for the past 5-1/2 years.



Presentation of gifts from OSGL Society.



Director General Phillip Wang and his wife Mei Li.

Note Your Calendars!

Date	Event	Location / Time	Contact
Jun 19-20	Dragon Boat Races	Ala Moana Beach Park / (see page 1)	For info, call 951-0350
July 10	Scholarship Dinner	Mandalay Restaurant / 5:30pm	Jamie Chang by 6/30
July 18	Board of Directors Meeting	Golden Palace Restaurant / 10:30am	Jamie Chang by 7/8*
Aug 14	Annual Banquet	Hee Hing Restaurant / 5:30pm	Donna Chang**
Aug	Congress of Chinese Societies United Picnic	Kapiolani Park – between Waikiki Shell and the Bandstand / TBD	Ellen Chang †
Oct 17	Board of Directors Meeting	Wah Kung Restaurant - Mapunapuna Plaza / 10:30am	Jamie Chang by 10/7*
Nov 14	General Membership Meeting	Empress Restaurant – Chinese Cultural Plaza, 2 nd floor / 10:30am	Jamie Chang by 11/4*
Dec 4	Christmas Luncheon	Happy Days / 12:00 noon	TBD

* To RSVP for Board of Directors meetings, please call Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or email jmechang@yahoo.com by the deadlines listed above beginning one month prior to the event.

** Annual Banquet Information: See page 4 for information. Call Donna Chang at 537-4015 for table reservations.

† Picnic Reservations: Call Ellen Chang at 623-5910 if interested in attending. Detailed information not available at this time.



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