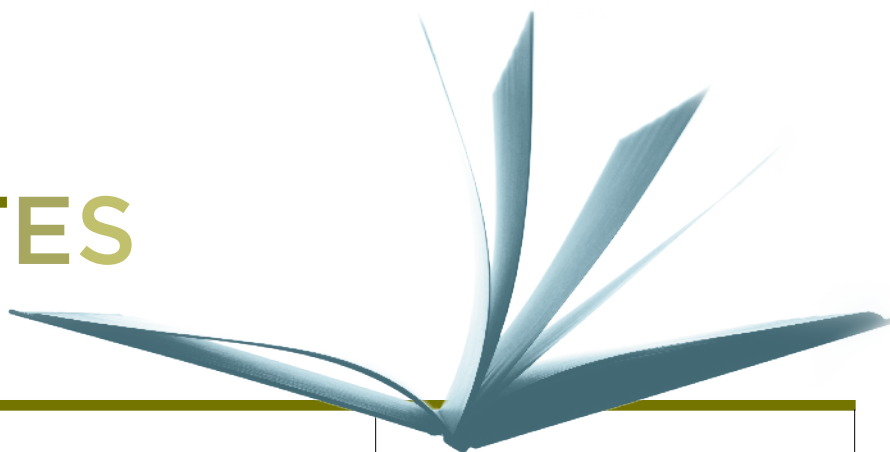


CLASSNOTES



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Enter the LION! Its voice—the sounds of the drum and the clanging of the cymbals and gongs—signals the start of **Raymond Wong's** celebration as an octogenarian at the Pacific Club on September 2, where friends and family came to enjoy. Under the leadership of Sifu **Andrew Lum**, a longtime family friend, the peppy, colorful lion wiggled and danced from table to table bringing best wishes and good luck to all. Then, in the old Chinese tradition, Ray was presented the “Fai Choon” with Chinese characters signifying good luck, longevity, and happiness. Ray reciprocated with a generous Lisee for this honor.

Daughter **Ruthmarie Wong Nishikawa** and husband **Kevin '88**, son **Matthew '88** and wife **Elizabeth**, and **Duke Fujiyama '88** spearheaded the planning and operations for the party with the approval and watchful eye of **Carol**, their mother and Ray's loving wife.

'Iolani folks present and past coming to celebrate were headed by Dr. **Val Iwashita** and wife **Cynthia** and included members of the Board of Governors and 'Iolani staff. The presence of Rev. **David Kennedy '50** and wife **Anna-Marie** also brought a special blessing to all.

Ray's brothers, **Theodore '47** and **Wilfred '51**, and their families had many kind words to say as did emcees Kevin and Matthew. Cousins galore attended—people like **Robert Wong '44**; if the weather had been better in New Jersey, **Cy Wong '49** and brother **Alvin '47** would have come too. **Wally Wong '47** was away; too bad—he missed out. By the way, this was the first time we saw Dr. **Walton Shim** with his girlfriend **Vicki** now finally Mrs. Shim.

We know Ray does not say very much about himself, but we also know of his accomplishments and his worldwide travels—especially those trips by land and sea he led us through to various countries in Europe and Asia. Thanks, Ray; we all wish you well. Ones 80th is one of the most special birthdays to celebrate within the Chinese calendar.

It has been a long time since we '49ers have taken worldwide cruises and tours. **Hollis Ho** continues to suggest we go again, but many of us can only wish we could. Hollis has been the instigator for many or all of our travels abroad, but **Jimmy Kawasaki** recently took him on a short cruise in Pearl Harbor to visit the Arizona Memorial. Hollis commented: “It took me eight decades to finally see the Arizona.” At least Jimmy satisfied his request for a cruise, then they had time to enjoy Hollis's favorite—oxtail soup. Any others interested in the Arizona Memorial tour?

Note the above-mentioned, Robert (Bob) Wong '44 (Ray's cousin), was 14 years old at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack and has many “horror” stories to tell—including being a young skipper of a tugboat and navigating around the burning battleships in Pearl Harbor to pick up “non survivors” from the oily waters. Prior to the attack, Bob was a student at 'Iolani but he was drafted into the U.S. Army instead to serve during WWII. At the end of the war, wanting to continue his education, he returned to 'Iolani as one of the oldest students at the school. Once he was given his diploma he was able to continue his education at the university.

Remember: 2012 is here, The Year of the Dragon. We hope you can join us for brunch at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers Club on Sunday, January 22, 2012—the day before Chinese New Year.

Correction: The photo caption in the Fall *Bulletin* should have indicated that the instructors of the exercise class in the Kahala Mall are **Lulu** and **Lucy** (the wife of Dr. **Kenneal Chun '62**). Come check out the class on Monday, Friday, and Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m.

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Classmate **Walter Luke** recalls that **George Taoka** was the senior class president for the Class of '53. He was also captain of the football team that played the last game ever coached by **Father Bray**. Father Bray nicknamed him “Stalin” because his crew cut resembled the Soviet leader's. George was an expert on the war in the Pacific but football was his passion. George was an avid reader and knew by heart the names of all college football coaches in the country, their offensive schemes, and innovations. As a field

general for 'Iolani, he knew the offensive assignments of everyone and often changed Father Bray's play calls during the game upon reading the defensive schemes. Two games or so into the season, **Harold Silva** took over as head coach and installed George as the T-Formation quarterback.

Classmates Rev. **Darrow Aiona**, **Stanley Doi**, **John Kimura**, **Allan Kondo**, **William Lee**, **Clarence Lee**, **Walter Luke**, **Winfred Lum**, **Franklin Minami**, **Michael Nagaji**, **Ben Pataray**, **Donald Satogata**, **Frederick Takara**, and **Tamotsu Tanaka** were among the many who paid their respects to George at his services conducted at Hosoi Garden Mortuary on August 14, 2011. We would like to take this means to express our heartfelt sympathies to his wife **Myrtle**, daughters **Sharyl** '91, **Christy** '93 and **Robin** '95, and the Taoka family.

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It seems like only yesterday when I asked everyone to let me know what's up. I was informed that **Mako** was in town. I bumped into **Warren Ho**; he looks fine and like **Brenner**, **Gino**, **Matsu** and **Yama** is a regular on the links. The 55*60 Golf Club extends an invitation to join at its once-a-month tournament. I am the lone representative of the Class of '54, but **Matsu** may rejoin the club after a sabbatical.

I am still waiting for the responses on our 60th Reunion. Let's hope the California gang have some ideas! Las Vegas or Honolulu? I would like to hear from **Oka**, **Jimmy (Lum)** and **Harold Y**.

I hope to hear from someone; email me at htkodama@aol.com

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A few classmates went fishing this summer from August 2 through 5 at the Dolphins



Members of the Class of '59 recently gathered. Pictured: Gerry and Gladys Hoshijo, Freida and Mike Sen, Maylene and Earl Lau, Danny Hee and Rick Aspinall.

Lodge on the Campbell River, Vancouver Island, Canada. They were **Gerry and Gladys Hoshijo** of Seattle, Washington; **Mike and Frieda Sen** of Honolulu, Hawai'i; **Earl and Maylene Lau** of Honolulu, Hawai'i; **Danny Hee** of Honolulu, Hawai'i; and his brother-in-law **Rick Aspinall** of Vancouver, Canada. They were able to catch a total of seven Chinook and thirteen pink salmon. Gladys chaired the fishing derby for the biggest fish caught, and Rick nosed out Mike when he caught a 24-pounder on the final day of fishing. They all shared in the cooking and eating of fresh seafood, including Canadian limpets, very similar to Hawaiian opihi.

