



Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

I would like to first congratulate all of our new officers, trustees and directors of the See Dai Doo Society.

I would like to thank all of my fellow members for giving me the opportunity to serve another year as president.

2015 has been a year of challenge and accomplishment:

1. We amended our by-laws which had not been amended since 1991.
2. We were very active – besides senior bingo, bowling, Chinatown parade, Ching Ming, Christmas caroling at Rehab of the Pacific, Christmas party, Dragon boat, Installation, Mandarin classes, Palolo Chinese Home visitation, Picnic, Spring banquet, Taii chi class, Veterans appreciation lunch, movie night, and volunteer appreciation lunch, we resurrected our cooking show with three demonstrations, added a genealogy class, created a welfare committee to recognize members who have passed away or were hospitalized and participated for the first time in the hospitality industry Charity Walk.

We awarded 16 scholarships to students who find their roots in the See and Dai districts.

In support of the teaching of our Chinese language in Honolulu, we generously donated to Mun Lun Chinese School and Sui Wah Chinese School. We also donated to the Hospitality Industry Charity walk, which helps other charities, Palolo Chinese home, the USO, which support our members of the armed forces throughout the world, and made our annual donation to the Rehabilitation of the Pacific and Hawaii food bank.

We will continue our mantra not only to support our members but also to give back to our community, our culture and our country.

There is planned a See Dai Doo Society tour to China in May 2016 entitled “Road to the Yangtze River and Roots.” It is open to members and friends.

Again congratulations to all of our new officers, trustees and directors. I look forward to working with them for another successful year.

Officers:

Wesley F. Fong, President
Kenneth Lai, Asst. Treasurer
Vivian B.Y. Loo, English Secretary
Vida Pang, Executive Secretary
Newsletter: Rena Young Ochse, Editor

Leonard JKH Kam, Vice President
Patrick T. H. Lam, Chinese Secretary
Beverly M. Wong, Asst. English Secretary
Milton K. S. Yee, Asst. Auditor
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Kevin S. W. Chun, Treasurer
Raymond B.H. Leung, Asst. Chinese Secretary
Robert W.C. Wong, Auditor



The guided-missile destroyer, "Hangzhou," transitioned China into their own ship-building capacity. Although partially Russian built, it was equipped with Chinese weapons that transformed the Chinese Navy into a formidable force.

The ship began construction during the mid-1980s, and with the fall of the USSR, laid idle for a few years before China and Russia negotiated a deal to complete construction in 2001 for the Chinese Navy. The two countries jointly participated in the construction, and hence, advanced China's ship-building capability, where its newest warships are Chinese-built.

This ship had earlier visited Pearl Harbor where a tour was extended to the Chinese community including See Dai Doo during 2003. It was presented to me as a friendship gift during a visit to China's Military Museum in Beijing during 2005, where museum officials and I engaged in interesting and friendly conversations.

The model ship and 12 others built by master craftsmen were displayed in my office while with the Navy. I am currently donating these models to organizations, e.g. Admiral's lounge, University of Hawaii, high school ROTC, Navy League, UCS, SDD, and others.



New members:

Leonard Kam, Lori Kam, **Lynn Imperial, Debra Flores, Cindy Ching, Clarence Ching, Milton Yee**

"DRAGON BLADE" SAVE THE DATE FEBRUARY 5, 2016 7:00 pm SDDS GREAT HALL

STARRING: Jackie Chan

Plot: In 2015 an American archaeological company bought military manuscript from the Han Dynasty, which said that Roman soldiers went to China about 2,000 years ago and built a city called Regnum. The company believed that the manuscript is fake, but set on a journey to investigate. Two of its relics was found in Regnum. Among the ruins they discovered a monument with detailed inscription which as they read, fades into the main story.

China in 48BC, Jackie Chan is Huo An, a Hun, serving as the captain of the Protection Squad Silk Road. John Cusack is Lucius, a Roman general, who flees to the east with his legion and Publius, a heir of the ruling Roman Consul. They run for their lives from the Emperor Tiberius. At the frontier fort on Silk Road they meet Huo An. The legion helps finish construction of the fort.





