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ALOHA AND MAHALO TO PRESIDENT HARVEY MAN HEE WONG!

CALENDAR

謹訂於二零一八年十一月二十四日星期六上午十時假座 **Mandalay** 舉行本年度第四次全體會員大會議.懇請諸位堂兄弟姐妹踴躍出席參與! 謝謝.

Nov. 24 (Sat.) Fourth General Mtg. **Mandalay**

Nov. 11 21(Sun.) Honolulu Community Church activity, Ukulele, mah jong.



Harvey Man Hee Wong



Legacy Monument is 95% completed in Fujian.

Names of our founders and donation contributors will be engraved on one side of the monument. *Our Founders: Wong Chew, Wong Leong, Wong How, Wong Min Hoong, Wong Bat Ting, Wong Wing.*

Contributors and donors in honor (\$500 per):

Chee Wong, president, and Shee Cheong Wong; Wallace Wun Yun Wong, president 1991-92 and Mabel Kam Lan Kop Wong; Dennis King Wai Wong, president 2009-2010, and Annette Leong Wong, president 2015-2016; Alvin C.P Wong and Donna Wong; Arthur Kwock Cheong Wong, president 2018-2019, and Gwendolyn Ching Wong, Aaron Gar On Wong; Arthur Y. Wong and Margaret Au Wong; Chadwick W. Wong, president 2013-2014 and Gayle N. Wong; Chew Leong Wong, president 1975-1976, and Amy (cont. p.4 Legacy contributors)

First and foremost, it is with sincere humility that I thank the WKHT membership for giving me the privilege to serve as your president. I would be remiss for not recognizing and thanking all the directors and officers for sharing their time and talent in managing our society.

In the course of two years, we bought a new society hall, 5-unit apartment building on Huna Street, two houses on Hauoli Street.

We have embarked on building a Legacy Monument made of black granite.

New programs included Chinese culinary skills, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese art appreciation.

Community projects included Palolo Chinese Home Dynasty Gold Tournament, Dragon Boat Race, Visit to Palolo Chinese Home and entertaining residents, and Visitor Industry Walk.

During the past two years, 72 undergraduates, graduates and professional school candidates were granted education awards to help further their education.

It has been a wonderful but quick two years. The conclusion of my presidency reminds me of the words President Bill Clinton, as he once said, "I am because of you."

I have learned a lot about our heritage and you have taught me that anything is possible when we work together.

Xie-xie to all.

Harvey Man Hee Wong

IMPORTANT!

The fourth General Meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, **November 24th** at Mandalay, 10:00 a.m. Election



The "never give up" 2018 WKHT Dragon Boat team always smiling and cheerful.

Learning Life Skills and the 2018 Dragon Boat Festival

by Amanda Wong

1. Reverse a 9-foot U-Haul van into the WKHT clubhouse driveway.
2. Set up four 10x10 pop-up tents and secure them with metal stakes.
3. Persuade 21 WKHT members and their friends to race.

These were some of the life skills I learned while helping with this year's Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Ala Moana Beach Park. Over 21 paddlers and cheerleaders came out to support WKHT in the 23rd annual Dragon Boat Festival. We competed in four races and didn't huli in any of the races! Emily was our drummer and Alex Lau was recruited to be our flag catcher. The paddlers looked sharp with their bright neon green racing shirts and matching sport caps.

Thanks to President Harvey, we had plenty of food to keep us energized throughout the day. For breakfast, we ate char siu manapua. The lunch menu consisted of hamburgers, chicken burgers, hot dogs, Chinese chicken salad, macaroni salad, water melon, and brownies - prepared and delivered by Regal Catering.

We had a full day of fun! Special thanks to Annette, Dennis, Alvin, Donna, Jeff, Harvey,

and Arnold for helping to set up the tents the day before. Thanks you also to Annette and Yvonne for distributing the shirts and caps and Arnold for keeping tract of our race schedule. Finally, a BIG MAHALO to Sherman and everyone who came out to paddle or support our paddlers. Hope to see everyone next year!



Cheerleaders and supporters of WKHT



Three generations of Ding Kong Wong, center

Ding Kong Wong, the youngest son of But Ting Wong, one of WKHT's founding fathers, passed away peacefully at the age of 98 in his home with his family beside him on Friday, August 3, 2018.

Ding Kong and his three brothers, Wai Kong, Yuen Kong and Chan Kong owned and operated the Yat Sing Company dry goods store their father started in 1904 on North King Street until it closed in 1988, a span of 84 years. He was also night manager of the iconic Wo Fat restaurant in Chinatown. Ding Kong was an officer and longtime active WKHT member.

Ding Kong is survived by his 4 children, Linda Kealoha, Darryl Wong, Derrick Wong, and Wendy Howell; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy, in 2012.

