

Maui Tai Ching Cultural Society 茂宜太清文化協會

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Mission: To promote and perpetuate the Chinese heritage; to celebrate Chinese festivals together as an extended family; and to enjoy and promote lion-dancing.

History: The Society was established in September, 1989 by Gertrude Ching-Ceballos, and registered as a non-profit organization in 1999.

Right: Board members, officers, members and family gathered on the steps of the Wo Hing Temple, headquarters of the Kwock Hing Society, on October 16, 2002



Left: A social at the Kwock Hing Society with staff members of the Honolulu-based Taipei Economic & Cultural Office, on October 13, 2002

Membership: Currently, there are 12 active members in the Society, as well as 20 loyal volunteers. Friends and family of members often participate in scheduled activities.



Above: Offerings of a roast pig, flowers, duck eggs, liquor, paper "ghost" money and other favored items at the main altar of the Fook On Tong Cemetery, on April 5, 2003, to commemorate the Ching Ming season

Activities There is an annual fund raiser held in June at the Makawao Up-County Fair that helps to raise funds for scholarships awarded at the high school level. The Society also participates in celebrations for the following festivals: Chinese New Year, Ching Ming, Sun Yat Sen's birthday, and the Double 10 Holiday. Members are particularly interested in supporting and learning the lion dance.

Association presidents Gertrude Ching-Ceballos; Barbara E. Luke; Cherilyn Luke; Kelvin Dang; Bryan Man

Right: Gertrude Ching Ceballos (left; founder of the Society) and Gay Yiouk at a re-union of the Shim family in Kula, Maui

Sources: UCS directory, Hawaii Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs website, and correspondence with Gertrude Ching-Ceballos

