Golden Dragon Award - The Orlando Magic

Lifetime Achievement Award - Lita Martija

Diversity Champion Award - Walt Disney World Parks & Resorts

Green Spirit Award - Darden Restaurants

Dennis Neumann and Kathy Llamas

# Orlando Magic Receives Asian-American Chamber's Top Award

■ *By Glenn Leong* *C.K. Lau*

The Golden Dragon Awards, hosted every fall by the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, honors individuals and businesses for their leadership and achievements in various categories. On October 8, 2011, members, guests and sponsors converged at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando for an evening of fine dining, musical tributes and awards.

Despite one of the rainiest Saturdays on record, members and guests began the evening at a networking cocktail reception where musicians from the REACH Ensemble entertained them. A Silent Auction consisting of Universal Orlando passes, Orlando Philharmonic tickets, luggage, Harry Potter items and other goods for bid kept the evening lively.

During the dinner banquet, guests were entertained by the Orlando Philharmonic's

Golden Hands Award - Elizabeth Tran

Ellison S. Onizuka Humanitarianism Award - Christian H.E.L.P.

President's Award - Coco Johnston

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Congratulation to Lita Martija for her achievement recognition

Agnes Chau, Lita Martija and Pauline Ho

Suntrust Bank

Victor Tan, Christian H.E.L.P. and Trudie Tan

Adam Hing and Flora Levinson

Valerie Boey, Elizabeth Tran and Rosanna Tran

Becky Szymanski and Maria Urbino

Lockheed Martin Central Florida

Mary Kruger and Gail Rayos

Matt Thursam and the Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts

Sovereign Brass, which played medleys from Chicago, Indiana Jones and Jurassic Park. Additional performers included Carla DelVillagio, a vocalist and tribute artist, who dressed and sang the part of Barbra Streisand, as well as musician-comedian Chase Padgett of the SAK Comedy Lab.

The evening culminated with the Asian Chamber's highest award, the Golden Dragon Award, going to The Orlando Magic. The Chamber recognized the Magic's extensive contributions to the community, including renovating local area playgrounds and learning centers, providing free summer meals and "Blessings in a Backpack" to disadvantaged children, donating over $950,000 to local charities, and visiting children and returning veterans in hospitals.

Other award recipients included:

- Walt Disney World Parks & Resorts (Diversity Champion Award)
- Christian H.E.L.P. (Ellison S. Onizuka Humanitarianism Award)
- Darden Restaurants (Green Spirit Award)
- Elizabeth Tran (Golden Hands Award)
- Lita Martija (Lifetime Achievement Award)



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Commissioner Samuel Ings presents proclamation on behalf of Mayor Buddy Dyer

R.E.A.C.H. of Central Florida Ensemble (Hans Lau, Duc-Quy Nguyen, Priscilla Leung, Frank Lau, Phu Nguyen, Tiffany Tang with Glenn Leong (middle), the chair of the event

Carla Delvillaggio – A Tribute to Barbara Streisand

Chase Padgett – Singer-Musician-Comedian

Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

[Editor's Note: Lita Martija is a Founder and First President of the Asian Chamber in 1986]

- Coco Johnston (President's Award)

Nominations for the 2012 Golden Dragon Awards will be opened to the public beginning in last summer, 2012. To submit your nomination, or to learn more about this annual event, visit *www.GoldenDragonAwards.wordpress.com.*

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