Tom Association

History The earliest group of Hawaii residents with the last name Tom (Tán) began meeting informally in the 1920s, but the Association was not formally established until 1950, by founders Tom Yau Kun and Tom Tai Leong.

Activities Members meet four times a year for fellowship and to socialize: at the Spring Banquet (to celebrate Chinese New Year); to observe Ching Ming (Qingming) at the Lin Yee Chung Cemetery, followed by a family dinner; and at a Christmas Party. General membership meetings are held once a year in November.

Membership: The Association has 50-60 members, all with surnames Tom, Tam, Thom, or Taum. There is a lifetime membership fee of $35 for those under 65 and $20 for those over 65. Those who choose to pay their dues annually pay $2.

Association presidents
1951 Tai Tong Tom*
1952 Tai Leong Tom*
1953 Archie Tom*
1954-55 Theodore H.K. Tom
1956 Keong Hong Tom*
1957 Kwai Ming Tom*
1958 Lawrence On Tom*
1959-60 Stanley K.H. Tom
1961 Joseph K. Tom*
1962-63 K.S. Tom
1964 Clifford H.C. Tom*
1965-66 Irwin W.C. Thom*
1967 Kwai Ming Tom*
1968 Albert Q.Y. Tom
1969 Hing Yee Tom
1970-71 Herbert H.M. Tam*
1972 Remigius Taum
1973-74 Wah Chan Tom*
1975 Keong Hong Tom*
1976 Gertrude T. Pang (acting)
1977-78 Gertrude Tom Pang
1979-80 Harold L.H. Tam-Hoy*
1981-82 Raymond W.J. Tam
1983-85 Hery P. Thom*
1985-86 Raymond C.B. Tam
1987-88 Roland Q.F. Thom
1989-90 Rod H.C. Tam
1991 Geraldine Tom
1992-94 Stephen Tom
1995-96 Vernon H.Q. Tam
1997-02 James S.K. Tam
2003–pres. Vernon H.Q. Tam

Mission: To promote and maintain harmony and understanding among members, and to render aid and comfort to members and, whenever feasible, to the community as well.

Sources: UCS directory and correspondence with Vernon Tam