



# CLASSNOTES

## '49

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'49er's—'Iolanians probably never heard of a "60th and a Half Year" Class Reunion before—but this is what we'll have! For the past 60 years, we have had many exciting reunions—traveling by land, sea and air to almost all corners of this world. We celebrated at home too. We had great times, great stories to tell, and we experienced many new things, with anxious moments and excitement.

Our cruise ship crashing onto the docks, we sailed through terrifying hurricane winds and waves, we hiked the Canyon of Mexico, we "almost touched the whales," experienced the changing of colors, listened to the musicals in NY and Branson, and, of course, enjoyed the bright lights of Las Vegas. There was so much more. What wonderful times we had!

Now, times have changed; we "ain't what we used to be." We must travel close to the doctors. With the economy bad as it is, they need our business! We cannot adventure to far off places—but we can get together to talk, renew friendships, and relive "our good ole days."

KEEP SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010, OPEN FOR BRUNCH AT THE HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE OFFICERS' CLUB (same as the past two years). It's neither Super Bowl nor Pro Bowl Day, so we want you there! Reserve the day for your Class; call me. I'm listed: "Lee, James H S" not Asau Lee—we'll call you too!

P.S. Those that got lost before: we'll send you a map. Those that cannot see, hear, or remember too well, and those of us that stand with a cane or walking stick, have someone

of your younger clan drive you to the club and have them join us. They too can get an earful of our younger days as we enjoy our Class and Family Reunion!

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**Bob Coulter** wrote that his family of nine survived the tsunami in Samoa but lost their house and two cars. He mentioned that he also survived the 1946 tsunami in Hilo and said, "Guess tsunami are routine for me."

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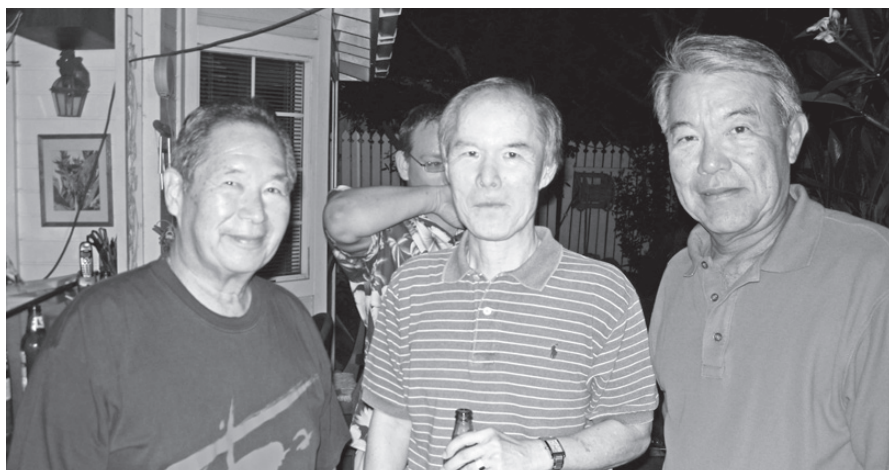
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The 50th reunion photo that appeared in the Fall 2009 *Bulletin* showed 28 classmates at the banquet. Here are photos on the following page of the remaining classmates that were not in the group photo.

**Wade Ishimoto** and his cousin, U.S. Army Lieutenant General **Joe Peterson** (St. Louis, '68) were featured speakers at the 56th annual Hawai'i State Law Enforcement Officials Association conference held at the Ritz Carlton hotel in Kapalua, Maui, in September. Both of them spoke on leadership



Hiram Kitagawa '59, Irwin Wada '59, and Jim Toguchi '59 also gathered at the class lū'au.

and Global Challenges facing our nation in the future. The audience included the leaders of all Hawai'i police departments, federal law enforcement agencies, and the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Hawai'i.

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The recent retirement of **James Kawashima** as chairman and member of the 'Iolani Board of Governors exemplifies our respect and gratitude towards his leadership on the board. We look forward to seeing more of you this year. Mahalo for your leadership, Jimmy.

**Steven "Konch" Kondo, Paul "Shag" Shigenaga, Ca "Bunny" Watanabe, Herbert "Herb" Yoshimura**, and many others were responsible for directing the Warriors vs. San Jose football game at Club Excel located on the corner of Dillingham and Waiakamilo Road on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

The deadline for *Bulletin* info was prior to this function but our report will be in the next issue.

6th Annual 'Iolani Class '60 "Gung Hee Fat Choy" Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at Maple Garden Chinese Restaurant. This banquet is the start of our reunion festivities.

RIGHT: Calvin Lee '59 and Bill Wong '59 attended their reunion lū'au.

BELOW: LTG Joe Peterson, Gervin Miyamoto of the United States Attorney's Office, and Wade Ishimoto '59 reconnected at a law enforcement conference.



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Even though many years have passed since our time together at 'Iolani, and many miles separate us from our classmates now living and working on the mainland, memories of our shared time together and the bond of One Team keep us close. Support for the One Team documentary elicited some of those memories.

**Bob Phifer**, whose father founded the First Presbyterian Church here, visits occasionally but gets his 'Iolani "fix" from **Charlie Proctor**, 'Iolani's retired Assistant Headmaster and Dean of Faculty, who spends part of the year on Cape Cod where he and Bob have homes. Bob is senior development officer at Wellesley College and oversees major gift fundraising.

**Bill Daniels**, now senior vice-president for Cornerstone Capital Management in Minneapolis, fondly recalls bodysurfing at Sandy's and going "over the falls." Maybe the fond part of the memories had more to do

with the bikini clad girls? He still remembers the old green wooden gym where we had P.E. classes with Mr. **Hamada** and had to wrestle **Billy Lum**.

Billy just finished helping to organize the American Dental Association's national convention in Honolulu. That effort held all of his attention so it was fortunate that the convention was over by the time **Milt Lau** came home from California to celebrate his father's 90th birthday. Billy was able to get **Randy Wong**, **Garrett Okubo**, **Alvin Onaka**, **Courtland Pang**, and their wives together for a dinner with Milt and wife **Ella** at the Angelo Pietro Restaurant. Among the topics discussed was the recent loss of the traditional "Burning of the I" ceremony. The group, even though Billy was the only Son of 'Iolani present, agreed that it was sad that future alumni would not have that memory to cherish as we have.

**Gavien Miyata** and wife **Ann** also visited from California, but for a more somber occasion: services for Gavien's mother. Several classmates attended in support of Gavien.

Inveterate 'Iolani basketball fan **Ron Yonemoto** has caught the football bug. He's been coming to games and even calling Courtland for updates when he cannot attend. Ron can be seen wearing an 'Iolani football t-shirt emblazoned with the name and number 66 of 'Iolani lineman **Grant Yonemoto**. While they are not related, Ron got to know

Grant's father at a game, and now they are friends. One Team! Even workaholic **Stu Kaneko** took time off from work to attend the Homecoming game. Amazing how grandchildren can change one's lifestyle!

**Herb Hong** will again coordinate a Christmas dinner for our class, so watch for notice of it. We hope many classmates will attend to share the holiday spirit.

**Jeffery "Joey" Soon** is enjoying his early retirement from the dining services section at Chico State. He and wife **Nancy** have seven grandchildren, who are the lights of their lives.

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Reuniting were (front row) Courtland Pang '65, Milt '65 and Ella Lau, Garrett Okubo '65; with (back row) Claire Pang, Billy Lum '65, Alvin '65 and Margaret Onaka, Randy '65 and Val Wong, and Cynthia Lum.

