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Kalaheo High School Foundation and Alumni Association

Foundation News

Second Annual Luau is Sunday, May 6

Bring the family—heck, bring the whole neighborhood—for a mellow Sunday surrounded by nature and the Kalaheo ‘ohana. The event is the Second Annual Kalaheo Community and Alumni Luau slated for the first Sunday in May at He‘eia State Park along Kane‘ohe Bay.

Sponsored by the Foundation, most of the real work is once again undertaken by members of the Class of 1976, including Wade Nakashima, Michele Herras-Mattos, and Willard Holck. “The purpose is to have some Kalaheo family time, not to raise money,” says Nakashima.

Enjoy great food, good friends and musical entertainment, as well as spectacular views of Kane‘ohe Bay. Or wander down the paths to the 90 acre He‘eia fishpond and appreciate the culture.

The Foundation board will recognize recent Kalaheo retirees and other attending faculty and staff, recap the year’s accomplishments, and acknowledge those who have made special contributions to our organization.

No worries, all speeches will be short and/or amusing. Park capacity is limited, so order tickets now! (See back page for order form.)

Second Annual Kalaheo Community & Alumni Luau

He‘eia State Park
Sunday, May 6, 2007
5-9 PM (6 PM dinner)

\$25

‘Ono Hawaiian food, beer,
wine, entertainment and more!

**Order tickets (see last
page) or purchase
at the school.**

**More Info: Denise Harrison
(808) 384-5553**

\$5000 Foundation grant cools A-Building classrooms

Thanks to a \$5000 Kalaheo High School Foundation grant, fans have been installed in four upstairs A-Building classrooms and supplies purchased for future fan installations.

Teachers and students agree that classroom temperatures dramatically affect learning—not to mention just staying awake—especially during hotter months.

Social studies teacher Mary Kate Powers, who recently moved back into her renovated classroom with newly installed fans, says, “Wow, those fans make a BIG difference!”

**You, too, can help
keep Kalaheo cool.
Check the Fan Fund box
on the membership form**

and send it in with your tax deductible donation. Four or six fans are installed in each room at an average cost of \$1000 per room. Fans are still

needed for other A-Building classrooms and those in PE and H-Building.

Membership donations are always welcome, and you can support the school through the Foundation by buying t-shirts and yearbooks.

With many classrooms still without fans, the Foundation board viewed the fan grant as an excellent way of fulfilling the Foundation’s mission “to support student achievement and academic excellence.”



Teacher Mary Kate Powers salutes one of four ceiling fans in her A-Building classroom.

See in-color edition and join the Mustang eRegistry at www.kalaheofoundation.org.

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Restored Charlot mural is displayed in the library

The Martin Charlot mural commissioned for the 10th Anniversary of Kalaheo High School has been restored and installed in the library.

After several years on a Kalaheo cafeteria wall, it was removed to storage for several more years because of vandalism. A couple of years ago, Kalaheo librarian Martha Robertson considered how nicely the mural would fill the library's big, blank wall.

Robertson and fellow board member Suzy Churchill undertook the task of finding someone to restore the mural. After a few false starts, Kalaheo art teacher David Bowley was asked to have a look and subsequently accepted the challenge, researched the necessary procedures and, after hours of tedious work, removed virtually all of the offending spray paint.

Just before Winter Recess, now-retired custodian Ronald "Tani" Toguchi, assisted by custodian Johnny Quia, carefully bolted the mural to the wall over the library computers. "There's a theme going on here," mused the librarian. "Web surfing. Surf surfing. Works for me!"

A photograph of the restored 4' x 24' mural appears on pages 4 and 5. William K. Tam, Jr. (far left), Kalaheo principal from 1981 to 1995, oversees the antics of Kalaheo students, those who showed up for Charlot's photo shoot at Kailua Beach.

"Mr. Tam, who passed away a few years ago, was an avid reader," says Robertson, "so his presence on our wall is certainly fitting. He walked through the library every day, swiping new books off the processing cart before they were ready to loan, but we knew they would be read and returned in a couple of days."

The mural was dedicated on May 12, 1986, as part of 10th Anniversary ceremonies which included campus tree planting by members of all 10 graduating classes.

Other participants in the day's events were the Kalaheo band, Principal Tam, members of the community and the artist. Charlot named the mural "Shorebreak," expressing the energy and joy of youth at play.

Martin Charlot was born in Athens, Georgia, in 1944. His French-born father, Jean Charlot, was one of the famous Mexican muralists and painted murals in Georgia, Colorado and Mexico before moving his family to Hawai'i in 1949 when Martin was five.

By the age of 23 and with an international background, Martin had been recognized as a rising artistic genius in his own right, with exhibits in Hawai'i and New York.

