

Alumni Notes

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Class of 1941

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Even after all of these years, whenever any words associated with O'ahu are uttered, a big smile always arises on the face of 101-year-old **Beverly Valleau** Farrentine.

Shared through her granddaughter, Shavit Rein, Beverly was in her early teens when she first sailed to Honolulu, leaving from San Francisco Harbor. To this very day, Beverly recalls her arrival to O'ahu, her family greeting her and her mother with lei and love.

The time spent on O'ahu and at Punahou had a tremendous impact on Beverly's life, as she gained an additional loving family and made friendships that would last for years after her departure from Hawai'i. After leaving Honolulu, Beverly ventured into various fields of education, joined the U.S. Navy Waves, The Women's Reserve, married a fellow Navy-man and raised two children. For several decades, Beverly served as a preschool teacher. She remains a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Beverly wishes you all aloha and Happy New Year!



Beverly Valleau '41 Farrentine enjoyed a shake and a game of Chinese Checkers with her granddaughter, Shavit Rein, at The Cheesecake Factory in Walnut Creek, California.

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Class of 1945

80th REUNION
JUNE 2 - 8, 2025

A fond aloha to former Class correspondent **Elizabeth "Betty" Spangler** Nolen, who passed away on July 28, 2024 at 96 years old.

In 1940, the Spangler family moved to O'ahu from Oregon, where Betty's father was stationed at the Naval Hospital Pearl Harbor as the chief of surgery. After graduation from Punahou, she returned to Oregon to attend the University of Oregon and graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She enlisted in the Navy and served as a nurse. Betty was stationed in Virginia and then Guam during the Korean War. She continued nursing from Wisconsin to California for decades.

Betty was also devoted to the kindness of Jesus and worked hard with community

organizations, especially The Good Shepherd Church in Belmont, California where she and her husband, Floyd, made caring friendships with many.

Betty is survived by her sister, **Margot Spangler '46** Krolczyk; her brother, Al Spangler; daughter, Caroline Martin; and many relatives. She will be missed by the buff 'n blue.

Class of 1946

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Two Active 1946ers: I received news about two classmates, both 96 years old and still full of life: **Steele Stewart** and **Thomas "Tom" Carpenter**.

I knew that Dr. Steele Stewart and his wife, Nancy, lived in Naples, Florida. When September 2024's Hurricane Helene was reported as the eighth strongest in that area, then October's double whammy of Hurricane Milton, I contacted Steele to find out how they fared.



Tom Carpenter '46 with the "Pacemakers," the team of tennis players that he coaches, one of which is Punahou alumna, Taryn Dean '94, in the back row dressed in yellow.



David Wax '48 with his late wife, Betty, who was his companion for 64 years. David and the family miss her.

Steele reported that he and Nancy reside in a retirement facility known as The Glenview in Naples. Hurricane Helene mostly barreled north up the Gulf just brushing Naples, but that city was right in the path of October's Hurricane Milton. To avoid Milton's destruction, Steele and Nancy were evacuated by bus heading north into the massive traffic jam exodus to Miami. Luckily, they sheltered for three days in Marriott comfort, escaped Milton's wrath, and suffered no personal injury or property damage.

Steele reports that he and Nancy have been able to keep up with their family obligations. They traveled to Pawleys Island, South Carolina for their son's wedding and described their northern foray: "It was a wonderful weekend, and we very much support the marriage. Must admit we came home exhausted, but very glad that we went."

Another active 96-year-old is classmate Tom Carpenter. "Taciturn Tom" resists updates on his interesting life divided between his Kailua, O'ahu home, and his fishing cabin in Washington's San Juan Islands. However, one of our Class' best athletes (a memorable Punahou football and track star), Tom since has turned his athletic prowess to tennis. He is not playing so much anymore, but he now expertly coaches a ladies tennis team at the Kailua Racquet Club that includes **Taryn Dean '94**. They call themselves the "Pacemakers," and they have had local tournament success and are striving to make the Nationals. To see Tom in action, visit YouTube and look for the KHON2 News Kūpuna Life segment named "95-year-old tennis coach plans to keep on serving aces."

