



Newsletter

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Pres. Wesley F. Fong

Message from the President

by Wesley F. Fong

Congratulations to SDDS member **Sharlene Chun**, who was selected as the United Chinese Society's Model Mother of the Year. She made our society proud.

Also, congratulations to **Lisa Kam** (daughter of VP Leonard and Lori Kam) for receiving the \$10,000 scholarship for community service at the annual Kekumano Scholarship Award Dinner. She epitomizes SDDS's mantra of "giving back to our community."

Mahalo to Chair **Thomas Lai**, who did not disappoint us with another action packed movie for movie night – *IP Man 3*.

Mahalo to Chair **Lucy Wong** for another dynamic cooking show. Join us for a special President's "East – West "stir fry at our next cooking show. His recipe is published.

Mahalo to Chair **Norma Acopan** for again organizing our SDDS members' participation at the annual Hotel Industry Charity Walk. SDDS is "giving back to our community" again and getting our SDDS members active in community service.

Mahalo to **Robert Wong** for organizing another very impressive Ching Ming at Manoa Cemetery. All of the celebrants wore Chinese attire to pay tribute to our ancestors.

The **SDDS "Yangtze and Roots" Tour to China** was a big success. We reestablished our relationship with Zhongshan and Nanlang governments and were hosted by the Vice Mayors of Zhongshan and Nanlang, and everyone enjoyed sightseeing, shopping and eating. (See article in this newsletter).

Don't forget to vote on the **new amendments to Article III** of our by-laws on Wednesday, August 31, at 7:30 pm at the SDDS Hall. It is a very important vote (See insert for the Special General Membership Meeting, "To vote on amending Article III, SDDS By Laws", in this issue.).

Zhongshan City Officials Feted at Jade Dynasty Restaurant

A group of SDDS officers and trustees attended a reception for Zhongshan Vice Mayor Yang Wenlong on the 25th of May at the Jade Dynasty. Vice Mayor Yang and eight other Zhongshan city officials were visiting Honolulu, Zhongshan's sister city

Top L-R: Raymond Leung, Leonard Kam, Wesley Fong, Vice Mayor Yang Wenlong, Tina Au, Richard Au, Li Run-qui (Autumn), Baldwin Au, Clif Yim

Bottom L-R: Ken Lai, Robert Ching, Beverly Wong, Vivian Loo, Milton Yee.



— Photo by Vernon Ching

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2016 Spring Banquet

By Florence Au

2016 Spring Banquet

Chairwoman Florence Au

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Pres. Wesley Fong (right) and VP Leonard Kam with happy li see recipient Blossom Tyau.



Banquet Chairwoman Florence Au raises her glass with Pres. Wes and VP Leonard in toast to attendees.

In 1996, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton wrote a book with the title *It Takes a Village*.

For the 2016 SDDS Spring Banquet, it took volunteers from the villages of Jo Bu Tau, Cha Inn, Hou Chung, Sak Moon, On Ding, Sai Hong and Ngai Hau of the See Dai Doo area to put together and execute an awesome banquet program for over 600 people.

The Spring Banquet on April 2, 2016 at the Empress Restaurant started with fireworks to kick off the lion dance by the Wah Ngai Lion Dance Association. To continue the Society's mission of perpetuating the Chinese culture, President Wesley Fong and Vice President Leonard Kam presented a \$5,000 donation to Douglas Chong who received it on behalf of the Hawaii Chinese History Center.

The Master of Ceremony, Mike Kwok, kept the program running seamlessly, switching his presentation between English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

The banquet had a fabulous menu that included a mixed meat appetizer plate, scallop soup, Peking duck with buns, sautéed duck in a taro basket, kau yuk with taro, steamed fish filet with ginger onion sauce, shrimp with honey glazed walnuts, choy sum with mushrooms and *jin dui* for dessert. A selection of wine and sodas was also served.

The entertainment for the evening featured the Phoenix Dance Chamber. They performed three different Chinese ethnic dances.

Twenty-three SDDS members who were 90 years old and older received a li-see from the Society. The oldest member was Alice Lum, who was 97 years old.

Throughout the evening, over 250 prizes were handed out to lucky attendees. To top off the prizes from the Society, President Fong donated two \$100 li-see, and Vice President Kam donated three \$50 li-see that were won by SDDS members.