His three children attended Kalaheo. He now resides in California.

CLASS REUNIONS

Reunion Planners: Please post your reunion online. stevenl@kalaheofoundation.org

30th, Class of 1979—Summer 2009. Matt Murphy at MMurphy@matson.com

25th, Class of 1982—Summer 2007. Roger Felipe at Roger.Felipe.ctr@edwards.ef.mil

20th, Class of 1987—July 20-22, 2007. To help, contact Shawn (Niwa) Kadooka at shawn@originalthemes.com, 808-306-4381

10th, Class of 1997—Planning 2007. Contact Julie Prebor at kuligr@aol.com, 757-318-0406, or Meagan Kellogg at meagankellogg@yahoo.com, 808-295-5342

JOB OPENING RECORDING SECRETARY

Attend four Foundation board meetings a year. Take, prepare and distribute minutes to board members.

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Memorial dedication honors alumna, commemorates 9-11



Left: NJROTC Color Guard cadets stand at modified parade rest. Left to right are Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class **Arin Nunes**, Cadet Lieutenant Commander **Kyle Okumura**, Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade **Christian Mendez**, and Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade **Michael Reeves**. Right: Ameron employees set the stones on Sept. 8.



At a ceremony on the fifth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, the Kalaheo Foundation and Alumni Association dedicated a stone memorial and plaque honoring 1987 alumna Christine Snyder who was aboard United Flight 93. School representatives, board members, students, and guests attended the event.

The completion of the Foundation's memorial project was made possible by Ameron Hawai'i. When board member Wade Nakashima contacted George West, Ameron Hawai'i's Vice President of Operations, Ameron offered to donate the stones extracted from Kapaa Quarry and the manpower to design, produce and place the memorial.

The memorial is in front of A-Building and includes a golden shower tree planted on September 11, 2002, to honor Christine, an arborist with The Outdoor Circle. Said Foundation President Steven Loretero, "Now, all future students and staff will know the meaning of this tree and remember our alumni sister."



Inscription

This golden shower tree honors
CHRISTINE SNYDER
 Kalaheo Class of 1987
 Dedicated Arborist
 United Airlines Flight 93
 September 11, 2001
 'Oni kalalea ke ku a ka la'au loa.
A tall tree stands above the others.

MAHALO TO RANDY BREWER

A certified arborist and friend of Christine, Randy helps us care for the memorial tree. Still finding its roots, the young tree has leaned perilously in the prevailing trades and was blown virtually to the ground during several days of strong wind. Randy provides expert advice, on-site assessment, pruning and other help to keep the tree upright and healthy.



Left: KAREN KANDA, Vice Principal and board member; 'ILIMA STERN of Aloha Blessings; BOB BATER, Kalaheo parent and former Ameron employee; LINDSEY NAKASHIMA, ASK President; HAUNANI KAUKA of Aloha Blessings; WADE NAKASHIMA, board member and Kalaheo parent; STEVEN LORETERO, Foundation president and Kalaheo parent; DOUG JONES of Hawaiian Stone; MARTHA ROBERTSON, board member and Kalaheo Librarian; DAVE MOORE, General Superintendent, Ameron Hawai'i.



Alumni and Faculty Updates

1970s

Mahalo to the following **members of the Class of 1976** who supported their 30th Reunion Silent Auction fundraiser: **Chuck Weidknecht, Craig Nahale, Clark Crandall, Sherry Atkins-Gonzales, Jim McGuinness, Molly Kaufman, Wade Nakashima, Linda Hislop-Eicholtz, Sue Ball Larson, Margaret Porter Peebles, Linda Ford, Rayette Santos Whitford, Cindy Gaspar Rust, Brenda Lowrey, Leslie Vernon Osborn, Helen Gibbons.** Thanks also to **Liz Lum-Geers ('77)** and retired faculty **Karen Muronaka, Sara Iwai, and Beth Fincke.**

Diana Ancog ('75) One of a handful of Kalaheo early graduates, Diana is a 29-year resident of Kailua-Kona on the Big Island, initializing living the “hippie” life in a home with no electricity, no toilet (but an outhouse), gardening, raising chickens and milking cows. Diana has one daughter. She swore off marriage following divorce, then her partner of 17-years, John O’Gara. Diana works as operational manager for Hawai’i Planning Mill which sells building and construction materials.

Jay Atkins ('76) and his wife of 23 years have three boys, all Kalaheo kids: **Jarret ('01)** in Iraq with the Hawai’i National guard; **Jensen ('03)**, a stevedore with McCabe, Hamilton, Renny where his mom has worked for over 20 years; **Jonah ('08)**, a Kalaheo sophomore. Retired from Unocal 76 after 25 years, Jay has returned to Kalaheo, working as a part-time security attendant and coaching football and surfing since 1999.

