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BOW-WOW -- YEAR OF THE DOG PORTENDS PROSPERITY FOR WKHT

Calendar

謹訂於二零一八年二月十七日星期六上午十時假座
Mandalay 舉行本年 度第一次全體會員大會議. 懇請諸位
堂兄弟姐妹踴躍出席參與! 謝謝.

Feb. 17 (Sat.)- 1st General Mtg. at Mandalay 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 11 (Sun.) - Activity at Community Church

2018 Officers and Directors

Officers:

President - Harvey M.H. Wong

V-P- Arthur K.C. Wong

Secretary - Edna Wong McKenna

Corres. Secretary-Amanda Wong

Treasurer - Wah Lun Wong

Asst. Treasurer - Annette L. Wong

Directors: Annette L. Wong

Chadwick W. Wong

Harry C.Y. Wong

Jeffrey C.M. Wong (2018)

Patricia C.O. Mar (2018)

Sherman G.B Wong (2019)

Henry LiNan Wong (2019)

Emeritus Directors:

William G.K. Wong

Richard J.C. Wong

Dennis K.W. Wong

Emeritus Treasurer:

Wah Lun Wong

Living Treasure:

Harry C.Y. Wong

Committee Chairs:

Social and Cultural - Beverly H.K. Wong
and Kimberly Wong Balisacan

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Lena shows off her jackpot cash prize.

The for members only Installation of 2018 Officers and directors, held of Dec. 30, 2017 was impressive indeed. Installing officer, lawyer Winston Wong, led the officers and directors to the oath of allegiance.

The program also included speeches by president Harvey M.H. Wong, announcements and program projects for the coming year.



Taking their oath of office were the gung-ho officers, directors, and committee chairs.

A winner-take-all jackpot game of scissors, paper, and stone was the finale of the installation rites in which Lena C.Q. Wong, overjoyed and in rapture, winning the jackpot game.

Dennis W.K. Wong was emcee for the event.

Cont. fr. p.1...Officers

Membership and Welfare - Jeffrey C.M.

Wong

Financial - Henry LiNan Wong

Audit - Myra Wong Chun

Investment Asset Management - Chadwick

W. Wong

Real Estate Management - William K.C.

Wong

Community Activity - Harry C.Y. Wong

Education Grant - Emily S.Y. Wong

Sgt.-at-Arms - Scott Y.L. Yee

Parliamentarian - Beverly C. Wong

Strategic Planning - Arnold K.H. Wong

Historian - Christy M.J.W. Yee

Special Advisor to President:

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Annette L. Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Chadwick W. Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Dennis K.W. Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Fred C.M. Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Harry C.Y. Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Henry LiNan Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Henry S.P. Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Richard J.C. Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - Wah Lun Wong

Sp. Adv. to Pres. - William K.C. Wong

New Members to be Approved

Welcome new members, to be voted upon at
February 17 General Meeting:

Chester Wai Man Wong (sponsor: Wah Lun
Wong, father)

Edward G. Kimm III (sponsor: Fay Sau Ung
Wong Kim, mother.)

We encourage all new members to participate
in the variety of programs and activities we offer
throughout the year.



Left, bottom: Board members participate in the
blessing rites; above, Arthur, Harvey, and Edna
assist with the restoring of our ancestral shrine in
the living room.

With Taoist priest Rev. Duane Pang
conducting the blessing rites for our new
clubhouse located on 718 Hauoli Street, a
capacity crowd of ninety-plus members and
guests met at the new clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. for
the impressive ceremonies. First was the
blessing of the clubhouse, with the ceremonial
altar fronting the entrance. Afterwards, the
reinstating and dedication of our ancestral shrine
was held in the parlor, with appropriate food and
libations.

Following, two auspicious lions, herald in by
a long chain of firecrackers, entered the parlor and
bestowed blessings at our ancestral altar/shrine.

See Dai Doo Society and its president,
Leonard Kam, sent in their congratulations with a
floral display.

The United Chinese Society, via emeritus
trustee, Lawrence Siu, also sent in a floral display,
congratulating our blessing and moving into our
new clubhouse headquarters.

Each person in attendance received three good
luck dim sum and an orange to take home.

It is fortunate for us Chinese living in Hawaii
experience this type of authentic Taoist blessings
and dedication rites. We also hope that they will
cherish the memories for years to come.

OBITUARIES

WKHT mourns the loss of two of its members recently.

Bernice Lum Wong (wife of deceased James C.A. Wong)

Brian Chun (son of Wendy Wong Chun)

Christmas Party a Sleighing Success



Ho-ho-ho! Santa and Mrs. Clause gives a High Five before distributing Xmas present.



anta welcomes Jameson and his dad Scott Yee prior to receiving his gift.

