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Quarterly Newsletter

WKHT OF HAWAII

July to September 2026
Established in 1902



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A Tribute to Hawaii's Plantation Days:

Hawaii's Plantation Village celebrated its 4th Annual Harvest Moon Festival on September 26 with food, cultural performances, and family activities. Free to the public, patrons could sample a delicious variety of ethnic foods, including andagi, gandule rice, makisushi, kimbap, lumpia, pastele stew, and Portuguese hot dogs. The event also featured craft products and plants for sale, genealogy displays, and harvest displays.

WKHT member and HPV volunteer Donna Wong paid homage to the tradition with a beautiful Chinese-themed floral display. Donna arranged various indigenous flowers and fruits in three layers to represent the elements of earth, man, and heaven. In addition, Donna enhanced the Chinese motif by adding a lion head, firecracker plant, and Chinese money tree to her creative display.

By Alvin Wong

HPV has a reputation for preserving Hawaii's past days. The Annual Harvest Moon Festival is one of many events that feature Hawaii's rich history. It is a place "where history is actively lived," as Dr. Loretta Chen, HPV Executive Director, said.



Photo by Donna Wong

Mahjong 2026!

Shirley Wong and Mae Chun continue to organize mahjong games for WKHT members. They're usually held once or twice a quarter, with 3-4 players per table. We have beginners and seasoned players with decades of experience! We welcome players of all levels.

Our next game, and last of the year, is Sunday, November 15, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. To reserve a spot, call or text Mae at 425-233-4322 by November 13.

By Mae Chun



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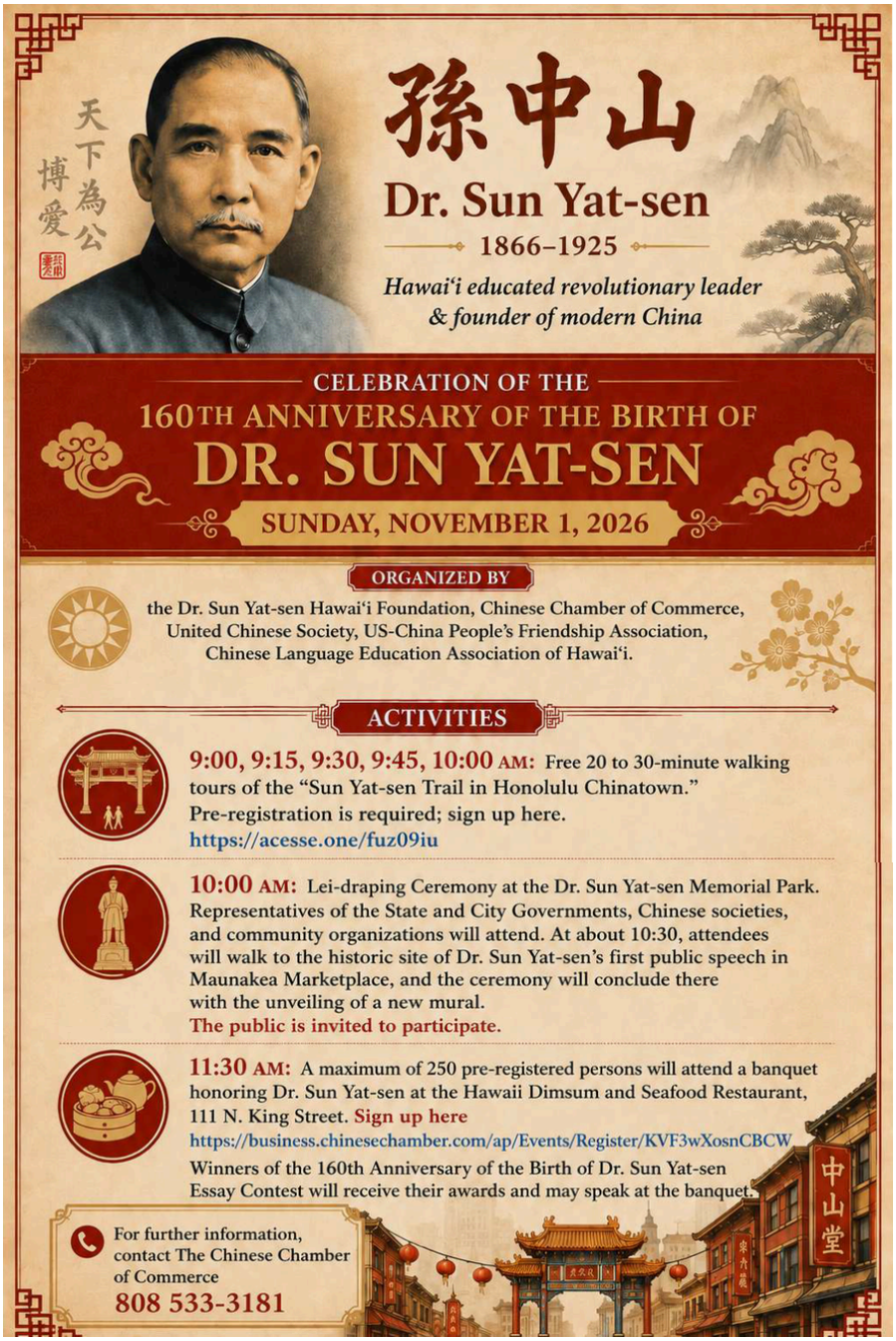
Celebrating the 160th Anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat Sen

