Alumni Notes

Alumni Notes Policy

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Class of 1937

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I recently wrote a book telling the story of my Navy career titled, “From Hawaii to the Carolines - One Sailor’s War (1941-1946).” I was a Navy officer in World War II on the USS Heyliger, Destroyer Escort 510. We spent a good part of the time making amphibious landings on 28 islands in the Caroline group in Micronesia. I was sent 200 copies of my book, which I distributed to my friends, relatives and institutions. I have had many favorable comments. I think that the main comment was that my story was told by someone who was there and not by some historian, who wrote history from other sources.

Class of 1938

From Midi Cox ’62:

Dick Cox celebrated his 99th birthday with his family in October 2019, and has been visited by family all year. His daughter, Janet Cox ’64 Brown, and her husband, Tom, visited during the summer. His grandson, Rick Cox, visited in May, with his wife, Becky Hartmann, then grandsons, Charles Cox and David Cox, visited in November. He was especially glad to have his great-granddaughters, Frances Chock (4) and Catherine Chock (18 months), present at the birthday celebration and in daily visits.

Class of 1941

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We are sad to report the departure of several members of the great Class of ’41. Robert “Bobby” Ching Wo passed away at his home, on Sept. 13, 2019. Bobby, as he was known to his classmates, attended Punahou for nine years. He was the treasurer of the Punahou Chinese Club for two years, and classmates said he swung a tennis racket “with oomph.” His classmates were envious that he could spend so much time playing tennis and surfing while they were studying, yet still get better grades than most of them. The 1941 yearbook said that Bobby “will be a credit to any university he attends.” He was. He went to Stanford. The rest is history.

Annette Nalani “Graceful” Olds Ebinger passed away peacefully on Aug. 27, 2018, in Honolulu, surrounded by her family. Her classmates wrote that Annette’s “secret charm” was her “gift of hospitality and a pleasing manner.” Today, we call that the aloha spirit. Annette was a star of the Aqua-Frolic at Punahou, and she helped organize the dance programs. “Graceful” got her nickname from her beautiful hula style. She was one of the
most outstanding dancers at Punahou, and taught my mother the basics. Later in life, she danced professionally in Hawai‘i and on the mainland with the Ray Andrade hula show. Annette loved horseback riding and taught her son, Michael Allen Ebinger ‘68, to ride at an early age. He became an accomplished polo player, and Annette was often seen at the Waimanalo polo field cheering him on to victory. Annette is survived by her son, Michael; her sister, Puna Olds ‘48 Darval; and a large extended family.

Bruce “Slap-happy” Magers Jr. passed away in Jenson Beach, Florida, on March 6, 2018. Bruce got his Punahou nickname from his laid-back approach to life. Along with his jovial nature, Bruce was known for his quick wit that classmates described as “along the borderline of genius.” Bruce spent World War II in the U.S. Army, then graduated from Kansas State University. There, he met and married the love of his life, Billie Corrine Fitzpatrick. After spending his professional years running his family business in Missouri, he retired to Florida, where he taught his grandchildren how to swim, fish, catch a wave and even “how to have a firm handshake and look at people in the eye.”

Please write or phone me if you have any news about the Class of 1941.

He was a dedicated Punahou supporter who enjoyed our Oahuan as "a tower of strength and energy." Surely our most taciturn classmate, after his passing, the best stew and rice at Dole Dunkings, the surest of speeches, and the best of times to be had. Our Oahuan describes her as "easygoing, yet full of pep… This gal with long, wavy hair and laughing blue eyes has become a true friend to many. Always ready with some witty remark or bright saying…" After Punahou, she attended Mills College and graduated from nearby University of California, Berkeley. As she described in our 1996 50th Reunion scrapbook of memories: "I taught in the Berkeley public schools for about 25 years, mostly at the preschool level… I directed and planned many (education) programs in the Bay Area." She married the late Peter Brady in 1952, and they had five children. Her family describes her as an accomplished cook and hostess with 1,800 cookbooks! She is survived by her children, Sheila, Laura, Peter Jr., Allan and Robin, along with their spouses and three grandchildren.

We lost Kenneth "Ken" Francis Cummings on Feb. 5, 2019. A Class favorite, our 1946 Oahuan notes he was "generous and full of fun. Kenny spends his time getting into trouble then trying to get out of it." In 1946, he had a car (always full) and was proud that his grandfather owned the second car on O‘ahu (the Governor, the first). Post-Punahou, Ken did a stint in the U.S. Army, then graduated from University of Colorado majoring in petroleum geology. That led to a successful long career in the oil industry. In retirement, he and wife, Joan, traveled extensively. The last trip with family was cruising Antarctica (a destination urged by this author). Both he and Joan were dedicated Punahou supporters and Reunion attendees. Ken is survived by Joan, a daughter, two step-daughters and their extended families, all of whom remember him as "strong, generous, the ultimate gentleman and role model."

Gloria Chock Dung left us on March 25, 2019. Our Oahuan described her well. "Behind Gloria’s quiet and reserved appearance lurks a lively, mischievous spirit." Her fun 1996 memories of her Punahou years in our 50th Reunion scrapbook include: “Lily Pond dunkings, the best stew and rice at Dole Cafeteria, football at the old Stadium, 5 cent hotdogs and 15 cent hamburgers, Mr. Curtis, the war years at University of Hawai‘i’s Teachers College." (Author’s note: We, the ’46 seniors, were the first to attend classes on and graduate from the Punahou campus since it had been taken over during World War II by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). Gloria went on to Creighton University, where she met her husband, Dr. David Dung. An accomplished golfer and tennis player, "Ma" Dung was also renowned as the perfect hostess, entertaining memorably with generosity and style. Both David and Gloria were staunch Reunion attendees and supporters. She is predeceased by her husband, David, and sons, Dan Dung ’73 and Philip. She is survived by sister, Joan.

Kenny Cummings ’46 passed away on Feb. 5, 2019. He was a dedicated Punahou supporter who enjoyed his Class Reunions.

Honolulu, she became an elementary school teacher, and in January 1959, she married Richard Hardy. Later, she moved to Lahaina, with then husband, Hap Wetzel, and taught on Maui. In later years, she and Edward "Red" Schaefer ’45 became inseparable life partners and traveled together extensively. The weekly Saturday afternoon volleyball games in Red’s Kahala front yard with much laughter and beer were both loud and legendary. Shirley is predeceased by Red, and leaves son, Dr. Winters Reef Hardy (Jacqueline), and two granddaughters.

Wilfred Y.B. “Pinky” Kam left us on Jan. 3, 2019. Surely our most taciturn classmate, after his 12 years at Punahou, he was as described in our Oahuan as “a tower of strength and energy on the athletic field and in class. Easygoing and possessing an amazing sense of humor.” A classmate described him as “quiet, reliable and trustworthy.” As an U.S. Army NCO, he served in the Korean War. After his discharge, Pinky met wife, Claire, at the University of Hawai‘i, and they married in 1952. He returned to the Korean War as an officer, while Claire was at the University of Washington. Pinky was discharged in Los Angeles, and got his MBA at University of California, Los Angeles. On return to Honolulu, he worked at Cooke Trust, then as a stockbroker at Wedbush, Noble and Cooke. He was also a skilled cribbage player, as well as a devoted family man. Pinky’s Oahuan entry was very prophetic. “Pinky will be missed by all when he leaves.” Sadly, wife, Claire, survived him by only 37 days. She passed Feb. 10, 2019. They are survived by their children, Cathy Kam-Ho ’74, Randy Kam ’76, Betty Kam ’80 and Lori Kam ’81 Harrison; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Beverly “Bev” Duvali Brady passed away on Feb. 3, 2019. Born in Oakland, her father, with C&H Sugar, brought the family to Honolulu, where Bev entered Punahou in the third grade. Our Oahuan describes her as “easygoing, yet full of pep… This gal with long, wavy hair and laughing blue eyes has become a true friend to many. Always ready with some witty remark or bright saying…” After Punahou, she attended Mills College and graduated from nearby University of California, Berkeley. As she described in our 1996 50th Reunion scrapbook of memories: “I taught in the Berkeley public schools for about 25 years, mostly at the preschool level… I directed and planned many (education) programs in the Bay Area.” She married the late Peter Brady in 1952, and they had five children. Her family describes her as an accomplished cook and hostess with 1,800 cookbooks! She is survived by her children, Sheila, Laura, Peter Jr., Allan and Robin, along with their spouses and three grandchildren.

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Chock ’56; and her children, Dr. DJ Dung, Frances Dung ’77 Choy, Bob Dung ’78, Christopher Dung, Carole Dung, Sharon Dung ’83 Agustin and Peter Dung ’84, their spouses; and 15 grandchildren.

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Two years ago, when Hurricane Harvey struck Houston, Irene Burger Willey’s home had to be completely reconstructed. This year, Hurricane Imelda was kinder and damaged only the roof of her house. She added cheerfully, “The hurricane did not prevent our Hawai‘i Aikane Club from putting on the best authentic lu‘au ever!” She said their lu‘au beats the Punahou Alumlu‘au. (Just how sacrilegious can one be?) Irene went on to list all the food they prepared. She may be right! They even had macaroni salad! Irene is keeping well, thanks to her faithful, caring family.

Pat Wassman Christian keeps going in spite of some health issues (who doesn’t have any at this stage of our lives?), by helping manage her son’s business. She also keeps in touch with Eva Mae Boss Wassman. Eva Mae has recovered well from the injury she sustained a few years ago, and manages to maneuver around her two-acre homestead in Australia.

D. Kenneth “Ken” Richardson can’t be the same age as us! His voice is too strong, too clear and too youthful. No mundane life for Ken, as he continues to astound us with the multitude of activities he is involved with. Besides being the author of two technical books, he has given more than 75 lectures all over the world in the past five years. Recently, he was asked to participate in a four-part PBS series dealing with the aerospace industry in the last 60 years. The production is called “Blue Sky Metropolis.” Ken was selected because while president of Hughes Corporation, it was ranked No. 1 in the world in aerospace and military electronics. Ken can be most proud of the science learning labs he has gifted to various schools. He is excited about the learning that is taking place in those labs. Punahou is one of the beneficiaries of these laboratories, as is the University of Southern California and Tufts University.

Gordon Gillin, sounding very chipper, states that he was sad to have to give up competitive swimming three years ago, but keeping up with his house and yard keep him and his wife very busy.

Kenneth Doolittle loved to travel, but now enjoys a quiet, peaceful life close to home. Kenneth said that both he and his wife, Shirley, keep in good health. He has always...
loved being outdoors, so playing golf with his son brings him much contentment. Scoring your age is something to strive for, Kenneth!

Peggy Deschwanden Foster, Joan Baldwin Spalding, John Hinrichs and I attended the Punahou Alumni Association’s Dinner in the Buff (‘n Blue) on Sept. 7, 2019. It was a privilege to hear Punahou President Michael Latham ’86 speak. We were all impressed with his understanding of the legacy of our Ka Punahou and his vision for its future. We are fortunate to have such a leader to direct our wonderful school through the 21st century.

We are sorry for Thomas “Tom” Kay, who lost his wife, Diane. We were happy to have visited with her at our 70th Reunion two years ago. She was a delightful and most accomplished person.

With much sadness I am reporting the deaths of William “Billy” Mossman and Walter “Koby” Kobayashi. Those on our Reunion committee know how much they did for every Reunion. It is hard to believe we will no longer enjoy their special esprit de vie! Both gave so much to our Class. Billy and Koby passed away about two months from each other. Koby once said that they called every week to keep in touch. I’m sure they had a lot to catch up on in the two months they were separated.

The year is 2020. That has such a nice ring to it. The promise of a good year for all of us. Here’s hoping a New Year blessed with much laughter, harmony and good health! Happy new year to you and yours! Keep in touch!

Class of 1949

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Evelyn Lum Kim notified me that “Sweet Okole,” the sailing yacht her husband and others had built in 1976, won the Transpac race in their division of 2,300 nautical miles on July 24, 2019, by seven minutes. Evelyn and her daughter were there to welcome “Sweet Okole” and congratulate her sailors.

Ellen Schattenburg Townsley wrote that she enjoyed our Class Reunion picture. She swims daily, walks a mile when she feels like it, attends movies and enjoys theatre productions. Her grandson, Alexander, is in college for an advanced degree; her granddaughter, Samantha, graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara; and her youngest grandson is a high school senior. Ellen was in London this past spring; on Kaua’i in May; spent 10 days in Rome in November; and spent Christmas holidays at Sea Ranch in Sonoma County, California.

Mervlyn Conner Henderson was sad that she did not get to our Reunion, but liked the picture of our Class. Merv writes that “she perks along in good health and is grateful for every day.” She meets with her daughters to go over pictures and letters, and shares family history with them.

Charlotte Mangelsdorf Holmes wrote that she loved the photo of our Reunion. Her two daughters, Mandy and Karyn, live with her and her third daughter, Tere, lives just 15 minutes away in Hilo. One of Charlotte’s grandsons is a chef in Hilo; a granddaughter is a lawyer in Honolulu, working for Waterkeepers Alliance; and another granddaughter is a nurse in Atlanta. Charlotte mentioned that Yolanda De Bisschop Clay lives in Kona. “We talk but do not see each other much.”

Barbara Lindquist Butterfield wrote that she “was really sorry to miss the 70th.” She and husband, Frank Butterfield ’45, had planned on coming, but things just did not work out. The Butterfields are enjoying their life in Jackson, Montana, where they have a view of the mountains from every side of their home. After traveling the world for 37-plus years, they like being settled. Of their four children, a son lives in Montana; two daughters live in California; and their youngest daughter lives in Australia. There are three married granddaughters and two great-grandchildren in California.

Isobel Lamb Ryan wrote that her husband, Neill, passed away on Aug. 30, 2019, of a brain bleed. Neill had been a very important part of all our Reunions, as he helped Izzy with everything. Our sympathy to Izzy for the loss of her lifetime supporter and “her rock,” as she wrote.

The Alumni office sent me notice of George Simson’s passing. He was the head of the Biographical Research Center at the University of Hawai’i. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Thank you all for sending me your news.

Aloha, Beverly Blom


Gertrude Lai ‘51 Zane visited from Washington, and met with her ’51 classmates in Honolulu. Pictured are Iris Okazaki Chung, Myrna Pang Chun-Hoon, Gertie and Pat Low Wagner.
We are sad to report that we have lost another treasured Class member. Blair Dyson passed away on Jan. 14, 2019, a month before his 87th birthday. After leaving Punahou, he attended Pasadena City College, University of California, Los Angeles, then graduated in 1957 from U.S. Military Academy West Point. He served in the U.S. Army for 31 years, retiring in 1987. His career took him to assignments throughout our country, from California to North Carolina and beyond, to Germany, Vietnam, Brazil and back to Hawai‘i. His last assignment was at the Pentagon. His many hobbies included coaching Tee-ball teams, Cub and Boy Scouts, making model soldiers and trains, brewing beer, woodwork ing and carving, faux painting and gaming. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elly; his son, John; his daughter, Karen; and many other relatives. Blair will be laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery. A big mahalo to Blair for his years of service to our country. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family. Twenty-one members of the Eldredge ‘ohana traveled to Burbank, California, during the Labor Day weekend. They cheered on the Punahou varsity football team as they played against Long Beach Polytechnic High School. The Sons of Oahu were victorious, 45-0. At a pre-game rally, the Oahu College Band played football songs of yesteryear and cheers were led by Denise Eldredge-Sagapolutele ’91, Leilehua Phillips ’95 Utu and Cynthia Eldredge ’77 Keeno. DJ, Utu ’21, Koa Eldredge ’20 and Kui Eldredge ’23 played well in the game, and made the family proud. Those in attendance included Val and David “Boy” Eldredge ’79, with their son, Kahi; Pal Eldredge ’64, with daughter, Denise, and granddaughter, Jayde Sagapolutele ’27; Leilehua and Donny Utu ’95 with their children, Donte ’25 and Leicey ’30; Cynthia and Richard Keeno with six of their family members; Sue and Duane Eldredge ’83 and myself, Jean Eldredg e. Although unplanned, it turned out to be a fun-filled mini-reunion. To add to the excitement, while many family members were away, Boy’s son, Ka’iana Eldredge ’10, and his wife, Shelby, welcomed daughter, Sienna Anne Kali’alehua in Honolulu. Reunion Week is June 1 – 7, 2020. Members of the “Hot ’n Nifty Class of 1950” – start planning to attend our 70th Reunion. For those of you who have not been on campus in recent years, you’ll be pleasantly surprised to see the many changes. See you in June! Until then, take care and aloha!
John Maesaka '53 (right) with son, Robert, who is a playwright, Missouri Humanities Council Educator awardee and is part of the Confluence Emerging Playwrights Cohort.

I’m ending our Class note with some advice from Maxine Felzer Ranice to help us stay healthy. Guava. Remember that yellow and pink fruit? We didn’t know it was bursting with healthy vitamins and minerals. Weren’t we lucky to have plenty-kine guavas during our small-kid time? Their benefits are even more necessary in our golden years. I feel a POG craving coming over me. Stay well.

Aloha pumehana, Dorinda

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Still recovering from our 65th Class Reunion! We are so glad to have Punahou in our lives ... all the attention we received, the forming of committees, phone calls back and forth ... Punahou outdid themselves! We have renewed energy to keep in touch! Those of you who did not attend, plan now for 2024! Remember, you get to go to two lu’au!