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**Brooks Takenaka**, assistant general manager of United Fishing Agency, was featured in the December 2009 issue of *Bon Appetit* magazine. The title of the article was "Expert Advice from The Fishmonger" and featured a full-length photo of Brooks handling a fish and wearing his rubber boots. Brooks was quoted as saying, "Growing up in a fishing family, I often ate the parts that were considered poor man's fare. Now people realize that these lesser-known pieces, like the cheeks and the collars, have some of the sweetest meat—plus, they're cheap."

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Pictures from our 40th Reunion (submitted by **Ed Oasa**, **Steven Yamaki** and **Jon** and **Stephanie Yamaguchi**) were e-mailed to all classmates. If you have not received them, please contact [Iolani1969@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Iolani1969@hawaii.rr.com).

The following people attended the recent reunion. Mahalo!

Members of the Class of '69 who attended included **Matthew** and **Linda Adaniya**, **Randy** and **Anita Beddow**, **Elroy Chong**, **Wendell Chu** and **Barbara Barosa** (New York), **Glenn Flores**, **Bill Foster**, **Glenn Ginoza**, **Gerald** and **Sandy Hayashi**, **Clyde Henna** and **Liesa Ogawa**, **Tommy** and **Wendy Higashino**, **Gary** and **Joy Inamine**, **Glenn** and **Lynn Inouye**, **Paul** and **Carol Iwata** (Colorado), **Lance Kakuno**, **Michael** and **Gail Kim**, **Norman** and **Barbara Kong** (California), **Carl** and **Yvonne Kuwada**, **Chester Lee**, **Michael Lee**, **Francis** and **Debbie Liu**, **Lyle Lolotai** (California), **Doug McClafflin** and **Cindy Mackey**, **Alton Nadamoto**, **Eric** and **Hiroko Nagano**, **Russel** and **Gwen Nagata**, **David Nakashima**, **Ed Oasa** and **Shelley Lessing** (California), **Blake** and **Judy Okimoto**, **Stan** and **Kimberly Sadowski** (Utah), **Dale Sakamoto** (California), **Aaron Setogawa** and **Colette Gomoto**, **Eric Shimabukuro**, **Gerald** and **Charlene Soon**, **Brian Sugimoto**, **Ned** and **Julie Taba** (California), **Darrel** and **Bic Tajima**, **Steven Takahashi** (California), **Douglas Teraoka**, **Keith Wakatake** (Colorado), **Tony Yamada** and **Dee Thompson** (North Carolina), **Jon** and **Stephanie Yamaguchi**, **Steven** and **Berlye Yamaki**, **Russell** and **Pat Yamamoto**, **Westley** and **Jane Yamasaki**, **Steven Zane** (California).

Friends of '69 attendees included **Dwight Burdick**, **Val '67** and **Cynthia Iwashita**, **Leighton** and **Peggy Mau**, **Mike Moses '93**, **Wayne Nadamoto '68**, **Dwight '70** and **Cheryl Nadamoto**, **Jeffrey '70** and **Valerie Nishikawa**, **Keith '71** and **Jacalyn Oda**, **Chris Shimabukuro '85**, **Calvin '70** and **Karen Tabata** (Oregon), **Peter Yagi '71**.

**Allen Chun** is now at Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, in Taiwan. He recently had a year sabbatical at National University of Singapore.

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Hey Guys!

Next year will make it forty years since we graduated from that school on the banks of the Ala Wai! We have a few events planned:

- ✂ Las Vegas Pre-Reunion Weekend, July 23–25, 2010
- ✂ Golf Tournament at O'ahu Country Club, Friday afternoon, July 30, 2010
- ✂ Classmates Talk Story Pupu Evening, O'ahu Country Club, Friday night, July 30, 2010
- ✂ Dinner with wives, O'ahu Country Club, Saturday night, July 31, 2010
- ✂ Family Beach Day, Sunday late morning, place to be determined, August 1, 2010
- ✂ 'Iolani School Sponsored Complimentary Dinner with spouses, 'Iolani School Courtyard, Thursday night, August 5, 2010

Please come and join us in our celebration. We need help to work out the details of the events planned. If you are willing to lend a hand and add your ideas, please contact **Mike Barnette** at 478-4551 or [barnettemc@aol.com](mailto:barnettemc@aol.com); or **Stan Louis** at 735-3836 evenings or [stanley.louis@navy.mil](mailto:stanley.louis@navy.mil). Stan Louis and Mike Barnette are working hard on the 40th year reunion. **Paul Kimura** is also involved with the planning of the golf and Vegas trip. Thanks in advance for your hard work.

**Daniel Manning** visited my office one day recently. I had not seen him since graduation, and he now looks like his father. Dan is involved with computers in Washington, D.C., and is moving to a new company. I told him about our 40th reunion plans for 2010, and he said he would try to attend. He also wanted to know if we could have swing dancing at the dinner. So if any of your wives or girlfriends swing dance, Dan's your man.

Dr. **Wayne Tsutsue** and wife **Debi** also came by when the dentists' convention was in town. They have relocated to Sacramento and are trying to get their two kids through college. Wayne misses Hawai'i, and he has not changed: same guy.

—Ernie

P.S. I hope to see many of you guys at the 'Iolani Fair. Mahalo.



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**Class of '71 Holds Practice Reunion:** Since our 40th will be here in less than two years, we decided to start "getting in shape" with a Practice Reunion at Wai'ala Country Club. On October 22nd, nineteen classmates gathered to taste wines from France, Italy, and the United States, paired with appetizers created by Wai'ala Country Club to match the wines served. In true 'Iolani fashion, we tried to infuse some education into the evening as we learned about (and tasted) the difference between Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Sauvignon made in France versus those made in the United States. The group was evenly split as to which wines we preferred, and we rather successfully pretended to be sophisticated wine aficionados rather than just a bunch of guys looking for an excuse to get out of the house and go drinking!

In between eating, drinking, and sharing horror stories about recent colonoscopies, the group tossed around ideas for our 40th in 2011. There was lots of support for having two events, one on the mainland and one on



The Class of '71: Donn Tokairin, Steven Chun, Joseph Murakami, Ross Yokoyama, George Nip, Randal Hayashi, Jeff Shin, Allen Wong, and Bob Shimizu.

O'ahu. One suggestion was to combine the mainland event with the UH football game against Nevada, which in 2011 will be in Reno sometime in the fall. The O'ahu event, then, would probably take place in spring or summer. **Dale Nishikawa** will be chairing the 40th Reunion, so please contact him at [dalen@marcusrealty.com](mailto:dalen@marcusrealty.com) with any ideas or suggestions.

Thanks, **Keith Oda** and **Sidney Kamm**, for hosting us at Wai'ala Country Club, and mahalo, Dale Nishikawa, for donating the wine. Mahalo also, Class President in Perpetuity **Lloyd Nishimoto**, for making it all happen. Also attending were **Steven Chun**, **Keith Fujio**, **Wayne Fujita**, **Randall Hayashi**, **Kenny Krumm**, **Joe Murakami**, **Dexter Nagaji**,

**Dennis Nagata**, **George Nip**, **Scott Shimabukuro**, **Robert Shimizu**, **Jeff Shin**, **Donn Tokairin**, **Allen Wong** and **Ross Yokoyama**. **Keith Kaneshige** and **Bob Kamemoto** paid in advance but had last minute conflicts and could not attend. Keith and Bob, we ate your food and drank your wine, so special thanks for the donation!

