

# CLASSNOTES



## 'X44

**Cavan Hardy** was interviewed for a feature article appearing in *The Monterey County Herald* on the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, "Bombs Fell, Life Changed for Carmel's Hardy," by *Herald* staff writer **Kevin Howe**. In the article, Cavan recalled that he was a fifteen-year-old student at 'Iolani when the attack occurred. He was walking back from church to his dormitory on the old campus of 'Iolani "when he saw that a plane with Japanese insignia had crashed near the school." Thinking at first that it was "part of war games" for the military, they soon learned from radio broadcasts that it was not a "make-believe" attack but real "bombs falling at Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field." The article focuses on the many ways life changed for Cavan and other young students after the attack: "Iolani School was right across from a graveyard and the lesson that the war was really on was harshly home when vehicles began arriving with bodies—and body parts—in bags as the day wore on." Shortly after the attack, 'Iolani School closed and did not reopen until the war ended. Howe's article also includes an anecdote about one of Cavan's classmates whose "parents turned out to be German spies" and the impact of a strict curfew in Honolulu—"all teenage parties at friends' houses became sleepovers."

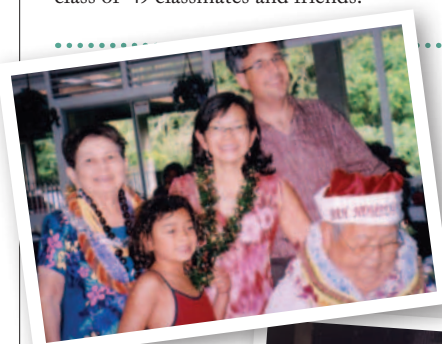
## '49

Year 2011 has gone by so fast and now in 2012 almost all of us are octogenarians, with a few catching up quickly—though some made it shortly before year's end. 2013 is coming up, so be happy, enjoy life, and stay healthy.

In mid-November, emerging from a darkened hallway, **Howard (Hanky) Han** dressed in Hanbok (in this event a Dop'ō and a Black Gat) traditionally worn by scholars and those who passed the civil service tests way back in the Chosun Dynasty (14–19th centuries) was shouting "Annyeong haseyo soju" as he approached the waiting crowd of family, friends, and relatives to celebrate his '80th birthday. It was a sight to see a "young man" dressed in garb fashioned and worn centuries ago. Believe it or not, there was no kimchee—only delicious poke and other foods with lots of wine and congratulations for a new Grandpa. It was a happy reunion as family and friends came from far away to "roast" and toast Hanky. Happy birthday from us, the 49ers, best wishes for many more, and happy travels on your trip to Paris and the famous wine country of southern France.

**Gerald (Bolo) and Eileen Soneda** followed in mid-December when they celebrated their 80th birthday as well as their 58th wedding anniversary at a really happy occasion where friends and families came from afar to enjoy the delicious buffet lunch, fun and games, and entertainment by the talented Soneda family. Eileen and her friends played the harmonica, daughter **Debra Soneda Heyler '85** was the

songbird, and Debra's daughter **Madeline**, a third grader at 'Iolani, helped with the noisemakers. "Poppa" **Fred Heyler**, 'Iolani's science department head, managed the video presentation when **Dr. Roy Hirokawa '57** sang and strummed his guitar with a medley of songs while brother **Paul Nuha '56** listened and enjoyed everything that was going on. Bolo was so happy that he got up to sing and play his uke, but we had to stop him from dancing "cause he ain't what he used to be." Congratulations again from all of us, your class of '49 classmates and friends.



Eileen Soneda, Debra Heyler '85, Fred Heyler, Madeline Heyler '21 and Bolo Soneda '49



Howard Han '49



Members of the Class of 1949 gathered at the Hickam Air Force Base Officer's Club: front row: Walter Komeiji, Walton Shim, William Lee, Albert Nishikawa, Gilman Hu; second row: Gerald Soneda, Edward Chun, James Kawasaki, Thomas Lau, James Lee; third row: Robert Saida, Cyrus Wong, Howard Han, Kenneth Mukaigawa, Raymond Wong, Richard Papa, Hollis Ho, Donald O'Day, Raymond Hatate, Benjamin Almadova

As a class, we started the New Year (Chinese New Year) with our fifth annual brunch at the Hickam Air Force Base Officer's Club on Sunday, January 22. We were welcomed by the sounds of firecrackers, drums, and gongs, thanks to **Hollis Ho's** grandkids—a tiny yellow lion that was too tired and lazy to roam the tables to bless those present in the traditional manner. However, **Carol, Richard Papa's** better half, followed by offering blessings and well wishes to all. It was great to see the Papas and to hear and enjoy tales from the retired SEABEE. The food was great, and the fellowship among the 40 present was very evident—chewing the bull and sharing adventures including the aches and pains of getting older. As before, **Lefitia (Walter Ho's** widow) and the Sonedas provided the beautiful vased-anthurium centerpieces and chocolates, respectively. **Mae (Robert Morisugi's** widow) brought packages of candies and other goodies for all to enjoy—so nice of her! After all the good food and drinks, it was fiber time for us old folks—doctor's orders to make sure we eat oatmeal. Some folks were lucky enough to have sat in the right seat to win a box of oatmeal and a can of Carnation cream! See how we take care of each other? Dr. **Walton Shim** and **Vicky Shim, RN**, confirm the need for fiber in our diet. As always, we miss those who could not join us. Some forgot (that's bad), but we worry about those who had “engine problems, flat tires, and worn out bearings.” We hope they get well and join us again.

I am sorry to say I did not name all the classmates and friends who participated in and enjoyed all of the above events, but let's say: GREAT BUNCH! GOOD FRIENDS! LET'S ENJOY! BEST WISHES! and GOOD HEALTH! We include you, **Ben and Diane Almadova**—you are always welcome to be part of our '49 'Ohana. Thanks a lot, fellow classmates. Keep in touch.

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## '53

**Walter Luke** writes the following: “A brotherhood that time shall not defy. . . . It has been 58 years since I last saw **Gary (Burr) Loo** at the old, nostalgic Nu'uaniu campus, but as **Allan Kondo** remarked, at our recent reunion at Hokua hosted by Bumpy, ‘Body shapes have changed somewhat, but voices remain the same.’ When I met Gary inside the restaurant and cautiously said, ‘Burr?’ I immediately recognized the voice when he responded, ‘Eh, Walter.’ Gary and his wife, **Claudia**, retired in Los Angeles and later moved to Florida where they became happy farmers growing organic vegetables on a 9.2-acre parcel. He has used his civil engineering skills to construct an arbor, a huge storeroom that resembles a house, and expanded the original home. They have two daughters and four sons; one lives in Sydney and the rest are in Southern California. In addition, they have nine grandchildren. Burr has an older brother, Dr. **Larry Loo '51**; while Claudia has two brothers, Dr. **John Char '54** and **Douglas Char '62**.

“Gary and Claudia returned to Honolulu for the memorial service of her 98-year-old mother who was laid to rest beside her husband, Dr. **Wai Sinn Char**, who had died at the age of 101. After spending several days on O'ahu, the Loos went to Hilo where Gary showed Claudia the Hilo Harbor Project that he was involved with early in his engineering career.

“Lack of time prevented Gary from hooking up with his close high school buddies and he sends his fond aloha to **Hobo, China, Billy, John, Hunky, Birdie**, and many others. He misses skin diving in Kailua Bay with gentle soul **Rusty Ganiko**, an excellent swimmer and diver. Gary is looking

Gary and Claudia Loo are looking forward to the Class of '53 60th reunion in 2013.



forward to our 60th reunion in 2013 and requests that the planners avoid the weekend of May 19 because of a church commitment. The same conflict prevented his attendance at our 50th reunion. Got that, Bumpy?”