Generoso “Heni” Gascon writes to tell us he has retired for the third and final time from Boston’s Massachusetts General Hospital! Not sitting idly, Heni has been writing. With the extra time on his hands he has been keeping up with high school seniors, interviewing those applying for admission to Columbia College. Kind of like having Miss Monroe, who counseled us at Punahou when we needed advice on mainland schools. The Gascon wedding in Washington, D.C. involved all their extra time. Heni’s youngest son, Douglas, married Kerry O’Brien from Glastonbury, Connecticut. What an event!

Pat Li Lum writes from her lakeside hotel in Lucerne, Switzerland, raving not only about the beautiful weather, but about the chocolate store next door! Pat barely had time to sightsee, as she was so busy “being in heaven,” eating a plethora of those divine Swiss chocolates that “melt in her mouth.” She had a week’s cruise down the Rhine River, stopping in the Netherlands, Germany and France before disembarking for their glorious four-day stay in Switzerland. Accompanying Pat and Bob on this trip was their son, Brian, who got to do all the dickering with Uber, ATMs, euros, Swiss Francs, etc. I have been noticing recently how often many in our group have a middle-aged child along not only for the fun, but to be of HELP! (Lucky you, Brian!)

Pearlie Friell Hodgins is a busy wahine. She and her husband, Aka, missed our Reunion. She was sad to miss all the events honoring our Class and does plan to be at the next one. Raised on Moloka'i, she is still selling homes there and most likely will not retire until the last home is sold. This is an exciting year for them, as they have three college graduations to attend.

Wonderful to know that our frequent Class news contributor, Richard Watkins, returned home from the Reunion just in time for
From Blake Johnson:

Now that we have five committee members to write our Punahou Bulletin Alumni notes, we can design a camel. In case none of you know, a camel was created by a committee intent on designing a horse.

I thought the party at Mary Flanders Philpotts McGrath’s house at the end of September was truly spectacular. I was very impressed by the warmth I felt from everybody in our Class. At the party, Bill Follmer supplied a creative poem, and Mary and “The Girls” made up the lyrics of a hilarious song about getting old. Our Class seems to really put things together very, very quickly at the last minute. I really liked the fact that Trish Burgess Blackman flew in for the party from California, and Dean Ho, who has been spending a lot of time practicing for his upcoming Zippy’s commercial, came from Shanghai. I called Gerald Chong, who had had a fall and could not come. I received a call from Ed Jensen. He said he could not come because he’s climbing Denali in Alaska. He had previously climbed Mount McKinley and wanted to try the new mountain. I don’t know how many times he’s done it, but I’m sure he now finds it a challenge.

As for myself, I’m getting back to swimming. As you may know, two years ago, I had surgery on my knee. Saturday, I swam in front of the Outrigger Canoe Club with my cousin, Sonja Cooke. She is very fast. As we swam, I noticed a school of fish, which I think were taking Spanish. I swam past them to the Natatorium, and then back to the flag in front of the Outrigger. As I swam in from the flag, I encountered a shark. I shot it; then swam up to the beach to a hero’s welcome.

On another subject – this is the time of year, when I get very concerned because my birthday is Oct. 9 of each year. Two years ago, when I turned 80, I decided to skip my birthday, so I did not have to turn 80. Regardless of my desires, Oct. 9 came and went. I did not want this to happen again, so I did research on the effects of being 80. This is what I found! Being 80 is not all that bad. Let’s say you can’t hear people, they will talk louder. Why? Because you are over 80! If you lose your keys, people will understand. Why? Because you are over 80. If you can’t remember someone’s name, people will supply the name. Why? Because you are over 80. If you can’t see people, they will all crowd around you so you can see them. Why?...

We are all looking forward to our Class Reunion. Keep your eyes open for the Reunion registration packet that will arrive in mailboxes mid-March 2020. This will be our first Kupuna Lu‘au! Just think, for a change, all of us will be the same age. We will all be over 80! Let’s give ourselves some slack and just have some fun. Why? We are all over 80!

Editor’s note: Mahalo to Mary Flanders Philpotts McGrath for serving as the Class of ’55 correspondent for many years. Please email notes@punahou.edu if you’d like to be our new correspondent.

Class of ’56 Glee Clubbers, proud in their palaka after a performance at Arcadia. Seated, from left: Bonnie Frazier Andrew, Penny Foster Garrity, Luanna Farden McKenney, Diane Larsgaard McFaull and Luana’s husband, Peter McKenney. Standing: Patti Soule Anderson, friend Phyllis Zerbe and Barbara Kong Vlachos. Patti, Phyllis, Diane and Penny are residents of Arcadia.
husband, Guy, and I had dinner with Herb in Waimea. As I remember, there was a lot of laughter. After retirement in 1993, Herb and his wife, Kay, enjoyed traveling the world and spending time with their grandchildren. Herb is survived by Kay; his children, Lisa Evenson, Cathy Crowley and Greg Jesugi; and six grandchildren. He will be missed.

Our Class lost another retired teacher when Russ Stratton passed on Aug. 27, 2019 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. After graduating from Princeton University, Russ did a stint in the U.S. Navy, then returned to Punahou as an English teacher. There, he met his wife, Dana, who was teaching art. As newlyweds, they accepted positions teaching at the American School in Singapore, where their son, Scott, was born. Russ then earned his masters and doctoral degrees at the University of Southern Mississippi before heading to Peru State College in Nebraska. Four years later, he accepted a position teaching English at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, a job he held for 15 years before returning to Hattiesburg to retire. Russ loved opera, tennis, clarinet and his family, especially his granddaughter, Nikky. We will miss his acerbic, political comments and his critiques of Metropolitan Opera performances.

Although he had been ill last year, it was a great shock to all his friends when Dick Wong died suddenly on Sept. 20, 2019. Scott May had talked to him just the week before because they were planning lunch at a new restaurant in preparation for the next Class luncheon. Dick and his wife, Christie Lee ’58 Wong, were also gearing up for several exciting trips this fall – hunting on Lana‘i, Wyoming and even another trip to Africa. We remember how much he enjoyed hunting trips on Hawai‘i Island and all the dinner parties that followed. After graduating from the University of Hawai‘i with an engineering degree, Dick spent the majority of his career as a real estate developer and asset manager. Despite his professional achievements, his daughter, Cecily Wong ’89, and son, Rick Wong ’92, believe that Dick was proudest of coaching the Punahou rifle team for 20 years. After his retirement in 2003, Dick pursued his passion for playing contract bridge, his enthusiasm for wildlife and the enjoyment of fine wine. He was a witty and kind friend, and his death is a loss to his family and many friends.

Not all news is sad. Sarah Kepner Matthews spent time in the Bay Area with her son. Best of all, she forgave me for the mistake about her long marriage to Ron. They were happily married for 56 years (not 26 years).

Please share your adventures with us.

Class of 1957

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Octogenarians. Those of you who follow these immortal lines now comprehend that we are certifiably ancient. And there was a joint birthday party on July 26 to confirm it. Here is Kathleen Cloward Sattler Robertson’s (excerpted) summary of the hoot she chaired:

To all of you who helped make this 80th birthday celebration a reality. Yeah – We did it! Sue Wolfe Mountain titled the party “Memories are Made of This.” I think the highlight of the day was our choice of master (mistress) of ceremonies: Pudding! Kathleen Burke
Lassiter! She made everything so much fun with her laugh, ongoing patter, jokes, roaming microphone and the wonderful knee game.

And then “‘Tiger’ Tom Metcalf’s reminiscence of teachers and classmates going way back to sixth grade. He is an amazing icon. Thanks to Sharon Cook Fairbanks for the wonderful ‘Classmates Questionnaire’ that we unfortunately didn’t have time to read aloud to a greater extent, laugh about and discuss answers. Thanks to Doug Kilpatrick, Tom ‘TC’ Conger and Sharon, who put together the ‘Trivia Contest.’ And as I write this report, I am reading the answers. Amazing information about people we thought we knew well!

Thanks to Sharon, Lani Neunzig Hearn and Jerry Conley Richmond for the gender creative football player mannequin and all the memorabilia. Lots of comments for that effort. Thanks to Ronny Kilpatrick and Lani for your welcoming smiles and for taking care of reception, bar tickets and more! The photo booth was a big success. Niki Haley was very generous with the copies she printed and distributed. And a special thanks to Sally Tyrrell ’63 Lyles, who took some great pics of the party. I don’t see why we shouldn’t do this again for our 85th! A hui hou, Kathleen

The Trivia Contest (ex: “How do you spell Juju Pang’s first name?”) was well-received, and there were some amazing results. Quoting Doug K: “The winner is Judy Sheehan Dawson with 28 points, Charlotte Smith Jenkins (27), Lamela Holt Battley (33) and Layton Carr (22) right on her heels. The tongue-in-cheek protest that Judy, as former No. 2 in the school administration, would be the only one who knew that there even was a Hara Mall. What did Judy win? Up to $1,200 in reimbursement for her travel and expensive expenses to get to her seat at our 75th Reunion table at the 2032 Alumni Lu’au.” Official answers may be obtained by emailing your scribe (in header above).

Mai poina. Alas, one troubling factor of entering our ninth decade is the actuarial header above). We were deeply saddened to learn that John Hara’s bride of 51 years, Marie Murphy ’61 Hara, passed away on Aug. 23. She was a splendid person and an extraordinary practitioner of the writing craft. A moving force at Bamboo Ridge Press, she not only kept the gears turning smoothly, but also contributed her own fine writings to maintain the collective excellence of their product. Our fondest aloha to Hara-san; daughters, Mayumi Hara ’91 Dao and Kasumi Hara ’95; and grands as well.

Class of 1958

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A big mahalo to Nani Kong Ho for writing the Class notes for this issue.

Harry Whiton passed away July 6, 2019. His brother, Nathaniel Whiton ’56, sent a note informing us that Harry was retired and living in Norfolk, Virginia. After Punahou, he attended Brown University, and majored in engineering. He served in the U.S. Navy as an officer and then worked in various engineering related fields. Nat said, “Harry retired from his job sometime in the late 1970s. His activity for the rest of his life consisted largely of investing, which he did very well.”

Suzanne Lacy Eberly Griffith writes: “After two, 28-year marriages, both of my husbands have passed away from cancer – John Eberly ’57, in 1990, and George Griffith in March 2019. I have moved from Reno, Nevada, to Coralville, Iowa, to live near my son, Scott Eberly; his wife, Susan; and my two grandsons, Quinn (17) and Cole (15). The retirement residence where I live has a pool, so I am still swimming laps and walking by the Iowa River.”

Likewise, Ann Ramsay Brynig has also moved to a senior facility in Oceanside, California, to be closer to her son and his family. It was good to see Ann in Honolulu, about a year ago.

It was nice to hear from Pauline Friel Castanera, who is now widowed and living on Moloka’i with her daughter. She is looking forward to moving back to O’ahu, in the near future to be closer to her three children and their families.

Pat Wightman Johnson continues to be on the move. This summer she had “an amazing nine-day trip in the Southwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. Lots of horseback riding, cutthroat trout fishing and hiking. At one point, we were 38 miles away from the nearest road! Off to North Dakota next month for pheasant hunting with our Labs.”

We were all so sorry to hear about the passing of Henry “Butch” Robinson in September. Butch was a beloved member of our Class since kindergarten, and as Bob Corboy said, “He was one of a kind. Everyone loved his shy, kolohe nature.” There was a beautiful writeup about Butch in the Sept. 29 issue of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. Juliet Russell Hitchcock says she...
was one of the Manoa-living, football and bike rider classmates in fourth and fifth grades. 

Edward “Eddie” Oshiro remembers Butch as “the very first person I met when I enrolled at Punahou in the 10th grade. We became close friends thereafter. I recall when Alex, Scotty, Butch and I were caught at the Halekulani and Waikiki Surf Hotels for toilet papering their trees. Fortunately, Butch recognized the policeman as the father of a fellow Punahou student, so we were set free.” And Byron Bader says, “Butch is special to me because he called me on just about all of my birthdays from the time we graduated from Punahou. Maybe not everybody’s birthday in our Class, but he remembered all members of the football team, who graduated with him in ’58.” He certainly left us with many wonderful memories. To say we will miss him (and his birthday calls) is an understatement. Our love and aloha to his wife of 47 years, Jeanne; his four children, Robby, Tiare, Missy and Wendy; and nine grandchildren.

As we go to press, 80th birthdays are on our minds! Let us know how you are going to celebrate becoming an octogenarian (OMG)!”

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Lionel Craven sends his aloha and this note: “I meant to send this earlier, but as we well know, time just hurtles by these days and here it is, August! I had the wonderful pleasure of visiting my good friend, Ruth Pratt ’60, over Memorial Day weekend in New York. She has lived for several years in the Upper East Side of Manhattan. We had a fun time packed with adventures and gourmet indulgences. Most memorable was our visit with my old friend, Sheila Fletcher Kriemelman, who has a spacious, light-filled loft in SoHo, shared with her husband, Art. We had a jolly time with interesting discussions about the local gallery scene, which Sheila is heavily involved in. She belongs to the New York Society of Women Artists. We got to see her impressive work, much of which adorns her home and adjacent studio. Ruth is also an artist, so there was much lively conversation between the two, to which, unusual for me, I mostly just listened. We also talked cinema, and that allowed me to weigh in with my own wee knowledge and abundant opinions.”

After Reunion, Bridget and Art Dederick returned home to start a new project – downsizing from their home of 35 years into a condominium. Now the new dilemma is what to take, and what to keep?

Heard from Midgi Weidknecht Brooks: After Reunion was the time for some R & R with her family in Minnesota, including visiting her

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Ruth Pratt ’60, Lionel Craven ’59 and Sheila Fletcher ’59 Kriemelman enjoying a visit in New York City.

Denby Fawcett ’59 and daughter, Brett Jones ’91, in Scotland snacking with a native Scot.

great-granddaughter, Ava (5), who started kindergarten. Midgi will be home the rest of the year. She hopes more of you come to visit again before our next Reunion.

Denby Fawcett, her daughter, Brett Jones ’93, and two friends walked across Scotland in August, from sea to sea, from Helensburgh to Dunbar. They guided themselves on the 134-mile trek, occasionally getting lost and suffering from blistered feet. They were soothed by drams of Scotch whisky and homemade Victoria sponge cakes offered in the village cafes they frequented to rest their weary feet. One of the highlights of the trip was walking out of a dense forest to find themselves on a hill overlooking the great city of Edinburgh, which they slowly entered like pilgrims from afar.

On a somber note, we have to mention the passing of two of our classmates.

Sally Tyrrell ’63 Lyles wrote informing us that her sister, Shari Tyrrell Christensen, passed on July 12, in Longmont, Colorado. “She was a cheerful dementia patient for the last two years. We all knew when she attended the 55th Reunion that she was declining. Many thanks to those of you who kept her enjoying that special week. Piano was everything to Shari.”

Piano was everything to Sharie. She was a strict, but encouraging, teacher to beginning piano students for over 30 years. In some cases, she taught two generations in one family. She was a sweet, empathic listener. A friend loved by many. The first and last thing we loved doing together was SHOPPING. We made carloads to return to her beloved Hawai‘i. Music, dancing, traveling, being with the family – this was their recipe for a happy life. Aloha Pauahi, a hui hou. Me ‘oe mau ke aloha pumehana.

Jimmy Haynes, a board member at the Bishop Museum, invited several members of the Class of ’60 to attend the annual Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum dinner on Aug. 10, 2019. They were John Marrack, Irving Jenkins, Carol Morse Wilcox and Gaylord Wilcox.

Byron Easley wrote the following after experiencing Hurricane Dorian. “The brunt of Hurricane Dorian continues to move away from Florida’s coastline. We dodged a bombshell! Our home is in Orange Park, Florida, just south of Jacksonville. On Sunday, we were right in the hurricane’s path. Thank you to all who have reached out to check on us. We’re not out of the woods yet, but winds are reduced to gusts of 50 mph, so there’s less threat of tidal flooding. We should see the effect of this early Wednesday morning. So far, there is no indication of an impending evacuation. Looks like we get to stay in our own homes after all.”

Pat Lum sent news of the passing of Howard Chong in September 2019. “Howard passed away over the weekend. He fought an infection he received after a surgical procedure a couple of years ago.” Catherine Cox Langmuir said that Howard was trying so hard to recover and be able to walk again. He had a great attitude and didn’t give up the struggle to heal. Our best to his family and friends.

Pauahi Judd

Sally Tyrrell ’63

Denby Fawcett

Alumni Notes

Class of 1960

Class of 1961
Galen was trapped. He ever so slowly nodded his head. It just so happens that I like memorizing lyrics and started, “Every mornin’ at the mine you could see him arrive, he stood 6-foot-6 and weighed 245.” At least Galen didn’t walk out in the middle! Haha!

Linda Hom wrote in about her partner and love, Dennis Fried. “A special aloha to all of you that have reached out to us during Dennis’s illness. Your kind messages meant a lot during that difficult time. If I missed anyone, I apologize in advance! After months of battling cancer, Dennis passed away peacefully on Monday, June 24. As one would expect with Dennis, he remained sharp and in control until the last very few days. Dennis was so grateful to have the education that he received at Punahou, and for the friends that he made during those school years and at the wonderful Reunions thereafter. The Class of ’61 is the best! The year Dennis spent in the dorm, forging deeper friendships, was very memorable and significant to him. He was a very observant, intellectually curious person, who placed great importance on continuing to learn throughout life. Dennis went on to graduate summa cum laude with a degree in architecture from University of California, Berkeley. He was great about accepting people for who they are, and he cared about making a difference in people’s lives. He was a caring and reliable friend, an enthusiastic and loving Papa to granddaughters, Alexis and Taylor Hom, as well as, a loving partner and companion to me (Linda) for the last 30 years.”