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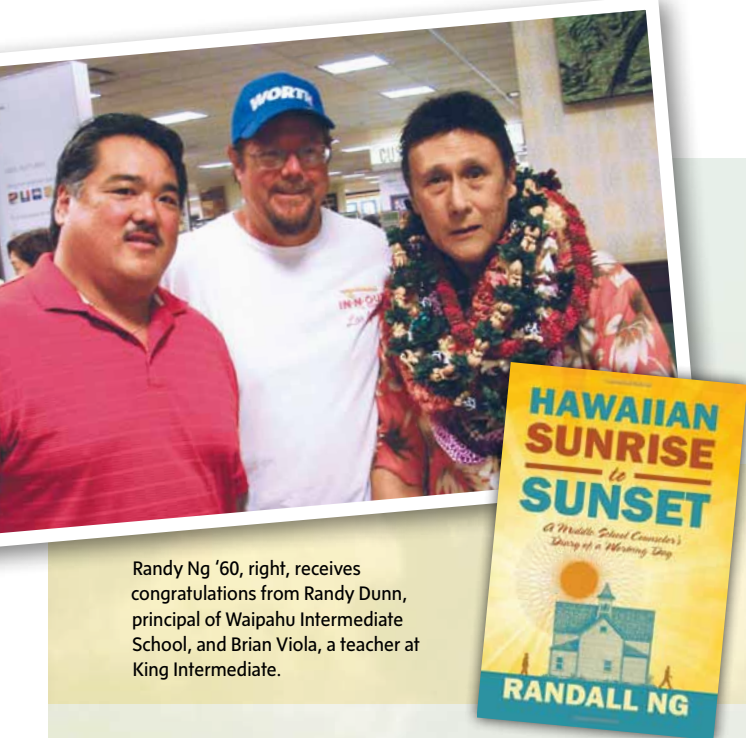
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The 'Iolani School Bulletin publishes news about alumni, including such events as career changes, graduations, marriages, births, travels and other occasions.

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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Randy Ng '60, right, receives congratulations from Randy Dunn, principal of Waipahu Intermediate School, and Brian Viola, a teacher at King Intermediate.

In the course of a typical day, Ng gives an inspiring, eye-opening and sobering view into the life of a man who has dedicated all his resources to making children's lives better.

Randy Ng '60 SEES DREAM COME TRUE

For the newly published author **Randy Ng '60**, it was indeed a dream come true. He was comfortably ensconced 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 *Hawaiian Sunrise to Sunset* stacked around him. His earlier angst over unsold books and not enough supporters was for naught.

Immediately upon taking his seat at the table at 11 a.m., a line started snaking around the store which left those at the end waiting for 30 to 45 minutes to get their books signed by the author. When the signing event was over, only a few copies remained.

Ng was realizing his dream of authoring a book about his life's work as a teacher and counselor for the Hawai'i

State Department of Education: 33 plus years mostly as a middle school counselor, mostly at Kalakaua Intermediate, not an assignment for the faint of heart, but Randy will

tell you that some of the finest, most upstanding, most honorable people he had the honor of knowing were the students, parents and guardians at Kalakaua.

Evidence of his contributions there included receiving the 2005 HSTA "Friend of Youth" award, and being recognized by the Hawai'i state senate with an award in 2001 for his department's efforts to promote drug awareness among students.

Most gratifying to this author, however, were the words of congratulations, the words of appreciation, the words acknowledging what he gave to the lives of his former students, who now had this opportunity to personally and sincerely thank this humble man for all that he did for them.

With the announcement of the book's publication, came numerous e-mail messages and letters congratulating Ng on his accomplishment. An example came from a former student who is now married with two children: "It's nice to read about your book. How exciting! Are you planning to do a book signing somewhere? Would love to see you and have my copy signed by my very own and favorite counselor of all time, you, Mr. Ng."

Another former student, who was still at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa studying graphic design sent a congratulatory e-mail message: "I wanted to tell you how much you helped me in life even if it was just for a few years...I was thinking about all the teachers and counselors that really helped not just me but so many students, and of course, I thought of you. You have had such a positive effect on so many students and are truly a blessing to everyone you met. I hope you don't ever forget that."

Yet another student: "I'm really proud of your accomplishment! I can't wait to get my own copy and read it myself. I also posted it on my Facebook page and a lot of people that you were a mentor for liked my post so they are well aware of your work! I'm glad that you took on such a big task!"

And there were more. Others came to the book signing on October 8 and waited patiently in line to honor their former teacher and counselor; they had all gained from Ng's influence and just wanted to say thank you. There was one former student of note, who is now an attorney with the largest law firm in the state, Carlsmith Ball. So, where was the genesis of thirst for writing, this appreciation of things literary, this call to public service? It all started when he came to 'Iolani School as a first grader in 1948, and it blossomed during his six Upper School years, and continued as he matriculated to The Citadel in South Carolina as he spent his last two years of college at Texas A&M University.

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There were a number of unforgettable experiences with English teachers at 'Iolani, experiences that clearly molded his love of, and appreciation for English. He spent hours out of class discussing Shakespeare with Mr. **James Potts** and learning more about the nuances of Shakespeare's works.

Another major influence in Randy's life at 'Iolani was an Ivy League-educated English teacher named Mr. **Reed Taylor**. It was Mr. Taylor who made Ng believe that he could become a writer someday. Potts and Taylor were major contributors to Ng's love of English and his dream to author a book.

And we have yet to talk about his book, which we believe to be a compelling read. In the course of a typical day, Ng gives an inspiring, eye-opening and sobering view into the life of a man who has dedicated all his resources to making children's lives better. He transcends the typical role of a school counselor, as he visits students at home, confronts them and their parents with the truth, finds wildly creative solutions to problems with no easy answers, and steps in as a father figure to children who have never known a reliable and caring authority. You will find his book at once surprising, shocking, fascinating, and ultimately deeply redemptive; his book shows you what tough love looks like, and what it can accomplish, in the lives of children at risk.

It is a must read for anyone involved in any aspect of education. So what is this newly-retired author planning for an encore?

"If and when I finish my book of poems, the book will be dedicated to Mr. Potts, Mr. Taylor, my English Literature professor at Texas A&M, and to 'Iolani and Texas A&M," Ng said.

We can't wait to read your poetry, Randy.

Submitted by classmate James Kawashima '60



Former students showed Randy Ng '60 their appreciation during his book signing this past October 8.

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Several members of the 'Iolani Class of 1961 participated in the culminating activity of their 50th reunion at the Silverado Resort in Napa Valley, California. Attending were **Rodney and Elaine Chun**, **Gary and Carolyn Shigemura**, **Steve and Kathy Takaki**, **Mel and Naomi Sumida**, **Milt and Maddie Oshiro**, **Dexter Furuhashi** (trip planner and 50th reunion coordinator), **Warren Ho**, **George and Kathy Fujikawa**, and **Don and Joan Watanabe**.

Activities included hanging out at the luxurious Silverado Resort, dining at places like Bistro Don Giovanni, Fume Restaurant and Gillwood's Restaurant, and wine tasting at Napa's fine wineries such as Rombaurer, Duckhorn, Dell, ZD, and Vine Cliff. Some class members had reservations for hot air ballooning, but flights were cancelled due to strong winds.

Francis Wong reported that his super senior (60+) tennis team won the United States Tennis Association Pacific Men's 7.0 Champion Division. Other 'Iolani players included **Walter Fo '64**, **Worldster Lee** (long time 'Iolani contributor) and **Michael Higashi '64**.



Elliott '61 and Linda Lum on Safari in Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe.

BELOW: Francis Wong '61 and his Super Senior (age 60+) Tennis Team won the United States Tennis Association-Pacific Section Mens 7.0 Championship in September 2011. The team will represent the Pacific Section, and compete in the National Tournament in April 2012 in Surprise, Arizona. Among the team are some 'Iolani alumni including Walter Fo '64 and Worldster Lee ('Iolani contributor). Missing is Michael Higashi '64.



Emmett G. Yoshioka has been busy with *Cinderella* rehearsals. He reports that this is his 4th *Cinderella* production at Diamond Head Theatre. The first time was 1999, the second was 2001, the third was 2006, and this is 2011. Emmett reports that he is very proud of this production since at least 15 members of the cast are either his present or former voice students.

Elliot and **Linda Lum** completed a 25-day trip to Southern Africa visiting Kruger National Park, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Cape Town. Activities included game drives in a Range Rover, a visit to two schools, a tour of a rural family's homestead, dinner with a local family, a tour of Robbin Island prison, and a walk through a "dirt poor" township that was a victim of Apartheid.

Dr. **Morris Lai** was nominated along with two other persons at UH for the 2011 Governor's Awards. Morris was also awarded the Mānoa 2011 Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service at the UH's system-wide recognition event.

Mike Chun continues to step up in the community as a Red Cross volunteer. He was one of the Red Cross responders to a Hahaione Valley house fire on October 17, 2011, and to an earlier house fire on July 11, 2011, in Pālolo, where two residents lost their lives.

Dexter Furuhashi reported that, at **Warren Ho's** request, he started the process to use the 2012 '50s and '60s Bash Party as an 'Iolani '61 event. He will be notifying classmates of the event as October 19, 2012, approaches. Approximate cost will be about \$60.