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How time flies!! We are all hoping for the emergence of a catalyst to replace **Larry “Agar Agar” Wong** to spark the organization of Reunion 60th. In a recent “survey,” 95% of those responding stated they read the *Iolani Bulletin*. Let's hope such is consistent with readership of the letter sent to all in March regarding the planning for a 60th reunion in 2014, my “retirement” as the Class Representative, and my appeal for each to consider class pride. Our 60th may not be as grandiose as the half-century reunion held in 2004; however, we believe the silent majority is looking forward to it. Also, we are glad to hear that we still have a cadre of golfers and those who were on the injured list are back in the groove. We hope that all had a chance to give some thought to a possible quarterly get together. I played a round with **Elliot Ozu**, my son, **Harvey '81**, and a guest. Elliot

reports that since then, modifications have been implemented to make play easier. You can now drive on the back nine except for two holes, weather permitting, of course. Also, you are afforded the option to either challenge the long carries or to play the additional, kinder tee boxes that make the treacherous ravines more navigable.

Elliot is with Ko'olau Golf Course, and anyone in his foursome will enjoy a very

special rate. Anyone interested in playing a round at Ko'olau, inquire with Elliot at 235-9907, or join him to talk story as he helps you navigate the challenges in the majestic setting of the Ko'olau.

**Ron Oi** is managing the Bay View Driving Range. This is a good chance to talk story while honing your skills to meet the challenges at Ko'olau or enjoy a relaxing round at the Bay View Golf Course, the venue for the ILH Intermediate Golf Tournament. The tournament will include boys and girls from 'Iolani. The new owners, Church of the Nazarene in Kane'ohe, have retained the Billy Casper Golf Management Company to manage the operations, and the course is starting to look really nice. In addition, Ron keeps busy with some consulting work downtown, but he manages to get in some golf about once a week. He also reports that his two grandsons with great-granddaughters, ages six and four, reside in Portland, Oregon. His granddaughters are college-age: one at the Academy of Arts University in San Francisco, and the other contemplating the University of Pittsburgh or St John's in New York.

I hope as you read this, the planning of Reunion 60th has evolved. I haven't heard from anyone else and hope that no news is good news.

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Mahalo nui loa, classmate and Regent Board **Jimmy Kawashima**, for recognizing and honoring our classmate **Randy "Satch" Ng** for his authorship of *Hawaiian Sunrise to Sunset* in our last *Iolani Bulletin*. His dream did come true while he sat at a table in the middle of

Barnes & Noble Booksellers at the Ala Moana Shopping Center on October 8, 2011, with 120 copies of his book around him. Our class is indeed proud of your accomplishments.

On January 27, 2012, **LeRoy Franklin Ichida's** Celebration of Life was held at Tsukiji Fish Market at lunchtime in the Ala Moana Shopping Center. LeRoy passed away in Los Angeles on September 18, 2011, and is survived by wife **Faith**, son **Kent**, daughter **Kisa**, brother **Wesley '64**, and a grandchild. **Ernie Hirata, Warren Chung, and Eric Takai** attended with their wives. Also attending were **Victor Chang, Mel Chow, Harold Gusukuma, Ken Hara, Roy Kaneshiro, Gary Kagemoto, Stanley Kanetake, Jimmy Kawashima, Lloyd Kagawa, Arthur Katahara, Ron Lim, Phillip Nathan Minn, Doug Masatsugu, Steve Kondo, Gaylord Pang, Harold Tanaka, David Yoshioka, Herb Yoshimura, and Les Uyehara**. Thank you, Faith Ichida, for organizing this celebration and maintaining contact with **Paul Shigenaga** to keep us abreast of LeRoy's health challenges. Ernie Hirata, Harold Tanaka, LeRoy, and I were members of 'Iolani's Tennis Team.

Our 7th Annual Gung Hee Fat Choy Banquet was held at Maple Garden Chinese restaurant on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Ron Lim introduced Les Uyehara to give the invocation.

## Classnotes Deadlines

FOR SUMMER 2012 ISSUE

**May 15, 2012**

FOR FALL 2012 ISSUE

**August 15, 2012**

FOR WINTER 2013 ISSUE

**November 14, 2012**

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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Les handed out copies of the original Alma Mater and the Lord's Prayer. **Chris Shimabukuro** '85, Director of Development, updated us with Headmaster **Val Iwashita's** retirement and the prospective replacement candidates. With groundbreaking scheduled in summer 2012, The Sullivan Center at 'Iolani School is projected to be completed in fall 2013. In this center, studies and classroom learning will take on new meaning as they intersect with real challenges of the world. Mahalo, Chris and the Alumni office, for contributing the various gift items. Also mahalo, Judy, for your clerical assistance.

Victor Chang, our fair chairman, reported our upcoming participation in the 'Iolani Fair on April 20th-21st. We are the oldest participating class and proud of keeping the "One Team" concept.

Steve "Konch" Kondo and **Willy Matsuura** handed out flyers for 'Iolani Class of '60 70th Birthday Las Vegas Reunion at the Orleans Hotel & Casino on October 17-21, 2012. Konch announced the importance of our class members acknowledging their confirmation in a timely matter. **Mel Arimoto**, Willy Matsuura, Paul "Shag" Shigenaga, and **Carl "Bunny" Watanabe** are coordinating this event.

**Roy Doi** '55, **Linda Shiraishi**, and **Ruby Miyao** from the Thursday's golf group were in attendance with **Warren Chung**, **Robert "Bobby" Asato**, Mel Chow with daughter **Shana**, Ken Hara, **Stanley Herb Yoshimura**, and David Yoshioka. Randy "Snatch" Ng, Paul Shigenaga, and Jimmy Kawashima had other commitments but donated their share of the cost. Roy Kaneshiro also was a contributor. Mahalo.

Faith Ichida e-mailed Paul "Shag" Shigenaga that **Judith**, wife of **Robert Yamamoto**, passed away January 27, 2012, and her services were held on February 20, 2012, in Santa Ana, California. Regards to Robert Yamamoto and family.

## '61

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Several classmates and their wives joined **George** and **Patty Leeper** for lunch at Hee Hing restaurant on Tuesday January 10, 2012. Attending were **Tom Campbell**, **Dr. Rodney Chun**, **Dexter Furuhashi**, **Warren Ho**, **Dr. Morris Lai**, **Ken** and **Jennifer Lee**, **Bob Mumper**, **Dr. Steve Takaki**, **David** and **Anita Tyau**, **Francis Wong**, **Tom** and **Joyce Wong**, **Eric Yamamoto**, and **Emmett** and **Judy Yoshioka**.

Also attending were **Lee Thomas**, **Dr. Adam Makkai** and Mrs. **Agnes Makkai**. Dr. Makkai was a teacher of Russian, German, and French at 'Iolani during our junior and senior years. He has spent the last four decades as professor of English and Linguistics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is now retired and living on the Wai'anae Coast.

**Lee Thomas**, our former English teacher, track and football coach, and mentor, has also been retired for many years. If he is not substitute teaching at Kamehameha Schools, one can find him at the Ala Wai Community Center continuing to sharpen his mind by playing bridge.

Dr. Leeper has retired from his last job as principal scientist at Diageo, the world's largest producer of spirits and major producer of beer and wine. Diageo's brands include Smirnoff, Johnnie Walker, Bailey's, and Guinness.

George and Patty live in West Gramby, Connecticut.