Our dear friend and special classmate, Lee Summers Wild, passed away in Honolulu, on July 19, 2019. Lee grew up in Kailua, O’ahu and Kalae, Moloka‘i with sisters Molly Summers ’73, Linda Summers ’66 Strong, and Dale Summers ’60 Bachman. After Punahou, she studied at Kalamazoo University, where she met husband, Gary Wild. They made their home and raised their family in Kailua, and were married 53 years. In talking with her sister, Dale, I found out that my mom, Moana Peterson ’32 Murphy, used to give hula lessons to Lee’s dad, Richard! Lee was a teacher at Hawaiian Mission Children’s Society for 13 years, and a longtime member of Daughters of Hawai‘i. She was an expert on the history of Hawaiian quilts and traveled through the Hawaiian Islands with teams that would document each Hawaiian-style quilt they saw. Thousands are now recorded. She edited the information as part of the Hawaiian Quilt Research Project, which fed publications like, “Hawaiian Quilt Masterpieces” and other edited quilt books. Her article on Hawaiian Quilts is in “America’s Glorious Quilts.”

Classmates Meymo Lemon Rego, Cossette Morrison Harms, Carolyn Goodlin Griffith and Bonnie Bond ’63 Nam attended the August service. Lee is survived by her sisters; her husband, Gary; her daughter Tracy Wild ’90 Alexander (Jonathan); her son, Rick Wild ’87 (Kristie); and her grandchildren, Parker and Tanner Wild, Lily and Jack Alexander. Aloha, Lee.

One of our favorite classmates, Marie Murphy Hara, passed away on Aug. 23, 2019. Hundreds of friends and family filled the Twigg-Smith Pavilion to attend the celebration of her life. Classmates present were Anson and Meymo Lemon Rego, Sandy and Stan Wong, Carolyn...
Kelly passed away. Ann Adler Aitken, Leslie’s close friend and neighbor since they were 6 years old, called to let me know of Leslie’s passing and to talk about Leslie’s life. She returned to school after her husband’s death in a traffic accident; received her nursing degree; and went to work at Queen’s Medical Center. Leslie had a strong sense of community and desire to help others. She gave generously of her time to care for people who struggled with mental illness and drug addiction. She was their good Samaritan. She will be missed by many.

Katie Saunders Bob, another community-minded member of our Class, passed away on Sept. 28, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. Katie worked for years with the Honolulu Police Department and the Medical Examiner’s office. She absolutely loved to travel. She leaves behind two sons, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

On a happier note, birthday celebrations among the three-quarters of a century group continue.

Terry Cline Wells submitted a picture of a recent gathering in Hanalei, Kaua‘i. Celebrating together with long walks on the beach, ‘ono meals, lots of reminiscing and a “killer” two-day cribbage tournament were Jackie Nuenzig Scott, Steve Scott, Chula Reynolds Harrison, Patricia “Paddy” Makinney Dunn, Patsy Wilcox Sheehan, Hilary Hitch Parker, Honey Bun Auld Haynes, Alan Robinson, Art Kamisugi, David Pietsch, Anne Sloggett Hamilton, Hugh Starr and Terry, along with Jimmy Haynes ’60, David Rietow ’60 and Libbie Kamisugi. As Terry said, “There are no friends like old friends!” I couldn’t agree more!

Happy New Year, Simone

Goodlin Griffith, Kalei Kenney Cadinha, Linda Quisenberry Green, Patti and Harry Spiegelberg, Meredith Pang, Linda and Wes Fong, Carol and Doug Yee, Skip Ludloff and Deane Shepard. A tribute to Marie was given by Milika’a Ordenstein ’97 Vierra, daughter of our late classmate, Anne Sage, who seemed to bring Anne into the room with us. Marie was a writer, an editor and a teacher. At Punahou, she was the editor of Ka Wai Ola. She pursued her English degree at University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, made Phi Beta Kappa and later obtained her master’s degree. She distinguished herself as a teacher in secondary Honolulu schools; taught developmentally challenged students at Pohukaina School; and was an assistant professor at University of Hawai‘i from 1972 to 2010. She was known to encourage young writers in their creative pursuits, while publishing her own award-winning and highly acclaimed works. Along the way, she met John Hara ’57 to whom she was married for 51 years. Her daughters, Mayu Hara ’91 Dao (Franklin) and Kasi Hara ’95 (Evan Mau) described their mom as their biggest and best supporter. Marie is also survived by her five grandchildren; Jadelyn, Elina ’29, Leonard ’31, Cora and Mari. Aloha, Marie.

Greetings, all!

Although I don’t like to open my notes with other than good news, I need to report that since I last wrote, we have lost two classmates. On July 6, 2019, after suffering a fall and subsequent complications, Leslie Love Judy Winn-Bell ’62 and husband, Steve Hayashi ’62, celebrated the fifth anniversary of their San Francisco ‘ukulele group, Na Hoaloha, at Kawika’s Ocean Beach Deli, owned by David Nottage ’86 in the Ocean Beach neighborhood near Kelly’s Cove. Na Hoaloha has 30 members, and a subset of the group plays the first Friday of every month. Pictured are Judy Winn-Bell ’62 and David Nottage ’86.

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Becky Kam-Locascio wrote about an exciting summer cruise to Alaska with her husband, Tony, and classmates, Margaret “Meg” Farmer Bergman and Linda Haynes Abbott. “Life on the ship was very luxurious with sumptuous dining (Becky’s delight), including a casino where Meg tried her luck (broke even)... and some mahjong with Meg’s special travel size set! Highlight of the trip? Seeing about six whales bubble feeding off Juneau. One whale circles around a school of fish and blows bubbles to confuse the fish. Then the whales surge from the deep with their mouths open to scoop in as much fish as possible. What a memorable sight, seeing them leap out of the water together – a water ballet!”

Sylvia “Cissi” Kennedy Jacobs followed with news that classmates in the Pacific Northwest had their annual summer gathering in July, to honor Linda Haynes Abbott’s contribution to the “70s in Seattle” gathering. “We played ‘Niu Haohao,’ ‘I’ll Remember You,’ ‘Hawai’i Aloha,’ and a song composed by Verna Chun-Hoon Pang for Linda. Jay Cushman, Verna, Allan Davis, myself, Linda, and ‘ukulele master, Uncle Rod Higuchi were playing ‘ukulele and singing. We were accompanied by my husband, Tom, on the string bass. We all contributed to a photo lei for Linda. She was surprised, and had a great time.” Also in attendance were Merlene Cutten Davis, Jackie Mason Norman, Kathy Ryan Randall, Caroline Loucks Higgins, Guy Moyer and wife, Charinda, Wilaine Wong Loo and husband, David, and spouses, Lois Cushman and Sunny Pang.

Roger McNicol sent sad news. Keith Crockett passed away of a heart attack in February, in Lincoln City, Oregon. He retired in 2006, after 30 years teaching English and Spanish at Honolulu Community College. Keith was captain of the varsity basketball team our senior year. He went on to play basketball at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. His younger brother, Billy Crockett ’68, a chaplain at Central Union Church, passed away at the end of 2017. Their father, Lt. Commander William Crockett, died the following year. Keith is survived by his wife, Linda, and two sons. Roger fondly recalls visiting Keith, an avid fisherman, who knew the Oregon Coast so well that he could catch a seafood dinner to order.

Balbi Atherton Brooks was among 16 Hawai‘i Red Cross volunteers who were deployed in early September, to North Carolina, to assist an estimated 60,000 Hurricane Dorian evacuees from Florida to the Carolinas. “I was in Wilmington, North Carolina, for a week – three days of sheltering work in Rocky Point and three days of damage assessment in the Outer Banks area. Experienced my first tornado.” When asked what that was like, she said, “Sheriff wouldn’t let me go outside... windy and rainy.” With the return of fair weather, Balbi is traveling again. A fall jaunt to South Africa, Egypt and Jordan. Sigh! As you may recall, your correspondent had the misfortune to break her spine while checking off the Grand Canyon, destination No. 1 on her bucket list. While she may be traveling off the Grand Canyon, destination No. 1 on her bucket list. While she may be traveling to Petra in spirit, she is happy not to be on that 13-hour flight from Istanbul to Cape Town. At our age, many of us are traveling via Amazon in armchairs. But remember – You are not alone!

Dave Mechler is happily tooting in New England, while spending summers in Vermont. He had nearly 70 gigs this past year. John Bartz and Lucian Paulus are among our classmates looking forward to a 75th birthday party in Honolulu, next year. 75! OMG! It is doubtful that the Alumni Office will allow us to attend the Alumni Lu’au in June, so maybe we should have our own. B.Y.O.U. (Bring your own ‘ukulele)! If you are interested in attending, have a date preference or any ideas, please email them to punahou63@gmail.com.

Aloha, DLK

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We’ve put the 55th Reunion to rest. Now what? It’s time to put the “75 in Sonoma” Reunion on your calendar! Looks like the dates could be May 24 – May 27, 2021. When John and Carolyn Lundquist Madison mentioned doing another Sonoma Reunion, like the one we did there for our 70th birthday reunion, the response was overwhelming. So, here we are, planning another Class of ’64 party. But here’s where YOU come in. If you want to join us in Sonoma, please email John and Carolyn at johnsmadison@aol.com and Dewey and Sue Budd Watson and dewey@tw2law.com. They need to know if there are enough interested classmates to make it worthwhile, and to make a preliminary reservation of the site (same as last time, the lovely Bishop Ranch). Don’t wait! Do it now! By the way, there are a handful of classmates for whom we don’t have email addresses. If you are reading this and didn’t get an email about the “75 in Sonoma” Reunion from John Madison, please let him or me know, so we can add you to our email list.

Sally Cooksey ’64 Reynolds, husband, Norman, and their dog, Glennie, on vacation in Coronado, California.
We’ve had quite a few questions about what happened to Alvin Ho at the 55th Reunion. We called Alvin and found out that he had an epidural hematoma after he attended our breakfast at the Waikiki Yacht Club. He was at Queen’s Medical Center during the rest of Reunion Week! If only we had known! He wanted us all to know, “I am up and walking very well now. I appreciate everyone’s concern for me.” Please send your good wishes to Alvin at akho@hotmail.com.

The Class of ’64 never seems to run out of reasons to get together with classmates, who are all over the country. Charlie Hull and his lovely wife, Cathy, spent a couple of weeks in the Los Angeles – San Diego area last summer, having a great time visiting with Victoria and Steve Whitsitt, Annie and Craig Killam, Karyl McElhany Barnes, George and Ellen Wheeler Guest and Jack Vellis. Meanwhile, Jim Stanford and wife, Gigi, were spending time visiting classmates, Jim and Sue Bolling McCandless, in Connecticut.

We heard from Sally Cooksey Reynolds recently. “Well, I have studied carefully, with a magnifying glass, the Reunion photograph of our Class in the Bulletin. What an extraordinary gathering, and what fun! We hated to miss this year, but have a lot of irons in the fire in our little town of Round Top, Texas. Norman is practicing law full time, and I am writing and working on some special projects at our church. All four families of our blended family and eight grandchildren will be heading our way in mid-October as we celebrate Norman’s...
80th birthday!” Sally would love to see any classmates if they come through her neck of the woods, which is on the road between Austin and Houston. Email her at sr@sallyreynolds.com.

Betty Ann Barnett, the Energizer Bunny, competed in Duke’s Waikiki Ocean Mile Swim last summer, and (of course) placed first in her division, with a 26-minute time! Now THAT is special. Yeah, Betty Ann!

Finally, we received a note, for the first time, I believe, from classmate Jo Ellen Johnson Rich, who is living in Corvallis, Oregon. Jo Ellen says she is “revisiting my Hawaiian roots by being part of Halau Hula o Hawai‘i, a small group of kupuna, who dance at local nursing homes (for folks a lot older than us!). I’d sure love to hear from classmates, who are also enjoying hula in their golden years.” You can reach Jo Ellen at jack_jo_rich@yahoo.com.

Please don’t forget to let John Madison and Dewey Watson know if you are interested in attending our “75 in Sonoma” Reunion in May 2021. Please send us your email address if you haven’t received an email from us.

Did you know that Punahou has organized a weeklong summer school for the children and grandchildren of alumni called Alumni Keiki Experience? Three of our classmates took advantage of the opportunity for their grandchildren to experience what it’s like to be on Punahou campus: Lynnette Young Sunamoto, Kitty McCorriston Petersmeyer and Elaine Garrett Evans. Wouldn’t it be fun to have a class full of LXV grandkids?

It is with great sorrow that I share the passing of Gail Meredith, a beloved classmate with whom so many of us had deep and abiding friendships.

Lorna Takehara Strand was elected chair of the O‘ahu Democratic Party on May 4, during the O‘ahu Democratic Convention. She emailed, “I ran on the platform of building the party by enrolling members, so that they can participate in the upcoming 2020 Democratic presidential primary. I have been co-chairing a special committee to design the election process.” Hawai‘i voters can expect a high-tech, easy-to-use system, based on past experience with all the tech support Lorna gave us during our 50th Reunion!
Ahem, speaking of Reunions ... Our 55th Reunion is fast approaching. We have an active, involved committee, led by Robby Ostrem and Daryl Sato, already working on a week of Reunion activities. Plan to be in Honolulu from June 1 - 7. While many events are still tentative, this is what the schedule looks like as of October, the Class notes deadline:

- June 2 – Punahou Alumni Association Awards (recipients to be announced in April 2020)
- June 3 – Dim sum at Legend Seafood Restaurant with Cookie Doo Ayabe and Cornelia Leong Sanborn
- June 4 – Alumni Celebration on campus, featuring private LXV campus tours with Tom Earle
- June 5 – Lunch or dinner at the Outrigger Canoe Club or The Pacific Club
- June 6 – LXV Memorial Service, Class photo and Alumni Lu’au
- June 7 – Brunch at a location TBA

They are anticipating 20,000-plus people in attendance. Make your flight and hotel reservations as soon as you possibly can. Many hotels are already booked up.

A hui hou! Paula

Moved To Paris ... Coni Asbury Holland moved to Paris a year and a half ago, “… lock, stock and barrel, to live near my daughter, Jessamy Holland ’06, who married a Parisian. She’s my only child, so after 56 years in Honolulu, more or less, and visiting her halfway around the world, I decided it was time. I couldn’t be happier! I have a 9-month-old grandson, James, too!”

Checking in from New Mexico ... Joanna Freeman Kelsey has lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico, since 1984. She is retired and is keeping herself occupied with living healthy, volunteering, staying connected to friends and family, as well as pursuing her special interests. She is a loving grandparent to two grandchildren, who are four and under. She looks forward to visits with them in Portland and Oakland. One of her daughters is a jack-of-all-trades homemaker, and the other is a designer with Pottery Barn. No surprise that they are talented individuals, having had Joanna as their mom!

Chill with Hawaii Public Radio 2 ... It is always a pleasure to listen to Louise King Lanzilotti’s soothing voice and the wonderful classical music she chooses for the afternoon traffic air waves ... Mahalo, dear friends, for staying connected. Stay healthy, happy and young!
Marion McCutcheon Donovan is retiring with mixed emotions after working at St. Mark’s School in Massachusetts for 25 years, and teaching high school history for another 20 years!

Cindi Carlisle spent three glorious weeks in Scotland and England, enjoying impressive scenery of mountains in the mist, emerald green pastures, virgin forests, waterfalls, rivers and lochs! She explored castles where the series “Outlander” was filmed and recommends the Highland experience!

Jane Earle-Dabrowski and husband, Andres, send greetings from Poland, Armenia and Georgia – a continuation of their enlightening two-year exploration of the Holy Land and Turkey.

Madelyn Stopford Stephens reports that she enjoyed lunch and gelato with Ned Shimabukuro and wife, Dee, who were visiting their son, Tibb, in Houston.

Dianne Ige ’67, David Lee ’67 and his wife, Juliet, traveled to Borneo for nine days to experience one of the most biodiverse places on Earth.

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Here is what is happening with the Class of ’67!

Kathy Lang Mountjoy is delighted that her three grandchildren have moved to the United States from Australia. “We are so glad they live with us now in Colorado, and are settled in jobs and school. Their first non-tropical winter in the Rockies is coming up!”

Bob Bonar asserts that his grandson, Brecken Kai Bonar, is the cutest kid in the world. Brecken’s father, Nicolas Bonar ’98, and mother, Giselle, have decided that he is a keeper.

Candace Jacobson is spending October 2019 in Kona, and December 2019 in Capetown, South Africa, for Christmas with her son. “Come visit me in Seattle. When home, I’m much involved volunteering at Seattle Opera and the Pacific Northwest Ballet. Best part of working (regardless of how much one loves their career) is retirement!”

Rebekah Luke enjoyed exhibiting her art at Louis Pohl Gallery in September, especially with the band, Tantalus, performing at the reception. She was also excited to see her own tissue paper collage paintings on episode five of “Hawaii Five-0.” Her many other pieces were shown at Ho’omaluhia Botanical Garden gallery in October.

