



## President's Message



Dear Mun Lun School Alumni and Friends:  
兔年快樂，萬事如意！Happy New Year of the Rabbit and May All Your Wishes Come True! As we spring into the new school year and activities, I have this to report to you.

On Veteran's Day 2022, our MHKLB dba Mun Lun School celebrated our first in-person dinner at our Mun Lun School Alumni and Friends Dinner Banquet that was held at Jade Dynasty Restaurant. We were so happy and grateful to fill the restaurant with family and friends and enjoy the meal that was prepared and organized by our Banquet Chair, Director Cheryl Kong. Past President Howard Lau was our MC, who donated most of the items for our lucky number drawings that was enjoyed by all.



Centenarian singer Audrey Chew Hing Au '41, seated center with caregiver on left and Evelyn Hee on right. Standing, from left Lowrey and April Leong, Wilfred Hee '70, Baldwin Au and Eunice Au '58



Seated: 102-year-old Eleanor Yep '39, Rosalind Mau '61, Mei Ling Lam, David Lam, and Cheryl Oda. Standing: Cheryl Kong '60, Arlene Ting, Dennis Ting, and James Oda

A big hit at our program was the singing of our School Song/Alma Mater led by our two 100+ year old MLS grads Audrey Au '41, mother of Past President, Baldwin Au, and Eleanor L. Yep '40, mother of Director Dr. Rosalind Mau. Our famous Bake Sale, with donated items of custard pie, honey wheat bread, banana bread, rum cake, sponge cake, cookies, little gao, boiled peanuts, baked manju, shrimp chips, party mix, etc...garnered our best fund raiser ever. We are also so grateful to all our Directors and Friends who contributed to this bake sale, that included Cheryl Kong, Lana Au, Florence Au, Marsha Au Maxwell, Will Chee, Sadie Yuen Oshiro, Deanna Chang, Arlene Ting, Kimberly Hoi, Kellie Taguchi, Gordon Lee, Laurianne Chun, and Sharlene Chun. We are also so grateful to those who gave us monetary donations to this event. Last but not least was two popular Chinese songs performed by our MLS faculty, and a lovely Chinese Folk Dance performed by our graduates Jessica Lau and Josephine Lau.



Guests Leonora and John Loo, newly elected Representative Cory Chun, Clyde Mew, Raynard Chun and wife Sharlene, Dr. Lawrence Tseu, Marsha Au Maxwell, and Jane Au



President Maylani Chang's Table with Principal Shan and husband Ray Au, Director Tom Lai and wife Jackie, Director Douglas Wong and wife Jocelyn, Director Joyce Leung, and Office Asst. Helen Lin

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Ring in the New Year of the Rabbit, MLS participated in our first Chinatown 808 Event on Beretania Street. This event was sponsored by the Chinatown 808 Group headed by former graduate Leonard Kam, and the American Savings Bank. With the encouragement of Chuck Tsui of Panda Travel to participate in this event, and the recommendation of our Director Cy Feng, we were given a booth, free of charge, to sell our New Year Chinese greetings (chun tip), provide an arrow toss (traditional Chinese game), and showcase our MLS art teacher and student's work for sale. Again, we are thankful to Director Baldwin Au and his crew of workers, including friend Arnold Lee, and Henry Chong, who helped with the setup of the booth early morning of Jan. 14, 2023. See article by Baldwin Au and photos by Florence Au.



Principal Lily Shan (left) and former Mun Lun School student from 1941, Franklin Pang (right), reunite at the Night of Chinatown event.



In support of MHKLB and its mission, we received two significant gifts from our friends and director. A \$2000 check was presented to me from HCCA (Hawaii Chinese Civic Association) Scholarship Chair, Robert Ching, Outgoing President Alda Mae Doong Takabayashi, and Sergeant at Arms Douglas Yee, at their Membership Meeting on September 24, 2022. Then in December of 2022, our Director Dr. Kin Ming Ching gifted MHKLB with a generous \$50,000 donation from his Morgan Stanley account. We have yet to memorialize his gift at MLS on a planned Donor's Wall.



Another happy event occurred on January 24, 2023 at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant where MHKLB Director Emeritus, Marietta Eng '40 celebrated her 100th Birthday with family and friends. Major General Robert Lee (Ret),



Rear Admiral Alma Lau Grocki (Ret), Director Emeritus Stanford Yuen were there to present her with a special medal from them, besides the Congressional Gold Medal that she received earlier in 2022. Both Major General Lee and Rear Admiral Lau Grocki revealed that they were MLS attendees at one point in their lives. We are excited to welcome them to our Alumni and Friends Association.



