

# CLASSNOTES

## '49

The following was submitted by **James Lee**.

I got the message requesting an interview since the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor is soon to be. I answered “no way, cause it’s been only about 62 years since we got outta school.” The response was, “It’s about Pearl Harbor and the start of WWII in 1941 as you watched the attack from your Kalauao farm.” As a volunteer with the National Park Service at the Arizona Memorial, one gets to meet people from all over the world. They have lots of questions—especially “What was it like watching the attack as an eleven-year-old kid?” I suggested that others such as **Wally Ho**, **Herbert Chun** '50, and **Stan Ishizaki** also lived around the harbor area, and I was sure they had some stories to tell, too. Are there other '49ers who watched the attack and wish to share what they saw—the planes, bombing, fires, gunfire, explosions, etc.?

I noticed a dedicated young volunteer **Sharon Wong** '11, who worked at the Pacific Historic Parks desk nearly every Saturday for the past year even while she was going to school. She was an outstanding student earning National Merit, Cum Laude, and special academic awards among others. After her June 2011 graduation, she visited China and, upon her return, continued her volunteer work at the park. She told me her tasks were very interesting, and she especially enjoyed meeting younger and older folks from all over the world while she learned about the history of WWII at Pearl Harbor—a unique place, so rich in history. I wonder if there are any more like her at 'Iolani wanting to volunteer? I know the Historic Park folks really appreciate Sharon’s services, and at the same time she learned history.



ABOVE: James Lee '49, Don Ho '46, Howard Han and Richard Furuno '47 were waiting for an exercise class taught by Norman Shinkoethe '67 and the wife of Kenneal Chun '62, Lucy.

RIGHT: Sharon Wong '11, along with other volunteers, helped at Pacific Historic Parks, Pearl Harbor.



Memories keep popping up every once in a while. Do you remember our Latin and physics teachers **James Griffen** and **Earl Wohlford**? They were WWII veterans who were called to active duty during the Korean conflict. They were MSG Griffen and Major Wohlford and happened to be my trainers in basic training. They reminded me then that we do not call them “Mr.” anymore as they were soldiers and were training us to stay alive during combat. Since we had been rascals in their classes, it seemed like they were getting even with us—they were rough on us! Then when **Edward** “Turk” **Tokunaga** and I became cadre, **K.B. Choy**, **George Hamada**, and **Howard Han** got the same from us—no favors—except for Howard, who

our superiors thought was a model soldier because of all the clean equipment he borrowed from me for inspection! Those guys were ready for combat, **Marge**, **Betty**, and **Shirley**, after we got through with them. We had to be mean! Being a member of the “Old Soldiers,” I heard rumors during our last meeting that Griffen and Wohlford, now in their nineties, are still alive on the mainland. I hope to track them down.

Do you remember **Norman Shinkoethe**, our '46 classmate? I saw him in Guam years ago and never saw him again, but Howard Han met a fellow he thought looked like Norman, and it turned out to be his son, **Norman Shinkoethe** '67. The younger Norman resembled his dad

somewhat—a happy-go-lucky guy, who died several years ago. Also seeing is believing: we thought we saw **Ben Almadova** twice, but it was his brother **David '52** visiting from Utah. David still remembered us, and it was great chatting about the old days.

Seeing **Raymond Iwamoto** and hearing from **Harry Aoyagi** recently were pleasant surprises. Ray promises to join us—maybe—in some of our future activities. Unfortunately, Harry's vision has failed him, and he regrets not being able to be with us in our functions. It would probably be OK for him to hear from us. He talks about the good old days and asks about our classmates. For years he has not been able to see or read, and he was surprised to hear that many of our friends have since passed away.

How about talent in our families? I had the opportunity to see and hear **Bolo Soneda's** family perform a short musical. I knew Bolo had talent, but to see him stand up (with the help of a cane) with his Martin uke, his wife **Eileen** playing two harmonicas, daughter **Vera** with the flute, his son-in-law and grandson with the guitar, and then **Debra Soneda Heyler '85** doing the vocal while husband **Fred Heyler**, 'Iolani's science department head, cared for the kids. Bolo says, "We always do this for fun." I asked them to entertain during A Touch of 'Iolani and even added "maybe no charge—get free meals," but Bolo said, "No way," because they would be spending time in Geneva, Switzerland, in August—more fun. Bolo's singing and jokes brought back many memories. He may not be as loud or as bouncy as before, but he is darn good for his age. Maybe we can ask them to entertain at our next brunch.

Should we have another brunch at Hickam next year like we have for the last four years? The response from my information survey is "Let's have it again," so let's plan for a brunch at the Hickam AFB Officers' Club on Sunday, January 22, 2012, the day before Chinese New Year (January 23). Most of us were born in the Year of the Horse (1930), some in the Year of the Snake (1929), and others in the Year of the Sheep (1931). So let's celebrate the Year of the Dragon 2012 on the 22nd. This date will not interfere with the Pro Bowl or Super Bowl games. Call me if you have any suggestions, news, or recommendations. Let's do whatever we can—while we can!

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Some corrections for the last classnotes: Matsu was not in the memorable huddles, it was Musu (**George Nishihara**). George, similar to **Alex Brenner**, had an illustrious career spanning from Milwaukee to Florida, California to Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and other Asian destinations. He spent seven years in London with British Airways and enjoyed a European global experience. I have fond memories of the time spent at his home in Kalihi and visits to Easy Appliance (which coincidentally became the corporate headquarters of Servco Pacific Inc., where I worked). Another Hallmark moment was having dinner at Shabu Shabu, formerly Ikehara Store, where I spent much time with **Norman Ikehara** and got treated to free ice cream. I cannot believe it has been six years since Norman passed away.

Matsu (**Richard Matsuwaka**) was on the pitching staff with Funa (**Gerald Funasaki**), Mushy (**Roy Murakami '55**) and Yama (**Albert Yamaguchi**) at 'Iolani and went on to a stellar career at the University of Hawai'i during the golden years of The Hawai'i League comprised of elite military teams, Marines and SubPac; and local powerhouses the rural Red Sox and Asahi. He savors his many wins over the Marines and two memorable seasons without a loss. His fastball dazzled the likes of **Larry Kamashima** and made **Ted Shaw** proud. Matsu coached the varsity and

other levels of baseball at 'Iolani before joining the department of education, State of Hawai'i.

It was nice to hear from fellow classmates **Eugene Kang**, **Eddie Nakashima**, **Bert Tamura**, **Alvin Won**, **Roger Wiley**, **Kalfred Wong** and others. Eugene, a retiree of the Air Force and the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Colorado, after 20 years of service is an avid bowler. He reports that bowling takes up most of his time, and he tries to get on the lanes four times a week. He participates in the Las Vegas Hawaiian Invitational tournament and occasionally the JANBA tournaments. Eugene is blessed with a grandson and granddaughter. Eddie resides in St. George, Utah, a stone's throw north of Las Vegas (200 miles), a community I am familiar with from back in the '80s. I had some laughs with Bert, who recalled an incident in Milwaukee that I would as soon forget. Too bad Toe (**George Tonaki**) is not with us as he was a true friend in need (private joke). He seemed remorseful about his social encounter with our Headmaster Dr. **Iwashita** at our 50th reunion. I know that the headmaster understood that Bert was under the "weather."

I spent an enjoyable day at Pearl Country Club for the 20th Annual Eddie Hamada Golf Tournament with teammates **Frank Atienza** and able emcee **Kimo Kahoano**, who was able to distribute prizes to all with daylight to spare.

I hope that all will take the time to return the questionnaire sent out last summer regarding a 60th reunion. It will not be as elaborate as the 50th that marked a half-century but should be momentous to those who are interested. Also, I would appreciate it if you would let us know your level of interest.