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We, the Class of 1948, have lived many years. We have seen sunny days and rainy days. However, when the topic of gratitude came up, there was no hesitation in relating the gratitude we each feel for our lives.

David Wax: In November 2024, David wrote to tell us that his wife, Betty, had passed way. She had been his companion for 64 years and is missed very much by him and his family. In December, when I asked him in spite of his recent loss, if he could write about gratitude, this is what he shared.

"I am most grateful for my wife and children. Betty's most wonderful gifts to me are our two girls, Lani and Maile. I am grateful for starting life in Hawai'i. Attending Punahou has always been a highlight of my life. So many wonderful memories. I am very proud of being a descendant of a long time hapa-haole family. Hawai'i is always my home."

Irene Burger Willey: "I am in good health, live independently and I still drive. I am involved in four senior groups with their monthly programs and small trips. I stay active in our Hawaiian club, I exercise three days a week, and I meet weekly to play bridge. Lots of reading keeps me occupied. I am lucky to see my family often, especially Karin and Ed who live five minutes from me and granddaughter who lives 10 minutes from me. My aloha to all."



Elva Uyeno '48 Yoshihara and Peg Deschwanden '48 Foster looking fabulous at the Trustee Holiday Celebration.

Antoinette "Anti" Gibson Bone: "My days are filled with gratitude for good health, family and friends. So grateful to still be able to drive and live at home. Also happy to remember my education and friends from Punahou days. I was given so much by my parents and extended family during my childhood. Living happily with a sweet husband and children here in Sacramento. Now I have grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Truly I have much to be grateful for. Hopefully my fellow '48ers enjoy 2025."



Antoinette "Anti" Gibson '48 Bone celebrated the holidays with Santa and her grandsons! From left: Matthew, Dominic, Santa, Antoinette Gibson Bone, Antonio and Jonathan.

Richard "Dick" Nelson: "Over the many years of my life, what has meant the most to me and what am I most grateful for? Teaching! Twenty-two years at Punahou followed with the Wailea Arts Center and countless workshops on the Continental U.S. and across Hawai'i. I recently completed a 10-week course on color for professional artists. It was based on the course I took at Yale University from Josef Albers, the world's foremost colorist. I'm possibly the oldest teacher they'll ever have and the luckiest to still have something worth sharing."

Jane Yanagihara Kurahara: "Gratitude is something that I have learned many times over especially in my ripe latter years! While getting ready to go to a doctor's appointment about my new pacemaker, I took a tumble and had to go to the emergency room. Doctors told me that I had a more urgent problem that took precedence over the heart concern. That problem required surgery to remove blocked arteries in my leg. I am most grateful for the skill of the doctors and staff who cared for me. I am especially grateful for the care and love I receive from my family and caregivers. I hope and pray for all of my classmates too. With love, Jane"

Without a doubt we all have much to be grateful for. We have been given a good life. We were cared for and nurtured by our wonderful parents who sacrificed much to provide for our privileged years at Punahou and beyond. We have cared and loved our families and now are receiving their loving care and attention. Best of all, we have someone looking after us at all times, and for that we are indeed most blessed and grateful.

Class of 1949

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In October 2024, **Marni Bienfang '97** Sakumoto, the Reunion giving officer of Punahou's Alumni Relations, reported the final tally raised from all Reunion Classes, the 4s and 9s, to be \$11,094,037! Our Class of 1949 donated

\$20,801 representing 22% of our remaining Class. Thank you to our donors!

The fall issue of the Punahou Bulletin listed that **Pat Wyman** passed away on July 31, 2024 in Salt Lake, Utah. Pat came to Punahou in 1947 and was known for his famous smile, good looks and adventurous nature. He managed to come to most of our Class Reunions and always thanked me for helping him through history class with my notes!

