



Newsletter

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Message from the President

Happy Year of the Metal Rat! A rat is believed to be industrious, thrifty, diligent, and symbolizes an abundant period will soon take place.

See Dai Doo Society will be starting an exciting year in 2020 with new beginnings. The long-planned modernization of the building's elevator, is finally upon us. Mahalo to our past president, Leonard Kam, for all his hard work on this project. Due to the elevator work, the installation of the officers and trustees for 2020 was limited to the members being installed, current trustees, past presidents, and guests. I know many were there in spirit wishing all the installed officers and trustees their best wishes. Congratulations to the newly installed administration! We hope to continue the Society's normal programs and events as soon as the elevator modernization and first floor improvements will allow. Upon completion of the elevator work, See Dai Doo Society had planned to host a celebration for the new year and an open house. Due to logistical issues, the open house will be postponed to a mid-autumn festival/ open house later this year.

Unfortunately, the year ended a little rough. The first-floor lobby and Fujikami Florist suffered damages due to a fire initiated by a homeless person in December 2019. As a result, See Dai Doo will make improvements to the first-floor lobby, including a new front door and lanai flooring. We hope to make the building and surrounding areas safer with these improvements.

The trustees have worked hard in 2019, with almost a fully rented building. With the increased income, future work of long needed maintenance of our building can be completed.

Our first See Dai Doo Recognition Award (members who have succeeded in a significant Chinese cultural event) will be celebrated at our Spring Banquet on March 14, 2020. Submission deadline is January 31, 2020. Applications will be reviewed and letters of the decision results by a committee will be conducted in February.

The Spring Banquet will occur over two nights at Jade Dynasty. Super seniors (members 90 years of age and older by March 14, 2020) attending the Spring Banquet will receive a lisee to cover the cost of their meal payment when checking into the banquet. The first night of the Spring Banquet, Saturday March 14th, is reserved as See Dai Doo Society's members night. The goal of this first night is to have our society members gather together for an evening of fellowship and to celebrate the achievements of our recognition awardees. The second night of the Spring Banquet, Sunday March 15th, will include See Dai Doo Society special guests, officers, trustees, and past presidents, with their family and friends. Hope to see you all there!

Looking forward to a full and exciting 2020. Thank you for allowing me to be your President for a second year. Mahalo and Happy New Year! ~Lucy Wong, M.D.

Director Meeting

Wednesday
February 12, 2020, 6:30
PM
@ SDDS Great Hall

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday
February 12, 2020, 7:30
PM
@ SDDS Great Hall

NEW SDDS EMAIL

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Message from the Trustees

Two thousand nineteen was a year of change.

We started the year with quite a few vacancies in the building. Our trustees worked very hard over the past year to fill our building's vacancies so that today the building is almost at capacity. We now have many new tenants with long term leases. Our forefathers built our elevator over 50 years ago, and it was time to modernize the elevator to ensure the safety and security of the building, its occupants, and visitors/ customers. This task has been a major investment of time and money for the society. We started the modernization in November 2019, and hope to see completion by mid-February 2020. Finally, the trustees looked to the financial health of the Society. The trustees have worked to ensure that the Society's assets are wisely invested in strong funds and financial institutions. As a result, 2019 was a good year for the Society financially. We would like to thank our maintenance staff for keeping our building clean and functional, as well as our executive secretary and staff, for their hard work over the past year.

Happy New Year!

~ Kin M. Ching, 2019 SDDS Trustee Chair

SDDS Member Recognition Award

DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2020

Applicants must be a See Dai Doo Member, and winner or placing in a Chinese Cultural Event. Applications can be submitted by family (if member deceased) or participant.

Applications are available at the office or can be downloaded from the website www.seedaidoosociety.org

Movie Night

Friday, March 6, 2020

@ the SDSS Great Hall



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Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

BY: Lucy Wong, Chair

See Dai Doo Society exists due to the many volunteers that support the activities and events each year. As a token of thanks, See Dai Doo had their annual appreciation luncheon on November 17, 2019 with a nine-course scrumptious luncheon at Jade Dynasty.