Sondra Lawton ('76) “I have lived in Benton, Kentucky, for the last 11 years. I received a BS in Outdoor Recreation in 1992, went back to get my teaching certification in 1999. I am teaching eighth grade math and will finish my Masters this spring to get my Rank II. My daughter Maile is 12, in sixth grade, loves soccer

and is the light of my life.”

Stewart Soon ('76) After leaving Kalaheo, Stewart attended Leeward CC and UH to study Music and Theater. At UH, he met his wife of 23 years; they have two adopted children and two of their own. Eight years ago, Stewart earned his Masters in Science at George Mason University, then taught high school for three years. Although he’s now an examiner at the U.S. Patent Office, he teaches physics at the local community college. He’s never stopped playing music and currently has a jazz quartet. As if that’s not enough, Stewart, his wife and youngest son own a small karate studio in their hometown of Fairfax, VA. At recent regional championships, Stewart, his son, and several of his students took home “a good share of the medals.” Since his youngest son is the father of two, Stewart is a grandpa.

Larry Campbell ('76) —Married for 16 years, Larry and wife Kris have three children: son **Joshua ('08)**, currently a Kalaheo junior; daughter **Kelsey ('10)**, a Kalaheo freshman; and daughter Shelby, a fourth grader at Kailua Elementary. Larry has worked in the food industry for 31 years—16 years with Safeway, including work in management; seven years with Star Market as buyer for the deli/bakery department; and at the military commissary as the field merchandiser for the Pacific deli and bakery departments. When his family moved to Puyallup, WA, Larry worked in South Seattle as category manager for the deli/bakery at Associated Grocers, a full-line food distributor with over 450 stores. Given an opportunity to start his own food brokerage business in Hawai’i, the

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family moved back home in June 2005. On weekends, Larry manages Kane'ohe Blockbuster which his kids love—"free movie rentals." As a youth leader at St. Ann's in Kane'ohe, he works with seventh and eighth graders. He also coaches baseball, basketball and volleyball.

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John Goss ('76) —"Raised in Hawai'i and living in Asia/Pacific most of his life, American artist John Goss has exhibited his artwork internationally and was a National Endowment for the Arts fellow. He has designed special effects for Disney, Neil Diamond, George Michael, Deep Purple, and Luxor Las Vegas (featured on the cover of Time Magazine). As an author and photographer, he has published six guidebooks to Asia and his images appear in the landmark cultural book, *Very Thai: Everyday Popular Culture*. His exhibitions have included the Institute of Contemporary Art, London; Hirschhorn Museum; The National Gallery of Canada; Whitney Museum of Modern Art; Hong Kong Arts Centre, Tokyo Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, The American Film Institute; Harvard College and Yale University. During his six years at Kalaheo

Hillside Intermediate School and Kalaheo High School, John was mentored in art by teacher Jean Noguchi."

Sherri Atkins-Gonsalves ('76) attended the University of Texas for two years but ended up graduating from Southwest Texas State University with a BBA in Finance. After going back to school to learn a new field, she's now a network administrator for the Health Department at the City of Austin and wonders, "How did we every get through school without computers?" She and husband Victor have two boys—Tony, 14, and

Jesse, 10. Their jobs, the kids' school activities, Boy Scouts, and sports, keep them constantly on the run. "I miss Hawai'i and really enjoy our school reunions. Kalaheo is a wonderful school and the Class of '76 is Number one!"

Donald Koelper ('76) "I am a proud member of Kalaheo High School's first full graduating class and the first of four family members over two generations to attend Kalaheo—sister Suzanne ('84), nephew Jeff Whitworth ('06), and niece Gabrielle Whitworth('09). After graduating from Kalaheo, I attended the University of Hawai'i and University of Washington, graduating with honors with a BS in Biology. I returned to Hawai'i where I happily worked as a bartender until I became involved with politics as a founding member of the Sandy Beach Coalition which saved East O'ahu's Kaiwi shoreline from development. After, I served as a senior legislative policy analyst for the Office of the Speaker of the House Democratic Majority of at the Hawai'i State Legislature, and as a research analyst for the California Medical Association in Sacramento. Currently, I am a grant/proposal writer and communications specialist for Myerberg Shain & Associates, Inc., a New York consulting firm to nonprofit organizations."