**Jeff Hackler** was heartbroken that he couldn't make it and really wants a makeup "exam." He was on a field trip with 'Iolani students and couldn't show us his famous "glass in each hand" drinking technique. Since the consensus that night was that we really could use lots more practice, don't be too surprised if we have to schedule another session sometime in 2010. Maybe we'll call it Spring Practice!

BELOW: Sidney Kamm '71 and Scott Shimabukuro '71 attended wine tasting with their classmates.



The Class of '71 enjoyed a wine tasting reunion. Left to right, Wayne Fujita, Scott Shimabukuro, Dennis Nagata, Kenny Krumm, Dale Nishikawa, Dexter Nagaji, and Keith Fujio.

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**Raymond Ono** was recently promoted to vice chairman and chief banking officer responsible for branches, retail and business banking, and wealth management. Raymond, who holds an MBA from Willamette University, joined First Hawaiian in 1978 as a trainee and has worked his way steadily up the ranks.

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training in World Expressive Arts (surveying multicultural theater, fiction, and film), plus an internship at an arts center booking groups into schools and universities, he hopes to find related work, and especially has a hankering for work supporting coral reef restoration, Ocean conservation and sustainable fishing. Meanwhile, he's looking for work sponsored by the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i. He would love to hear from any and all old friends, particularly those with whom he grew up on 'Iolani School campus!

**Randy "Rand The Man" Miyamoto** has a new sports radio show, the Sunday Sports Page, on 690 AM at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Hall of Famer **Joe Morgan** from ESPN was on the show recently. Give a listen, or, better yet, call in at 296-KHNR.

It was a dark and stormy night, or at least somewhat drizzly, when the Class of '74's 35th Reunion Napa Wine Tasting Tour began with a dinner at Scoma's on the wharf at San Francisco on the night of Sunday, September 13. We (myself, wife **Donna**, daughter **Lauren**, and her fiancé **Will**) arrived late, blaming a substandard GPS-guided drive from the hotel. Everyone else (**Kevin** and **Lynn Ing**, **Carl** and **Adele Tanaka**, **Paul** and **Gwen Yokota**, **Colin Miwa**, **Norman Gentry**, **Sandy Goto**, **Wendell Choy** and our leader **John Doty**) was already there

studying the menu. After introductions, we got down to the serious subject of ordering. We were aided by our very capable waiter, who answered all questions and made appropriate recommendations. Dinner then commenced with salads, chowders, wine, cioppinos, seafood combos, wine, risottos, grilled fish, wine, and dessert. You get the idea. Our waiter then graciously let us pay in small groups, avoiding some of the complications that came later. John spoke a bit about the plans for the Tour and the fact that he had just come back from a 3-week vacation, so some last minute stuff was still being finalized. The schedule for the next morning was announced, taxis were called, and we all (less daughter Lauren and fiancé Will who drove home, and John) returned to the Fusion Hotel to retire for the night. John had researched hotels in San Francisco and had found very inexpensive rates for us at the Fusion Hotel. However, he had booked late and was forced to stay (and when not traveling with his wife, he becomes extremely "thrifty" when it comes to lodging) at a different hotel while the rest of us benefited from his efforts. After booking, he learned that this hotel had shared bathrooms. Luckily he didn't actually have to share a bathroom, but many of us at the Hotel Fusion felt empathy, if not a bit of guilt. The next morning, after a continental breakfast at the hotel, we all boarded a small bus piloted by **Steve**, our driver for the trip.

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Avid Ocean swimmer and diver **Bob MacLean** has been living on Martha's Vineyard off and on the past 18 years, in pursuit most probably of a facsimile (at least part of the year) of Hawai'i, while keeping close to family ties on the east coast. A housepainter and semi-professional drummer, Bob has worked the last year and change as caretaker of Grace Episcopal Church in Vineyard Haven. Recently he's been making loud noises about coming back to the islands. While the economy might not yet be in shape for him to use non-traditional college



Members of the Class of '74, their wives and friends toured Napa Valley for the 35th reunion. Pictured are, from front to back, Adele Tanaka, Carl Tanaka, Donna Leong, John Doty, Colin Miwa, Rosaline Soneda, Alan Soneda, Paul Yokota, Gwen Yokota, Lynn Ing, Kevin Ing, Liane Gin, Alan Gin, Sanford Goto, Norman Gentry, Wendell Choy, and Robin Uyeshiro.



The drive to Napa took us over the Bay Bridge, up the East Bay, and then east. We passed the Hills, a huge refinery, the Carquinez Bridge at the mouth of the Sacramento River on which the C&H Sugar processing plant was located, then headed north to Napa Valley. The first stop was at our hotel for the next two days, the Hilton Garden Inn in Napa. There we helped ourselves to the free cookies at the reception desk, used the facilities, and picked up **Alan Soneda** and his wife, **Rosaline**, bringing huge sacks of Trader Joe snacks for the bus. From there we headed to our first winery, the Chappellet Winery on the north side of Napa Valley. After driving past Lake Hennessey and through the forests a bit, we were deposited on a seemingly dead-end road in the woods. John guided us up a forest trail to what looked like a huge wood and glass pyramid in the shade of the trees. There, **Candice** met us and started us off with a tasting of a Chardonnay in the visitor's entrance. After learning about Napa's geology, climate, and California vs. French oak barrels, we were taken through the main part of the building where the wine was aging. The smell of old wine and oak was wonderful. Among the barrels we tasted a Merlot. Candice then took us to see the processing equipment. There were presses where air bladders gently squeezed the juice out of the grapes, and a machine that separated the grapes from the stems. Candice held up some of the stems and mentioned that grappa is made from them. We then were led to some shaded tables in the middle of the vineyard where we tasted two more wines. Candice described the year and history of the vines. She also pointed out the two-level birdhouse above for hawks, and the huge solar arrays, which we saw over and over at different wineries. Wendell, who is in the solar panel business in Hawai'i, and Alan, who works for PG&E in California, took special note. Candice also pointed out that Chappellet is one of the few certified organic wineries in the valley. Then, happy and smarter, we headed for the bus again.

Steve took us back towards Napa Town to the Soda Creek Deli. There we got sandwiches (mine was Prosciutto), salad, and soft drinks. All were delicious. Then, back on the bus, we headed to the Miner Winery, our next stop. There we were introduced to the assistant wine maker, **Stacey**.

After we tasted some wine, she took us through the processing plant and let us taste a San Giovese after one week of fermentation. It was so sweet! It's a shame that all that sweetness gets lost in fermentation. We then headed into the Miner caves where the wine was stored. There were 28 thousand feet of caves, of which we saw perhaps 1000 feet. Again, the old wine/oak smell permeated everything. We tasted a pinot noir, a merlot, a chianti, a cabernet, and a blend called The Oracle, then boarded the bus again back to the Hilton to nap and freshen up for dinner. Dinner was at Bistro Don Giovanni, a couple of miles down the St. Helena Highway from the Hilton. The taxis (and Robert) dropped us off at the restaurant's sculpture garden, which featured a large fountain depicting fairies making clouds and an 8-foot tall corkscrew next to the restaurant door. John, Norman, and Wendell met us there. We were seated, after a bit of negotiation on the table arrangement, and proceeded to bring out bottles of wine and order dinner. It turned out that the manager was married to a woman from Hawai'i, and they visited Hawai'i frequently. Dinner was wonderful: beet salad, fritto misto, roasted figs, pizza, risotto, pasta, lamb, steak, and fish (deboned at the table). As the evening wore on, Hawaiian slack key started playing

on the audio system. Dessert was tiramisu, trifles, sorbet, gelato, and grappa. When the bill came, we learned that our substantial corkage fees had been comp'd. As the waiter was unable to separate charges, Donna took charge and had everyone annotate the bill so that Kevin could be repaid later. It was a great end to a wonderful day! The next morning we boarded the bus and headed to Black Bear Diner for breakfast, a chain in which John's family owns an interest. We ordered pancakes, eggs with a huge slice of ham, eggs with corned beef hash (made from real corned beef), omelettes, etc. Everything was first rate.