Bonnie Chock Burke is taking a guided tour of Bhutan and Nepal for two weeks to see the place that rates No. 1 in happiness!

Barbara Ann Blackshear ’68 Andersen’s 20th annual Labor Day weekend party in Hilo brought together family, friends and classmates.
Joe Kaakua celebrated seven decades with dinner at The Pacific Club with Joan Nosse, Tom Alejo, Ned Shimabukuro, Liane Chang, Bob Tam, Wes Kamakawioole, Dianne Ige and David Lee. The birthdays of David, Ned and Tom are only days apart. Happy 70th, gang! Still looking good!

Amelia Olsen Andrade passed peacefully in her sleep. Many classmates, including Howard Tarter, were saddened. “We became friends during junior year. I can honestly say I never met a more caring person in my life. Through the years since graduation, I would see her picture or read a post, and think, I should get in touch with her and catch up, but something always got in the way. The good intentions were soon set aside and forgotten. Even though it has been so many years, I still feel a closeness. I will always remember her warmth and sincere affection.” Let’s honor her graceful, kind, engaging, gentle and beautiful soul. Rest in peace, Mel. You are loved and missed.

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Happy New Year!

Jill Smith left Colorado, in June, after 18 years and moved to a retirement community in New Holland, Pennsylvania. She loves being retired, and has not been in Hawai‘i since 2010. Maybe we will see her at our 55th Reunion in 2023.

Jayne Montz is back in the office after a few years on the sidelines at Hawaii Life Real Estate Brokers in Honolulu.

Last spring, Mavourneen and Steve Wilcox moved from Kamuela on Hawai‘i Island to Kula, Maui. They were renting a house in Wailuku Heights, near Warren Haynes, before buying their home in Kula, which overlooks Oprah Winfrey’s house and the ocean.

Russell Lowrey, who left Honolulu a couple of years ago for Salt Lake City, has moved further east to Missouri.

Georgene Shelton and husband, Michael Brown ’67, are enjoying high desert living east of Palm Springs, and beyond Joshua Tree, in Twentynine Palms, California. They have been there over a year. They are making progress studying up on digging holes and planting water spikes for drip irrigation while they are still spry enough to get it done.

Michael and Ginny Grannis Moore enjoyed cruising Glacier Bay, Alaska, in August. Annette and Gary Ostrem cruised the Danube and Rhine Rivers in late summer for two weeks, starting in Budapest through Hungary, Austria and Germany, and ending up in Amsterdam. On their way back to Honolulu, they stopped in San Francisco and Seattle to see their kids. Pam Rickard Fern and Steve Marcuccilli love cruising too. They took a month-long cruise around Australia in December, starting and ending in Sydney.

Sarah Burchard spent a week in April, touring Washington, D.C., with her twin sister, Jane Burchard Perovich, and Jane’s husband, Nick. Sarah celebrated working 21 years for the esteemed Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, in October. She has no intention to retire anytime soon.

Maunawili, O‘ahu welcomed Patrick Kirch, his wife, Therese, and their Rhodesian Ridgeback, Nani, to the neighborhood in February 2019. Mark Shklov and Marti Wiese Rounds are his neighbors. After a storied career in his field at Bishop Museum and the University of California, Berkeley, Patrick will be teaching Hawaiian and Pacific Islands archaeology at University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. He also serves on the board of directors of Bishop Museum. Congratulations to Iris Mountcastle, whose Kihei Canoe Club crew won the half-mile Women’s 65 race at the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championship at Hanalei Bay, Kaua‘i, in August.

Julian Monsarrat, John Saito, Kulia Simpson Dillavou, Margot Witten Johnson, Kay Simpson Ebert, Drew Braun, Tom “T.C.” Conger ’57, Baba Kreutz ’70, Wendy Doole ’71, Dee Tokigawa ’69, Bob Bonar ’67 and Anne
ensuring the health and safety of triathletes worldwide.

Denny and Cathy Nagy Riley enjoyed a month-long European road trip in April. Their Airbnb in Paris was literally a converted garret apartment on the seventh floor of an old building in the Marais. Her Punahou French classes served her well. Then they were off to London, where they stayed near the Needle, Tower Bridge and a fun open market. The last leg of the trip was driving in Ireland. They visited Cavan, where Denny’s ancestral O’Reilly Castle still stands, or what’s left of it.

In late August, Cheryl and Gregg Butler, along with their son, Giacomo, watched Punahou shut out Long Beach Poly 45-0 in the California Classic football game held at Moorpark High School Stadium near Gregg’s home in Simi Valley, California.

Having retired after a 34-year career in dentistry, Mark Jensen has been teaching at Midwestern University Dental School in Glendale, Arizona, since 2012. Mark and his wife, Kay, have three children and five grandchildren. Mark would like to thank a few outstanding Punahou teachers who influenced his career. Hats off to Miss Ray in physics; Mr. Pennington in biology; and Mr. Kentner in chemistry.
healing waters of the ocean cove and hit the waves together.

We still have our beautiful Tori Richard Reunion outfits selected by Cordie Fukuhara and Gail Nakanishi Satsuma. Hoping that June Mist Sullivan and Scott Power have recovered from their arduous task of making our Reunion the best time ever!

Can you imagine circling the globe to attend our 50th Reunion? Karin Albertsson Langaard and her husband, Terje, had quite the whirlwind world tour traveling from their home in Eidsvoll, Norway, to join us. They stopped in Fiji and spent time with friends in Singapore, where Karin worked as station manager for Scandinavian Airlines. After celebrating with the ’69 ‘Ohana, they headed back home via San Francisco, and of course, Viva Las Vegas!

Gaining a new perspective is always enlightening. Scott Berk and his wife, Gina, are doing their “junior year abroad” and enjoying an extended trip in Europe. At writing, they are based in South France, and plan on visiting other regions of France, then on to Austria, Germany and Italy. Everyone has a dream of “A Year in Provence,” and they are doing it! What a great year to experience the world outside of the country. We look forward to receiving postcards!

Anne Arakaki Lock and her husband, Steve, along with two of their three daughters, Stephanie and Alexis, traveled to South Africa in September to experience a different culture and to be immersed in nature surrounded by rhinos, giraffes, lions and a cast of others!

Last fall, another worldwide explorer and adventure seeker, Lani Oberholzer Twomey, went to Machu Picchu. She also traveled to Patagonia on a tour that included staying in an eco lodge and kayaking, biking, horseback riding and more hiking. Before traveling abroad, Lani went to New Hampshire, to play with her grandson.

Traveling together in Burgundy during the wine season were June Mist Sullivan and her husband, John; Chuck and Victoria Judd Hill; and Scott Power with his wife, Sharan.

Some travel news came in from Kenny Condon. He has been road tripping by car with his dog on a Cycle Oregon bike route, which goes through very scenic parts of Oregon, including Highway 395, through Lakeview and Crater Lake.

Also traveling through Oregon last summer for some hiking in the Cascades and along the Deschutes River were Weylin Fung and Arlene Yokoyama. Other classmates spotted in hot spot Bend were Jim Moody and Bart Potter, who was there with his family for his nephew’s wedding.

We know there are many great post-Reunion stories to share, so please send them to us!

Aloha and love, Robin and Scott

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As Jim Scott has stated many times – the Alumni Lu‘au does not start until the president leads the 50th Reunion Class into the tent. I walked in with the Class of ’69 this summer as a “shadow,” and it was joyful watching them accept that honor. Plan to be there, Class of ’70!

Received a fun note from Gary Bagwell describing his retirement in Los Angeles. As an “aspiring world-class slacker since dropping out of math and physics at Punahou,” he now studies things that interest him each morning; gardens in the afternoons; and still experiences joy in playing the guitar. He carried his Punahou passion as part of the Texas Ranger organization, Isiah’s mother, watch his grandnephew, Isiah Kiner-Felefa, Technically lost, but certainly found again – I Punahou ‘ohana.”

To our 50th, and concludes – “treasure the Hollywood people richer.” He plans to make it TV, films and concerts – “making rich, stage crew forward to a career in lighting for TV, films and concerts – “making rich, Hollywood people richer.” He plans to make it to our 50th, and concludes – “treasure the Punahou ‘ohana.”

Technically lost, but certainly found again – I recently connected with Dara Love Duncan. We send Dara our support and love following her husband’s lifetime of humor has not changed, nor gotten any worse. Dara’s muse about our 50th – “Where did the time go – the blink of a dragon’s eye!”

Also, in the Bay Area is former Class correspondent, Charlie Mayfield. Charlie is still doing tax work in Santa Clara, but looking forward to moving to San Diego in three years, corresponding with his wife’s retirement as a nurse with Veterans Affairs. Charlie’s sense of humor has not changed, nor gotten any better, noting of himself, “Charlie’s love life took a turn for the nurse.”

Mike Kometani was recently in Dallas, to watch his grandson, Isaiah Kiner-Felefa, play for MY Texas Rangers. Isaiah’s mother, Kimberly Kiner ’92, joined Mike on the trip. We enjoyed great conversation, a couple of Texas-sized steaks, a ballpark brat or two and a few cold brews. Mike was a frequent Dallas guest when his son, Kea Kometani ’01, was a pitcher in the Texas Ranger organization, playing for the Frisco RoughRiders.

I recently discovered Malia Crosby Baker living in Texas. Since then, we have enjoyed a great lunch and visit. Malia recently spent an enchanting vacation in Maui, which included dinner with Rosalyn Loomis Meyer at Hali‘imaile General Store. Rosalyn remembered Malia, Toni Afook Takata and Heather Darrow participating in the horse shows at Kapi‘olani Park. In a separate message, Toni fondly remembered those days with the “horseys gals.” Malia said, “My heart never left Hawai‘i.” We will certainly welcome Malia at our 50th.

A last-minute note from Russell Legion. Russell attended the University of Texas, and has stayed in Texas for 50 years. Russell and I recalled, with some hilarity, our Arkansas and Texas connection (or should I say disconnection). In December 1969, we both sat for the ACT exam at Punahou, while my beloved Razorbacks were playing the dreaded Longhorns (whose 15-14 victory for the National Championship has haunted me for 50 years). I was listening to the game on my radio, when the proctor took it from me, with the Razorbacks leading 14-0. Russell and Rick Prahler remember that disruption more fondly. We recently discovered that a year later, we were sitting close to each other at a game in Austin, Texas won again, 42-7. Russell offered a timely reflection before our Reunion. “I wonder how often other people pass by me with whom I share similar life experiences, totally unaware of my missed opportunities to connect!”

Class of 1971

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John King, owner of LogoMotions, a Seattle-based office of AIA Corporation, recently won a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2019 AIA National Sales Meeting in Park City, Utah. He also won the Million Dollar Circle of Excellence award. John loves his life in Snoqualmie, Washington, and promises to be here for our 50th Reunion. Congrats, John!

“Vintage Lines,” an exhibit of aloha wear curated by Dale Hope, was a retrospective of the evolution of aloha wear from the 1920s to the modern day, housed in the IBM building in August and September. The 30 pieces of vintage shirts and hand-painted textile art were from his collection of Shaheen, Surfline Hawai‘i, Art Vogue, Kahala, Japanese Bazaar, Kamehameha, McNerny, Union Supply, Hale Hawai‘i, John Severson and others.

John “JG” Rippeton reports that after Punahou, he attended the University of Redlands in Southern California, and graduated in 1975. He was accepted to the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and due to his luggage being lost, reported for duty in a leisure suit on a snowy day. By 1977, he was on a fast-attack nuclear submarine chasing Russian subs in the Mediterranean. Yes! Even JG is amazed! After 25 years and 18 moves, duty on two aircraft carriers, and commanding officer of a supply center, JG retired as a Navy captain. He and his wife, Mary, and two kids, settled in Fort Worth, Texas. JG took a senior vice president position for a retail company. After his second retirement in 2012, golf and volunteerism at a local museum and theatre are his passions. He and Mary like to travel. This year they enjoyed a Viking ocean cruise to Norway, and saw the Northern Lights (bucket list item checked off). They just returned from a family trip to Costa Rica, which included hiking, zip lining, white water rafting and horseback riding, all before lunch! JG is looking forward to our 50th Reunion. He is planning on joining Steve Chang’s Fossils group golf tournament; seeing Dale Hope, Doug Ostrem and wife, Maile, and the rest of the ’71 gang.

Kudos to Kale Ane, Punahou football coach since 1996. He’s led the Buff ’n Blue to win 144 games since 2002!
From Laurie Ross Gardner: I wanted to let you know of some sad news. Our classmate, Billy Knowlton, passed away. He was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer last year, around Thanksgiving. The family held a service for him on Hawai‘i Island, where he had been retired and living with his wife, Cathy. I am related to Billy, as his brother, Doug, is married to my sister, Patty. Billy had been a teacher for many years and lived in Haiku. Our families knew each other in the early years of growing up and often saw each other during the summer. The Knowltons used to rent the house next door to us when we lived on Portlock Road in Hawai‘i Kai. They’d invite us over to the Punahou faculty house on Kailua Beach. I have special childhood memories of all of the Knowltons. I will miss Bill.

Sad news shared by Peter Hata’s children, Heidi Hata ’99 and Andrew Hata ’03. “We are writing to let you know that our father, Peter Hata, passed away peacefully on Aug. 3, 2019. Peter wished to keep his final days private and we appreciate that you all allowed us to do so. True to character, he was cracking jokes until the very end!”

Members of the Class of ’72 and a few spouses got an early start on their 50th Reunion planning in August. Front row, from left: Marcella Foo Yee, Susie Cooling Field, Mele White Pochereva, Lissa Lam Schiff, Lisa Morrett Cole and Connie Ostrem Carr. Back row: Betsy De Bevec McKibbin, John Field, Eric Schiff, Tom Witten, Rick Cole and Tom Pochereva.
Kimo is moving to Maui, so his '73 friends joined him for an aloha lunch at Pier 9.

Punahou friends from ’73 met up at Kikuya restaurant for two great reasons – to welcome back Ingrid Peterson, who moved back home to Kailua, and to visit with vacationing classmate, Lori Rankin Christenson. Front row, from left: Dawn Yamaguchi, Jodie Dwight Roeca and June Howe Sandrich. Back row: Karen Leong Lee, Pam Li Hinsdale, Kimo Kobayashi.

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Happy New Year, classmates!

As you read these notes, planning for our 50th Reunion (June 2022) is already underway and the emerging Reunion Committee is recruiting! Join the fun and camaraderie of creating the best Reunion ever by contacting Lisa Ormet Cole at farmhouservines@gmail.com or Lisa Lam Schiff at Lschiiff72@gmail.com.

Lisa and Lisa organized an informal committee kickoff in August, when Lisa was in town. It doubled as a great reason to meet Lisa’s beau-now-husband, Rick Cole, who had popped the question a few days before our gathering. They were married in the backyard of their St. Helena, California home, surprising a group of close friends, who thought they were being invited to a wine-tasting party.

Joining our Reunion group was Betsy De Bevec McKibbin, who was visiting from San Diego. I hadn’t seen her in years, so it was fun catching up with her as well. She and her husband, Adrian, (an ’Iolani alumnus) have a property management business. Betsy also volunteers at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and her college sorority.

Pacific Business News ran a nice feature story in August on Erik Soderholm’s family business, Soderholm Sales and Leasing. Over the last 30 years, Erik and his wife, Denise, have grown the company into one of Hawai‘i’s largest bus dealerships, representing 17 bus and van manufacturers from China to Belgium. Five years ago, they launched a new division, Soderholm Bus & Mobility, which sells wheelchair accessible vans and mobility equipment, and also converts passenger vans and other vehicles for accessibility. Erik and Denise are grooming their two children, Gus Soderholm ’13 and Gabi Soderholm ’14, to take over the business.

On a somber note, I was saddened to learn that we have lost another classmate, Stephanie Pickering Conner. She passed away in July, in Waxahachie, Texas. She graduated from Baylor University, with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Right out of school she went to work as a nurse at Baylor Hospital in children’s oncology. She later worked in orthopedics at Irving Community Hospital.

After a break to raise her children, she worked as a school nurse at a high school for 25 years until retiring in 2012. She will be missed by her husband of 44 years, Donnie, as well as her two sons; her grandchildren; her brother, Stephen Pickering ’69, and her extended family.

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Happy New Year!

Congratulations to newlyweds, Ema and Colin Fong. Colin is a humble guy, when it comes to his extensive stunt work in movies and TV. After graduating from Punahou, Colin literally jumped into being a professional stunt man. He is a tactical firearms instructor with a martial arts background. He’s done it all – jumping out of buildings, handling explosive car stunts and taking bullet hits is just a part of his workday. He’s now the vice president of Hawaii Stunt Association. Off the set, he runs Lockout Specialists, which specializes in island-wide residential, auto and commercial lockouts. Best wishes, Colin! Have fun on your new life adventures!

Diane Kimura shared that she ran into Oren Schlieman! Since we haven’t heard from Oren in a while, here’s what he’s been up to. After attending Punahou and Wesleyan University, he received his Master of Fine Arts from California Institute of the Arts. He is now president and creative director of Info Grafik, a company he founded in 1985 to serve entrepreneurs in retail fashion and service industries. Info Grafik is now a consulting firm located on Maunakea Street in Chinatown, which provides a more Hawai‘i-style image development for any size business. He and his wife, Fran Butera, also help with the “Take Back Chinatown” campaign and helped create chinatownwatch.com, which aims to curb the illegal activity in that community. Mahalo to Oren and Fran for making downtown Honolulu a safer place for everyone to work and visit!