It was a bell-ringing success at this year's Christmas Party. As the members and guests checked in, the atmosphere resounding with Christmas cheers and greetings.

Eager to play Bingo, all were excited about winning prizes. Bingo was conducted by Matthew Wong.



Santa interviews had much humor for the Christmas present recipient.

Meanwhile, the novelty balloonist was doing his thing, creating caricature balloon images to a very long line of children and adults.

Buffet lunch was served promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Emcee Christy welcomed the members and their guests while members from the Ukulele Ensemble entertained with solos and duets of Christmas songs rendered beautifully done by Charles Yang, Shirley Yoshida, and Arthur Wong.

During the buffet, the audience participated in singing Christmas carols

Needless to say, it was a splendiferous Christmas party with all in agreement.

Co-chairs Jeffrey C.M. Wong and Christy Yee and their committee assistants were praised for doing a magnificent job.

Next year's Christmas party is scheduled to be held at The Willows.

Paid Your Activity Fee for 2018?

Members are reminded to pay their 2018 Activity Fee that is like a passport to all the projects and activities that warrant a discount rate and of course, the newsletter.

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Gong Hee Fat Choy

Qing Ming Baisan Scheduled

Qing Ming Baisan is the time when we Chinese, no matter where on earth we may be, honor our ancestors with special sacrificial rites and libation. WKHT has been doing it for years since it was founded. We have a grave site located on the top of the hill below the Grand Ancestors' Tomb and with very conducive vibes to *feng shui*.

We set up an altar of food, incense, flowers and candles and spiritual paper money offerings to welcome our ancestors and pay them respects.

This year's WKHT Qing Ming Baisan is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m., Manoa Lin Yee Chung Chinese Cemetery. All members are invited to attend this annual ritual, especially new members, in order that our chain of tradition remains for generations to come.

This year's co-chairs are Wah Lun Wong and Sherman Baines Wong.

Please change on how we focus. We ask that as many of us turn out for the ritual and not just show up as the Memorial Hall to "claim" your lunch and package of pork, oranges, and buns.

Each year, before our ritual, and as in many previous years, William K.C. Wong and son Matthew clean up the tomb site and wash it with hose.

We need strong helping hands to set up the tent. Please report by 8:30 a.m. to assist.

April is the month of Qing Ming and one can see families and societies make their visit to their ancestral graves and we can also hear and see the burst of firecrackers throughout the cemetery.

Canton Ware Donated to Headquarters

Former WKHT president C.T. Wong, via his daughter Wendy Chun, donated an antique exquisite monogrammed set of Canton ware dishes to our new clubhouse. It now is displayed in a glass case in the parlor. Some of the ware was used to offer food and libations during our rededication of our ancestral shrine.

In Memoriam

Former president Richard J.C. Wong passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. For many years he was a member of our board and served in the capacity of a director and auditor. A vibrant personality, he always kept things on the move and actively participated in all the activities sponsored by WKHT.

He is survived by wife Julia Mark Wong, sons David Mark and Michael Wayne and grandsons Kyle and Kevin.

Tina Wong Au Heads HCCA as President, 2018



Tina Wong Au, left served as Hawaii Chinese Civic Association's Mandarin Ball chairman this year.

HCCA has served for the past 89 years Honolulu and vicinity, furthered good will between the people of Chinese ancestry and other ethnic groups.

Tina is serving in the capacity of president of HCCA, 2018.

This year's Mandarin Ball designated Gladys Khan Lee as the Mandarin Award Winner. Born in Kohala, Hawaii and after seven years of employment, she moved to another position as Executive Secretary to the Director of Health for 30 years. Gladys has been a member of Palolo Chinese Home auxiliary since 1964 to the present.

WKHT Donates to Disaster Relief Fund

WKHT made a donation to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund of \$2000 towards the recent victims of the storms in recent months.

New CEO at Palolo Chinese Home

Darlene Nakayama is the new CEO of Palolo Chinese Home as of September 10, 2017. She replaces Darryl Ing, who retired after ten years as CEO of PCH.



Happy 2018 everyone! Hope your holiday season was rich with family, friends, and memories to last a lifetime. Here at the Wong/Yee household, we were blessed with visits from relatives and friends who have settled on the mainland, most notably Uncle Sun Yet and Aunt Janet Wong. When our family gathered at Kim Chee II, we literally took up half of the restaurant. It is always fun to see Wong descendants trying new things. For some of us, no matter how often we gather at Kim Chee II, mandoo kook soo will always be "a new thing.")