Back on the bus, as some of the people in the tour had asked John to allow time for shopping, we headed for a small shopping gallery, The Oxbow, where we were able to buy some omiyage to take back home. Especially popular were the Napa peanut brittle, made with sherry or chardonnay or bourbon, and spices from a shop with hundreds of different spices, like different flavored sea salts and curries and spices from India. Robert Ma especially liked a stuffed boar at an antique shop. Of course, some of the gang headed across the street to a wine and cigar store, The Back Room. Eventually a bunch of us headed down the



The Class of '74 also toured the caves of the Cade Winery in the town of Angwin.

street to a farmers' market where there was more shopping to be had. We bought some vegetables and fruit for the cookout at John's sister's place that night. Then, back on the bus, we headed to a high-end market, Dean & DeLuca's, for more shopping and sandwiches for those who had recovered from breakfast.

Back on the bus, we headed to the first tasting of the day, V. Satui Winery, right on the St. Helena Highway. It was somewhat commercial, with lots of tourists about. They charged for the tasting and handed out order forms immediately. One of their claims to fame was that their wine was only available by order from the winery. It was not available in stores. Several of us succumbed and bought enough wine to fill a case. Steve then took us to the Duckhorn Winery, where we met **Jim**, the Duckhorn hospitality manager, in the shade of a tree next to an old Napa country house, very unassuming. He welcomed us with a very nice Sauvignon Blanc, which we sipped in the shade. We then proceeded on a tour of the vineyards, starting with several barrels of dirt from various parts of Napa Valley, each labeled with a district. It was amazing to see how much variation there was in the soil, and how rocky all of it was. It seems the grape vines must struggle a bit in order to produce good wine. Some of the vines at this vineyard were not appropriate to the climate and soil at this particular location, and we could see how the bunches were somewhat meager or at least inconsistent. We then went to the tasting room where we were introduced to a couple of pinot noirs, a merlot, a couple of cabernets, and a blend playfully named Paraduxx. As you might guess, there are ducks on all the Duckhorn Winery labels. Again, we left a bit smarter and having tried some excellent wine.

The last winery of the trip was the Cade Winery on Howell Mountain Road, in the town of Angwin. It was drop dead gorgeous. The General Manager, **John Conover**, and the wine maker, **Tony Biaggi**, showed us around and explained that the architect, **Juan Carlos Fernandez**, designed an exceedingly functional, yet beautiful winery in the style of Frank Lloyd Wright. He retained the drama of the mountaintop site yet sought to blend the buildings with the landscape. The buildings were solar powered, yet used the natural skylight as much as possible in the



Lynn Ing, Rosaline Soneda, Alan Soneda '74, Carl Tanaka '74, Sanford Goto '74, Wendell Choy '74, John Doty '74, Robin Uyeshiro '74, and Colin Miwa '74 observe Duckhorn soils in barrels.

processing areas. Only four trees were cut down in the construction, yet the buildings are set in a forest of the regional red-barked manzanita trees. The infinity pond delineated the Napa vista in the distance. There was a recharging station for two electric cars, outside, where we found **Alan** and **Lianne Gine**, who were able to join us at last. Then there are the caves, also designed by the architect. Rather than straight lines, they are designed with sensuous curves, hidden lights, and slightly sloped so that carbon dioxide, a fermentation by-product, naturally drains instead of collecting. In this setting we had our last tasting of Sauvignon Blanc and a couple of Cabernets. No one wanted to leave, but we finally did, as the sun set over the view of Napa behind the infinity pond.

The bus took us to John's family's home, at their vineyard at Eagle Summit on Howell Mountain. As Kevin manned the grill, John prepared his Caesar Salad with Tabasco, and many bottles of wine were brought out, including many bottles of Diamond Terrace Wine, John's sister's brand. It was a feast of steak, salad, grilled vegetables, and great wine. Paul and Robin provided a bit of musical accompaniment. It was over too soon, as Steve had to get us back to the hotel and himself back home at a decent hour. The next morning saw us saying goodbye's as some of us drove, some of us caught the bus to the airport for home or Las Vegas (UH vs. UNLV), and some stayed on the bus back to San Francisco for shopping.

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'Āina Haina Pet Hospital has moved to Kaimukī after 45 years. Dr. **Allen Takayama** has relocated his practice to Wai'alae Avenue. It is so well known, the name 'Āina Haina will remain.

Speaking of doctors (human kine), *Pacific Business News* recently named its 2009 Best Doctors in Hawai'i. The Class of '76 is proud to announce that the following classmates



are included: **Jeffrey Kam**, Department of Allergy and Immunology; **Jeffrey J.K. Lee**, Orthopedic Surgery; **Whitney Limm**, Surgery; **Mark K. Lum**, Internal Medicine; and **Randall Suzuka**, Family Medicine.

**Chuck Fasi** is not a doctor, but just wanted to get his name in the *Bulletin*.

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Col. **Jerome Kim**, M.D. is the physician running the world's first successful clinical trial of a vaccine for AIDS in Thailand. He is an associate clinical professor with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine. According to an item posted September 28, 2009, on honoluluadvertiser.com, Jerome manages the U.S. Army's HIV program in Thailand and headed the trial of the vaccine RV 144; that vaccine, "tested on more than 16,000 volunteers, has protected a significant minority of those vaccinated from the disease." Jerome trained with Hawai'i's AIDS Clinical Research Program prior to leaving to oversee research in Thailand.

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**Lawrence Chew** has been promoted to audit partner at Grant Thornton. He joined the company 25 years ago and has held several leadership positions, according to an item in *Pacific Business News* in late August.

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**Kevin Aoki**, head coach of the Pacific Lutheran University Women's Volleyball team, won his sixth Northwestern Conference Coach of the Year Award in 14 years of coaching at the school. PLU finished the regular season at 20-6 and ranked 17th in the AVCA Division III Coaches Top 25 Poll. It is the fourth straight year Aoki has been honored with the award.



Members of IMARA ('Iolani Mid-Atlantic Regional Alumni) held a luncheon this past August in Pentagon City, Virginia. Left to right, Aaron Volkwein, Shelley L. Volkwein '86, Janey Volkwein, Alan Ueoka '87, Steven Planzer, Jon Shimabukuro '90, Wade Y. Ishimoto '59, Traci Hata Lee '89, Mark T. Nakagawa '85, Jenny Taoka Hilscher '89, Bryan Horikami '82

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**Jon Yamashiro** is the recipient of Miami University's 2009-2010 Alumni Association Effective Educator Award. The award was presented to Jon during the third-quarter break in the Miami-University of Kentucky football game at Cincinnati's Paul Brown Stadium on September 5, 2009. Jon is an associate professor in the School of Fine Arts and teaches classes in photography. Among his accomplishments were overseeing the remodel of the darkroom labs on campus and actively researching ways to institute a state-of-the-art digital imaging program and lab into the fine arts program. This year, the Liberty Project, one of his favorite class assignments, is taking the students into the community of Liberty, Indiana, to take portraits of the high school and middle school staff. Last year the project partnered with high school students to create books that told photographic narratives about Liberty's people and places.