Finally, **Bob Mumper** and **Ken Lee** meet every Sunday at Kahala Park (next to Kahala Elementary School) at the big baseball backstop at 11:15 a.m. for a 60-minute shuffle/walk/tour around Kahala. Classmates and friends of the Class of '61 are welcome.

For pictures of class activities, please visit <http://iolani1961blogspot.com>

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The Class of '62 had visitors from the mainland and out of state recently: **Alvin Chong** (Colorado Springs), **Chester Ching** (Southern California), and **Pat Chai** (Georgia). Those that had lunch or dinner with the group in town are **Richard Ho** and his wife, **Chester Ching** and his wife, **Pat Chai** and his wife, and **Alvin Chong** and his wife. Richard, Alvin, and **Randy Abe** have all been doing a lot of global hopping to various parts of the world.

Alan and wife **Jen** were in Harbin, China, for the Snow Festival. He reported that they had a great time. Alan is the president of the Kaimukī Orchid Society.

Richard Ho and wife **Ruby** were here in Honolulu in July and had an informal gathering to discuss the 2012 Reunion in Hong Kong and the class donation goal at **Roland** and **Janis Chun**'s place up at Wai'ālae Iki. **Nate Wong**, **Clifford You**, **Conroy Chow**, **Pat Tom**, **Leighton Liu**, **Walt Muraoka**, **Creighton Kudo**, **Paul Chun** and **Jimmy Hayakawa** joined in on the fun.

Milt Tsuda has been organizing class golf outings. **Rodney Asada**, **Creighton Kudo**, **Paul Chun**, **Calvin Nakagawa**, **Roland Chun**, and **Conroy Chow** are some of the golfers joining in on hacking.

Vince Goshi reports that he goes golfing often now that he is retired. He lives in Southern California and has given up on the Colorado Buffaloes for this year.

For the monthly Class of '62 golf tournaments, the following individuals participated at Coral Creek: **Rodney Asada**, **Creighton Kudo**, **Milton Tsuda**, **John Ozaki**, **Clifford You**, **Conroy Chow**, **Calvin Nakagawa**, **Colin Leong**, **John Ishikawa** and someone's wife. The wife beat all of us and she even won a greenie. How sad. That being said, anyone in our class can come out to play and enjoy the camaraderie and zen episodes on the golf course.

Pat Tom organizes a weekly "lunch bunch" for the classmates. The "usual suspects" include **Conroy Chow**, **Rodney Asada**, **John Ishikawa**, **Dick Lau**, and an occasional visiting mainland classmate who joins in for dim sum or pho. **John Ishikawa** ran the Boston Marathon earlier this year. He's like the bunny in the Energizer battery commercial, just keeps running. Way to go Johnny!

Dennis Ching reported that he has performed on the 'ukulele. Join us for a get-together and bring your uke!

Gary Oshiro and wife **Mary Lee** are "bikers" up in Oregon and belong to a group called Cycle Oregon.

Sam Mayeda, who lives in Southern California, just bought another house in Hawai'i Kai.

Walt Muraoka was just appointed to the 'Iolani Alumni Association Board of Directors. He attended his first meeting in November.

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Mark Ames had been consulting in Melbourne for several years when a colleague told him of an opportunity with ANZ Bank in Singapore. Mark responded: "When can I go?" He had worked in the region—Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and China, Korea, Taiwan—some years ago and was pleased with the opportunity to be based there again. Mark's partner, **Merry**, had also worked in Singapore, teaching computer programming at Singapore Airlines. They packed up and arrived in Singapore in December last year. They're enjoying living there as well as the regular trips back to Hawai'i to catch up with classmates and friends. They were last in Hawai'i in July; although they haven't yet planned their next visit home, Mark says, "who knows—maybe same time next year!"

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Hubert Minn is still traveling the world in his role as a boxing referee. He's been to Japan, Thailand, and China, as well as "the ninth island." Good thing Hu made time to lead the 'Iolani Raiders Boosters Club's garage sale fundraiser for the One Team documentary. Not only was the garage sale a success in raising a large portion of the remaining funds needed, but it also brought together many alumni and friends, something Mr. Hamada would've been proud of. **Billy Lum**, **Art Otani**, **Ron Yonemoto**, **Pat Nam**, **Chris Shirai**, **Randy Wong**, and **Courtland Pang** all donated items and/or volunteered to work. Art's wife, **Marsha**, and Courtland's wife, **Claire**, also helped a lot. Many other alumni from across the decades helped to make the sale a successful event, with the Class of 1975 particularly well represented. In spreading One Team into the community, the Boosters Club even had the Roosevelt High School Key Club helping with snacks. The nice items and low prices attracted many buyers from all over the island, including 'Iolani alumni, students, faculty, and their families.

Randy Wong and **Stephen Chong** visited with family on the mainland. Randy went to visit daughter **Jessica** '03 in Oregon, while Steve went to Washington to help his sister harvest apples. Even though Steve is one of our tallest classmates, we sure hope the harvest was done by machine!

Bob Phifer is back at work after recovering from a medical issue. We all wish him well and hope he will visit here soon.



Charles Fasi '05,
David Fasi '80 and
Scott Settle '84

Alumni-in-Law

On October 5, nearly 50 alumni gathered at O'ahu Country Club for the 3rd annual Alumni Legal Pau Hana. This event, hosted by 'Iolani School, helped connect law students at the William S. Richardson School of Law with legal professionals. The veteran attorneys shared valuable advice and mentorship to the students, while the upcoming students were able to network. Moderator **Dale Lee '66** passed the microphone around the room and asked individuals to share bits of wisdom. A common theme was how well 'Iolani prepares individuals to enter the legal community. Special thanks to Dale Lee '66, and to **Mickey Knox '01** and **Kiko Doi '04** for organizing the evening.

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Get ready for 'Iolani's "Global Getaway" Fair in April. Last year's "Pā'ina in Paradise" was well represented by the Class of '68—as usual. Led by **Steve Omiya, Wayne Yakuma, Russell Young, Brian Chang, Roy Chang, Howard Kamimoto, Bob Butchart, Conrad Murashige, Mark Moon** and **Sandy Young**, we managed to set up early and prepare for the day's crowds. Completing our second shift were **David Miyamoto, Dr. Ed Yee, Dr. Wayne Nadamoto, Dennis Ho, Wes Chong, Gary Kaneshiro, Ray-Stan Tanaka, Colin Huddleson, and Stanton Lee**. My daughter **Cali '07** added some youthful assistance. We enjoy the opportunity to get together and reminisce with old friends. This is also a good opportunity to give back to 'Iolani in a small way.



The Class of '68 is a regular at the fair each year.

INSET: The Class of '68 and their families enjoyed helping at the 2011 'Iolani Fair.

This year's Eddie Hamada Golf Tournament at Pearl Country Club gave us a chance to assist in setting up, picking up food, and running errands. Every year since the Class of '66 established the tradition of providing the manpower for the tournament, the following year's class has continued to honor and pay tribute to Mr. Hamada in this way. Mahalo, all of Mr. Hamada's former players and friends who helped out with the beverage and food.

Special thanks go to 'Iolani's "first lady," **Cynthia Iwashita**, for subbing for her twin brother **Steven Ohta**, who was not able to fly in from California. Dennis Ho, **Roger Crow**, Conrad Murashige, Wayne Yakuma, **Bruce Kugiya**, Steve Omiya and Gary Kaneshiro were there to provide their always dependable and reliable assistance. Gary brought his wife, **Jocelyn**, and daughter, **Brooke '14**, who helped out at the food/snack station all day. A special mahalo goes to my dad, **Edwin "Aku" Inouye**, and **Larry Kuranaka** for making sure everyone stayed fully hydrated.

See you at the fair!

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What a fantastic weekend we had in Las Vegas as we celebrated our Class of 1971 40th Year Reunion! I hope everyone that attended made it home safe. (We almost lost **Donn** and **Judie Tokairin** in Death Valley prior to the reunion; ask him for the details.)

I want to thank everyone who took the time and made the effort to join us in Las Vegas. Everything turned as well if not better than we had hoped.

It all started with golf at Primm Valley Golf Course on Friday morning. It's amazing that such a beautiful, lush green golf course exists in the sandy, dry environment of Las Vegas/California (Primm Valley Golf Course is actually right across the border in California). Golf was challenging but fun. Thank you, **Dennis Nagata**, for coordinating the tournament!

