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2014 WKHT OHANA AWARD PRESENTED AT INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

CALENDAR

謹訂於二零一四年四月二十二日星期六上午十一時半假座啊里意蘭尼小學校禮堂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. 16 (Sun.)- Kapahulu Center Activity
Feb. 22 (Sat.) – General Meeting, Aliiolani Sch.
Mar. 08 (Sat.) – Spring Banquet...at Hee Hing
Mar. 16 (Sun.) – Kapahulu Center Activity
Apr. 12 (Sat.) –Baisan Manoa Cemetery



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(cont. p. 2: *Officers*)

Awardees: Francis B.G. Wong Family



The Francis BG Wong family, consisting of Francis BG and wife Beverly, distinguished themselves as long time members of good standing who unselfishly and untiringly contributed their services to the Wong Kong Har Tong Society of Hawaii.

Francis BG served as the Sergeant at Arms for the Wong Kong Har Tong Society, and Beverly served as the Chairperson of the Education Award Grant Committee. Their work on the Education Award Grant Committee was instrumental in providing needed support to Wong Kong Har Tong student members seeking higher education. The award program is a critical mission of the Society to provide financial support and encouragement to our members.

Francis BG and Beverly could always be counted on to jump in and assist in any of the Wong Kong Har Tong activities. They volunteered for the Military Appreciation days at the Zoo, WKHT Splendor of China booth, Chinese New Year Parade, Bai San and Dragon Boat race / WKHT picnic. They were active participants in our special events such as the Fishing Trip, Polynesian Cultural Center, etc.

Francis BG and Beverly are also active in the community. Beverly was recognized for her contributions as a volunteer to the Cancer Society, (cont. p.2: *Ohana*)

Cont. fr. p.1: *Officers*

Education Award Grant, Emily Wong; Historian, Christy Yee; Strategic Planning, Arnold K.H. Wong. Special Advisors to the president: Wah Lun Wong, Henry LiNan Wong, Harry C.Y. Wong, Henry S.P. Wong, Richard J.C. Wong, Dennis K.W. Wong, Fred C.M. Wong; Sgt.-at-arms, Francis B.G. Wong.

Cont. fr. p. 1: *Ohana*

as a board member for Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), Salt Lake Seniors organization, and assist in Friends of the Library. Francis BG was a volunteer at USO and Boy Scouts as a troop leader and assist in Friends of the Library.

On behalf of the Wong Kong Har Tong Society officers, directors and members, we recognize you for your numerous, outstanding contributions to Wong Kong Har Tong Society and to our community, and hereby honor and congratulate you with the Wong Kong Har Tong Society Ohana Award. We wish you continued Happiness, Good Health and Success in all your future endeavors.

Dated: January 5, 2014 of the Year of the Horse

Oldest Active Member Honored at Installation



Today, we would like to honor our oldest active member.

Paul K.H. Wong was born on Sept. 21, 1915 (98) in Wailuku, Maui. Paul was the seventh child of eleven children with three girls and eight boys. Paul lived on Maui until his high school years when he was sent to Oahu to live with his older sister and attended Saint Louis College (now known as Saint Louis High School) and graduated in 1933. Paul Married Laura Pang in September 1942 and had five children, three girls and two boys. He traveled a

lot in his youth that included the Chicago World's Fair. Some of his jobs include the National Guard, stevedore, carpenter, real-estate salesman, and part owner of an electronic appliance business on Maui (GW Electronics).



Ni hao, and aloha, and welcome to our 2014 Installation function. As we get ready to install the leadership group, let me say that

Last year we looked at **what** we were doing and **how** we were doing it. We think we are doing the right things and doing them well but look for your feedback and suggestions. Another goal was to get more volunteers into the committees so that we could sustain the services performed for you. I thank all who have served and ask those who can spare some time to look into joining our committees. We look forward to the Year of the Horse.

Chadwick Wong, President

Christmas Party Well-Appreciated



Bingo games, lucky drawings, Santa with gifts for children, a magic show, highlighted 2013's Christmas party held at Treetops Restaurant in Manoa. Greeting and registering the members and guests were Yvonne Wong and Beverly H. Wong. Our annual Christmas ensemble, headed by Fred C.M. Wong, entertained with Christmas songs. Members of the ensemble were Emily McCollum, Gregory Wong, Arthur Wong, David Mark Wong, and Jeffrey C.M. Wong. Our WKHT Ukulele Ensemble, dressed festively and some in Santa's caps, delighted the audience with their songs and hula numbers.

