

## Chinese Women's Club of Honolulu 檀香山華人婦女會

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**Mission:** To foster interest, pride, and achievement in cultural arenas; to participate in and contribute toward activities which promote racial understanding, tolerance, and harmony; to subscribe to any worthy cause of charity and undertake such benevolent endeavors as will contribute to the general welfare of any organization; and to serve the community as a non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit organization.

**History:** The Club was founded in 1928. It was instigated by a visit by Mei Yung Ting, a prominent female physician from Tianjin in China, who was attending the Pan-Pacific Conference in Honolulu. She noted that women in China at that time were pooling their talents and resources for the cultural, education, and social development of their communities. Noting the presence in Honolulu of equally talented and resourceful women, as well a number of projects worthy of attention, Dr. Ting urged Honolulu's Chinese professional women to organize as well. The response from within the community was enthusiastic. At the initial meeting called by Ellen Leong, Mollie Yap, and Hung Lum Chung, the Club was chartered and Dr. Leong was elected its first president.

*Past presidents honored at the Club's 70th Anniversary Celebration, held at Washington Place (home of the state governor), May 28, 1998*



**Activities** One of the Club's major fund-raisers is an annual luncheon-fashion show, which provides for the college scholarships that the Club awards, and other welfare benefits for members and others. For decades, members have contributed time, talent and monies in support of various needy individuals and groups. Members also take part in United Chinese Society picnics, and march in the Lantern Day parade.

### *Association presidents*

1928-29 Ellen Leong  
1930-31 Mary Chung  
1932 Molly Yap  
1933-34 Grace Chang  
1935-36 Ruth Hoy  
1937 Constance Chong  
1938 Nora Lee  
1939 Belle Tyau  
1940 Rose Lung  
1941 Esther Soong  
1942 Esther See  
1943 Ellen Hee  
1944 Henrietta C. Chong  
1945 Mary Choy  
1946 Edith Kam  
1947 Violet H. Lee  
1948 Lillian Chung  
1949 Florence Doo  
1950 Margaret Wong  
1951 Sadie Goo  
1952 Christine Lum  
1953 Sylvianne Chun  
1954 Marian Lynch  
1955 Helen Tam  
1956 Bernice Yee  
1957 Alice K.O. Leong

1958 Clara Yuen  
1959 Grace Wong  
1960 Betty Wong  
1961 Daisy Chun  
1962 Ethel Thom  
1963 Alice Zane  
1964 Dora Tong  
1965 Blossom Y. Tyau  
1966 Miriam Chun  
1967 Janis H.L. Chee  
1968 Grace Lam  
1969 Rachel Chang  
1970 Elizabeth Chang  
1971 Beatrice Chun  
1972 Rosie Chang  
1973 Marian Char  
1974 Bernice L. Chui  
1975 Ruth Chow  
1976 Rose Au Tom  
1977 Jean Yee  
1978 Pearl Fu Wong  
1979 Dorothy K. Lum  
1980 Lydy Ching  
1981 Puck Lin Wat  
1982 Josephine Lum  
1983 Patricia J.H.S. Lum  
1984 Beatrice W. Kam

1985 Ruby Cheong  
1986 Marjorie C. Lau  
1987 Daisy Y.M. Ching  
1988 Jerilyn L.O. Jeffreys  
1989 Gladys Lee  
1990 Viola C. Ong  
1991 Margaret Lum  
1992 Elsie Won  
1993 June Kam Tong  
1994 Vivian H. Young  
1995 Ellen B.Y. Wong  
1996 Rena Young Ochse  
1997 Mary L. Jung  
1998 Pearl S.K. Ching  
1999 Joline Goo  
2000 Dorothy Y. Lum  
2001-02 Pauline Tseu Young  
2003 Irene C. Johnson  
2004 Sandra Hee Hagen

**Membership:** There are approximately 200 regular and associate members. Membership is open to all women of Chinese ancestry and to those who are in sympathy with it's purposes.

*The Club's 75th Anniversary Celebration Scholarship/Welfare Benefit was held at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, October 26, 2003. From left: Caroline Hee, who donated the seascape by her father, noted artist Hon Chew Hee; Lawrence K.W. Tseu, patron and auction winner of the seascape; and benefit co-chairs Blossom Y. Tyau (1965 Club president) and Sandra Hee Hagan (2004 Club president)*



*Sources: UCS publications and communication with Sandra Hee Hagen*