



Year of the Dragon

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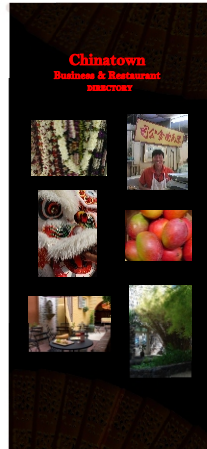
The Chinatown Improvement District is a 501(c)3 non-profit comprised of over 250 land and business owners, residents, businesses and members of the general public both within and outside of Chinatown.

The organization works to improve conditions within the Chinatown historic district while also preserving the area's special cultural, ethnic and historical character. Donations are tax exempt to the fullest extent of the law.

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Chinatown Directory



Copies of our comprehensive listing of street front businesses throughout the Chinatown Historic District are now available.

The directory includes: listings and locations of over 300 unique Chinatown small businesses, as well as ATM, Bus Stop, Restroom, and Bike Rack locations. The reverse side features historical and cultural information about Chinatown.

This project was begun in the Fall of 2010 and completed in October, 2011. Funding was provided by First Hawaiian Bank, Island Keepsakes, Smitty's, the Wong Building and the Tan Sing Building (in honor of Ramsay).

An Evening on Hotel Street

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What an evening it was at the first annual CID fundraising benefit in October! About 200 people – some dressed in period costume – attended the event. It was held at the newly renovated site of the notorious Club Hubba Hubba. The fun began with a photoshoot and silent film noir. A burlesque show staged by Cherry Blossom Cabaret was one of the highlights of the evening.

Neighborhood businesses donated many silent auction items and prizes as well as in-kind support and contributions (see below).

Wine tasting compliments of HASR and a scrumptious course of six dishes provided by Little Village made the evening that much more special.

A display of photos of the old club, the attendance of previous performers, and hot jazz played by the Kevin Hughes Combo rounded out the entertainment.

A grateful thank you goes out to all of those who lent their support to make the evening a memorable one:

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| 39 N. Hotel | Little Egypt |
| J C Builders | Lotus |
| Diamond Armani | Maitai Bar |
| Gary Payne | Manifest |
| Gelerah Kohie, Artist | Maria Bonita |
| Gilda | Murphy's |
| Hawaii National Bank | Nella Media |
| Indigo | Group |
| Joy's Café | Next Door |
| KeKai's | Oxbow |
| Kimo Mansfield | PYNK |
| Lai Fong | Smittys |



Denby Fawcett at Photo Booth

Kimo Mansfield

Film Noir

Bob Au

Enjoying the show!

Do you have a suggestion to improve Chinatown? Please drop it in our virtual suggestion box at:

www.chinatownimprovementdistrict.org

Hanging Planters Pilot Project

This project is awaiting approval by the City to hang the planter brackets on municipal street poles. A grant in support of this project was received from the Atherton Foundation and we look forward to working with the City to finalize the remaining project details.



We thank the following businesses for their sponsorship and support of hanging baskets and brackets for the poles: Bambu Two, Bar 35, Black Cat Tattoo, Brown Shoe, Du Vin, Island Keepsakes, Kekai's, Nikki's Arcade, PYNK and Smitty's. We also thank the Downtown Neighborhood Board for voting to support this beautification effort.

Bill 54

To Establish a Procedure for Disposal of Private Property on Public Property

In keeping with our mission of combatting community deterioration and improving neighborhood conditions, the CID supported Bill 54. The Bill was passed by the City Council and signed into law by Mayor Carlisle in December, 2011.

Adopt - A - Park

The CID officially adopted the Smith-Beretania Park in Chinatown. We hope that you will join us for periodic clean ups of this beautiful neighborhood park! Check our facebook page for updates.



Recent Donations

\$1-\$20

Aloha Lomilomi
 Anonymous
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Other Projects:

Roving Security Patrols:

Interested in learning more about security services which will periodically check on buildings up to three times per evening? Call 589-9927 to learn more or schedule a consultation.

Tackling Graffiti:

Researching products and techniques to safely remove graffiti from historic structures without damaging or over-painting historic brick or stone elements.

Reinvigorating Free Wi-Fi

Over the summer, members of the CID coordinated with the City and private businesses to help reinvigorate free wi-fi service throughout the Chinatown District.

Historical Walking Tours:

In 2012, the CID will once again partner with the Hawaii Heritage Center to present two historical walking tours through parts of Chinatown. Special cultural and historical features and traditions will be highlighted on these educational tours.

Night in Chinatown



The CID participated in this family friendly Chinese New Years festival for the third consecutive year. A large banner of our Chinatown Directory served as a popular way-finding tool. Look for the dragon drawn with sidewalk chalk by one of our members on the CID facebook page.