

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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Mele Kalikimaka, Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

'Tis the Season! Deck the Halls! Jingle Bells! Ho ho ho! (Belated....) We've all heard the bells ringing and people singing over the past weeks. The time has come where everybody got so busy with the Christmas shopping, baking cookies, wrapping presents, and being Santa's little elf. Hopefully the storm has calmed down by now, and we can all have a safe and happy new year to come. I've also been busy, hence, this delay in sending out the newsletter.

It's been a heck of a year for Oo Syak Gee Lu Society. We've been keeping our members busy with things to do. Turn to page 5 for the year in review of what we've been busy with. Take a trip down Memory Lane of what you participated in and what you've missed out on.

Hope you all have a happy 2007. We hope to see you at all our functions we'll plan for the upcoming year.

Who's Our New Who's Who?

And the votes are in..... Members had the chance to vote for the next group of people to run Oo Syak Gee Lu Society in 2007 at our election meeting in last month. Next year's slate of Officers and Board of Directors are as follows:

2007 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

2007 Board of Directors:

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

The 2007 Officers and Board of Directors were sworn into office at our **installation meeting** which was held on **Sunday, January 7, 2007** at Hee Hing Restaurant in Kapahulu. All members were invited.

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

We thank the 2006 Officers and Board of Directors for serving us this past year. Also thank you to all the Committees and the Chairpersons who helped bring everything together. With everybody's help, including all the members, we've been able to have a such a terrific year. Mahalo to all!

Members Corner

- **Eunice W. Chang** – Wife of Henry T.H. Chang. Eunice is recovering from surgery and went through rehab at One Kalakaua. She is now at home and was able to enjoy the holidays with her family.
- **John William Kwan Mung Chang** - Son of Roy and Anna Chang, and one of our 2006 scholarship recipients, is transferring colleges this semester from Willamette University to University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA.

Looking for 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. There is a one-time 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.

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.



A Message from our President

Edith P. S. Won

As we come to the close of the year, I wish you all the Merriest Christmas and a very joyful and healthy New Year. It has been my pleasure serving as Oo Syak Gee Lu Society's President for 2005 and 2006.

According to the Society's Bylaws, I was supposed to submit a report of the activities of the society and make recommendations for the betterment of the Society at the annual general membership / election meeting. I was unable to accomplish this at that time. An election of officers and directors was held on November 19, 2006. Thus, I am delivering this report to you via this newsletter.

*The **Budget & Assets Management Committee** has kept a keen eye on our investments, checking the market's ups and downs and keeping out investments stable.*

Two new committees were formed – the Bylaws & Review and the China Travel committees. They will remain active until their objectives have been accomplished.

*The **China Travel Committee** has designed a travel itinerary for members and friends to visit our ancestor homeland and enjoy other sites of interest. Please take this opportunity to join members on this educational trip.*

*Earlier this year, I noted that there should be some changes in our Bylaws. The **Bylaws & Review Committee** took on this assignment. They did an excellent job in putting forth four proposed amendments with detailed explanations. Discussion was held by the Directors, and then later put to vote by the members at a special general membership meeting held July 16. Three amendments were passed. The fourth amendment did not have the required 2/3 majority vote. Please check the September 2006 newsletter for the results.*

I have asked this committee to review the Bylaws in its entirety. In particular, I have expressed the need for a new category, possibly named "Emeritus Trustees" to be established in 2007, wherein loyal and dedicated directors, who have served in the Society for many, many years, and are not unable to continue serving for various reasons, to be recognized and acknowledged for their past accomplishments. They are the strength for the Society and deserve this honor.

*Our biggest event is our annual banquet, and it is very heartening to see such a large turnout each year. The **Banquets & Events Committee** has done an excellent job in coordinating this event and selecting the tasty dishes for your enjoyment.*

*The **Nominating Committee** put forth a good list of candidates and conducted the election efficiently to everyone's approval on November 19 at The Mandalay Restaurant. I am very pleased that we will have a new face joining the 2007 directors. We should strive to attract more members to run for office, even if it just for a year, because it is an important and learning experience.*

*The Scholarship Awards program, under the direction of the **PR & Membership Committee**, was held in July. This year, we had seven highly-motivated students vying for cash scholarships to assist them as they pursue their collegiate studies. It was highly impressive and admirable to read the students' scholastic achievements, extra-curricular activities, and their contribution to the community through their volunteer work. With the assistance of three judges, four students were awarded \$1,000 each. We congratulate them and their supportive parents, grandparents, and teachers. I would like to recommend that the committee obtain board approval to increase the awards from four to five awards for 2007. These scholars have the ability to make a profound contribution to our community upon graduation. This committee also kept you apprised of our Society's activities through the newsletters and through direct telephone contacts. Your participation in various events is very encouraging, and we hope you will continue to do so throughout the years.*

As I pass on the gavel to our new president on January 7, 2007, I plan to continue to be active, serving as a Director. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President and encourage your continued support. We need your ideas, your dedication, and your friendship to accomplish the objectives and purposed of our Society, which is to develop, promote, and maintain harmony among members, and to be charitable.