Seventy volunteers enjoyed dim sum, door prizes and were entertained with a magic show performed by one of the volunteers, Kelvin Chun. Much thanks to Stephanie Miwa for organizing this event and for all the volunteers who help throughout the year.

Mahalo to all the volunteers who maintain this Society!

Christmas Caroling

BY: Betsy Lum, Chair



On Friday, December 6, 2019 thirty-six SDDS carolers, festooned in Christmas colors, red Santa hats, antler horns, and reindeer bells, sang a medley of familiar Christmas carols and chatted with patients and staff of the Rehab Hospital of the Pacific. Donna Chang led the SDDS carolers. Musical accompaniment was provided by Shirley Yoshida, piano; Barbara Chang, erhu. President Lucy Wong presented a monetary donation to the Rehab Hospital on behalf of SDDS. The carolers were greeted by staff members Melissa Mullen, Patient Experiences Manager, and Michael Fujimoto, Communications and Events Specialist.

This was the 26th consecutive year that SDDS members have spread holiday cheers with Rehab Hospital patients. Thank you to all SDDS members who came out this year to share the gift of music and Christmas songs. A most merry and joyous holiday to all!

Installation of 2020 Officers & Trustees

BY: Lucy Wong, Chair

With the long-awaited elevator modernization at the See Dai Doo Building ongoing, installation at the SDDS Great Hall was not possible this year. See Dai Doo Society's installation for 2020 consisted of a small, intimate gathering of four tables at Won Kee Restaurant on January 1, 2020. The small number present did not limit the enthusiasm, well wishes, and excitement of the coming new year. Attendees consisted of the 2020 officers, trustees, and past presidents with their guest. The Society was honored to have Director General Michael Tseng from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu, United Chinese Society representatives, Miss Chinatown Hawaii, Miss Hawaii Chinese, and Miss Congeniality stop by to give their well wishes for the new year.

Marc Alexander, Executive Director of the City and County of Honolulu Office of Housing performed a short ceremony installing the 2020 officers, and new trustees of See Dai Doo Society. Following the ceremony, a tasty seven course luncheon was served and enjoyed by all. Sharlene Chun treated everyone with a chocolate liquor treat to complete the meal. Wishing you all a Happy and prosperous 2020!



CGM for Chinese American Veterans of WWII

BY: Stephen Tom

Veterans who served in the US Military during WWII have been called America's Greatest Generation. Among these special WWII Veterans were some 20,000 Chinese Americans. SDDS has over 20 members who are WWII Veterans. On December 20, 2018, President Trump signed into law P.L. 115-337 that awarded the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) to Chinese American Veterans of WWII. The CGM is one of the most prestigious awards that the United States government can award.

The SDDS Veterans' Committee has been working hard to identify, and register as many Hawaii Chinese American Veterans of WWII as possible. There is no deadline to register for the CGM, and the Veteran does NOT have to be a member of SDDS. To qualify for the CGM, the Chinese American Veteran must have served in the US military anytime from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946. If you know a family member who is related to a Chinese American Veteran of WWII, please contact the SDDS Veterans' Committee through Stephen Tom at stephentom2000@aol.com, Baldwin Au at kinsingau@yahoo.com, or Wesley Fong at wesleyf.fong@hawaiiantel.net for assistance to register him or her or to answer any questions about the CGM.

Chinese American Veterans of WWII who have registered for the CGM will receive their medal and will be honored at a luncheon in Honolulu on May 17, 2020. Since most WWII Veterans are no longer living, their families may represent their Veteran at this lunch. Congratulations to the WWII Veterans and especially those SDDS members who have already been registered!