Warren Ho attended the Annual Awards Luncheon of the Hawai'i Chapter No. 34 of the Institute of Real Estate



The Class of '61 and their wives enjoyed a luncheon with George and Patty Leeper at Hee Hing Restaurant. Front row: Jennifer Lee, Joyce Wong, Judith Yoshioka, Dr. Adam Makkai, Agnes Makkai, David Tyau, Eric Yamamoto, Patricia Leeper and Ken Lee; back row: Tom Wong, Steven Takaki, Bob Mumper, Lee Thomas, George Leeper, Tom Campbell, Emmett Yoshioka, Morris Lai, Warren Ho, Francis Wong, Dexter Furuhashi and Rodney Chun

Management held at the Pacific Club in December 2011. He was pictured in the *MidWeek* "Honolulu Pa'ina" looking fit with sleeves rolled up and ready to work another ten years.

**Elliott** and **Linda Lum** attended the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas this January. Elliott reports that CES is a huge electronics show featuring the most up-to-date electronic products such as phones, camcorders, computers and TVs. The show fills the entire Convention Center and some of the Venetian Casino. In addition to attending the show, Elliott also checked out the buffet at the Paris Casino and saw *Viva Elvis* and the Cirque du Soleil shows. He is already looking forward to next year's show.

Dr. **Mike Uechi** is retired from his private medical practice and is now devoting his time to helping with **Ben Cayetano's** election to the Office of the Mayor. Call him at 255-6546 or email [muechi808@gmail.com](mailto:muechi808@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping to stop rail.

Emmett Yoshioka reports that his next show will be *Singing in the Rain* at Diamond Head Theatre. The director, who is flying in from NYC, is 'Iolani Class of '81 **Greg Zane**. Emmett will be the music director and his trusty assistant will be his wife, Judy. Can you imagine "raining for real" on the entire stage at DHT? Emmett says that this was accomplished 22 years ago in 1990 and should be a lot of fun doing again.

**Norman Tyau** reports that he played in a USTA Senior match in February and that one of the players on the other team was none other than 'Iolani '61 classmate **Steve Sato**, who has been visiting the islands from his California home during the winter months.

Norman will be making inquiries to classmates about the feasibility of forming an all '61 seniors team. This endeavor is definitely in the realm of possibility because it was only 19 years ago when Ken Lee sponsored a senior 'Iolani '61 team that won the National Championships for the 3.0 divisions at Tucson, Arizona. 'Iolani Class of '61 fifty-year-olds playing on the team were **Mike Uechi**, **Mike Chun**, **Morris Lai**, **Gordon CF Chun**, the late **Dean Tajima**, and **Norman Tyau**.

Norman also reports that he is still actively doing his part in The Foreign Economic Aid Assistance Program and ensures that the aid goes directly to the ultimate recipients and is not gobbled up by foreign governments.

If you hear a fire engine siren, there's a good chance that **Mike Chun** will be on the way as a Red Cross first responder to help displaced residents. Mike responded to three fires in Hawai'i Kai, Kailua, and Waikiki at the end of 2011. Most recently on February 12, 2012, he assisted in setting up a shelter to provide Mo'ili'ili residents relief from the smoke from the fire on the UH lower campus. Mike reports that he also helped close down the shelter the next day at 10 a.m. by packing up and returning cots and supplies to the Red Cross.

Dexter Furuhashi reports that **Winston Hoshino** is well and lives in Hilo. He has also married.

Dexter notes that he also spoke to **Ed Ching**, who is back in Hawai'i and is helping to coach the Hawai'i Swim Club (**Soich Sakamoto's** old swim club).

**Art Akina** has been residing in Las Vegas with his family. Art just recently came out with a CD entitled *Our Legacy*. Art thanks his wife and pianist **Verna Akina**, **Johnny Navarro** of Howling Cat Studio, and **Mike McCrary**, his first music partner and loyal friend, for encouraging him to take on this project. Many of our classmates will recognize some of these marvelous classics: "Imagine," "The Lord's Prayer," "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Aloha 'Oe," and many others.

It's been over two years since Bob Mumper retired as a model for the UH Art Department. However, another classmate has stepped up to carry the torch: Dexter Furuhashi served as a model for his second year at the recently held UC-San Francisco's High Risk Hawai'i Emergency Medicine Workshop at 'Ihilani Resort. Dexter served as a model in the "hands on" ultrasound session where doctors and medical personnel experienced the use of the ultrasound wand as a triage diagnostic tool on him.

Bob Mumper and his dog Butters were featured in the January 27, 2012, edition of the *Hawaii Marine* for his efforts in combining jogging/walking and community service in cleaning up litter on MCB Hawai'i. Bob reports that picking up litter is now his main motivation to continue jogging in order to keep his blood pressure, glucose levels and cholesterol in check. See <http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/news/Jan27A12.pdf>.

And finally, Ken Lee, co-chairman of the 50th Reunion Gift Committee along with **Russ Saito**, reported a final fund raising total of \$306,000, setting a class giving record for 'Iolani School.

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Music aficionados **Michael Young, Allan Tanigawa, Ronald Ohira** and **Bruce Shimomoto**

and their spouses met for a concert by singer **Andrea Boccelli** at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on December 10th and were treated to an evening of splendid music.

The following day, they met with Las Vegas classmates **Howard Tan** and **Ken Hamai** for dim sum lunch at the Orchids Garden restaurant. Another Las Vegas classmate, **Edwin Izumi**, was unable to attend. The dim sum gathering also included **Hubert Minn '65** who was in Vegas for a boxing convention where he was giving referee seminars. The weather was cool and sunny, and many sumptuous evening meals were eaten at fine dining restaurants—Michael Mina's Nob Hill Tavern, Tom Colicchio's Craftsteak, Emeril's New Orleans Fish House, and Wolfgang Puck's Bar & Grill—all at the MGM Grand.

So when's the next concert???



Members of the Class of '64 gathered this past Christmas. Front row: Leroy Uyehara, Walter Fo, Allan Tanigawa, Richard Fong; back row: Bruce Shimomoto, Gordon Cho, Mike Young, Jonathan Kim, David Lo, Dan Chang, Roy Ledesma

Eleven of the class, with their spouses, gathered at the home of Bruce and **Patty Shimomoto** on January 30th to catch up on old times with **Dan Chang**, who was in town for the holidays. Also attending were **Leroy Uyehara, Walter Fo, Allan Tanigawa, Richard Fong, Gordon Cho, Mike Young, David Lo** and **Roy Ledesma**. The topics of conversation were retirement, Medicare, grandchildren, and travel. Fun was had by all—thank you, Patty and Bruce!

The *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* sports section on Thursday January 5th mentioned that Gordon Cho was honored as the State of Hawai'i Golf Association volunteer of the year.

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In *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen wrote, "Think only of the past as its remembrance gives you pleasure." Those members of our class who attended the 2011 Christmas dinner organized by **Herb Hong** surely must have taken great pleasure in attending as many past friendships were renewed and memories recalled. As is often the case during the holiday season, several classmates were away on trips or otherwise unable to attend on a busy Saturday evening, but thirteen were able to attend, ten couples and two "stags," **Wendell Kam** and **Steve Chong**.