Curtiss Briggs ('76) While attending UH, Manoa, Curtiss worked at PBS and then KITV before transferring to UCLA, graduating in 1982 with a Fine Arts Degree in Motion Picture/Television. During the '80s, he worked for a number of production companies, but not the big studios. In 1990, he started a product development and marketing business called "Million Dollar Ideas" with which he is still involved. Items of note include "The Refrigerator Magnitude," created after the Northridge Earthquake to keep Red Cross Safety Tips readily available, and the "Memo-Lennium," the official Memo-Pad Countdown Calendar to the Year 2000 which won

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Alumni and Faculty Updates

Calendar of the Year in 1999 for its promotional and marketing applications. In creating the calendar, Curtiss used a digital printing process not used before on a page-per-day calendar. Thus, Page-Per-Day calendars was born (www.pageperday.com), specializing in promotional calendars for businesses of all sizes. Clients include Quiken, Compass Bank, Xena—the Princess Warrior, Michael Jackson (before his latest trial!). The company recently received artwork for Super Bowl 2008. “I should have mentioned this first, yes, I did marry my California girl Vicki in 1993, and we have three boys, ages 12, 10 and 5. In 2004, we had our current house built, moving from West LA to Temecula, CA, in California’s wine and balloon country. We love it here.”

Leilani (Ashlock) Sutton ('77) passed away on August 18, 2006. She is survived by her husband John and their two sons. Leilani was vice-president of Sutton Construction.

Mark Waldvogel ('77) passed away on March 3, 2007.

Jaimie Vierra ('79) was spotted by **Carin Goo (Retired Faculty)** on San Miguel Island, Azores, Portugal, this past October 2006. Her former science teacher reports that Jaimie is doing genealogical work on the Vierra family, but “I was just sightseeing.”

1980s

Debbie (Misajon) Morris ('82) “Moved home 6 ½ years ago. Back in Kailua, 3 children.”

Mark McKeague ('87) lives with his wife and two daughters in Kailua. Mark and **Matthew Haley ('88)** are partners in a small financial planning firm run out of the Principal Financial offices in downtown Honolulu. “Great fun. We help plant, grow, and protect money trees for people.”

Lee Conley ('84) and **Jacqui Ainlay-Conley ('83)** live in Arvada, CO, with their two teenage sons, Ben and Tom. Lee is an Operations Manager for a gas pipeline company in Denver and a Commander in the Navy Reserve. After graduating from Annapolis in 1988, the first Kalaheo Mustang to do so, he served five years of active duty. Jacqui enjoyed staying home with their kids and then a teaching career. When the boys hit junior high, she left early childhood education to pursue a Master’s Degree in History and a Certificate in Historic Preservation in Architecture. She is currently working on her thesis. In addition, Jacqui travels around the Rocky Mountain states, unfortunately by car, as a soccer referee for the NCAA. Most importantly, they are all healthy and happy, and hope the same for all their high school teachers and friends.

In Memoriam

Michele M.Y. (Chang) Higa
Class of 1984

Christopher Todd Johnson
Class of 1993

Bruce Richard MacPherson II
Class of 2001

Melvin Satoru Shimada
Kalaheo Teacher, Retired

Leilani Ann (Ashlock) Sutton
Class of 1977

Mark Charles Waldvogel
Class of 1977

With deepest sympathy to their families.

Kirsten Conley ('83) lives in Boulder, CO, with husband Gary Silverman. They enjoy hiking, biking and traveling.

Michele M.Y. (Chang) Higa ('84) passed away on February 15, 2007, due to complications resulting from a brain aneurysm. Michele received her BA in Communications from the University of Southern California and a Masters in Speech Communication from California State University, Fullerton. Michele was married to Roger Higa in 1996 and later volunteered and worked as an accounting assistant at Hawai'i Public Radio. A “Friends of Michele Higa” trust fund (P.O. Box 30911, Honolulu, HI 96829) has been established to help benefit other families whose loved ones suffered from brain aneurysm.

Patricia (Lopes) Harris ('87) “After many years on the East Coast, I’m living in San Jose, which reminds me very much of Kailua. With me here are my husband Jon and our children—Ben, 5, and Kalena, 3. After many years in journalism, I’m now in media relations.”

James Shigekane ('88), back home for a few days this month, was hosted by college career counselor **April Inouye ('85)** as a guest speaker in teacher **Karola Gfell's** sophomore English honors class and in the College Career Center. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, James’s message addressed core values and personal goals. He also shared his experiences as a Kalaheo student and at the Academy, emphasizing the im-

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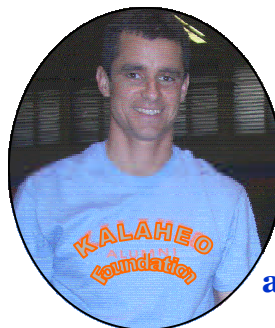
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