On November 1, free walking tours of Chinatown will be available to celebrate the 160th Anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the founder of modern China. 30-minute tours start at 9:00, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, and 10:00 a.m., and are organized by the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Foundation, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the United Chinese Society, the US-China People's Friendship Association, and the Chinese Language Education Association of Hawaii.

Dr. Song Jiang, Associate Professor in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, will lead the tour with student guides from the department. The tour focuses on Dr. Sun's early teen experience in Honolulu Chinatown. After studying for three years at Iolani School and six months at Punahou, Dr. Sun returned to Hawaii many times to build local support for his revolutionary efforts.

For tour reservations, please contact the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at (808) 533-3181.

To learn more, check out the following website: https://sunyatsenhawaii.org/2026/08/28/dr-sun-yat-sen-160th-anniversary-celebration/



By Alvin Wong

Hawaii Film Festival

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October 21 - Nov 5, 2026

SPOTLIGHT ON CHINA

Oct 21 - Nov 1 Consolidated Theatres Kahala Nov 2 - 5 Consolidated Theatres Kapolei Nov 6 to Nov 15 Neighbor Islands



BIG LITTLE THINGS
directed by Michelle Zhou

A seemingly perfect middle-class Chinese family faces an unprecedented situation when their daughter Lei brings a man home on New Year's Eve to pretend to be her boyfriend. Her same-sex girlfriend's unexpected visit intertwines her with a real intimacy crisis.

Sunday, October 25th, 8:00PM
Wednesday, October 28th, 3:30PM

给阿嬤的情书
DEAR YOU
directed by Lan Hongchun

Broke and desperate, Xiaowei travels from China's Chaoshan region to Thailand in search of his long-lost grandfather, hoping to uncover a forgotten family fortune. But what begins as a comic quest for money transforms into a deeply moving journey through decades of love, sacrifice, and family history, revealed through qiaopi—the letters and remittances exchanged by overseas Teochew communities. Fueled by heartfelt storytelling and exceptional word of mouth, DEAR YOU has become one of China's sleeper hits of the year.

Monday, October 26th, 8:30PM
Friday, October 23rd, 8:30PM
Saturday, October 24th, 12:00PM





无名女孩
A GIRL UNKNOWN
directed by Zou Jing

Growing up under China's one-child policy, Wang Juan is passed through three different families, each giving her a new name and identity. Uprooted from her rural home after her father's death, she searches for belonging amid repeated displacement and abandonment. As she reaches adulthood and finds work in a garment factory, Juan begins defining herself on her own terms. Zou Jing's assured debut is a quietly affecting coming-of-age story of resilience, identity, and self-determination.

Thursday, October 22nd, 8:30PM
Sunday, October 25th, 1:00PM

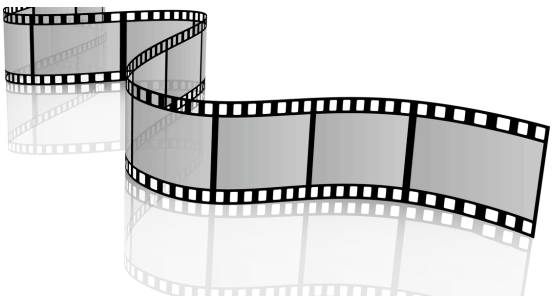
The 46th Hawaii Film Festival spotlight is on China. While the festival features three Chinese films this year, the sleeper film appears to be Dear You, a low-budget film with a non-professional cast that premiered in Shantou, China, on April 17, 2026. Despite starting with a modest budget of ¥14 million, the film was a massive hit, grossing over ¥14 billion at the domestic box office.

Lan Hongchun, the film's director and screenwriter, is originally from Guangdong, China. His previous films include Proud of Me and Back to Love. Dear You is the final film of his Chaoshan Trilogy.

See the attached flyer for showtimes and venues.

By Alvin Wong







A Wok In Progress



Cooking is wok I don't have time to do. But wouldn't it be cool if we could put together a WKHT collection of easy recipes?

Please submit your easy recipe for inclusion in our newsletters by emailing wkht.oahu@gmail.com. We have 386 members; if you're wondering how to participate in the Society, please consider sharing a recipe.

Here's one to kick off this column!