February 2020 marked the 87th year of the Punahou Carnival with the theme, Music through the Ages: A Chart-Topping Carnival. Many of us have participated in Carnival activities since we attended grade school, when our parents did all the work. Did you know that Carnival dates back in 1932, when it was called the Oahuan Campus Carnival? It was held on Rice Field as a fundraiser for the yearbook. In 1936, the PTA and junior classes combined, and we had our first Carnival rides. Today, the Carnival is a huge undertaking with current families, faculty, staff and alumni volunteers.

I leave you with these thoughts. “The thankful, grateful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings.” Hugs full of aloha.

A hui hou, Chickie

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Supreme Court, precedent-setting federal and state environmental enforcement cases, complex environmental due diligence in connection with land acquisition and commercial lending and environmental civil litigation.

Leighton Lam was recently featured in Pacific Business News, along with his wife, Lani. His passion for making art started as a teen, when he was learning to make surfboards. In the 1980s, that passion became the foundation for his jewelry-making distribution company, Ear Art, which later became Leighton Lam Designs. He said business boomed in the ’80s, but when the colorful jewelry trend turned back to black and white, gold and silver, it was time to refocus the business. That’s when the company started producing the Hawaiian Nature Collection. After 40 years in business, he still sees himself “as an artist before a businessman,” and he has no intention to retire soon! About 85% of his business is in Hawai‘i, but he also sells to over 400 stores on the mainland and Japan. His greatest challenge is competing in the marketplace with the importers who copy his designs, manufacture it for less and sell it for less. So look for the REAL Leighton Lam Designs when you are shopping!

Our 45th Reunion committee had a final meeting to review the past event, and begin discussions of our 50th in 2024. If you would like to get involved with the planning, please contact me. I will pass your information on to the committee members. The 50th Reunion is special and will offer more opportunities to reconnect with classmates!

Ian Sandison is the current Hawai‘i State Bar Association president, senior counsel division, and was featured in the newspaper earlier this year. His practice focuses on environmental and land use law and litigation. Recent matters he’s worked on include administrative matters that have been successfully litigated through the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, precedent-setting federal and state environmental enforcement cases, complex environmental due diligence in connection with land acquisition and commercial lending and environmental civil litigation.

Happy New Year!

Our 45th Reunion is coming up in June 2020! Your Reunion committee members have planned fun events for Reunion Week. Whether living in Hawai‘i or traveling from the mainland and beyond, let’s have a big turnout. Come renew old friendships and make new ones. Let’s support the School that has given us so much, and pay it forward, while making memories and having a great time!

Our Reunion co-chairs, Danton Wong and Lisa Marciel Izuta, would like you to know that as part of the Friday night event, June 5, there will be a silent auction to benefit our 50th Reunion in 2025. All proceeds from the auction will be kept in our Class account. You might give professional services, sports tickets, stays at vacation properties, art and fine wine. Any questions or ideas? Contact committee members Billijean Kam-Takashima at bkam@hawaii.rr.com or Laurie Uemoto Chang at changlaurie@gmail.com. Mahalo!

Jeff Lyons had a great summer! He was named a top producer for June and July by Coldwell Banker Real Estate. He also earned an award for outstanding performance. Congratulations, Jeff!

Someone else we know also had a good summer. In June, Kevin Velasco was presented with the Old School Award by Punahou Alumni Association. This award is presented to individuals who exemplify the spirit of Punahou through outstanding service to the School. For more than 30 years, Coach Kevin has worked with student-athletes in football and boys and girls basketball encouraging, among other things, grit and perseverance.
Chitra Watumull ’75 Wright surrounded by school children in Mumbai, India. Chitra and her husband, Scot, have formed a nonprofit to benefit children living in poverty in Mumbai and Nairobi, Kenya, where they live 7-8 months of the year, working and teaching in local schools.

Traits he believes are important life qualities. He and his wife, Jeri, have also given countless hours to the annual Holoku pageant and Carnival. Way to show up, Kevin! Your classmates are proud of you!

I received a wonderful, newsy email from Chitra Watumull Wright. After 30 years of teaching in the U.S., Chitra and her husband, Scot, have created a charity that enables children living in poverty in Kenya and Mumbai to attend school. They mentor teachers and supply basics like books, school supplies, medicine and food. This past June, they hosted teachers from Punahou, who spent their time in the classrooms doing math lessons and reading stories. They even taught the students hula! Chitra says it was an amazing experience watching Punahou teachers work and share aloha with students in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. See their Facebook page Watumull Family Children’s Fund and go to watumullchildren.com to learn more. “May we never take for granted how blessed we are to be graduates of a school like Punahou,” Chitra says. Chitra, thank you for sharing your story with us!

Richelle Mamiya Fujioka’s father, Dr. Richard T. Mamiya, passed away on Aug. 27, 2019. Dr. Mamiya was well known as a gifted surgeon and community philanthropist. Punahou is just one of many recipients of Dr. Mamiya’s generosity through the Mamiya Science Center.

Unfortunately, I have to share the sad news that our classmate, Gregg Eldon Ling, passed away on March 14, 2019. Gregg was a retired banker. He is survived by his mother, Alicia Yee; his sister, Dee Ann Ling ’72; and his brother, Tad Ling ’81.

Our condolences to the Mamiya and Ling families.

Nathan Sult and Beth Tarter got in touch to say that Lani Brockman and her partner, Marty Eagleson, were in town for a visit to celebrate their 35th anniversary. Congratulations! Nathan recently retired from Bank of Hawaii after 25 years.

Posie Morris Constable checked in to say that she just sold her apartment in New York City, after 17 years in residence. She is building a family retreat on Nantucket, where she intends to … farm! Bees, mushrooms, cheese … She’s still working as head of business development for clean energy finance nonprofit, New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation. Posie hopes to see everyone at our 45th.

See you at Reunion!

The Class of 1975 Reunion committee has been working hard at having fun and planning their 45th Reunion! Front row, from left: Eric Yee, Erin Palmer, Lisa Marciel Izuta, BilliJean Kam-Takashima and Kitty Sullivan Wo. Back row: Skip Hill, Peter Thacker, Bruce Fink, Nancy King Holt, Terry Lee and Danton Wong.
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Happy New Year! This column’s a two-fer, with notes from both of us. (We’re writing in the royal “we,” so you won’t know who’s who.)

We were saddened to hear that Scott Mosher passed from the Honolulu Fire Department several years ago as a battalion chief, and for the last few years, helped coach football at McKinley High School. Scott loved music, and many of us remember him playing every Cat Stevens song when we were in high school. Scott was predeceased by his beloved wife, Tane, and is survived by his mom, Pat Westfall ’55; his son, Cullen Mosher; his brother, Dale Mosher ’78; and his sister, Pam Mosher Kau. Our heartfelt condolences to the Mosher ’ohana.

How great to get a newsy update from long, lost classmate, Scott Glover! Scott is a civil engineer. He and his wife, Karen, moved to San Diego last year, after living in Los Angeles and San Francisco. They welcomed their daughter, Sofia, in 2015, and Scott became a proud member of the Old Dad’s Club, along with Ray Sandla. Scott admitted he attended our 40th Reunion, but not many of us saw him. “Sandla and I were flying under the radar.” (Some things never change.) He keeps in touch with Ray, Brad Myers and David Rosen and would welcome hearing from any classmates visiting San Diego. Our next Reunion is 2021, Scott! We hope to see you then, if not sooner!

We made a Facebook plea for updates from classlings who haven’t been in these pages in far too long, and received a whopping THREE replies! Here are quickies from … Mike Pryor, who responded from California to say that he had been working as a commercial pilot, but is now building tiny homes on wheels. If you’re interested in both downsizing and hitting the road, check out his handiwork at tinyhouselistings.com. Also in California … Janye Kamahele will be a retired person by 2019, in Truckee, California. Congratulations and best wishes to Simone Grandmain ’80 and Anthony Sarceno, who were married on Sept. 15, 2019, in Truckee, California.

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As you experience the winter temperatures, think about the fun and aloha we shared during our Reunion to keep you warm until the mercury climbs again. While you’re doing that, remember to reserve June 2024 for our 45th!

By the time these Class notes reach your mailbox, I will likely be living in the Western United States again after spending seven years in Cleveland. In September, I traveled to Colorado to check out an opportunity in Boulder. I am also exploring possibilities in California, Washington and Texas. A few classmates live in Colorado, but I was unable to meet up with anyone during the 20 hours I was on the ground.

Thank you to Colorado state patrol trooper, Bellmann Hee ’78, for taking time out of his busy schedule to chat with me on the phone about living in Colorado. It was great to catch up with a fellow Punahou trombonist after playing together in several Academy bands so many years ago. Bellmann was nearly killed in 2014, when a vehicle thief ran him down at high speed. So it was gratifying to hear that he has since recovered and continues to serve and protect the people of Colorado. In May, Bellmann cycled from Newark, New Jersey, to Washington, D.C., to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial to honor fallen officers, bit.ly/2MFYz8k.
Sue-Kyung Yoon Farabaugh is a retired FAA air traffic controller. She and her husband, Paul, live north of Denver, in Berthoud, Colorado. Sue has been an avid rower the last several years and has an active jury member for various U.S. Rowing national championship regattas.


David Doty lives south of Denver, where he is the chief strategy officer for BBDI, the franchisor and operator of Black Bear Diner, with dozens of locations across the western United States. bit.ly/2MI0cSB

Stefanie Brown is a licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, certified addiction counselor and founder of the PTSD Trauma Treatment Center in Colorado Springs. Earlier in her career, Stefanie was a trial lawyer and national law firm partner. bit.ly/32If9s

Anali Masunaga Cunningham lives in Grand Junction, where she is the executive director and founder of Movement Therapies. bit.ly/2MKnGA5

In Northern Colorado, Steamboat Springs Holiday Inn owners, Scott Marr and Lynne Schoen Marr, plan to build another hotel, bit.ly/31iYlt5. Lynne writes: “Currently the plan is to build a 55-room boutique hotel on 10th and Yampa in downtown Steamboat Springs. The project is two-thirds of the way approved. We’ll go before the city council again in December for final approval, but it looks good. Never taking anything for granted, please send approving thoughts our way. If all goes well, we might break ground once it thaws out, in spring 2020.” She continues, “What a great Class Reunion! Thanks again to the Reunion committee for all their hard work. I really appreciated it. It was awesome to see everyone and catch up, so blessed to be able to get older and have new experiences.”

Bryan Klum is another classmate opening a hotel. Bryan writes: “I recently retired after 35-plus years in the Hawai‘i hospitality industry; first with Outrigger Hotels and later with Hilton. My wife, Camie Foster ’78 Klum, and I recently purchased a 22-room lodge-style hotel and restaurant property in Waimea, on Hawai‘i Island. We have begun a renovation of the property, which was originally owned by the Parker Ranch and serves both visitors and local residents. We now divide our time between O‘ahu and Hawai‘i Island. We should have our renovation done in about 12 months. We are operating the lodge during renovation, but we are planning a reopening for October 2020.”

David “Boy” Eldredge writes: “In the past 28 years, we were blessed to have five sons and two grandsons. On Aug. 30, we finally got a girl! We welcomed Sienna Anne Kali‘alehua, daughter of Shelby and Ka‘iana Eldredge ’10. Feeling extremely grateful. Life is good!”

Until next time, be well! Mitch

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Alumni gathered in Truckee, California, on Sept. 15, 2019, to decorate and celebrate Simone Grandmain’s marriage to Anthony Saraceno. Greg ’82 and Gigi Grandmain ’82 Wunderlich were in the wedding party; Marion Philpotts-Miller, Lisa Botticelli Pohl, Shelley Aull Hewitt, Kellie Lawson Purdy, Kelly Hutchinson McMahon, Elaine Miller and Heidi Wunderlich ’81 Brown transformed the river-front venue into an amazing fairytale land with flowers that Susie Stevens ’58 Wunderlich brought from her garden in Geyserville, tiny lights on boughs of pine and more. Guests were blown away. The Punahou girls also brought an abandoned canoe to the wedding site that they’d found by Donner Lake to hold all the cold drinks. Perfect! All danced the day and night away. As the party wound down, Simone danced a hula for the groom, which brought many to tears.

Our 40th Reunion committee has been working to make our Alumni/Week a time to remember. Mahalo to our Gift chair, Greg Yim! Activity chairs, Lee Bell and Melanie Bailey, are coordinating a variety of events at great venues. Mahalo, Lee and Melanie! Save the dates! June 1 – 7, 2020. We will have golf, a service project at Tom McDonald’s Kahumana Farm, tours of Iolani Palace and Hawaii State Judiciary, a Friday cocktail party at The Pacific Club, the Alumni Lu’au and a Sunday picnic in Lanikai. We’re also planning post-golf and post-Alumni Lu’au gatherings, so we have more time to reconnect!

Please start the Reunion conversation with the classmates you see, and reach out to those you haven’t seen in a while. We hope our many Neighbor Island, mainland and overseas classmates are able to make the journey HOME TO PUNAHOU! Please contact Kelly, Lee, Melanie or Ray Hironaka if you have questions. Check out the fabulous “bamboo” Class of 1980 Facebook page for updated information.

Like bamboo, the Class of 1980 bends, but never breaks!

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From Betsy Case:

While taking my oldest daughter, Melia Marguleas ’19, to Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, I was so happy to be able to visit my twin brother, Brad Case, in McLean, Virginia. He is very happy in his new job as director of economics, Economics and Strategic Research at Fannie Mae in Washington, D.C. He continues to volunteer as Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America, National Capital Area Council Group. He made Eagle Scout while at Punahou (as did his son, Bradford!). Bradford is studying at Yale University, and his daughter, Caroline, is at Williams College. I was also thrilled to catch up with Allison “Poppy” Hopper, my friend from third grade at Hanahau’oli School through Punahou. She just happens to live an hour north of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. (Aunty Poppy will check in Melia on occasion!) We caught up and shared many wonderful memories! While with Poppy we made a call to our other BFF from elementary school, Kirsten.
Kristin “Krissy” Miller has been living in Telluride for over 20 years working as a designer and esthetician. She has been back and forth this year visiting her mother in Honolulu, so we got together for lunch. Krissy and her daughter, Kulani, hiked Colorado National Monument in the summer. Her son, Slator Kainoa, graduated from University of Colorado Boulder, and in 2018, was the first recipient of the Neil Armstrong engineering scholarship. He is now working in Vail as an engineer.

Sloane Underhill Perroots has been living in San Jose for years, and recently started showing her pottery, Handmade by Sloane, at the Coastal Arts Gallery in Half Moon Bay. Sloane and her mother, Jackie Lemmon ’59 Johnson, will show her work together at a San Jose local arts and craft fair. Sloane plans to be in Hawai‘i in February.

It was fun to have Eva Johanos (pronounced like “whatever,” she said) up to my house while she was on O‘ahu. She teaches English at a school in ‘Iao Valley, lives in Haiku, Maui and enjoys playing guitar on weekends. Remember she played “Essence Utopia” in our Variety Show “Fu’s Follies?” Because she studied and lived in Greece, her dream is to lead a trip back there someday – let her know if you are interested! Her grown son, Gabriel Montagne, lives in Colorado.

That’s all I’ve got this time around. Keep an eye on the Punahou ’82 Facebook Group Page, where there are always a lot of fun posts!

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My wife, Lisa Hutchinson, and I had a nice Japanese dinner with Maggie Anderson Sheedy and her husband, Tom, at Odori-ko in Honolulu. Also joining us were Colleen Kelley Heyer and her husband, Judd. Maggie and Tom were in town with their son, William, to attend the NFL preseason game at Aloha Stadium between the Los Angeles Rams and the Dallas Cowboys.

I ran into Mariliz Reilly Wayne at Costco in Hawai‘i. She was busy buying a mountain of supplies for a real estate event at East Oahu Realty, where she’s accrued 27 years of experience.

An epic gathering of ’82s happened in the name of Frisbee golf! Greg Milne, Roger Lyons, Geoff Lewis, Hermann Allerstorfer, Jeff Pfeffer, Steve Niles, Jon Wichman from Kaua‘i, Greg Wunderlich from Lake Tahoe, and Phil McNamee from Washington, assembled on Maui to tackle the gorgeous and meticulously maintained Polipoli Disc/Frisbee Golf course located high on the slopes of Haleakala. Also in attendance were alumni Greg Sheehan ’84, Packy Cronin ’84, Jon Steiner ’83, Skip Wunderlich ’84 and Billy Philpotts ’84. Needless to say, many a toast was raised to the late Ka‘au McKenney ’83, who was, in addition to everything else, a frequent Frisbee golfer.

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Aloha! Happy New Year!

Hard to believe, as I write this on Oct. 1, that this Bulletin will be hitting mailboxes in 2020! Lots of exciting news this time around … so let’s get right to it!

HUGE news … our very own Keith Amemiya announced his run for Honolulu mayor. He was quoted as saying, “I’m running for mayor because too many of our people are losing hope that we can meet our greatest challenges: Stop the scandals, cost overruns and corruption. Honolulu deserves a mayor who refuses to let our future slip away, a mayor who embraces honesty and integrity and restored trust.” Keith is currently the senior vice president of Island Holdings, the parent company of Island Insurance and four other local subsidiaries. You have my vote for sure, Keith! Wish I still had a Hawai‘i address to make this a legit claim!