In December three Chinese naval ships visited Hawaii and docked at Pearl Harbor. 50 individuals from the Chinese community were invited to welcome and tour the naval ships, which included a destroyer, frigate and supply ship, and have lunch on board the destroyer. Three days later President Fong along with nine other individuals was invited to a dinner reception on board the destroyer where they met the senior captains who were commanders of the ships and host of reception.

Top photo:
 President Wesley Fong representing SDDS by invitation to attend a reception hosted by the Chinese Nancy (Senior Captains Li & Xu) aboard naval destroyer.
 Below:
 SDDS members with Consul Bai from the Consulate General office in Los Angeles. Visiting china naval ships and visit to Pearl Harbor.



CHINATOWN PARADE
Saturday, 30 January 2016
 By Thomas Ching, Chair



Come and join us in celebration of the Year of the Monkey on Saturday, January 30, 2016. We will meet at the Great Hall at 12 Noon to blow up balloons and get everything ready for the parade. A light snack will be available to all volunteers who help with the preparations. A lesson on making balloon monkeys will be taught to all the helpers for their personal use during the parade. Only a limited number of balloon monkeys will be given out during the parade due to the limited preparation time. At 3 PM we will leave the hall and walk down to Capital grounds to get in line for the parade. After the parade we will return to SDDS for a light dinner and fellowship. Signup at SDDS for the parade and lets welcome the Year of the Monkey. Kung Hee Fat Choy!



COOKING DEMONSTRATION

JOONG BY RENA YOUNG-OCHSE & JUNE TONG

CHICKEN LOOK FUNN BY GORDON LUM

By Lucy Wong

60 people braved the flash flood warnings on Oahu to attend SDDS's final cooking demonstration on 2015 at SDDS Great Hall on September 13, 2015. The guests were rewarded with Rena Young-Ochse and June Tong artfully creating A masterpiece of joong. Audience participation was encouraged with those who wanted approximately hands on experience with using the joong mold taught by Rena Young-Ochse, JuneTong and Marlene Tom. While the chefs were preparing for Gordon Lum's chicken look funn, everyone got to taste their own joong, chicken look funn and a honey coated bow tie (demonstrated at the second cooking show) donated by Florence Au.



Gordon Lum assisted by Lucy Wong showed that even non cooks could make this feast and gave humorous hints on how to make it look like it took much effort to complete. 12 lucky winners got a choice of 10 joongs and 2 bags of chicken chow funn to take home with them. Much thanks goes out to the above chefs and their helpers Stephanie Miwa and Sharlene Chun, Florence Au for her donated honey bow ties , Blossom Wong for the outstanding flower baskets that decorated our stage , Dwayne and Lucy Wong who made tile trivets to thank our chefs.

So ends out delicious parade of dishes this year starting with Udon noodles, taro cake and Foo Jook skin rolls

demonstrated by June Tong, Stephanie Miwa, Beverly Lock, Marlene Tom, Mei Ling Henrichson, Lorna Au-Young and Willyn Tong. Followed by GinDoi, Chinese Pretzels and Bow Ties by Raymond Leung, Ryan Kim and Florence Au. And finishing with Joong and chicken look funn by Rena Young-Ochse, June Tong, Gordon Lum and Lucy Wong.

Many thanks for this year chefs, many who are not SDDS members but want to share their knowledge so the art of Chinese cooking will continue. Please pass on the tradition by teaching others what you have learned. Until next year.....



Tai Chi Class- will begin on January 12 with Sifu Ou, Instructor.



Christmas Caroling
Betsy Y. Lum, Chair

Christmas Cheers to the patients and staff of the Rehab Hospital of the Pacific echoed throughout the three floors of the hospital by See Dai Doo Society carolers on Friday, December 11, 2015.

We were greeted by Sheri Matsumoto, Marketing Manager, as we gathered around the beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the lobby. Hospitality greeter Charlene Chang decked all our members with the beautiful SDDS leis before Robert Kuwahara assembled everyone for a Christmas photo.