To put on such a program took many hours and volunteers. I would like to thank the Norma Acopan family, the Wendy Chun family, the Leonard Kam family, the D'Wayne Wong family, Clifton Yim, Marsha Au-Maxwell, Sharlene Chun, Wesley Fong, John Yim, Ken and Gail Lai, Samantha Eng, Brian Kim, Vida Pang, Robert Kuwahara, Beverly Wong, Vernon Tam, Wilfred Hee and my co-chair, Bixby Ho.

Special thanks to my husband and Past President Baldwin Au, for his patience, guidance and knowledge and for doing a lot of the heavy lifting.

The See Dai Doo Society Officers for 2016 accepting the well-wishes of banquet attendees. From left to right: Pres. Wesley F Fong, VP Leonard J K H Kam, Treas. Kevin S W Chun, Asst Treas. Kenneth Lai, Chinese Secy Patrick T H Lam, Asst Chinese Secy Raymund B H Leung, English Secy Vivian B Y Loo and Asst Auditor Milton K S Yee.





Past Presidents of the See Dai Doo Society were acknowledged and presented a token of gratitude for their past service. From left to right: Baldwin K S Au, Robert K C Ching, Marsha S Y Au-Maxwell, Gregory W L Leong, Edward W O Wong, Thomas K Y Lai, Wesley F Fong, William H K Lum, and Dr Riley G C Yuen .

The See Dai Doo Society Trustees were also recognized. From left to right: Theresa L U Chun, John A Yim, Robert K C Ching, Wilfred K M Hee, D'Wayne B F Wong, Florence P Au, Clifton K Y Yim, Darren S P Chun, with current Pres. Wesley F Fong (ex-officio) and VP Leonard J K H Kam.

Photos courtesy of Bob Kuwahara & Bev Wong



2016 MODEL CHINESE MOTHER OF THE YEAR

by Marsha Au-Maxwell, Chair



Sharlene Y. Chun
2016 UCS Model Chinese
Mother of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS to Sharlene Y. Chun, the recipient for the United Chinese Society's 2016 Model Chinese Mother of the Year. Sharlene is a Director of See Dai Doo Society (SDDS), and our nominee who won this prestigious award. She has been married to Raynard K. Chun for over 42 years, and they have three children and four grandchildren.

Sometime in the spring, Chinese organizations are invited to nominate individuals for the Model Parent Award. Selection is made on four criteria. The accomplishments of the individual, his/her community service, his/her contributions to the family, and the achievements and successes of the children. Judges are from the greater community and represent government and business sectors. Currently there are nine judges who rotate for this event. They are not connected to the United Chinese Society. The Nominee's application is submitted by a member of the family or a friend of the nominee. Sharlene says, "It is an honor and privilege to be chosen to be Model Chinese Mother of the Year!"

Congratulations also go to Mr. Wah Lun Wong from the Lung Doo Society as the UCS 2016 Model Chinese Father of the Year. A banquet to honor both of them was held Sunday, June 12th at the Empress Restaurant.

— Photo by Bob Kuwahara

THE ROAD TO FINDING OUR SEE DAI DOO ROOTS

by Pres. Wesley F. Fong

The society's tour of the Yangtze River and Zhongshan was not only a diplomatic success but an enjoyable experience for all. Besides reestablishing the society's relationship with the Zhongshan City and Nanlang Township governments and finding our roots, it was a tour filled with sightseeing, shopping and eating and more eating.



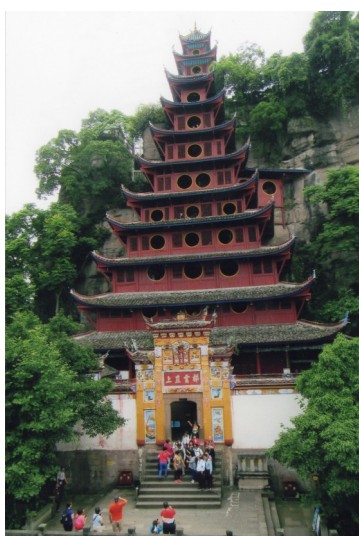
Shennong Stream at its widest point (above) appears more a river, but at its narrowest point (below) looks like white water rafting in the Grand Canyon. Note the boats — resembling those used during Dragon Boat Festival season.