It seems our lives have grown to include more travel: Wendell has been to Japan for his work with the Yoshimoto Foundation in displaying its large and excellent big game animal collection, and Steve described the nuances of having helped his sister pick apples on the mainland. Herb and **Kathy** had just returned from a visit to the Galapagos Islands and recounted the long journey to get there to see the beauty and creatures of those islands. Now that he's retired, **Dennis Kato**



The Class of '65 reunited. Front row: Courtland Pang, Alvin Onaka, Glenn Goo, Dennis Kato, Gerry Wong; back row: Billy Lum, Herb Hong, Wendell Kam, Ron Yonemoto, Steve Chong, Howard Arimoto, Randy Wong, Steve Yamamoto



At the Class of '65 gathering were Cynthia Lum, Alvin and Margaret Onaka, Val Wong, Claire Pang, Randy Wong, Courtland Pang, Billy Lum, Geoff Lau, Garrett Okubo, May Lau, Ella and Milt Lau.

travels occasionally, too, but that is not his main focus. **Alvin Onaka** continues to travel the world as part of his job, while **Gerry Wong** has been to Chicago in conjunction with his work. **Randy Wong** and **Courtland Pang** have recently traveled to visit their daughters on the mainland. Like Alvin, **Steve Yamamoto**, **Howard Arimoto**, **Ron Yonemoto**, **Glenn Goo**, and **Billy Lum** are still working but, unlike Alvin, they don't travel as part of their work. Ron doesn't even travel to work, instead he works from home. **Art Ofani** and **Hu Minn** were unable to attend because they were traveling.

The sumptuous dinner served by the O'ahu Country Club included *foie gras* as an appetizer, something that, back in our 'Iolani days, **Mr. Lau** never served in the Student Center. He did occasionally serve brussels sprouts, which, back then, caused Billy to wonder why such little cabbages were not allowed to grow larger before being picked. Billy never acquired a liking for brussels sprouts because they tasted bitter to him, so when he saw them served as part of the main course he discreetly offered them to Randy, only to find out that Randy didn't eat them either! Billy looked over at Steve Chong, who was having the fish because it was healthier than the beef, but Steve had not finished all his main course: he was saving

himself for the dessert, all of which he ate! In contrast, Wendell ate everything on his plate declaring that if he didn't have to cook it, he was eating it all.

Approaching senior citizen status is not preventing some of us from keeping up with the times, with Gerry and Alvin having recently had photovoltaic panels installed. They told of the process to get them installed and of the initial high cost but resultant monthly electricity cost savings. Remembering that **Mr. Hamada** was the guest of honor at our 30th year reunion, Steve Yamamoto asked about the progress of the One Team documentary, the Boosters Club project to perpetuate the teaching of the culture so dear to Mr. Hamada and that many of our classmates have donated funds and effort to support. All within earshot were pleased to hear that the documentary is essentially complete with a planned world premiere showing soon, likely before these notes are published. All agreed it was a shame that unforeseen obstacles slowed its completion such that some of the "Bray Boys," like Glenn's father, **Walter**, will not be able to see it. The high-definition DVD format of the documentary is timeless, however, so Glenn's and Alvin's grandchildren will be able to see it. Yes, we are growing into the grandfather stage of our lives.

While it's understandable that perhaps being grandfatherly is not sufficient reason for our mainland classmates to attend the Christmas dinner, becoming a grandfather again was reason for **Milt Lau** to visit home so that his father could meet his newest great-grandchild. Milt wanted to see old friends so Billy got **Geoff Lau**, **Garrett Okubo**, Randy, Alvin, and Courtland and their spouses together to "talk story" over dinner at Angelo Pietro's. Just like in our high school days, all the women went to sit at one table, while the men sat at another. The wives must have had a lot to tell each other about us, while we talked about Geoff's ingenuity in providing a step-up box for a demanding master-sergeant who was too short for the standard height fixture in a latrine that Geoff oversaw construction of during his time as an Army civil service engineer before going into pharmaceuticals; Alvin's work to pinpoint falls as a serious cause for concern for the elderly; and Billy's carpentry handiwork on his soon-to-be-completed house rebuild, which he described as like his day job except on a larger scale and without any complaints that "drilling hurts." Remembrances of the past truly did give old friends and classmates much pleasure.



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According to an article posted January 13 of this year by *Pacific Business News*, "Honolulu Vies for Satellite Patent Office," **Leighton Chong** is one of several local business leaders promoting the establishment of a U.S. Patent and Trademark satellite office in Honolulu. Leighton's proposal was sent to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in January. The office would "create hundreds of jobs, improve the state's reputation as a place where technology flourishes, and increase its presence as a place to file patent applications," according to the article. Among the reasons Leighton feels Honolulu should be selected for this office are Hawai'i's "large, ethnically diverse pool of U.S. citizen science and engineering graduates and ex-pat graduates now residing on the Mainland who are seeking high-level technical employment in Hawai'i" as well as the location of Hawai'i being attractive for hosting Asia-Pacific conferences.

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Here is the Class of 1971's 40th year reunion picture in Las Vegas which was inadvertently omitted from the last *Bulletin*. We are standing outside of the Il Mulino restaurant (in the Forum Shoppes at Caesar's Palace). First row, Fay Nishimoto, George Mansho, Kenny Krumm, Randall Hayashi, Mari Otsuka, Jennifer Wong; second row, Lloyd Nishimoto, Cyrus Tamashiro, Donn Tokairin, Bob Shimizu; third row, Keith Kaneshige, Bruce Masatsugu, Debbie Howe, Judie Tokairin, Dennis Nagata, Neil Uyemura; fourth row, Allen Wong, Howard Matsuba, Grant Howe, Bill Hillendahl, Dale Nishikawa, Jordan Wong and Clive Otsuka

The Class of '71 and families enjoyed the music of the Glass Candle. Left to right: Scott Shimabukuro, Keith Fujio, Dr. Jan Fujita, Cyrus Tamashiro and Karen Hackler.

(PHOTO TAKEN BY JEFFREY HACKLER '71)







Dale Nishikawa '71 performed a solo on his trombone with Kurt Kaminaka '72 in the background.

I know everyone enjoyed themselves at our 40th year reunions in 2011, Part I in Hawai'i last April followed by Part II in Las Vegas in September. A big mahalo, our two fantastic coordinators **Dale Nishikawa** and **Cyrus Tamashiro**, for the great job with both reunions! The awesome photos in Las Vegas were taken by **Bill Hillendahl**. Thank you, Bill!

2011 was a truly busy year for Cyrus. First he was Chairman of the Hawai'i 2011 Okinawan Festival held at Kapi'olani Park in early September. Then he was off to Okinawa to the 5th Worldwide Uchinanchu (Okinawan) Festival in October. Nearly 1200 people from Hawai'i made the trip to the Worldwide Festival, almost as many people from Brazil, and people from every continent including Africa! He saw a guy who looked like **Scott Shimabukuro**, but he spoke Portuguese. Awesome opening and closing ceremonies included top entertainers, a cast of about 2000, and amazing fireworks. It was like the Super Bowl or Olympics. This year Cyrus is serving as the 2012 President of the Hawai'i United Okinawa Association.

Dale Nishikawa has also kept busy because his old band, the Glass Candle, reunited last December for a gig at Hawaiian Brian's. Playing with Dale were **Robert Shinoda** (guitar and leader), **Bruce Imai** (bass and vocals), **Doug Rivera** (lead vocals), **Ken Suesz** (sax and flute) and **Kurt Kaminaka** '72 (keyboards and vocals). Kurt Kaminaka replaced our classmate **Gary Yamashiro** back in the days that the Glass Candle played at Duke's. **Jeffrey** and **Karen Hackler**, **Cyrus Tamashiro**, **Keith Fujio** and **Scott Shimabukuro** enjoyed Dale and the Glass Candle playing those great tunes of Tower of Power, Chicago, and many more.

While we're on the subject of music, **Phil Bennett** is still playing drums with various groups but can usually be found playing with Robert Shinoda's group Nueva Vida.

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The Class of 1972 40th Reunion will take place on July 26, 2012, to July 29, 2012, at the 'Ihiani Marriott. More details to follow.