Because of the advent of cyberspace technology (anyone interested may submit his input directly to 'Iolani Classnotes rather than through a conduit, the Class Representative), and the strong vote of confidence, or lack thereof, the fall issue shall be my last as class representative. Any volunteers? I hope that my final class letter to all this November or March 2012 will energize IOL54.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Frank Atienza, **Glenn Biven, William Chong, Larry Ginoza, Larry Higa, Warren Ishimi, Steven Lee, Eddie Nakashima, Wallace Mau, Mako Tashima, Jordon Tengan, F. Roger Wiley, Reuben Wong, George Uyehara** and **Albert Yamaguchi** for their participation in 'Iolani Giving 2011 that helped elevate IOL54 over last year's performance. Also mahalo to those who contacted me and to those who returned the questionnaire.

Let us know what you are up to. Many expressed interest in hearing what's happening.

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The class had a golf outing on May 16 followed by a cookout at **Mel** and **Carolyn Aoki's** place. Our executive chef was our own retired only-dentist-on-Lanai **Jimmy "Jocko" Sagawa**, assisted by Chef **Wes Chong**. The foodfest was attended by 17 '58ers and some of the wives: **Willie Ahana**, Mel and Carolyn Aoki, **Roy** and **Jane Asato**, **Leonard** and **Charlotte Chow**, **Wendell Hoshino**, **Rick** and **Lorraine Lau**, **Cal** and **Diane Miyamoto**, **Frank Mukai**, **Clarence Muraoka**, **Bobby** and **Cherille Nakamatsu**, **David** and **Irene Nakamoto**, **Glen** and **Jenny Pang**, **Jimmy Sagawa**, **Miles** and **Reverie Suzuki**, **Elmer Takenishi**, **Thomas** and **Gail Toma**, **Bobby Toyofuku**.

We dined on sweet chili prawns, grilled salmon, smoked salmon, teriyaki chicken and tri-tip roast, and herb roasted vegetables, all exquisitely seasoned by Jocko's special line of exotic spices, along with various pupus, side dishes and beer and wine. Prizes were awarded to the winning golfers, and grab bags were given to everyone. There were many laughs and much reminiscing, good-natured razzing, and all the boisterousness that 72-year-olds can muster up. Jocko Sagawa gave us an update of his dental mission work in the Philippines and an appeal for any help you care to provide. His contact is [JMSDMD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JMSDMD@GMAIL.COM).

**Eddie Sakamoto's** new play, *It's All Relative*, premiered at Kumu Kahua Theatre this summer to rave reviews. The play was well written and produced, with excellent actors and acting. It was Kumu Kahua's most successful play this season. The play had laughs, nostalgia, action, drama, and a nice lesson. The characters' names were taken from the names of classmates, including the central family's name, the Miyamotos (who dat), which made the play especially enjoyable for the classmates as Eddie threw in some insider jokes. Classmate **Jim Manke's**



LEFT: Back: David Nakamoto, Frank Mukai, Cal Miyamoto, Leonard Chow, Clarence Muraoka, Elmer Takenishi, Rick Lau, Jimmy Sagawa; Front: Roy Asato, Mel Aoki, Tommy Toma

BELOW: L-R: Jane Asato, Lorraine Lau, Diane Miyamoto, Gail Toma, Charlotte Chow, Carolyn Aoki, Irene Nakamoto



son **Eric** was a cast member. Jim moved out-of-state after his final retirement as the significant voice of Hawai'i Public Radio and was not able to attend the performance.

The class attended the Sunday, June 5 matinee and sponsored a post performance reception for Eddie, the cast and staff of the theatre, and our classmates. We were also a sponsor of this production, helping to perpetuate this fine venue of completely Hawai'i-produced plays.

Classmates in attendance were Willie Ahana, Mel and Carolyn Aoki, Roy and Jane Asato, Leonard and Charlotte Chow, Rick and Lorraine Lau, Cal and Diane Miyamoto, Bobby Nakamatsu, David and Irene Nakamoto, Glen and Jenny Pang, Miles and Reverie Suzuki, Thomas and Gail Toma, Bobby Toyofuku and of course playwright Eddie. Classmate Elmer Takenishi was a sponsor but was out of town for this performance. We catered Thai food for the reception and had beer and wine. It was a fun affair with ample kudos for all and a nice opportunity for the classmates to mingle and chat with the cast and gain insights into the inner workings of a theatre production. The theatre staff and cast enjoyed the reception and were very appreciative of our sponsorship. We will consider another sponsorship for a future class project.



The picture above shows the cast and Eddie in the foreground with the classmates in back. (Glen and Jenny had to leave before the reception.) Here is a dementia test for the classmates who could not attend: name the classmates in the picture (you flunk if you identify any cast member as a classmate; bonus points for naming the spouses). The young man with the full head of hair is Eric Manke.

LEFT: Eddie with his award plaque and event chair David Nakamoto.

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'Iolani School honored the classes of 1959 and 1960 for winning the Alumni Giving Challenge in 2009 and 2010 with a six course Chinese luncheon at Hee Hing restaurant in Kapahulu this June. The class of 1961 was invited as a preview for their 50th reunion this summer. A good time was had by all.

From the class of 1959, attending were **Mike and Frieda Sen, Richard and Dee Chang, Mervin and Jill Moy, Danny and Val Hee, Edwin and Linda Lum, Herman and Cynthia Tanaka, Earl and Maylene Lau, Calvin and Linda Lee, Kenneth and Jean Wong, Bill and Amy Wong, Royce and Jane Fukunaga, Lavern Adaniya, Larry Young, Gordon Lau, Jim and Joan Yamashita, Rags Scanlan and Anna Choo**, and visiting from the mainland **Wade Ishimoto**.

From the class of 1960, I saw, among others (not a complete list), **Bobby Asato, Victor Chang, Warren Chung, Leroy Ichida, Gary Kagimoto, Art Katahara, Jimmy Kawashima, Steve Kondo, Paul Shigenaga, Les Uyehara, Carl Watanabe, Herb Yoshimura, Mel Chow**, and some whom I did not recognize.



Cooking Team: Assistant Chef Wes Chong, Executive Chef Jocko Sagawa, Restaurateur Extraordinaire Roy Asato



The Class of 1959 enjoyed a recent luncheon at Hee Hing restaurant.

From the class of 1961, I saw, among others (not a complete list), **Tommy Chun (Peter Lai's brother-in-law), Steve Fujikami, Warren Ho, Leroy Lee, Mo Lai, Kenneth Lee** (Calvin's brother), **Bob Mumper, Ken** and **Lynn Nakasone, Russ Saito, Steve Takaki, Dick Tsuda,** and **Emmett Yoshioka.**

It was announced that the Alumni Service Award at the upcoming A Touch of 'Iolani would be awarded to Mo Lai and Dick Tsuda.

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After being diagnosed with cancer in February of this year, **Miles J. "Mallett" Nakama** passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 16, 2011. A private funeral for family members was held one week later at their home in Kāne'ohe. Miles, who retired from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, is survived by sons **Jon** and **Dave**, daughter **Linda Nakama-Benoit**, sister **Sandy Ito**, and two grandchildren. In his memory, the Nakama Family arranged a private gathering of friends to celebrate Miles's life on his birthday. The event took place on Saturday, September 10, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hawai'i Kai Golf Course Banquet Room. On behalf of Miles, 'Iolani Class of '60 members respectfully acknowledge and extend our condolences and blessings to all of his family members and acquaintances.

On Thursday, April 21, 2011, the class of '60 and their guests were invited by Headmaster **Val Iwashita '67** and his wife to a luncheon at Hee Hing Restaurant. **Robert "Bobby" Asato, Victor Chang, Mel Chow, Warren Chung, Mel Izumi, LeRoy** and **Faith Ichida, Stanley** and **Marlene Kanetake, James Kawashima, Steve Kondo, Arthur Katahara, Harold Tanaka, Les** and **Shirley Uyehara, Herb Yoshimura,** and **Dr. Carl Watanabe** attended the get-together.