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday February 12, 2020, 6:30 PM	Directors' Meeting	董事會成員會議	SDDS Great Hall
Wednesday February 12, 2020, 7:30 PM	General Members' Meeting	會員會議	SDDS Great Hall
Friday March 6, 2020, 7:30 PM	Movie Night – The Farewell	電影晚會	SDDS Great Hall
Saturday March 14, 2020, 5:30 PM	Spring Banquet (Reserved for SDDS members, family, and friends; Presentation of SDDS recognition awards)	春宴	Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant
Sunday March 15, 2020, 5:30 PM	Spring Banquet (SDDS guests, officers, trustees, past presidents, family and friends)	春宴	Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant
Sunday April 19, 2020, 10:30 AM	Ching Ming	清明掃墓	Lin Yee Chung Manoa Chinese Cemetery

Ongoing Events

Bingo	美式賓果	Every 2 nd Wednesday – After February 1, 2020	SDDS Great Hall, 10 am – 12 pm
Mandarin Class	國語班	Every Monday	Alternate location January 2020 classes, contact Robert Ching After February 7, 2020 - SDDS Great Hall, 7– 9 pm
Tai Chi	太極班	Every Tuesday – After February 7, 2020	SDDS Great Hall, 7– 9 pm



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2020 SPRING BANQUET
JADE DYNASTY SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
4TH FLOOR, ALA MOANA SHOPPING CENTER
Saturday, March 14, 2020

See Dai Doo Society Members, Families and Friends

5:30 pm: Social Time and SDDS *Super Senior Members* 90 years of age and older
picture taking with **President Lucy Wong and Vice President Kevin Chun**
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Check in at the Senior table with your SDDS membership card and valid photo ID
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6:00 pm: Lion Dance Performance, immediately followed by the Program.
Presentation of SDDS Recognition Awardees, Dinner to follow

Table of Ten (10) for **\$350.00** or **\$40.00** per person

Sunday, March 15 table reservations of ten (10) are available upon request until filled

***** Wine and Soft Drinks Provided by SDDS *****

Corkage Fee Waived if complimentary plastic cups are used.
(A \$10.00 per bottle charge if glass cups are requested)

Menu

Chicken Salad with Jelly Fish	海蜇手撕雞
Dried Scallop Soup with Chicken	雞絲瑤柱羹
Dynasty Style Chicken	天下第一雞
Mochi Rice in Lotus Wrap	荷香糯米飯
Kau Yuk with Taro, Served with Buns	芋頭扣肉 (跟包仔)
Steamed Salmon Fillets with Ginger & Soy Sauce	清蒸三文魚柳
Honey & Walnut Shrimp	脆皮合桃蝦
Sautéed Fresh Mushrooms in Abalone Sauce w/Vegetable	鮑汁六合菜
Sweet Walnut Soup	核桃糊

For more information, call SDDS at (808) 533-4756 and leave a message

***** Completed form with payment is required *****
Maximum seating capacity is 300



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***** Complete the bottom of this form and mail with check payment *****

Pay to: See Dai Doo Society Address: 1300 Pali Hwy, 3rd Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813
Deadline: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with this form for your assigned table number(s).
If no self-addressed envelope provided, your assigned table number(s) will be emailed/texted to

Contact Person _____ by Wednesday, February 26, 2020
(Please provide) email _____ or text (_____) _____

List names and SDDS ID numbers as printed on the Membership Card

(SDDS Members Only)

Print Names of Members and Guests (First M. I. Last Name)	SDDS Membership ID #	Cost	Place an "X" if 65 to 89 years in age	Write in Age 90 years and over
1.		\$		
2.		\$		
3.		\$		
4.		\$		
5.		\$		
6.		\$		
7.		\$		
8.		\$		
9.		\$		
10.		\$		

DO NOT WRITE IN BOX BELOW (for Spring Banquet committee use)

Number of Seats _____ Tables: _____ Check number _____ Check amount: \$ _____
Total: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____ Date on Check _____ Bank name: _____