Then we had an exquisite dinner at Il Mulino Restaurant in the Caesar's Palace Forum Shops. From the appetizers to the main dish to the desserts, the food was excellent and the company even better. Congratulations go to those who were able to finish their glass of Grappa (Italian moonshine, 70 to 120 proof made by distilling the skins, pulp, seeds and stems left over from winemaking after pressing the grapes). In Italy, Grappa is primarily served as an after-dinner drink to aid in the digestion of heavy meals. It

definitely warms you up! Thank you, **Dale Nishikawa**, for setting up this wonderful dinner experience!

Saturday's Lagasse's Stadium Luxury Box was just perfect! Three big screen TVs to watch our football games, great food for brunch and dinner, the Sports Book just outside our door to place our bets, Fashion Show Mall across the street for the ladies, Courvoisier cognac and cigars in our private patio—Priceless! A big mahalo goes to **Cyrus Tamashiro** for getting us this special room as it fulfilled all our Man Cave dreams, making sure everyone had enough food and drink throughout the day!

A special thank you goes to **Isaac** and **Adele Inouye** and **Francis** and **Sonya Chung** for making the trip from California. We haven't seen Isaac and Francis since we graduated forty years ago, and they both look great. So nice to catch up with them. Our other contingent from California included **Bill Hillendahl**, **Howard Matsuba**, **George Mansho**, and **Bruce Masatsugu**. Thank you, **Bill Hillendahl**, for taking all the pictures; now we just have to photoshop them to make ourselves look a little younger! **Neil Uyemura** made the trek in from Portland, Oregon, leaving his wife **Jan** home with their dog. Maui was well represented with **Grant** and **Deborah Howe** and **Glenn** and **Marian Kunihisa** flying in. **Marian** brought her sister **Bea Okuda**, who lives in Las Vegas now, to join us. It just so happened that **Keith Kaneshige** sat next to **Grant** on their connecting flight from San Francisco to Las Vegas. The O'ahu contingent included **Randall Hayashi**, **Keith Kaneshige**, **Kenny Krumm**, **Dennis Nagata**, **Dale Nishikawa**, **Clive** and **Mari Otsuka**, **Robert Shimizu**, **Cyrus Tamashiro**, **Donn** and **Judie Tokairin**, **Allen Wong**, **Jordan** and **Jennifer Wong** and **Lloyd** and **Fay Nishimoto**. A big mahalo goes to **Randall** for hooking us up with great accommodations at various hotels on the Strip! **Mari Otsuka** deserved special recognition cuz she never left her seat in front of the big screen TV (not even to go shopping), as she watched the teams she bet on: a great sports fan! **Jordan** and **Jennifer Wong** dressed to the nines as they took in the *Phantom of the Opera* show on Saturday night. **Kenny** and **George** are enjoying their retirement (for now).

Don't forget if you're in town, the Wednesday group is still getting together after all these years. Every first Wednesday of the month at TJ's Bar and Grill (across from the old *Honolulu Advertiser* building) around 9 p.m. The regulars are **Donn Tokairin**, **Robert Shimizu**, **Joseph Murakami**, **Peter Lum**, **Jordan Wong**, **Scott Shimabukuro**, **Keith Fujio**, and **Allen Wong**.

Again, thank you, everyone that made it; it was so much fun getting together and seeing each other! Thank you, **Dennis**, **Cyrus** and **Dale**, for your hard work to plan such perfect events and make our reunion such a big success. Can't wait for the next one!

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Tyler Ching and **Dean Nakasone** would like to remind everyone that the Class of '74's Las Vegas 56th Birthday Bash will be on October 12–13, 2012. Three hundred people

attended the 50th Bash from Kaiser, Kalani, Kaimuki, Roosevelt, McKinley, Castle, 'Aiea, and Leilehua, as well as 'Iolani. For more information please see www.hawaii74.com in the near future. For those with accounts to spy on their kids, there is also a Hawai'i Seventy-Four Facebook page.

From **Adrian McKibbin**, on his trip to Italy with brother **Angus**:

"The trip was great. Our mission was to visit Angus's son **Riley**. Riley is a professional volleyball player for a Serie A team in Italy. He signed this year after graduating from USC. He has been there for around two months, so Angus and I decided, after approvals from our wives, that we would go visit Riley. Well, it was one great time together. Highlights included the flight to Rome from LAX, British Air, first night in Rome, train to Arezzo, drive from Arezzo to Sansepolcro (hotel in Sansepolcro was the bomb—owner is a chef of 60 years and can he cook), and Riley's volleyball game. If you could only imagine a homeboy speaking Italian and playing in the best league in the world, in Italy. Yeahhhhhhhhhh...living the dream."

They helped Riley "decorate his pad," then took a train to Florence for "two nights of joyous celebration, (and) back to San Guistino, another game, and then the three of us took off, by car, to Rome." They enjoyed two days and nights in Rome sightseeing before leaving Riley and his friend **Murphy Troy**.

Adrian continues: "Finally, you can imagine my wife's and my surprise in Beijing when, on the front page of the *China Daily English* edition, we saw a photograph with the large caption, 'Sun of 'Iolani' under the equally large headline, 'Sun Over Hawai'i.' The article celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution that ended China's last imperial dynasty and talked about the Revolution's ties to Hawai'i. It included a picture of the statue of Dr. **Sun Yat-Sen** at 'Iolani. A sidebar described Dr. Sun's education at 'Iolani and, later, O'ahu College, and being influenced by the Aloha Spirit. It also included quotes from 'Iolani's **Jane Heimerdinger**.

Read the full article at:
http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2011-10/09/content_13852901_2.htm

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The Class of '75 is planning a 55th birthday reunion in Southern California during the Labor Day 2012 weekend. The University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, challenges USC in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, September 1, 2012. The current USC football ticket price is \$60 plus service fees. Other events under discussion are game day tailgate on USC campus, museums and Rose Garden in Exposition Park, Disneyland, Universal Studios, and Hollywood. All events that are being planned are family friendly, and we encourage you to bring your significant other and/or family.

Mahalo goes to the following class members who volunteered in the service project at Mānoa Elementary School: **Bruce Hamada**, **Rick Kiehm**, **Alvin Kishimoto**, **Terrence Lau**, **Westley Mow**, **Wayne and Phyllis Muraoka**, **Harris Nakamoto**, **Bert** and **Lisa Oka**, **Peter Tawarahara**, and **Bryan Wong**. Your dedicated efforts and generosity contributed to the event's success. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Weekend Warriors! NO. Weekend Trojans! Fight On! **Robert "Bob" Bennett** (Alexandria, Virginia) and **Peter Tawarahara** have been attending USC Trojans home football games for six plus seasons. When Bob and Peter can't attend, then **Byron Chong** (Santa Clarita, California) and **Karl Kim** (La Mirada, California) have used the tickets to attend the home games. Byron has traveled to several "away" games and Rose Bowl games. Bob's goal is to watch a USC-Notre Dame game at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend. Bob and Peter fly on United Airlines to Los Angeles. Bob has flown

over one million actual miles with United Airlines and is a member of its Million Miler program. Mahalo, our classmates and friends who work for United Airlines, **Gary Kaneshiro** (HNL), **Cory Nakama** (HNL) and **Carl Noda** '77 (DEN) for getting us safely to our destinations.

Byron Chong lives in Santa Clarita, California, with his wife, **Karen**, and two children, **Ryan** and **Allyse**. Byron and his family travel frequently to Hawai'i to visit family and friends. He recently acquired a new toy, a beautiful Sea Ray boat. You can watch his sea adventures with a pod of dolphins off the Southern California coast near the Channel Islands in his Facebook video posts.

Chris Hegele is an inspiration to the people whose lives he embraces. This is an excerpt from his Denver Academy website: "What I did over the summer...I had a blast being here! Watching the Summer Program unfold, seeing new faces and students blossoming under the skilled, patient, and creative hands of the summer school faculty made me realize anew what an extraordinary school Denver Academy is in the community." Chris's link: www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/chegele/

Paul Kosasa participated in the Asia Pacific Economic Council (APEC) CEO events in Honolulu. He was interviewed by *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* reporter **Andrew Gomes**. This is an excerpt from the article published, Friday, 11/11/11: "Paul Kosasa, president of the local chain of ABC Stores, said the CEO Summit presents an opportunity to meet and learn from titans in business and government. 'I'm looking forward to attending something of this magnitude,' he said. 'I go to a lot of conferences on the mainland. It's never this epic.'"

Lance Sasaki, who lives in Wilmington, Delaware, arrived in Hawai'i on 11/11/11 evening and stayed until 11/20. His Facebook post: "Can't wait to re-align my spirit with the islands. Warm ocean, cool breezes, loving family and friends—feel the excitement already."