Leroy and Faith Ichida flew in from Los Angeles after he was told that his cancer was no longer a problem. Some of the alumni were at the Ala Wai Golf Course holding our Thursday tee times under **Dave Yoshioka**. Our class was honored amongst all other classes for the largest contribution donated over the 2010 year. The Class of '59, honored for accomplishing the same feat in 2009, were also present with their guests. **Steve Kondo**, our class speaker for that day, informed everyone that our reunion activities emphasized a "One Team" effort. **Chris Shimabukuro '85** introduced **Michael Sen** and his class of '59 activities.

Mahalo, Robert "Bobby" Asato, Victor Chang, **Doug Masatsugu**, and Mel Chow, for representing the Class of '60 in the pizza booth at the 'Iolani Fair.

On June 5, 2011, **Ron Lim**, Warren Chung, Stan Kanetake, and Mel Chow attended the services for **Rodney Yamashiro** at Hosoi Mortuary. **Alvin Yamashiro** was with his family members, and his companion, **Nita**. Alvin, please accept your classmates' condolences on behalf of your father's death.

Victor Chang along with Mel and **Paula** Chow attended the annual Father Bray Football Classic. Herb Yoshimura was also in attendance.

## '61

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**Dexter Furuhashi** planned a premier Class of '61 dinner and program held at the Hawai'i Prince Hotel on June 3, 2011. Dexter acknowledged **Morris Lai** and **Dick Tsuda** for their unflinching support in making our 50th Reunion events possible.

Dexter also extended kudos to **Michael Uechi** and **Rodney Chun**, who volunteered to communicate with classmates to make sure that they got their reservations for this first class event. Rodney and **Tom Wong** also undertook the coordination of a cruise and Las Vegas events.

**Clifford Uejo** provided an excellent visual presentation taking us back to 'Iolani in the old days. He was able to retrieve photos that he had from the days when he was photography editor for the school newspaper.

**Jimmy Miyashiro** provided classmates and their guests with an entertaining and enlightening Eddie Hamada/Father Bray slide show. **Mike Chun** provided the musical background and also served as DJ and dance music coordinator.

Finally, Dexter extended his thanks to **Ken Lee**, whose generosity as the class's "deep pockets" as well as its "walking class history" resource demonstrated the true "kōkua" for 'Iolani '61. Ken led his classmates in raising the bar for future class reunion contributions.

"Long time no see" classmates attending were **Syd Takenishi** from San Jose, **Elliot Lum** from Carlsbad, **Chuck Leong** from Sunnyvale, **Lee Galbraith** from San Jose, **Jerry Chong** from

Encino, **Andre Dulce** from Bellevue, **Craig Ichinose** from Ventura, and **George Fujikawa** from Santa Rosa.

Former 'Iolani teacher, coach, and mentor **Lee Thomas** also attended. He reminisced about his days at 'Iolani and his experiences with our class.

Dick Tsuda notified the class that Dr. Morris Lai, education specialist of the UH Curriculum Research and Development Group, College of Education, would be honored at the UH System Convocation ceremony as the faculty/staff recipient of the "UH Mānoa Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Services" on September 27, 2011, at Kennedy Theatre. Dick is an insect identification specialist at UH's Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences (PEPS).

**Ken Kaneshiro** noted by email that he works with Dick Tsuda and that's how he keeps up with 'Iolani '61 happenings. Ken says that he's been working with the 'Iolani AP Biology Class and other 'Iolani biology teachers on several projects over the years. He has two grandchildren at 'Iolani.

Elliot Lum reported that this summer he got his 3rd hole-in-one on Hole #5, a beautiful downhill hole 188 yards from the white tees. The shot hit the green, looked short, but continued to keep rolling and disappeared into the hole. Definitely a wonderful day in San Diego.

Although **Ed Futa** has stepped down as chief operating officer of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation, he has been busier than ever in his quest to end polio on the planet. He's been traveling on business trips to Germany, Zurich, and England. However, he managed to schedule a Hawai'i business trip where **Milton** and **Madeline Oshiro** arranged for him to meet several classmates for breakfast at the Makiki Zippy's at 6 a.m.

**Emmett Yoshioka** noted a heavy schedule with his musical projects. He was last preparing for a fund-raising concert starring **Byron Nease** at Unity Church. Byron Nease is the leading man and star of Broadway's *The Phantom of the Opera*. The event held on July 23 was called *The Phantom Without the Opera*.

Emmett is also the "proud poppa" of daughter **Candace Yoshioka** '98, who conducted a musical theatre workshop at Diamond Head Theatre this summer.

Our 50th reunion came to an end culminating with A Touch of 'Iolani 2011 where Dick Tsuda and Morris Lai were honored as Distinguished Alumni. Also in attendance was "long time no see" classmate **Gordon K.H. Chun**, who works in China as a chemical engineer.

**Bob Mumper** shuffled through 2011 KBay Runway 5K on MCBH with a stellar time of 46:47, placing 3rd in the male 55-98 age group on the 4th of July. He's still trying to see if there's any truth to the adage: You don't stop playing because you get old—you get old because you stop playing.

Check out pictures on class activities at <http://iolani1961.blogspot.com>

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Members of the Class of '64: front row, Leroy Uyehara, Edwin Sakoda, Walter Fo, Richard Fong, Mark Ames; back row: Roy Ledesma, Bruce Shimomoto, Nelson Totoki, Allan Tanigawa, Bill Lau, Daniel Chang, Ron Ohira, Edward Oshiro. (Missing: Stephen Sasaki and George Arizumi)

Wives of members of the Class of '64: front row, Sandi Fo, Connie Oshiro, Ana Lau, Mickey Fong; back row: Helen Uyehara, Joy Tanigawa, Patty Shimomoto, Bernie Ledesma, Merry Cooper. (Missing: Cathy Sasaki)



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What to do when **Bill Lau**, **Daniel Chang** and **Mark Ames** all arrive in Honolulu at the same time from San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and Singapore, respectively? You have a dinner party with classmates and their spouses/guests to renew old friendships and to talk about upcoming class activities such as our own 50th Class Reunion.

On Friday, August 12, such a potluck dinner, which offered an array of different food items, exotic beverages and stimulating conversation, was held at the home of **Bruce** and **Patty Shimomoto**. This gathering also gave Bruce an added bonus of seeing a fraternity brother, Dr. **Eric Kwok** (Roosevelt '63) of Tiburon, California, whom he had not seen for 44 years.

The Class of '64 will be planning a reunion travel trip sometime in March or April 2012. All classmates are encouraged to keep their busy schedules open for this trip. More

details will follow. The last trip to Las Vegas, Zion, and Bryce national parks was very enjoyable, and we hope this upcoming trip will surpass the last one in camaraderie and fun. Please keep 'Iolani informed about your mailing and email addresses so you can be contacted about upcoming class events. You can go to [www.iolani.org](http://www.iolani.org) and follow the links to the Alumni page for more information.

**Mike Young**, **Allan Tanigawa**, Bruce Shimomoto, and **Ron Ohira** will be in Las Vegas between December 7 and 13, 2011. They will try to meet with Las Vegas residents **Howard Tan**, **Edwin Izumi**, and **Peter Kingman**. If other classmates are interested in joining the group, make your plans now. This could turn out to be a mini-reunion.

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**Alvin T. Onaka**, Ph.D., the Hawai'i State Department of Health's State Registrar of Vital Statistics and chief of the Office of Health Status Monitoring, has been recognized nationally for his leadership in improving the security and modernizing the National Vital Statistics System. Alvin was presented with a 2011 Award at the annual meeting of the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention (CDC) in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Award recognizes his work in revising the national Model Law that outlines the uniform practices involving the collection, maintenance, and issuance of all vital statistics involving births, deaths, and marriages.

