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**Condolences
& Prayers**
Russell Mun



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great way to start off an auspicious year of the Snake with our colorful and outstanding banquet. I might be biased, but I think it was one of our best ever! Our board has been consistently working hard to improve the Kung Sheong Doo experience for our members.

From a club history point of view, there was a time when we gave out certificates of Kung Sheong Doo membership rather than membership cards. Those certificates were written in Chinese! In those days, a sizable portion of the KSD membership could speak and probably write Chinese. That might explain why we have currently have both a Chinese and an English secretary to this day! Clearly communication was important then. And communication is even more important now and also way more fast paced. Email is clearly quicker than postal mail. In our effort to improve our communication with our membership, we urge you to provide us with your email addresses. And, to enrich your experience of membership with KSD, we will be re-introducing the Certificate of Membership which is written in Chinese with an English translation since the vast majority of our membership no longer speaks or reads Chinese. Now you will have membership card and a Certificate.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Sunday and our picnic in August!

Cheers!
Liane Fu, President

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95th Anniversary Spring Banquet 2025

We headlined our 95th Anniversary banquet with a special nine course dinner menu and sold out of all our tables at Jade Dynasty. As people arrived early for the fun and fellowship at 5:30, in addition to the peanuts and shrimp chips at our complementary bar, guests were also offered a perfectly seasoned fried octopus pupu which was very generously caught, prepared, and donated by past president Wesley Mun. Our favorite musicians played delightful music while everyone socialized. At 6pm our MC Cathy Foy signaled the start of our program with fireworks and the Lion Dance.

After the introductions of our special guests, we gave away our attractive & delicious centerpieces. Past board member Claire Nakatsuka said grace so that we could start the dinner service. Throughout the dinner we gave away lucky number prizes. Thank you to all who answered the call for prize donations: the family of past president Lita Lum, Gretchen Jong & Albert Fu. And huge mahalo to Jade Dynasty for their Gift Certificate prize donations.

Our Cultural Education Program students were called onto the stage by Wesley Mun for picture taking. It was wonderful seeing the wide range of ages in our Cultural Education Program. Our president Liane Fu performed a toast before concluding our banquet with a sing along of You Are My Sunshine and Hawaii Aloha.

Big Mahalo to all our young student volunteers who helped set up and breakdown our banquet. We couldn't have done it without you.



General Membership Meeting Sunday June 8, 2024 11AM Harbor Village

At this meeting, our speaker, **Douglas Chong** will discuss "The Evolution of Chinese Identity in Hawaii". We look forward to your fellowship and participation with lunch to follow. Among his many honors and awards, in 2024, Douglas Chong was recognized as a living treasure by the Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Please send your RSVP to kungsheongdoo@gmail.com and **mail in a payment of \$10** per member (refundable upon attendance) and \$25 per nonmember (nonrefundable) **by June 7th**. Please include the names of all the attendees covered by your check so that we can verify guests with our membership lists. **Please arrive early** to allow time for check-in, return of your payment, and the seating of your party. The first to come will be the first to be seated. Space is limited to 9 tables.

New Membership Certificates

The Kung Sheong Doo Society will now be including 8-1/2 x 11 memberships as well as the membership cards which we've been giving our new members over the last few decades. The certificates mirror the older certificates used in our earlier days with the Top section and the Chinese vertical characters on the right side but add an English translation of the Chinese Characters and our logos in color on the bottom center. If any of you current members want one of these certificates, please email me a photo of your membership card and if possible, so I can fill out the place of origin, the village your family came from in Kung Sheong Doo. I will also need your current street address to make sure I'm sending it to the correct place. It may take me up to a month to get it back to you depending on how many people ask for them. My email address is it.ksdhawaii@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email, you can send a copy of your membership card and the name of your family village, making sure your street address is on the envelope to:

Norman Chock, 1543 Liholiho Street D, Honolulu, HI 96822.



Polo Shirts

Some of you have not yet picked up the shirts you ordered, If you are one of those people, please pick them up at our June 8th general membership meeting or our annual picnic on August 16.

Also, if you want a polo shirt, let us know your sizes and they will be available at both events for \$15 for adult shirts and \$10 for children's sizes.

