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## NARCISSUS COURT VISITS LUNAR YEAR WKHT OPEN HOUSE FEB. 05

### CALENDAR

謹訂於二零一六年五月二十八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一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.

May 28 (Sat.) - 2nd General Mtg. at Aliiolani Cafetorium  
Jun. 19 (Sun.) - Kapahulu Center Activity

Education Awards ... February 20, 2016



Awardees and or parent representatives. Left, Annette Wong, president; right, Emily Wong Education Awards Chairman.

#### Bachelor's:

*Elishia Chun* (parents: Stuart and Gaylene);  
*Turner Wong* (parents: M/Ms. Danton Wong);  
*Melissa Mabel Wong* (parents: Orrin and Ann Wong);  
*Caitlin Pang* (parents: Byron and Janice Pang).

#### Master's and Doctorate:

*Lauren Wong* (parents: Dalwyn and Sharon); *Andrea Wong* (parents: Winston and Monica); *Christie Wong* (parents: Alvin and Donna)

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Narcissus Court and left to right: Harvey Wong, Wah Lun Wong, and Annette Wong

The bevy of pulchritudinous Narcissus Court paid a Chinatown open house visit to our headquarters on Friday, February 5. They offered incense to our ancestors' shrine and each received a good luck lisee presented by president Annette.

Afterwards, there was the traditional ceremony of honoring our ancestors and the offering of flowers, fruits, candied fruits, whisky and tea conducted by Wah Lun Wong and Lena C.Q. Wong. Incense were offered by members at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The auspicious lion also visited and offered blessings to our ancestors.

Setting up the altar was done by Wah Lun Wong, Lena C.Q. Wong, and daughter Edna McKenna. Forty-five members and guests partook of in the event.

Cleaning up prior to open house was done by Chadwick, Wah Lun, Lena C.Q., and Edna McKenna; After open house, clean-up was done with the help of Chadwick, Wilfred "Willie", Ricky Wong, among others.

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Annette presents Lunar Year lisee to Narcissus Queen as Tina Wong Au smiles approvingly.

Chinatown Lunar Year Parade of Jan. 30, 2016  
*As reported by Ricky Wong, chairman*

The weather was sunny with a slight breeze. David Liu's groups marched behind the Corvette with Annette inside. They performed various martial arts move which really delighted the crowd. I think they also brought much energy and enthusiasm to the WKHT marchers. The following members participated in the parade: *Annette Wong, Dennis Wong, Henry SP Wong, Harvey Wong, Jeffrey C.M. Wong, Yvonne Wong, Emily Wong, Derek Wong, Richard Au, Tina Wong Au, Wendy Leong, Walter Wong, Chadwick Wong, Alvin Wong, Donna Wong, Myra Wong, Beverly H. Wong, Caleb and Chloe, Bev's grandchildren) Sau Kuen Wong, Ricky Wong.*



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David Liu does his martial arts down the parade route.



Ricky and sister Tina Wong Au "sweat it out."

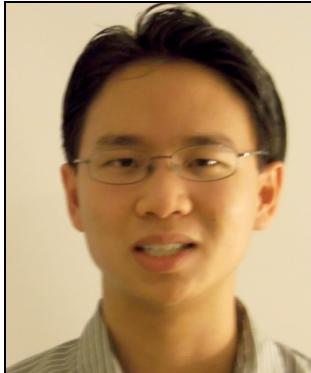


WKHT Marching Unit all ready to march down Hotel Street to River Street with gusto and enthusiasm.

Much thanks goes to Ricky, who coordinated this year's WKHT Matching Unit and to the members who turned out to march this year.

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## *Christopher's Crystals*

My friend recently came to visit Japan, staying with me for five days. We walked the twelve or so minutes from the station to my apartment, through the pouring rain. Two Hawaii boys more than 7,000 kilometers away from home, forging our own paths. That is the dramatic voice we have running through our heads, at least.

We talked about the lessons we had learned since meeting one another a year and a half ago. The biggest has been in being able to adapt to a variety of situations by creating a more stable sense of self and place in the world (which I am by no means even close to being done with).

For the both of us, we have come a long way. In Hawaii our roles were more set and defined. I was not always such a dreamer, and living in Hawaii was not always so easy. I often looked at situations from just a single perspective; at certain points I could not see any possible path my life could take.

Despite these things, Hawaii for me is and always will be my home. There are too many memories and too many loved ones there to leave it behind.

While I feel that my mindset and perspectives have opened, there are unforgettable memories that I want to give to my eventual children. I want to go to a tennis match and then to Manoa for Manapua. I want to go to KCC to practice driving and then to Kaimuki for a burrito. I want to go to Iolani for the SAT and then to Wailoa for a reward of shave ice. These are the memories that make me smile, even now as I write this, more than

7,000 kilometers away from home.

Going to the pool on a hot day with my Dad, brother, and friends, swimming while my Mom watches us and all the other people I love most in my life prepare spam musubis and hamburgers, there is no greater feeling for me in all the world.