Alvin chaired the CDC work group that revised the U.S. Vital Statistics Model Law. The Model Law was originally developed in 1907 as the first model public health law in the United States. The Vital Statistics Model Law was last revised in 1992.

After the events of 9/11, the birth certificate integrity became an issue of national security, and Congress included a section on this in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act. The recommendations of the Work Group chaired by Dr. Alvin Onaka are now under review for approval by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**Milton Lau** and wife **Ella** visited during the summer, and that was all the reason **Billy Lum**,

**Randy Wong**, **Garrett Okubo**, Alvin Onaka, and **Geoff Lau** needed to get together for a scrumptious meal at the Prince Court in the Hawai'i Prince Hotel. Congratulations are in order for Milt and Ella, who will soon be grandparents for the third time (as if we all needed more reminders of our increasing age).

Milt and Billy compared notes, as they are each in the process of renovating their homes. Milt chose to have his home done while he lived in it. He says he is chasing the carpenters as they go, room by room. Billy, on the other hand, chose a wholesale rebuilding. He had his house torn down and rebuilt. While work is ongoing, Billy and **Cynthia** are living in a rental in Kahala.

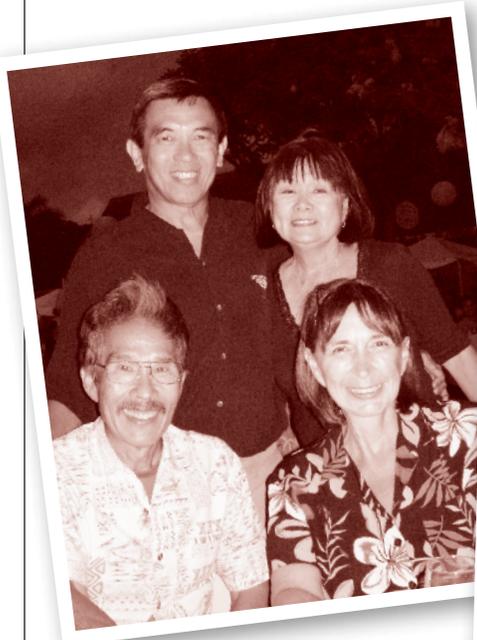
Billy's temporary home is right around the corner from Geoff and **May's** home. Billy and Geoff and their wives have dinner together weekly. Billy says they've tried every restaurant at the Kahala Mall. It's a good thing they walk to the Mall to keep all that good food from settling in the wrong places.

Billy has found the 'Iolani Raiders Boosters Club's Giant Garage Sale to be a timely event to which he has donated some of his excess household goods. **Hubert Minn** is

chairing the garage sale for the Boosters Club. He and **Courtland Pang** met over dinner with Boosters president **Lester Leu '74** and documentary chair **Harris Nakamoto '75** to work out some of the details. Hu chose the Million Restaurant as the site of the meeting, and he did all the ordering. There must be something to ordering in Korean because the food was delicious!

Geoff and Milt both went to USC after graduation from 'Iolani, and both earned engineering degrees there. Milt wondered why they never saw much of each other at USC, and it turned out that Geoff took many night classes. That was a smart move on Geoff's part because the night class grade curve was more in his favor! Even though he did not work as an engineer, Geoff can still use his knowledge of angles and vectors in his golf game. Geoff's wife May must have a higher degree than Geoff though, as she still shoots lower than he does.

Randy doesn't have an engineering degree, but he is good with his hands. He recently built a solar powered device in children's classes as part of his volunteer work at the Lyon Arboretum. Garrett continues working at Pearl Harbor where his unsung role fits



ABOVE: Art Otani '65, Marsha Otani, Courtland Pang '65, Claire Pang (both standing) caught up with each other.

RIGHT: The Class of '65 joined for a special dinner. Sitting, Val Wong, Cynthia Lum, Ella Lau, Margaret Onaka, May Lau; standing, Billy Lum, Randy Wong, Garrett Okubo, Milt Lau, Alvin Onaka and Geoff Lau.



his quiet personality. Like a football lineman whose name is only called when he messes up, Garrett's work ensures that our ships are safe, so we hope never to hear his name. Alvin Onaka cannot keep his name out of the national limelight now that it appears on the copy of **President Obama's** birth certificate released to the public. Maybe Alvin travels so much in order to get away from the media attention? When asked about the smiley face some see in his signature on the certificate of birth, Alvin replied that it was just an ink smudge. Maybe it was the Punahou winged "O" without the wings?

As far as they could tell, **Art Otani** and Courtland were the only members of our class attending this year's A Touch of 'Iolani. They and their wives enjoyed a beautiful evening in the courtyard, cooled by the breezes and sated by the great food. Even though no one else from our class came by, the conversation came easy with other nearby alumni/ae, our shared experiences at 'Iolani having truly formed "bonds no power can sever." **Father Bray** and Mr. **Hamada** would have been happy to see the One Team camaraderie.

**Ron Yonemoto** and wife **Emiko** joined Art and Courtland at the Father Bray Classic football game the following weekend. Art and wife **Marsha**, having moved home just last fall, were pleasantly surprised to find the tailgate reception before the game had such good food. They had expected the simple hotdog and burger fare common to football tailgate parties they had attended on the mainland. Another good reason to live in Hawai'i! Ron must've had enough of the good food because he never returned from a long trek up the stadium stairs to the restroom, preferring instead to simply find a seat and wait for the start of the 'Iolani game. Either that or he needs to do more work on the stair-climber at the spa. Art and Courtland had one word for him: Escalator! One of the honorees at this year's game was **Walter Chang '40**, classmate **Dennis Chang's** father. Dennis could not attend so his son **Martin Chang '99** accompanied his grandfather.

We look forward to our class's annual Christmas dinner. Hope to see you all there.

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## Photo Plea!

The 'Iolani School Bulletin is sending out a plea that all digital photos submitted to Classnotes be of **HIGH RESOLUTION** quality. We received many wonderful digital photographs taken at fun, memorable events, but we could not publish them because, alas, their resolution was too low. Snif. Snif.

**Digital photos must be a minimum of 1800 x 1200 pixels, clear and focused.**

**Cell phone photos will not be published.**

Thank you for your understanding.

—The Editor



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Let's give a late congratulations (or condolences?) to **Randy Grune** on his announcement by the Abercrombie administration as deputy director of the Harbors Division of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation on December 15.

**Alan Gin**, the class's token Silicon Valley entrepreneur, has been busy. He founded ZeroNines, which uses redundant cloud technology (before cloud "tech" was a buzzword) to allow clients "Always Available" access to their data and applications regardless of network problems. Then he used his personal experience as an impetus to found ZenVault Medical, a repository for your medical information where you control the cryptography keys that secure your information. I think no one in 1974 would have guessed that happy-go-lucky Alan would have become this successful.

Speaking of being busy, with the announcement of Queen's 15-year, \$100M development plan, it looks like **Mark Yamakawa**, Queen's Health Systems/Queen's Medical Center Executive VP and COO, has been busy, too. He just needs to make a few more ceramic pieces to help pay for it.

**James Lee** is also adding to his long list of things to do. Aside from running the food booths at the Family Fair, managing three restaurants, being a UH Regent, and practicing law, James is helping to start the Aloha Beer Co. It will initially be offering Aloha Lager and Aloha Dark. Now is the time to apply for the taste-testing job. I'm sure there are a lot of qualified classmates.

**Dean Nakasone** tells us that our classmates **Tyler, Dean, Garrett Nose**, and **Paul Y.** have been working hard with the Hawai'i '74 organization (of O'ahu high schools) for the next get-together. (Yes, that's the same group that put on the very successful 50th

Birthday Party in Vegas back in 2006.) So mark your calendars for October 12-13, 2012, when we'll meet up in Vegas again so 1956 boomers can celebrate our 56th birthdays! The main event will be held at the Orleans, and activities will include poker and slot tournaments, golf and/or bowling, and evening theme parties. More details to follow.