One of our classmates who made it to the 75th Reunion, **Mary Jane Freeman** Lipp, died on Sept. 9, 2024 at her home in Lanikai. Jane was born in Hawai'i, entered Punahou in 1945, attended Oregon State University and later returned to Hawai'i with her husband. Jane was always at Punahou gatherings, happily greeting classmates and keeping us posted on her paddling stories. She was an avid paddler and bridge player. In November, a celebration of life was held at Lanikai Park where a group of paddlers sailed out to scatter her ashes. Jane leaves behind a sister, **Molly Freeman '52** Cherry; three sons, Howard, David and **Alan '79**; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Fred Gartley passed away on Dec. 30, 2024 in Hawai'i with his family around him. Fred was at our 75th Reunion in June wearing his buff and blue colors and will be remembered for his yellow tennis shoes! Fred entered Punahou in the first grade with his twin, **Dick**. In high school, he was on the track team and glee club. As I remember, Fred was always there for any mischief going on. He lost his twin in 1968. Fred is survived by his daughter, **Lynne '74**, a Punahou volunteer; and four grandchildren, **Valerie '05**, **Richard '08**, **Jane '08** and **Diane '12**. We will remember our classmates fondly.

It is exciting to know that one of us is out traveling the world. **Elle Schattenburg** Townsley, an amazing adventurer, visited Kenya in January to view more animals.

Here's to a healthy new year for our classmates.

Thank you so for helping me with our Class news.

Aloha, Beverly Blom

Class of 1950

75th REUNION
JUNE 2 - 8, 2025

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Happy New Year! Hope you enjoyed the holidays.

Sad news for our classmates once again as we look forward to our 75th Class Reunion in June. **Eugene "Ichi" Ichinose** left us on Dec. 15, 2024. Following Punahou, where he exhibited his passion for swimming, Ichi graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School in 1954. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he started his own financial planning and services company, E.T. Ichinose Ltd., and then Wespac Hawaii Financial Corp. He was one of the first businesses to provide all-around financial services including planning, investing, insurance and tax services. He continued to run his own financial business until his retirement a few years ago. After retiring, the pandemic and the lockdown took its toll on his health, yet Ichi managed to celebrate his 92nd birthday. He is survived by his children, Lori, **Wendi '75**, **Eugene '78** and **Terri '80**; and siblings, Susan and David. A hui hou, Ichi, until we meet again!

Class of 1951

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I'm writing this in January. I received a note from **Nikey Trump** Key. She is going to Bangkok with her son, Pete. Nikey will meet up with another son and his husband, then leave on the "Semester at Sea" to travel, ending with a tour of India, and then home to Palm Desert, California by the end of February. She is excited!

I also heard from **Larry Black**. He said to just call him! He would like to come to O'ahu to have lunch at the Outrigger Canoe Clue. OK! Give him a call!

Robert Genoves also called. He said, "Hang in there! Hope to see everyone at our 75th Reunion in June 2026."

As time goes by, we have lost a few of our classmates. **Betty Fo** Liu, who had moved to Hilo to be close to family, passed away on Oct. 15, 2023. She taught many years at Kailua Intermediate as a home economics teacher. Betty was one of 14 graduates from our Class with honors. She was married to Clifford Liu for 48 years.

On Sept. 6, 2022, **Pat McCann** Weber passed away. She entered Punahou just before the war in 1940. The Alumni Relations office was sent a copy of **Mary Kay Towse** Nelson's obituary. She died on Nov. 19, 2007 in California after a long

illness. As you might remember, her father was the Chief Justice of the Territory of Hawai'i.

A person with 12 years at Punahou was **Paul Char**. He was our Class treasurer for grades 10 and 12. He passed on Jan. 28, 2024. Paul resided in Cupertino, California. **Aileen Kam** Chuck was only at Punahou for two years but attended many of our Reunions. She passed on June 14, 2023 and lived in South Pasadena, California. **Karl Heyer III**, who lived in Kula, Maui, passed on Dec. 22, 2024.

