

# Honolulu Chinese Jaycees 中華青年商會

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**Mission:** To develop leaders and provide members more knowledge, skill and the compassion to better serve the community and all humanity.

**History:** The late Dr. Wai Sinn Char founded the chapter on October 1, 1953, citing the need for a strong and energetic community service organization made up of young men of Chinese ancestry. The Honolulu Chinese Junior Chamber of Commerce was officially chartered by the US Junior Chamber of Commerce on December 11, 1953, and its first elected President was Honolulu attorney Robert H.K. Chang. Its purpose was that of the national Junior Chamber movement—to promote fellowship among its members, all of whom were between the ages of 21-35; to provide members with leadership training, and above all, give each member an opportunity to serve the community. This concept is reflected in the Jaycee Creed, "And that service to humanity is the best work of life."

In 1958, the chapter changed its name to the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees. In 1992–93, it earned the coveted Harold A. Marks Award, given by the US Junior Chamber of Commerce to honor the Most Outstanding Chapter in the nation.

The Honolulu Chinese Jaycees is the also only chapter in Hawaii (of approximately 15 chapters in Honolulu, Kauai and the Big Island) to have its president advance to become state, national and international president of the Jaycees.

**Membership.** The HCJ is a leadership and community service organization made up of men and women between the ages of 21 and 39. Members come from many cultural and professional backgrounds to develop their leadership skills by participating in professional programs, assisting with community service projects and having fun at social and sports activities. Currently, there are 80 active members in the organization. There is a membership fee of \$50 for new members and \$45 for renewing members. The membership fee includes Jaycee magazines, newsletters and a plaque.

"Old timers" banquet with several past presidents.

A thank you party for volunteers who helped at the Narcissus Festival.

**Activities** The organization participates in and offers volunteer support to a number of community activities, including the 50th State Fair Food Booth, the Miss Chinatown Scholarship Pageant, the Annual Healthy Baby Contest, the Night in Chinatown & Parade, the Narcissus Festival, the Narcissus Pageant, the Halloween project and the Dragon Boat Races. Support is also given to the Palolo Chinese Home by serving meals to the elderly residents.

In 1997, the Jaycees hosted the Junior Chamber International World Congress. This event brought over six thousand delegates to Hawaii from over 100 countries around the world.

For members, there is an array of social events, such as movie nights, darts, bowling, and nights out at Ocean's or Pipeline nightclubs. General membership meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Ward Warehouse, in the Kakaako Conference Room.

**Association presidents**

<i>Founder</i> Wai Sin Char*	1983-84 Howard W.H. Loo	1994-95 Denton G.Y. Chun
1953-54 Robert H.K. Chang*	1984-85 Arthur R. Fu	1995-96 Karen Lee-Sur
1955-56 Gail Li	1985-86 Michael Marr	1996-97 Shirley Pai
1956-57 Henry K.C. Chang	1986-87 Paul Yim	1997-98 Wes Kam
1957-58 Edward K.C. Siu*	1987-88 Philip Chang	1998-99 Mark Nakashima
1958-60 Roy W.K. Chang*	1988-89 Wendall Woo	1999 Ging Van
1960-61 William W. Lee	1989-90 Bruce K.S. Fong	1999-00 Paul Chun
1961-62 Johnson H. Wong	1990-91 Gordon K.S. Lau	2000 Craig Chung
1962-63 Leonard Fong	1991-92 William H. Fung	2001 Stephanie Hirata
1963-64 Wilfred S.F. Chu	1992-93 Beth E. Fong	2002 Gerald Chung
1964-65 Herbert G.K. Mau	1993-94 Terence K.L. Young	2003 Kathy Otsuka
1965-66 Henry W.C. Chung		
1966-68 Gulen W.Y. Kam*		
1968-69 Ronald G.S. Au		
1969-70 John K. Char		
1970-71 Delwin P.K. Ching		
1971-72 Wendell H. Chun		
1972-73 Kenneth J. Lee		
1973-74 Michael R. Sen		
1974-76 Michael Y.M. Loo*		
1976-77 Brian G.L. Jim On		
1977-78 Frederick H.K. Lee		
1978-79 Dennis K.K. Ching		
1979-80 Richard Y.S. Lee		
1980-81 Franson D. Tom		
1981-82 Foster K.C. Lau		
1982-83 Bennett W. Mark		



*Sources: UCS publications & correspondence with Kathy Otsuka.*