Jerry "Snake" Scanlan is going green with DC Solar Solutions MFG., Inc., a California-

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based corporation. This is a clean energy company which designs, manufactures, and deploys solar energy solutions. The company's signature product is a Mobile Solar Generator called the "Solar Eclipse," which offers a clean power alternative to fossil-fuel-based energy generation. "Snake" has been reconnecting with classmates in the San Francisco Bay Area like **Ted Abe** and **Dean "Deano" Ishiki**.

Eric Wical and wife **Angela** live in the Los Angeles Area. He is vice president of merchandise and GM at Howe division of SPI and owner of Okole Maluna LLC, a consulting company that provides design, merchandising, and product development

in the premium denim world in Los Angeles. Eric brings over 30 years of denim experience with some of the best retailers and wholesalers in the country.

Pacific Northwest avid fisherman **Dan Wishengrad** lives in Seattle, Washington. When not at work at SourceRight Solutions, he can be found in Puget Sound hauling in beautiful Coho, Chinook, and other species of salmon. His bountiful catch photos are posted in his Facebook photo album.

Our prayers and thoughts are for the quick and full recovery of **Russell "Fug" Yamaguchi**. He has been posting his positive thoughts and ordeals with cancer on Facebook: "Thanks, guys! The cancer tumor removed was the size of a golf ball (I was expecting a softball at least!) and was 80% dead! The remaining 20% was still able to grow so I'm glad it's out! Surrounding lymph nodes showed cancer cells in small amounts. Left kidney should now be fully functional. The stomach cavity and bladder were in good order. The liver still has cancer spots that will need to be addressed by chemo, surgery

or both. An upcoming CT scan will reveal the course of action."

Keep up with other Class of '75 members on Facebook. See our class photos from past events. Follow Dan Wishengrad's and Russell Yamaguchi's words of inspirations and photo posts. Discover the recent activities of **Mel Buted**, **Nolan Espinda** (through wife **Malia Manol Espinda**), Gary Kaneshiro, **John Lau**, Terrence Lau, **Chris Lee**, Bert Oka (through wife **Lisa Oka**), Jerry Scanlan, and many more classmates.

See you at our next service project event, the annual 'Iolani Fair: Global Getaway prep night (TBA) and Friday night, April 20, 2012.



Jim Page '78 and his wife Laurie celebrated their anniversary in Hawai'i. INSET: Jim Page '78 and Bill Hannum '78

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Jim Page and wife **Laurie** recently visited the islands to celebrate their anniversary. They currently reside in Dallas, Texas. Jim had the opportunity to see fellow classmates **Bret Powers** and **Bill Hannum** when he was here and shared some good times. Jim says: "Eight more years until retirement and coming home for good! Like fine wine, we get better with age!"



Former football teammates Calvin Oishi '79, Eric Keola '79, and Armand Chong '79 were on the field at Aloha Stadium again. Oishi and Chong are on the 'Iolani coaching staff, while Keola is head coach for Waipahu. 'Iolani played Waipahu in the Division II state championship game on November 25.

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This November, **Ron Han** was named state director of veterans services by Hawai'i Governor **Neil Abercrombie**. Ron spent over 28 years in the Hawai'i Air National Guard before he retired this past summer. In his new position with the state, Ron will be responsible for overseeing the many federal and state programs that benefit our veterans and their families. Governor Abercrombie said in his address on the occasion that he looks forward to many changes in the Office of Veteran Services (OVS) under Ron's leadership such as "a new website that will have the latest veteran news, benefit information and resources contacts."

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This fall **Earl T. Kim** was selected from a field of more than 150 candidates to be the new headmaster of Kamehameha Schools Kapalama. In an item posted on staradvertiser.com this November 10, Earl said he was "overwhelmed and deeply humbled" by his selection. He continued: "I have always known that this is what I was supposed to do with my adult life. This is something deeper than just taking responsibility for a school. It is taking responsibility for continuing the good work of Dr. **Michael J. Chun** and the others who came before him, and for advancing the values and vision of Princess Pauahi on behalf of our children, this is the stewardship of something sacred, and I can think of no higher purpose in life." Earl has been superintendent of school in Montgomery, New Jersey, since 2008 and has been an educator and/or school administrator since he began teaching at Trenton Central High School in 1988.

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Michael Vann received tenure and promotion to associate professor of history at Sacramento State University (but he still lives and surfs in Santa Cruz, California). His second book, *20th Century Voices: Selected Readings in World History*, will come out in early 2012. Michael's first book, *The Colonial Good Life: André Joyeaux's Vision of French Indochina*, came out in 2008. He is past president of the French Colonial Historical Society and vice president of the California World History Association.

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Stephanie (Matsumoto) Gruenert married **Holger Gruenert** on August 20, 2011, in Makawao, Maui. The ceremony took place at Makawao Union Church, and the wedding reception was held at the beautiful Hui No'eau estate. Their wedding will also be featured on a television show produced by well-known wedding photographers **Christiaan Phleger** and **Lexi Mackenzie** called "Hot Hawaiian Weddings" to debut in January 2012 on K5. The photographers followed Stephanie and Holger around for three days on Maui to capture not only the wedding, but also the adventurous activities the couple love to do; one of many is kitesurfing. Pastor **Mike Ohara** officiated the wedding, and other 'Iolani alumni in attendance were **Gina (Batacan) Kellner**, **Joelle (Segawa) Kane**, **Mark Morita**, **Lynn (Takeshita) Yamada**, **Hale Takazawa '86**, **Darin Iha '86**, and brother **John Matsumoto '89**.



Stephanie (Matsumoto) Gruenert married Holger Gruenert on August 20.



Members of the Class of 1987 gathered at the wedding of Stephanie and Holger Gruenert: Lynn (Takeshita) Yamada, Gina (Batacan) Kellner, Mike Ohara, Stephanie (Matsumoto) Gruenert, Joelle (Segawa) Kane and Mark Morita.

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Shari Sakuda Fong had a beautiful baby girl on April 11, 2011. **Mie Chloe** Fong was born at 10:38 a.m. and weighed seven pounds 9.6 ounces. Shari, baby Mie, and husband **Edward** Fong have adjusted well to their new family life and reside in Emeryville,



Members of the Class of 1990 gathered in Oregon, pictured from left to right, Brandon Roberts '90, Rich Nakanishi '90, Tammy Asato '91, Ryan Ohira '91, Randall Toma '90, and Barry Mau '87.

California. Shari is currently taking a break from teaching math and science to 6th and 7th graders in Oakland to focus on her newest student!

To keep Mie company, **Allison S.Y. Chang** and her husband **Ivan Huang** and son **Matthew** (4 1/2 years old) welcomed **Jacob Kekoa Tong-Sheng Huang** on August 26, 2011. Jacob weighed in at four pounds two ounces after arriving a little early. The Chang/Huangs reside in Pleasanton, California, and see the Sakuda/Fongs often. Allison is still the director of Yahoo!'s ethics and compliance office in Sunnyvale, California.

Cory Olson Orr was named a Pacific Century Fellow for 2011. The program's objective is to develop leaders with a greater awareness of and sensitivity to the people and institutions of Hawai'i. Cory is currently an associate at Helber, Hastert and Fee when she's not being an awesome mom to her three children, **Nainoa**, **Kaiona**, and **Makena**. Cory visited Allison Chang's family last year to snowboard in Tahoe and hang out in the Bay Area for the holidays. And yes, that was Cory, her husband **Darren Orr**, and daughter **Kaiona** in that bank commercial last year.

Dawnie Ichimura recently won second place in the long board, third place in the short board, and first place in the body board categories at the annual Landshark Surfing meet. The meet is for lawyers only, and Dawnie usually comes in first but hasn't had time to train because of her new assignment in the prosecutor's office. Dawnie is currently prosecuting elder abuse cases and has her hands full keeping the bad guys in prison.

Hale Takazawa '88, wife **Kimi**, and sons **Neo** and **Jeff** visited Allison Chang's family and Shari Sakuda Fong's family in the Bay Area over spring break 2011. The kids had a great time building snow forts and sledding in Tahoe together.

Rich Nakanishi recently hosted an 'Iolani get together at his home in Oregon. There is a group of Portland area 'Iolani alumni that tries to meet up once a month for food and drinks usually at a restaurant or bar, but this time they met at Rich's house.

