

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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Our 2006-07 Scholarship Winners

We have received a record number of applicants this year, and four members were chosen to receive \$1,000 cash scholarships. These scholarship awards are based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, leadership, and community involvement.

Awards were given to each student in July at our Scholarship Dinner prior to their departure for the new school year. Each student was also recognized at our annual banquet held last month.



From L-R: Victoria Chang, John William Chang, Daeton Chang, and Taryn Chang

This year, the four lucky student members are:

- **Daeton Ga Ming Chang** – Daeton is a sophomore attending the University of North Dakota studying to be an Air Traffic Controller. His parents are Duane K.F. and Shirleen W.Y. Chang, and Oo Syak grandparents are George T.H. and Eldora L. Chang.

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SPECIAL NOTICE...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Amendments to the Bylaws

A special general membership meeting was held in July to vote on proposed Amendments to the current Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Bylaws. A total of 18 board members and 34 general members, who were able to vote, were present. There were four proposals presented. Members who wished to express their viewpoints and opinions had the chance to share them with other members before the voting process began.

In order for each amendment to be passed, a two-thirds majority vote of members in attendance was needed. The following is a brief recap of the amendments that were passed:

- **Amendment #2:** Membership dues increased from a one-time fee of \$5 to a one-time fee of \$25. (Votes 44:7)
- **Amendment #3:** The president may not serve more than two consecutive annual terms in office. (Votes 41:9) (continued on page 6)

*** CHINA TRIP ***

Turn to page 3 for updated information on our trip to China.

Who's Who in Oo Syak Gee Lu Society

2006 Officers:

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

2006 Board of Directors:

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 W.Y. Chang
Duane K.F. Chang	Wah Jip Chang
Edmund W. K. Chang	Harold K. C. Hu

Committees:

Budget & Assets Management Committee

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

PR & Membership / Scholarship Committee

Chairperson: Jamie Chang
Mildred Ai-Chang, Chris Chang, Ellen Chang, Lindsey Chang

Banquets & Events Committee

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

Nominating Committee

Chairperson: Edmund Chang
Alvin Chang, Wah Chock Chang

China Travel Committee

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

Bylaws & Review Committee

Co-chairpersons: Duane Chang and Shirleen Chang
Edmund Chang, Harold Hu, Gertrude Yee

Members Corner

- **Raymond Koon Hock Young** - Passed away on July 24, 2006 at the age of 84. Born in China, he retired from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. He is survived by wife Charlene; daughters Colette Chew, Raynette Ishikawa, and Lynette Colvin. Raymond served as President of OSGL society from 1960-1961 and served as a Director for many years. He was also the society's annual banquet Master of Ceremonies for many years when the old Yong Sing Restaurant was open.
- **Mabel C.H. Chang** – Wife of the late attorney Robert Chang, Mabel was 83 years old and died on July 12, 2006. Born in Honolulu, she is survived by brother William Chun Hoon; sisters Marjorie Tom, Thelma Zen, and Frances Ching; daughter Julia Chang, and four grandchildren.

New Members

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society is always looking for new members. Anyone who is a descendant of male lineage from Oo Syak Village, Guang Dong Province, China and who are of good moral character are eligible for membership for membership to the Oo Syak Gee Lu Society. Membership applications can be downloaded from our website at www.geocities.com/echang55. There is a one-time membership fee of \$25. This year, we have seven new members we would like to welcome into our society. They are:

- **Lilah V. Amoy** – Wife of Edmund Koon Wun Amoy (son of Henry Young Amoy). She has three children: **Brent Leialoha**, **Bryce Kekoa'okalani**, and **Brohn Kaimi'na'auao Amoy** who also became members.
- **Glen Kum Lun Chang** – Son of Jack Chuck Chang, and his grandfather is Chang Hook, who was from Oo Syak Village. Glen currently resides in Honolulu. His son, **Jonathan Kuan Hee Chang** also joined the society.
- **Susan Soo Hing Chang-Woo** - Born in Oo Syak Village and moved to Honolulu, Hawaii.

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.

Ancestral Roots Trip Abroad – China Trip



We have been getting many interested members who have been asking questions about our trip to China back to our ancestral Oo Syak village. We have some of those questions answered, but are still working on the fine details. Hopefully these questions and answers will help you:

When will the trip be? We have set the pre-tour dates to be from March 10-27, 2007 (18 days) which includes travel to northern and southern China – Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Suzhou, Guang Zhou, Zhong Shan (Oo Syak village), Zhuhai, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong. For those just wanting to travel to southern China – Zhong Shan, (Oo Syak village), Zhuhai, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong – the dates are from March 17-27, 2007 (11 days).