To the families of our classmates, condolences to all.

Got a call from **Robin Fern** Loomis that **Valerie Yamada** Southwood would like to take a few of us to lunch at the Elks. I was so happy because Valerie has not been to any Reunions. Robin and her son, **Shawn Bolan '79**, **Myrna Pang** Chun-Hoon, Val and her husband, Bill, and I attended, and we had a wonderful time. We caught up on 75-plus years and reminisced about our time in kindergarten, Castle Hall, Bishop Hall and Senior Academy. What a day! Well, we did it again at the Waiālae Country Club and included **Iris Okazaki** Chung and **Pat Low** Wagner.

Keep well, keep in touch and see you soon. Our 75th Reunion will be in June 2026.

A hui hou,

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Hau'oli makahiki hou! While the world was celebrating the arrival of 2025, **Paul Kaufmann** and **Marcy Lichter** Friedman celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. Part of their celebratory travel was a visit to Lāna'i with a stop on O'ahu where they enjoyed breakfast at the Outrigger Canoe Club with **Peter Balding '52** and **Wendell Brooks '54**.

This new year means most of our Class will turn the big 9-0! I remember when we were all turning 60? **Margaret Bell** Merrion and I flew to Chicago to celebrate with **Peter Dease**. I also remember reading about **Gerry Wong** Ching's 60th celebration with family and friends at a big party. How could that be 30 years ago?

The impending arrival of my 90th forced me to listen to that little voice in my head, "It's time to move from this huge house!" By the time you read this, I will have moved and will say that it was worth the hana nui. I am pau with cutting the grass and chasing the squirrels away from the bird feeders.

John Pasch sent a new address in Eugene, Oregon. I wonder if he has a downsizing story.



These buff 'n blue schoolmates met up for breakfast at the Outrigger Canoe Club when Paul Kaufmann '53 and Marcy Lichter '53 Friedman visited Honolulu. From left: Peter Balding '52, Paul Kaufmann '53 and Wendell Brooks Jr. '54.

His email and phone remain the same. I have his street address if any of you need to update.

"I downsized in September 2022 and am very happy with my apartment choice. It was worth the hard work," said **Maxine Felzer** Ranicke, who calls Arizona home and is still creating painting masterpieces.

Also, **Mary Bagby** Harrington, in Lincoln, California, is a long-time alumnus of The When, Where and How School of Downsizing and now lives in a senior community. **Helie Robertson** is also downsizing. Margaret Bell Merrion has moved from a fully packed house to a retirement community close to her daughters and

grandchildren. There is even a pool where she can continue her swimming. Remember her in the Aquacade?

Speaking of Aquacade, **Terry Wallace** shared an article about the possible restoration of the Waikīkī Natatorium. "Roy Oness and I dove down a bit, probably not all the way to the bottom, and saw a lot of moray eels," Terry recalls.

Terry took a fall, and his physical therapy exercise was to practice walking sideways and backwards for balance recovery and strengthening legs and muscles. I'm watchful now and always grab the handrails to go downstairs, sometimes even one step at a time. Where did our balance go?

Mahalo to **Chuck Andrews** and Roberta and **Ray Westfall** for your New Year's Howzit!

I would enjoy hearing how you all are choosing to live out these Golden Years. Even an occasional "howzit" is appreciated. No downsizing stories required. Write soon!

Aloha pumehana,

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Class of 1954

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Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Since we are still reveling in the great time we had at our Reunion in the summer of 2024, do keep up your '54 energy. I still marvel at the fun that we had during the umpteen venues that our Reunion committee staged!



