Oo Syak Gee Lu Society Newsletter

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Honolulu Mid-Autumn Festival

Chinatown 808 and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii jointly present the 2023 Honolulu Mid-Autumn Festival on Friday and Saturday September 29-30 at Chinatown Cultural Plaza. Celebrate this traditional Chinese holiday that marks the end of a great autumn harvest and a reunion time for families. There will be a weekend of fun with food and craft vendors, keiki activities, live entertainment, and so much more!

In celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival, a local astronomer with Stargazers of Hawaii will be showing the Moon and Saturn through a large 7-foot telescope on Friday evening! View the wonders of the universe, ask questions and don't leave without getting a picture of the Moon on your smartphone! All ages are welcomed. Weather permitting.

Home Depot is sponsoring a FREE, hands-on workshop for keiki on Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm. Keiki can make a fun craft to take home. Home Depot staff will be on site with tools to assist keiki. Parents should accompany children to the workshop.



FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS, KEIKI ACTIVITIES, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, & MORE.

Visit Chinatown 808's website for more information. https://chinatown 808.com/honolulu -mid-autumnfestival/

Double Ten Parade

The Wuchang Uprising of October 10, 1911, started the Xinhai Revolution, whoch led to the collapse of the Qing Dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China (ROC, modern day Taiwan). The Hawaii Overseas Chinese (Wah Kiu) together with the Chung Wah Chung King Hui, and the Kuo Min Tang Society are hosting the 112th birthday of the Republic of China.

There will be a program with flag raising ceremony in the courtyard of the Chinatown Cultural Plaza, followed by a mini parade around the block, and ending with a floral lei presentation to the Dr. Sun Yat Sen statue located on Beretania/River Street at the beginning of Dr. Sun Yat Set Mall.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen was the founder of the Republic of China. While living and studying in Hawaii, he was inspired to overthrow the Manchu Dynasty domination of China. He established his first revolutionary organization here in Hawaii with the full support from the overseas Chinese in Hawaii.

If you would like to participate in this mini-parade, please contact Clayton Chang at (808) 228-5264 or cc ent@hotmail.com no later than September 28th. Please wear your grey OSGL shirts and red hats. Participating members will be treated to a lunch after the parade.

DOUBLE TEN PARADE

Chinatown Cultural Plaza Where: When: Sunday, October 8, 2023



Time: Meet at 9:30am / Program starts 10:00am RSVP: Call/Text Clayton Chang at (808) 228-5264 or

email cc_ent@hotmail.com by 9/28

Who's Who in Oo Syak Gee Lu Society

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2018 Edmund W.K. Chang

An Honorary Director is a member who is 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. We have awarded seven Honorary Director titles since its inception in 2007.

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Members Corner

Remembering our members who have passed....



Maureen Lowe Chang - Passed away this month peacefully this month with husband and past President Clayton Chang by her side. She is also the mother of current President Jamie Chang.

Shirley Chang Kelley – At 89 years young, Shirley passed last month in August. She is the aunt to BOD Bradley Chang and past BOD Carlton Wong.

Jennifer Sar Lin Chang Takano – Granddaughter to



one of OSGL original charter members
Nai Man Chang, Jennifer passed away
in July with her family surrounding her.
She is the daughter of BOD Ernest
Chang and member Lillian Chang.

New Membership

Welcome our newest members to Oo Syak Gee Lu Society who were accepted at Q3 BOD Meeting.

Wayne Chung Lim Chang

Iris Eiko Chang

Paulette Bo Lin Chang Ujimori

Kayla Michiko Ujimori Kevin Takeshi Ujimori Joshua Hideki Ujimori Marvin Feung Woo June Yago Woo Paxton Guan Woo Hudson Jun Woo Erica Lynn Woo Charles Upton Lucas Kai Upton Ellie Mae Upton



Apply to become a member today. Download the membership application form on our website. There is a one time membership of \$25. Eligibility requirements must be a direct descendant with blood line lineage from Oo Syak Village, or spouse of an existing OSGL member.

^{*} Committee assignments may subject to change



Mid Autumn Festival

Mid-Autumn Festival, or Zhong Qiu Jie (中秋节) falls on September 29th this year. The second largest holiday next to the Lunar New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival falls on the 15th day of the 8th month on the lunar calendar. It is a reunion time for families, a little like American Thanksgiving. Chinese people celebrate it by gathering for dinners, worshiping the moon, lighting paper lanterns, eating moon cakes, etc.

