



Newsletter

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Hope all is well and wish all a Happy Lunar New Year of the Tiger!

As I enter my second term serving as the See Dai Doo Society President and we enter the new year of 2022, the pandemic continues to impact our lives. Please be assured that See Dai Doo Society will continue adapting to the ever-changing mandates imposed to fulfill its mission. This goal is a continuation of the goal set forth for 2021.

The Society accomplished the following in 2021 while adapting to the everchanging mandates that were in place. The completion of the By Law review and passing of revisions to comply with current standards and practices. Secondly, held a Congressional Goal Medal Award ceremony to honor See Dai Doo Societies recipients. Thirdly, awarded scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic school year. Lastly, started the process of getting back to normalcy with holding an Installation and Ching Ming ceremony and the Autumn Banquet.

Under the direction of the Board of Trustees projects to properly maintain the building, the Society's major asset, will continue in 2022. The established written priority project list will continue to guide the Trustees to obtain/maintain the utmost building value.

After a hiatus of over a year due to the restrictive guidelines and the current relaxing of the restrictions, where possible the Executive Board and the respective chairpersons will start-up/re-introduce activities that were previously postponed. In 2022, we hope to continue this process of getting back to normalcy by adding cultural and social activities such as Mandarin Class, Tai Chi, Bingo, and movie night. We are currently planning to start up in person Mandarin class on Monday nights in February 2022. Please check the See Dai Doo Society Website for updated information.

Due to the limitations on indoor social gatherings, the 2022 installation of Executive Board and Trustees was private. However, the SDDS Spring banquet is set for Saturday, March 26, 2021. Please note that the event format could change to adhere to social guidelines that are in place at that time.

The above events and projects could not have been possible without the dedicated work of the chairpersons and committee members. Thank you all for your time and efforts, without you the events would not be possible.

In closing, please continue being safe by wearing a mask, keeping social distancing, and washing your hands. Also, if you want to get vaccinated and it is determined that it is safe for you, please do so. We all must do our part to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Kevin Chun, SDDS President

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The See Dai Doo Society Honors Its World War II Veterans The Congressional Gold Medal Presentation

BY: Baldwin Au and Florence Poon Au

The Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) is an award bestowed by the U.S. Congress and is one of two of the highest civilian awards in the United States. The practice of issuing the medal began during the revolutionary war and continues today.

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance pushed for the recognition of Chinese American World War II veterans and advocated for the CGM. Due to their advocacy, the CGM were awarded under a 2018 law that set up the recognition program to honor Chinese American veterans for serving during World War II. As many as 20,000 Chinese Americans served in the armed forces during the conflict, according to the law. Of those soldiers, about 40 percent were not United States citizens because of laws that denied citizenship to people with Chinese ancestry.

The See Dai Doo Society (SDDS) has thirty-two CGM registered World War II veterans who are members of our society. On November 6, 2021, fifteen of these SDDS families chose to honor their World War II veterans, by receiving their CGM at the Society's Great Hall.

Retired US Army Colonel, and Past President Wesley Fong was the Master of Ceremony for the event.

Yeoman 2 Navy and Past President Robert Ching led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. Juanita Ching Liu sang the National Anthem and God Bless America.

Retired Major General Stephen Tom spoke of the design of the Chinese CGM. The obverse of the medal's design depicts Chinese-American servicemen and a nurse, representing all U.S. service branches in WWII and highlighting that they fought in every theater with honor. The reverse of the medal's design features the Battleship Missouri where the end of the war with Japan was signed, an M4 Sherman tank, and a P-40 Warhawk from the Flying Tigers.

Retired US Army Colonel and Past President Baldwin Au then honored our thirty-two veterans by announcing their names, rank and branch of Service.

General Tom presented the fifteen families in attendance with the CGM. Not only did each family receive the gold medal, they were also gifted a SDDS bag with a certificate of honor from the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and a personal photo collage featuring each veteran.

Army Captain Dr. Kin Ming Ching gave the acknowledgments that concluded our ceremony.

Our Congressional Gold Medal program can be viewed at the See Dai Doo Society website and this link: <https://youtu.be/2O7zpuHcf1w>



We wish to thank the Veterans Appreciation Committee and the volunteers for all their hard work:

MG Stephen Tom, USA, Retired – Chair
COL Wesley Fong, USA, Retired
COL Baldwin Au, USA, Retired
CPT Kin Ming Ching, USA, Veteran
CW04 David Wong, USA, Retired
YN2 Robert Ching, USN, Veteran
Dr. Juanita Ching Liu, Powerpoint presentation
Florence Poon Au, Program set up
Beverly Wong, Photographer
Dr. Douglas Tom, Video Editing
LTC Arnold Lee, USA, Retired, Videography

SDDS 2021 General Elections

BY: Stephen Tom, SDDS 2021 Nomination Committee Chair

The annual SDDS General Election was held on November 10, 2021. In order to comply with the Covid 19 regulations of the City and County of Honolulu, the voting was done in a drive by manner in the SDDS parking lot between 7 and 9 PM.

