Ling Hou Hing Pang Society
嶺后亨彭氏同宗會
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Mission: To strive for a good quality of life for members, and to extend contributions to other charitable organizations.

History: The Pangs from Ling Hou Hing Village (Linghouheng 嶺后亨) in the Heong Shan District (Xiangshan香山) in China came to Hawaii in 1884. They united with a common goal to help their families in the village and to eventually bring their families to Hawaii.

On February 10, 1942, the Pangs were granted a Charter of Incorporation from the Territory of Hawaii, to be known as the Ling Hou Hing Pang Society. The first officers were:
President—Lum Mow Pang,
Vice Pres.—David L. Pang,
Secretary—George Pang,
Treasurer—H.Q. Pang.

Right: Front gate of village.
Below left: Some older residences. Below right: The village’s medical clinic—the first in the area.
Activities  Continuing with tradition, the Society provides scholarships for sons and daughters of members, observes memorial services, sponsors an annual banquet, donates to charitable fund drives and hosts an annual picnic.

The picnic is usually held at Waimanalo Beach Park on the third weekend of August. Lunch is provided, and games are held, with winners taking prizes. There is no cost to members.

Perhaps the most significant activity of the Society however is the financial contribution it sends to the Ling Hou Hing Village in China. A member of the Society travels to China with accumulated funds, and obtains a receipt from the village leaders. These monies help to modernize the village, making it the first in its area with a drainage system, paved lanes, a nursery school, a health clinic with a doctor, and a recreation center. There is also a basketball court and a meditation park.

Membership: At present, there are approximately 500 families and individuals who are members of the Society, for a total of over a thousand active members. Benefits are mainly freebies; there are no dues to be a member of the Society. All members are invited to attend the annual Bai San ceremony, at which they are offered lunch and take-home plates. For the annual banquet, members contribute towards the cost of the table. The Society however pays for the lion dance, entertainment and dessert. Members who are 70 years of age and above are treated to dinner at the banquet. There are scholarships for undergraduate members presented at the banquet. Those who help with the various annual projects of the Society are invited to a year-end Board of Directors luncheon, which is like a mini-Christmas party, where grab bags are exchanged.

Association presidents
1970  Walter C.J. Pang
1972–73  H.Q. Pang
1973-74  Charles Pang
1974-75  Henry K.S. Pang
1975-76  Wallace Pang
1976-77  Yung Poon Pang
1978-79  Raymond B.S. Pang
1980-81  Gary Pang
1982-83  Elmer Pang
1983–84  Howard H.W. Pang
1984-85  James Pang
1986-87  Kwock On Pang
1988-90  Herbert Pang
1990-91  Gary S.P. Pang
1991-92  Henry H. P. Pang
1993-94  Thompson Pang
1995-96  Jayson Pang
1997-98  Trudy Pang
   (first female director)
1999-pres.  Douglas Pang

Left: Members of a tour group organized by the Society mingling with residents of the village

Sources: United Chinese Society Centennial Celebration publication; correspondence with Douglas Pang