

## Yim's Society 嚴氏宗親會

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**Mission:** Originally, since all of the ancestors of the Society were immigrants to Hawaii, the purposes for forming the organization were as follows: to help members adjust to their new environment; provide assistance as needed; arrange and perform the annual memorial “Bai San” (*baishan* 拜山) services; and maintain familial and community links with those remaining in Hou Chung Village (*Haoyong* 濠涌). Today, the Society’s objectives include the original purposes, plus the added objectives of maintaining fellowship among members, and preserving the culture of the ancestral village.

**History:** In 1930, the Hou Chung Tung Heong Hui (*Haoyong Tongxianghui* 濠涌同鄉會) was formed of emigrants with the last name Yim (*Yan* 嚴) from Hou Chung Village, in Guangdong’s Zhongshan County. This name was changed to the “Yim’s Society” in 2001, to give younger members, who knew little about the ancestral village, a more tangible point of identification.

**Activities** The Society’s three main annual events are open to all, and serve to allow participants to renew old acquaintances, become familiar with older and/or younger family members, and exchange cultural experiences and knowledge. These events are the following. 1) Regardless of the varying religious beliefs of the Society’s members, the organization still maintains the annual Bai San Memorial Service to honor their deceased parents and ancestors. This service is held annually on the 3rd or 4th Sunday in April, at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery on East Manoa Road and Pakanu Street in Manoa Valley. 2) The Society’s annual banquet is usually held on the 3rd or 4th Saturday in August. The date varies on occasion, to enable members who are mainland-bound college students to participate in the event. 3) An annual family picnic is held in Ala Moana Park during the 3rd or 4th week of July.

**Membership:** Those with the surname Yim, or whose parents are of the Yim ancestral line, are eligible for membership. Annual dues are used to offset the expenses incurred in organizing and hosting the Society’s annual events.



2002 annual picnic in Ala Moana Park

### *Association presidents*

1968-70 Francis Yim  
1971-73 George Pui Yim  
1974-76 Thomas T P Yim  
1977-79 Robert Yim  
1980-82 Stanley Yim  
1983-86 Nathan Yim  
1987-90 Wendell Yim  
1991-94 James Yim  
1995-99 Bo Him Yim  
2000-pres. Clifton Yim

Sources: UCS directory and personal communication with Clifton Yim