The Reunion will continue in November in Las Vegas. More details to follow.

The Class of '72 is also planning a Washington, D.C., trip in January of 2013 for, we hope, a historic celebration. Please make plans to join us!

For more information, please contact **Colin Ching** at 808-391-3201 or colching@aol.com.

**Peter T. Kashiwa** has been promoted to managing partner in the law firm of Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel. Peter will now oversee the firm's overall practice, management, and day-to-day operations.

**Ray Ono** is now CEO at First Hawaiian Bank. Formerly vice chairman (2007) and chief banking officer, Ray assumes the role held by **Bob Harrison**, who has stepped up to CEO because of **Don Horner**'s retirement.

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The Hawaii74.com website is up! Visit the website or contact **Tyler Ching** or **Dean Nakasone** for information on the Las Vegas event on October 12 and 13. The last event was a blast!

The last time, I forgot to mention the August *Hawai'i Bar Journal* interview with Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, **Craig Nakamura**. Though the interview was mostly about what the ICA does, Craig did mention 'Iolani, so he gets the "Fo Da Boys" award this time.

I had lunch with **Dean Yamanaka** in January at Zippy's Mō'ili'ili. I was wondering if I would be able to recognize him, not having seen him since college days, but there was no problem. He looks much like he used to. After ordering a chili-burrito, for old times sake, I found out that he is now married with a teenager and is running the Boeing customer service center in Southern California. He said that he would try to make it to the 'Iolani Fair one of these days.

**Alan Gin** also wrote from California that he and wife **Lianne** would try to make the Fair. The Steak & Shrimp booth is getting to be quite a draw for long lost alumni.

I also ran into **Kerry Wong** at Island Burger in Mānoa Marketplace. Kerry is an assistant professor at the Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language at UH Mānoa. He was awarded the Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching in 2008. He also lost a lot of weight and is looking great!

Luna **Mark Yamakawa** held his annual meeting to staff the 'Iolani Fair Steak & Shrimp booth at Sam Choy's. Attending were Tyler Ching, Dean Nakasone, **Kevin Ing**, **Randy Grune**, **Norm Gentry**, **Colin Miwa**, **Paul Connel**, **Robin Uyeshiro** and Big Boss **James Lee**. My apologies if I left anyone out. James,



Mark Avery '75 and son Josh at Waimea Rock.

being the smooth operator that he is, treated us to lunch, and then he handed out donation forms for the Silent Auction. I'm sure he'll get a lot of donations from this group.

According to the article "Haleakala, Solar Wave Set to Merge," posted online February 3, 2012, from *Pacific Business News*, "two of Hawai'i's largest photovoltaic contractors are planning to merge." **Wendell Choy**, president of Honolulu-based Solar Wave, who was interviewed for the article, feels merging is a good decision which will benefit both companies. The article indicates, "The tentative merger resulted as a by-product of the friendship that formed between the two companies' leaders. Wendell, for instance, noticed that [**Jim**] **Whitcomb's** (president of Haleakala Solar) salesmanship was infectious in the residential arena on Maui, and Whitcomb needed a trusted partner with experience and contacts in the commercial side of the market." Wendell feels he brings to the table the latter. The merged company will not need to lay off any personnel and instead "plans to hire at least 10 more people with experience in construction management, software, and computers."

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**Mark Avery** enjoys catching up on stories of '75 classmates' lives in recent Classnotes. He still flies small aircraft and works with Boeing internationally. He also still surfs when he can. His 'ohana is five strong now: twins **Aaron** and **Amanda** are work-studying in Chattanooga, and **Josh** (age 17) is in high school in St Louis. Mark says, "Mentoring kids is our passion. 'Iolani no ka oi and I WILL make a reunion someday!"

**Mark Wong**, founder and CEO of Commercial Data Systems, is closing down the firm and selling its assets to San Diego-based Technology Integration Group, according to the article "Mark Wong Sells Commercial Data Systems' Assets," from *Pacific Business News* posted online on February 3, 2012. In the article Mark explains the move: "What we sold was mostly the hardware business. My real interest is in the software end of things." Mark's plans include possibly doing software consulting work once the firm's contracts with the federal government are transferred to Technology Integration Group and the real estate is sold. Founded by Mark in 1981 and incorporated under the Commercial Data

Systems name in 1986, "Commercial Data Systems was one of the largest of its kind in Hawai'i with a record \$90 million in sales in 2009 and 90 employees at its peak," according to the article.

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**Jeffery Freeman** attended his U.S. Naval Academy 30th Reunion in Annapolis in November and took a picture with his Navy and 'Iolani classmate **Eric Lum**. Jeffery still lives in Virginia and works for DRS Technologies in Crystal City as the vice president for Homeland Security Programs. He has four kids; the oldest is a LTJG in the Navy flying P-3s (same plane Jeffery flew) down in Jacksonville, Florida.

Col. **Jerome Kim** is one of "three researchers with Hawai'i ties leading a U.S. military team that took center stage in the global arena last month with a breakthrough in the search for an effective AIDS vaccine," according to an item posted on staradvertiser.com on October 11, 2011. Jerome is an adjunct professor at the University of Hawai'i and a deputy director for science at the U.S. Military Research Program. The three scientists' research he presented



Jeffrey Freeman '77 and Eric Lum '77 attended a Naval Academy reunion.

at the AIDS Vaccine 2011 Conference in Bangkok, "helped scientists understand why the first and only AIDS vaccine works." Jerome said of the recent discovery: "This is really a scientific advance; it's more exciting in many ways than the original finding [because] it gives us a clue as to how to improve a vaccine to make it better." Even if future clinical trials are successful, Jerome says, "It could still be a decade before the vaccine is ready because of the time needed to analyze new data and obtain the approvals of governments." The article concluded with the following enthusiastic words from Jerome: "This is the first global collaboration to find a correlate for the HIV vaccine. It's an unprecedented international effort to search for why the vaccine works."

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Alan Yugawa is making a Facebook page for 'Iolani School Class of '78. He could use some help setting it up and invites classmates to "like" the page when it starts running. Does anyone have photos to contribute or have a good photo we could use as our page photo? Alan hopes to have it ready by the time of the Fair.



Editor's Note: We apologize for the error in the caption of the photo of Jim Page '78 and Bret Powers '78 in the winter 2012 issue. As Jim kindly wrote to the *Bulletin* upon discovering the error, "I have better taste than to marry someone who looks like Bret Powers!" This photo of Jim and his wife on Kauai certainly attests to that.

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Where has the time gone? The "Bridge of Two Traditions" turns 30 with the graduation of the Class of 2012. Reunion events are being planned for October 4-6 in Las Vegas. Other events are being discussed and details are being finalized, so keep in touch via email or our class Facebook page.

Following years of working with fun brands like Taco Bell, Krispy Kreme, Tin Star Southwest Grill, and Caribou Coffee, **Kurt Kuyper** has returned to Newport Beach, California, taking on a role with El Pollo Loco, the Mexican flame grilled chicken chain based in Costa Mesa. He attributes his addiction to Huli Huli chicken to **Earl Hedani**, one of his 'Iolani mentors, who taught him how to stoke the fire and keep a smile on while sweating like a pig. Seriously, fun food with healthy options and indulgent choices: what a great place to work! His family, wife **Isabelle** and children **Gabrielle**, **Hans**, and **Kieran**, join him for activities on bikes and kayaks in the Newport Beach area. As for getting back into surfing there, Kurt says, "I think I need to invest in a wetsuit—only the seals and dolphins look really comfortable!"

Congratulations, Class of 2012, as you begin your new journeys in life.