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**Bryan Horikami** writes that the IMARA ('Iolani Mid-Atlantic Regional Alumni) celebrated Hawai'i's 50th Anniversary of Statehood at a luncheon on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at the Lebanese Taverna in Pentagon City, Virginia. Alumni from several years attended and enjoyed great food and friendship.

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NOTE: Due to a computer problem, the following item did not get to the Classnotes editor for the Fall 2009 edition. The following technical explanation is from 'Iolani's Computer Support Specialist **Ricky Okazaki**: "Back in August, under our old e-mail system, ZIP file attachments would get pulled out. That would explain why [we] never got it. I'm not sure how our new Google Mail system will deal with ZIP files."

Hey, can you believe it's been 25 years??? Here is an update from our class reunion—Vegas Edition. Special Mahalos go out to **Chris Yokogawa** (yokogawa@newandimprovedmedia.com) for planning and executing our get-togethers. On Friday night, July 24 at the Hospitality Suite at the Flamingo Hotel, we met up with friends whom we haven't seen in awhile. **Ango Li** and his wife took the longest to get there since they drove nine hours from their home in San Francisco to meet up with **Larry Brough** and **Roland Ruff**. **Carl Vanderbush** came in from New York where he lives very close to the former World Trade Center. **Daphne (Chamberlain) Luna** flew in from Boston to see friends **Andrea Carson** and **Nancy (Pochinski) Derego**. **Wayne Kimi** brought the whole family for a family vacation. His mom even flew up from Hilo to spend time with the family (i.e. babysitting). **Mickey Tan** and family came in

from Los Angeles, and **Mark Inaba** flew in from Chicago. Funny story: Mark flew in to Vegas in April thinking that our reunion was then, and when he checked in, he realized that no one else was there. He was patient enough to return in August for the real reunion. **Rebecca (Lu) Roy**, **Patti (Nakaji) Garrett**, **Lisa (Menor) Miller**, **Yvette (Yuen) Maskrey**, **Jann (Furusho) Hara**, **Kurt Hara**, and **Sam Cropsey** flew in from Honolulu that day and went straight to the Hospitality Suite. The cocktails and "happy hour" lasted more than an hour so we ended up ordering pizzas thru room service. Some of us were reminded of college dorm days except this time the pizzas were served on glass plates with real silverware!

On Saturday night we had a fabulous dinner at the All American Bar and Grill at the Rio Hotel. Chris arranged for the perfect private dining room. The food was delicious and the service was superb! Coincidentally our server, **Scott**, was a St. Louis '80 grad so we had the aloha hospitality. We were joined by **Walter** and **Sherri Yim**, who flew in from Honolulu just for the occasion, and **Yumi (Benedicto) Dugger** and **Corine Hayashi**, who made it a point to stop in Vegas to meet up with the group. Later that evening, some folks went off to try their luck at the tables, while others tried their luck on the dance floor. Everyone had a great time and most were already talking about the 30th reunion! Thanks again, Chris, for organizing, and everyone for making the time and effort to join fellow classmates.

Here is a quick update on your classmates who attended the Vegas Edition:

**Roland Ruff** lives in Seattle, Washington, where he teaches middle-schoolers history and English. He coaches the 8th grade girls' basketball team and is also the line coach for the high school football team. Roland mentioned that he uses the same philosophy he learned from Coach **Eddie Hamada** to teach his kids because Coach Hamada taught him how to be a great person.

**Larry Brough** currently resides with his wife and three-year-old daughter in San Diego where he works for the local energy company. One of his responsibilities is making sure the power stays on in San Diego. They recently bought a new house and welcome visitors!

**Carl Vanderbush** has been living in New York City for the past 18 years. He is currently a trader with mutual fund company Royce & Associates.

**Mark Inaba** has been living in Chicago, Illinois, for the past 25 years. He is the system administrator (IT) for the New York Stock Exchange. Just like the stock exchange, he hardly takes any days off, so going to Vegas was a wonderful vacation. Watching Mark at the black jack table was the best free Vegas entertainment! He studied each hand like he studies the stock exchange. I wonder if he ended up +/-?

**Mickey Tan** has been living in Los Angeles since 1991 where he is the chief technology officer for Basic Media Group, a magazine publisher for magazines such as *UFC-Real Fighter* and *Great Health*. He and his wife have two girls, ages eight and five. He keeps in contact with classmates **Grant China**, **Jimmy Kawashima**, and **Jayson Chun**. Mickey's brother, **Matt**, is the defensive coordinator for the 'Iolani Raiders football team so he keeps tabs on his alma mater.

**Lisa Menor Miller** is recently married and lives with husband **Michael** and dog Kula in Kailua. She is the controller at the Hartley Foundation.

**Andrea Carson** went to the University of San Diego and started working at Sea World part-time in the Shave Ice booth. Twenty-five years later she is still at Sea World but now works in the computer department. She and her husband have three children, ages 13, 11, and 8. Her husband is retired from the Navy but is currently in Iraq doing private business.

**Daphne (Chamberlain) Luna** has been in Boston, Massachusetts, for the past 13 years. She is currently a servicing manager at Platinum Investments. She has a son, Brian, 24, who graduated from NYU and is a filmmaker.

**Yumi (Benedicto) Dugger** is still a newlywed after two years. She has her own firm doing commercial real estate.

**Sam Cropsey** has been teaching at 'Iolani for the past 19 years. He is also the offensive line coach for the 'Iolani Raiders football team and is the walking encyclopedia for 'Iolani sports, especially football.



**Ango Li** recently moved to San Francisco where he works for U.S. Concrete Precast Group. He has a son, **Tyler**, who is entering the 5th grade at 'Iolani.

**Walter Yim** works at JJS Construction as an estimator. He and his wife have two children at 'Iolani, **Brandon**, grade 3 and **Robyn**, grade 4.

**Nancy Pochinski Derego** currently lives with her husband and four children in Glenwood on the Big Island. Along with taking care of two horses on her two-acre farm, she is a teacher at Connections Charter High School.

**Corine Hayashi** is the CEO/Chairperson of HTH Corp., but her biggest accomplishment and pride and joy is her two-year-old daughter, **Jade**, with husband, **Blaine**.

**Kurt** and **Jann Furusho Hara** reside in 'Aiea, Hawai'i, with their three boys. Kurt is the senior project manager at Hawaiian Dredging in the Power & Industrial Division. Jann is the owner, operator, optometrist at Ala Moana Eye Care Associates. Call her at 946-3937 when the print is getting too small or your arms get too short! They continue to see **Brent Shimokawa**, **Stacy** and **Garret Lau**, **Lisa Fong Hunsaker**, and **Brant Tanaka** since their next generation are all part of 'Iolani's Class of 2018.

**Yvette (Yuen) Maskrey** is the district manager at Honeywell, working in energy efficiency. Yvette and husband **Jim** reside in 'Aiea with their seven-year old son, **Sean**. Sean is a first grader at 'Iolani School.