This June **Richard Louis** and wife **Lynnette** visited Seattle to see daughter **Melissa**, who is working for an internet ad agency, and to meet with old classmates **Eric** and **Merle Hamada** and **Spencer Tom** for their usual dim sum lunch in Chinatown. Eric is one of the head structural engineers at the 737 Boeing final assembly plant, and Spence is back into the lucrative medical consulting field. The Hamadas' kids are doing well with **Kevin**, age 25, working as a mechanic, and **Cory** starting his sophomore year in college at Western Washington University.

Typical small world: earlier this year **Dean Nakasone's** son, **Jon** (who is working in Seattle), and my daughter were hanging out with mutual Hawai'i friends and struck up a conversation to find out both of their dads were 'Iolani classmates. In June **Curtis Ching**, wife **Leonora**, and daughter **Hanna**, age 14, just moved to the Stamford, Connecticut, area with GE after more than nine years of overseas assignments as a financial manager. Curtis and family stopped by Hawai'i at the end of July for a few days to visit family.

**Brian Yee** '81 and **Richard Louis** are working together in the two-man engineering services department at The Gas Company. **Mike Yamada** '83 and **Ryan Yoshida** '93 are also employed at The Gas Company. **Nelson Chun** '70, Chun Wah Kam delicious eatery owner, is working with architect **Mike Subianga** '83 on a soon-to-be-constructed restaurant (#4) at the corner of Pensacola and Waimalu Streets which uses The Gas Company's gas. There are lots of 'Iolani alums with restaurants and commercial businesses (i.e. Big City Diner, Tropics).

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The Class of '76 35th Reunion was two fun-filled days enjoyed by all who attended. It started on Friday, July 22nd with golf at Ewa Beach Golf Club. Players included **Duane Okumoto** (unofficial class champ, shot a tidy 83), **Gerald Yamane** (shot 89), **Wes Choy** (forgot to bring his A game), **Lyle Uyeda** and **Mark Imada** (not bad for hackers). Those who came for the fun included **Randall Yee**, **Wes Taniyama**, **Chuck Fasi**, **Len Tsuhako**, **Kevin Yim**, **Tim Gerner** and **Peter Gibson**. Small world department: the Team Photo was taken by **Everett Vasconcellos**, Class of 2010, who works at the golf club. FYI—Lyle will be setting up random golf events from time to time. Keep your eyes and ears open.

Of course, the day cannot end without the infamous Boys Nite Out (BNO). Most of the group headed out to Camelot Lounge for pupus and beverages where we met up with **Jay Ishibashi**, who bought a round for the fellas. Mahalo, Jay! It was a pretty tame evening by '76 standards. We must be getting old!

The Main Event was held on Saturday, July 23, at Gordon Biersch in the Aloha Tower Marketplace. A total of 29 classmates and their better halves made it to the fun event. There was also a band, the King Pins, who played killer classic rock. Old guys rule! Lots of food, drink, dancing and camaraderie filled the night. Duane said it was one of the best reunions he's attended! We're sorry to say that the group photo was taken too late, so a handful of guys were missing. We're blaming Chuck for that as he is the class photographer. The attendees were **Blane Ah Quin**, **Chuck Fasi**, **Tim and Suzanne Gerner**, **Peter and Dorsey Gibson**, **Mark and Cindy Imada** (who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary [8/1/81] the next weekend), **Jay Ishibashi**, **Edquon and Lois Lee**, **Ric and Dayna Miller**, **Glenn Nagata**, **Duane Okumoto**, **Allen and Cathy Takayama**, **Todd Tamura**, **Wes Taniyama** (lucky newly retired guy!), **Len and Laurie Tsuhako**, **Lyle Uyeda**, **Craig Watanabe**, **Mark and Camilla Yamamoto**, **Gerald and Sandy Yamane**, **Randall and Carole Yee**. We hope everyone can make it for our 40th!

P.S. If you are not on our class email list and would like to get announcements, please send your addy to [IMADACFP@AOL.COM](mailto:IMADACFP@AOL.COM)



LEFT: Members of the Class of '76 gathered at Gordon Biersch restaurant: first row, **Chuck Fasi**, **Ric Miller**, **Mark Imada**, **Jay Ishibashi**, **Craig Watanabe**; second row, **Blane Ah Quin**, **Lyle Uyeda**, **Tim Gerner**, **Mark Yamamoto**, **Gerald Yamane**, **Allen Takayama**, **Glenn Nagata**, **Peter Gibson**.

BELOW: Class of '76ers reunited for golf: **Peter Gibson**, **Randall Yee**, **Mark Imada**, **Wes Choy**; second row: **Duane Okumoto**, **Gerald Yamane**, **Lyle Uyeda**, **Len Tsuhako**, **Wes Taniyama**, **Kevin Yim**, **Tim Gerner**, **Chuck Fasi**.



The following is an excerpt from the spring 2011 edition of *Connections*, a United Airlines publication, "Crew of Flight 927":

"Rita S. and her husband were returning to Honolulu (HNL) by way of San Francisco (SFO). But for Rita this trip was very emotional. She was carrying the remains of her brother, Master Sgt. **William Ralph Young, Jr.**, to be buried at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

"It wasn't until the cabin lights were dimmed the she had a moment to reflect on the reality of the situation. Soon, tears were streaming down Rita's face. At that moment one of the flight attendants shared words of comfort as Rita explained the purpose of her trip, showing her the American flag given to her during the Military Honors Service. The flight attendant shared the story with the captain.

"Capt. **Timothy Gerner** came out of the cockpit to express his sympathy. Rita writes, "Then one by one each crew member came to us offer their condolences.' Upon landing at SFO, Rita and her husband were surprised when the captain made an announcement to the entire flight to say it was Master Sgt. Young's final flight and thanked him for the service to his country. 'As the passengers started to deplane, many came to us—some hugged us, and some had tears in their eyes—to honor my brother.'

"It was an unbelievable experience,' Rita continued. 'I know my brother's love for his country was deep. . . that love poured back on that final flight.'"

WOW! Great job, Tim!!!

On to Family Fair news. Thanks, all who participated this year flipping burgers on Saturday. We apologize to those we missed.

1st Shift: **Keith Sakoda** and **Aileen, Andrew Shimada, Michael Okamura, Allen Takayama** and **Cathy, Cedric Chee, Jay Ishibashi, Jeff Kam, Floyd Otani, Harold Yamada,** and **Randall Shiroma.**

2nd Shift: **Len Tsuchako, Elston Kitamori, Jason Tanaka, Brian Tanigawa, Blane Ah Quin,** and **Todd Tamura.**

3rd Shift: **Peter Gibson, Mark Imada, Craig Watanabe** and Family, **Ric Miller** and **Dayna, Wes Choy** and **DJ** and **PK, Gerald Yamane, Mark Yamamoto, Whitney Limm** and **Chuck Fasi** (who didn't work).

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In May, **Jill Fong's** daughter, **Alyssa Fong-Kwan '07**, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Southern California with a double degree in political science and psychology and a minor in business law. She belongs to numerous academic honors societies, among them Phi Beta Kappa. Alyssa will continue her education on a merit scholarship at the University of Virginia School of Law.



Each summer, alumni from 'Iolani and Punahou schools gather for a friendly golf game and good old fashioned rivalry.

