

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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2007-08 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our four students who won the 2007-08 Oo Syak Ge Lu Scholarship. We had seven applicants all vying for one of four \$1,000 cash scholarships from the Society to be used toward their college tuition, fees, or books.

They are truly exceptional students with strong academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership, and community involvement. We'd like to thank our judges Jessica Coloma, Leona Hee, and Jae Sun Wilson for taking their time to review all seven applications and make their best fit selections for this award.

This year, our four recipients received their scholarship in July at our Scholarship Dinner held at Mandalay Restaurant. They were able to personally meet the judges and sit with them through dinner. Our judges also got the opportunity to put faces to the applications they were critiquing, and meet these outstanding students. Our winners were also announced at our Annual Banquet held last month at Hee Hing Restaurant.

We should all be proud of them and wish them continual success in their education.

For details on our scholarship winners and their goals, please turn to page 5.



Our judges with our four scholarship recipients.

From L-R: Leona Hee, Morgen Chang, Roy Nicholas Chang, Victoria Chang, John William Chang, and Jae Sun Wilson

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 or call Jamie Chang at 373-1714. There is a one-time lifetime membership fee of \$25.

Who's Who in Oo Syak Gee Lu Society

2007 Officers:

President	Kenneth K.C. Chang
1 st Vice Pres	Alvin G.K. Chang
2 nd Vice Pres	Duane K.F. Chang
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Chinese Secretary	Donna N. Chang

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Mildred Ai-Chang	Paulette K.Q. Chang
Christine M. Chang	Roy K.S. Chang
Clayton K.L. Chang	Shirleen W.Y. Chang
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Ellen M. Chang	Harold K. C. Hu
Maile K. Chang	Edith P.S. Won
Margaret M.H. Chang	Gertrude C. Yee

* The "This & That" Committee has been formed to review little tid-bit details of the Society. Members of this committee were selected by the President, Kenneth Chang.

2007 Committees:

Budget & Assets Management Committee

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

PR & Membership / Scholarship Committee

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

Banquets & Events Committee

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

Nominating Committee

Chairperson: Edmund Chang
Alvin Chang, Maile Chang

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

This & That Committee*

Chairperson: Alvin Chang
Millie Ai-Chang, Donna Chang, Jamie Chang, Paulette Chang, Roy Chang, Daryl Hu, Connie Mark, Edith Won

Members Corner

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 is of good moral character is eligible for membership to the Oo Syak Gee Lu Society. There is a one-time lifetime membership fee of \$25.



As a member, you can attend the many functions we have at little or no cost at all. Two of our biggest functions are the Annual Banquet (August) and the Christmas Party (December). Throughout the year, we also participate in Chinese parades and social gatherings where lunch is usually provided free to members.

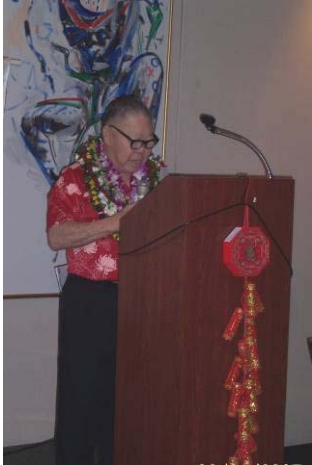
If you know of anyone who meets the qualifications of becoming a member, let them know about us. Membership applications can be downloaded from our website at www.geocities.com/echang55 or call Jamie Chang at 373-1714.

Our New Members 2007

- **Brandon Siu Kai Chang** – Brandon is the son of director Clayton K.L. Chang and Maureen L. Chang. He is the sister of Jamie M.Y. Chang, and grandson of Flora L. Chang.
- **Sylvia Young Matsui** – Sylvia is the daughter of Lum Chow Young and Dorothy Wong Young. Lum Chow Young was a director for many years. Sylvia joined us on the trip to China earlier this year. She found out about the trip in one of our newsletters at her aunt Jessie Lai Young's home.

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

Annual Banquet News



President Kenneth Chang giving the welcome message.

Did you miss it this year? Our annual banquet seems to be so popular among our members that tables sell out months in advance! If you missed it, here's a recap. And don't forget to RSVP early next year!

Our banquet was held at Hee Hing Restaurant in Kapahulu last month. Our program was very short and sweet. We gave recognition to our 2007-08

scholarship winners (see page 1), and had a visit from one of our long-time friends, Frank DeLima. He enlightened us with some new jokes, and made us laugh, as always.

Thank you to our Banquet Committee for



putting this banquet together and allowing us to join together in celebration once a year!

