

## Gook Doo Sam Heong Society

### 谷都三鄉同鄉會

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#### *Mission:*

Assisting those in need, promoting Confucian values and philosophy, and reawakening interest in the language and cultural heritage of the members

*History:* Descendants of emigrants from the three villages Oo Syak (*Wushi* 烏石), Peng Larm (*Pinglan* 平嵐), and Kew Tow (*Qiaotou* 橋頭) in the Gook Doo (*Gudu* 谷都) district of Zhongshan province first gathered on December 6, 1953, in the old Mun Lun Chinese school auditorium, to form the Sam Heong Tung Heong Hui (*Sanxiang tongxiang hui* 三鄉同鄉會). Wah Hin Lum was the founding president; Others in leadership roles included Sing Leong Chang, Yuke See Chang, Wah hin Chang, Juk Chin Lum, and Yum sin Chang. Given the late start of this organization, most members were already well assimilated in Hawai'i, many likely having been born on the islands, but the impetus for its formation paralleled those of the older hometown societies.



*Activities* Among the events that draw members together are banquets to celebrate New Year's, Ching Ming (*Qingming*), and the annual installation of new officers. The New Year (Spring) banquet also honors an outstanding member of the society.

Meetings of the Society are usually conducted in Chinese. An ongoing project focuses on fundraising for a clubhouse.

### *Association presidents*

1953-54	Wah Hin Lum*
1955	Hew Chang*
1956	Dan Fong Chang*
1957-58	Sing Leong Chang*
1959-60	Henry Chow Chang*
1961	Wah Hin Lum*
1962	Raymond Young
1963-64	William Chun-Ming
1965-66	Wah Lai Chang*
1967-68	Kwon Leong Young*
1969	Mun Bo Chang*
1970	Walter Won Chang*
1971-72	Augustus Fong Lum
1973-74	Victor K.B. Young
1975-76	Henry Y. Amoy*
1977	Walter K.W. Young
1978-79	Wah Jip Chang
1980-81	Sing Hoy Chang
1982	Sai Chow Chang*
1983	Wilfred W.S. Young*
1984-85	Harry H.W. Chang*
1986	Durmond Look
1987-88	Hing Chang, Jr.
1989-90	(Senator) Anthony Chang
1991-92	Edwin Y.H. Chang
1993	Mildred B.W. Lum
1994-96	Hing Chang, Jr
1997-98	Augustus Fong Lum
1999-00	Wah Jip Chang
2001-02	Henry T.H. Chang
2003	Hing D.S. Chang, Jr.

### *Membership:*

Lifetime membership costs \$5, and is open to anyone with ties to the home villages. In 1984, there were over 700 members.

*Sources: UCS Centennial Book; UCS Directory of Chinese Associations; UCS souvenir booklet for Nov. 9-11 4th World-wide Zhong Shan Convention; personal communication with Wah Jip Chang*