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**Yumi** and **Frank Dugger** welcomed their twins into the world on December 23, 2012. Their son is named **Kai Benedicto Dugger** (*kai* means ocean) and their daughter is named **Nari Fujiwara Dugger** (*nari* means thunder). The babies came home on Christmas Day! Yumi and Frank included a birth announcement with photos of Kai and Nari in the February 2012 issue of *Hawaii Sport* magazine. Kai and Nari are the "newest additions to the iRun family," said an advertisement for iRun high performance earphones ([www.irunearphones.com](http://www.irunearphones.com)) worn by athletes around the world.

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Viva Las Vegas! For those of you who may be wondering, our Vegas off-year Reunion was a blast!

The poker stars for our class were **Chris**, **Ed Jim**, and **Gary**. Chris won, with Ed Jim and Gary coming in second and third. None of us walked away with the Megabucks; however, our 'Iolani One Team spirit and '85 generosity were on full display. Because the Nevada economy was so down, we all decided to do our part to help out. Whether it was "donating" at the tables and sportsbooks or having that extra drink at the clubs, we all did our part to keep the Nevada economy going. Some of us were so determined that we stayed up all night to make sure the Nevada economy got its share. Some were so generous that it was days before the gratifying effects of their generosity finally diminished.

I hope that everyone had as much fun as I did! As someone mentioned as we were leaving "Same time next year!" How about 12/12/12?

The County of Hawai'i, Water Board, has confirmed **Keith Okamoto** as deputy manager for the Department of Water Supply.



Members of the Class of '85 enjoyed an "Off-Year Reunion."



Members of the Class '85 enjoyed "keeping the Nevada economy going."

Keith began work with the department in 1996 as a licensed civil engineer in the water resources and planning branch of the engineering division. Then, in 2000, he was promoted to the supervisor of the Water quality assurance and control branch in the engineering division.

Throughout the various capacities in which he has served at the department, Keith has developed in-depth understanding and knowledge of the potable drinking water industry, applicable federal and state laws, county codes and ordinances, departmental rules and regulations, and various policies. Keith has lived on Hawai'i island for 15 years.

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Governor **Neil Abercrombie** appointed **Jan Gouveia** deputy director of the department of accounting and general services last summer.

Jan was the vice president for executive operation at Waimana Enterprise before joining the Abercrombie administration in December 2010. In her new position, Jan works with the State of Hawai'i's chief information officer to transform the State's Technology.

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**Kevin Healy** was just promoted to vice president—director of independent strategic accounts at OppenheimerFunds in New York City. Kevin was delighted to get an email from his 'Iolani economics teacher **Diana Jones** recently. He credits her with getting him interested in the subject of economics, which later prepared him for his career.

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Massimo Todara '91 recently finished both the London Marathon and the New York City Marathon. Here he is running in London.



Massimo Todara '91 finished the NYC marathon.

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Buongiorno! I reconnected with **Massimo Todaro** late last year. He lives in London and recently completed both the London Marathon and the New York City Marathon. Long distance running has been a journey in self-discovery for him. Massimo is considering the Marathon Des Sables for his 40th birthday. (This is the 'Marathon of the Sands' in the Sahara desert and is equivalent to six marathons!) What are you doing for your 40th?

On the home front, our baby factory seems to have slowed down a bit. **Nina Teruya** was last, I believe. Personally, I hope another classmate will be blessed with twin girls like **Kaji** and me. Oh, the joy! With no baby news, let's move the conversation to business. Any news? We can't live through **George Martinez's** Facebook postings forever. (He has a killer job at LinkedIn.)

Sightings of classmates in the non-virtual world: **Brandon** and **Cathy Davidson** at Hawai'i Kai McDonald's with their adorable kids. **Stacey Kaji** with java in hand at Starbucks. **Greg Young** (and me) at Downtown Coffee. **Paul Matsumoto** in his new Mānoa home. Mortgage-mama **Erin Adaniya Palmer** closing

deals in downtown. A cautionary note: Jonalyn Yee Uehara now commutes to Mililani from Hawai'i Kai every day so please be careful East Honolulu residents. (I remember holding on for dear life in her mom's station wagon. Or was I driving?)

Enjoy the summer and drop me a line (unless of course, you like reading about underclassmen doing the things that we all used to do before spouses and kids.)

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Dr. **Leslie Chun** has been named to the newly created post of chief of clinical and medical affairs at Maui Memorial Medical Center, according to an article posted October 3 on mauinow.com. Leslie will now be leading all non-nursing clinical areas and overseeing case management, social work, quality and patient safety, and clinical service line development at the hospital. Leslie was most recently director of health care quality and a hospitalist at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in New England.

### 20th REUNION INFORMATION

Please join us in celebrating our 20th reunion. We are planning events locally in August and in Las Vegas in October. Spouses, significant others, family, and friends are welcome to join us. Please let us know if you can make it!

Also, if you want to help by sponsoring/donating to the event to help offset the costs or by volunteering on a committee, that would be welcomed! Please let us know if you can help in any way.

Contact **Rae Benn** to RSVP, or with questions, at [rae@bennpacific.com](mailto:rae@bennpacific.com).

### Hawai'i

August 2, 2012 (Thursday): Reception at the Headmaster's residence

August 3, 2012 (Friday): Golf outing during the day, nighttime event to follow (TBD)

August 4, 2012 (Saturday): A Touch of 'Iolani on campus

August 5, 2012 (Sunday): Family Beach Day (location TBD)

### Las Vegas

Columbus Day weekend 2012: October 4th to October 8th (events to be determined)

Hotel: Orleans Hotel and Casino

Mahalo,

Your Reunion Committee: **Trevor Benn**, **Rae Benn**, **Matt Wagner**, **Bentley Pai**, **Carter Siu**, **Keith Kawamura**, **Cory Kubota**, **Nolan Nakamura**, **Ashley Nakano**, **Cavan Scanlan**, **Kimi (Yasunaga) Frith**, and **Levani Lipton**.

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Bryan Wahl '94 was named as a Top 20 Attorney under age 40 in California.

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**Bryan Wahl, M.D.**, partner in the Orange County office of Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP, was named by the *Daily Journal* as one of the top 20 attorneys in California under the age of 40. Bryan focuses his law practice on intellectual property protection, infringement studies, financings, and strategic transactions especially with respect to medical devices and biotechnology.

In highlighting the achievements that earned Bryan his spot on its elite list of young attorneys to watch, the *Daily Journal* noted that he entered medical school at the age of 17, graduated with honors four years later, and became board-certified in internal medicine at age 24. His medical background gives an added dimension to his law practice as he is able to "speak the same language" as inventors, who are often physicians.

Bryan was also recognized for his work with start-up medical device company Embrella

Cardiovascular Inc. He helped the company build its patent portfolio which led to its acquisition by Edwards Lifesciences for \$43 million. Bryan has helped obtain key patents for a start-up company in the process of developing a medical device for the treatment of obesity; another company in its development of a shoulder joint replacement to alleviate severe arthritic pain and loss of arm function; and a university in obtaining key patents covering a promising treatment for HIV.

In addition to his law practice at the firm, Bryan continues to practice medicine on nights and weekends in both Southern California and the Bay Area.

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**Christopher Sanchez Ovitt** is a recipient of the Exceptional Achievement Award, Department of Community Services. The award was presented by Honolulu Mayor **Peter B. Carlisle** during the Service and Special Awards Recognition Ceremony held January 25, 2012, at the Mission Memorial Auditorium.