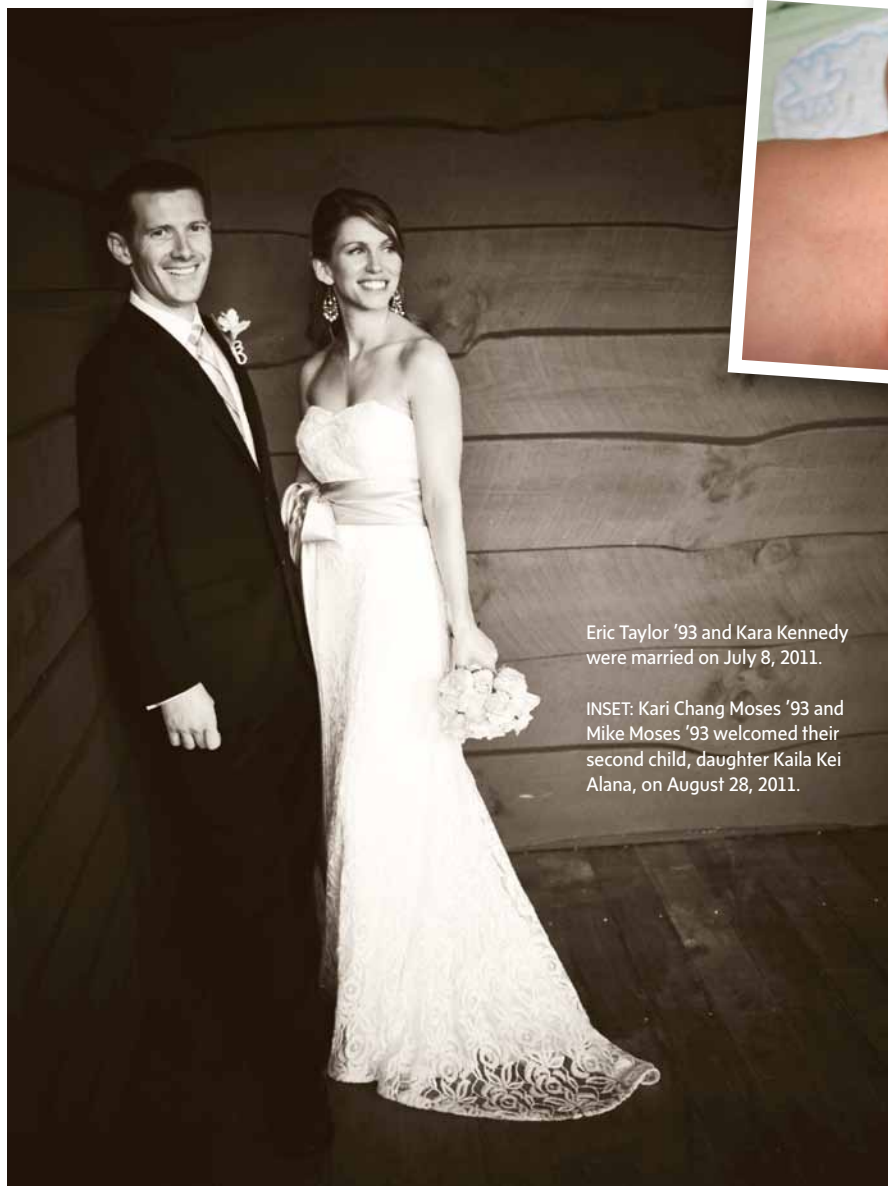
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Dr. Kimberly S. G. Chang is a 2011 recipient of the Institute on Medicine as a Profession (IMAP) Physician Advocacy Merit Award. This honor seeks to give national recognition to two to three physicians annually for their commitments and accomplishments in the advocacy arena. This annual award includes a \$10,000 gift intended to support their ongoing efforts in promoting and realizing the principles of civic engagement. A recent newsletter of the IMAP announced the 2011 fellows and included the following about Kimberly's work in medicine: "She is a family physician and Site Director of the Frank



Eric Taylor '93 and Kara Kennedy were married on July 8, 2011.

INSET: Kari Chang Moses '93 and Mike Moses '93 welcomed their second child, daughter Kaila Kei Alana, on August 28, 2011.

Kiang Medical Center of Asian Health Services (AHS), a comprehensive community health center in Oakland, California's Chinatown, which provides primary health care services to over 21,000 limited-English-proficient, low-income, and underserved Asian immigrants and refugees annually."

Kim also served on a congressional delegation to Cuba earlier this year, where she visited Cuban medical schools and talked to medical professionals as well as U.S. and Cuban politicians about Cuba's health system.

When not busy at her clinic or hobnobbing with members of congress, Kim serves as a faculty member of the National District Attorneys Association's (NDAA) National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse. If anyone is in the neighborhood, Kim welcomes visitors to her clinic, the Kiang Medical Center.

Dr. Chang graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in East Asian Languages and Cultures, and received her medical degree from the University of

Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine. She completed her family medicine residency at the University of California at San Francisco—San Francisco General Hospital, working with and learning from urban underserved patients and populations.

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The Class of 1993 is organizing the 2012 Touch of 'Iolani, an Alumni Association event. The organizing committee members

would like more Class of '93 alums to get involved! If you would like to help, please contact the committee by emailing iolani93@gmail.com or send a request to join the 'Iolani School Class of 1993 Facebook group.

Kari Chang Moses and **Mike Moses** celebrated the birth of daughter **Kaila Kei Alana** Moses on August 28, 2011. Kaila weighed seven pounds and four ounces and measured 20 1/4" long. Big brother **Nicolas** (three years old) is excited to have a little sister.

Eric Taylor and **Kara Kennedy** were married on July 8, 2011, in a small ceremony surrounded by family at the Old Edwards Inn in Highlands, North Carolina. The couple honeymooned on Kauai and O'ahu before returning to their home in Atlanta, Georgia. Eric works in the real estate development and construction industry, and Kara is a school psychologist working with elementary age children.

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Lauren Chun recently opened The Firm Pilates, Hawai'i Kai's first luxurious full-service pilates studio complete with the Cadillac, Reformers, Exo chairs, Pilates Arcs, barrels, and mats. Pilates is associated with good posture and athletic performance as well as overall body awareness, strength, flexibility, balance, and coordination. Privates, semi-privates, group classes, and team training are available daily. Lauren's studio is in the Hawai'i Kai Corporate Plaza.

May 14, 2011, marked a special day on the North Shore for Class of 1994 classmates **James Duca** and **Carrie Yee** as they became

a married couple. Many of their classmates travelled home to join in on this joyous event: **Tushar Dubey**, Megan Chang, **Noli** and **Davin Kazama**, **Colin Higuchi**, **Tiki Suan**, **Tesa Ho** '96 and members of the 1994 ILH Champion Water Polo Team **Ed Chen**, **Bryan Helfer** '96 and **Eric Helfer**. After a cross-country honeymoon from New York to Seattle, the happy/crazy couple settled back in the islands for more sun, surf, and medical school.

Public relations and marketing agency Bright Light Marketing has hired **Esther Sada** as Marketing Manager. In her new position, Esther will be responsible for providing strategic marketing and planning expertise to develop and implement activities for the firm's clients. In addition, she will have direct responsibility for clients, including Hale Ho Aloha, Hawai'i Audiology Consultants, and Hawaiian Springs Water. Prior to joining the agency, Esther served as the business development manager at BBDO Worldwide in Atlanta, Georgia, where she promoted the agency through a variety of channels and managed the agency's new business pitch process for brands including AT&T, Bayer, and Georgia-Pacific. Esther is a member of the American Marketing Association and the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.



Esther Sada '94 has been named marketing manager for Bright Light Marketing.

RIGHT: James Duca '94 and Carrie Yee '94 were married on May 14, 2011.



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Several alumni attended the Japanese American Citizens League (Honolulu Chapter) 2011 general meeting and dinner. Pictured: Isaac Moriwake '88, Nathan Chan '93, Gayle Hirohata-Goto '95, Duke Oishi '96, Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka, JACL Honolulu Chapter Board President Trisha Nakamura '95, April Cadiz '95, Jon Nouchi '93, Jamie (Sumile) Yamagata '95. Also on the JACL Board is Travis Agustin '02.

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Chris Lee is just gearing up for his third election to the state legislature. He is also starting a non-profit organization called Take A Stand Hawai'i, to empower the average person with limited free time to still be able make a difference in the community. Chris is currently involved with Department of Defense related projects to rebuild our local agriculture industry and move Hawai'i further toward renewable energy.

