

Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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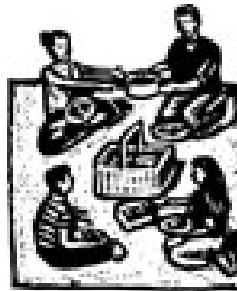
Annual Banquet is coming up!

This year's annual banquet will once again be held at Hee Hing Restaurant on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at 5:30pm. Dinner will start promptly at 6:00pm.

As usual, the Society will be supplementing part of the cost of the banquet. We encourage all members to attend the banquet and purchase a whole table for their family. Members will only need to pay a flat rate of \$125.00 per table.

Make your reservation now!!!! Seats are limited. There are approximately 42-44 tables. We have sold out in the past and had to turn away members. Reservations and payment will be on a first-come first-served basis. We will not be able to hold your reservation until payment is received. *(continued on page 5)*

Picnic Time!!!



The "Congress of Chinese Societies, United" will be sponsoring its annual picnic on Sunday, August 27, 2007 at Kapiolani Park between the Bandstand and the restrooms from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Last year, about 20 Oo Syak members and many others from different Chinese societies attended this picnic. There will be fun and games and lots of prizes. BBQ lunch with ice cold watermelon will be provided for all interested Oo Syak Gee Lu members. Non-members cost is \$6 per person, and \$3 for children 8 years old and under.

If you are interested please call Ellen Chang at 623-5910 no later than Sunday, July 31st.

** Special General Membership Meeting ** Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

A special general membership meeting will take place on Sunday, July 16th at Hee Hing Restaurant. This meeting is to vote on proposed amendments to our By-laws. A packet was mailed to you in April. Please carefully review the packet and bring it with you to this special meeting as well as any questions, issues, or concerns you may have. This is a very important meeting. You won't want to miss it. It will affect the future and longevity of the Oo Syak Gee Lu Society. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

Date: July 16, 2006
Time: 11:00 am for all members
Place: Hee Hing Chinese Restaurant
Call: Kenneth Chang at 537-4015 for reservations.

(Note: Last day to RSVP is July 6th.)

Purpose: To present, discuss, and vote on Proposed Amendments to our Bylaws.

Who's Who in Oo Syak Gee Lu Society

2006 Officers:

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| 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:

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| 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 Chang |
| Duane 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 Young** was hospitalized in April from a heart attack and has recovered quickly. He is now back at home enjoying life's pleasures with his family.

Previous Scholar Winners...

- **Kevin Chang** – 1999 Recipient
Kevin graduated from Cornell University with a Masters of Chemical Engineering in 2000. He currently works for Motorola in Chicago, doing research and development on the next generation of automotive sensors. Kevin is the son of Kenneth and Donna Chang.
- **Nicholas Chang** – 2004 and 2005 Recipient
Son of Roy and Anna Chang, Nicholas graduated from Stanford University on June 18 with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree. His honors thesis is entitled "the Cost of Resistance to Antibiotics and Bacteriophage in Escherichia Coli." His parents and grand-parents Gordon and Evelyn Chang attended the joyful event.
- **John William Chang** – 2005 Recipient
John is attending Willamette University and received the Freshman award in Chemistry. He is also the son of Roy and Anna Chang.

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.

Feng Shui Master Clarence Lau



Thank you to Mr. Clarence K. Lau who gave an enlightening speech on feng shui in April to about 40 members. His insights were very intriguing and made a lot of us think about the arrangements in our homes. You can find him at his shop Feng Shui Gifts & Flowers located at 1145 Bethel St., or you can call him at (808) 226-3098, or email fengshuilau@hotmail.com.

Ancestral Roots Trip Abroad – China Trip



For the first time ever, our society is planning a trip abroad to our ancestral roots at Oo Syak Village. This is your chance to visit the hometown of your ancestors. It will be an educational and fun-filled experience you won't want to miss.



The trip will be an exciting 10-14 day tour scheduled for March or April 2007 with hometown visits to Oo Syak Village and exposure to life in China. We will also be doing some sight-seeing, shopping, eating and tourist events.

A proposed itinerary is listed below. The cost for this trip is actually dependent on the number of interested travelers. It will cover air/ground transportation, hotel/lodging, and all meals for 10 days in southern China (GuangZhou, ZhongShan, ShenZhen, and Shanghai) and an extension of 4 days in northern China (Xian and Beijing).

If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please contact Jamie Chang at 373-1714 or Connie Mark at 455-5221. We are aiming to get at least 20 interested members. If there are more than 20 interested members, we will break it up into two separate tour groups. Please let us know if you are interested, so we can get an accurate head count and cost.