**Rebecca (Lu) Roy** was a school counselor and is now a full time mom. Rebecca and husband **Stephen** reside in Hawai'i Kai and have a four-year old son, **Christian**.

**Wayne Kimi** is an office administrator for a dental practice in Manhattan Beach, California. Wayne and girlfriend, **Paige**, have a four-year old son, **Duke**.

**Patti (Nakaji) Garrett** is a corporate counsel for Queen's Health Systems. Her oldest child, **Aaron** (age 17), attends the Westminster School in Georgia. Patti and husband **Andrew** live in Honolulu with their two daughters, **Elaina** (age ten) and **Ellie** (age two).



Members of the Class of '87 celebrated their 40th birthday (plus or minus) year in Las Vegas. Pictured, bottom row left to right, Dean Nakagawa, John Urata, Daniel Shiu, Corey Shibata; middle row, Robin Kibota, Maraea Weinberg, Jill Tamashiro Rodriguez, Caryn Yamamoto, Christine Shin Yin, Kay VanJaarsveld (Nickel), Wendy Utsumi, Reina Fuji; back row, David Northcutt, Eddie Mui, Paul Okino, Mark Yonamine, Donn Arizumi, Nina Arizumi '91, Marc Takeno and Mike Kato.

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On the first weekend of October, 19 members of the Class of '87 gathered at the Main Street Station Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas to celebrate our 40th year on earth (plus or minus). Stemming from the great time everyone had at the 20th Reunion in 2007, these classmates gathered to enjoy a weekend of fun. **Corey Shibata** and **Wendy Utsumi** were the main organizers. In attendance were **Donn Arizumi** and his wife **Nina '91**, **Reina Fuji**, **Mike Kato**, **Robin Kibota**, **Eddie Mui**, **Dean Nakagawa**, **David Northcutt**, **Paul Okino**, **Corey Shibata**, **Jill Tamashiro Rodriguez**, **Marc Takeno**, **John Urata** and wife **Caryn Yamamoto**, **Wendy Utsumi**, **Christine Shin Yin**, **Mark Yonamine**, **Maraea Weinberg**, and myself. Special guest

was **Kay VanJaarsveld (Nickel)**, who left 'Iolani in 1985 but kept in touch with many classmates over the years.

On Friday, we enjoyed an afternoon of Go Kart racing. The competitive juices were flowing as we sped around the racetrack at "high" speeds, well in excess of 5 miles per hour. Corey Shibata had the fastest lap at 31 seconds. Go Kart racing was followed by an afternoon of beer sampling at the Freaking Frog near the UNLV campus. The day was topped off by an informal banquet at the California Hotel, which featured the world famous, low budget, gourmet mayonnaise sandwiches.

Several of the "young at heart" classmates went on to XS nightclub at the Encore Hotel where they danced into the wee hours of the morning.

Three or four hours after they returned from dancing at XS, several brave classmates went out for a round of golf at Aliante Golf Club. Mark Yonamine shot the low round of the day—primarily because he actually slept the night before (or so he claims).

The rest of the weekend was a blur of activity with various classmates joining up to enjoy the myriad activities Vegas has to offer—shopping, wine tasting, spa treatments, fine dining, gambling, more dancing, and lots of late night oxtail soup. All in all, a very good time was had by all. Pictures of the event are available at many of these classmates' Facebook pages.

It just goes to show that no matter what we thought of each other in high school, after 20 plus years, girls still just wanna have fun and we guys are glad that what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. (And if any classmates are wondering what I mean, they better show up at the next Vegas reunion in 2012).

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In August, **Nathan Lau** and wife **Annie**, son **Daniel**, and daughter **Esther** moved from San Jose, California, all the way to the city of Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, on the island of Borneo. He works for Hitachi Global Storage Technologies at a plant that makes platters for hard disk drives. Nathan will be in Malaysia for at least two years.

Although the transition wasn't easy, Nathan says the people there are very friendly and welcoming: "It's a little like Honolulu, but without the tradewinds or the traffic. I miss home, but it's easy to keep up with people through Facebook and Internet phone calls."

He and his family enjoy Malaysia's great food. You can keep up with their discoveries on food blog, "House of Annie."

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**Shelly Miyashiro** married **Shane De Mattos** on October 4, 2009, at Wai'alae Country Club. Shelly looked beautiful and her husband Shane so handsome. Shelly's three brothers **Ryan**, **Reid** and **Randy** gave a humorous speech which offered Shane advice on how to live with their sister. Shelly, a public defender, and her husband live on Maui

**Jmi Arrastia Matsubara** and husband **Jon** welcomed their **THIRD** daughter on July 25, 2009. **Jessica Audrey** joins big sisters **Brooke** (age four) and **Nikki** (age two). Jmi's husband is now at Azure Restaurant in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, and the restaurant won Best New Restaurant at the 2010 Hale 'Aina Awards. Congratulations, Matsubaras!!!!



Friends from the Class of '90, Adrienne Elkind, Kerry Jean Hirata, Darien Nagata, Shelly De Mattos, Aurene Pila, and Kerri Yoshioka, gathered at Shelly's recent wedding.



**Jodi (Kwan) Nishida** and **Shaun Mukai** have begun to plan the Class of 1990's 20th reunion. Anyone who is interested in more information can e-mail Jodi at jodinishida@yahoo.com.

**Micah Acoba** has been named head women's volleyball coach at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. John Jay competes in the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC), NCAA Division III. Micah, who played volleyball at 'Iolani and Harvard, was previously an assistant men's volleyball coach for Baruch College. His college coaching experience also includes a stint as an assistant men's volleyball coach with Hunter College in 2000.

**Ed Lau** and his wife, **Valerie**, recently welcomed their first child. **Ian MacArthur** Lau was born on July 10, 2009. He weighed a healthy eight pounds four ounces and measured 21 inches long. Ed is living happily in San Jose, California, and works as a consultant at Research In Motion..

meaningful tribute for our class and a great way to help the future scholarship recipients.

**Trevor** and **Rae (Ifuku) Benn** welcomed their third child in July. **Elijah David** Benn now joins **Malia** '21 and **Tyler** (age four).

Congratulations, Dr. **Junedale (Nishiyama) Twer** and husband **Ethan**, who welcomed baby girl **Hanae** into the world in August. Rumor has it that Junedale is considering a move back to Hawai'i to be a professor at UH Hilo. Stay tuned.

**Tad Yamashita** and **Nola Silva** made it official in July with a lavish wedding at the Ko'olau Ballrooms. Tad is currently a firefighter with the Honolulu Fire Department.

**Asa Miyahira** was named the October Employee of the Month by Queen's Hospital. This is a prestigious honor as Asa was singled out amongst 3,700 of his peers. He is currently with the Rapid Response Team/Trauma Team and the Surgical ICU at Queens. That same "cool" demeanor

we recall at 'Iolani serves him well under pressure while he attends to those in his care! Asa has been with Queen's since 2001. As recipient of the monthly award, Asa is qualified to win Queen's Employee of the Year Award.

Asa's older brother **Jonah**, on hand to celebrate Asa's award, reflected that being a nurse is "the perfect job for Asa because he always wants to help, to lend a hand" to others. Asa splits his time between being a crisis nurse with the Rapid Response Team/Trauma Team and working at the QET 4C Surgical ICU. One of Asa's colleagues, **Guy Price**, RN, commented thusly: "Asa is calm and methodical, and has a plan in place when he is on the Trauma Team." At SICU, Asa has earned the respect of doctors and colleagues alike with his critical thinking skills and advocacy for positive patient outcomes. Perhaps the highest praise comes from many staff members who feel that Asa knows what he is doing and that they would trust him with their family.