More HUGE news: Island Insurance, the state’s largest locally owned property and casualty (P&C) insurance carrier, has appointed Tyler Tokioka as the company’s chairman of the board. Here’s one of the quotes published regarding this promotion: “During his career, Tyler has worked in every major department of the company and now has the most comprehensive perspective of its business and operations. That background has prepared him to be uniquely qualified for this key leadership and governance role with Island Insurance.” Go, Tyler! Go!

Alden Zeca reminds us that he is still in Boston, and that Erin Bortles O’Keefe had her annual lu‘au on Aug. 31, in Brattleboro, Vermont. This event usually gets a good crowd with ’83 attendees from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. I didn’t get any updates from this year’s event … but no doubt it was another HUGE success. (Going to try to use the word HUGE in every paragraph :))

Cameron Krainin was recently in town. Darn it, she was visiting during the workweek and I couldn’t find time to join, but she did meet up with Christi O’Connor for some fun, Seattle sights and reminiscing. Cameron was even able to attend a very wet Seahawks game. Weather had been amazing, and all of a sudden, there was a HUGE deluge of rain, right during the game, of course. We still won, so all was good … and any good Pacific Northwester knows how to successfully watch outdoor sporting events – especially in the rain.

I finally made it out to see Maui Meyer, who lives and pretty much runs the town of Hood...
River, Oregon. I was on a two-day motorcycle ride with our evening stop across the river in White Salmon, Washington. We stopped at Maui’s amazing house for a quick hello, a glass of wine and to meet his family. Absolutely loved his hale! It’s a beautiful, old, HUGE craftsman house, sitting majestically on the corner. Maui is part owner of a fabulous restaurant, Celilo. We ate dinner there, and it was honestly, one of the best meals I have ever had. Maui’s son, Nathanial, was one of our servers. He looks just like Maui, especially his sly smile!

Finally, in the super small world: Most of you know that I work at the one women’s prison in the entire state of Washington as a psychiatric social worker on a mental health team of 14. We recently hired a psychiatrist to job share ... and she is none other than Punahou Class of 2001’s Bhinna Pearl Park! Bhinna is amazing and brings with her the warmth of Hawai‘i. Within the first week, we were hugging, “talking story” and reminiscing about Punahou. I am thrilled to have her as a work colleague. At first, when I mentioned to my team that we went to the same high school, there was some disbelief ... When I clarified we were NOT in the same graduating class, it made more sense! Ha! Ha! Bhinna was likely born in 1983, as we all graduated!!

That is all the HUGE news I have from here! Until next time ... all my love, aloha and HUGE hugs!

Kim
These ‘85 classmates are hard(ly) at work planning a great weekend of 35th Reunion festivities. Front row, from left April Coloretti, Colleen Maeda Bird, Chris Bisho and John Eveleth. Back row: CathyLynne Fong, Erin Auerbach, Andrea Agcaoili Mills, Tracy Mabe Ide, Jennifer Lee Wagner Czerwinski, Kristi Koga, Shari Lyons Grounds, Leslie Opulauoho, Allison Hirose Melanson, Andrew Lockwood and Danny McInerny.

At intermission during the Society of Professional Journalists’ Gridiron Show, four ‘85ers had a moment with a U.S. Senator, who had a Beyoncé-themed sketch dedicated to her. From left: April Coloretti, Colleen Maeda Bird, U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, Keoki Kerr, co-artistic director of Gridiron and Jill Takatsuka Yoshimoto.

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Aloha, everyone! Happy New Year! It’s been a while since I’ve written Class notes. So happy to be back! I’m writing from beautiful Shanghai, where I’ve been living for a few years. I teach first grade at the Shanghai American School. Look me up if you’re in the area. I can turn you on to the best and cheapest dumplings.

Update time ... Ran into Gail Stringer in Seattle at her Hawai’i General Store. It was so good to talk story with her. She has some stories! Stop by her store when you’re in Seattle, buy some of your Hawai’i favorites and ask Gail to share her stories – specifically her Thailand adventures. They’re right out of a movie!

Always my “go to” person for news, Grace Leong Saturnia had a bunch of mini-reunions last summer. She met up with school buddies Alison Ito Kevern and Sheryl Li Lasa, who were visiting from Arizona and Virginia (respectively). They were joined by Audrey Ching Nakamoto and Susan Char. Grace also...
had a chance to catch up with Cyndi Kop and husband, Phil Yau, who were visiting from Menlo, California. Our Puns in Print star and published author, Sara Ackerman, is working on her next (third!) book, “Red Sky Over Hawai‘i” will be released in May. The story takes place in Volcano, Hawai‘i, at the outbreak of the war. Very exciting! Stay tuned for this one and more books to come from Sara!

Holly Hadsett El Hajji was featured as one of the alumni chefs at the second annual Punahou Alumni Association Dinner in the Buff (‘n Blue). She was joined by other alumni chefs, who elaborated on classic cafeteria food and served it up to 300 lucky participants. The event sold out in three days! I wish Holly could have worked her magic on the cafeteria food when we were in high school. I wonder what she could have created with the very popular Tiger’s Milk Bar?

On reflection, life is amazing and quick. Whether you’re an empty nester, raising kids, working and playing hard in different places or countries, just living life, please capture and share the moments in your life. Share them with the people you grew up with, played with, learned with, lived with and loved with at Punahou. We are a part of each other’s lives and are forever connected. Let’s celebrate it here! Your Class correspondents, Deborah Sharkey Linville, Russell Lee and I, are here ready to help you share!

That’s it for now, Punahou friends!

Aloha, Karin

Several ‘85ers gathered at classmate Dave Campbell’s Aloha Beer Company. From left: Keoki Kerr, Katrina Li Wilson, Bill Loose, Dave Fan, Stan McCrea, April Coloretti, Craig Netzer and Harlan Cadinha.

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In July, Melinda Tuan ’86 was at her family reunion in Lake Tahoe, when she ran into a colleague whose parents are both Punahou grads. That Reyn Spooner Punahou aloha shirt is a dead giveaway! From left: Genny Biggs, Dar Labarthe ’57, Merrily Doran ’64 Labarthe, Melinda and husband, Pete Groeneveld, all raising a coffee mug to toast new Punahou president, Mike Latham ’86!

Punahou graduates – Dar ’57 and Merrily Doran ’64 Labarthe. Merrily was coming off her 55th Reunion. Apparently the blue and yellow Reyn Spooner shirt was a dead giveaway.

Brenda Kwon was a featured speaker at the 2019 Asian American Literary Festival held in Washington, D.C. Well done, Brenda!

When many of us have been able to gather together on the mainland, classmates in Hawai’i have been able to spend time together as well. Ken May, Andy Bunn, Paul Chattergy and Melinda Tuan had an opportunity to visit Mike Latham’s humble new abode in August.

When Gus Ralston ’24 and Nick Lockwood’s ’27 classmates couldn’t make the 21-and-over cut for their September gig at Anna O’Brien’s, their parents’ classmates stepped in. Nana Nakano Howell, Roselle Leong Chin, Kent Badham, Possie Dudgeon Badham, Shawn Brady, Tyler Ralston, Kristin Ralston and Carol Lockwood revisited their youth with a little late nightclub rock and perhaps a refreshing beverage or two. Andrew Lockwood ’85 and Holly Paulson ’87 Sereni joined in the fun.

Alumni and guests at the second annual (sold out!) Punahou Alumni Association Dinner in the Buff (’n Blue) enjoyed chef Ed Kenney’s Ulu Bravas, Spanish fried ulu with chili pepper water aioli, and cold ginger chicken and rice, a terrine with mushrooms, avocado and ginger-green onion pesto. Super ‘ono, Ed!

I’m so very proud to be a part of this amazing Class. I look forward to hearing from you. I wish all of you a happy, healthy 2020.

With aloha, Valeri
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Suzanne, an event planner for Dow Jones in New York City, was managing an event in San Francisco, when she got the call that Anthony was getting married. She was able to fly over to Honolulu for the nuptials and then flew right back for her function. Despite their busy schedules, Chris Dias, Dutch Eveleth and Aaron Kauhane were able to free up time to be there to support and celebrate their childhood friend and his beautiful bride.

Anthony, a general surgeon at Kapi’olani Medical Center for Women and Children, specializing in breast diseases, had been taking time out of his busy schedule to volunteer on the board of the Ronald McDonald House Charities - Hawaii. It was the former board chair who asked him the million dollar question, “Are you single?” She had a friend at Bank of Hawaii, who she thought would be a great fit for him. Lo and behold, she was right! Congratulations, Anthony and Tranh!

Lyla, out!

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In Honolulu, Ricko Rask Taniguchi, visiting from Denver, brought a bunch of ’88ers together for grindz at Side Street Inn! I hope I don’t miss anyone: Sherrie Sonomura, Ralph Winnie, Boyd Akase, Cindy Goodness Zane, Ulalia Woodside, Trisha Lum, Ulani Chun Chong, Joelle Uyeda and Charla Murakami Ota.

I hope you had a chance to check out the Diamond Head Theatre’s production of “Kinky Boots,” deftly directed and choreographed by Andrew Sakaguchi. It is one of my favorite musicals, and I heard Andrew killed it in every way! Also bringing all kinds of joy about town – Danny Kim put into practice what he has been working on for many years … gratitude. He created the Aloha Journal Project, with which he has been spreading aloha locally, and as far and wide as New York City and Dubai.

Colin Yokoyama brought a little aloha to Northern and Southern California! First stop … San Francisco with Daryl Muromoto and Efren Baria ’89. Colin said it was such an awesome night that Daryl missed his ferry home. Trisha Lum always knows how to show peeps a good time in Los Angeles. Colin’s experience was no exception. They went to (in Colin’s words) “some of her exclusive clubs” on two consecutive nights, and Colin recovered at brunch with Steve Shew.

And over to the East Coast … Matt Melish ran into Ragnar Carlson in Boston. Ragnar lives happily in Salem, Massachusetts, with his
Alumni Notes


Team CHUN FUNS raised money and awareness at The ALS Association’s Walk to Defeat ALS by supporting Eric Chun ’89 and others afflicted with ALS. CHUN FUNS teammates include ’89 classmates Sarah Lowrey Razee, Shannon Bradley Yates, Ryan Gilbert, Steve Maurer, Chad Konishi, Pam Clifford Jenkins, Sarah Sugimoto, Eric Chun, Courtney Meagher Sibley, Kelly Hicks, Christy Gray and Melody Heidel.

Did you know that Ligaya Rogers Mishan posts zero pictures of herself on social media because she’s an undercover celebrity here in New York City? All local restauranteurs are dying for Ligaya to say a kind word about them in The New York Times. In order to maintain the integrity of the review process, Ligaya can’t let on who she is so that, eschewing special treatment at these establishments, she can either wax lyrical or give an honest, unwelcome review with her beautiful prose. At Fordham University, Ligaya gave a lecture, “Off the Rails in Hungry City: Confessions of an Accidental Food Writer,” which Valerie Tate Jopeck attended. I always love reading Ligaya’s column in The New York Times because the articles often hearken back to the beloved “delicacies” of our small-kid-days in Hawai‘i.

And back to Honolulu … Neige Whittington was the junior parent specialties division head for Carnival 2020, Music through the Ages: A Chart-Topping Carnival! They tried something new: presales of jams and jellies! Mahalo to Toby San Luis for coordinating the Malasada batter class shift!

Last Bulletin, fellow correspondent, Stacy Humes Porteus, shared about the movie I got involved with last summer, “Yellow Rose.” I was so happy to reconnect with Lani Fujimoto Alfonso at the Los Angeles screening. She is still making the city a more hospitable place to live! We are so excited that “Yellow Rose” has been acquired by Sony Pictures Worldwide Acquisitions(!) and, fingers crossed, will come soon to a theatre near you!

Aloha for now! Karen

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Jaci-ann has a fun idea! A Las Vegas reunion! With the year quickly coming to a close, we are...
Courtney Meagher Sibley shared on our Facebook page that Eric Chun was recently diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Eric is participating in a trial for new treatment at University of California, San Diego, and is hopeful that a cure can be found. Team CHUN FUNS was formed to support Eric and others currently facing ALS and in honor of Eric’s mother, Peggy, Aunt Bobbie, “Gramma” Sara and thousands of others who have lost this fight. Team CHUN FUNS participated in the Walk to Defeat ALS in September, and surpassed their goal, raising $30,475! The Walk to Defeat ALS raised $163,755! A Caring Bridge site has been set up for friends and classmates to support, as well as stay up to date on Eric’s progress. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ericchun

We’re rooting for you, Eric, and sending healing thoughts your way!

The Mighty ’90’s Reunion committee is ready and waiting for Alumni Week! Front row, from left: Kay Rhee, Dana Shimoda-Fraiola, Julie Chang and Aika Alexander Piper. Back row: Jon Emura, Derek Lau, Chad Kawashima, Heather Ziegler Palling, Jena Tanaka Kaneshiro and Kale Kippen.

now looking at dates in the spring of 2020. If you are interested in planning and/or would like to attend, please email jaci_ann@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to our own Chad Konishi on landing the coveted athletic director position at St. Louis School. Chad has dedicated his career to helping young student athletes.

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Happy New Year, MIGHTY 90! I hope the holidays were more festive and fun than stressful. Believe it or not, our 30th Reunion is coming up! Save the dates of June 1-7, 2020 for Alumni Week! On Thursday, we will participate in a community service project; Friday, we will party like it’s 1990 at Surfjack 30th REUNION
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Friends from ’91 attended the celebration of Marie Murphy ’61 Hara’s life at the Twigg-Smith Pavilion to support Mayu Hara ’91 Dao and her family in their time of loss. Pictured here, from left, are Mayu, Lara Wong ’91 Dao, Vanessa Higa Kau, Mike Watanabe, Tracie Masumoto Iha and Derek Wong.

Hotel & Swim Club in Waikiki; and Saturday is the Alumni Lu’au with after-party shenanigans at Square Barrels! Sunday, we will nurse our hangovers on the beach somewhere ... PLEASE NOTE: Registration opens March 13, 2020. Please make sure to purchase your tickets for the Lu’au early! Tickets are first come, first served, and sold out before the deadline last year. Write this down, put it in your phone, tie a ribbon on your pinky ... do what you gotta do to remember the dates and celebrate MIGHTY ’90 style!

As a new parent to Punahou, it’s so nice to be back on campus – seeing familiar faces and embracing a newfound appreciation for Punahou and all it has to offer. (Yes, Brian and I shared a cup of that Kool-Aid) In addition to continuing to support girls athletics at Punahou by being on the board of Na Wahine Pa’ani O Punahou and coordinating our flower booth at Carnival, I have joined our 30th Reunion committee! I’m working with a great group of our classmates whose goal is to make this one of our best celebrations yet!

It’s so awesome running into classmates and their families here, there and everywhere! I had the best time this summer hanging out with Charlie Fern in Tokyo. It was hotter than Hades, but we had the coolest time. My son, Aidan ’23, enjoys the theater, so we attend many performances around the Island. At every one so far, I’ve seen Krista Hopkins Cole and her family. I’ve also seen Jon Matsuda, Aolani Yamasato-Gargas and Reina Miyamoto supporting the arts.

It was great to hear Christy Greenwell Churchill calling my name across Rice (Middle) Field during the cross country invitational in October. She lives on Maui and her son, Parker, runs for Seabury Hall. I admired her cute Sea Sea Aloha hat. Her prints creatively depict a Hawaiian Island outline in the middle of each floral design. How clever is that? LOVE IT!

Brennan McBride and his youngest son flew to Denver to visit Paul Lucken and his son for a few days to celebrate the youngest McBride making that big jump from single to double digits. There’s no going back now, kiddo! They celebrated by four-wheel buggy jumping, catching some serious air and ended their trip seeing an Arsenal soccer game. Happy double digits, Cam!

Dr. Rachel Coel is keeping busy as a pediatric sports medicine physician with Straub Medical Center in Kapolei’s Ka Makana Ali’i as well as being the team physician for Hawai’i Pacific University, Chaminade University, Roosevelt High School, Le Jardin Academy and Hawaii Baptist Academy.

Sending a lot of aloha to U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, who is chairman of the U.S. Senate Democrats’ Special Committee on the Climate Crisis. Brian is reaching out to Native Hawaiians and other indigenous peoples to see the impact of climate change and seeking solutions within their communities. Every day I drive by Paepae o He‘eia and see the phenomenal work the community is doing to restore the fishpond. Mahalo to founder and executive director, Hi’ilei Kawelo ’95. It truly makes my heart smile. Mahalo, Brian, for helping to lead the way to address this climate change.

Well that’s it for now. Stay updated with our Reunion plans via Facebook, Instagram, email and snail mail. Join us at our Reunion this summer for some MIGHTY fun! Aloha and smiles across the miles :) Dana

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Happy New Year, ’91 friends!

