

Lung Doo Kong Tow Society 隆都港頭同鄉會

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Mission: To give villagers from Kong Tow living in Hawaii and their descendants a tie to their ancestral homeland; to foster fellowship among members; and to render respect to deceased members .

History: The Society is composed of members who trace their ancestral lineage to the Kong Tow (*Gangtou* 港頭) Village in the Lung Doo district, Guangdong Province. The Society was founded on October 17, 1943, by Mr. Charles C. Hoo, Mr. Har Hu, Mr. Albert Ah Fook Hu, and eleven other members, and chartered on September 23, 1946.

The Society needed a clubhouse, and through the efforts of York Hon Hu, three rental units were acquired at North Vineyard Street near College Walk. The acquisition was made through interest-free loans from Albert Ah Fook Hu, Charles C. Hoo and York Hon Hu. One of these units was converted into a clubhouse and the other two generated income to repay the loans, and to support Society projects. In 1952, for example, a scholarship program was initiated to help the offspring of Society members attend Chinese language school. However, due to lack of interest, the program was eventually discontinued.

The property was condemned in the early 1960s under the Kauluwela Redevelopment Program. In 1969, the funds obtained were reinvested in a commercial property on North Beretania Street, between Maunakea and Smith Streets. York Hon Hu, Albert A.F. Hu, Peter K.K. Hu, David M.N. Hu and Henry S.C. Hu were instrumental in the acquisition of this property, which again was turned into a clubhouse and rental units to generate income. By 1988, however, the building had become dilapidated, and since the Society could not afford the cost of reconstruction, the property was sold. The proceeds of the sale were invested in sound income yielding securities.

Membership: Sixty years after the Society was founded, its membership has grown significantly, to 406 members.



2003 Board of Directors at installation luncheon on February 16. Front row l-r: Carolyn Walsh, Kenneth Hu, Mildred Hoo and Wai Inn Hu (VP). Back row l-r: Edson Hoo (Treasurer), Evelyn Chong (Secretary), Rick Hoo, and Sharron Hoo (President).

Sources: UCS publications & correspondence with Sharron Hoo.

Activities An important event of the year for the Society is the observation of Ching Ming. Weeks in advance, members clean cemetery plots and re-letter illegible inscriptions on the monuments. The Society provides funding to conduct ceremonies at the Manoa Chinese Cemetery, the Nuuanu Memorial Park and the Hawaiian Memorial Park. The day ends with members and their families gathering for a Chinese dinner at a restaurant, with a subsidy from the Society. Other fellowship events of the year include festivities for Chinese New Year, a summer picnic, a Christmas party, an Annual Banquet, and an Annual General Meeting. All events are well attended by members and their families, and, since they are subsidized by the Society's income from investments, are generally offered for a nominal fee or at no cost to members. In addition, the Society acquired a limited number of burial plots at the Hawaiian Memorial Park. These are made available to members who are without relatives in Hawaii, or who are lacking in funds.

Association presidents

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| 1943-44 Don Chock Kau* | 1990-91 Lita Hu Lum |
| 1945-46 Charles C. Hoo* | 1992-93 Mary L. Hu* |
| 1947 Albert A.F. Hu* | 1994-95 Herbert S.H. Hu* |
| 1948 York Hon Hu* | 1996-97 Carolyn Ng Walsh |
| 1949-50 Bing Young Hu* | 1998-99 Edson G.H. Hoo |
| 1951 Bing Kau | 2000 Carolyn Ng Walsh |
| 1952-53 Peter K.K. Hu* | 2001 Jane K.J. Hu |
| 1954-55 Rene C.K. Hu* | 2002-pres. Sharron L.H. Hoo |
| 1956-57 Look Sau Hu* | |
| 1958-59 Francis W.C. Hu* | |
| 1960-61 Clarence S.Y. Hoo | |
| 1962 Fong Ho Hu* | |
| 1963-64 Kam Butt Hu* | |
| 1965-66 Henry S.C. Hu* | |
| 1967-68 David M.N. Hu | |
| 1969-70 Herbert K.N. Hoo | |
| 1971-72 James G.C. Ng* | |
| 1973-74 Kenneth K.F. Hu | |
| 1974 Thomas H. Hoo | |
| 1976-77 Albert C.P. Foo | |
| 1978 Stanley T.U. Lum | |
| 1979-80 Herbert N. Hu | |
| 1980 Kenneth G.K. Hoo | |
| 1982-83 Joseph S.Y. Hu | |
| 1984 Edson G.H. Hoo | |
| 1985-86 Gilman K.M. Hu | |
| 1987 Joe V.S.T. Hu | |

Below: Society founders and charter members. Row 1—Ha Hu, Charles C. Hoo (Founder), and Albert Fook Hu. Row 2—Tung Chow Hu, Bung Lin Hoo, Dung Chock Kau, and Lum Fong Foo. Row 3—Kam Lin Hu, Chong Sau Hu, Look Sau Hu, and Kam Butt Hu. Row 4—Tai Hu, Yun Hu, and Quon Hu.