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**Stanford Makishi** was the subject of a feature article in the August 9, 2011, edition of *Time Out New York*. The article by **Gia Kourlas** included a photograph of Stanford, a brief summary of his recent accomplishments, and an interview with him. Stanford was a former Trisha Brown Dance Company member, the executive director of the Baryshnikov Arts Center, the artistic advisor for the City Center's 2011 installment Fall for Dance, and now that he is a freelance administrator he has been asked by the Asian Cultural Council to take the newly created position of director of programs. In the interview part of the article, Stanford comments on the direction he

hopes to take in his new position. In addition to bringing Asian artists to the United States, Stanford hopes to "expand the program so it would bring American artists and scholars to different parts of Asia. And also to increase interchange among the Asian countries." He indicated that he hopes his new position with the Asian Cultural Council will prove to be "about sending people and ideas across oceans and continents."

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**Tu Ngonethong** sends aloha from Laos and invites classmates and other friends to visit if they are in the area.

**Garrett Lam** and his family moved further east—to Chattanooga, Tennessee, this July. Their new address is 103 South Drive, Signal Mountain, TN 37377. Serendipitously, as Garrett packed for the move, he ran across his senior yearbook. Next the emails from class reps prompted him to wonder if these were hints to reconnect with the class.

Garrett moved to Tennessee because the new job will allow him more time with his family. For the last nine years, he was a senior member of the nation's largest private perinatal group; he was also on the faculty of the University of Arizona School of Medicine and Good Sam Regional's Ob/G residency dept. Garrett built the first fetal therapy center in the southwestern United States and was performing fetal surgery for the past six years. That job wore him out both physically and spiritually, and the new opportunity in Tennessee will give him more time with **Jenni** and their three boys, now ages eight, six and almost two years old. He is also looking forward to "stretching his administrative wings" as medical director of his group and vice chair of the Ob/G department where he will teach residents and med students and do research. Garrett has been invited to join the medical board of a med/surgical device company based in Chattanooga.

**Nani Coloretti** was appointed as the U.S. Treasury's deputy assistant secretary for management and budget in September 2009. She will be busy defending Treasury's budget to Congress and helping implement and report out on Treasury's Recovery Act programs. When financial regulatory reform passed last summer, Nani was asked to help create the new Consumer Financial Protection Agency. When she got to meet with **President Obama** to tell him about the team's efforts on that project, she also told him, of course, that she is an 'Iolani graduate.

**Amber Olson** lives in Paris with daughter **Bianca** (age 5), stepson **Mario** (age 15), and husband **Giovanni Testino** (who is from Peru). Amber is a photographer's agent (fashion and beauty mostly) which she finds a fun but kind of stressful job. Amber loves Paris and enjoys being mother to a tri-lingual five-year-old. Nevertheless, she wishes Bianca could be going to 'Iolani. On the bright side, says Amber, Bianca does know "Hawai'i pono'i" albeit with mom's off key interpretation. Amber sends her aloha to all.



In Washington, D.C., this past summer were, back row (left to right): Mike Among ('Iolani English teacher and boys volleyball coach), Bruce Shimomoto '64, Paul Shimomoto ('86), Keone Nako'a '04, Derek Ching '83; middle row: Koa Among '18, Tanner Shimomoto '18, Kahiau Among '20, Keri Shimomoto '86; front row: Nikki Shimao '20, Emily Ching '19, Tate Shimao '22, Kyle Ching '22, Kaitlyn Shimomoto.



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**Kit Millan** married **Andrea Messer** on June 4, 2011, at Kaimana Beach. **Jonathan Scheuer** '87 was one of Kit's best men and performed an oli at the ceremony. The couple traveled to Indonesia for their honeymoon.

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ABOVE: Helping Kevin Nishikawa '88 celebrate his Yakudoshi this past June were Corey Kawai '88, Matt Wong '88, Even Scherman '88, Kevin Nishikawa '88, and Lawrence Chang '88

RIGHT: Kit Millan '88 married Andrea Messer on June 4, 2011.



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Aloha Class of 1990 Friends! I hope you are all doing great. Here's a call out for news! Our column has been empty, and I know our classmates enjoy hearing about what's going on in everyone's lives. If you have any news to share (big or small), hit me up on Facebook or send me an email. Thank you!

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Dr. **Kimberly Chang** was written up in the May 23, 2011, edition of the *New York Times* because of the important work she is doing as a physician at her community clinic, Asian Health Services, in Oakland, California's Chinatown. The article, "In Oakland, Redefining Sex Trade Workers as Abuse Victims," written by **Patricia Leigh Brown**, focused on the crucial need this West Coast community has for treating "escalating numbers" of sexually exploited youths. Initially Asian Health Services focused on medical issues and treatment; it has now grown to provide social support such as "peer counseling, classes in women's health, and exchanges with elders to strengthen cultural bonds, including cooking classes."

**Kimi Mikami Yuen** has been promoted to the position of senior associate at PBR HAWAII and Associates, a land planning, environmental planning, and landscape architectural firm. In her new position, Kimi manages a variety of community and environmental planning projects. With over twelve years of experience in land planning and environmental design, she has been involved in a diverse range of regional land planning projects such as the Lihu'e Town Core Urban Design Plan, which was adopted by ordinance, as well as the successful preparation of environmental assessments and impact statements, community development plans, public master plan and urban design projects. Kimi has been highly involved in Hawai'i's green design movement and serves on the Urban Land Institute's Sustainability Committee. She was also recently elected vice president of the American Planning Association—Hawai'i Chapter and inducted into the *Pacific Business News* Class of 2011 Forty Under 40, a program which recognizes Hawai'i's best and brightest business professionals under the age of 40.



Kimi Mikami Yuen '91 has been promoted at PBR HAWAII and Associates.

posted this summer on staradvertiser.com. The Artists of Hawai'i exhibit ran through September 25 at Academy of Arts Gallery 28.

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**Aaron Padilla** has had a busy year so far. He has had three exhibitions: Menagerie, New Work by May Izumi and Aaron Padilla, Gallery at Ward Centre, February 24–March 28; Obstacle, Group Exhibition, The Invisible Dog, Brooklyn New York, May 14–July 10; and No, Not, Really, Solo Exhibition, Bethel Street Gallery, Honolulu Hawai'i, June 17–July 29.

In addition, Aaron's piece *Union* was selected for showing in the Artists of Hawai'i 2011, the largest, longest-running all-media juried exhibition in Hawai'i. *Union* was described as "a large, flowing, all-wood square extrusion that encloses a bundle of cable forms, all tied in a square knot" in an item by **David A.M. Goldberg**, "No Rainbows, No Problem,"

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The Okimoto family business, the Wai'anae Store, was the subject of an article in *Pacific Business News* this July 8, "Waianae Business Keeps It All in the Family." Established in 1949 by **David** and **Betty Okimoto**, the Wai'anae Store has been run by three generations of the family. Today, brothers **Kyle '95**, **Kit '00**, and **Kris Okimoto '98** serve as CEO, CFO, and COO of the parent company, Okimoto Corp., respectively. The subtitle of the article, "Subtle Upgrades Keep Third-generation Company on a Competitive Pace," points to changes the brothers have implemented to maintain the store's niche: "wider aisles, a less-congested store layout, fresh foods and produce, and the down-home family feel" as well as specific upgrades such as new refrigerators, roll-down security gates, and an expanded fresh fish and poke department, the article lists. Kyle is quoted in the article on the subject of proactively pursuing manufacturers and vendors: "We've been able to prove to more people we can sell items, but I can't sell it if I can't buy it, so support from manufacturers and vendors" for best pricing on products is essential. Also quoted in the article is **Gary Hanagami**, executive director of the Hawai'i Food Industry Association, who says of the Okimotos' success despite competition from businesses in newly developed areas such as Kapolei: "It's a family-oriented company and they have built a very strong connection to

the community, and as a result of that it's really hard for other competitors to come in and erode that."