Teach a Man to Cook

by Alvin Wong

While the Chinese proverb says, "teach a man to fish, and you feed him for life, ", President Harvey Wong would argue that unless the man likes raw fish, you must also teach him to cook." President Harvey Wong would argue the "unless the man likes raw fish, you must also teach him to cook." On June 30, 2018, about



Learning to mix the ingredients

two dozen WKHT members were taught the basic culinary skills necessary in the preparation of kau yuk with taro and steamed fish. The cooking class continued the following Saturday with hands-on preparation of dim sum. These classes were made possible by a generous donation from Joseph and Kathy Wu. With their grant, President Harvey Wong was able to contract professionals through Mun Lun school to teach a series of classes, including cooking, calligraphy, art appreciation, Chinese painting, and pressed flowers.

The cooking classes were held at the WKHT Society Hall. Directors Annette Wong and Edna Wong McKenna helped in the site preparation, clean up, and student registration. The cadre of instructors were impressive. Albert Lum, owner/chef of On On Restaurant, shared some of his secrets in preparing kau yuk with taro and steamed fish. Mrs. Tan and Mrs. Ou, Mun Lun School teachers, taught our eager WKHT members the art of making taro balls rolled in coconut flakes, Chinese pancakes with chives, and mochi balls stuffed with red beans. While Mrs. Feng with the help of sous chef Cy Feng (her son), taught the students the intricate

technique in making "half moon with long beans and pork" dim sum. The best part of the class was sampling some of the dishes that were actually made by the students.

President Harvey Wong said that the classes were successful because "everyone came hungry to learn, but left filled with the some newly acquired cooking skills.

Writing Chinese Calligraphy the Principled Way

by Alvin Wong



The principled way and practice makes perfect

Do grade students fear being called to the principal's office? The answer is usually yes. But, ten WKHT members, led by President Harvey Wong, eagerly marched into the principal's office of Mun Lun School to begin a 3-day crash course on Chinese calligraphy. For three consecutive Saturdays, starting on August 4, 2018, the members were personally taught the basics of Chinese calligraphy by Principal Mengling Tan Moulden.

The syllabus included the history of Chinese calligraphy, the "Four Treasures of Study", and the eight basic types of strokes. Established during the Song Dynasty (960-1127), Chinese calligraphy is a combination of science and art. Although the evidence of early writing can be found on animal bones and shells, it was the invention of paper, ink, and brush that elevated the crude carvings to an art form what we now call Chinese calligraphy. Today, the Chinese recognize four essential elements in calligraphy,

including "bi" (brush), "mo" (ink), "zhi" (paper) and "yan" (ink stone). In addition to learning about the essential calligraphy instruments and its history, the members were taught the ancient history of Chinese couplets, a form of Chinese poetry that is often written on red paper or carved on wooden uprights. It is an artistic expression of love to the motherland, the beauty of nature, or best wished for the coming year.



Practice makes perfect

For homework, the members had to practice many hours writing the strokes correctly. President Harvey said that "there are no Cliff Notes for calligraphy. It's like playing a music instrument. Practice makes perfect. For the final exam, the members were required to write their name in Chinese and a portion of the WKHT Chinese couplet. It was a daunting task for these novice calligraphers, but everyone passed with high praises for Principal Moulden, despite having only 3 days of lessons.

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Ching Wong, Daniel Wellington Wong and Lucille Wong, Lorinda Wong-Lau and Gayle Lau, Danton Wong and Helen Wong, Taylor Wong, Devon Wong, and Turner Wong, Troy and Stephanie Lau, and Leia Lau, Dick Hoy Wong and Beverly Hung Kam Wong, Elaine Wong Yang and Charles Yang, Gilbert G.H. Wong, president 1999-2000, and Shirley L. Wong, Harry Cheong Yung Wong, president,

2011-2012, Harvey Man Hee Wong, president, 2017-2018, Jeffrey Yee Chat Wong, and May Chi Mei Wong, Richard J.C. Wong, president, 2001-2002, and Julia Mark Wong, auxiliary president, Michael Wong, Wayne Wong, and Jodi Reiko Wong, Wai Kong Wong, president 1955-1956, and Thelma Y.M. Wong, Wellington C. Wong and Choi Yuk Wong, Yuen Kong Wong, president 1981-1982, and Margaret Wong.

2019 Installation of Officers and Directors

The 2019 Installation Luncheon of Officers and Directors will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at The Mandalay Restaurant. Please send in your registration and refundable deposit of \$35 by December 21, 2018. Active members only.

Moon Festival Dinner a Full Course

This year's Moon Festival celebration was held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at The Mandalay. Full of camaraderie and mirth filled the air as the mock Moon Princesses were crowned with haku leis and title sashes.



Mock Moon Princesses Annette and Edna were part of the program.

Our Ukulele Ensemble provided registration time music.



Our Ukulele Ensemble entertained guests.