Members of Harry Wong's Guang Zhong Music Ensemble began the evening Xmas festivities with a medley of Christmas carols. You could feel the spirit of Xmas from our carolers as they sang to the Rehab patients and staff under the direction of choir director Betty Jong. We do have very talented singers in our group. As the carolers strolled to the third floor of the Hospital, President Wesley Fong and Vice President Leonard Kam presented a lisee to Wendy Manuel, VP-CFO Rehab Hospital, on behalf of See Dai Doo Society. She thanked SDDS for their generosity.

After caroling we returned to SDDS for a light dinner and fellowship. Mahalo to the Guang Zhong Music Ensemble; Theresa Chun for ordering our delicious bento; Baldwin Au for delivering it to SDDS; Wendy Chun for capturing the spirit of Xmas via video; and to all our carolers for continuing SDDS's traditional Xmas community project.

To our SDDS Ohana from the Carolers:

"We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 5, 2015

Charlene S. T. Chang, Chair

SDDS held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 5, 2015 and the members and guests, children of all ages enjoyed playing games, and receiving game prizes.

The door prizes, Santa's greetings to the guests really made the party more exciting. Plus the dinner was delicious, catered by Canton Restaurant. I would like to thank my volunteers, Norma and James Acopan, their granddaughter Kaimaile Ah Mook Sang, Linda and Donald Lau, Blossom Wong who donated candies, Janine



and Vim Balantac, my grandchildren, Dillion and Haley Balantac, for the stuff animals, Jan Yuen who donated 4 needlepoint gifts for door prizes and helped with the decorations. Other volunteers include Mina, Jackie Lai, Brenda Leong, Wendy Calizar, Mae Wataoka, Gregory Leong, and Florence Au, the best MC ever. My special mahalo to Ruben Torres and Vida Pang for lending a hand when I needed extra help.

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF SEE DAI DOO SOCIETY,

MELE KALIKIMAKA E HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HO!



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – Chairperson: Norma Acopan



November 22, 2015

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon commenced at 1100 on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at the See Dai Doo Society Hall. We have a total of 161 volunteers consisting of members and non members who dedicated their services for the sake of the society in the year 2015. There were 93 volunteers, who attended the luncheon, catered from Canton Seafood Restaurant. Robert Ching did the invocation.



President Wesley Fong recognized James and Norma Acopan, Lucy and D'Wayne Wong, Robert and Jeannette Kuwahara with the "President's Super Volunteer Award". Linda and Donald Lau were not present to receive their award, which will be presented to them at the December Director's Meeting. These individuals went beyond their expectations when called to assist See Dai Doo Society's.

I would like to say a big "Mahalo" to the following: John Yim, Clifton Yim and Mae Wataoka, who arranged the tables and chairs on Friday. At the luncheon Charlene Chang graciously checked in the arriving guests and passed out the goodie bags. The kitchen crew - James Acopan, Mae and Jeff Wataoka, Ann Uda, Leonard, Lori and Lisa Kam. Gerald Chen, Mrs. Chen and brother from Canton Seafood Restaurant instructed and helped in the preparations of plating the food. I would like to acknowledge a "Thank You" to Beverly Lum, Vivian Loo and Darren Chun and all those who stayed to assist with the clean up.



Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon by Dr. Kin Ming Ching

Veterans Appreciation Day was held on November 15 (Sunday) at the SDDS hall from 11:00am to 1:30 pm. There were 12 new veterans placed on the plaque at SDDS. All members of SDDS were invited to honor our own members who served in the military either as Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and finally Coast Guard

There were 102 people attending and lunch was served to all. Our Master Of Ceremonies Florence Au was excellent and also was the person responsible for the excellent lunch. We thank our President Wesley Fong for initiating this appreciation event which is now on its third year.

Baldwin Au, Steve Tom and Beverly Wong were instrumental in making this an event that we at SDDS can be proud of and our veterans were very pleased with being honored.