The ballots were counted by the Nomination Committee on November 10, 2021, and the following officers and trustees were elected to serve in 2022:

President	Kevin S. W. Chun	English Secretary	Lynn S. M. Imperial
Vice President	Wendy M. N. Mow	Assistant English Secretary	Sharlene K. J. Chun
Treasurer	Florence Poon Au	Auditor	Gregory L. Wong
Assistant Treasurer	Cynthia M. L. Ching	Assistant Auditor	Timothy H. T. Wong
Chinese Secretary	Juanita Ching Liu		Leonard J. K. H. Kam
Assistant Chinese Secretary	Cherilyn S. J. Lai-Kadooka	Trustees 2022 - 2024	Anna S. P. Tam Chung
			Lucy M. H. F. Wong

Congratulations to all the Officers and Trustees Elect. In accordance with the SDDS By-Laws they will be installed into office on January 1, 2022.

To all those candidates who were not elected, thank you for running for office or trusteeship. In accordance with the SDDS By-Laws, each of you will automatically become a SDDS Director in 2022.

Installation Of 2022

Officers & Trustees

BY: Wendy Mow

On January 1, 2022 at 12 noon, the 2022 See Dai Doo Society Officers and Trustees were installed at the Great Hall. The Officers and Trustees were called up to the front of the Hall where the Honorable Retired Judge Karl Sakamoto administered the oath of office. President Kevin Chun then gave a short speech outlining his goals for the year. A light lunch was provided for everyone to take home and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who braved the rain to attend the short ceremony – it simply shows your dedication and selfless service to the Society. Special thanks to Karl Sakamoto, Xavier Imperial, Leonard Kam, Lori Kam, Lisa Kam, Wendy Chun, Norma Acopan, and Chris Kadooka who helped with Installation.



2021 SDDS Drive-Thru Christmas

BY: Norma Acopan, Chair

On December 5, 2021, the See Dai Doo Society hosted a drive-thru Christmas celebration at the Chinese Cultural Plaza outdoor parking lot. This was to ensure the safety of our members and to stay in compliance with the City's pandemic mandates. This decision was made by the Christmas party committee which was led by Norma Acopan and assisted by Florence Au, Cynthia Ching, Beverly Wong and Lucy Wong.

Despite the poor weather conditions, the drive-thru was a huge success. Santa Claus (aka Robert Wong) and his helpers greeted each car as they arrived with holiday cheer. Kevin Chun, current SDDS President (or one of his helpers) presented each car their dinner orders and a surprise goodie bag from SDDS. Dinners were packed with authentic Chinese food from Legend Seafood Restaurant and homemade almond cookies courtesy of Norma. 338 dinners were prepared, and 78 cars arrived through a span of 2 hours from 4pm to 6pm.

This event wouldn't have been a success without the cooperation of the Chinese Cultural Plaza security team, the committee members, volunteers, and Santa himself. We would like to thank all the members and their families who braved the inclement weather to partake in this holiday event. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and hoping you remain safe into the New Year.





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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Several upcoming and ALL ongoing events have been **CANCELED** due to the constantly evolving situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic,
Please check the website for updates <https://www.seedaidoosociety.org>

Wednesday February 2, 2022
@ 7:30 PM, Virtual via Zoom

Directors Meeting

董事會成員會議

Contact the SDDS office for
Zoom Link, phone (808)533-
4756 or email
seedaidoosociety@gmail.com

Wednesday February 9, 2022
@ 7:30 PM, Virtual via Zoom

General Membership
Meeting

會員會議

Saturday, March 26, 2022
@ 6:00 pm,
Legend Seafood Restaurant

Spring Banquet

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RSVP by Wed March 11, 2022

Ongoing Events

Bingo	美式賓果	ON HOLD
Mandarin Class	國語班	ON HOLD
Tai Chi	太極班	ON HOLD



SEE DAI DOO SOCIETY 2022 SPRING BANQUET

Legend Seafood Restaurant
Chinese Cultural Plaza

Saturday, March 26, 2022

See Dai Doo Society Members, Families and Friends

Table of Ten (10) for **\$350.00**

Menu

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| *Diced Melon Soup | *Peking Duck with Bun | *Stir Fried Shrimp in Salted Egg Sauce |
| *Oyster Rolls | *Kau Yuk with Taro | *Sautéed House Vegetables with Duck Meat |
| *Sautéed Fresh Vegetables | *Warm Chicken in Shoyu, Ginger, Green Onion Sauce | |
| | *Dessert: Warm Red Bean Soup | |

Current COVID guidance will be observed during the banquet. Proof of vaccination and ID required.

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

Payable to: See Dai Doo Society

Address: 1300 Pali Hwy, 3rd Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813

Deadline: **Wednesday, March 11, 2022**

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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 is provided, your assigned table number(s) will be emailed/texted to

Contact Person _____ by **Wednesday, March 21, 2021**

Please provide: email _____ or cell phone number _____

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

Print Names of Members (First M. I. Last Name)	SDDS Membership ID #	Place an "X" if 65 to 89 years in age	Write in Age over 90 years
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DO NOT WRITE IN BOX BELOW (for Banquet committee use)

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