Corned Beef and Cabbage:

Ingredients:

- 1 can corned beef
- ½ head cabbage (chopped)
- ½ cup water (or less)
- ½ tablespoon shoyu (adjust to your personal taste)
- Salt and pepper

Instructions:

- Sauté corned beef in a skillet over medium-high heat, breaking the meat down into small pieces.
- Add cabbage, water, and shoyu.
- Simmer until the cabbage reaches the desired firmness.
- Season to taste.

By Derrick Liu











General Membership Meeting - Q3



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Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Banquet 2026



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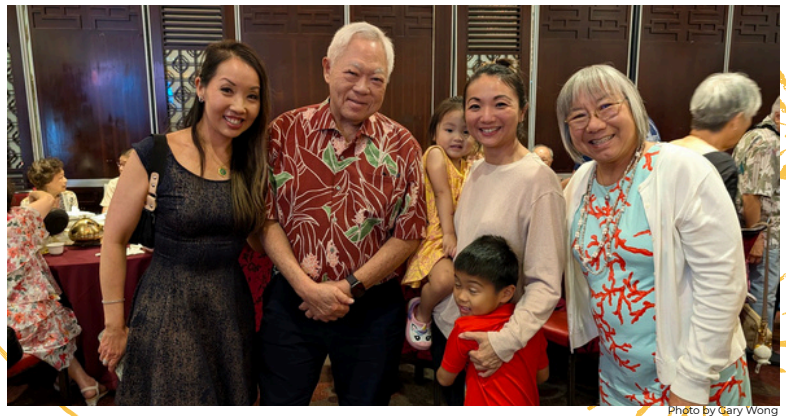

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WKHT Membership

If you have eligible friends and family who are interested in joining, the application form is available on our website at *https://wkhtofhi.com*. Qualifications for membership are on the application form, and the completed form, including the sponsor's signature and a check payable to Wong Kong Har Tong for $15.00, must be mailed to:

Wong Kong Har Tong
P.O. Box 37249
Honolulu, HI 96837

The Membership Committee meets quarterly to review applications and will refer approved applications to our Executive Committee for a vote at their scheduled meeting. Applicants approved for membership are notified of their acceptance and ratified at an upcoming General Membership Meeting. Please plan to attend the meeting with your sponsor.

By Derrick and Gladys Liu



Renewal forms for 2027 will be posted on our website, and emailed shortly. Please complete and turn in on time with renewal fee of $5.00. Due date is January 31, 2027. If you plan to RSVP for Installation Dinner, renewal deadline is December 31, 2026.



Meet and Greet

On August 22, 2026, the WKHT General Membership ratified and welcomed eight new members

Our newest members are Doraine Young, sponsored by her husband, Carl Young; Tricia Dang, sponsored by her mother, Aileen Dang; and Rong (Fish) Huang, sponsored by Membership Committee Co-Chair Gladys Liu.

Vice President Kimberly Balisacan sponsored the other five. All of them are in the same family line as Kimberly's grandfather – Wong Lee Yau. They are Cherie Ching, Cherie's daughter; Kailer Ching; Andrew Ching; Renden Bal; and Xaden Bal.

As explained in the WKHT Application, the final membership requirement is ratification (in person) at a WKHT General Membership Meeting. As Co-Chair, it has been my privilege to introduce each new member and coordinate the General Membership Meeting so all members can meet and greet each new member face to face.

With the addition of the eight new members, WKHT now has 386 Active Members. Understandably, it's impossible to know everyone personally, but these face-to-face introductions with new members and their sponsors are fun and a great opportunity to make new connections.

As I meet new members and their sponsors, work with the Membership and Executive Committees, and get to know the general membership, I realize that WKHT is made up of an impressive group of people.

One of WKHT's core values, as stated in our bylaws and dating back to when WKHT was first established in 1902, is for its members to "fraternize." As you do, I think you will come to feel the same.

By Derrick Liu

Want to share something in the next WKHT Newsletter? Submit your photo(s) and article(s) by 12/15/26 to Wkht.Oahu@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

November 8 & 22, 2026 -
Kanikapila – Ukulele & Singing
The Ivy Hawaii Kai – Assisted Living & Retirement Community
Kapi'olani Park 10 AM - 2 PM



November 15, 2026 -
Mahjong!
1717 Mott Smith Drive
RSVP by 11/13/26



November 21, 2026 -
General Membership Meeting
Ali'iolani Elementary
1350 7th Avenue 10 AM
RSVP by 11/14/26



December 6, 2026 -
Annual Holiday Party
Stay tuned... more info to come!



October 23, 2026

Aloha WKHT members,

This letter also serves as notice of the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM, at Ali'iolani Elementary School Cafetorium. Please RSVP by Friday, November 14, 2026, by emailing Wkht.Oahu@gmail.com and type the name(s) attending. You will receive a confirmation email once your RSVP is received.

We kindly ask that you inform us if you cannot attend once you've RSVP'd.

Friendly reminder: The 2026 Activity fee must be paid in order to participate in 2026 events and banquets.

Thank you!



Thank you for reading!

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