The Mid-Autumn Festival has a history of more than 3,000 years. It was a royal sacrificial ceremony associated with moon worshiping and agricultural activities. People worshiped the moon to give thanks for the harvest and to encourage the "harvest-giving light" to return in the coming year. The changes in the lunar phases provided guidance for the farming schedule; therefore, people believed that worshiping the moon could bring a good harvest.

In modern times, most people have sufficient food supplies, but the Mid-Autumn Festival is still significant because the full moon during the festival is a symbol of family reunions. As the festival evolved over time, it has gained additional meanings and now includes prayers for good health and happiness.

During Mid-Autmn Festival, it has become customary to eat mooncakes, and share amongst family and friends.

WHAT ARE MOONCAKES?

Mooncakes are Round or Square Stuffed Pastries

Mooncakes typically measure around 5 to 10 cm (2 to 4 inches) across and up to 5 cm (2 inches) deep. Most mooncakes have a pastry skin enveloping a sweet, dense filling. Mooncakes are usually eaten in small wedges during the festival, and shared by family members. They are generally served with Chinese tea, and, very rarely, mooncakes are served steamed or fried.

Mooncakes Symbolize Family Reunion

In Chinese culture, roundness symbolizes completeness and togetherness. A full moon symbolizes prosperity and reunion for the whole family. Round mooncakes complement the harvest moon in the night sky at the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The mooncake is not just a food. It's a profound cultural tradition deep in Chinese people's hearts, symbolizing a spiritual feeling. At Mid-Autumn Festival people eat mooncakes together with family, or present mooncakes to relatives or friends, to express love and best wishes.



A sampling of mooncakes that President Jamie Chang made with her family last year.

REGIONAL MOONCAKES:

Across China, mooncakes vary according to different regional styles and flavors. Mooncake fillings depend on local eating culture and traditions. The most popular variations include:

Cantonese – Sweet with various fillings. Probably the most common that we are familiar with. From southeast China, Guangdong Province. Usually baked with lotus seed paste, melon seed paste, ham, chicken, duck, roast pork, mushrooms, and egg yolks. Cantonese-style mooncakes taste sweet.

Beijing – Meticulous decoration.

Suzhou – Crisp layers of flaky dough. Sweet and savory styles.

Chaoshan – Larger with vegi-paste (mung bean, black bean, or potato paste). Common in Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand.

Yunan – Ham and edible flower fillings.

Hong Kong – Snow skin, or ice skin. Mochi-like texture, and not baked.

Top 10 Mooncake Flavors:

- 1. Red Bean Paste
- 2. Lotus Seed Paste
- 3. Custard Snow skin
- 4. Five Kernel and Roast Pork
- 5. Fruit and Vegetable
- 6. Chocolate
- 7. Green Tea
- 8. Ice Cream
- 9. Cream Cheese
- 10. Seafood

Source:

https://www.chinahighlights.com/festivals/mooncake.htm

OSGL Scholarships 2023

The 2023-24 OSGL Scholarship winners were announced in our last newsletter, and they were presented with a \$1500 cash scholarship at our Scholarship Dinner in July at King Restaurant and Bar on Kapiolani Blvd.

OSGL awarded nearly \$90,000 to 41 student members for 24 years. This year, we awarded five exceptional students who are pursuing higher education at a two-year or

four-year accredited college/university. It is required to have at least a 2.7 GPA to apply, and these students each have at least a 3.8 or higher! This year's OSGL scholarship recipients are: Brayden Chang-Kanoa, Carmina Chang, Jasmine Chang, Leah McEvoy, and Sarah Mark.



Scholarship winners (L-R): Leah McEvoy, Carmina Chang, Jasmine Chang, Brayden Chang-Kanoa, Sarah Mark.

Each student completed the OSGL application which included essays on their career goals, their genealogy, and past life experiences. With a panel of three outside judges (Lyla Berg, Nani Hirosane, and Faith Tom), we were able to narrow eight applicants to five qualified students.

Let's wish them the best studies as they will embark on their journeys to their universities.

Scholar biographies written by Kendrick Chang

BRAYDEN CHANG-KANOA

Parents: Lawrence Kanoa and Jodee Chang Grandparents: Paulette K. Q. Chang

Brayden is a Sophomore at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio and recipient of his second consecutive OSGL scholarship award.

In his first semester of college, Brayden earned Dean's List honors for his 3.9 GPA academic record. Based on strong academic performance, Brayden was invited to join the Beta Gamma Sigma (International Honor Society). In the December 2022 OSGL newsletter, Brayden shared that he particularly enjoyed his human communications class, which involved extensive public speaking and oral presentations.



Brayden with his family, and grandmother Paulette Chang, and great-grandmother Eldora Chang.