Frank DeLima entertaining the crowd and giving us a bag full of laughs.

Board of Directors Meetings

As a reminder, our quarterly BOD Meetings are open to all members. You are welcome to join and sit in on our meetings to find out what's going on in our Society.

Please be reminded that these are business meetings for the Board of Directors and Officers. Noise should be kept at a minimum. Any disorderly conduct by any member will be asked to quietly exit until the meeting is adjourned.

Lunch is always served to members who attend after the meeting is adjourned.

If you would like to attend the Board of Directors meetings, please be sure to RSVP at least 10 days prior to the meeting date. Meeting dates are listed in the "Note Your Calendars" section at the end of each newsletter.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21st at New Empress Restaurant in Chinese Cultural Plaza at 11:00am.

Double Ten Parade

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society has been invited to participate in the Double Ten parade on Sunday, October 7th around the Chinese Cultural Plaza. We will meet at 9:30am in the plaza courtyard. Lunch will be served to participating members.

If you are interested in marching, please call Kenneth Chang at 537-4015 by September 27th.

For more information on Double Ten, see the back page of this newsletter.

Congress of Chinese Societies United Picnic

Last month, a picnic was sponsored by the Congress of Chinese Societies United. Many Oo Syak members participated and attended this annual event at Kapiolani Park along with other local Chinese societies. Members relaxed in the warm summer weather, and mingled with other societies. They also played games sporting our Oo Syak Gee Lu Society t-shirts, and received door prizes. There was even a Chinese lion dance to open up the festivities.



Two Chinese lions honoring Oo Syak members Gordon and Evelyn Chang.



Oo Syak members brought a tent to relax in the shade.



Members enjoying a game of not "hot potato", but "hot bu-look".

Splendor of China 2007

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Splendor of China 2007, a trade show and cultural festival featuring something for everyone in the family. It will be held at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall October 6-7, 2007.

There will be ping pong tournaments, kung fu and martial arts demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, manapua and ice cream eating contests, a Chinese dog show featuring Chinese bred dogs, Chinese lion and dragon dance, and many exhibitions. There will also be a special performance by the Sichuan Provincial Chinese Folk Art Performance Group of China.

The 2008 Narcissus contestants will put on a fashion show, and the 57th Narcissus Queen and her court will make a public appearance.

Come see, taste, shop, and experience all the show has to offer! With food and craft vendors, lectures on feng shui and acupuncture, and so many exhibitions and demonstrations, there is something for you. For more information, go to www.splendorofchina.com.

When: Saturday, October 6th, 10:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday, October 7th, 10:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Neal Blaisdell Center, Exhibition Hall

Admission: \$5 General
\$3 Military w/ valid ID FREE
Children under 10 years FREE
(\$1.00 off coupons available at Panda Express Restaurants)

Christmas Luncheon

It may seem like it's coming earlier and earlier every year. Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner. *(Can't forget Halloween, and Thanksgiving too!)*



Oo Syak Gee Lu is having our annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 8th at New Empress Restaurant in the Chinese Cultural Plaza (2nd floor) at 12:00 noon.

Members are once again free. The cost for non-members is \$10, and due 10 days after making your reservation. You are welcomed to bring guests.

Please RSVP to Connie Mark between October 21st and November 21st by calling her at 455-5221. Even though members are free, you still need to call to RSVP. Payments can be made out to "Oo Syak Gee Lu Society" and mailed to:

Connie Mark
2386 Ahuhu Street
Pearl City, HI 96782

If you missed the Annual Banquet, you won't want to miss this one. Don't forget to bring your Christmas spirit! If you've been good, there just might be a special surprise waiting for you....

United Chinese Society Annual China Culture Tour

If you missed our China trip this past March, here is another opportunity for you. The United Chinese Society will be leading a delegation of Hawaii citizens to participate in the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the signing of the sister city between Zhongshan and Hawaii. You will be joined by Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hanneman, and the 2007 Model Chinese Mother and Father of the Year Evelyn Y.Q. Lau and Peter P.J. Ng.

From October 9 – 21, 2007 this 13-day tour will take you to Hong Kong, Zhongshan, Zhang Jia Jie (World Heritage Forest Park), Changsha, and Shenzhen. Celebration of the 10th Anniversary will be held on Saturday, October 13th in Zhongshan. The price is \$2,588 plus tax, which includes international and domestic airfare, deluxe hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tips and gratuity. Optional tours are available to the following places: 1) Macau or Hong Kong Disneyland, 2) Beijing, Xian, Guilin, and Shanghai, or 3) Taiwan.

