



WONG KONG HAR TONG OF HAWAII
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Dear Wong Kong Har Tong Members,

Hope I find all of you in good health. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of our events ever since it started in March. With the recent surge in Covid-19 cases on Oahu, my main concern is for the health and safety of our members, many of whom are in the high risk category of 60 and older. We have therefore cancelled our third WKHT General Meeting on August 22. Hopefully, there will be a vaccine in the near future so we can gather as a family again.

During this time of crisis, the WKHT Executive Board and Committees have continued to function. In June, we donated \$1,000.00 to the Hawaii Food Bank through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Foundation matching fund program. Michele Choy, past President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, generously matched our \$1,000.00 donation with her donation of another \$1,000 (see attached).

In order to protect our WKHT Executive Board and Committee members from the virus, we held our WKHT Executive Board meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020, through Zoom.

Here are the highlights of the meeting:

1. WKHT is in a solid, financial position. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, we have cancelled all activities. So while we had no activities, we also had few expenses. Our apartments continue to generate revenue as our tenants continued to pay rent. As a result, our savings have been increasing monthly.
2. The Membership Committee reported that we have 353 active members. In addition, it has recommended 7 potential members who will be ratified at our next General Meeting.
3. The Education Committee Award Committee has awarded educational awards to 8 qualified students for the Spring 2020 semester. The recipients will be announced at the next General Meeting, and due to the Covid-19 pandemic, their awards will be sent to them.
4. The Social and Cultural Committee is postponing the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, originally scheduled for September 26. Details of the new event will be announced in a separate email. Other activities in the future are: Palolo Golf Tournament – Nov. 13; Charity Walk – Nov. 14; 4th General Meeting – Nov. 21; and the Christmas Party – December 5. Details for each event will sent via email and subject to change due to the pandemic.
5. The only ongoing activity is the WKHT Ukulele Ensemble, which meets every two weeks on Zoom on Sundays at 1:00 pm. We encourage all members, whether you know how to play the ukulele or not, to join. We are currently learning the basics of picking. Chord strumming and execution are always part of the instruction. Call Shirley Yoshida at 753-4724, or Fred Wong at 265-5499.

As we enter our 6 month of shelter-at-home, I would like to encourage you to do the Chinese shuffle to keep you healthy: <https://youtu.be/6Q8oQGBcFdo>

Of course if you can't do it, then a short ½ hour walk in the refreshing Hawaiian breeze will probably do the trick.

Stay safe. Practice social distancing. Wear masks. Wash your hands. Most important, keep your spirits up. We will get through this together.

Aloha,

Arthur
President, WKHT of Hawaii