As he continues to progress in college studies, Brayden intends to major in finance because of his past experience of trading stocks online on his own. Brayden noted in his essay that finance is a very competitive field where success is determined by one's resiliency during the most arduous situations and commitment to overcome challenges.

Brayden also plans to minor in Japanese to complement his interest in finance and business. In his essay, Brayden wrote: "In the current world, employers look to hire employees that are bilingual and unlike the past, there are plenty of prospective employees who are bilingual whether it be through a study abroad program or from it being passed down through your family. I have taken it upon myself to try and become bilingual in Japanese through study abroad and studying, but nothing can compete with being able to learn another language growing up."

We wish Brayden all the best as he continues to progress through his sophomore year and appreciation of the cross section of business/finance and the Japanese language.

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CARMINA ERIKA CHANG

Parents: Eric W. T. Chang and Charmmaine Chang (Burgos) Grandparents: Gilbert P. T. Chang and Loretta Hee Chang

Carmina is a sophomore at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a recipient of her first OSGL scholarship award.

Carmina had a perfect 4.0 GPA during her first freshman year semester and was recognized in the Fall 2022 Dean's list. In recognition of her distinguished high school academic performance, Carmina is attending the University of Hawaii with a Provost Achievement Scholarship and the Hawaii State B+ Scholarship. Carmina is also a member of the Scholar Club and Honors Program.



Carmina with her dad Eric Chang

Carmina plans to major in mechanical engineering to follow the path of her many relatives in the STEM profession (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Conversations about STEM at family gatherings inspired Carmina to explore mechanical engineering and as an avenue to compliment her interest in aeronautics.

In her essay, Carmina reflected about the struggles that her grandparents faced during the Second World War. In particular, Carmina shared about her inspiration of her Gung Gung's various sacrifices to care for her family. She wrote: "Though a quiet man, my Gung Gung's hard work inspires me to be hardworking as well. My grandfather started as the lowest level clerk, and with perseverance became the Director of Taxation for the City and County of Honolulu. During the entire time, he worked many jobs to provide for his family and pay his children's private school education. While experiencing the gifts and proof of my grandfather's hard work, it has inspired me to become more like my grandfather."

We wish Carmina well in her studies, and look forward to seeing her at our next board luncheon or function.

JASMINE MEI SEE CHANG

Parents: Brandon S. K. Chang and Betty N.G. Ng Chang Grandparents: Clayton K.L. Chang and Maureen Lowe Chang

Jasmine is a recent graduate of Hawaii Baptist Academy, entering her freshman year at University of California, Irvine.

Jasmine finished her high school career with a 3.9 GPA and won first place in the MAA AMC American Mathematics Competition. Outside of school, Jasmine volunteered at Hawaii Baptist Academy Elementary Campus and the Children's Discovery also a regular presence at OSGL meetings and functions. She expressed in her essay that she hopes to one day visit Oo Syak Village to learn more about her family's past connections. Jasmine



Parents Brandon and Betty Chang, Jasmine Chang, Grandparents Clayton and Maureen Chang, and aunt Jane Ng

reflected that through her grandfather's family tree records that she was able trace her first Hawaii ancestors who immigrated in 1898, four generations ago, without any money and raised eleven children.

Jasmine was a very active student at Hawaii Baptist Academy as she was either a member or held leadership positions in multiple clubs. Most notably, Jasmine served as Co-President and Food Waste Chair of the Environmental Club and Historian and Project Manager of the Interact Club. Based on these club involvements, it comes as no surprise that Jasmine plans to major in Environmental Engineering. Jasmine wrote: "I thoroughly enjoyed composting and thus started to serve in my community helping with the worm bin at school, and even donating a portion of my worm bin to my school's elementary campus when they needed extra help. My newfound love to give back to the environment and repurpose old and used dirt helped me to become more engaged and interested in the environmental community."

We wish Jasmine all the best as she survives and thrives as a freshman at an out-of-state school.

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LEAH MEGAN WAI-LAN McEVOY

Parents: Christopher Morgan McEvoy and Julie Ann Wai-Lan Chang (received OSGL 1st year scholarship award) Grandparents: Hing Dat Sum Chang and Lorraine Anastasi Chang



Christopher McEvoy, Hing Chang Jr., Leah McEvoy, and Julie Chang

Leah is a recent graduate of Punahou School and will begin her freshman year at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She is receiving her first OSGL scholarship this year.

