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# President's Message



*Ni hau*! Let me begin by saying that it is an honor and privilege to serve as your President for this year. While I may have not graduated from this distinguished institution, I did attend, and my parents are graduates which is the reason why I am so dedicated to Mun Lun School.

Little did we know that this year would be anything but usual. This year began with a new principal and with a student body eager to learn the language, culture and traditions of our ancestral China. But by mid-March, a pandemic changed our lives and we have been adjusting ever since. Fortunately, our principal and her staff were able to convert to online instruction. By doing this, the school year was completed, and the graduating class was declared. During this school year, our students entered in the 7<sup>th</sup> Mandarin Master Chinese Vocabulary Contest and won the majority of the top awards. "Congratulations" to the winning students and a "Great job!" to Principal Lily Shan and her teaching staff.

Meanwhile, the campus did not sit idle upon its closure. With volunteers led by Chuck Tsui and many of the Board of Directors, a huge undertaking was done to improve the facility from within. The entire interior of the school was repainted, the floors were stripped and polished, a new sound system was installed, repairs were done to the ventilation system, water fountains, and woodwork where required. Tons of old stuff were sorted out and removed, including old combination desk/chairs which were more than 50 years old and beyond repair, just to name a few. This took countless hours of physical labor by many



dedicated people whom we will recognize once the COVID guidelines allow us to conduct an Open House. This was truly a TEAM effort by many, many people.

While the remainder of the year is uncertain, Principal Shan and her staff will improvise to accommodate all students to continue to get the instruction needed. The MLS Alumni and Friends Reunion Luncheon will probably change in format to allow for a lunch and donation effort. Yes, the school relies on your generous donations for us to provide the best teaching environment for the students. As we are all aware, no private school in Hawaii can exist without the generosity of donors who support the school through funding and donations. These donors are listed in our newsletter and along with organizations like the Lung Doo Benevolent Society and the See Dai Doo Society who provided scholarships to encourage students to learn our language and culture, we Thank You for assistance.

The proverb, "It takes a village" in reference to raising our youth properly surely applies to our school. Even though the instruction continues to be online, the Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo Board of Directors continue to manage the School through Zoom meetings. I personally want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support for the "oldest and largest" Chinese school in Hawaii and perhaps in the United States.

Aloha and *Xie Xie*, Baldwin Au, President

# Principal's Message



The beginning of 2020 began my tenure as the new principal of Mun Lun School. Since then each day has been filled with big and small accomplishments for the school. During Chinese New Year the students took to the Ala Moana and Kahala Centers stages for the first time and fully demonstrated Chinese traditional art in different forms. They impressed the

audiences with their amazing performances.

Also, for the first time 114 students enrolled in the 2020 summer program. We had a special online summer program that was very successful. Teachers integrated multimedia technology into their lessons which made online classes more fun and vivid.

Another first this summer was Mun Lun School students entering a live national contest, the 7th Mandarin Master Chinese Vocabulary Contest. It is a vocabulary contest which is divided into 4 levels. Mun Lun School won. Our students won first place in Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4!

Our MLS students were lucky enough to attend the unforgettable Hawaii Spring Festival Gala Concert. We truly appreciate the 40 tickets that Jim Price, James Zhan and Maui donors Michael and Marji Tibbott generously donated to the school. We invited Jim Price, James Zhan and Tony Mok to Mun Lun where the students warmly welcomed our guests with an amazing performance and homemade thank you cards. In return Jim Price, who is a world-class tenor, sang our alma mater and famous Chinese music requested by our students.

During the past few months, our school dramatically improved its physical environment. In particular the extra detailed tasks and physical help of President Baldwin Au and Director and Past President Wil Chee were there every step of the way to complete this monumental project successfully. This major undertaking took almost 2 months to get everything completed wearing a mask all the time. I cannot imagine how difficult that must have been. Everyone truly appreciates the great help and support given to our school.

As you enter the school you will now be greeted by a wonderfully done art piece by teacher Ms. Xinfang Zhou, Mr. Shan and Principal Shan. A special thanks to volunteers Chuck Tsui and his team (interior painting and sound system), Director Gordon Au (restroom improvements), and all the other volunteers for their tireless work.

When we had our graduation ceremony on August 1st, 2020. Our students and parents were extremely surprised by these changes. Also, we invited Arnold Lee as our photographer who volunteered to help us by taking all the professional graduation photos. All the students and parents are ecstatic to have their graduation photos with a new school image. At the same time, they would like to give a big thanks to Baldwin Au, Wilbert Chee and Howard Lau for their special donations.