Acknowledgements:

Linda Chan, and The Mandalay Restaurant staff for the delicious food and moon cakes; Peter and Grace Siu for generously supporting our society events with a gift of sweet chili sauce on each table and a bottle of shoyu for each of our guests; Gordon and Winona Wong, for the pomelo fruit on each table; Harvey Wong for the WKHT pens, venue, and menu; Beverly H. Wong, for chairing the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Dinner; Brad Chun, for being Master of Ceremonies; Charles Yang and WKHT Ukulele Ensemble for entertaining our guests; Shelly, Amanda, Jonathan, and Georgina Wong for welcoming our guests and their assistance at the reception table; Min Lang Wong for blessing of the food; Alvin and Donna Wong for taking pictures and creating sashes for our Moon Princesses; Dennis and Annette Wong for reservations, purchasing the soda and bottle of peanuts and the moon-cake give away; Edna McKenna for the acknowledgements; to all of you, for being special guests this evening to participate in our Mid-Autumn Moon Festival dinner.

Education Awards

Bachelor's (\$800)

Yiju Huang (Political Science) (Parents Qizhen Huang)

Tingxuan Huang (Computer Science) (Parents Heliang Huang)

Caitlin Pang (Elementary Education) (Parents Byron and Janice Pang)

Maile Pang (Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science) (Parents Byron and Janice Pang)

Alexander Wong (Finance and Philosophy) (Parents Arnold and Donna Wong)

Leia Lau (Biology) (Parents Gayle and Lorinda Lau)

Alex Dipasupil (Computer Science) (Parents Wayne and Cynthia Wong)

Caleb Chun (Aviation) (Parents Stuart and Cynthia Wong)

Doctorate (\$1000)

Dayna Wong (Family Nurse Practitioner) (Parents Jonathan and Georgina Wong)

Shelly Wong (Medicine) (Parents Winston and Monica Wong)

2019 Slate of Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs

Officers:

President: Arthur C. Wong

Vice-President: Wayne K.C. Wong

Asst. Secretary: Myra Wong Chun

Treasurer: Edna Wong McKenna

Assistant Treasurer: Annette L. Wong

Board of Directors:

Director: Harvey M.H. Wong

Director: Annette L. Wong

Director: Chadwick Wong

Director 2019 : Sherman G.B. Wong

Director 2019 : Henry LiNan Wong

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Director 2020: Dennis K.W. Wong

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Emeritus Treasurer: Wah Lun Wong

Living Treasure: Harry C.Y. Wong

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Social and Cultural: Beverly H.K. Wong

Kimberly L.K. Wong Balisacan

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Audit: Cynthia Lum Wong

Investment Asset Management: Chadwick W. Wong

Real Estate Management: Alvin C.P. Wong

Harvey M.H. Wong

Community Activity: Harry C.Y. Wong

Education Award Grant: Emily S.Y. Wong

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

Parliamentarian: Christy M.J. W. Yee

Strategic Planning: Arnold K.H. Wong

Historian: Christy M.J.W. Yee

Special Advisor to the President

Annette L. Wong

Dennis K.W. Wong

Harvey M.H. Wong

Henry LiNan Wong

Henry S.P. Wong

Wah Lun Wong

Hawaii Celebrates China's 69th National Day

by Alvin Wong

October 1, 2018 marks the 69th National Day for the People's Republic of China. Throughout the world, Chinese recognize Dr. Sun Yat-Sen as the founder of modern day China. Often referred to as the Xinhai Revolution of 1911, the popular uprising was led by him to overthrow the imperial Qing dynasty. But, after years of civil war and internal conflict, chairman Mao Tse Tung founded the People's Republic of China in 1949, as the successor government of China. Today, China is Asia's major economic leader. While the nation is currently involved in a trade dispute with the U.S., it is ranked as the second largest economy in the world.



WKHT members attending the People's Republic of China's National Day Celebration.

In Hawaii, the China National Day Committee celebrated this significant date with a program featuring a traditional 9-course Chinese banquet, a lion dance performance, and ethnic music and dance routines. Approximately 300 participated in the sold-out event on September 30, 2018 at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant. Invited to the celebration were

many foreign dignitaries and local government officials, including Consul General Sun Lushan of the PRC, Los Angeles, Governor David Ige, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Speaker Calvin Say, and Council member Carol Fukunaga. Welcome remarks were given by President Shi, Hawaii Fujian Business Association and President Jeffrey H.F. Young, Buck Toy Club..

China National Day Committee President Vernon Ching thanked all of the sponsors, committee chairs, and major supporting organizations, including Wong Kong Har Tong of Hawaii. Member attended included President Harvey Wong, Alvin Wong and Donna Wong, Charles Yang and Elaine Wong, Beverly H.K. Wong, Myra Wong Chun, and Kimberly Balisacan. Edna Wong McKenna sat at the United Chinese Society table.