Many of our classmates gathered at Case Middle School in support of Mayumi Hara Dao and Kasumi Hara ’95 to celebrate the wonderful life of their mother, Marie Murphy ’61 Hara. Growing up, she was like a mother to many of us, always greeting us with open arms. Her contagious smile would light up a room. Aunty Marie passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 23, surrounded by her family. She is survived by husband, John Hara ’57; Mayumi and Franklin Dao; Kasumi Hara and Evan Mau ’95; and grandchildren, Jadelyn Dao, Elina Hara-Mau ’29, Leonard Hara-Mau ’31, Cora Hara-Mau and Mari Dao. She will be missed dearly, and we will remember her in our hearts, always.
Chef Jon Matsubara has been keeping busy. In addition to serving up some of his delectable bites at Punahou’s Dinner in the Buff (‘n Blue) and Honolulu Magazine’s Rosé Soirée, he found a new home for his restaurant, FEAST, in Manoa, which opened in September. How exciting and delicious!

Apparently, when an L & L franchisee is home for a week on vacation, he goes to Chun Wah Kam. In July, Allison Takeshita Van Orman, my co-correspondent, was approaching the doors of Chun Wah Kam Pensacola when someone coming out held the door open for her to come in. Much to her surprise, it was none other than Sai Yamagata – always the gentleman!

Josh Feldman’s Tori Richard stores are expanding! He will be opening the 11th Tori Richard store in March 2020, at The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Ka’anapali. Congrats, Josh!

Welcome home, Lara Wong! Lara, her husband, Mark, and daughters, Nicole ’23, Anna ’25, and Jacqueline ’29, moved home this summer from the Bay Area.

Stanton Oishi’s daughter, Alana Oishi-Agader ’25, recently became the first youth female from a Scouts BSA Troop inducted into Na Mokupuni ‘O Lawelawe 567, Aloha Council’s Order of the Arrow Lodge. The Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scouts of America’s National Honor Society. Inductees must not only satisfy rank and camping experience requirements, but are also elected by their peers. What an awesome accomplishment!

Cade Roster is showing his artful goods at MORI by Art + Flea | Ward Village. He’s an artist, teacher, freelance illustrator and dad to twins, Jax and Vaughn (11). Cade recently designed a set of Punahou alumni stickers featuring iconic school images. His wife, Waileia Davis ’86 Roster, compiles these Class notes!

October’s Flaming “P” has become quite the event over the years, and it’s a nice opportunity to see our classmates. Amid the festive masses, we spotted opportunity to see our classmates. Amid the event over the years, and it’s a nice October’s Flaming “P” has become quite the accomplishment!

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Happy New Year, Class of 1992!

A big mahalo to Megan Callan for providing us with some great updates about classmates who live in the Bay Area, as well as those who have recently visited. Megan is the assistant director at SFO Museum, the only accredited airport-based museum in the country. With more than 40 exhibits displayed annually in 25 galleries, the SFO Museum offers amazing variety. For example, it has included exhibits ranging from insects and French scenic wallpaper to California studio crafts and aviation history. Megan oversees the SFO Museum’s permanent collection (more than 140,000 objects!), the registration department, human resources, the budget and all of the administrative odds and ends. Keep up the great work, Megan!

Megan enjoys regularly seeing Blake Ulveling, who lives just across the Bay Bridge, and
strategically planned a vacation to Paris and London before heading back to the States on the festive flight, which included a DJ, a conga line, a special menu, bingo and many new friends.

Two extremely talented ’92 writers, Hanya Yanagihara and Virginia Loo, were recently featured in Honolulu magazine. The article described Hanya’s 2016 book, “A Little Life,” “the last novel by a Hawai‘i-educated writer to leap over the stile and into national and international prominence.” Hanya lives in New York, where she is the editor in chief of T: The New York Times Style Magazine. The article also included a quote from one of Virginia’s former colleagues, who called her “the best local writer no one’s heard of,” because Virginia has not yet chosen to publish any of her literary gems. Virginia, a consultant and former Centers for Disease Control epidemiologist, is a member of the Kaimuki Writers Group.

A hearty congratulations to Jan Harada, who recently became the executive director of the H.T. Hayashi Foundation, which strives to support Hawai‘i-based organizations in a manner consistent with the Hayashi family’s core values of love, respect, compassion, humility, courage, perseverance and accountability. Jan has spent 13 years in the nonprofit sector, 12 of which have been as an executive director or CEO. Jan is the first employee ever hired by the H.T. Hayashi Foundation, so it’s safe to say this organization hit a home run with its first round pick!

Aloha and God Bless, Mike “Maz,” Jen and J!

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How are things going in your neck of the woods? If you weren’t able to make the trip home for Carnival, hit up one of the PAA Regional Chapters (there are eight in total!) to connect with other alums! Locally, the Alumni Association has also been offering Buff ‘n Blue Back to School, unique continuing education classes, such as “Math and Physics of Voyaging” and “Intro to Adobe Bridge and Photoshop.” Visit alumni.punahou.edu to see their latest offerings. Who knows, they might consider bringing back “How to Study” if enough of us ask for it – ha!

Heather Ueunten Salonga and Remle Wong

Birk have been doing a fantastic job keeping us abreast of school and classmate news on Facebook. Heather and Adam Bien are also tearing things up on Strava! While I don’t post much on either site (especially the latter “cough” cough”), it’s so cool to be connected and inspired in so many ways.

Will Crowley’s daughter, Cassidy, wowed the Shark Tank judges on the Season 11 premiere.

The young inventor pitched The Baby Toon, a safe baby spoon that doubles as a teething ring, and secured funding from one of the investor judges. Amazing!

Whether via Facebook or email, we hope you drop us a line with your whereabouts and what you’re up to. Rhon, Dave, Sheree and I would love to hear from you. Happy New Year!

Aloha, Chio

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From Jeri Tokumoto:

Happy New Year! 2020 means one year closer to retirement! It has taken a little getting used to having no reminders about Reunion or monthly Lu‘au meetings. Without my Reunion-related activities, my schedule seems a little empty!

At the end of September, Taryn Dean and Harry Antipala were married at sunrise on Kailua Beach. Congratulations to the newlyweds! Congratulations also goes to Dr. Joy Vink and Patrick Daly, who welcomed their son, Benjamin, on Sept. 23 in New York City.

While binge watching the final season of “Orange is the New Black” on Netflix, I was...
pleasantly surprised to see Eric Elizaga with a supporting role as Piper’s boss. Yet by day, extra on her days off, Christy Anbe Chang was front and center in a First Hawaiian Bank commercial featuring Marcus Mariota that played on local channels.

Dawn Sue-Dare and her family attended the Punahou v. Long Beach Polytechnic football game in Moorpark, California. They got to meet Punahou’s new president, Mike Latham ’86, eat yummy L & L food, and cheer for the Sons of Oahu. Punahou won 45-0!

Peter Choi completed the Tour DaVita bike ride, 200-plus miles over three days through Pennsylvania Dutch Country. My butt aches from sitting while flying or driving 200-plus miles. I can only imagine what it would feel like after pedaling 200-plus miles.

While playing pseudo-parent to Eleni Espania Hirasuna’s children, I attended a junior tennis team meeting at Punahou. The meeting was run by the head coach, who was none other than Liam Shubert’s little brother, Tom Shubert ’06, who sounds exactly like Liam. Brigitte Noguchi Nakagawa was also there for her daughter. She continues to make the trek from ‘Ewa every day into town to drop her kids off at Punahou and Maryknoll. I give her credit. I drive into town once a week from ‘Aiea, and have to control my road rage, both ways!

I was fortunate enough to begin a new position with the Hawai’i State Department of Education alternative learning programs. On one of the days that I was traveling to Maui, Dr. Daniel Brandt was on my flight. I think I was too short for his line of sight and wasn’t able to catch his attention and invite him again to work at Carnival this year (in case he forgot from the last Bulletin!)

Please send in your news! There’s only so much Facebook and Instagram trolling I can do before I feel like I am intruding in people’s lives!

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Happy New Year!

It’s absolutely incredible how fast 2019 flew by. This year is our 25th Reunion! Please save the dates for Alumni Week, June 1 – 7, 2020.

Leilehua Phillips ’95 Utu and Donny Utu ’95, David “Boy” Eldredge ’79, Cynthia Eldredge ’77 Keeno, Duane Eldredge ’83, Jean Matsukage ’50 Eldredge, Pal Eldredge ’64, and their families did a lot of cheering for the Sons of Oahu, especially DJ Utu ’21, Koa ’20 and Kui ’23 Eldredge, as they defeated Long Beach Polytechnic High School in August.
Aloha, classmates: Sadly, we lost another dear classmate this summer, when Matthew Tom passed away in August. Matt’s cousin, Tracy Tom Park, shares this with us:

Matthew Tom ‘96 unexpectedly passed away in September 2019. A fond aloha to Lisa Okuma ‘97 Coffey, who named his son after his favorite quarterback, Tom Brady. Celebrations of life were held on Sept. 21 in Rancho Bernardo, California, and on Oct. 26 at Punahou School’s Thurston Memorial Chapel in Honolulu, Hawai‘i. Members from his Class gathered at both venues to share their memories of Matt’s outgoing personality, positive attitude and aloha spirit toward everyone he encountered.

It’s been difficult since Matt’s sudden passing. Matt left us on Aug. 9, 2019, at Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, California, surrounded by his family and close Punahou friends. Following his graduation from Punahou School, Matt attended the University of Oregon, and after graduation, moved to San Diego. He is survived by his wife, Thu; daughter, Madison (11); and son, Brady (8). He was a staunch fan of the New England Patriots and named his son after his favorite quarterback, Tom Brady. Celebrations of life were held on Sept. 21 in Rancho Bernardo, California, and on Oct. 26 at Punahou School’s Thurston Memorial Chapel in Honolulu, Hawai‘i. Members from his Class gathered at both venues to share their memories of Matt’s outgoing personality, positive attitude and aloha spirit toward everyone he encountered. Matt was really the life of the party. If you left him in a room full of strangers, they would all consider him to be a close friend by the end of the night. He had so much love for life, his friends and family, and he was so proud of raising his children in a beautiful home in San Diego. We miss him every second of every minute, but we know that he’s in a better place now. Thank you to all of you who were a part of Matt’s life. We hope you remember the funny moments that you shared with him and help us to keep his spirit alive.

If you have updates to share for the spring issue, please send me an email. As I witnessed this summer, there is such a strong sense of aloha and genuine care that we have for each other as classmates. I encourage everyone to reach out to those you haven’t heard from in a while. Please share a note for this column so we can continue to feel the aloha no matter how many years pass, or miles we are apart.

Classmates gathered in San Diego to celebrate the life of Matthew Tom ’96. From left: Tanna Takekawa Dang, Dana Doi McLoughlin, Shelley Tadaki, Lori Hashimoto, Garret Tyau, Rob MacKinnon, Ryan Dang (Kamehameha ’95), Landon Yoshiba, JT Hee, Raj Gopalakrishnan and Tracy Tom Park.

Facebook and Instagram have made connecting so much easier. Our 40s seem to be an especially sweet spot in both our careers and family lives. Each healthy day is truly a blessing. Please send your updates and share your stories. I look forward to catching up at our 25th Reunion!

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The second annual Punahou Alumni Association Dinner in the Buff (‘n Blue) was in September, and we are so proud to have been represented by two of our classmates – Carolyn “Carrie” Tada Portuondo, who is the pastry chef at Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa, and Nick “Bear” Yamada, who is chef and owner of Uahi Island Grill in Kailua. Mahalo to
Congratulations to Coach Keenan Sue ’97 and the Punahou baseball team, who won the Wally Yonamine Foundation Division I state tournament in May. Coach Keenan is pictured with Dr. Jim Scott ’70, who traveled to Maui to support the team.

We are sad to share the news of the loss of a classmate. Lisa Okuma Coffey unexpectedly passed away in her sleep in September, a few weeks after celebrating her 40th birthday. She lived in New Hampshire with husband, John, and their children, Jack (13) and Mariko (11). Lisa was an early intervention specialist, working with autism diagnosed children from birth to three years old. As some of you may have known, Lisa had a passion for photography, which turned into a business – Lisa Coffey Photography. She had been photographing families with children on the autism spectrum since 2006. May we always remember Lisa’s infectious smile and beautiful heart.

We are recruiting committee chairs to host Alumni Lu’au in 2021. This year, June 2020, will be our 23rd Reunion year, (wow, how time flies!) when we shadow the hosting Class of ’96 in preparation for when we are in charge and hosting in 2021.

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Aloha, Class of ’98 and Happy New Year!
Let’s dig into our Class updates.

Kristina Copeland Jenkins and husband, Adam, welcomed their second son, Evan, in September 2019. Anale’a Crittendon Geske was part of their excellent nursing team at the Vera Zilber Birth Center at Adventist Health Castle (formerly Castle Hospital). Kristina is a grants manager for The Nature Conservancy and Adam teaches high school physics and voyaging at Punahou. Tracy Thornett and her husband, Jesse, visited from Hawai’i Island, to help care for the family during their first days at home. Baby, mom, dad and big brother, Luke, are doing great.

Brian Taylor is a pediatric doctor stationed at Kaneohe Bay MCBH. He is married and has a beautiful son.

Heather Beerman Palmer and her husband, Steven, had a daughter, Lucy Kay, born on June 10, 2019. She joins big brother, Dylan, and big sister, Sophia. Heather and her family live in Fort Worth, Texas.

That’s all for now. Remember, if you have any news you’d like to share, don’t be shy! Reach out and let any of our correspondents know.

Aloha! Mark

The Nu‘uhiwa family joined Anne Leilehua Lanzilotti ‘02 at her album release show in Carlsbad, California. Pictured, from left: Pono Nu‘uhiwa ‘02, James Nu‘uhiwa, Louise King ’66 Lanzilotti, Anne and Noah Nu‘uhiwa. Not pictured, but behind the camera was Breann Swann ’97 Nu‘uhiwa.
David Arthur “D.A.” Weick, his wife, Bonnie, and his son, Jack, recently left Hawai‘i to make their new home in Iowa. D.A. is now working as a litigation attorney for a law firm in Des Moines.

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From Alexa Zen:
Erin Larsen married Brian Boyle in October 2018 in Hau‘ula. Punahou’s own chaplain, George Scott, officiated the wedding. Other attendees included Megen Larsen ’98 Ansprech as Erin’s matron of honor; Allison Yoshida ’04; Bryce Word ’03 and his wife, Hannah, with their new baby; and Lindsey Yoshida-Deguzman ’99 with her husband, Ron. Congratulations, Erin and Brian!

Anne Lanzilotti shared that she is the curator of music for Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. Anne is responsible for supporting the development and production of music within her program. Great job, Anne!

Todd Iacovelli shared that he won Hawai‘i State Boys Track Coach of the Year for the second year. Congratulations, Todd!

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Amanda Di Bella and her husband, Jeremy Kort ’04, welcomed their second child, Bella, on Jan. 10 at The Queen’s Medical Center. Luca (4) is thrilled and has been a great big brother. Strider Enceladus Ramirez was born in Los Angeles, on Oct. 1, to Kalia Cheng and her husband, Zach Ramirez. Marcus and Kristen Higo Chun have been busy with baby, Kaila Chun, who was born in June.

April Hail created a wooden toy set, Keiki Kaukau, that includes local favorites such as Spam musubi and loco moco. Her toys were featured in the August issue of Honolulu magazine, with an adorable photo of April and her son. This is perfect for our friends living on the mainland, who want their kids to grow up knowing that it’s “shave ice,” not “snow cone.”

Congratulations and best wishes! Brian Boyle and Erin Larsen ’02 were married in Hau‘ula in October.
Tommy and Kat Vinson ’04 Downs with their newborn, Kennedy, who was born in June. The Downs family resides in Virginia.

Heperi Mita has continued to have success with his film, “Merata: How Mum Decolonised the Screen.” He recently spoke at The Power of Inclusion summit, which was attended by Jacinda Ardern, prime minister of New Zealand. His movie can be found on Netflix worldwide.

A number of our classmates have been visiting and working with the #wearemaunakea movement opposing the Thirty Meter Telescope on Hawai‘i Island. Mikey Inouye has been especially active sharing stories, photos and video on social media.

Drew Monahan, vice president at First Hawaiian Bank, and Emalia Pietsch Hogan, vice president at Colliers International, were selected for the 17th class of the Pacific Century Fellows program, which connects young professionals with various leaders “to cultivate an open exchange of ideas and knowledge.”

Happy New Year! Krystle

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Happy New Year! Kainoa Higgins and wife, Molly, sent an update from Tacoma. In July, they celebrated their two-year wedding anniversary, on beautiful Whidbey Island, Washington. For the last 10 years, Kainoa has made his home in the Puget Sound area working as a science teacher and administrator for the Tacoma Public Schools. He is currently pursuing an Ed.D. (doctorate in leadership with a concentration in education). Although Kainoa is not active on social media, his dogs are! Be sure to follow Desmond and Finley @desmondandfinley, who are brothers from different mothers enjoying life in the Pacific Northwest.

From Portland, Chris Bailey wrote that he was recently named a fellow by NPR for their annual “How I Built This” summit, based on the popular podcast of the same name. He joins a cohort of high-potential entrepreneurs who will connect and receive mentorship from the founders of brands such as FitBit, Barre3, Slack and Instagram. He is part of this year’s cohort for his work as a business developer at the Portland Mercado, a hybrid Latin market hall and business incubator. Chris returned to Punahou in January to lead a G-Term course alongside Greg Puppione in entrepreneurship. Specifically, their course focused on the making and marketing of ice cream. The course was called, “Becoming Ben & Jerry.”

Kat Vinson Downs and husband, Tommy, celebrated six years of marriage in September! They welcomed their first child,
Debra and Beau Sumile ’05 were married at Loulu Palm Farm Estate on the North Shore of O‘ahu on July 5, 2019, surrounded by friends, family and many Punahou alumni.