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**Tom Park** continues to expand his successful men's shoe store Leather Soul, according to an item, "High-end Show Retailer Plans to Double His Footprint," posted July 8 on the *Pacific Business News* site. Tom plans to increase his space at the Royal Hawaiian Center in Waikiki and "build a den or lounge space reminiscent of a scotch bar that will showcase high-end brands such as John Lobb, Anthony Cleverley, and Saint Crispin's." He may also host special events such as wine and scotch tasting or art showcases in the space, which should be completed this November.

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**Kamuela Kahoano** won the Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award for Best Rock Album (*Stream Dreams*) of the year, 2011.

Dr. **Brandon W. Lee** has joined his father in business at the Cataract & Vision Center of Hawai'i. Brandon received his bachelor's degree from UCLA, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa; he earned his M.D. from Harvard Medical School, and he completed his residency in ophthalmology at the University of Southern California's prestigious Doheny Eye Institute. He then completed a fellowship in medical diseases of the retina at the renowned Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Florida, where he trained under Dr. **Philip Rosenfeld**, who first pioneered the use of bevacizumab in the treatment of age-related macular degeneration. Brandon specializes in medical retina and comprehensive ophthalmology including diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration.

**Candace Yoshioka** has performed in shows throughout New York City and parts of Brooklyn. She most recently appeared in Lincoln Center's *Miles of Styles*, a dance concert directed and choreographed by **Alan Onickel**. The performance showcased the styles of tap and jazz found in both contemporary and classic musical theatre. Candace has also performed with The American Dance Machine, a company dedicated to preserving original Broadway choreography, and Malleable Dance Theater Company, a comedic theatrical modern dance company. She has worked extensively in Hawai'i with credits including Diamond Head Theatre's *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Will Roger's Follies* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*; and Castle High School's *42nd Street* (as choreographer). Candace currently lives in New York City and is a certified yoga instructor. This summer, she was in Hawai'i to conduct a musical theater workshop at

Diamond Head Theatre. Students of all levels ages 12 and up explored musical theater jazz, tap techniques, and musicality in dance as well as learned to modify steps to individual ability levels.

**Justin Li** celebrated his May 21 birthday in San Francisco at dinner at Chiaroscuro Restaurant. He is assistant director of student counseling and crisis management at the New University in New York City. Joining him in the Bay Area were his brother **Jeffrey '97**, a trainer at Oracle; **Gina Fujikami '98** and her husband **Chang Kim**, an attorney; **Mayumi Shimose-Poe '98** and her husband **David Poe '97**. Gina, now an M.D., recently finished her residency at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. Mayumi, an editor of *American Anthropologist*, also founded and edits *Hawai'i Women's Journal* with **Jenny Hee '97**. Dave is with Japan Airlines. After dinner, the group met other '98 alumni for late-night libations: **Robert Li**, **Pristine Yee** and **Kristine Yamaki**. Robert earned an MBA and is with a tech firm, and Kristine Yamaki, a recent medical school graduate.

## '99

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**Nicole C. Edwards-Masuda** received her degree of doctor of jurisprudence with a specialization in public interest law with honors from the Golden Gate University School of Law, May 17th 2011.

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**Matthew Ma** won the 48th annual O'ahu Country Club Invitational this August by two shots with a three-day total of 6-under 207. He ended up in a shootout with **Lorens Chan** '12 so the top two in the tournament represented 'Iolani well! Matt played golf at Oregon before graduating in 2007 and returning to Hawai'i. He has been working as a golf sales representative and playing golf tournaments in his spare time. Matt also helps coach the 'Iolani Golf Team of which Lorens is a member.

# '03

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**Kenji Matsumoto** placed second in the National SCRABBLE Championship held this August at the Hotel InterContinental in Dallas. Kenji has played in the National SCRABBLE Championship eight times since 2002. He lives in northern Nevada.

**Kimberly Tordjman** (née Kimberly Loo) and dance partner **Phillip Duong** won first place in the 2011 Hawai'i Salsa Championship. After three nights of competition, including a freestyle and two choreographed routine rounds, Phillip and Kimberly were

## Alumni Basketball SUMMER LEAGUE

This past summer 23 teams made up of alumni ranging in years from 1979 to 2011 participated in three different basketball divisions.

In the highest division, Team Hirata won the championship with a record of 6-2. Team members included **Ryan Hirata** '04, **Brian Wallace** '04, **Jayson Quon** '04, **Bricen McCartney** '08, **Todd Blankenship** '04, **Kyle Pape** '05, **Cale Yamada** '04, **Sean Carney** '04, and **Chad Miller** '03.

In the Red Division Pool A, Team Renfro finished 8-0 to claim the championship. Team members included **Ryan Renfro** '07, **Ryan Dung** '07, **Case Miyahira** '07, **Matt Smith** '07, **Rylan Morihara** '07, **Kaz Masutani** '07, **Daniel Takami** '07, **Dustin Shitanishi** '08, **Peter Takara** '08, **Dayne Jandoc** '08, and **Jon Okada** '07.

In the Red Division Pool B, Team Chan won the championship with a record of 8-0. Team members included **James Chan** '98, **Regan Tamura** '98, **Micah Fong** '97, **Ross Morimoto** '99, **Sean Freas** '04, **Irwyn Wong** '98, **Isaac Kishinami** '97, **Pate Mateaki** '03, and **Desmond Delce** '98.

Congratulations go to all three division champions and to all 23 teams for a fun and successful alumni league. Pictured is the Class of '98 team.



Members of the Class of '98 won the championship game of the summer league.

## Classnotes Deadlines

- » **November 15, 2011** FOR WINTER 2012 ISSUE
- » **February 15, 2012** FOR SPRING 2012 ISSUE
- » **May 15, 2012** FOR SUMMER 2012 ISSUE

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

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announced the winners on July 23, 2011. They will be representing Hawai'i at the World Latin Dance Cup December 14-17 in Las Vegas in the On 2 Professional Salsa Division. Phillip and Kimberly are directors of Epica Latin Dance Company based in Honolulu. Kimberly also owns The Key Guy Locksmith with her husband **Guy**, and Magnetic Moments, a photo-magnet party-favor event service.

## '04

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After graduating from Stanford with degrees in economics and communication, **Alexa Stottlemeyer** is attending law school at the University of Chicago where she is a member of Law Review. Congratulations, Alexa!

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On January 7, 2011, **Nicole Anderson** married **Richard Wilson** of Columbus, Ohio, on the Big Island. Both are graduates of Amherst College; Nicole graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in biology and psychology, and Richard graduated in 2007. They met while on the cross-country team at Amherst. Both currently reside in Arlington, Virginia, as Nicole works at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Richard works at the U.S. Department of Education. This fall, the couple will move to Baltimore, Maryland, where Nicole will begin her work on a Ph.D. in cellular and molecular medicine at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.



Austin Barnes '06, Ethan Chang '06, Kirtus Adams '05, Brandon Tucay '06, Ju Lynn Seet and Daniel Adachi '06

1st Lieutenant **Kai Yamashiro** (Air Force Academy '09) graduated from pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas, receiving his Air Force "wings." Kai has been selected to be an instructor pilot at Laughlin AFB teaching new Air Force pilots to fly.

## '06

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**Brandon Tucay** and **Ju Lynn Seet** were married on May 22, 2011, at the Moana Surf Rider Hotel. They then moved to Malaysia, where Ju Lynn was born and raised, and wed there on July 3, 2011.

## '08

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**Kyla Teramoto** graduated with a degree in biology from Santa Clara University this June in just three years! She is a member of Beta Beta Beta and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies. Kyla worked three years in the SCU mailroom and was a member of the SCU cheerleading squad. She was awarded the Orella prize for the senior science student who attains the highest average in science subjects. Kyla is now attending the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

## '09

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**Melody Rose Lindsay** performed a "Labor of Love: Masterworks for the Harp" on Saturday, September 3, 2011, at 7 p.m. at Kaimukī Christian Church in celebration of Labor Day. The concert, free to the public, featured an entertaining variety of music including works by Debussy, Khachaturian, Gershwin, de Falla, Liszt, and Rodgers and Hammerstein. Special guest artist **Constance Harding Uejio**, principal harpist of the Honolulu Symphony, joined Melody in a delightful series of harp duets. Melody's brother **Christopher Lindsay** narrated. Currently a junior at Princeton University, Melody is a degree candidate in ecology and evolutionary biology as well as music performance.