Consul General of the PRC, Los Angeles is pictured standing second from the left.

Republic of China (Taiwan) Celebrates National Day October 7, 2018 at Cultural Plaza

The Republic of China celebrated its 107th anniversary of its founding on October 7, Sunday, 2018 by honoring founder Dr. Sun Yat-sen at his bronze statue in Chinatown. After presentation of leis, members of various Chinese organizations paid respects and recognized the Republic of China (Taiwan) with a parade around the block. WKHT had a delegation participating in this event.

2019 Year of the Boar (Pig) Open House
Feb. 09, Saturday at Hauoli St. Headquarters
10:00 a.m.

China National Day Twice

By Alvin Wong

Would Americans consider celebrating the 4th of July twice? While we would consider it redundant, the Chinese have in recent history and for political reasons celebrated National Day twice. On the one hand, the People's Republic of China declared October 1 as the official National Day for the country. But, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has argued that October 10 (hence double ten) is the true National Day for China. In reality, both are correct. China's National Day is basically the Chinese declaration of independence and the recognition of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's effort to overthrow the imperial Qing Dynasty. Thus, the celebration for the establishment of modern day China is doubled for political ideology rather than for historical reasons.



President Harvey Wong and Republic of China's director general Michael and Mrs. Tseng

On October 8, 2018, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Honolulu held a reception at the Pacific Club to celebrate Taiwan's version of National Day. President Harvey Wong represented Wong Kong Har Tong and presented a flower lei to Michael Tseng for the special occasion. Present were many government leaders, including Governor David Ige and Mayor Kirk Caldwell. For the Chinese community, representatives from

United Chinese Society, Lung Doo, See Dai Doo, Association of Chinese University Women, Chinese Women's Club, Taiwan Chamber of Commerce, and Chinese Chamber of Commerce participated in the gala event.

Director General Michael Tseng reiterated Taiwan's commitment to remain as one of America's major trading partner and to continue its democratic form of government. The competition to celebrate China National Day will probably continue in the future. Don't be surprised if it happens twice.

Lung Doo Kow Tow Society

By Alvin Wong

September 16, 2018 marks the 75th anniversary of the Lung Doo Kow Tow Society. President Harvey Wong attended the event to congratulate its newly elected president Wai Inn Hu for their significant accomplishment. Other community leaders, including President Joseph Hu, and See Dai Doo president Leonard Kam, were also participants of the celebration. The banquet was held at Sea Fortune Restaurant, and a traditional 9-course dinner was especially prepared for the event.

Who is Rita Lum? While she appears to be a small elderly Chinese lady, Rita Lum is a dynamic past president of Lung Doo Kow Tow Society in the early 1990's. During the dinner, she stated that Chinese societies never allowed women to serve as presidents. But, this modern day "Mulan" bravely fought for her right of opportunity and eventually won the election to serve as its president. It should be noted that she did not want her name published, despite her pioneering efforts. She said that her society had become a victim of nepotism and that she wanted to "clean house."

Wong Leong Doo Benevolent Society

by Alvin Wong

President Harvey Wong attended the Autumn Banquet of our sister society, Wong Leong Doo Benevolent Society, on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Its president, Larry Kwong, welcomed approximately 150 members, guests, and community leaders, including Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Director General Michael Tseng, United Chinese Society 1st Vice President, Calvin Lau, and

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii president Joseph Hu.

The society was established in 1902 (the same as Wong Kong Har Tong) to assist single men who came to Hawaii from Wong Leong Doo village. This society is also one of seven that later organized to create Chung Shan Tung Heong Hui, the province of seven villages, including Wong Leong Doo.

Legend Restaurant prepared a delicious 9-course Chinese feast for the event. While it seems that someone forgot the traditional moon cakes, President Larry Kwong nevertheless offered a toast to everyone for a joyous Autumn season.



Kreesty's
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By Christy Wong Yee

(Kreesty's Column is on vacation.)

Wong Kong Har Tong
c/o Jeffrey C.M. and Yvonne Wong
3615 Wa'aloa Place
Honolulu, HI 96822

Pig Tales

The pig is the last of the twelve creatures in the Chinese zodiac. The pig can be black or white. The founding father of Kitan, a non-Chinese people who came from Manchuria to rule large areas to rule North China between 916 and 1122, is supposed to have had a pig's head and for this reason the Kitan would not, it seems, eat pork. Nor would the Chinese Muslims eat it, in keeping with universal Islamic precept. Since the god Xuan-tan is a Muslim, no pork should be offered to him in sacrifice either. Girls should not eat knuckle of pork, as this suggests pregnancy; pregnant women are given this dish, however, as it is supposed to be very nourishing both for mother and unborn child. 'Eating roast pork' is a metaphor for sexual intercourse.

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