Brandon Luke ’05 and Miho Osugi were married at Tokyo Tower in Tokyo, on Aug. 10, 2019.

Kennedy, in June. Tommy owns his own digital marketing company, and Kat is the director of operations at Restoration Anglican Church in Arlington, Virginia.

Kimberly Tom met up with Tai Conley at Google’s new Playa Vista office, Google Spruce Goose, which is the former Spruce Goose hangar. Tai recently moved to California from New York with wife, Samantha, to work at Google.

Finally, Kelly Rowe Towner reported that she is “enjoying life in Los Angeles.”

This year, we celebrate our 15th Reunion! Can you believe it?! Alumni Week is June 1-7, with Alumni Lu‘au on Saturday, June 6. You should have all received a save-the-date magnet to remind you of this grandiose event. Our Reunion committee has been planning a spectacular week and would appreciate any donation given the School. We are aiming to achieve maximum Class participation and any amount is welcome. You can give online by visiting punahou.edu/give/give-now. You can reach our Gift chair, Claire Schiff Thompson, or any Reunion committee member for more information. More information regarding our week of events will be coming from our Activity chairs, Debra Frascarelli Sumile and...
The Class of 2005 Reunion committee is focused on fun for their 15th! Front row, from left: Kazuki Sakamoto, Debra Frascarelli Sumile, Lauren Okada and Taylor Wong. Back row: Reed Sasamura, Tiffany Dare, Dana Almodova, Elyse Inouye, Kimberly Wun, Claire Schiff Thompson, Ricky Muraoka and Beaumont Sumile.

Classmates join Michael Gill ’06 at his wedding in Seattle. From left: Sophie Merrifield, Michael Gill, Jenna Teruya, Michael Egesdal, Bryna O’Neill and Tyler Dos Santos-Tam.

Ricky Muraoka. Please update your personal contact information at alumni.punahou.edu, click on “menu,” then “update your contact info” to ensure that we can reach you, and you are not “lost.” Let’s make this 15th Reunion year a great one!

In other news: Beau Sumile and Debra Frascarelli got married at Loulu Palm Farm Estate on the North Shore of O’ahu, on July 5, 2019. In attendance from our Class were Jessa Baker, Kati Erwin, Jeremy Cho, Sean Chu, Ryan Ha, Jon Wong, Branden Lee, Tory Shimabukuro, Mia Shiraishi, Kimberly Wun, Jason Yamaki, Chris Tasaka, Bryant Hirari, Anthony Chun, Ricky Muraoka, Brandon Tome, Ka’ohu Berg-Hee, Chris Cheong, Sam Lee, Tomson Mukai, Brandon Luke, Jordan Hino, Jeff Ching, Donovan Lim and Jena Hui Zarro. Congratulations to Beau and Debra!

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Alumni Notes
Congratulations to Ashley Nied ’06 Davi! From left: Ashley with newborn, Nico Davi, her mother, Cathy Hoogs ’80 Alsup, and aunt, Sharon Hoogs ’81 Richards.

Congratulations to Spencer Jim On ’06 and his wife, Audrey, who welcomed their baby, Mackenzie, in October 2019.

Zoe Tomar ’07, Dawn Simunovich ’07 Ustach, Claire Dewey ’07, Katie Fletcher ’07, and Jessie Cleghorn ’07 reunited in Estes Park, Colorado, for Claire’s wedding, where she tied the knot with Robert Watson.

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From Christina Wong:

Happy New Year!

It was certainly wedding season during the warmer months of 2019! On Aug. 3, Jennifer Nihei tied the knot with Andrew Gray. They met in medical school in Colorado. Their wedding was at beautiful Lanikuhonua in Ko Olina. Marcus Oi, Lauren Shimabukuro and I were in attendance. We not only witnessed Jenn and Andrew’s love, but also consumed huge amounts of delicious shave ice and enjoyed a spectacular sunset! On Aug. 24, Sammie Cabreros married Phil Trapp (coincidentally, I went to college with Phil’s sister and her husband!) at Hui No’eau Visual Arts Center in Makawao, Maui, and celebrated with many ’07s including, Chanel Funakoshi Kan and Lillian Han Seyler, Sammie’s matrons of honor. Lauren Azuma, Eunice Chang, Justin Dellaglio, Christine Ibaraki, Jaimie Taketa, Marisa Murakami Tateishi, Skyler Tateishi and Chris Wong made the most of their time on Maui by squeezing in an 11-mile Haleakala backpacking trip. Over in California, Elise Nakamura and Ian Cathey got married on Aug. 30, with Kelly Hee and Kara Takasaki in the wedding party, and Janice Chen Voigtmann, her husband, Robbie, Zack Chung,
Kim Ho, Kyla Hsia, Ingrid Lao, Mark Ohara and Geoff Zen in attendance. Elise reports that she and Ian were serendipitously seated next to Sammie and Phil at a restaurant in Florence, Italy, not long after their respective honeymoons! In September, Claire Dewey married Robert Watson in Estes Park, Colorado. Claire and Robert met while in a graduate program for international studies at the University of Denver, and lived in Colorado for three years before moving to Washington, D.C. Claire’s sisters, Evan Dewey ’05 Kelley and Taylor Dewey ’12, Dawn Simunovich Ustach, Zoe Tomar, Katie Fletcher, Jessie Cleghorn, Eric Smith ’79 and Kimo Steinwascher ’73 were all on hand to celebrate!

In other summer news – Linnea Schuster competed with Outrigger Canoe Club in her second Na Wahine O Ke Kai, securing ninth place overall, and third in the unlimited division with a time of 7:14:25! Paddling with her from Moloka‘i to O‘ahu were fellow Punahou alumnae Malia Mizuno ’15, Christen Kam ’04, Possie Dudgeon ’86 Badham and Cee Cee Sheehan ’90 Simmons. Linnea reports that conditions were “uncooperative,” but she says, they had a blast!

Out on the East Coast – Marisa Schoen recently started her ophthalmology residency at Will’s Eye Hospital in Philadelphia (recently ranked as the No. 1 program in the nation!). She has been living in Philly for over 12 years now. She completed undergraduate studies and research at the University of Pennsylvania, attended Thomas Jefferson University Medical School, and completed her internship in medicine at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Marisa Tricas relocated to sunny California just in time for winter. After seven years in Washington, D.C., she completed her Master of Science at Johns Hopkins University and left her job at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Office of Water. There, she worked on major water issues under the Obama administration, including the Flint water crisis and the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Maria in Puerto Rico. Marisa is now in Roseville, California, overseeing a department at the drinking water treatment plant, which serves over 200,000 people fresh water every day. The city also agreed to fund a part-time Ph.D. program at the University of Nevada at Reno, where Marisa will be advised by the chair of the civil and environmental engineering department.

More than anything, Marisa is happy to be closer to her family and friends in Honolulu!

The number of (hopefully) future Punahou alumni keeps on growing! Patricia Boxold and her husband, Evan, welcomed their first child, Augustus Marc Mascianica, on March 20, 2019. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, where Patricia is an attorney for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Martine Seiden Agatston and her husband, Adam, who live in California, also had their first baby. Elana Gail Agatston was born Aug. 7. At six weeks old, her favorite things are eating and kicking. Her least favorite things are hiccups.

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Happy new year!
Trevor Crabb returned home to participate in the 2019 AVP Hawaii Open that was held Sept. 20 – 22 at Fort DeRussy beachfront in Waikiki. Trevor was proud to showcase that Hawai‘i, though a small state, can bring out the best beach volleyball players compared to the rest of the nation.

Kelsey Auten, who currently works at Lockheed Martin on the Orion project, was invited to attend a test launch this past July in Florida. The launch was to test the Orion’s launch abort system and only a limited number of Lockheed employees are invited to attend each test launch. The Orion is intended to transport astronauts to interplanetary destinations beyond Earth’s orbit such as the moon and eventually Mars, then return them safely back to Earth.

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From Travis Dos Santos-Tam:
Aloha and happy new year, classmates!
Hallie Hansen and Jackson Cook ’09 were wed at Stables Beach at Turtle Bay Resort, on O’ahu’s North Shore.

Faith Noelani Fung was born to Stephen Fung and Kacie Fox ’09 on Sept. 14, 2019.

On Sept. 14, 2019, Kacie Fox and Stephen Fung welcomed their daughter, Faith Noelani Fung, into the world at Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women and Children. Stephen is an ’Iolani School and University of Washington graduate and works as an insurance agent and soccer coach. Kacie graduated from Wheaton College and the University of Hawai‘i’s John A. Burns School of Medicine. She is in her third year of her OB-GYN residency.

Jackson Cook and Hallie Hansen of Asheville, New York, met in May 2015 at a gym in Ithaca, New York, and started dating in August 18, 2015. Over two years later, they were engaged on Dec. 22, 2017, in the midst of preparations to move to Colorado and an early Christmas celebration on their own. While Hallie unwrapped a Christmas present, revealing an empty ring box, Jackson knelt down, revealed a ring in his hand and proposed. They married at a beach ceremony officiated by Punahou Chaplain George Scott on Aug. 18, 2018 (their third dating anniversary) at Stables Beach at Turtle Bay Resort on O’ahu’s North Shore. The reception was held under a clear tent so guests could view the stars. Several alumni attended; Jackson’s younger brother and best man, Conor Cook ’12; his father, Tom Cook ’80; his uncle, Tony Cook ’82; family and friends, Taylor McClafferty ’12, Kelly Hutchinson ’80 McMahon and Mark Kam ’80. The Cooks live in Lone Tree, Colorado, where he is a high net
worth specialist at Charles Schwab Corporation, and she is a nanny and certified personal trainer.

Ashlyn Okimoto met Justin Kang of Cypress, California, in architecture school when their professor partnered them to build a net-zero home. After five years of dating, they were engaged in May 2018, at the Vitra Campus, an architectural park of the eponymous Swiss furniture company, in Weil am Rhein, Germany. They hosted two weddings – one at Waimea Valley on Aug. 10, 2019, and the other in Seoul, Korea, on Sept. 21, 2019. Many alumni attended and a few were in the wedding party – Ashlyn’s sister, Alyssa Okimoto ’06, Christine Lee ’09, and Lauren Ito ’09 Imada. Classmates in attendance were Kristen Yamamoto, Daisy Wong, Taylor Yamauchi, Andrew Hirai, Shalynn Ho, Julie Yamashiro, Brittany Suzuki, Kyle Louie and Maika Nagata. Ashlyn and Justin live in Los Angeles, California. She is an architectural job captain and is currently engaged in the $1.6 billion Midfield Satellite Concourse addition to the Tom Bradley International Terminal at Los Angeles International Airport, and working with general contractor, Austen Lau ’10 of PCL Construction. Justin is a professor of 3D design at Otis College of Art and Design and has a design-build firm.

As always, Ciarra and I are eager to hear your whereabouts, personal and professional accomplishments, and special moments to include in these Alumni notes.
Congratulations to Carissa Moore ’10, who won the 2019 Roxy Pro France for the third time in her career after winning the final at Le Graviere in Hossegor, France.

Congratulations to Jake Gibb and Taylor Crabb ’10, who won the AVP Hawaii Open in Honolulu.

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From St. John Kim:

Happy New Year!

Save these dates for our 10th Reunion – June 5 will be our Friday cocktail party, June 6 is the date of Alumni Luau and June 7 is our beach day! Thank you to Dori Leong, Rie Chun, Kourtney Wong, Ittai Wong and the Reunion committee members for working together to celebrate 2010’s 10th! To ensure Punahou has your current email, click your way to alumni.punahou.edu/the-reunion-experience

10th REUNION
JUNE 1 – 7, 2020
Kanoe Wong ’11 celebrating baby Kallie’s first birthday with classmates and friends, Leni Nakao-Yamada, Nicole Tamura, and Alissa Choy.


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Aloha, Class of 2011! Happy new year! We have a lot to catch up on in our Alumni notes!

Congratulations to Shannan McCready and Michael Suiter, who got married this year surrounded by family and friends on the North Shore of O‘ahu. They are now living in San Diego.

Last year, Kanoe Wong, Jessica Gronna, and Victoria Williams enjoyed each of their baby’s first birthday lu‘au. Kanoe and her daughter, Kallie Marie, celebrated with classmates Leni Nakao-Yamada, Nicole Tamura and Alissa Choy.

Lahaina Zoller married Bruce White at Laie Hawaii Temple. Megan Kwock, Allyson Holtz and Matt Feeley were some of our classmates in attendance. Lahaina and Bruce are living in New Orleans.

Carissa Moore has won the lululemon Maui Pro, and is the reigning 2019 World Surf League champion. She has qualified for one of eight spots on the U.S. Olympic team at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, where surfing makes its debut. Congratulations, Carissa!

Taylor Crabb and partner, Jake Gibb, won the AVP Hawaii Open in Honolulu on Sept. 22, 2019. This was their fourth AVP title in 2019, which led the tour. “It’s all I wanted,” he said after winning. “Either my brother (Trevor Crabb ’08), Tri (friend from Hawai‘i) or (for) myself to win it. The fans here were so great to us all weekend ...” It was a great season for Taylor and Jake, who will resume their campaign for an Olympic berth this year.

and update your contact information, especially your email address. Class Reunion registration will be sent via email, so check your inbox mid-March for Reunion event details.

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Karen Maurins ‘11 and Carlo Calabrese had a summer wedding on Paiko Beach.

Tori Williams ‘11 with her babies, Ophelia and Xander, and her partner, Bronson.

New Orleans, where she is currently enrolled at Tulane University School of Medicine.

Karen Maurins and Carlo Calabrese tied the knot on Paiko beach this summer. Our classmates, Patrick O’Neill, Tony Pentecost, Molly McMahon, Abby Yosaitis, Malia Thompson and Lucy Hamamoto, celebrated with them! The Calabreses just moved home to Hawai‘i. Carlo is in insurance and real estate, and Karen is an audiologist.

D Dangaran will graduate from Harvard Law School in May 2020. D interned at amazing organizations that work on transgender litigation and direct legal services, and published a law review note in the Harvard Law Review in April 2020 on Native Hawaiian land restitution. After taking the bar this summer, D will clerk for a judge on the D.C. Court of Appeals starting in August 2020, which will provide research and writing experience before turning to their first full-time job in public interest lawyering. Huge mahalo to D, who has been a dedicated Class Correspondent for many years! This leaves a position available for a NEW Class Correspondent! If you are interested or would like to nominate a classmate, please let us know!

Please continue to share your exciting life events with us! We appreciate any and all updates, photos and stories!

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Aloha, 2012! Happy New Year!

On Oct. 4, 2019, Punahou Alumni Association Hawai‘i leadership served chili and rice at Flaming P. Thank you to Debbie
Punahou Alumni Association Hawai‘i board members served chili and rice at the Flaming P. Front row, from left: Debbie Ng-Furuhashi ‘87, Christina Marzo ‘04 and EZ Smith ‘01. Back row: Kent Kasaoka ‘94, Evan Leong ’91, Ashley Ching ’94 Wang, Leeanne Jim ’87 Phillips, Malcolm Leong ’88, Lauren Esposo ’01, Joshua McDonough ’12, Claire Schiff ’05 Thompson and Heather Ueunten ’93 Salonga. Not pictured, but definitely served it up were David Haverly ’89 and Lindsay Sagarang ’12.

Kupono Fey’s ‘13 game face featured on the walls of the Stan Sheriff Center at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.

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Hi, Class of 2013!
The Honolulu Star Advertiser had a nice article on Oct. 13 about Aaron Banes. He is starring in an off-Broadway musical titled “The Big One-Oh!” and plays the lead character, Charley Maplewood, who is contemplating his upcoming 10th birthday. Coincidentally, the writer of the musical, Dean Pitchford, is also from Hawai‘i. What a small world. An off-Broadway nonprofit is producing the musical that opened in September 2019, and ran through the fall. Congratulations, Aaron! Bring it back to Hawai‘i so those of us at home can enjoy your talents in person. If you’re killing it like Aaron, don’t be shy – let us know what you’ve been up to! If you’re like me and not nearly as successful as Aaron, but have fun hanging out with 2013ers, let us know! An easy way to get in touch is to message me on Facebook. I look forward to it!
Until next time,
Turner

From Leona Motomochi:
Class of 2013! Your classmate, Kupono Fey, can now be found on the walls of Stan Sheriff Center at the University of Hawaii‘i at Manao. Local artist, Kamea Hardar, created a mural celebrating some of the Rainbow Warriors – titling the piece, “Game Face.” After graduation, Kupono made his way to Italy, and is on his third year playing professional volleyball with Argos Volley. He’s kicking off the new season with his ultimate game face, so if you are in the area celebrating the holidays, maybe you can catch a game!

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From **Kekoa Nakasone:**

Happy New Year!

Four members of the Class of 2016 interned in Washington, D.C. this summer – **Emily McKenna** and I with U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono’s office; **Nicole Harrison** with U.S. Senator **Brian Schatz ’90**; and **Mia Farinas** with the National Family Farm Coalition.

**Lily Schlieman** just happened to be in town to celebrate Mia’s 21st birthday that just happened to be on the same weekend as the Punahou Alumni Association Mid-Atlantic family picnic.

For many of our Class, this is our final year of undergrad (hopefully!). Best of luck avoiding senioritis and finishing out college!

Aloha,

Kekoa

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