How much will the trip cost? The 18-day tour covering northern and southern China will cost \$2,788 plus tax. The 11-day tour for southern China only is set at \$1,488 plus tax. Prices are subject to change, based on the full number of people traveling.

What does the cost include? The cost includes international and domestic airfare to/from Honolulu International Airport, deluxe hotel accommodation, transportation in China, single entry Chinese visa and gratuity, and meals as stated in the itinerary on pages 4-5..

What if I am a single traveler? There is a single supplemental fee for the single traveler. The prices listed above are based on double occupancy (2 persons per room). If you are a single traveler, the supplemental fee for the 18-day tour is an additional \$900, and the 11-day tour is additional \$420.

Will I need to get a passport and visa? Yes, both passport and visa is required to enter the country. The visa will be taken care of by the travel agency making our arrangements, and the fee is built into the cost of the package. You will need to apply for your own passport. To do so, you may download the passport application form from http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html, or forms can be obtained from the Honolulu Passport Agency or acceptance facility (public library or post office). It is recommended to apply for your passport at least 12 weeks prior to departure travel time.

How long will we be staying in Oo Syak village? This current itinerary (pages 4-5) is still not final... but it is almost final! We are working on staying in Oo Syak village for at least 2 days to try to trace our genealogy and meet with officials from that area, which is our main purpose of this trip. Therefore, itinerary on March 20-22 may change.

I am worried about Avian Flu and other viruses in China. Is it safe to travel? If it is not safe, we wouldn't be planning this trip. We do not want to put any of our members at risk for such viruses. Our travel agency is also up to date with health warnings for travelers to Asia, and we will notify you if we feel it is unsafe to travel.

Do I need to immunizations or special shots? No, it is not required to get immunizations to enter China. However, check with your personal doctor for your individual medical needs for travel abroad.

How do I sign up for this exciting trip? If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please contact Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or Connie Mark at 455-5221 as soon as possible. We will send you an application form. A deposit in the amount of \$300.00 is required with the accompanying application form to reserve your seat. The balance of the payment is due 60 days prior to departure.


China Trip (continued from page 3)

MEALS*

March 10 (Sat)	Honolulu – Beijing	
March 11 (Sun)	Beijing • Arrive Beijing Capital International Airport – greeted by Grande Holiday representative	
March 12 (Mon)	Beijing • Visit Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world • Walk to the Forbidden City whose vast and exotic grandeur was brilliantly captured in the movie “The Last Emperor” (morning) • Visit the Summer Palace, a formal royal resort and a de facto museum of China’s classical architectures (afternoon) • Peking Duck dinner	(B, L, D)
March 13 (Tues)	Beijing • Visit the Great Wall, the only man-made structure that can be observed from the moon and is one of the world’s most popular tourist attractions (morning) • Visit a jade carving workshop • Visit the Ming Tombs, the last resting place of the 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty (afternoon) • An evening of traditional Chinese Martial Arts with “Legend of Kung Fu” show	(B, L, D)
March 14 (Wed)	Beijing – Xi’an • Visit the Temple of Heaven, the country’s largest temple complex where Ming and Qing monarchs prayed for good harvests (morning) • Fly to ancient city Xi’an • Visit the City Wall – one of the few ancient city walls still visible in China • Visit Big Wild Goose Pagoda (afternoon) • Dumpling banquet dinner • Tang Dynasty show	(B, L, D)
March 15 (Thurs)	Xi’an • Visit Shaanxi Provincial Museum • Go to Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses reproduction factory (one of the most exciting archaeological finds of the 20th century) • In the evening, a Xi’an night tour will be arranged	(B, L, D)
March 16 (Fri)	Xi’an – Shanghai – Suzhou • After breakfast fly to Shanghai, the biggest city in China • Explore the Special Economic Zone of PuDong, and the Oriental Pearl TV Tower • Drive to Suzhou (known as “Venice of the East” with a network of canal streets and are criss-crossed by 300 bridges.	(B, L, D)
March 17 (Sat)	Suzhou – Shanghai • Take a ferry boat to explore the Grand Canal and visit the Garden for Lingering In. • Visit to the silk workshop. Suzhou is also famous for its delicate and smooth silk and embroidery. • Drive back to Shanghai • Watch the most famous Chinese Acrobatic Show in the evening	(B, L, D)
March 18 (Sun)	Shanghai • Free time for shopping after breakfast	(B)
March 19 (Mon)	Shanghai – Guangzhou – Zhongshan • Fly to Guangzhou and gather with the group joining us for the southern part of the tour • Drive to Zhongshan, birthplace of Dr. Sun Yet Sen • Welcome dinner with local officials	(B, D)