This is the childhood I know and what I want to give and share in the future. This is the feeling deep down inside myself, an image of caressing, warming sunlight and of being surrounded by people whose love is as constant as the rhythmic water lapping against the side of the pool. Since coming to live in Japan, the knowledge that this is what I have inside of me is what has helped me the most.

My friend shares similar experiences, which is why I think we are able to get along as we do.

One night, before he left, we decided to go out to some bars and clubs. We found a wider, wilder, more benevolent world that we had ever dreamed existed.

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New Members Welcomed and Approved by Membership on February 20, 2016 General Meeting



Newest and youngest new member Jameson Yee is shown with his parents Scott and Christy Yee as membership chairman Jeffrey M.C. , members Wilfred, and Henry LiNan welcomed him to our clan.

Alice Chun (daughter of Wilfred and Sally Wong, sponsors); Brad Chun (Son-in-law of Wilfred and Sally Wong, sponsors); Jameson W.S. Yee (Son of Christy Wong and Scott Yee, sponsors); Finn Birk (Son of Remle Wong and Andy Birk, sponsors); Makayla Kiane Willis (Granddaughter of Alfred Mun Kong Wong, sponsor); Erik Gabriel Willis (Grandson of Alfred Mun Kong Wong, sponsor).

Young and old, we encourage our new members to participate and attend our many activities.

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#### Ukulele Ensemble to Visit Palolo Chinese Home

Our vibrant Ukulele Ensemble, under the leadership of maestro Charles Yang, will do their annual visitation to Palolo Chinese Home, entertaining the residents on Saturday, July 23, 2016. A medley of songs will be presented and residents will be encouraged to join the sing-along.

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## **OBITUARIES**

WKHT mourns the demise of Isabel Char Wong, 97, passed away on Jan. 17, 2016. She was an active member and was also very active in our former Women's Auxiliary.

Margaret Kim Yip Wong, 101, passed away on Feb. 22, 2016. She was an active member for many years and a member of our former Women's Auxiliary. She was the widow of former president Chock Tong Wong.

Condolences to Charles Yang, whose mother passed away on January 18, 2016. Charles is the director of our Ukulele Ensemble.

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#### Extending an Invitational Visit



Winona Wong (at mike) and daughter extend to members an excursion visit to her and her husband Gordon's Orchid Farm in the country during the February general meeting. The field trip is being considered during the summer?

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#### Spring Banquet a Winner

Preceded by our Ukulele Ensemble check in time concert and hulas, three rigorous and roaring auspicious lions pranced into the Royal Garden main dining room, officially opening the festivities of our 114th Annual Spring Banquet.



Elaine, our kumu hula, danced hula numbers to entertain the early arrivals, from 6:30 p.m.

Held at Ala Moana Hotel's Royal Garden Restaurant on May, 5, 280 members and guests

enjoyed jocund merrymaking amongst themselves as emcee Wayne Wong conducted opening and welcoming remarks.

Head tables special guests were introduced and soon afterwards, Richard J.C. Wong gave the invocation followed by dinner at which time entertainment was provided by Guang Zhong Music Ensemble, and then guzheng (Chinese zither) selections by guest guzheng virtuoso Yi Chieh Jay Lai.



Virtuoso Yi Chieh Jay Lai and Shirley Yoshida from Guang Zhong Music Ensemble entertained during dinner time, delighting the audience. They presented a series of classical and modern Chinese and Western selections.



Our Ukulele Ensemble entertained with vigor and aplomb a medley of familiar songs to the applauding audience.



Harvey and Yi Chieh Jay Lai listened intently to Guang Zhong Music Ensemble entertain while awaiting her turn to perform her numbers on the guzheng.



Annette and Harvey presented their toasts to the members and guests.

Much thanks goes to Sherman Wong and his Wah Ngai Lion Dance troupe; for manning the registration check-in desk, Shirley Wong, Beverly C. Wong, and Stella Kubo. Harvey Wong, V-P, donated the floral centerpieces And to Edna McKenna, for the distribution of leis to honored guests.

It was indeed a banner year 114th Annual Spring Banquet!.

## Thinking Ahead

Calling all Dragon Boat team members to be on the alert and think about being on our WKHT Teams. The date has not been given, but usually it is in July. July 30.

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## Zhongshan Summer Camp Scheduled

The annual Zhongshan City Summer Camp for Overseas Chinese whose roots are in Zhongshan is scheduled for this year in July. Any WKHT members' children between 16-24 are encouraged to sign up for this cultural camp. The United Chinese Society is coordinating this camp with Zhongshan City, Guangdong, China.

Members' who sign up for the camp will have to pay one-third of the cost, their sponsoring society one-third, and the United Chinese Society one-third. The camp is courtesy of Zhongshan City sponsors and includes Chinese culture such as martial arts, calligraphy, mandarin, Chinese songs and dances, ceramics, as well as excursions.

Those signing up will contact United Chinese Society to pick up forms and other pertinent information. Call UCS: 536-4621. Potential participants will also be interviewed and given orientation.