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**Randy Wong** has picked up a side career as a cocktail consultant and bartender. This past year he helped develop a bar program for Chef **Ken Oringer**'s Clio Restaurant in Boston. Last summer, he entered (and won!) the Dole Cocktail Competition, which attracts contestants nationally. Randy also helped present research and drinks using molecular mixology (centrifuges and other cool stuff) pioneered by Clio Restaurant at the 2011 StarChefs convention in New York City.

In August, Randy and wife **Helen** moved home to Honolulu after 12 years of living in Boston and New York. They took a cross-country road trip and drove from Massachusetts to California, shipped their car from San Diego, and arrived on O'ahu in September.

Randy's band, The WAITIKI 7, is also doing well. He was commissioned to compose a full program of original holiday-style exotica, with the band backed by the Idaho State Civic Symphony. The show sold out, with over 3,000 Idahoans in attendance. Randy co-produced a high-fidelity virgin vinyl LP *Waitiki in Hi-Fi* last year, and it was named by several critics as one of the top records released in 2011.

Randy now lives in Makiki and teaches general music to K-1 at Ka'a'awa Elementary via the Kalikolehua-El Sistema and private bass lessons. He commutes quarterly back to Boston, as he also kept his college faculty position at New England Conservatory. Feel free to keep in touch with Randy at randywong@gmail.com.

**John Miyagi** has a B.S. and M.S., and recently finished his Ph.D. in pharmacology from UH Mānoa. In September John moved to San Francisco and is now attending pharmacy school at UCSF. John has randomly bumped into **Kyle Oura** and **Jimmy Atkinson** around San Francisco, and was recently visited by **Karen Ching** '99 and **Francis Lam** '99. Karen witnessed John putting his education to good use as she watched John assemble a monitor stand out of a single Ikea shelf and cabinet legs!

**Kristina Kennard Guidry** has three daughters and relocated to the D.C. area a year and a half ago. She is fortunate enough to spend her days at home with her girls, and her evenings and weekends teaching a teen finance class along with other courses at her local community center. Kristina would love to hear from classmates in the area. So please, feel free to get in touch with her!

**Liane Tominaga** has been in Los Angeles for the last four years pursuing a career as a songwriter and singer. Her latest release (actually about a year and a half ago) was an EP in which Liane had the pleasure of working with producer **Randy Wine** (who's worked with artists like U2, Dido, LFO, Enrique Iglesias, Stevie Nicks, Santana, and Bruce Springsteen). Liane's due to head back



Melissa (Fujimoto) Perkins '99 and husband Eric Perkins '96 with their family.

Singer and songwriter Liane Tominaga '99 lives in Los Angeles.



into the studio again this year and in preparation has spent this past year writing songs and learning from fellow musicians and songwriters. Liane says that it can be a long process and a lot of hard work, but she loves every minute of it and always looks forward to hearing the finished record! Liane's

EP may be purchased on iTunes. She's also on FB, Twitter, Tumblr, and Instagram if the 'Iolani community is interested in following her and hearing the latest 'n greatest. Liane tries to come back home at least twice a year to visit her family, give a show, and squeeze in some surfing and eating.

**Nathaniel Higa** has joined the law firm of Rush Moore LLP as an associate. He had been an associate with Carlsmith Ball.

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After two years in New York City, **Jeffrey Lawi** spent the last two years in Lesotho (Southern Africa) with the Clinton Health Access Initiative, working with Lesotho's Ministry of Health to scale up access to life-saving HIV/AIDS care and treatment. Jeff is moving back to the U.S. this fall to enroll in a full-time MBA program at the Haas School of Business (UC Berkeley).

**Justin You**, a financial services professional with Mass Mutual, was one of several financial planners interviewed for the article "Experts Say Retirement Planning Can Never Start Too Soon," in *Pacific Business News* posted January 13, 2012. In the article, Justin recommends that young professionals consider whole life insurance because, "Whole life produces cash value the longer you have the policy and depending on how large the policy is." All of the financial experts interviewed for the article caution young professionals to start thinking about and planning for retirement early because in the long run individuals will find they need to rely more on themselves than on government funds for their retirement.

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**Kyle Pape** recently took time out from his engineering job at Pearl Harbor to pursue his lifelong dream of playing professional basketball. He signed his first professional contract and is now playing in the top division in Kazakhstan. Being the only American on the team with few teammates speaking any English has been a tremendous learning

experience. His team travels took him to other countries like Turkey and Latvia, adventures to a totally unfamiliar part of the world. He was fortunate to spend Christmas and New Year's with fellow alum **Derrick Low '04** in Ukraine. Kyle looks forward to finishing the season strong and coming home in May to prepare for wherever the road will take him next.

## '08

**Brad Lawson**, a senior at Stanford, was one of three Cardinal with 17 kills, hitting .289 with seven digs, four blocks, two assists, and an ace in a five-set win over Ohio State this season, according to an article posted February 1, 2012, on staradvertiser.com.

**Lauren Minkel**, now a senior at Long Beach State, continues to play well for the women's volleyball team. An article posted November 30, 2011, on staradvertiser.com related that Lauren had 17 digs, two assists, and an ace in her final home match as the 49ers defeated New Mexico that month.

**Taylor Mounts**, now a senior at Willamette, was named NorthWest Conference Men's Basketball Student-Athlete of the Week for February 6-12, 2012. According to an article posted January 28, 2012, on willamette.edu/athletics/news, in the game that day between Pacific Lutheran University and Willamette University, Taylor scored a game-high 30 points, led all players with 12 rebounds, and hit 13 of 23 field goals. Taylor finished three points away from his career-high of 33, set against Corban University on December 30, 2010. Despite that stellar performance, "the Bearcats couldn't overcome PLU's ability to retain the ball on offense."

**Jason Park** was a featured skateboarder in Ilja Maran's film "Ground Control." It premiered on January 7 to a sold-out audience at the Art Theatre of Long Beach.

**Jamie Smith**, now a senior at UNLV, was the subject of a feature article "Vegas Hit Jackpot with Smith," in the Hawai'i Grown section of the *Honolulu Star Advertiser* on January 25, 2012. The article included an action shot of Jamie with the caption,



## Classnotes

"Jamie Smith, an 'Iolani alum, drove by a University of Texas-San Antonio player during a game this season." The article focused on the lucky coincidence for both UNLV and Jamie the day coach **Caitlin Collier**, who had just decided to take an assistant's job with the then-new UNLV head coach **Kathy Oliver**, contacted Jamie "out of nowhere." Said Jamie in the article of that occasion: "It was just luck they happened to call me on that day. I was just stoked to have such an elite school recruit me. . . ." As the article points out, UNLV hit the jackpot with Jamie because she "turned into the crown jewel of Oliver's first recruiting class at UNLV." Jamie recently "became the second player in MWC (Mountain West Conference) history to reach 1000 points and 1000 rebounds in a career." By the time the MWC tournament begins on March 7, Jamie "could be close to breaking the school's all-time record for rebounds in a career."

### '09

**Hedee Kim**, a junior at Boston University, was one of 23 college students from around the country who participated in SEA (Sea Education Association) Semester aboard the tall ship *Robert C. Seamounts*. Students embarked the ship on January 31 in Papeete, Tahiti, and disembarked in Honolulu March 18. While aboard, students are crewmembers and undertake research projects for college credit. SEA, headquartered in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, is a full-credit undergraduate program that combines rigorous academic

and research curriculum with a voyage to the deep ocean under sail. Hedee earned academic credit for curriculum in oceanography, nautical science, and maritime studies. She developed her research project at the Wood's Hole campus working with professional researchers, scholars, and mariners; once aboard, she collected data and conducted field research during the voyage. Hedee and the other students also helped provide weather observations to a national database, learned to chart the course of the vessel using celestial navigation, and served as Junior Watch Officer, taking full command of the ship during a watch.