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At the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony for Chris Kodama '10 were his father Harvey H. Kodama '81, Chris, Caroline Kodama '16 and Harvey T. Kodama '54.

**Joey Fala** led the PipeWorks program at three Makiki churches this July, according to an article in *The Star-Advertiser* this summer. The PipeWorks program, run by **Katherine Crosier**, was offered free to introductory students in grades 6 and above. At each of the three churches, students were able to play the organ and get inside the pipe chambers. Joey, who began organ lessons eight years ago at PipeWorks, and other teenage organists performed during the workshop.

On August 6, 2011, **Christopher Kodama**, along with fellow Kaimukī Troop 10 honoree **Chad Wolke**, attained the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor Ceremony held at Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Elementary School. The Eagle Scout award is the highest recognition in Scouting. For Chris it represents the culmination of a long and enriching experience in scouting, manifesting a commitment to a social order of dedicated service.

Chris was presented the Eagle badge by his father, **Harvey H. Kodama '81**, himself an Eagle Scout, who in exchange was presented the Eagle Tie Clasp symbolic of the fatherly advice and guidance along the trail to the Eagle rank.

Chris was home for the summer before starting his sophomore year at Rose Hulman Institute in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he is working toward a degree in electrical engineering, following the path of both his parents.

## '11

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**Dylan Ale** qualified in July to race in the U.S. Junior Doublehanded Championship for the Bemis Trophy. This is the third time he has been eligible for this national championship race, which took place this year in New Jersey from August 9th to the 12th. He represented Kāne'ohe Yacht Club with his partner **Lindsey Andrade** of Punahou School. Out of twenty boats, they took 4th place after the first half of the regatta, and then 9th place overall. Congratulations!

This summer **Jana Dagdagan** and other members and alumni of the Tam-Young Jazz Combo performed at various locations including the Aloha Tower, Greystones Mansion, and The Dragon Upstairs. Her fellow musicians included **Matt Amore '10**, **Daniel Barr '10**, **Anders Lee '10**, **Jason Preble '10**, **Sarah Carlile '12**, **Sean Mitchell '12**, and **Logyn Okuda '22**.

**Alison Goo**, **Mark Grozen-Smith**, **Kelsey Ohira**, **Jessica Sagisi**, and **Jelene Wong** helped with the KA'I Program this summer. Led by **Allison Ishii '02**, the group mentored children from Pālolo Valley at 'Iolani.

**Matt Lum** went to Osaka this past July sponsored by the Japan Foundation. The purpose of the trip was to have the thirty-one participants from around the United States gain a better understanding of Japanese traditions for a stronger connection between Japan and America.

**Kainoa Scheer** helped the 'Iolani boys' JV basketball team take the championship this past July as assistant coach. They beat Kamehameha Kapālama in the final game, 35-32. Nice work!

The Class of 2011 would like to thank all of the teachers and faculty that have supported us throughout our time at 'Iolani School. We would not have made it without their direction, and we will keep their guidance within our hearts no matter where life takes us.

Members of the Class of 2011 spent their first summer as 'Iolani alumni busy with activities such as graduation parties, traveling, and community service. Pictured, from left to right, top row: Daniel Tamaru, Drew Oyama, Alexander Ko, Bobby Huang, Tayler Mori, Kelia Cowan, Shireen Kheradpey, Kaitrin Tobin, Haryson Lum, Cristin Lim, Lauren Wong, Blake Takamiya; bottom row: Kelli Ifuku, Alyssa Muraoka, Kenneth Hu.



# Memorials

## CLASS OF 1952

**Earl M. Higa** died March 26, 2011, in Los Angeles, California. Earl had lived in southern California since the 1960s. He is survived by son Eric and other family members.

## CLASS OF 1953

Dr. **George Takashi Taoka** died at home on July 15, 2011. At George's service, his cousin Dr. **David Sakuda** '56 recalled many fun times at 'Iolani School with George and David's late brother **Paul** '54. Growing up, George would devour books about football, studying the "x's and o's" of the game. During his senior year, George and the team had to transition from the traditional signal caller and blocking backs of the single wing, to the more prolific demands of the "T formation." He met the challenge and, in spite of his 5'6" 140 pound frame and no passing experience, George was named both starting quarterback and middle linebacker. Few could match his mastery of the game as field general of both the offensive and defensive teams. **Father Bray's** and others' nickname for George on the field was "Stalin" because of George's ability to command and the fact that George would be sent onto the field with one play only to decide he could successfully execute another. After graduating from 'Iolani, George earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State and went on to earn a Ph.D. in civil engineering from the University of Illinois. George then took a position with Sandia Corporation in the San Francisco Bay Area. His geographic choice for a job proved a fortuitous twist of fate that led him to his future wife **Myrtle**. On a visit to Hawai'i, George attended a dinner with Myrtle's Uncle **Sam Hata** '52, who asked George to look up his niece, who was then a nurse in San Francisco. Though George and Myrtle went on several dates at that time, their courtship took a pause as Myrtle was not yet ready to settle down.

In 1968, George returned to Hawai'i to take a position as a professor of civil and structural engineering at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where he remained for the next 35 years except for a one-year sabbatical during which he taught at Princeton University. As fate would have it, weather at the Mānoa campus one day forced George to take a short cut through Keller Hall where he serendipitously bumped into Myrtle. Seizing his second chance, his courtship resumed, and they were married in 1971.

Both Myrtle and George retired in 2003, Myrtle after working as a nurse at Kaiser for 25 years. In his post retirement years, George enjoyed spending time with his wife, daughters, and grandchildren. George will be remembered as a soft-spoken, even-tempered, brilliant, kind, and generous friend, husband, father, grandfather, and, of course, football aficionado who at times bordered on fanaticism. He is survived by wife Myrtle; daughters Dr. **Sharyl Shultz** '91, Dr. **Christy Taoka** '93, and **Robin Miller**, Esq. '95; brothers Robert and **Clarence** '49; three granddaughters; and three grandsons.

The Reverend **David Yamashiro** '51 of the Christ Church at Kapolei and The Reverend **Danny Yamashiro** '86 officiated at the services held for George on August 14 at Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

## CLASS OF 1959

**Harry Yoshiwo Teruya** died at Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu on June 11, 2011. He was a self-employed realtor and a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Yago: Menundunchi and Oroku Aza Jin Kai. Harry is survived by wife Carol; son **Kevin** '91; brother William; and sisters Jane Miyashiro, Muriel Arakaki, and Nancy Iramina.

## CLASS OF 1960

After being diagnosed with cancer in February of this year, **Miles J. "Mallet" Nakama** died on Saturday, July 16, 2011. Miles, who retired from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, is survived by sons Jon and Dave; daughter Linda Nakama-Benoit; sister Sandy Ito; and two grandchildren.

## CLASS OF 1964

**Ronald K.L. Ho** died in Honolulu on June 24, 2011. He was a retiree of Hyatt Regency Hotel. He is survived by brothers Ernest and Melvin; and sister Marian Y. Ho.

**Cal Yoshiaki Odo** died May 11, 2011. He was a self-employed seafood broker doing business as Kapono Sales, Inc. He is survived by son **Jeffrey Y.** '95; daughter Cris Y. Nakahara; brother Zenith H; sister Cay Kathy E. King; and niece **Alison Ngo** '86. His wife Carol K. died this August.

'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.