Jill Remiticado was Pacific University's first female wrestler, three-time United States Girls' Wrestling Association (USGWA) collegiate national champion at 121 pounds and a four-time All-American. On the national stage, Jill placed fifth in the 55-kilogram class at both the 2001 and 2002 U.S. World Team Trials. In 2003, she was a finalist for the prestigious Ad Rutschman Award, given to the top small college athlete in Oregon. On July 3, 2010, Jill and fiancé **Howard Uyeda, Jr.**, were blessed with their son, **Kaimana**, who just started pre-school this November.

Chris Otoshi recently moved back to O'ahu and now works at PT Hawai'i as a licensed physical therapist, DPT. In 2010 Chris received his doctorate of physical therapy from the University of Southern California. Chris is glad to be back home and enjoys surfing during his free time.

Jennie Larsen recently earned her Psy.D. (Doctor of Psychology) in clinical psychology. She lives in Los Angeles, California, with her two cats, her Dalmatian, and her boyfriend,



Cherilyn Inouye '99 married Daniel Diffenderfer on July 23, 2011.

Robby Chow, son of Janelle (Fukumoto) '99 and Bobby Chow '99, turned one in September 2011 and enjoyed this past Halloween.



Caine Evans. During their free time, Jennie and Caine try to get in as many concerts as humanly possible. According to Jennie, some things will never change!

As director of international marketing, sales and business development for Met One Instruments, **Bennett Hong** has been spending a lot of time in China working with various agencies to address their air pollution/climate change policies. Last year Bennett traveled to Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, UAE, China, Finland, Denmark, UK, Spain, Italy, Austria, France, Greece, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Bennett will be going to Italy this December to present the first year's findings at the Last Supper Site by **Leonardo DaVinci** in Milan.

Jason Yee now resides in Washington, D.C., after his service in the Air Force. During his free time, Jason enjoyed winning chess tournaments in Iraq and Afghanistan. His

current challenge is to enable computers to understand and analyze natural human prose on a big data scale. His company, Digital Reasoning, was recently featured at Hadoop World.

Janelle (Fukumoto) and **Bobby Chow's** son, **Robby**, turned one in September. He celebrated the first Halloween he could walk by dressing up as a monkey! He also enjoyed his first pumpkin patch this year. Robby Chow keeps Janelle and Bobby very busy now that he's on his own two legs!

Cherilyn Inouye married **Daniel Diffenderfer** on July 23, 2011, in Kāne'ohe. In attendance were classmates **Julie (Hedani) Esaki**, **Jaime (Yue) Takahashi**, **Sharon Ogawa**, **Shogo John Miyagi**, **Nathaniel Higa**, **Erin (Suzuki) Torres**, **Lauren Honbo**, **Chris Lee**, **Lance Kimura '98**, **Merissa Sakuda**, **Trisha Kaneshiro**, **Trina Orimoto '01** (their wedding coordinator), and Mr. and Mrs. **Jeffrey Hackler**.

Classnotes

'00

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Lisa Y. Iwamoto recently joined the Ashford & Wriston law firm as an associate in estate planning, real estate and transactions. She clerked for the Honorable **Derrick Chan** and the Honorable **Colleen Hirai** in the probate court. Lisa is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law and has a B.A. in English, with a minor in business and a certificate in Hawaiian language from the University of Hawai'i.

Dr. Andrew M. Nuibe is completing his final year of pediatric residency at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California. Next year he begins his fellowship in pediatric infectious disease at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

See **Ming Yim**, **Jamie Rodrigues**, **Justin Azama**, **Reid Hirata**, **Jesus Cueva**, **Jennie Lee**, **Terri Sasaki**, **Elaine Nitta**, **Janelle Doi**, and **Lynne Lam** enjoyed the scenery of Northern California for nearly 30 hours together.

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Team Liverstrong completed the 190-mile Ragnar Napa running relay from San Francisco to Calistoga (Napa Valley). Teammates **Lyndon Pham**, **Michael Young**,

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Three 'Iolani golfers, two past and one present, qualified for the Governor John Burns Challenge Cup team: **Matthew Ma**, **David Fink '09**, and senior **Lorens Chan '12**. David Fink, now a sophomore at Oregon,



Members of the Class of 2001 competed as Team Liverstrong from San Francisco to Napa Valley. INSET: Tyler Kimura '00 tied the knot with Erika Kayukawa on September 9, 2011 surrounded by close friends and family. Pictured are Aaron Sasaki '00,

Blaine Umeda '01, Sara Yamamoto '01, Corey Yamamoto '01, Jasen Hee '01, Kacy Nekoba '00, Fletcher Kimura '97, Justin Haruki '00, and Reed Tanaka '02

qualified automatically because of his Mānoa Cup championship but declined his spot because of NCAA rules. Lorens and Matt both qualified because of their amassed points. The team competition took place November 21–22 at Mid-Pacific Country Club.

“Billy” (**William S.**) **Lawson** and wife **Heather** became the proud parents of a baby girl, **Liliana Jayne** Lawson, on March 1, 2011. Liliana was born at Kapi‘olani Hospital. Billy and Heather continue to reside in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, where Billy works at Navatek, Ltd.

'03

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Charlene Shovic moved back to O‘ahu in August after earning her B.A. in psychology and M.A. public anthropology from American University in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, **Colin Gardner** (whom she met in the dorms of American University), recently started a video production company called Mānoa Productions. In November, Charlene taught ‘Iolani 4th graders how to use a Flip camera. She also began making a short documentary about community service and service learning that will be presented during an NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) workshop in February 2012.

Winning the Hawai‘i Salsa Championship at the 2011 Summer Salsa in Paradise, **Kimberly Tordjman** (nee **Loo**) and her dance partner **Phillip Duong** qualified to represent Hawai‘i in the World Latin Dance Cup, seeded in the Semi-Finals in the Professional On 2 Salsa division. Kimberly and Phillip are co-directors of Epica Latin Dance Company, based in Honolulu, and can be seen performing and teaching Salsa around the island. Their website is www.epicadance.com.



Michelle Fordice '05 married Thomas Furlong with Nina Krek as maid of honor.

LEFT: Kimberly Tordjman (nee Loo) '05 and her dance partner represented Hawai‘i in the World Latin Dance Cup.

'04

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Marisa Nakasone finished her master of arts course in humanities at the University of Chicago in June 2011. She now has a fellowship at Yale University Art Gallery (title: Marcia Brady Tucker Fellow in Prints, Drawings and Photographs) and works closely with the curators on research and exhibitions related to American photography.

This past August, **Kelly Nuibe** completed her three-year contract with the JET program teaching in Fukuyama, Hiroshima, Japan. She is currently attending Keio University in Tokyo, Japan.

'05

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Michelle Fordice and **Thomas Furlong** are happy to announce their marriage on August 7, 2011, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They currently reside in Atlanta, Georgia. **Nina Krek** was Michelle's maid of honor.

'06

Misty-Ann Oka graduated summa cum laude from the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts in May 2010. Shortly after graduating, she began work

at Brillstein Entertainment Partners, a talent and literary management company which represents clients including **Brad Pitt**, **Adam Sandler**, **Natalie Portman** and **Jennifer Aniston**. Several months later, she transitioned to Plan B Entertainment, the film production company of Brad Pitt. Plan B has produced films including *The Departed*, directed by **Martin Scorsese**; *The Assassination of Jesse James*, starring Brad Pitt; and *Tree Of Life*, directed by **Terrence Malick** and winner of the Palme d'Or at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival. The company recently wrapped production on *World War Z*, an adaptation of the best-selling **Max Brooks** novel, starring Brad Pitt. Misty-Ann encourages you to see the film on December 21, 2012 (assuming the world does not end).

'07

Elisa M. Asato graduated from the University of the Pacific this past May and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration specializing in arts & entertainment and marketing. At commencement, she received the Outstanding Student Leader award. This award is presented each year to two graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship

and service to the university of the community. An outstanding student leader is an individual who has contributed significantly to the quality of life on campus. During her senior year, Elisa was also the commissioner for the Arts & Entertainment group on campus for which she managed a team of seven. One of the group's biggest accomplishments this past year was bringing **John Legend** to perform an hour acoustic set after a screening for the documentary *Waiting for Superman*. They also increased attendance significantly at ASuop (Associated Students of the University of the Pacific) events and successfully took a group of students to Las Vegas as an alternative spring break option.