Laurels and kudos to our Christmas party com-

mittee and chair Christy Wong Yee and her elves Beverly H. Wong, Yvonne Wong, Matthew Wong, Emily Wong, Jeffrey C.M. Wong, Linda Chang and Wayne Terada.



Christy and Fred C.M.'s grandson; Jeffrey C.M. Wong

Letters of Thanks & Appreciation

What a surprise! Thank you, doh jay, xie-xie for presenting the WKHT Ohana Award and "lisee" to us at the Annual Installation Luncheon. We were truly honored to be recognized for our participation at the many programs and events through the years. It was our privilege to have been able to give back to WKHT for all that they have given to us and our Wong family. We have benefited from these activities in friendship, food, fun and fellowship.

Our best wishes to the WKHT officers and members for a happy, healthy, and continued success throughout the Year of the Horse!

--Francis B.G. and Beverly C. Wong & Family.--

To WKHT Award Committee:

Thank you for the gift of the Education Award. I am deeply grateful and appreciative of your support in helping me work towards my academic and occupational dreams by alleviating financial burdens. I am halfway through my nursing program and am building a strong foundation in nursing and the care of others. I am currently in my Psychiatric and Gerontology rotation. As these rotations have just started, I am eager to learn what it takes to help these patients as well as interacting with them. I am eager to continue to expand my professional skills and character. I find joy in these journey that nursing school is taking me and I thank you for your kindness in granting me this educational award to keep me on the path of my dreams and helping me spread the aloha spirit.

---[s] Crystal Wong, Future RN 2014

To: WKHT Education Award Committee:

Thank you once again for the WKHT Education Award. I am about to start my third semester in the Associated Degree of Nursing (AND) at Kapiolani Community College. It is a very challenging semester with a tone of information and skills to learn. I will enter the pediatric, maternity, and obstetrics courses for nurses.

I am also the current Student Nurses Association president. It has been a pleasurable experience so far. This semester will be my last, as my one-year term will come to an end. I plan to further my education at the University of Hawaii with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing as most of the hospitals are only hiring RN's with a BSN. I hope to specialize with dialysis which I find most interesting.

This education award is very special for my family and myself as it helps to pay for tuition and books. My family is very grateful for this award.

Thank you again.

---[s] Stephen Mar---

To WKHT:

Thank you for your monetary gift and kind words of support (in memory of Henry Y.S. Wong).

Shirley (wife), Mike, Pat, Carole and Family

To: WKHT:

The siblings of the late William Y. L. Wong sincerely appreciate your warm condolence lisee and sympathy.

Harry C.Y., Allen Y.K., Gloria Tamashiro, Edna Liu, Patricia Mar, and Rowena Tanaka

To: WKHT:

Thank you for your generous gift (condolences). Your support has meant a great deal to us.

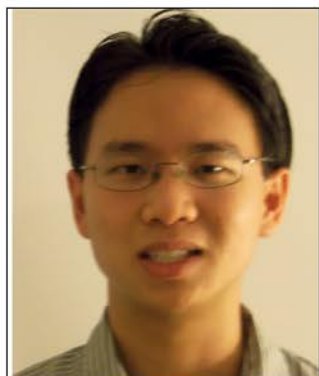
Dad enjoyed the time spent with the society and looked forward to all the activities. He also enjoyed sharing his time for the growth and prosperity of the society. We know he will miss all of you and the gatherings.

Thank you again for your support during this difficult time.

Love, Suzie, Eric, Derrick, & Crystal Wong 3



Ricky Wong, new chairman for WKHT marching unit for Lunar Year Parade. Thank you, Ricky!



*Christopher's
Crystals*

Aloha WKHT Newsletter Readers. I hope that you are enjoying time with friends and family this holiday season, and are experiencing the decreases in stress that come as a result of having social support.

With New Year's Resolutions coming up, I would like to share some of my experiences with goal-setting, and a strategy that has worked for me.

A little while back, when I was a sophomore in high school, I failed at chemistry with flying colors. At the end of an entire year of learning, I did not understand what a mole was. That's like playing football for an entire year and not knowing what a touchdown is. Yes, it was that bad. Without understanding the essential concept of what a mole was, I have no idea how I earned a C-. Really, the only thing I learned in that class was that a girl once got an acidic piece of glass stuck in her eye because she was walking around a live laboratory

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without her safety goggles on, and that I should always be aware in the lab.

Fast-forward a few years, and I found myself at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, once again facing down a general chemistry course. At this time, I wanted to be a medical doctor and was checking-off the pre-med curriculum's course requirements one by one. Though the teacher was a little obscure, often spending long periods of class time on tangential topics why globe warming is actually a myth (is it?), and why it is actually safe to stand in front of a microwave when it is on (is it?), and though near-perfect performance was needed to earn an A (the class average was around a 60%, with no curve), I was able to excel.