Jameson having fun in Disneyland.

2017 had its challenges, but overall it was full of blessings. Jameson took a break from "Terrible Twos" behavior long enough for us to enjoy a trip to Disneyland in October. Lots of people told us that we should wait until he was old enough to be sure to remember the trip later on - but we decided to seize the day, and the smiles on his face were worth it. He still talks about the "scary ride (Snow White) and likes to look at the pictures of himself tackling his first churro. He loved the Disneyland Railroad and enjoyed meeting Pluto at California Adventure. Eventually, he may forget this trip, but Scott and I never will.



Meeting Pluto was very special indeed.

Jameson is now entering the second half of his first year of preschool. He no longer cries at every drop off (sometimes even pushes us out of the door when we leave.) He is learning some academic skills but more importantly, learning about relationships and communication. So far the only feeling worse than hearing that our child had been hit by a classmate's tiny hand was hearing that our child's own tiny hand had struck someone else. But the beauty of preschool is that every day is a new day, with clean slates and new adventures, and the social fabric of preschool life is pretty sturdy and very forgiving, and we're so thankful that he is beginning his explorations of friendship in a safe, loving environment.

From our family to yours, many wishes for a beautiful and bright new year, with clean slates, delicious churros, gentle hands, and some mandoo kook soo for all. (As Dad like to say, "It's pretty much the same as won ton min, really.") Happy 2018!

Globe Trotters Amongst WKHT Members

Within our membership, many couples are globetrotting the world to drink in the rich scenery, culture and arts.

This past year, we are aware that Arthur Wong, V-P, and wife Gwen travelled to Great Britain. Arthur keeps a journal of his travels and writes it interestingly with a flair. Henry LiNan and Laurie traveled to Iceland and Okinawa. Dennis and Annette visited Australia and New Zealand.

Let us know if you globe trot!

New WKHT Auditor

Myra Chun, our energetic parliamentarian is now our new auditor, unanimously appointed and approved by our executive board at its meeting on January 25th, effective immediately. Congratulations.

Visitor Industry Charity Walk Slated

The annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th . (see insert). This year's WKHT team co-chairs are Wayne Wong and Stephen Wong. WKHT sponsors our team and we connect ourselves with the Hawaiian Village team (t-shirts). Participants must make a refundable deposit, not refundable is participant fails to show up.

New Members Will Be Voted in on Feb. 17 Meeting

Kimie Reiko Kamezawa (sponsor: Wilfred Hong Chow, grandfather); *Victoria Jewell Wong* (sponsor: Nicholas M.W. Wong, husband); *Theodore Gee Mon Wong* (sponsor: Winston Wong, grandfather); *Lysander Gee Quon Wong* (sponsor: Winston Wong, grandfather); *Kevin B.H. Wong* (sponsor: Sidney B.W. Wong, father);

Elizabeth S.H. Wong (sponsor: Sidney B.W. Wong, father-in-law); *Korben D. Wong* (sponsor: Sidney B.W. Wong, grandfather); *Koen C. Wong* (sponsor: Sidney B.W. Wong, grandfather); *Janine Wai-Kin Wong* (sponsor: Doretta H.W. Wong, great aunt); *Jhoevhen Arucan Sabado* (sponsor: Jonathan A. Wong, father-in-law).

Education Awards to Be Presented at Gen. Mtg.

The following members will receive their awards:

Bachelor's (\$800):

Yiju Huang [Political Science] (parents/grandparents Qizhen Huang); *Tingxuan Huang* [Computer Science] (parents/grandparents Heliang Huang); *Caitlin Pang* [Elementary Education] (parents/grandparents Janice and Byron Pang); *Maile Pang* [Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science] (parents/grandparents Byron Pang); *Kevin Wong* [Computer Science] (parents/grandparents Karie and David Wong); *Alexander Wong* [Finance and Philosophy] (parents/grandparents Arnold and Donna Wong); *Leia Lau* [Biology] (parents/grandparents Gayle and Lorinda Lau); *Kalena Wong* [International Relations] (parents/grandparents Lorena and Stacey Wong);

Doctorate (\$1000)

Dayna Wong [Family Nurse Practitioner] (parents/grandparents Jonathan and Georgina Wong); *Shelly Wong* [Medicine] (parents/grandparents Winston and Monica Wong).

Chinatown New Year Parade February 10, 2018

Once again, WKHT's unit in the parade will boast of a trolley with our Ukulele Ensemble singing along and seniors who can't walk too far. Overall chair was Arthur Wong, assisted by Chadwick Wong; banner leader Edna McKenna; kung-fu group leader David Liu.; trolley leader, Wayne Wong. The sequence of marchers: banner, walkers, kung fu troupe, trolley.