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## Representing WKHT

On May 12, 2016, Joseph Wong and wife May, and Wah Lun represented WKHT at ceremonies commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's demise, held in front of his bronze stature at the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Mall. The ceremonies began at 10:00 a.m. with many Chinese societies participating.

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## Notice: Activity Fee 2016

Please be sure your 2016 Activity Fee has been paid. If it is not, this will be the last newsletter you will receive and you will not be considered as an active member for events. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Wong, Membership Chair at [hoobie@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hoobie@hawaii.rr.com) or phone 988-6615.

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## Gathering Moon Festival Date Set

This year's WKHT Moon Festival will be held on Saturday, September 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Mandalay. Please enter into your calendar and register for the event as soon as you have the information flyer. The Luna Year Moon Festival falls on the Gregorian calendar on Thursday, September 15 of this year.

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## WKHT Makes Donation

The Executive Board on April 14 approved a donation to the sum of \$250 to the YMCA Fund Raiser.

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## Dragon Boat Races Scheduled

The Dragon Boat Races are scheduled for July 30th, at Ala Moana Beach Park. All paddlers and new paddlers will be contacted by Fred M.C., our Dragon Boat teams helmsman.

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## Guest Speaker Slated

Our May 28th (2nd General Meeting of the Year) will feature Charles Petranek, PhD in zoology, who will speak on the history of cemeteries in Hawaii. It should be interesting, since it follows April, Qing Ming month. Come and join us!

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## Kreesty's Kolumn by Christy Wong

Hello all - a huge thank you for being wonderful and supportive readers as we chronicled our first year as parents. It truly does take a village to raise a child, and sometimes all each villager needs to do to be deeply appreciated is smile and nod, and tell the newbie mom and dad, "We've been there," and/or "This too shall pass."

And it does all pass...how amazingly, wonderfully, terribly quickly that first year goes by. Expectant parents spend untold hours creating a registry, researching the best brands and types of baby gear, and debating with other parents the merits and pitfalls of each piece of equipment (all while our parents are informing us that when they raised us, bike helmets and seat belts were luxuries and no one had ever heard of a peanut allergy). We scour the baby food aisle for the most nutrient-dense blends of ready-made baby food (quinoa, tarragon, and amaranth are some of the ingredients in a few of J's food pouches!) We engage in heated conversations about vaccines schedules, cloth vs. disposable diapers, the safest car seat-stroller combos. And although it should have been obvious, somewhere, I lost sight of the fact that you only need to worry about these things for maybe a year. That's it! Then he's eating solids and transitioning to a big-kid car seat, and you're filling out preschool applications, and you've got a whole new set of worries to stew over.



Packing up and donating/selling of J's baby gear and clothes was so much more difficult than I anticipated. I knew I'd be sad, but it was more than that. I felt deeply attached to these items not only as relics of our kid's babyhood, but also as a reminder of the brand-new, wide-eyed, clean-slate, expectation-free people we were at the beginning of this journey and can never be again. Of course, I wouldn't change a thing, but as I slowly say goodbye to the items, I am saying goodbye to his infancy. I sold a chair last week and couldn't help thinking about how J would sit in it when he was about five months old. I would sprinkle dog treats near his feet so that the dogs would come entertain and babysit him while I made his breakfast on the other side of the kitchen. He would laugh hysterically as they licked his feet and nosed around the chair to find stray treats.

There's so much to be thankful for and look forward to, but I have been taking many moments to process the sadness of saying goodbye to that first, fleeting year. It went so fast. It was a beautiful, blessed first year- and as they said, that too did pass.

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## Wongderful News

Congratulations to our youngest member, *Jameson Yee*, who celebrated his first birthday in April. ... 2016 United Chinese Society Father of the Year is none other than our Wah Lun Wong, our former president. He was nominated by Lung Doo Benevolent Society, of which he is its current president.

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### Lost and Found: Reward in Store

Has anyone found a Nikon Binoculars in a black case 8x50? It belongs to Fred M.C. Wong. He is offering a reward. Please contact him at 265-5499 or at Dragon Boat Races.

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Contributed by member Marsha A. Maxwell:

The Chinese Women's Club of Honolulu is having a Scholarship/Welfare Fundraiser celebrating their 88th Anniversary "At the Double Happiness Happening" Fashion Show on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at the Halekulani Hotel. Fashions provided by Asian Soire'e Couture Designs by Ann Namba. For more information, please call Sharlene @ 922-6829.

Baisan April 16, 2016

Many hands make light work. The Baisan Committee would like to thank the many members who came out to help prepare and expedite this year's baisan honoring our ancestors. Special kudos to William K.C. for washing the tomb site and the use of his tables and chairs at the Memorial Hall.

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Sibling sisters (l. to r.) Patricia Wong Mar, Rowena Wong Tanaka, and Edna May Wong Liu have been helping with the baisan preparation of lunch boxes and distribution of pork slices, etc. at the Memorial Hall during baisan for a number of years.

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