I would like to share how this happened with you, and encourage you to set a goal for yourself.

Goals are often chosen broadly. I could say, for example, I want to "get in shape." What's missing, though, is how I get there. What exactly does "get in shape" mean? How can I measure my progress. While it is beneficial to have overarching goals like "get in shape", change more readily occurs with SMART goals. Each letter stands for a goal-setting word, and I will also include a specific example.

S (specific) – With that general chemistry course,, I decided that I would study at least 45 minutes a day. I would read every word in every assigned chapter, no matter how boring. I would do every assigned practice problem.

M (measurable) – My goals were easily measurable. I set a timer while studying, to make sure I hit the 1-hour mark. I checked off my assignment sheet to indicate that I had read each chapter, and had accomplished each practice problem. There was nothing obscure about what I had done. There was no immeasurable concept saying my "chemistry-aptitudeness" had increased. I knew exactly what I had done, and what I still needed to do.

A (attainable) – Full disclosure: I am bored very easily. I can sit and contemplate life for hours, but when I am working on a specific task, my mind readily wanders. That is why I set a goal of 45 minutes a day. I knew this was an attainable goal

for my video game-addled mind. Setting goals that are too difficult can simply cause one to become discouraged. If I said I would study two hours a day, what's more likely to have happened would be that I would have studied two hours each day for the first week, and, by then, the idea of chaining my mind down for such a length of time would become so odious that I would have stopped studying altogether. We can think of it like racing; either you can sprint from the start and grow weary, or you can go slow and steady and surpass the person who was so eager at the beginning.

R (realistic) – This one is similar to attainable. I knew that I would not become the next Marie Curie, John Dalton, or Michael Faraday. I expected an A, and nothing more. I saw my potential, and by loving myself enough to stick to my specific, measurable, and timely goals, I aced the course.

T (timely) – Lastly, goals should have reasonable time frames. Time frames give the achieving of the goal a sense of urgency, and a proverbial “light at the end of the tunnel” to look forward to.

If this inspired you, and you have a goal you want to achieve, I encourage you to get out a blank piece of paper. Write a large letter S, M, A, R, and T going from top to bottom. Fill it out, and try your best. Anything worthwhile is necessarily not easy to achieve. And remember, there is no such a thing as failing. Each try gives you more foundation, or a new experience from which to grow.

I have some big dreams that I'm scared I will never achieve. SMART goal-setting helps me to see hope. Let's learn and grow together, but still remember to be grateful for where we are right this second. Take care. – *Chris*



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by Christy Wong

What animal lover doesn't pass an animal shelter or pet shop window and think, “I love puppies, but raising them is way too much work!” Who hasn't teared up at one of those ASPCA commercials featuring dogs and cats in need of loving homes? Who hasn't, at one time or another, thought of themselves that they would love to help all the animals in the world – only if they had the time, space and resources to do so?

What if there was a local program that would allow you to do just that?

Of course, no one can save every stray or abused cat or dog that comes their way. But the Pet Foster Care Program at the Hawaiian Humane Society makes it easy to reach out to dogs and cats of all ages and sizes, who just need a little bit of love and a temporary home.

It seems easy enough to cuddle and take home a palm-sized kitten or frisky puppy, but according to Lorraine Shaughnessy, foster care coordinator for the Hawaiian Humane Society, a stray or abandoned puppy or kitten must be neutered and deemed healthy/strong enough before it can be adopted by its forever family. Although it varies from case to case, most puppies are fostered until they are eight weeks old, and most kittens are fostered until they weigh at least two pounds and it is safe to neuter them.

In addition, there are many adult cats and dogs who require foster care due to illness, military deployment, or insufficient space at the shelter.

If you love puppies or kittens, dogs or cats, but can't commit to providing a lifetime home, the foster home program may be just what you are looking for.

Not long ago, Scott and I, along with Scott's sister Karlene, attended the foster education program (a one-hour information session in which all of our questions about the program were answered) and subsequently we tried our hand at fostering a trio of feisty kittens. (Karlene, much more intrepid than we are, jumped straight into puppy fostering.) HHS provided everything we needed for the kittens: wet and dry food, dishes, a carrier, litter box and

litter. Supplies in on hand and mewling kittens in another, we went home and set up a quiet place for them to explore and settle into.