# Marietta Chong '40 Eng

By Baldwin Au

Mun Lun School graduates distinguish themselves in many ways. Marietta, who was *Chong Wai Ying* to her classmates and teachers at our Chinese school went on to serve her country during World War II as a Commissioned Officer with the rank of Ensign in the United States Navy which was a rarity at that time.\* After Officer Training in Arlington, Virginia, the Navy trained Eng as an occupational therapist and assigned her to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Mare Island, California and later to the Naval Hospital in Corona, California where Ensign Eng helped rehabilitate sailors and officers who had lost arms and legs in the war by teaching them to accomplish the many tasks of daily living. This was not a job for the faint of heart, but she endured. These military patients inspired her to help other disabled patients later in her civilian career. Upon the completion of her service, she was awarded the World War II Victory Medal.

While many of the boys of Mun Lun School served in World War II, she was the only girl to have that distinction as she followed her brother into service. Ensign Marietta Chong Eng was proud to be an American and serve her country.

So proud that, she wore her military uniform for her wedding to husband Hercules Eng. They eventually raised three children and she completed her civilian career as an occupational therapist.

This year, upon the approval of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Chinese Americans who served in World War II, Ensign Marietta Chong Eng will be recognized with that award and as part of the "Greatest Generation."

At Mun Lun School, Marietta has been a Director for many years and was elevated to Director Emeritus in 2015.

#### MARIETTA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

\*Chinese Historian, Montgomery Hom stated that "There were no more than a half dozen Chinese American women serving in World War II, Marietta is the only woman representing the United States Navy."





# Class of 2020



Peter Cai 蔡宇成

Andy Chen 陈易敏

Janice Cheng 郑文昕



Jameson Huang 黄宇星

Jackson Lau 刘天赐



Dior Lee 李盈

Jodie Nhieu & Jacie Lee 詹美仪 李蔼欣



Jian Rong Li 李建荣

Salina Li 李彦慧

Photos not available for:

Hai Lin 林海

Ze Yu Yang 杨泽宇



Naomi Liang 梁逸婧

Katie Wen 文子珊



Karen Weng 翁思婧

Kelly Wong 黄嘉欣



Andy Ye Yang 葉杨荣幸

Min Qi Yue 余敏祺

7<sup>th</sup> Mandarin Master Chinese Vocabulary Contest winners:

Level 1: 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Yukai Lin 林宇恺

Level 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ashley Xie 谢金枝

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jiaxin Xu 徐嘉欣 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Enze He 何恩泽

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Sophia Xu 薛舒菲

Level 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jessica Lau 刘沛琪

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Max Guo 郭子耀

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Xiaoying Wang 王晓颖

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Jiaorong He 何娇蓉

Level 4: 1st Place: Josephine Lau 刘沛妍

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Rachel Huang 黄凯旋

4th Place: Naomi Liang 梁逸婧

5th Place: Minqi Yue 余敏祺

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Yuki Kimura 木村由纪

### **Donor List**

Thank you to all who donated (August 2019 to July 2020) to a grateful Mun Lun School and Mun Lun Alumni Association. Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, ID#99-0075245.

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Charlene Vanderpyl Chee

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Dr. Michael & Lily Ling

Ivan, Eric, & Gary AuYoung

Joyce Leung

Kung Sheong Doo Society

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Joseph Hu

Naomi Andrade

Thomas Wei



# **Board of Directors**

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\*Past President

# Give Aloha

Dear Alumni and Friends of Mun Lun School,

It's Give Aloha time again! During the entire month of September, make a donation to "Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo dba Mun Lun School" at any Foodland or Sack N Save checkout, and Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will make a donation to our organization too!

#### How to Donate:

- 1) Shop at Foodland or Sack N Save
- 2) Show your Maika'i card to the cashier at checkout.
- 3) Tell the cashier our code (#78580) and the amount of your donation (up to \$249).
- 4) Review your receipt to confirm the following appears:
  - Our organization name
  - Your donation amount
  - Your Maika'i number
- 5) Please make a copy of your donation receipt (print your name and address on the receipt) and send to Mun Lun School at:

1290 Maunakea St., Honolulu, HI 96817 or email munlunschool@gmail.com, so that we can gratefully acknowledge your donation.

Thank you to all the generous Give Aloha Community Program donors. We increased our giving from 2018 to 2019 by more than 75%! With Foodland's/Western Union's matching gift (\$730.91) and your donations (\$3112.00), we received \$3,842.91 in donations to help our school. Xie xie for donating to help perpetuate the Chinese language and culture in Hawaii.