Open House Held on Feb. 4, 11:00 a.m.

The Chinese New Year Open House at our new headquarters was held on Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fireworks and auspicious Lion Dancers from Yeung Duk opened the ceremonies.

At 12 noon the Narcissus Queen and her court made an appearance and paid respects to our ancestors by offering incense. Queen Wanying Zhong, Kristina Maria Wai Ling Yee, 1st Princess, Tyler Mei Kwai Ching, 2nd Princess, Tiffany Ailing Chen, 3rd Princess, and Katherine Yu Ling Kaw, 4th Princess.

Members earlier paid respects to our ancestors' shrine by offering of incense and libations.

Year of the Dog and Chinese New Year

Tidbits

About Flowers: because of the proximity of Chinese New Year to spring on the luna calendar, homes decorated with fresh flowers to commemorate the hope a new year and season will bring. Several types of flowers hold significance, and red is the most favored auspicious color. A prosperity tree, usually a miniature citrus tree of simply bare twigs often completes the home. The Chinese use red string to tie red envelopes and old coins to the branches as an offering to the God of Wealth for a prosperous year.

The flower and its significance:

Narcissus (Good fortune and prosperity)

Camellia (Spring)

Evergreen Pine Cypress (Great Mortality, vitality, and endurance)

Peach (Long life)

Buddha's Hand Citron (Happiness and longevity)

Quince Branches and Blossoms (Flourishing splendor and prosperity)

Kumquat (Gold and prosperity)

Orchid (Love and fertility)

Peony (Spring and wealth)

Lotus (Summer and purity)

Chrysanthemum (Autumn; flower of the recluse, hardiness)

Plum Blossom (Winter; pure, honest friendship, perseverance)

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Chinese New Year's Eve

Chinese New Year's Eve is a night of reunion to instill harmony. A family dinner brings hope for a New Year filled with all things good. Children are allowed to stay up well past normal bedtime with the elders. Their enthusiasm for staying awake, known as the longevity vigil, is an auspicious sign of their elders' life spans. Red candle illuminate the house so that bad luck can't wander into the corners during the long night. Finally, at midnight, the new lunar year is welcomed with hearty conviviality and boisterous red firecrackers. Lucky money is distributed to the youngsters (and left under their pillows), and the spring that brings forth renewal has arrived.

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Firecrackers

The pa, pa-pa-pa, pa, POW of exploding firecrackers is believed to promote a change in energy, deliver new beginnings, and provide protection from harm. Because of the ear-deafening bangs scared mortals and animals alike, it was believed that frightening away demons like Nian, the evil spirit, would make way for a year of good health, prosperity and happiness. Firecrackers, *pao zhang* (*exploding bamboo*) mean all things to the Chinese. They are burned at home and at work, for the sacred and the secular, in celebration and in joy.

Chinese firecrackers come in different shapes and sizes. The most common ones are 1.5 inches tall and are bundled sixteen or fifty per pack. These small red tubes are braided together with string and wrapped in transparent red paper.

In Honolulu, the chains of firecrackers on Open House night are huge and long, for the lions' welcome to the merchants' invitations.

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Lucky Money (Lisee)

When a child expresses New Year's wishes and blessings to the grown-ups in Chinese, it ripens the pockets for lucky money. Known as lisee in Cantonese and *hong bao* in Mandarin, red envelopes are given to young or unmarried children by elders. Money in even amounts is considered lucky; however, four, which sounds similar to the word for death, is very unlucky. One contemporary Chinese method of gauging what amount to give is based on the price of a candy bar. Red envelopes are typically given one per adult. Married couples usually give two envelopes. But in some regions in northern China, mothers are the sole givers of the lucky money packets.

Giving and receiving lucky money signifies good luck for all. Those who give will in turn receive. A Chinese family's luck is passed along and entrusted to their children. Receivers accept graciously with a heavy thank you - *do jie* in Cantonese or *xie-xie* in Mandarin- and often with three kneeling bows.

Etiquette dictates that the envelope remain unopened until the giver and receiver leave each other's company. New Year's lucky money is intended to sustain the child from one year to the next, so saving is encouraged. The word for red, *hong*, also sounds like "vast" or "liberal" in Chinese leading to the belief that money wrapped in red will multiply.

Lisees given at New Year's is also known as *ya sui qian*, or New Year money.

New Parliamentarian

Beverly C. Wong has been named new parliamentarian as of January 25, 2018. She inherited the role as Myra Chun became the new auditor. Beverly C. has been active in WKHT affairs and serves also on the Education Awards committee.

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