If you are interested in this tour, or if you would like to see a full itinerary, please call Air & Sea Travel Center directly at (808) 951-9800.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour is not put together by Oo Syak Gee Lu Society, therefore will not be visiting our ancestral roots and concentrated in Oo Syak village like our March trip did.

2007-08 Scholarship Winners *(cont'd from page 1)*



Morgen with grandmother Ethel Fook Oi Chew Chang and mother Lisa Konove.

Morgen Lai On Chang

Parents: Anthony Kai Ung Chang and Lisa Konove

Grandparents: Robert Hoo Kin Chang & Ethel Fook Oi Chew Chang

Morgen just graduated from Punahou School, and was in the Punahou Band and Symphony Orchestra, and Junior ROTC. Morgen is also a dancer for Hawaii Ballet Theatre and the Punahou Dance School where she is a Dance Teaching Assistant. She has also participated in a foreign exchange program to Beijing, China during her junior year of high school. Although she is undecided in her career, she plans to pursue her cultural studies at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and continue her study of the Chinese language.

John William Kwan Mung Chang

Parents: Roy Kam Sau Chang and Anna Jeung Chang

Grandparents: Gordon Dai Fun Chang and Evelyn Yin Wong Chang

John William is a sophomore at University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. He is majoring in Biological Sciences, and is conducting an independent research project in Behavior Ecology and Conservation of Birds and Mammals - which studies the effects of global warming, pesticide use and changing environments on birds and mammals in the California delta and coastal regions. After his decision to become a dentist, John William will be shadowing Dr. Douglas Shiraki in his office this summer, and in the fall, he will be a student intern with Dr. Lyndon S. Low in Stockton, California.

Roy Nicholas Kwan Wo Chang

Parents: Roy Kam Sau Chang and Anna Jeung Chang

Grandparents: Gordon Dai Fun Chang and Evelyn Yin Wong Chang

Roy Nicholas is a graduate student at Stanford University where he is getting a Master's degree in Biological Sciences. He is currently a research assistant at Callahan Laboratory at University of Hawaii and investigates patterned differentiation of heterocysts in cyanobacteria. Roy Nicholas also volunteers as a long term care ombudsman at Leahi Hospital in the Executive Office on Aging investigating and resolving complaints about care and services. In all his efforts, he plans to enter medical school in the future.

Victoria Mei Ling Chang

Parents: Roy Kam Sau Chang and Anna Jeung Chang

Grandparents: Gordon Dai Fun Chang and Evelyn Yin Wong Chang

Entering as a third year law student at the William S. Richardson School of Law at University of Hawaii, Victoria is an intern at the Department of Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu. She is assigned to the Career Criminals unit, which handles high profile criminal cases often featured on the news you watch at night. As an advocate for the State of Hawaii, Victoria plans to become a prosecuting attorney and make a difference by deterring crime, convicting perpetrators, and making Hawaii's streets safer.



From L-R: Parents Roy and Anna Chang with children Roy Nicholas, John William, and Victoria, and grandparents Evelyn and Gordon Chang

China – Looking for Roots in Hawaii

While we were in China, the Director of Tourism Cheng Hua Xing let us know that he also has some roots in Hawaii. As they are helping us continue to find our roots in China, he asked us to help him do the same for him in Hawaii.

His grandfather, Cheng Chew Liang (a.k.a. Jing Kun), was already in Hawaii prior to 1930. His approximate birth date is 1874. He worked as a business man and a labor worker. In 1930, he applied for a single entry passport to return to China when he was 56 years old (see Figure A). Then in 1935, at 61 years old, he applied for another passport that took him from Honolulu, to Hong Kong, and then to China (see Figure B).

Cheng Chew Liang has an older brother, Cheng Heng Chiu, who lived in Hawaii with him. Cheng Chew Liang had two wives, both with the surname Ng (also could be spelled Wu or Woo – see below for Chinese characters). No children from the first wife, but he had children with his second wife.

If you happen to know any of these people, or think you may be related to them, please contact Connie Mark at 455-5221, and she will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

Sam Heong Oo Syak 24th Generation Cheng Grandfather Cheng Chew Liang (a.k.a. Jing Kun) Passport

三乡乌石郑氏第二十四世太公郑兆良 (镜琨) 当年往来檀香山护照



Figure A:

- Name:** Cheng Chew Liang
- Age:** 56
- Place of Origin:** Guangdong, ZhongShan
- Occupation:** Businessman
- Issue Location:** Zhongshan City
- Issue Charge:** \$6.00 / application
- Issue Date:** 12/09/1930
- Passport #:** 1096



Figure B:

- Name:** Cheng Chew Liang
- Age:** 61
- Occupation:** Labor Worker
- Place of Origin:** Guangdong, ZhongShan
- Height:** 5 ft. 6in.
- Issue Date:** 06/20/1935

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First Wife Surname

Second Wife Surname



Current picture of Cheng HuaXing and his father in Oo Syak.