On a sad note, our former MHKLB President (1999), Director Emeritus, and Honorary Mayor of Chinatown, Dr. Joseph Wah Chow Young, passed away on Feb. 16, 2023 at the age of 97. He will be forever remembered as a staunch MHKLB advocate of Chinese language and culture at our school and our whole community. His funeral service was held on March 12, 2023 at Borthwick Mortuary where many organizations, including our MHKLB Directors, came together to honor him. Former Director, Douglas Chong led our group in the prescribed Taoist protocol at this service. We will sorely miss his happy and congenial character. See Remembrances by our Directors.

We are fortunate to report that our Principal Lily Shan, has a new website for MLS <[munlunschool.com](http://munlunschool.com)> where you can find our latest school activities and news. New tabs for student and adult course offerings for our weekday and weekend school, registration form, tuition payment online with PayPal, and online donations are enabled on this new website. We are also currently looking for qualified weekday Mandarin teachers for our expanding language program.

With best wishes for a healthy, safe and prosperous Year of the Rabbit! 新年快樂, 身體健康, 出入平安! Happy New Year, Good Health, and Peace in all your coming and goings!

Maylani Chang, President  
MHKLB dba Mun Lun School

# Principal's Message



As the festive spirit of Chinese New Year fills the air, Mun Lun School students are embarking on a fresh start to their academic year. At Mun Lun School, we are committed to preserving the Chinese language for future generations and promoting Chinese culture to our students.

We are delighted to announce that after a long period of preparation, we have resumed our Chinese program with even more extracurricular activities. On February 25th, we were thrilled to welcome two distinguished professionals to our team. First, we had the honor of inviting Myungwan Kim, a professional Go (Weiqi) player with an impressive 29 years of teaching experience, to instruct our students. Mr. Kim has won the US Go Congress three times consecutively from 2008 to 2010, and we are excited for our students to learn from him. We also extended an invitation to Guolong Wang, a Kung Fu master with over four decades of experience. Mr. Wang has earned recognition for his skills and was awarded a bronze medal in the 7th International Traditional Chinese Martial Arts Competition in New York state. With the support of our board of directors, members, friends, and alumni, we can offer FREE extracurricular activities to our students every Wednesday and every other Saturday, including Kungfu, Wei Qi (Go Chess), Folk dance, Ping Pong, History of ancient China, Storytelling, Music, Drawing, Ink wash painting, and Arts & crafts. It is an incredible opportunity for our students to learn and grow in a supportive and culturally enriching environment.



Weiqi students at Mun Lun School with their teacher Myungwan Kim, a 9-dan professional Go player with 29 years of teaching experience, and special guest Ji-Seok Kim, a renowned 9-dan professional Go player, and 2-time world champion.

Furthermore, it is worth mentioning that our school was graced with the presence of a special guest, none other than the renowned 9-Dan professional Go player, Ji-seok Kim. Mr. Kim has not only achieved global recognition for his unparalleled skill in the ancient game but has also earned the coveted title of 2-time world champion, having emerged victorious in both the 2014 Samsung Cup and the 2018 Asian TV Cup. It was an absolute honor for our students to receive instruction from such an accomplished master of the game.



Renowned 9-dan professional Go player Ji-Seok Kim sharing his expertise with Mun Lun School's Weiqi students.

In addition to our extracurricular activities, Mun Lun School celebrated the Spring Festival on campus during the Chinese New Year holiday season. Our students received traditional Lisee and Lisee candy, and we offered ten different Chinese cultural games and activities to choose from. These included Touhu (Arrow Toss), an ancient traditional Chinese game, as well as Wheel of Fortune, Spring Festival Couplets, Shuttlecock Kicking, Paper Cutting, Chinese brush painting, and so on.

We were excited to participate in the Night of Chinatown event for the first time this year. Our art teachers, Mrs. Zhou, and Ms. Jiang painted a rabbit and wrote calligraphy on red lanterns and fans to wish everyone a happy Year of the Rabbit. We also brought Touhu to the event and were delighted to see many players enjoying this traditional Chinese game. We were even more delighted to meet Franklin Pang, a former Mun Lun School student from 1941. We successfully recruited one student to our program during this event.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website, [www.munlunschool.com](http://www.munlunschool.com). Please visit us for the most up-to-date information and news about our school and program. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Mun Lun School community.

Sincerely,  
Lily Shan, Principal



Students at Mun Lun School have a blast experiencing the traditional Chinese game of Touhu (Arrow Toss) during the Spring Festival celebration on campus.

## Night in Chinatown Event

The Year of the Rabbit celebration came in roaring with our Mun Lun School being a principal participant in the Night in Chinatown Event on Saturday, January 14th. At the suggestion of one of our volunteers, **Chuck Tsui**, and the support of the event organizers Chinatown 808 and American Savings Bank, our school got a complimentary tent space on S. Beretania Street. Principal Shan began planning for the activities that would help bring the public's attention to our school and at the same time raise money for the school. After careful thought, the school decided to offer New Year couplets, calligraphy art, fan paintings for sale. To add some fun to our tent, we had a Chinese arrow toss game for the public to try. Prizes were given out to those that got the arrow into the vase, and as a result, many were happy to make donations to the school. Handouts with a history of our school were made available to those that stopped at our table.