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Dr. Junedale (Nishiyama) Twer and husband Ethan recently welcomed daughter Hanae.

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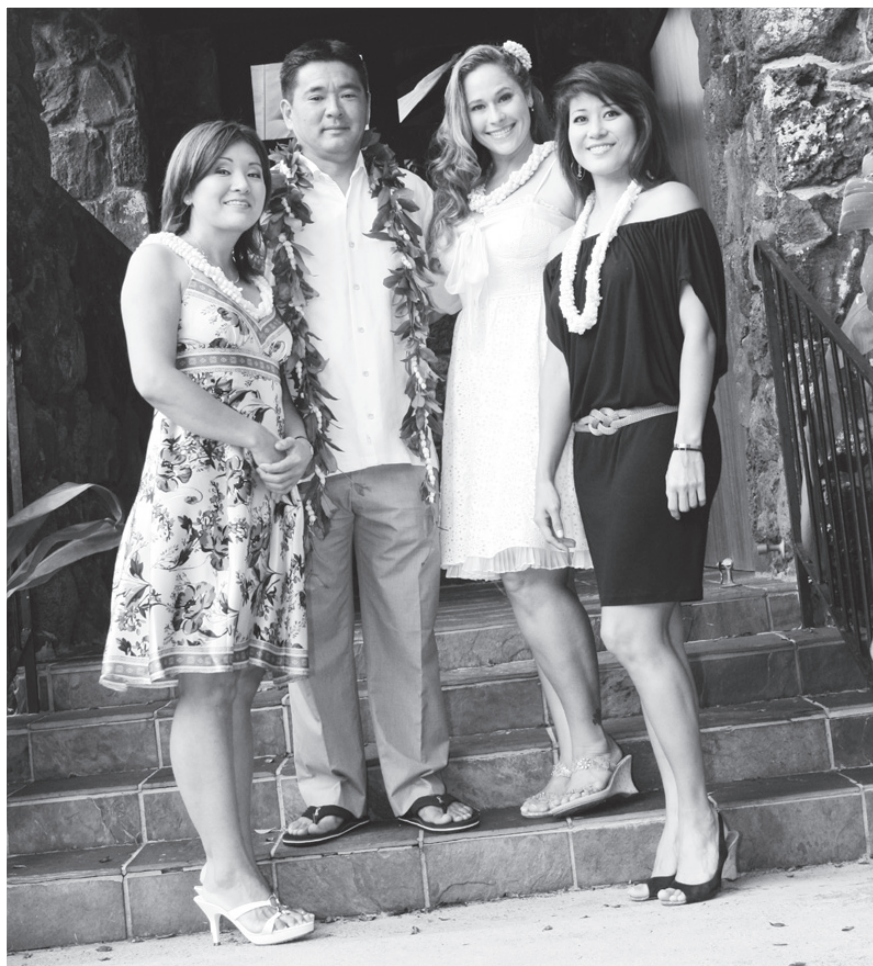
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Calling all '92 grads! We are still short of our goal and need to raise another \$15,000 to create the "1992 memorial scholarship fund" in memory of our fallen classmates, **Mike Boland** and **Samantha Maeshiro**. Please help! Send checks to "'Iolani School" and write "1992 scholarship fund" in the memo portion. This fund will be a measurable and



Elijah David Benn is being held by big sister Malia Benn '21 and big brother Tyler. They are the beautiful children of Trevor '92 and Rae (Ifuku) '92 Benn.

**Aaron Padilla's** artwork was recently featured in two shows. The first, "Degrees of Distinction" at the University of Hawai'i, ran from October 25–December 11, 2009. "Degrees of Distinction" featured 24 artists and art historians educated at the Department of Art and Art History, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, who are recognized for their work and for their contributions as artists, educators, designers, researchers, and museum professionals. This show is sponsored by the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Department of Art and Art History, the College of Arts and Humanities, and Mānoa Arts and Minds, a partnership that cultivates the mind and spotlights the best of art, music, theater, dance and special performances at UH Mānoa. As part of the show, Aaron was featured in a discussion panel as one of University of Hawai'i alumni currently working in a museum. Aaron's art work was also featured in a second show, "Hawai'i's Modern Masters." Sponsored by Luxury Row on Waikiki and Cedar Street Galleries, different boutiques in the shopping destination featured different artists. Tod's featured wood sculpture by Aaron, including his piece "Little Sense." Aaron's work can be found in the collection of the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and in private collections in the United States, England and Japan. His pieces are considered masterpieces of intricate woodwork.



Kimberlee (Gaylord) Yamamoto '93 married Scot Yamamoto on July 5, 2009, at Waioli Tea Room. Pictured are, left to right, Elisse Lee, Scot Yamamoto, Kimberlee (Gaylord) Yamamoto '93, and Stephanie Uechi '95.

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In April of 2009, Drs. **Michael Leong** and **Karsten Lee** were named 2008 Doctors of the Year at Wal-Mart's Annual Health and Wellness Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The two were recognized for their community

service both locally and internationally, and for implementing the latest technology in their practice. They routinely conduct free vision screenings at elementary schools on the islands of Lana'i, Maui, and Moloka'i. Internationally, Drs. Lee and Leong have recently traveled to Ubon, Thailand, and Hermosillo, Mexico, to participate in medical eye missions. For the past five years, Michael has been practicing along side his UC Berkeley Optometry School classmate, Karston Lee, in Kahului, Maui.

**Nathan Chinen** recently came back to 'Iolani, this time to work with students and to discuss a paper he wrote about Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's "Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What A Wonderful World." In it, Chinen argues quite convincingly that the wildly popular song—featured in movies, television, and commercials—is actually a



protest song. Nathan visited 'Iolani thanks to the Tam Young Arts Chair. He has been has been writing about jazz and pop for the *New York Times* since 2005. He has received multiple honors from the Jazz Journalists Association, including an award for Best Book about Jazz, for *Myself Among Others: A Life in Music* (2003), which he wrote with the impresario **George Wein**. Since 2004 he has been a columnist for *JazzTimes*. In addition, he maintains a blog entitled, The Gig (<http://thegig.typepad.com>), in which he writes his "thoughts on music and culture from a New York City vantage."

**Summer Lam** married **Thomas Seidl** (Punahou '95) on June 6th, 2009, at the Wai'ala'e Country Club. Thomas and Summer met during a series of "romantic" organic chemistry laboratories during their undergraduate years. They enjoyed 11 continuous years as a couple before tying the knot. **Lauren Chun** '94 was the Maid of Honor, and **Nadine (Kuwaye) Wasada** '94 was a bridesmaid. The flower girl was **Kennadie Tsue**, daughter of **Dawn (Yamada) Tsue** '94. Thomas and Summer now live in Portland, Oregon. Thomas is a manager and research scientist at Bayer Corporation, and Summer is a physician of internal medicine at The Portland Clinic.



Rochelle Sanchez Ovitt '97 recently married Gavin Brodin. Pictured are Christopher Sanchez Ovitt '95, Dr. Rebecca Sanchez Ovitt, Rochelle and Gavin.

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Two years ago, Warner Au '99 ate mostly fast foods and did not exercise.