On May 12, the entourage left Honolulu and set sail on the Yangtze River after a one-day layover in Shanghai. We viewed the Three Gorges Dam, completed in 2012 (Currently, the largest dam in the world. The Itaipu power plant on the Brazil/Paraguay border, however, produced more power in 2015. I visited the area 14 years ago when the water level was 250 feet lower). We explored the Shennong Stream with its “hanging coffins,” visited the famous Shibaozhai pagoda, and were intrigued by our visit to Fendu ghost town, which merges Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism in its vivid sculptural images of the demons of Hades.

Docking in Chongqing, we boarded a plane for Guangzhou and then bused to Zhongshan. Upon arrival that evening, we feasted on Zhongshan's famous squab and giant *jindui* at the renown *Shi Qi Lao Zhang Xi* Restaurant.

Next day we visited Dr. Sun Yet Sen's home and museum in Cuiheng Village. That afternoon we were hosted to a formal and delicious lunch (more squab) by Vice Mayor Yang Wenlong (who visited Honolulu on May 25 – 26) at the Zhongshan Municipal Banquet Hall. Besides presenting our SDDS koa plaque and Hawaiian gifts, I also conveyed cer-



tificates on behalf of the State Legislature and the Honolulu City Council reaffirming the sister city relationship of Zhongshan and Honolulu, as well as a personal letter from Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Baldwin Au, President of the Chungshan Association. After lunch we toured the new Zhan Garden, and then it was dinner time. This time we were treated to a new eating experience — “steam hot pot” with live jumping shrimp as one of the entrees.



Yes, that “ball” in the center of the table is a giant *jindui*, specialty of the renown *Shi Qi Lao* Restaurant.

Shibaozhai Pagoda near the Three Gorges Dam, A coffer dam protects the temple from the dam's reservoir waters.



Left: Pres Wes Fong receiving a Sun Yat Sen commemorative plate from Zhongshan City's Vice Mayor Yang Wenlong. **Right:** Pres Wes Fong presenting koa plaque to Nanlang Town Vice Mayor Ruan Jieming.



cao to meet us. We then visited the Ching's family home in On Ding Village. The Toms were picked up by a cousin and visited their relatives in Ngai Hau (Mandarin — *Yakou*) village. After our special once in a lifetime "finding our roots" experience, Vice Mayor Ruan Jieming of the Nanlang Township



The SDDS delegation in front of the Sun Yat Sen home and museum in Cuiheng Village.

course dinner, which included Peking duck, drunken shrimp, braised abalone and assorted mushrooms in a winter melon, and bitter melon with beef (one dish of comfort food).

On the last day of the tour we said *aloha* to half of the group who returned to Hawaii and New Orleans while the rest of us headed for Hong Kong for more sightseeing, shopping and eating. But that is another story! *Mahalo* to all who joined us on this road to finding our roots.

— Photos by or from camera of Wesley Fong

Interested in Learning Chinese Ethnic Dance?

At the age of 11, Ms. Shuo "Sunny" Zhao had already committed herself to mastering Chinese dance. Attending the Shenyang School for the Performing Arts, Sunny was recognized in national competition as the best in her age group in Chinese ethnic dance. Subsequently, she then passed the demanding entrance auditions for the Shenyang Conservatory of Music. In 2011, she completed a Baccalaureate in Chinese Dance, which included ethnic, classical, and contemporary dance, choreography and the teaching of dance, concluding her final year with a required year-long internship with a major dance troupe, the Dalian Dance Theatre.

In 2013, Sunny followed her family to Hawaii. She has done volunteer teaching for the Phoenix Dance Chamber, has been featured in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce's *Splendor of China*, and has performed with visiting dance artists from China. She has taught dance to both adults and children.

Sunny is offering to teach Chinese ethnic dance to adult members and guests of the See Dai Doo Society. The classes will be free. However, SDDS requires there be sufficient interest — i.e., a minimum of 10 students. So, if you, family or friends are interested, please sign up on the interest sheet that has been re-posted at the entrance to the SDDS Great Hall.



Ms. Shuo "Sunny" Zhao

— Photo by Vernon Tam

The next day was "finding roots" for about half of the group while the rest of the group did more shopping. The Fongs (with cousins from Boston, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.), the Chings and the Toms visited their villages. The Fongs were grateful to the Zhongshan government that found their village of Jo Bu Tao and made contact with a few of their cousins living in the family home. We were driven to Nanlang accompanied by a Nanlang official and translator to visit our villages. We met our Fong cousins living in the quite modern family home along with cousins who especially came from Guangzhou and Macao

DaJiaLe Seafood Restaurant. We dined on oysters, giant scallops, baby shrimp and three different kinds of fish. After lunch we swam back to our hotel for another foot massage.