With the hope of bringing in just a few hundred dollars, as we did not know what the post pandemic crowd would be like, we were surprised that this one-day event brought in over \$1,600.00. These funds are to be used to rejuvenate the Parent-Teacher activities for the school. This event was successful because of the efforts of the faculty and students, the Alumni, the Directors of MKKLB and friends who volunteered. This included setting up and taking down the tent, setting up the tent equipment and power generator (**James Chong, Cy Feng, Henry Chong, Howard Lau, Arnold Lee, Bradley Au, Valerie Au, Darren Garza, Gordon Au, Kin Ming Ching, and Wil Chee**); those that volunteered their time in manning the booth for sales (**Florence Au, Lana Au, Donna Chang, Tina Tin, Grant Nakaya, Joyce Leung, Queenie Chee, Luane Lau, Maylani Chang, Velma Akinaka, Kenneth Hoo, and Cheryl Kong**); and preparing the artwork and manning the game (**Lily Shan, Mrs. Zhou, Lyra, Xueyi, Ziyang**). But the biggest accomplishment for this event was that it brought together the Mun Lun School family, as friends and family stopped by to say hello and talk about our famous school. We had so much fun, maybe we'll do it again next year.

by Baldwin Au



## Installation Banquet

In the presence of the Officers and Directors of Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo (MHKLB) and invited guests, Maylani Lum Chang was installed as President of MHKLB by Past President and Director Emeritus, Wesley Fong. The formal installation was held on February 9, 2023 at King Restaurant and Bar. Director Joyce Leung contributed to the lovely ambience with her beautiful home-grown mother-in-law snake plants. A special thank you was also given to Director Lily Chu for all her hard work last year as English Secretary for the MHKLB Board of Directors.



Director Emeritus Wesley Fong installs President, Maylani Chang

Also installed were:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Tina Tin

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Cy Feng

English Secretary, Velma Akinaka

Assistant English Secretary, Rosalind Mau

Chinese Secretary, Donna Chang

Treasurer, Baldwin Au

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Directors:

Gordon Au, Gifford Chang, Wilbert Chee, Lily Chu,

Cheryl Kong, Tom Lai, Howard Lau, Joyce Leung,

Grant Nakaya, Lily Tang, Barry Wong, and Douglas Wong

by Cheryl Kong

## Dr. Joe Young

On March 12, 2023, the entire Chinese community bid farewell to our Honorary Mayor of Chinatown, Dr. Joseph Young. Dr. Young supported many Chinese organizations and Mun Lun School had a special place in his heart. President Maylani Chang and her Board members paid a ceremonial tribute to Dr. Young and his supportive family. Although we will miss Dr. Young, his dedication, progressive thinking and guidance are wonderful examples that all of us should strive to be when serving on the Board of Mun Lun School. It is of a great honor that our Mayor served on our Board.

Director Gifford Chang,

Emcee at Dr. Joseph Young's funeral service

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Joe was the one who got me involved in many different Chinese organizations. He got me involved with Mun Lun School to name one organization. He was active in Lung Doo Society and the Chung Shan Society and was

on our Chinatown Community Center Association Board to help us build the affordable senior housing at the end of River Street (Halewaiolu).

He and Barbara also traveled with us to Egypt and China. I remember he and his daughter going to Bhutan with us at 83 years old and despite the fact that he had the shingles. He even climbed up to Tiger's Nest in Bhutan.

He was proud to be a veteran of WWII and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal along with other Chinese who served in WWII. He was more than the Mayor of Chinese—to me, he was Mr. Chinatown and epitomized the Chinese gentleman who promoted and lived Chinatown and the Chinese culture. We will miss him.

Wesley Fong,  
MHKLB dba Mun Lun School, Director Emeritus

While I was not on the BOD during Dr. Joe Young's Presidency, here is a thought that I would include. After serving as President of MHKLB/Mun Lun School in 1999–2000, he has continued his legacy by serving as Director Emeritus by attending the monthly Board of Directors meetings up until recently. He and his wife, Barbara have also continued to make donations annually to the school in support of providing all students the opportunity to study the Chinese language and arts. The school has benefited from his never-ending service and knowledge in giving the youth a place to study and appreciate our Chinese culture.

Baldwin Au,  
Immediate Past President MHKLB

So many wonderful things have been said about Dr. Joe Young. All true. I was so honored to serve as a Director of MHKLB with him before being elected its present President. What stands out in my memory of him was his cheerful demeanor, that twinkle in his eye, and his joke about being a Chung Shan School graduate (our archrival and competitor since the establishment of both schools in 1911). That never deterred him in his ultimate goal of improving the lives, language and culture of our Chinatown community. That's how inclusive and magnanimous he was. As Board members, it is now our duty to carry on his legacy. He is sorely missed.

Maylani Chang,  
President MHKLB

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