Class of '54 friends on a fifth grade field trip with Miss Day in her fancy hat. Mary Bell Fox '54 Blackstone has identified Frank Halford, Dan Yanagihara, Elaine Liberg, Lila Iwanaga Funayama, Noel "Bobo" Leilani Darrow Head, Lisa Luhr Shugart, Bill Bahrenburg, Kennedy Johnson, Ted Towse Jr., Richard Palma and Tom Kent. Who do you recognize? Send an email to MBFox54@aol.com and fill in the blanks!



On a trip to Northern California, Duncan MacLean '56 visited with two buff 'n blue friends along the way; Ed Bond '56 (on the left) in Redding and Kalani Niemeyer '56 (on the right) in Galt. They enjoyed sharing memories of their days in the Academy and their time serving our country.



I am so sorry to tell you that one of the longest members of our Class has recently passed away. **Patricia Li Lum**, longtime resident of San Francisco, taught every grade in San Francisco elementary schools, was then assistant principal of two large elementary schools, finished her active career and was the president of the Chinese Chapter Club of UC Berkeley! Pat and her husband had two children and in retirement they travelled the world. Her motto: "Life is too short to sit at home." I remember well that when we moved to Hawai'i, Punahou was conducted at the University of Hawai'i. After school, Pat's mom picked her up along with **Judy Landau** Gertner. They often piled me in the back seat so I wouldn't have to walk home alone.

Billy Head '79, son of **Noel "Bobo" Leilani Darrow** Head, sent me a photo that he discovered in his mom's papers. It captures a fifth grade field trip with Miss Day in her fancy hat (sort of her trademark). Here are the classmates who I can identify: **Frank Halford**, **Dan Yanagihara**, **Elaine Liberg**, **Lila Iwanaga** Funayama, **Bobo Darrow**, **Lisa Luhr** Shugart, **Bill Bahrenburg**, **Kennedy Johnson**, **Ted Towse Jr.**, **Richard Palma** and **Tom Kent**. I don't recognize all of the students – but maybe you do! Send me an email and let's fill in the blanks!

Fun story: The Darrow family lived in a white frame, four-story house about where the Kaimana Hotel is now. Bobo gave umpteen slumber parties at this majestic home, in the three-story bunks that their gardener set up on their front lawn that was almost touching the ocean facing the beach – with the waves almost in our bunks!

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of a Class favorite. **Earl Douglas Crozier**

passed away on Jan. 2, 2024 at his home on Hawai'i Island. Long-time classmate, Earl went on to Utah State University, where he was co-captain of the swim team AND where he met his future wife, Toots. His life as a great teacher for 32 years was his glory. Starting a football program at his school in Kailua-Kona and within two years winning the Hawai'i Island football championship continued his winning streak. In 1990, the Punahou Alumni Association awarded him the Old School Award for outstanding service to Punahou. We will not forget his cute smile enhanced by his sprinkle of freckles. Our aloha to Toots; their two sons and families; his sister, **Dorothea Adelaide Crozier '48** Warren and extended family. See his obituary here, bit.ly/42tYYmf.

Class of 1955

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REUNION COMMITTEE LEAD: Blake Johnson

Sad news: **Bill Follmer** passed away. Bill was one of the quieter members of our Class, but he did things. He joined us in the sixth grade – the final move for his military family. That year he also met his future wife, **Marion Gotshalk** Follmer. Bill was academically at the top of our Class. He attended Yale University majoring in electrical engineering. After graduation from Yale, he joined the Air Force as a navigator, then after 25 years in the Air Force, he started his second career teaching mathematics for 26 years to 9th and 10th graders at Kamehameha Schools. He loved teaching and had many stories about students' antics.

As a father, he supported his three children, Marguerite, Mary and Henry, by helping them with their homework and even coaching Henry's elementary soccer team.

According to his daughter, Mary, when not working Bill was always building or fixing something. His love for fruit trees was evident in the yard, with mango, mangosteen, jaboticaba and nutmeg trees. I loved quizzing him on the best mango tree to grow, or what type of fertilizer to apply.