Leah graduated from Punahou School with a perfect 4.0 GPA and received multiple academic honors, including excellence awards in Spanish, English, AP Chemistry, and Social Studies. Leah was also involved in Theatre, Ka Wai Ola Publications (published photography and poetry in magazine), and Varsity Bowling. In addition, Leah volunteered as a tutor to assist students on various subjects and a Key Club member.

Leah plans to major in Biology and Theatre with the ultimate goal to become a physician. Prior to starting freshman year, Leah was chosen as a member of Creighton's Pre-Professional Scholar's Program for Medicine.

Leah reflected in her essay that she re-entered theatre during her later high school years after taking a break to focus on academic studies. She wrote: "Re-entering theatre again at an older age, I think I approached it in a much more internalized way. I became very interested in the development of individual characters and how that would add to the story overall, inevitably ended up putting pieces of myself up on display. Expressing my own thoughts, emotions, and worries on a stage, through a character, in a different context is one of the most cathartic things I have ever felt. By working through someone else's mind, I have truly gotten a better understanding of my own."

We wish Leah all the best in her medical and theatre pursuits at Creighton University.

SARAH LILIAOKAHAKU MARK

Parents: Kevin Yuk Chin Mark and Kimi Watanabe Mark Grandparents: Constance Kwai Hoy Chang Mark and Herbert Mark

Sarah transferred from Leeward Community College in January 2022, and currently attending University of Hawaii at West Oahu.

Sarah finished her first year as a transfer student with a 3.96 cumulative GPA and continues to remain steadfast in her goal to enter the education field as an elementary school teacher. In the December 2022 OSGL newsletter, Sarah shared that she was selected by HSTA President Osa Tui Jr. to attend the 2022 National Education Association convention in San Francisco as an Aspiring



Grandparents Herbert Mark, Connie Mark, Sarah Mark, and mother Kimi Mark.

Education. The convention allowed Sarah to meet teachers from across the state and nation where she learned a lot about the teaching profession.

Sarah is a regular attendee at OSGL functions and meetings. In her essay, Sarah reflected how her first Hawaii ancestors from Oo Syak village helped establish OSGL in 1897. Sarah wrote: "I can see the resemblance between my Great-Great Grandfather and I because I want to help children to become successful in their lives. I want to provide them with the best education possible so they can give back to their families and the community when they are adults. This is how my Great-Great Grandfather's journey from Oo Syak village to Hawaii has impacted me. His generosity was well-known throughout Kauai because of the type of person he was. I am very grateful for my Great-Great Grandfather. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him and I feel that I am helping to perpetuate his legacy by being a member of the Oo Syak Gee Lu Society and becoming a teacher."

We congratulate Sarah on her fourth OSGL scholarship award and wish her all the best as she completes her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

United Chinese Society Annual Picnic at Kapiolani Park

The United Chinese Society hosted their Annual Family Day Picnic in July at Kapiolani Park. Usually OSGL has a tent, however, this year there was a scheduling conflict, and it occurred the same day as our 3rd Quarter BOD meeting, which most members were in attendance.

OSGL member Melvin Chow and his family attended this year's "Carnival Fun" theme. They enjoyed lots of fun filled games including the scavenger hunt where you just rush to

pick up prizes spread across the lawn.

Here are a few pictures that he snapped with his family.



(Above) Jonathan and Larissa Wong after the scavenger hunt. (Right) Melvin Chow and his family enjoying his picnic lunch.



Jonathan and Larissa Wong after the scavenger hunt.





Annual Banquet

OSGL celebrated it's 126th anniversary at the 2023 Annual Banquet held last month at Jade Dynasty. As usual, we sold out all 30 tables.

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Mahalo to our Banquet Committee (Chairperson Diane Chang Liu, Debbie Chun, and Alicia Sakamoto) for planning and putting together the program. Also thank you to our additional helpers (Chelsea Chang, Kendrick Chang, Allison Knicklebine, Raymond Lam, Kiara Sakamoto, and Stephen Sakamoto) who folded our rabbit favors, and set up the day of the event.



Eight course dinner provided by Jade Dynasty.



Check in table – Diane Liu, Chelsea Chang, Kiara Sakamoto, Alison Knicklebine



President and 1st VP – Jamie Chang and Debbie Chun



Lion Dance performance by Majestic Culture & Arts Association provided six lions (three adults, and two babies, and a newborn).



Lions moving thru the crowd.



Rabbit washcloth favors.



A packed restaurant at Jade Dynasty.



Toast by President Jamie Chang and 1st VP Debbie Chun



Board of Directors Meeting (4rd Quarter)

The next BOD meeting will be held on **Sunday**, **October 22**nd at **Maple Garden**. Doors will open at 10:00am, with the meeting starting promptly at 10:30am. Please be on time. Any latecomers will be charged a late fee of \$5.00.

