

**Goo Association**  
**古氏同宗會**

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*Mission:* To foster support and provide mutual benefit for people with the surnames Goo, Koo or Kou (*Gu* 古).

*History:* Mr. Bark Dai Goo and Mr. Fat Kui Goo founded the Goo Association on August 8, 1954. The Association Charter was written by their Chinese Secretary, Mr. Shack Won Goo and reviewed by all of the Association's officers and two attorneys, who were also members: Tin Chong Goo, Esq. and Tin Sheong Goo, Esq., as well as by Mr. Atkin Goo, on August 1, 1954.

*Association presidents*

1954-56	Kui Goo*	1977-79	Lawrence C.K. Goo
1957-58	John T. Goo*	1980-81	Eugene Goo
1959	George W.H. Goo*	1982-84	Benedict S. Goo*
1960	Tin Chong Goo*	1985-86	See Hong Goo
1961	Chock Hin Goo*	1987-88	Joline M.L. Goo
1962	Fat Kui Goo*	1989-90	Nelson W.S. Goo
1963	Tin Sheong Goo*	1991-92	Hoon Yee Goo
1964	Bark Dai Goo	1993-94	Edwina Goo-Lee
1965-66	Donald T.S. Goo	1995-96	Gordon K.W. Tam
1969	Charles K.C. Goo	1997-98	Edmond K.M. Goo
1970-71	Sin Choy G. Kam*	1999-00	Luk Wan Goo
1972-73	Collin F.P. Goo*	2001-02	Garrett K.W.I. Tam
1974-76	Fred Goo*	2003	Edwina Goo-Lee

*Chinese Memorial Service. L to r: Kim Ming Goo, Gordon Tam, Rose Goo, Joline Goo and Tiffany Goo Wright. The whole roast pig is being cut up to serve to members.*



**Activities** In January-February, there is an annual fundraiser: members run a booth at the Chinese Cultural Plaza selling Gin Dui (*jiandui* 煎堆; a deep-fried confection of mochi-rice, filled with red-bean paste). Approximately 25-30 member families support this event, but anyone is invited to participate. In March, the Association hosts its annual Spring Banquet at a Chinese Restaurant. Approximately 25-30 tables (ten persons per table) are reserved for the banquet. Each person pays for the dinner, which is approximately \$18 per person. There is often a lion dance, a traditional Chinese dance or martial arts performance, as well as Hawaiian performances. The annual Chinese Memorial Service (Bai San—*baishan* 拜山) is held in April at the Pauoa and the Manoa cemeteries. There is a luncheon for members, relatives and friends. Approximately 25-30 families participate in the service and lunch. Each August the Association organizes a picnic at Ala Moana Beach Park at Site #28B. Lunch is served for members, relatives and friends, with approximately 50 families participating. Bingo, children's games and lucky number prizes are also part of the festivities. In December, the Association participates in the Christmas celebrations at the Palolo Chinese Home. Roughly 25 families help out by serving lunch, singing carols and playing ukeleles. One member dons a Santa Claus outfit to pass out gifts during the performances.

**Membership:** Currently there are approximately 100 families who are members of the Association. A great number of individuals are elderly and therefore no longer participate in the organization's activities; however, they continue to donate money to the organization. Anyone with the surname Goo, Koo or Kou, or anybody whose parents or grandparents have that surname, are eligible for membership. There is an annual membership fee of \$3 per person within each family. Seniors over 65 and minors under 12 do not pay membership fees. All events are free for members, except for the Spring Banquet.



*Officers at the 1985 Spring Banquet on March 17, 1985. Front row (l to r): Bark Dai Goo, Fat Kui Goo, See Hong Goo, Kim Ming Goo. Back row (l to r): Elzadia Goo, Gordon Tam, Joline Goo, Hon Kwong Goo, Benedict Goo, Edwina Goo Lee, Beverly Goo.*



*Officers at the 1986 Spring Banquet. Front row (l to r): See Hong Goo, Kim Ming Goo, Edwina Goo Lee, Elzadia Goo, Benedict Goo, Fat Kui Goo. Back row (l to r): Joline Goo, Beverly Goo, Tai Chock Goo, Grace Goo, Gordon Tam, Tin Sheong Goo.*