* Meals: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

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China Trip *(continued from page 4)*

March 17 (Sat)	Honolulu – Narita • Depart Hawaii for Japan and start China tour	
March 18 (Sun)	Japan • Arrive at Narita International Airport (stay overnight)	
March 19 (Mon)	Narita – Guangzhou – Zhongshan • After breakfast go to airport for a flight to Guangzhou and meet up with the group who toured northern China • Drive to Zhongshan, birthplace of Dr. Sun Yet Sen • Welcome dinner with local officials	(B, D)
March 20 (Tues) <i>In discussion</i>	Zhongshan • City tour to Cui Heng Village, the Dr. Sun Yet Sen Resident and Museum • Free shopping time near hotel	(B, L)
March 21 (Wed) <i>In discussion</i>	Zhongshan – Zhuhai • After breakfast, visit Oo Syak Village • In the afternoon, drive to Zhuhai (2 hours) • Visit Lover's Street, Ke Yuan, and Jiu Zhou Cheng where one can experience shopping in a palace building. • Visit the Statue of Fisher Girl, which has become the landmark of Zhuhai • Seafood dinner	(B, L, D)
March 22 (Thurs) <i>In discussion</i>	Zhuhai • City tour to Memeorial Archways of Mei Xi (a significant memorial for Chen Fang who is the first chief consul of Honolulu) • Visit the New Yuan Ming Yuan Palace (a replica of the Beijing Winter Palace), a rare imitation of Chinese architecture • Enjoy and experience a Palace Feast	(B, L, D)
March 23 (Fri)	Zhuhai – Shenzhen • Drive to Shenzhen, the gateway city to Hong Kong (3 hours) • After lunch, visit the Luohu Shopping Mall	(B, L)
March 24 (Sat)	Shenzhen • Spend a whole day in the Folk Cultural Splendid of China, and the Miniature of China • Watch the Dragon and Phoenix Night Show after dinner in the park	(B, L, D)
March 25 (Sun)	Shenzhen – Hong Kong • In the morning, last chance to explore the Luohu Shopping Mall • After lunch, transfer to the pier and take ferry back to Hong Kong • Upon arrival, transfer to hotel	(B, L)
March 26 (Mon)	Hong Kong • Free and leisure on your own	(B)
March 27 (Tues)	Hong Kong – Honolulu • After breakfast, transfer to airport for flight back to Honolulu with lots of memories	(B)



If you have any questions, or to sign up for this special trip, please call Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or Connie Mark at 455-5221 for an application.

Application with deposit of \$300.00 is required as soon as possible to reserve your seat.

FIGHT HEPATITIS B & LIVER CANCER

Free testing and 3 shots (original cost \$280)

Location: Chinatown Cultural Plaza Pavilion

Dates: Now thru March 17, 2007

(1st and 3rd Saturday of the month)

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm *Must be 18 years or older*

Another Successful Banquet

Our annual banquet was held last month at Hee Hing Restaurant in Kapahulu. Members enjoyed a



President Edith Won and V.P. Kenneth Chang gave a toast to all the guests

7-course meal with entertainment by a special friend and guest of the society. Frank DeLima once again gave a special comedy performance to the society and guests that kept us full of laughter.

Picnic Fun in the Sun



Member Evelyn Chang playing musical chairs.

About 20 Oo Syak members attended the "Congress of Chinese Societies, United" annual picnic last month at Kapiolani Park. Members participated and enjoyed the fun-filled games such as musical chairs and water balloon toss.

Amended Bylaws (cont'd from page 1)

- **Amendment #4:** The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than eleven (11) members and not more than twenty (20) members, which includes the six officers. (Votes 49:2)

Lastly, the amendment which did not pass with a two-thirds vote is as follows:

- **Amendment #1:** Persons who are from the lineal descendants from Oo Syak Village, Guang Dong Province, China, who are of good moral character, shall be eligible for membership in the Society. (Votes 32:18)

Therefore, those who are only from the male lineage will be eligible members.

For a more detailed description of these important changes to the Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Bylaws, please visit our website at <http://www.geocities.com/echang55/past.html>. Or if you do not have access to the internet, call Duane or Shirleen Chang at 734-8899 to have a copy mailed to you (one per address).