Members may attend the Board of Directors Meetings to find out what is going on in the Society, free of charge. There will updates on committee reports and announcements. Lunch will be served after the meeting is adjourned. Non-members are welcome to attend and have lunch for \$15.00. Children 3-10 years old who are non-members are \$10.00.

If you are interested in attending, please call/text Clayton Chang at (808) 228-5264, or email cc ent@hotmail.com by October 12th.

General Membership Meeting



OSGL General Membership Meeting will be held **Sunday**, **November 19**th. The location is still to be determined.

This annual meeting is open to all membership to get a recap of activities we did for the year. It is also an opportunity to get elected to an officer or director position and help lead the society in the next calendar year.

If you are interested in becoming an officer or director, please email osgl.info@gmail.com to have your name in consideration for the ballot by October 30th.

For reservations, please contact Clayton Chang at (808) 228-5264, or email cc_ent@hotmail.com by November 9th.

Christmas Luncheon

We are nearing the end of the year.
Christmas is just around the corner. OSGL will be having a Christmas Luncheon this year for its members on **Saturday, December 9**th at **Au's Garden** in Kalihi (behind Diner's Drive Inn)

The Christmas Luncheon is free to all members. It was proposed by member Henry Chang to have a annual Christmas party free to all members. It was adopted as a standing rule by the Board of Directors in 2001. Since then, it is an annual event, with the exception of the past three Covid years.

Our most recent Christmas Luncheons have evolved and became more than just having lunch. It's a little more festive with fun and games. We will have holiday games for all to participate. There will be prizes too!

Come dressed in your Christmas outfits. Be merry! Be festive! Get into the holiday spirit! There may be something for the best dressed in attendance!

By the way, we said members are free! Nonmember guests are \$20.00 per person. Seating may be limited. So get your reservations in!

For reservations, please contact Diane Chang-Liu at (808) 239-9909 no later than November 22nd.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Where: Au's Garden

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023

Time: 11:00am

RSVP: Call Diane Chang-Liu at (808) 239-9909 by 11/22



OSGL New Email Address



A new email address was created at the beginning of this year to send out information and nnouncements to our members. Please save osgl.info@gmail.com to your

contacts so our messages will go directly to your inbox and not to your junk/spam folder.

You may also email any concerns/feedback, or suggestions for the Society, or any photos or ideas you would like posted to our **Instagram account @oosyakgeelu**.



This email address and Instagram handle is managed by President Jamie Chang.

(Note from President Jamie Chana: Be kind and patient, as I am trying to navigate the world of social media. It is new to me, and I am still learning...)

OSGL is on Instagram!

We are officially on social media now! We have created an Instagram account to connect with our younger generations (and all generations) who may not be able to attend our meetings.

There are posts of our BOD meeting meals, special events, and cultural information. Stay tuned for more posts.....

If you have an Instagram account, please follow us at **@oosyakgeelu**. We currently have 48 followers at time of this newsletter printing. Tell your friends and family, and start following and like our posts! You don't need to be a member to follow us.

If you'd like to have something posted/announced on our Instagram, please email osgl.info@gmail.com.











Important Dates to Remember:

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| DATE | EVENT | TIME / LOCATION | RSVP |
| Sept 29 | Mid Autumn Festival | 9/29 Fri from 5pm-10pm 9/30 Sat from 9am-10pm Chinatown Cultural Plaza | Free admission |
| Oct 8 | Double Ten Parade | 9:30am / Meet at Chinatown Cultural Plaza Courtyard Pagoda 10:00am Program and parade starts | * Clayton Chang by 9/30 |
| Oct 22 | BOD Meeting (4 th Quarter) | 10:30am / Maple Garden 909 Isenberg St., Honolulu, HI 96826 | * Clayton Chang by 10/12 |
| Nov 19 | General Election Meeting (Annual) | 10:30am / TBD | * Clayton Chang by 11/9 |
| Dec 9 | Christmas Luncheon | 11:00am / Au's Garden 1350 Mookaula St, Honolulu, HI 96817 | † Diane Liu beginning 11/9 |

^{*} To RSVP for the Double Ten Parade and Board of Directors meetings please call/text Clayton Chang at 808-228-5264 or email cc_ent@hotmail.com by the deadlines listed above beginning one month prior to the event. Leave a message, if no

[†] For Christmas Luncheon, please call Diane Chang-Liu at (808) 239-9909 for questions and reservations. Leave a message, if no answer.

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