Newsletter by Email

As you all may know, making copies and sending things through the mail has gotten very expensive lately and especially for KSD which mails 150 newsletters once a quarter. The paper version of our newsletters also adds to the workload of our volunteer Board members, so if you have been receiving a paper copy of our newsletters, please help us to save some time and money by allowing us to email you our newsletters instead. If you are willing to receive your newsletters electronically via email, please email me to let me know at it.ksdhawaii@gmail.com. Mahalo, Norman



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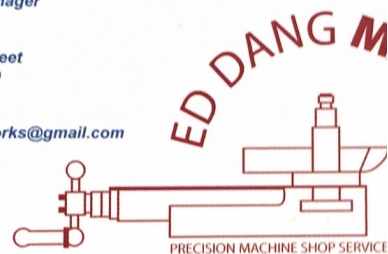
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United Chinese Society Announcements:

We're excited share three upcoming items of interest to the Chinese Community:

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Painting opportunity

The City and County of Honolulu and Zhongshan City, invites Hawai'i students to participate in a youth painting exhibition commemorating Dr. Sun Yat-sen. While we are forwarding this on behalf of the organizers, please note that UCS is not directly affiliated with or overseeing this activity.

Feel free to share with your families and extended networks!

The City and County of Honolulu, in partnership with Zhongshan City, invites Hawai'i students in Grades 6–12 to participate in the "Dr. Sun Yat-sen & Hawai'i" Youth Painting Exhibition, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Dr. Sun's passing.

Students are encouraged to create original 11x14-inch paintings depicting Dr. Sun's life and activities in Hawai'i, using any medium. Selected artworks will be displayed in Honolulu and later exhibited in Zhongshan, China, and become part of the permanent collection of the Sun Yat-sen Museum.

All participants will receive certificates, and selected entries will receive cash prizes. Submission deadline is July 15, 2025. For more information, contact Yen Chun at yenaloha@gmail.com

If you are interested in flyers and pictures regarding this competition/opportunity please request them by emailing kungsheongdoo@gmail.com and we will send it to you.

Hōlau (Chinatown) Station Neighborhood Design Workshop:

This is an invitation from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), who is hosting an upcoming workshop to gather public input on the design of the Chinatown Station.

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), in partnership with Tutor Perini Corporation, is hosting the **Hōlau (Chinatown) Station Neighborhood Design Workshop:**

Location: Ke'elikōlani Middle School Cafeteria

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Address: 1302 Queen Emma Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

This is the first of two planned workshops for the Chinatown Station. Attendees will have an opportunity to engage with project representatives, ask questions, and share feedback on the station's preliminary design.

Please note that this is a HART-led initiative, not a UCS-organized event. We're simply helping to spread the word and encourage community participation.

If you're unable to attend in person, you can still provide comments by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer, using the online feedback link, or contacting info@honolulutransit.org. Mahalo for staying engaged in shaping the future of our Chinatown community.

If you are interested in flyers with the QR code request it by emailing kungsheongdoo@gmail.com and we will send it to you.

UCS Picnic Sunday August 17, 2025 10-2PM Kapiolani Park

Their picnic is the day after the KSD picnic. It is \$10 for a bento lunch. If you volunteer, we will provide you with a free bento ticket. Please let us know if you are interested by July 15th. Email us for more detailed information if you are interested

KSD Annual Summer Picnic

August 16th, 2025, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

The KSD 2024 annual picnic will be held on Sunday August 11, 2024, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Ala Moana Park, picnic area #14. (Same place as previous years) Please join us for fun, fellowship, food, and games. You may choose from either a Young's Market Hawaiian plate lunch or a pizza and salad lunch. Please send your RSVP/payment to kungsheongdoo@gmail.com by August 5th. Please mail in a payment of \$10 per member (refundable upon attendance) and \$15 per nonmember (nonrefundable). Indicate your choice of lunch.

Besides the many prizes everyone will win, ice cold watermelon and root beer floats will be served. Bring your appetites and a big bag for prizes. Come early for parking and participate in the vegetable/snack mad dash free for all starting at 10:00 am. Youth and Scholar volunteers needed.

Help Us Improve KSD Communications

If you haven't been receiving our emails and newsletters, it is because we don't have your current email address. If we only have one email address for your whole family, but yet each member of your family has their own email addresses, then we should know their email addresses also! **THIS WAY EVERY MEMBER CAN STAY CONNECTED! DON'T DELAY! EMAIL IT.KSDHAWAII@GMAIL.COM TODAY!**

Aloha Russell Mun

Past President Russell Kwai Nin Mun (2013 -2014) passed away on February 20, 2025. He was preceded in death by his wife Lynette (March 23, 2023). Russ and Lynette were a gracious and personable KSD Presidential Couple. They worked diligently (always with a smile) in the best interest of the Doo and its membership during his Presidency and many other years as a Board Member. Most notable was Russ' development and leadership of the Investment Committee. The present financial success of KSD can be attributed to his investment acumen. KSD will miss Russ and Lynette.