Dear Mun Lun School Alumni and Friends:

Due to the present pandemic, our annual luncheon benefit will be a take out box lunch (便當 bian dang/飯盒 faan hup) from the vendor below. We seize this opportunity to have a first of its kind MLS fundraiser. This is to celebrate the recent completion of our renovation of our physical environment: complete interior painting of all classrooms and hallways, thorough cleaning & waxing of the floors and bathroom, installation of new P.A. system, repairing of our roof ventilator & gutters, and upgrading to an LED lighting system etc.... Please join us in support of this endeavor.

# Mun Lun School Alumni and Friends Annual Reunion Fundraising Benefit

Date: Sunday November 1, 2020

Time: Pick up from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Place: Won Kee Seafood Restaurant at the Cultural Plaza

Drive Thru on 100 N. Beretania St. Hon. Hi. 96817

Cost: \$20.00 per box (donation & tax included)

Menu: (Ginger Onion Lo Mein, Ham Ha Chicken Wings, Gao

Choi Gau, Chiu Chow Fun Go, Har Gau, Siu Mai &

Sweet Jin Dui)

Please order our Limited available Baked Goods

| Name                                  | MLS Class of                                                                               |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Cell phone number                     | email address                                                                              |  |  |
|                                       | yourself and for each person picking up lunch<br>Donated Baked Goods to support our event. |  |  |
| Box lunch(s) X \$20.00 =              | Wil's Bag of Shrimp Chips X \$ 5 =                                                         |  |  |
| Cheryl's Custard pie X \$15 =         | Cheryl's Mini Banana Bread X \$6 =                                                         |  |  |
| Linda's Mini Mango Bread X \$6 = _    | Lana's Honey Granola Bread X \$8 =                                                         |  |  |
| Florence's Mini Nien Gao X \$3 =      | Cy's Chinese Pretzel Bag (6) X \$ 6 =                                                      |  |  |
| Monetary Donations welcome \$         |                                                                                            |  |  |
| No verbal reservations accepted.      | Reservation Valid with Payment                                                             |  |  |
| Mail check and form(s) payable to: Mr | s. Lana Au. 2715 Liliha St., Hon. Hl. 96817. Your                                          |  |  |

Deadline: October 25, 2020

check will be your receipt. (\$10 of each Box Lunch is tax deductible). For questions, contact Maylani Chang @ 225-0660 or email to <a href="maylanichang@hotmail.com">maylanichang@hotmail.com</a>.

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# 明伦学校2020年8月至12月课程安排

| Mun Lun School Schedule for August to December, 2020 |            |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 班次 Class                                             | 日期 Dates   | 上课时间 Time                | 收费 Fees | 备注 Remarks                                                                                   |  |
| 秋季下午班                                                | 8/3/2020 - | 星期一至五<br>Monday - Friday |         | 7/25/2020 前注册有\$10折扣;同一家庭兄弟姐妹第二位学生起减收\$10元;每位学生只享受一次折扣。7/25/2020后,第一位学生按原价。                  |  |
| Fall Daily<br>Chinese Classes                        | 12/18/2020 | 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm        | \$295   | Register before 7/25/2020 to receive \$10 discount.                                          |  |
| 秋季周末班                                                | 8/8/2020 - | 星期六 Saturday             |         | Any additional siblings registered will get a \$10 discount. * Only one discount per child.* |  |
| Fall Saturday<br>Chinese Classes                     | 12/19/2020 | 9:30 am - 12:30pm        |         | After 7/25/2020, first child is registered at the full price.                                |  |
| 国画班                                                  | TDD        |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| Brush Painting                                       | TBD        |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| 手工艺术                                                 | TBD        |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| Art & Craft                                          |            |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| 国画班                                                  | TBD        |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| Brush Painting                                       | טטו        |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| 钢琴初级班                                                | TDD        |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| Basic Piano                                          | TBD        |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| 舞蹈中级班<br>Intermediate<br>Dancing                     |            |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| 舞蹈基础班 I<br>Basic Dancing I                           | TBD        |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |
| 舞蹈基础班 II<br>Basic Dancing II                         |            |                          |         |                                                                                              |  |

【 表上课程可能会因实际情况变更 】

请将支票支付给"Mun Lun School", 谢谢! Please make checks payable to "Mun Lun School", Thank you! 目前以在线课程为先. 本校开学时间将根据夏威夷教育部的开学时间而定。The classes are online classes and that physical opening of school will be considered dependent upon Hawaii DOE's decision on school opening.