Elisa's biggest update thus far is the job she landed this fall: she is the assistant to the president at Rostrum Records and recently moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rostrum Records is the label that **Wiz Khalifa** and **Mac Miller** are on. Elisa was able to get this position after her initial contact with Wiz and the president, **Benjy Grinberg**, when she worked at the Grammy's this past year.

Morgan Langley was the subject of a feature story by **Brian McInnis** in the September 30, 2011, edition of the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, "Undersized. Unheralded. Undeterred." The focus of the article is "true underdog" story of Morgan's success in soccer. This season, Morgan signed with the

Philadelphia Union of Major League Soccer. He is one of only three active Hawai'i-born players in Major League Soccer! The writer points out how virtually none of Morgan's previous coaches—and not even Morgan's father—would have expected him to become a professional soccer player. His success is attributed to Morgan's hard work and fierce competitiveness. His brother **Dylan '06** is mentioned in the article, too, and was present to cheer Morgan on in his first game with Union and congratulate him at the end of the game; by the end of the game, the article said, "No one really cared that [the name on the back of Morgan's jersey] was misspelled L-A-N-G-E-L-Y." As McInnes concludes the piece: Morgan has "made a career out of turning doubters into believers."

'08

Lauren Minkel was the subject of a feature story by **Billy Hull '01** in the November 2, 2011, issue of the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, "Flourishing with Change." The article points out that Lauren is the first player from Hawai'i on the Long Beach State women's volleyball team since at least 1985. She has represented Hawai'i well, too, "playing in 118 consecutive matches and taking over full-time starting duties as libero in her sophomore year"—and she didn't even play libero until she went to college! Now in her senior year, Lauren finally got the chance to travel to Hawai'i and play in front of a home crowd in the Stan Sheriff Center in September.

'09

Chris Llarenas was pictured on the cover of the "Dining Out" section of the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser's* October 16 edition as part of an article about Zpizza's restaurant. Hawai'i Zpizza owner **Cesar Llarenas** was interviewed for the cover story about the restaurant. Chris is a cook at the restaurant. Zpizza now has two locations in Hawai'i, in the Ward area and in Kailua, and focuses on preparing food to promote a healthy diet and lifestyle.



Members of the Class of 2011 saw each other in a USC dining hall during their first semester of college. Pictured left to right, Cristin Lim, Tyler Cundiff, Alexis Chang, Colin Tseng, Maureen Barrientos, and Lauren Wong.

'10

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Mahina Haina, a sophomore at Cal State University Northridge, is an outside hitter for the Matadors women's volleyball team. She was selected to the All-Tournament Team for the 2011 Utah Classic, and the Sacramento State Invitational in which she was also chosen MVP. For the second year in a row, she was also picked for the UNLV Volleyball Invitational All-Tournament Team. Then on September 5, 2011, Mahina was named the Big West Player of the Week.

'11

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In Missouri, **Erin Nakatsuka** shares her volleyball knowledge with the Saint Louis University volleyball team. So far, she has helped them rank 3rd in the Atlantic 10 conference with a 14–11 record.

Austin Strong continues to utilize his water polo talents as a goalkeeper for Pomona-Pitzer. In mid-November, he assisted his team's achievement of a 9–1 record with their win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps for the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships.

Memorials

CLASS OF 1939

Ronald K. Yogi died peacefully at Hawai'i Medical Center-West on September 9, 2011. Born in Hilo and raised on the site of what is now Kuakini Medical Center, Ronald was a long-time Liliha resident and the retired owner of Kuleana Valve & Fitting Company. He is survived by wife Keiko; daughters Miki and Yuko and their spouses; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. His family fondly remembers that Ronald loved oatmeal, classical music, swimming and picnicking at Magic Island and Kapi'olani Park, and playing the harmonica.

CLASS OF 1947

Joseph Iao Oba died October 26, 2011. At 'Iolani he played football for Father Bray. Joe's widow Linda reminisced that Joe "was truly a Father Bray Boy, and his two buddies were **Eddie Hamada** and **Masa Yonemine**—they were pals and teammates from intermediate school days at 'Iolani." Even in his later years, when Eddie saw Joe, he would race toward Joe calling out, "My friend Joe Oba, my friend Joe." After graduating from 'Iolani, Joe played football from the late '40s to the mid-'50s both at UH and with the Senior League of Honolulu for **Tommy Kaulukukui**. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict, Joe earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and history and a teaching certificate. After teaching 34 years, many of which were at 'Aiea Intermediate, he retired from the DOE. In the last 20 or so years, Joe had become a devout member of St. Andrew's Cathedral. Joe was predeceased by sisters Lucinda Edsman and Loretta Dudoit; first wife Mona Travis; and son Clint Shayne Oba. In addition to his widow Linda, Joe is survived by sons Hugh Whitford, Saichi, and Joshua and their wives; daughters Huellyn Whitford, Dayna Mora, Anita Kaupiko, and Dilla Oba; 17 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; sister Emogene Martin; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

CLASS OF 1951

George Masayuki Higa died in October 2011 at home. He was a former Pan American, Sheraton Waikiki, and Hawai'i State employee. He graduated from City College of San Francisco and the Culinary Institute of America. He was also a veteran of the United States Air Force. He is survived by son Kevin; daughter Lianne; sister Vivian Kekina; and grandsons Matthew and Michael.

Walter S. Taguma died September 23, 2011. He is survived by wife Elaine; sons **Jon '76**, Paul, and Alan; brothers Henry and George; and a grandchild.

CLASS OF 1952

Walter Tsuneo Miyamasu died at Providence Holy Cross Hospital on July 12, 2011. He was a retiree from University of California, Los Angeles, Jules Stein Eye Institute. Walter had lived in Northridge, California, since 1975. He is survived by wife Kay; brothers Robert, Paul, and Noel; sisters Ruth Goo and Jean Kawada; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

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.

CLASS OF 1956

David Kaneji Oishi died August 17, 2011. He was a retired federal Department of Agriculture employee for Agriculture Research Services in Mānoa, clerk typist, and University of Hawai'i Athletics Department scorekeeper. He was also a United States Army veteran who served in the Korean War. David is survived by stepbrothers Arthur and David; and stepsister Barbara.

Francis Ichiro Takahashi died on October 1, 2011, in Honolulu. He was a retired sales manager and a United States Air Force veteran. He is survived by companion June A. Otake; sons Derek Takahashi and Jared Otake; daughters Dina Takahashi and Tracy Ng; sisters Ethel Takahashi and Jane Iinuma; and four grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1960

LeRoy Franklin Ichida, of Los Angeles, California, died September 18, 2011. He is survived by wife Faith; son Kent; daughter Kisa; brother **Wesley** '64; and a grandchild.

A Celebration of LeRoy's Life will be held during an 11 a.m. lunch on Friday, January 27, 2012, at Tsukiji Fish Market in Ala Moana Shopping Center. The family would appreciate that those planning to attend contact Paul Shigenaga at 224-4194 or nobomalulu@yahoo.com, or Mel Chow at 593-4492 or melwchow@aol.com to confirm attendance for the January 27 event.

CLASS OF 1967

Glenn Hisao Nadamoto died September 21, 2011. He was a financial planner with Pacific Equity Securities and Pacific Business Consultants. Glenn is survived by mother Nobuko; brother **Alton** '69; sister **Jan**; and cousins **Wayne Nadamoto** '68, **Andrea Nadamoto** '95, **Zachary Nadamoto** '03, and **Dwight Nadamoto** '70.

CLASS OF 2013

Thomas James Schowalter died August 8, 2011. He is survived by parents Steven and Elizabeth; brother **Steven** '05; and sister **Bridget** '09. Iolani faculty and friends remembered Thomas at a memorial service held in St. Alban's Chapel on October 2, 2011. History teacher **John Bickel** reflected on both the serious and humorous sides he had observed of Thomas in his course. Of Thomas's serious side, Bickel said: "He caught my attention early in the semester when he pointed out that his grandfather, **Edward Schowalter**, was a Medal of Honor recipient for his bravery in the Korean War. We even found his name mentioned in one of my books. Both of his parents attended West Point. He was proud of his family's military heritage. He loved his country and respected the sacrifice of veterans and soldiers like that of his father and grandfather." After recounting a joke Thomas had played in class on the birthday of one of the other students, Bickel concluded his eulogy with the following about Thomas: "He loved fun. He loved his friends. He loved his family. We loved him." Certainly many in the 'Iolani 'ohana agree. A garden in his memory now rests along the school's art building.