

Chinese Catholic Club of Honolulu

檀華天主教會

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Mission: To provide for the spiritual and social welfare of its members, to come together to strengthen the faith of members, and to work towards the conversion of others. The club's motto is "Work and Pray."

History: The Club was founded by ten men on September 13, 1925, at what was then St. Louis College, now St. Louis High School. Following an early history of spiritual, social, and charitable works in Hawai'i and overseas, the Club was instrumental in establishing the Hawai'i Carmelite Monastery in 1973—whose home base is the Carmelite Sisters in Hong Kong. Today, the Club still supports the Carmelite Monastery located on the grounds of St. Stephen Seminary, just below the Pali Highway.



Dinner in honor of Father Pang from Rome. L-R back row: Violet Holeso, Harry Young, Gerald Wong, Helen DeRego, Marianne Lum. Seated: Francis Yim, Larry Lee, Paul Pang, Theresa Chun.

Activities From 1936 to 1978, charitable drives provided clothing, books, medical and dental equipment, sewing machines and other household appliances, as well as general supplies, to relief missions in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macau, the Philippines, and the Marshall and Caroline Islands. Today, financial aid is still sent to Macau and Taiwan by generous members and friends of the Club.

In Honolulu, projects throughout the year include visits to the elderly and convalescents; an annual retreat at the St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Kalihi during Lent; a visit to the

Carmelite Sisters after Easter; the celebration of Homecoming and Parent's Day in May; and the organization of various prayer pilgrimages. The Club participates in vocational and refugee fund drives, and provides gardening and sales support to the Carmelite Sisters. An installation banquet is held annually. The Club also provides an annual religious and an educational scholarship.

<i>Association presidents</i>			
1925-27	Henry Kam Lum*	1952-54	Aloysius Tom*
1927-28	Ambrose Wong*	1954-55	Frank W.C. Loo*
1928-30	George Ching*	1955-56	Aloysius Tom*
1931-32	Leonard Fong*	1956-57	Laura Lum
1933-34	Clarence J. Lum*	1957-59	Arthur S.P. Lee
1934-35	Ambrose Wong*	1959-60	Martin K.M. Luke
1935-36	Harold K. Chun	1960-61	Theodore Loo
1936-37	Paul Hee*	1961-62	Michael C.K. Lum
1937-38	David J. Lum	1962-63	Frank W. Seto*
1938-39	George T. Fu*	1963-64	Gilbert L.H. Wong*
1939-6/40	Albert Loo*	1964-65	Martin Hee
6/40-8/40	Momi Ting Minn*	1965-66	Raphael Wong
1940-41	George T. Fu*	1966-67	Warren Chee
1941-42	Joseph K. Alina	1967-68	Alex Yuen
1942-44	Harold K. Chun	1968-69	Helen Wong
1944-46	Richard Auyong*	1969-70	Rose Marie Chow*
1946-47	Henry J. Choy*	1970-71	George Chu
1947-48	Francis K. Tom*	1971-72	Martin Hee
1948-49	Robert Chow*	1972-73	Alex Marn
1949-50	Andrew Chong*	1973-74	George Holeso*
1950-51	Frederick Yee*	1974-75	Francis T.L. Yim
1951-52	Archibald Chow	1975-76	Frank Lau*
		1976-77	Violet Holeso
		1977-78	Beatrice Lum
		1978-79	Michael C.K. Lum
		1979-80	Gertrude Johnson*
		1980-81	Anna S. Pang*
		1981-82	Angeline K. Lau
		1982-84	George Peterson
		1984-85	Marianne Lum
		1985-86	Martin Hee
		1986-87	Reuben Chang*
		1987-89	Anna S. Pang*
		1989-90	Peter Kuo
		1990-91	Arthur Lam
		1991-92	Marianne Lum
		1992-93	Eliane Kuo
		1993-95	Larry Lee
		1995-96	Wallace Wong
		1996-97	Bennett Siu
		1997-98	Gerald Wong
		1998-00	Larry Lee
		2000-01	Irene Johnson
		2001-02	Larry Lee
		2002-03	Irene Johnson
			<i>*Deceased</i>

Membership: The Club currently has about 125 paid members, whose average age is about 70. A recent inductee was 101 upon joining! Membership used to be restricted to Chinese Catholics, but now anyone is welcome. Dues are \$2 annually for individuals, and \$3 for families.



Monsignor Roy Peters (left) at a luncheon with members