The next day we were off to Shenzhen for a whole day of shopping at the well-known five-story Luohu Shopping Plaza. We shopped "til we dropped" or just ran out of money. But that did not deter quite a few of us from having a last gourmet experience. At the popular Laurel Restaurant located in the Plaza, we had a seven-



One of Fenduo Ghost Town statues depicting the denizens of Hades.

See Dai Doo Ching Ming Celebration

by Robert W. C. Wong, Chairman

On Sunday, the 10th of April, in the Year of the Fire Monkey, we, the officers and members of the See Dai Doo Society paid homage and respect to our members and families who have passed on. This year we had 50 to 60 members come to the Manoa Chinese Cemetery Pavilion and participate in our 111th anniversary of our celebration of filial piety. It was a beautiful day for remembering those who were once a part of our lives, and remain forever in our hearts. The legacy and purpose of the See Dai Doo Society is the continuation of that tradition, to declare that we are family, and remain true to our forebearers.

I'd like to thank John Yim and Kevin Chun for picking up the roast pig and *kum ngan*; Baldwin and Florence Au for the *heong lu* (incense burner), flowers and oranges. A special thanks to Florence Au for taking care of the kitchen crew and ordering the lunch refreshment following the celebration; and to Wendell and James Au for their assistance with the offerings and the set up of the altar.

Thanks also go out to Thomas Lai for the reading of the *juk mun* (eulogy), offering it to the heavens. And to the many who assisted in making this a special day for both old and new attendees. A very special thanks to the See Dai Doo Bingo Club and Mrs. Blossom Wong, who helped me fold the *kum ngan* (gold and silver ingots). And to all of you who were there, to be a part of a time-honored tradition -- *Do Je Gok Wai! Thank you!*



Ching Ming Chair Robert Wong (left) , Pres. Wes Fong (center) and other SDDS Ching Ming officiates. — Photo by Clif Yim



Charity Walk A Big Success

"I finished the 2016 Visitor Industry Charity Walk "

I want to congratulate all those who participated in the Charity Walk, May 21, 2016. If you enjoy freebies, the Charity Walk is for you. At each of the 17 check points, you got either a free token, or food and drink. No rain checks — you had to be there.

The morning started off like this. Early to rise, it is a 0330 wake-up call for participants. When I arrived before 0500, there were already cars looking for open parking stalls, so I took the first open stall I found.

I met up with Robert Ching, Clifton Yim, and John Yim at the hospitality tent which offered fruits, granola bars, donuts, yogurt, coffee, juice and water to the walkers. We took our share and headed to the beach-side to enjoy our breakfast sitting on the wall, waiting for more members to join us for a group picture by Robert Kuwahara.

It was a long, hot 5.25 mile walk, umbrellas opening when it started to shower, allowing the walkers to cool down a bit. On the whole the 2016 Charity Walk was fun, and, with a lot of encouragement from the Course Marshalls, I got the satisfaction of crossing the finish line.

See Dai Doo Society had a good turnout with 59 members and family signing up. 39 showed up for picture taking. This year our walkers wore their royal blue cool t-shirt and sported a backpack printed with our logo (see picture above). If this continues as a Society function, I hope to see more members signing up next year. *Thank You*

— Norma Acopan, Chairperson

— Photo by Bob Kuwahara



New Members for Month of May: SDDS welcomed three new members at the May 4th Directors Meeting. **Above, left to right:** VP Leonard Kam, co-sponsor Victoria Tom, new member Owen H C Tom, co-sponsor Darwin Tom, and Membership Chair Milton Yee.

Above, left to right: VP Leonard Kam, new member Caley W Y Chun, co-sponsor Sharlene Chun, new member Codey Y J Chun, co-sponsor Cory Chun, and Membership Chair Milton Yee.

— Photos by Bob Kuwahara

Bits 'N' Pieces — Upcoming Events Not To Be Missed!