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**Kelcie Kimura**, a freshman at Linfield College in Oregon, won the 200-yard

freestyle and 200 individual medley events in a dual-meet over Willamette (Oregon) this season, according to an article posted February 1, 2012, on staradvertiser.com.

As a driver for USC's men's water polo team, freshman **David Lim** helped his team win the NCAA championships in early December. They defeated rival UCLA 7-4 to take their fourth consecutive title, ending the year with a 24-3 record.

**Cody Petro-Sakuma**, currently attending the University of Puget Sound, was informed by the College Board that a piece he created for his AP Studio Art portfolio has been selected to tour. Of the 40,000 pieces submitted by students across the country last spring, just 30 were selected for this honor. Congratulations, Cody and members of the 'Iolani art department.

**Jourdan Simmonds**, a freshman at the University of La Verne in California, is playing well for the men's basketball team. He was 3-for-3 from the field and finished with

eight points, four assists, and two rebounds in 13 minutes off the bench in a win over Caltech this season, according to an article posted on staradvertiser.com on February 1, 2012.

Cody Petro-Sakuma '11 created a sculpture that was recently selected by the College Board as part of a touring art exhibit.



Members of the Class of 2011 attended their first 'Iolani alumni reception during the recent holidays.

# Memorials

## CLASS OF 1946

**David Young Teong Ching** died in Castle Medical Center on December 6, 2011. He was a retired Waterhouse Inc. consultant and an Army veteran. He is survived by wife Helen K.; sons **Michael** '74 and **Curtis** '78; daughter Allison Lake; sister Dora Kauleinamoku; and five grandchildren including **Angela Ching** '14 and **Emma Ching** '09.

## CLASS OF 1947

**Lawrence "Larry" H.Y. Whang** died December 10, 2011, in Honolulu. He was a member of the Mānoa Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. He is survived by son Brian; daughter Lisa Tokuda; brother Terrence Whang; sister Emmy-June Kim; grandchildren Cody Tokuda and Nicholas Whang; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

## CLASS OF 1948

**Eli Elias Keolanui, Jr.**, aka **Eli Elia Keolanui, Jr.**, died on November 21, 2011. He was a retired teacher and coach with Kahuku High and Elementary School. He is survived by daughter Karen Lindsey; son Darwin Keolanui; **Emory Keolanui** '46; hanai son Jon Iwami; brother-in-law Joseph Medeiros; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and cousins, nieces, and nephews.

## CLASS OF 1951

**Royal Masumi Kashiwaraha** died in Straub Clinic and Hospital on December 10, 2011. He was a retired Board of Water Supply civil engineer and a Marine Corps veteran who served in the Korean War. He is survived by wife Betty M.; daughters Royanne T. Doi and **Royelle M. Kashiwaraha** '92; and sister Cynthia Ono.

## CLASS OF 1956

**Patrick Tamotsu Suzuki** died in Kaiser Medical Center on January 22, 2012. He was a retired Army Sergeant First Class. He is survived by wife Ruth S.; son David T.; daughters Beverly T. and Sharie Y. Suzuki, Evelyn E. Higashi, and Patricia K. Robles; sisters Nancy N. Suzuki and Miriam M. Sugiyama; and cousin **Thomas Sasada** '57. Patrick's brother **Michael T. Suzuki** '47 predeceased him.

## CLASS OF 1964

**Nathan Ghin Hoong Lum** died December 1st, 2011. He was a U.S. Government architect for the department of public works at Wheeler Army Air Field and a former teacher at 'Iolani. He is survived by daughter Natasha Mei-Ying; sisters Arlene Lum and Jocelyn Quan; and a grandchild.

## CLASS OF 1970

**Dow S. Foster** died at home on December 9, 2011. He was an independent sales contractor on Maui. He is survived by wife Julie; mother Mary F. Wayand; brother **William H.** '64; sisters Whitney F. White and Laurie S. Foster; and nephew Allen Foster.

## CLASS OF 1975

**Dean Hyry** died November 27, 2011. After 'Iolani, Dean graduated from Lewis and Clark College, and then he went on to a career in hospitality. His career included stints on the Big Island at Huggo's in Kona, the Keauhou Beach Hotel, and the Sheraton Waikoloa; after that he moved to the Mainland to work at the Hyatt and Mandarin hotels in California. There he met and married Cheryl. Wanting to share his love of Hawai'i with his wife and daughter, Dean returned to Hawai'i and worked at the Kahala Mandarin on O'ahu and the Four Seasons Hualālai on the Big Island. He later continued his career with the Four Seasons Aviara in San Diego before taking on his final position as vice president of Four Seasons Residential Operations Worldwide. Dean died suddenly while on a business trip to Beijing, China. He is survived by wife Cheryl; daughter Miranda; parents Bert and Warren Morgan; aunt Jean Myers; and uncles Jay, Reed, and Miles Takaaze.



# Memorials

'Iolani School extends heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased. The school also attempts to maintain accurate records on all alumni. Please let 'Iolani know when an alumnus/a has passed away. Notices may be sent to

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Thank you.

## FORMER FACULTY

**Joseph Howard "Joe" Yelas**, 72, died on November 7, 2011, in Tyler, Texas, where he lived with his wife **Kim**, who also taught for many years at 'Iolani. He had lived in Tyler for 11 years, moving there from Honolulu after he retired from teaching at 'Iolani School. He graduated from Hobart College in Geneva, New York, in 1961, and later earned a master's degree in education from the University of Hawai'i. At 'Iolani, Joe taught a popular course on money management. The materials he developed for the course later served as the basis for a textbook on the subject. In addition to his years at 'Iolani, Joe was also an educational administrator, teacher, and coach at private schools in California, New Jersey, and Arizona.

He is survived by wife Kim Yelas; son Jay Yelas and wife Jill; daughters **Lisa Yelas** '85, Jessica Yelas, and Lindsay Yelas; brother Bill Yelas and wife Mary Ann; sisters Shirley Yelas, and Barbara Lanigan and husband Jim; and grandchildren Hannah and Bethany Yelas.

**Phyllis S. Latimer**, 80, died on January 28, 2012, at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Phyllis retired from teaching kindergarten at 'Iolani in 2001, yet she continued on at the school as a tutor, mentor, and favorite substitute teacher. Longtime 'Iolani teacher **George-Anne Derby**, who team-taught with Phyllis for 17 years and was her close friend for 30 years, spoke at the February 19 memorial service for Phyllis: "Perhaps one of her greatest contributions was as an educator. At a time when most teachers would be contemplating retirement, Phyllis decided upon a different path. She set out to obtain her master's degree in elementary education while continuing to be a full-time kindergarten teacher. This was a testament to her dedication and commitment and who she was as a person. Phyllis was an innovative teacher who always considered what was best for the students she worked with and was constantly exploring new methodologies of teaching. The children always came first, and she really knew kids and could pinpoint their strengths and their needs. Phyllis also genuinely cared for her students and bonded with them in meaningful ways. Even after they left our classroom and entered the upper grades, she'd happily report anytime she saw former students at Macy's, Longs, as well as many other sites in Hawai'i. She would say, 'Guess who I saw at California Pizza Kitchen?' And then she would smile broadly as she shared vivid memories of that particular student. Phyllis will always be admired and remembered for her dedication to learning, her devotion to all those she worked with, and her energetic nature." Phyllis is survived by husband Allan Latimer; son Tucker; daughters Kimberly Latimer and Alison Mosier; five grandchildren; and brothers Ron, Gary, and Michael Skinner.

**Nathan Ghin Hoong Lum** (See alumni memorials on page 71.)