## 'Iolani's Biggest Winner

**I**t's hard to imagine that **Warner Au** '99, a nuclear engineer at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, once weighed more than 300 pounds. That was back in January 2008. Now, two years later, he is slim at 165, an avid walker and health enthusiast.

"I'm able to do more with my life now," he says.

Au was a "skinny" kid, he shares, but his eating habits changed in high school and college. He relied upon Jack in the Box, plate lunches, and other fast food sources for meals. Due to injuries, he stopped working out and playing sports. Lethargy began to settle in.

While earning his degree in computer engineering at Santa Clara University, he continued to gain weight and tipped the scale at 300 pounds. His father, **Willis Au** '67, wanted to tell his son that he needed to lose weight to safeguard his health, but dad didn't know how.

In 2003, Warner was diagnosed with sleep apnea which caused him to suffer from a lack of quality rest and, indirectly, contributed to his lack of motivation to exercise and stay active. Eventually Warner's sleep apnea was treated and he had more energy.

Finally, after Warner returned from the Sugar Bowl in January 2008, he decided he needed to take his health into his own hands. He began walking three miles a day. In the first month, Warner lost 10-pounds. It was a baby step in the right direction.

Warner also replaced his fast food diet with whole grains, fruits, vegetables and lean meats. He started to care about what he ate. Gradually he regained his svelte build, and today his weight is in proportion to his height.

Warner feels fortunate to have discovered the joy of a healthy life style while he's young enough to be active. He still walks every day for an hour, plays basketball in the 'Iolani Alumni Basketball League, and follows the University of Hawai'i football team. He also takes time to really enjoy meals.

His advice for anyone battling obesity? "Find something that keeps you active and just do it," he says. "You don't have to run for hours. You just have to get started and maintain it."

Now Warner maintains a healthy diet and weight level, exercising regularly.



## CLASSNOTES DEADLINES

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- » February 12, 2010, for spring 2010 issue
- » May 14, 2010, for summer 2010 issue
- » August 13, 2010, for fall 2010 issue
- » November 15, 2010, for winter 2011 issue

The 'Iolani School Bulletin publishes news about alumni, including such events as career changes, graduations, marriages, births, travels and other occasions. Clearly shot print photos are accepted and may be mailed separately from e-mails or attached to submissions sent through the postal mail. High resolution digital photos (1800 x 1200 pixels) are also accepted. Please identify the people in photos. Space limitations may prevent some photos from being included. Thank you.

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**Derrick Low** is now playing professional basketball in Lithuania. According to an item posted September 4, 2009, on [honoluluadvertiser.com](http://honoluluadvertiser.com), Derrick sees playing in the strong Lithuanian league as an opportunity for him to "be seen by teams from other countries like Germany, France, and Spain." He feels this league is "just another stepping stone" which he hopes may "help him get to the next level" of professional ball.

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Roarin' **Lauren Kimura** is a grownup woman now: unbelievable! She has replaced her t-shirt, basketball shorts, and slippers with Ann Taylor galore! Watch out, America's Next Top Model, here she comes. She just graduated from Puget Sound with a double degree in exercise science and business. She is currently working for HiBroadcast in Honolulu, a startup digital advertising and mobile marketing company, in their sales and marketing department. She even has her own business card AND it's in color! Holy camoley! I told you she's a grownup now! Along with getting used to her new job, she also is continuing her basketball skills, beaching it, and making sure her clothes aren't wrinkled. Don't worry too much, though, Class of 2005, Roarin Lauren hasn't changed so much that she has pierced ears or painted nails yet.

This item was submitted by **Kirk Uejio** '98.

## '06

**Megan Burton**, senior middle blocker for the Saint Mary's (California) volleyball team, had 12 kills and hit .500 in the five-set win over Santa Clara this fall.

Puget Sound senior libero **Leigh Sumida** contributed 22 digs and an ace in a 5-set loss to Cal Lutheran in the first round of the NCAA regionals at Redlands this fall. Leigh completes her Logger career with three trips to the Division III NCAA regionals and one trip to the Nationals, collecting along the way 775 digs, 62 aces, and an Honorable Mention award in her senior year to the All-Northwest Conference team.

**Jon Takamura** was the subject of an item posted October 5, 2009, on the *Boston Globe* site, boston.com, "Crimson D Gets Picky: Takamura Seals Victory with Return." Now a senior at Harvard, Jon made a critical interception and "sprinted past the stunned Mountain Hawks for a 60-yard score that clinched the win" in the game against Lehigh this fall. He was also credited with four solo stops, three assists, and 1 ½ sacks.

## '07

Also on the St. Mary's (California) women's volleyball team is **Kapua Kamana'o**. According to an item posted September 11, 2009, on starbulletin.com, Kapua is "well on her way to a stellar career for the Gaels. She played every minute of every game at setter last year and finished in the top 10 in the country with 11.47 assists per set." Kapua credits encouragement from teammate **Megan Burton** '06 to helping her make the decision to play for Saint Mary's.

Swarthmore junior **Morgan Langley** is a vital part of the men's soccer team again this season. He was named Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week in early October after he accounted for eight points in a pair of conference victories. He is tied for first in goals in the Centennial Conference.

**Kris Sumida** is a junior defensive specialist on the Puget Sound women's volleyball team this season.

## '08

**Makana Gomes**, a sophomore at Manhattanville (in New York), is a setter on the women's volleyball team. Her numerous assists, digs and kills were instrumental in Manhattanville's wins over Delaware Valley in early October and the United States Merchant Marine Academy later that month.

Long Beach State junior libero **Lauren Minkel** was the subject of a feature article by **Frank Burlison** posted September 16, 2009, on presstelegram.com, "Making a Change." The article focuses on many aspects of Lauren's life, including her role as libero. Although that position is not one of scorer, Lauren is praised by her coach **Brian Gimmillaro** as being "already one of the better passers and defenders in college volleyball." He added, "And she is going to be a very good libero—definitely in the mold of all the good ones we've had." Burlison also comments on Lauren's "sense of wanting to get out 'and try things'" which he feels can be attributed to her parents' willingness to move to Hawai'i after their "cross-country romance flourished and they married." The article ends on a rather poignant point: since Lauren's father succumbed to cancer about three years ago, Lauren reminisces on the memories she has of him watching her games from the stands and the peace surrounding his death.

## '09

**Kelly Pang**, freshman libero at Washington University in Missouri, was named to the Teri Clemens Invitational All-Tournament team after she totaled 65 digs in three matches to help the Bears win the tournament title.

**Maile Scarpino** is freshman defensive specialist on the Hofstra women's volleyball team. She had a team high 24 digs with three aces in the game against Seton Hall this season.

**Pablo Warner** is already making his mark as a member of the Class of '13 at Occidental. He was pictured in the fall issue of *Occidental* magazine in an article called "Trisky Business," which recounts the lack of superstition among Oxy freshmen who, despite triskaidekaphobia, fear of the number 13, which happens to be their class year of graduation, are already fearlessly forging ahead. In addition Pablo's being "a whirling dervish on the basketball court," his interest in music and in quantum physics also add to his "eclecticism," according to the article. His father reports that "Pablo says all the guys on the basketball team are cool and he likes the small college scene."

Due to an e-mail issue last fall, some items submitted to the classnotes@iolani.org address may not have been received by the *Iolani School Bulletin* staff. We regret any inadvertent omissions and encourage you to re-send items that were not included in this current issue and were submitted before November 13, 2009. Mahalo for your understanding.