♦ **Jul 08, Fri — Movie Night, 7:30 pm. Ip Man 3.** Donnie Yen ignites the screen in a return to the role that made him an icon - as Ip Man, the real-life Wing Chun grandmaster who mentored Bruce Lee. In this explosive third installment of the blockbuster martial arts series, a band of brutal gangsters led by a crooked property developer (Mike Tyson) make a play to take over the city.

♦ **Jul 10, Sun — SDDS Picnic at Kapiolani Park, 9 am.** A great way to socialize with fellow SDDS members. As usual, the Picnic Committee is planning a great day at the park. See flyer in the SDDS Newsletter, Vol. 29, Issue 2, Spring/Summer 2016, for details.



♦ **Jul 30, Sat — Dragon Boat Festival Race Ala Moana Beach Park.** *Paddlers Still Needed!* Each year, SDDS participates in the Hawaii Dragon Boat Festival. SDDS came in second in its heat last year. This year may be the one! It's a great spectator-sport, too. Details, sign-up posted at the entrance of the See Dai Doo Society Great Hall.

♦ **Aug 07, Sun — Villages Team Bowling Tournament, Hickam Bowling Center, 1-5 pm.** Nothing more satisfying than bowling a couple of strikes, unless it's helping the home village team win it all. See flyer in SDDS Newsletter, Vol. 29, Issue 2, Spring/Summer 2016, or SDDS website. **Registration Deadline: July 13, 2016.**

♦ **Aug 20, Sat — Advanced Genealogy Class, SDDS Great Hall, 1:30 pm.** Taught by Douglas Chong, Hawaii Chinese History Center, this is not a beginner class. Those wishing to take the course must have at least four of five elements of their family genealogy to pre-qualify for class — Contact Chair Baldwin Au. Prerequisites are posted at SDDS Great Hall entrance and on SDDS website. **Note:** Laptops to facilitate note-taking helpful.

♦ **Sep 18, Sun — Cooking Show, SDDS Great Hall, 1 pm.** If you attended the Cooking Show in March, you know what a great treat it was to see and taste a live cooking demo of Chinese cuisine favorites with June Kam Tong. This coming Cooking Show is a must-see, as Pres. Wes Fong dons his kitchen apron and demonstrates along with other SDDS members his cooking abilities. Pres. Wes's specialty — East West Stir Fry. So, come on down!

♦ **Nov. 06, Sun — Veterans' Appreciation Lunch, SDDS Great Hall, 11:30 am.** SDDS honors its Veterans at this special luncheon. We will recognize all SDDS Veterans in attendance, and introduce new SDDS Veterans that day. Please contact Chairperson, Stephen Tom (stephentom2000@aol.com) to nominate any SDDS member or relatives (living or deceased) who served in the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine.

— Dragon Boat Festival event photo



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The Year of the Monkey

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jul 06, Wed	Directors Meeting	SDDS Great Hall, 7:30 pm
Jul 08, Fri	Movie Night — <i>Ip Man 3</i>	SDDS Great Hall, 7:30 pm
Jul 10, Sun	SDDS Picnic	Kapiolani Park, 9 am
Jul 30, Sat	Dragon Boat Festival Race	Ala Moana Beach Park — Details posted in SDDS Great Hall.
Aug 03, Wed	Directors Meeting	SDDS Great Hall, 7:30 pm
Aug 07, Sun	Bowling Tournament	Hickam Bowling Center, 1-5 pm
Aug 20, Sat	Advanced Genealogy Class	SDDS Great Hall, 1:30 pm
Aug 31, Wed	Special General Membership Meeting, "To vote on amending Article III, SDDS by-laws" — Bring SDDS ID	SDDS Great Hall, 7:30 pm
Sep 07, Wed	Directors Meeting	SDDS Great Hall, 7:30 pm
Sep 14, Wed	General Membership Meeting—Election Of Nominations Cmte — Bring SDDS ID	SDDS Great Hall, 7:30 pm
Sep 18, Sun	Cooking Show — Pres. Wes Fong's East West Stir Fry	SDDS Great Hall, 1-3 pm
Oct 05, Wed	Directors Meeting	SDDS Great Hall, 7:30 pm

Ongoing Events

Bingo	Every 2nd Wed—10 am to 12 noon	SDDS Great Hall
Mandarin Class	Every Mon—7 to 9 pm	SDDS Great Hall
Tai Chi	Every Tue— 7 to 9 pm.	SDDS Great Hall