Update Membership Records

We'd like to remind you that we need your help in keeping our membership records updated. This will help ensure our accuracy for membership, and we can be sure to 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 that 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.

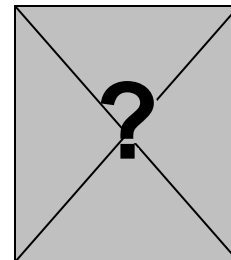
To make sure that your records are updated, please call our Membership Chairperson Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or email her at jmechang@yahoo.com.

Mun Lun Chinese School – 100th Anniversary Yearbook

Mun Lun School is currently looking for any information or pictures to put into their 100th Anniversary Yearbook scheduled to be published in 2011. If you or your family member have attended Mun Lun School, or have any pictures, annuals, or articles from Mun Lun School, please contact Edith Won at 373-2658.

Photos from Oo Syak???

Have you looked in your closet for those old photos? Last time, we asked you to pull out those old photo albums in your closet.... We are still looking for any photos taken by your parents, grandparents, or great-



grandparents when they were back in Oo Syak Village in the late 1800's or early 1900's?

Member Dr. Homer Cheng is putting together a book that documents the life and work of his father, Dr. Holt Cheng, and is looking for any photos starting with his life in Oo Syak village, through Hawaii, San Francisco, Norway, then back to China. This book will be published in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Guang Hua Medical College that Dr. Holt Cheng started in 1908 in Guangzhou which is now a part of the Sun Yat Sen University.

They are looking for any photos that portray the lifestyle and character of the village. Photos will be scanned for publishing and returned to you. Please contact Joyce Chan at jmch888@aol.com or call Allynne Tom at (808) 226-7975..

You can view pictures of Dr. Homer Cheng from San Francisco, California when he came to visit Hawaii earlier this year on our website at <http://www.geocities.com/echang55/homerparty.html>.

Note Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location / Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Oct 7	Double Ten Parade	Chinese Cultural Plaza – Courtyard / 9:30am	Kenneth Chang by 9/27 Call 537-4015
Oct 21	Board of Director's Meeting	New Empress Restaurant (Chinese Cultural Plaza, 2 nd floor) / 11:00am	Alvin Chang by 10/11
Nov 18	General Membership / Election Meeting	On On McCully Restaurant / 11:00am	Alvin Chang by 11/8
Dec 8	Christmas Luncheon	New Empress Restaurant (Chinese Cultural Plaza, 2 nd floor) / 12:00 noon	Connie Mark from 10//21 – 11/21/07 *
Jan 6	Installation Meeting	Hee Hing Restaurant (Kapahulu) / 11:00am	Alvin Chang by 12/27
Jan 20	Board of Directors Meeting	Golden Palace Restaurant (Chinatown, King Street) / 11:00am	Alvin Chang by 1/10

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

* Christmas Luncheon reservations are to be made to Connie Mark by calling 455-5221 between 10/21 and 11/21.

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Did you know????

Here are some upcoming significant Chinese dates to remember:

Moon Festival (Mid Autumn Festival) – September 25, 2007

Many myths and legends surround the Chinese Moon Festival. But all legends say that the moon fairy/maiden’s beauty is greatest on the day of the Moon festival. The Moon Festival is celebrated with dances and moon gazing, and of course traditional moon cakes filled with lotus paste and egg yolk – the egg yolk symbolizing the moon. (Date: fifteenth day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar.)



HONOLULU CHINATOWN MOON FESTIVAL
 When: Saturday, September 14th from 5:00pm – 10:00pm
 Sunday, September 15th from 10:00am – 10:00pm
 Where: Chinese Cultural Plaza



Delicious moon cakes

Double Tenth Day – October 10, 2007

Double Ten is the national day of the Republic of China (ROC, now Taiwan). It is known in Chinese as National Celebration Day, similar to America’s Fourth of July. Although the official founding day is January 1, 1912, the events on October 10, 1911 are considered the spark that brought down the Manchu dynasty and led to the establishment of the ROC. Flags are hung to display nationalism and patriotism along with fireworks festivities and parades. It is also celebrated by many overseas Chinese communities (especially by anti-communism groups) with sizeable Double Tenth Day parades. Our parade in Honolulu will be held on October 7 at Chinese Cultural Plaza. (see page 3)