Scholarships (continued from page 1)

- **John William Kwan Mung Chang** – John William is studying Pre-Law at Willamette University in his sophomore year. His parents are Roy K.S. and Anna J. Chang, and Oo Syak grandparents are Gordon D.F. and Evelyn Y. Chang.
- **Taryn Ga Yee Chang** – Taryn just graduated from Kalani High School and will be attending University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center as a freshman studying Pharmacy. Her parents are Duane K.F. and Shirleen W.Y. Chang, and Oo Syak grandparents are George T.H. and Eldora L. Chang .
- **Victoria Mei Ling Chang** – Victoria is attending the University of Hawaii, School of Law. Her parents are Roy K.S. and Anna J. Chang, and Oo Syak grandparents are Gordon D.F. and Evelyn Y. Chang.

We wish all of these students well as they continue their higher education and become future leaders in the Oo Syak Gee Lu Society.

We'd also like to acknowledge our three judges this year in helping us judge each applicant. They are Barbara Ching, Joan Teraizami, and Susan Yim-Griffin.

If you are or know of a family member who would like to apply for the Oo Syak Gee Lu Scholarship, and is currently a senior in high school or college student, you can apply for our scholarship next year. Applicants must be members for at least six months before applying. If you are not a member yet, it is simple to join. New membership applications can be downloaded from our website at www.geocities.com/echang55. There is a one-time membership fee of \$25.



From L-R: Judge Barbara Ching and Scholarship Chairperson Jamie Chang

4th Annual Splendor of China

In its 4th year, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce is once again holding a *Splendor of China* at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall.

The Splendor of China is a trade show and cultural festival featuring something for everyone in the family. Come see, taste, shop, and experience all the show has to offer. There will be live exhibitions, arts & crafts, food booths, acrobatic lion dances, ping pong tournament, and a manapua eating contest.

The 2007 Narcissus contestants and the current court will also make a grandeur public appearance.

- **When:** 10:00am – 9:00pm • Saturday, October 7th
- 10:00am – 5:00pm • Sunday, October 8th
- **Place:** Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall
- **Admission:** \$3.00 Adults
- *Children under 10 years old and military with I.D. are free!*

Double Ten Parade

The Chinese Merchants Association will be sponsoring a Double Ten parade, held each year to celebrate this Chinese holiday. Oo Syak has participated in this even for the past two years. If you are interested in joining in the parade procession around the Chinese Cultural Plaza, please call Ellen Chang at 623-5910 by October 1st. After the parade, participating Oo Syak members will be treated to a luncheon.

- Date:** Sunday, October 8, 2006
- Time:** 9:30 am line up
(parade starts at 10:00am)
- Place:** Chinese Cultural Plaza Courtyard

Christmas is on it's way...

It's hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner. Oo Syak will be hosting our annual Christmas party luncheon at Golden Palace Restaurant in Chinatown on Saturday, December 2nd at 11:00am.

Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas, Chinese style with family and friends. There will be lucky numbers with fabulous prizes.

Oo Syak members are free. Non-members are invited for only \$10. To make your reservations, call Connie Mark at 455-5221 between October 15 and November 18. *(Please do not call earlier than October 15th.)*



Note Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location / Time</u>	<u>Contact</u> *
Oct 8	Double Ten Parade	Chinese Cultural Plaza Courtyard / 9:30am	Ellen Chang by 10/1 **
Oct 15	Board of Director's Meeting	Wah Kung (next to 99 Ranch Market) 11:00am BOD / 12:00 noon Members	Kenneth Chang by 10/5
Nov 19	General Membership / Election Meeting	Mandalay Bay (Alakea St – Old Yong Sing Restaurant) 11:00am Everyone	Kenneth Chang by 11/9
Dec 2	Annual Christmas Party	Golden Palace Chinese Restaurant 12:00 noon (Members free; Guests \$10)	Connie Mark † Between 10/15-11/18
Jan 7	Installation Meeting	Hee Hing Restaurant (Kapahulu) 11:00am Everyone	Kenneth Chang by 12/28
Jan 21	Board of Director's Meeting	Duk Kee (12 th Ave, Kaimuki) 11:00am BOD / 12:00 noon Members	Kenneth Chang by 1/11

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

** For Double Ten Parade reservations call Ellen Chang at 623-5910 by October 1.

† For Christmas Party reservations, call Connie Mark at 455-5221 between October 15 and November 18.