VOTING ON ARTICLE III OF THE SDDS BY-LAWS
By Steven Tom

Because of great interest in the eligibility criteria for SDDS membership, a new proposed Article III to the current October 9, 1991 by-laws will be on the Agenda for a vote at the February 10, 2016 Special General Membership meeting. Article III of the SDDS by-laws covers SDDS membership issues. The new proposed Article III (if approved at the February 10 Meeting) would expand and make permanent the eligibility of wives of SDDS members, and all her descendants (sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren etc.) to be SDDS members as was adopted by a temporary by-law change during the period 2006-2008. The new proposed Article III would also eliminate an outdated penalty to expel a female SDDS member if she remarries a non SDDS member. Finally, the new proposed Article III would eliminate the requirement to present our SDDS identification cards at every SDDS function.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEW/AMENDED VERSION OF ARTICLE III:

Section 1. At the Special Membership Meetings in October 2006 and 2008, Section 1 was amended to expand the membership eligibility to the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of female members or wives of deceased members of the SDDS or the children or grandchildren, or the children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren of females who would have otherwise been eligible for membership but who now deceased. But this expanded eligibility was only open between October 2, 2006 and December 31, 2008.

The new/amended version of Article III, Section 1 adds additional language to make permanent the eligibility of wives of SDDS members and other female members, and all their descendants (sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren etc.) to be SDDS members as was adopted by the temporary by-law change during the period 2006-2008.



PLEASE COME AND VOTE ON THIS SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2016 AT SDDS GREAT HALL at 7:30 PM

Ching Ming
By Robert KC Wong, Chair



Ching Ming is scheduled for Saturday, the 9th of April 2015 10:30 am at the lower pavilion by the Bone House. We will be needing help with picking up things for the Celebration like Flowers and oranges on March 20th, Sunday. We are planning a gathering by folding Kum Gan (paper money) at the society hall around 8:30 - 9:00 am and refreshment will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Robert Ching at @ 778-5395. (Note: it's the same day of the Cooking Demo at 1pm same day)

There will be a sign up sheet at SDDS hall next to the elevator.

Ching Ming, Qingming, the Remembrance of Ancestors Day or Grave-Sweeping Day

This date is indicated on the Chinese calendar by the two characters: *ching*, meaning pure or clean, and *ming*, meaning brightness. Combined together, *Ching Ming* means clean and just.

Ancestor worship is the only native religion to China. All others, including, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, were imported from outside of China. (Confucianism and Taoism originated in China but are philosophies rather than religions.)

Ching Ming rituals not only include weeding of the area, cleaning of the headstone, and replacing the wilted flowers with fresh ones, but also the lighting of incense and burning of imitation paper money. The burning of the imitation money is for the deceased to use in the afterlife. (researched by Rena Young Ochse)

Ongoing Activities for All Ages		
Tai Chi	Tuesdays	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Bingo	2 nd Wednesday	10:00 AM – 12:00PM
} (Senior Activity for SDD members 50 +)		



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2016

January 1	Installation of Officers, Trustees and Directors Chair, Theresa Chun	SDDS Great Hall 12PM
January 6	Director's Meeting	SDDS Great Hall 7:30 PM
January 30	Chinatown Parade, Chair: Thomas Ching	Meet at SDDS 12pm to blow balloons and assemble
February 3	Director's Meeting	SDDS Great Hall 7:30PM
February 5	Movie Night – by Tom Lai	SDDS Great Hall 7 PM
February 10	GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON ARTICLE III	7:30PM
March 2	Director's Meeting	SDDS Great Hall 7:30PM
March 20	Cooking Demonstration Chair, Lucy Wong	SDDS Great Hall 1:00PM
April 2	Spring Banquet Chair, Florence Au	Empress Chinese Restaurant
April 6	Director's Meeting	SDDS Great Hall 7:30 PM
April 9	Ching Ming Celebration Chair, Robert W.C. Wong	Manoa Chinese Cemetery 10:30AM