Unfortunately, as it does happen sometimes, we were not compatible with these kittens. I have a hunch they were brought in from the street – though how anyone actually caught them and turned them in to HHS, I cannot even begin to imagine, because they didn't want to be handled and they *really* didn't want to be friends with our poor sweet dog Kona (who loves cats and is very gentle with them). After 24 hours, I am sorry to say, Heckle, Jekyll, and Hyde were on their way back to HHS for someone else to try their hand at fostering.

I share our story with you not to discourage you from fostering – on the contrary. I share with you so that you know that if the animal you initially take home is not a good match for you, HHS will not force you to ride out the foster period (two to three weeks for short-term placements). Compatibility and a good foster experience is of utmost importance in this program. You'll be matched again when another animal in need shows up. Due to holiday craziness we have not yet been re-matched with a fuzzy foster kid, but we do look forward to trying again soon.

Case in point: whatever happened to Karlene? She became the world's most devoted foster puppy mother! She and her family are on their third pair of foster puppies (they're currently fostering a pair of lab mixes), and her seven-year-old daughter, Eliza, a dog-lover since birth, couldn't be happier. It is always difficult to pack them up and give them back, but Karlene does so with a sense of pride and accomplishment at having partially raised, loved, trained and in some cases, rehabilitated these pups in preparation for their lives in their forever homes.

If you're interested in becoming a foster parent, please call Lorraine Shaughnessy at the Hawaiian Humane Society at 356-2229.

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HAPPY YEAR OF THE HORSE



Niece Eliza and Christy with Karlene's two foster lab mixes puppies.

Welcome, New Members!

Submitted by Jeffrey C.M. and Yvonne Wong, membership committee

Ethan Kaniela Mookanana Liu (*sponsor*: Rodney Liu, son); Susanna Jayne Liu (*sponsor*: Rodney Liu, spouse); Rattiya Wong (*sponsor*: Joseph J. W. Wong, spouse); David Allan Yang (*sponsor*: Elaine Wong Yang, mother); Stephanie K. Yang Wong (*sponsor*: Elaine Wong Yang, mother); Dr. Aldrin Bing Leong Wong (*sponsor*: Elaine Wong Yang, mother-in-law); Jared Skylar Wong (*sponsor*: Elaine Wong Yang, grandmother); Lylie Ann Skye Wong (*sponsor*: Elaine Wong Yang, grandmother); Logan Riffe Wong (*sponsor*: Elaine Wong Yang, grandmother).

OBITUARIES

WKHT extends condolences to the families of the following members who passed away in the latter half of 2013:

William Y.L. Wong, 82, passed away on October 15th. He is survived by siblings Harry C.Y. Wong, Allen Y.K. Wong, Gloria Tamashiro, Edna Liu,, Patricia Mar, Rowena Tanaka and nieces & nephews.

Henry S.Y. Wong, 90, passed away on November 2nd. He is survived by wife Shirley, children Mike, Pat, Carole, and family.

Paul W.K. Wong, 67, passed away on November 25th. He is survived by sons Eric and Derick Y.K., a brother and a sister.

Wong-derful News

Matthew Wong, elementary school teacher, was selected to attend a conference workshop for teachers held in Washington, D.C. in the fall...William K.C. and sisters Mildred and Janet toured Orlando, Florida vacation tourist spots, including Epcot Center, Disneyworld, etc. etc. There was so much walking, walking, walking...Henry LiNan again rang the bell for the Salvation Army's kettle donations at Christmas time...Tina Wong Au is 2014's president of Hawaii Mainland Chinese Overseas Association.



Matthew helped with conducting Bing games at our Christmas Party at Treetops Restaurant.



Arthur, David, and Fred CM entertained with Christmas carols at Christmas party.



L. to r.: Emily, Jeffrey, Matthew, Christy and Linda Chang ran Bingo game smoothly and efficiently. Yvonne and Beverly H. checked in members and guests at Christmas party.



Our Ukulele Ensemble entertained at the Christmas party.



Kiddies up front, enjoying magic show.



Paul K.H. Wong, 98. Nephew Jeffrey C.M., son Arnold D.C., right, at Installation Lunch.



Past and former presidents honored at Installation Luncheon, left to right: Wah Lun Wong, Harry C.Y. Wong, Joseph W.K. Wong, William Gee Kong Wong, Dennis K.W. Wong, William K.C. Wong, and Henry Linan Wong

Baisan is scheduled for the second Saturday on April 12th, 10:00 a.m. at Manoa Chinese Cemetery.



2014 Officers: Arthur .C. Wong (secretary). Chadwick W. Wong (president), Annette L. Wong, (vice-president and assistant treasurer). Wah Lun Wong (treasurer). Not pictured: Rodney K.H. Liu (asst. secretary).

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