Warmest Aloha,

Ancestral Roots Trip Abroad – China Trip



Our China trip planning is coming along....

We currently have 10 people signed up for this exciting trip. If you are one of these ten people, an orientation meeting will be set up in February, and you will be notified directly by our travel agency.

The pre-tour is 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 only \$2,888 plus tax.

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) for \$1,588 plus tax.

If you have not signed up to join us, this is your last chance. If you have not been to China, this is the trip to take. We will be visiting most the major cities in China. In addition, the village where our ancestors

have come from. The itinerary is filled with activities and sight-seeing opportunities, while staying at the finest hotels and hospitality in China.

For more information, or for an application please contact Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or Connie Mark at 455-5221. Or email us at jmechang@yahoo.com or connie.mark@hawaiiintel.net. Applications and full itinerary can also be downloaded on our website at www.geocities.com/echang55.

新年快乐!

Gung Hee Fat Choy! Xin Nian Kuai Le!

Welcoming in the Year of the Pig.... Chinese New Year is on Sunday, February 18, 2007, which marks the lunar year 4704.

Those born in the Year of the Pig tend to have excellent manners, make and keep friends, work very hard, and appreciate luxury. They are very loving and make loyal partners.

Traditionally, during Chinese New Year, people will wear red clothing and offer children lucky "li see" in small red envelopes. The color red symbolizes fire, and its superstitious meaning is to ward off the bad and evil demons, which in turn brings good luck. Fireworks are also symbolic where Chinese people believe that the loud noise and crackling flames will frighten evil spirits.

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Christmas Party a Success!



What do you get when you put together a whole bunch of Chinese people for Christmas lunch? An Oo Syak Christmas party! – *OK lame joke. (I'm not Frank Delima...)*

In the beginning of December we had our annual Christmas party at Golden Palace Restaurant in Chinatown. We had another great turnout this year. Our friend, Frank Delima, joined us again and led us through some Christmas carols after enjoying a delicious Chinese luncheon and passing out fabulous door prizes.

Scholarship Watch....

The 2007 Oo Syak Gee Lu Scholarship Application will be available in a couple of months. Applicant must be members for at least six months prior to applying.

Please check our website periodically for updated information and application form or call Jamie Chang at 373-1714 with any questions.

Oo Syak Gee Lu Year in Review

It's been a busy year for us, and it's time for an event recap of what we've done. Here is a trip down Memory Lane....

January

- Installation of 2006 Officers and Board of Directors
- Chinese New Year Parade down Hotel Street

April

- Feng Shui Speaker, Mr. Clarence K. Lau

July

- Scholarship Awards Dinner
- Special membership meeting to vote on changes to the Bylaws

August

- Annual Banquet at Hee Hing
- Picnic at Kapiolani Park with Congress of Chinese Societies, United

October

- Double Ten Parade around Cultural Plaza

November

- Elections for 2007 Officers and Board of Directors

December

- Christmas Party Luncheon at Golden Palace

Double Ten Parade

Oo Syak members participated in the Double Ten Parade sponsored by the Chinese Merchants Association back in October. The parade marched around the block of Cultural Plaza and members passed out Oo Syak pencils to bystanders and parade watchers.



Oo Syak parade marchers gather for a photo-op.

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*

Note Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location / Time</u>	<u>Contact *</u>
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
Feb 18	CHINESE NEW YEAR		
Mar 10-27	Ancestral Roots China Trip	All over China and Oo Syak Village	(See page 4 for details)
Mar/April	Scholarship Applications Available	Online at www.geocities.com/echang55	Jamie Chang at 373-1714
April 15	Board of Director's Meeting	TBD	Alvin Chang by 4/5
May 19	Scholarship Applications Due	(email or postal mail)	Jamie Chang at 373-1714
July 15	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	Alvin Chang by 7/5
Oct 21	Board of Director's Meeting	TBD	Alvin Chang by 10/11

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