More information will follow in future newsletters.

| Proposed Itinerary | | Meals |
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| Day 1 | Honolulu – Japan •Depart Hawaii for Japan and start China tour | (D) |
| Day 2 | Japan •Arrive at Japan International Airport (stay overnight) | (B, L, D) |
| Day 3 | Japan – Guangzhou – ZhongShan •Fly to Guangzhou, the gateway to Southern China •Arrive in Guangzhou Airport, greeted by Grande Holiday representative •City tour of Guangzhou •Drive to ZhongShan, birthplace of the Father of China (2 hours) | (B, L, D) |
| Day 4 | ZhongShan •Visit the Dr. Sun Yat Sen residence and museum (morning) •Visit Oo Syak Village (afternoon) •Meet with dignitaries for dinner | (B, L, D) |
| Day 5 | ZhongShan •Visit Oo Syak Village, if need to •Or visit the Zhan Garden | (B, L, D) |
| Day 6 | ZhongShan – Shenzhen •After breakfast, drive 3 hours to Shenzhen, the gateway city to Hong Kong •Visit Luohu Shopping Mall (afternoon) | (B, L, D) |

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| Day 7 | Shenzhen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Visit the Folk cultural and splendid of China, and the Miniature of China •Watch the night show | (B, L, D) |
| Day 8 | Shenzhen – Shanghai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fly to Shanghai, the biggest commercial city of China •Visit Pudong New Development area (Oriental Pearl TV Tower, Yu Garden, and the Bund. | (B, L, D) |
| Day 9 | Shanghai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •After breakfast, visit the Nanjing pedestrian road to do shopping. •In the afternoon, visit the Xiangyang open market | (B, L, D) |
| Day 10 | Shanghai – Honolulu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Transfer to airport for a flight back to Honolulu | (B) |

Extension Tour

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| Day 10 | Shanghai – Xi'an <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Visit the City Wall – one of the few ancient city walls still visible in China •Visit Big Wild Goose Pagoda (afternoon) •In the evening, a Xi'an night tour will be arranged | (B, L, D) |
| Day 11 | Xi'an Full day touring Xi'an <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Visit Shaanxi Provincial Museum •Go to Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses reproduction factory (one of the most exciting archaeological finds of the 20th century) •Dumpling banquet dinner •Tang Dynasty show | (B, L, D) |
| Day 12 | Xi'an <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 Temple of Heaven, the country's largest temple complex where Ming and Qing monarchs prayed for good harvests (afternoon) •Peking Duck dinner | (B, L, D) |
| Day 13 | Beijing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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) |
| Day 14 | Beijing – Honolulu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Visit Summer Palace, a former royal resort and a defacto museum of China's classical architectures (morning) •Transfer to airport for flight back to Honolulu | (B) |

Annual Banquet (continued from page 1)

The payment check must be received no later than 7 calendar days after the reservations are taken. If not, your table reservation will be cancelled.

To reserve your table, please call Connie Mark at 455-5221, as soon as possible. Checks payable to "Oo Syak Gee Lu Society" can be mailed to the following address:

**Connie Mark
2386 Auhuhu Street
Pearl City, HI 96782**

Once payment is received, there will be no refunds or cancellations. Should you not be able to attend the banquet after your reservation has been confirmed, it is your responsibility to find someone to buy your seat/table.

It is rumored that the menu is as follows:

- Chinese Chicken Salad with Jellyfish
- Mock Bird Nest Soup
- Braised Short Ribs with Taro
- Steamed Fresh Salmon w/ Black Bean Sauce
- Steamed Chicken with Ham & Greens
- Szechuan Scallop with Broccoli
- Stuffed Mushroom with Fishcake
- Rice
- Lychee Sherbert

Chinese Painting of the Shanghai School

View fan and scroll paintings of birds and flowers genre from Shanghai artists during the second half of the 19th century. On display thru July 30th.

Honolulu Academy of Arts – Phone: (808) 532-8700
900 S. Beretania St. (between Victoria St. and Ward Ave.)
Admission: \$7 adults; \$4 students, seniors, military. **Free on 7/16!**

New Scholarship Application Information....

With tuition increases, high costs of living, and inflation of gas prices, the need for scholarship assistance is also on the rise. This year, we have noticed an increase in number of applicants for the Society's scholarship program.

Every year, the Society awards four members a cash award to assist with a student's college education. Beginning next year, we will require that all applicants have been members for at least six months prior to applying.

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 junior in high school or college student, they should apply to become a member of the Society now.

It is simple to join.... Membership applications can be downloaded from our website at www.geocities.com/echang55. There is a one-time membership fee of \$25.

Moving???

If you are moving, or if your address has changed, please notify Ed Chang at echang55@hawaii.rr.com or call 623-5910 so you can continue to be in the loop and receive newsletters and information about our Society.



Note Your Calendars!

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location / Time</u> | <u>Contact</u> * |
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| July 16 | Special General Membership Meeting | Hee Hing Restaurant / 11:00am | Kenneth Chang by 7/ 5 |
| Aug 12 | Annual Banquet | Hee Hing Restaurant / 5:30pm | Connie Mark by 8/2 |
| Aug 27 | Picnic for Congress of Chinese Societies | Kapiolani Park / 9:00am – 2:00pm | Ellen Chang by 7/31 |
| Oct 15 | Board of Director's Meeting | TBA | Kenneth Chang by 10/5 |
| Nov 19 | General Membership / Election Meeting | TBA | Kenneth Chang by 11/9 |
| Dec 2 | Annual Christmas Party | TBA | |

* To RSVP for meetings, please call Kenneth Chang at 537-4015 by the deadlines listed above beginning one month prior to the event. For picnic reservations, please call Ellen Chang at 623-5910.