

## Siu Society

### 蕭氏宗親會

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#### *Mission:*

To promote and perpetuate the Chinese cultural heritage, increase awareness of ancestral history and genealogy, and facilitate social gatherings among members

*History:* On May 31, 1981, approximately 55 persons gathered to discuss the formation of a society for those with the last name Siu (*Xiao* 蕭) in Hawai'i. The three leaders at this meeting were Hoy Shing Seu, Young Wai Seu, and Arthur Yung Nam Seu. The society was established with dues fixed at \$5 per year. Mrs. Kam Moi Siu Watt was elected president.

By-laws for the society were adopted by the membership in September, and by December the society had obtained non-profit status from the State Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Most families with the last name Siu in Honolulu are descendants of migrants from Guangdong Province, in particular Dai Chung, Nam Mun, and Sau Mee In Villages. The various romanizations of this name include Seu, Shiu, Sheu, Shaw, Hsiao, Xiao, and Siu.



## *Activities*

Once a year, during the Qingming (tomb-sweeping) season, the Society meets at the Manoa Cemetery and performs religious services in honor of the Siu ancestors. After the services, everyone enjoys lunch together. Thereafter, at the Spring Banquet (generally an eight-course dinner), members invite guests and other members of the community to join in. Again, at Christmas, the Society gathers for dinner to celebrate the holiday season and enjoy each others' company.

The Society also supports and donates to various community events, including the Chinese Chamber of Commerce's annual Narcissus Pageant, and to associations such as the Palolo Chinese Home.



### *Association presidents*

1981 .	Kam Moi Siu Watt
1982-83	K. Kenneth Siu
1984	Benjamin J.K. Sheu
1985-86	Bennett I.Y. Siu
1987-88	Violet Siu Chun
1989-90	Anna Siu Pang
1991-92	Hoy Shing Siu
1993-94.	Ting Chung Hsiao
1995-96	Lawrence W.J. Siu
1997-98	Henrietta Siu
1999-00.	Juliette Siu
2001-02	Reynold M. Siu
2003	Sandra L. Siu



### *Membership:*

Currently, there are approximately 120 members in the Society. Members pay annual dues of \$5, and must have the surname Seu, Shiu, Sheu, Shaw, Hsiao, Xiao, Siu or Xiu.