Bill liked to write. He had a knack for writing, mixing humor with factual insights. One memorable piece he wrote was an article titled, "The Pecking Order," comparing the respect for teachers received to the pecking order of chickens.

Bill also enjoyed writing poems. A favorite poem for his wife, written on Valentine's Day, reflected on their enduring love.

*Do you remember
When we first met?
We are together still yet.
What makes a good pair
Is a mystery to me.
Words cannot explain it.
It was just meant to be.*

For his granddaughter Amy, he penned a fun birthday poem about math.

*Math, you know is everywhere.
The corners of this card are square.
The table legs a parallel pair.
Thrilling, isn't it?
Or do you care?*

His last poem was to his daughter, Mary.

*60 years ago,
you needed my care and attention.
Now, every night without exception,
I thank God for your care and affection.*

For his fellow classmates, Bill was part of our team. We would often have dinner or lunch with Bill where we discussed trees, politics and sundials. Bill cherished life's simple pleasures: good company, good food and beautiful views. Once, he remarked to his daughter while sipping coffee, overlooking Pearl Harbor, "Mary, this is as good as it gets."

Class of 1956

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To my great sorrow, I must dedicate much of this column to news of the recent deaths of three close friends from our Class. We lost **Guido Giacommeti** on Oct. 12, 2024 and then **Dr. Roger Cornell** on Oct. 28, 2024. Their deaths were followed by the loss on Dec. 31, 2024 of our beloved **Barbara "Kui" Kong** Vlachos. All three offered talent and energy to their communities after retirement.

Guido lived near me in Kamuela after years of effort on behalf of Kamehameha Schools and



Bonnie Frazier '56 Andrew and her husband, David, enjoyed a cruise on the m/s Paul Gauguin through Tahiti with family and a friend! From left: Bonnie Frazier '56 Andrew, David F. Andrew '82, David J. Andrew, Nancy Andrew '85 Sallstrom and Hovey Harris '56 Vogel.



These three celebrated two birthdays at the Waikiki Yacht Club – Hau'oli lā hānau to Penny and Laurel! Penny had spent some time in Kā'anapali, and took a detour to Honolulu on her way back home to Florida. From left: Penny Plomell '58 Tomlinson, Laurel Wood '57 Leslie and Jeanne Branch '57 Johnston.

Bishop Estate. For years, he used his expertise to establish and direct our local Anekona Ouli Kanehoa Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) to support the 9 Bravo Volunteer Fire Company. On the "dry side" of Waimea, this fire company and the trained crew have been essential in helping to prevent fires that otherwise might have been as devastating as the fire in Lahaina. Guido leaves his wife, Susan Tius; his children, **Tim '82**, **Ben '84** and **Ann '88**; his grandchildren and many friends.

Like Guido, Roger Cornell attended Stanford University and served in the army until he started medical school. Back in the early 1960s, Guy and I used to meet with him in San Francisco for shared dinners or theater visits. He interned at New York Hospital, where he ran into our mutual friend, **Anne Angen** Gershon, and her husband – and where they

all knew Dr. Tony Fauci. Roger's career was spent at Scripps Clinic, but his labor of love was offered to Mingei International Museum in San Diego, where he sponsored a gallery in honor of a favorite artist.

Because she was one of my first friends at Punahou and an original member of the Volcano Ladies who have met for decades at **Tad Shaw Sewell's** home, Kui Vlachos' death was a terrible blow. She had retired from a career teaching in public school on O'ahu, but she continued to volunteer at The Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu. Whenever I made it to O'ahu, I made every effort to spend time with Kui.

She is survived by her sisters, **Corinne Kong '52**, **Nani Kong '58** Ho and **Rae Kong '63** Gorman; her children, Stephanie and Mark and their families; and many friends.

A classmate who has moved to be closer to family is **Duncan MacLean**. I hadn't seen Duncan since he and his family moved away in the 70s, but his son, Scott, sent the following update: "Duncan's wife of 44 years, Teri, recently died after many shared adventures. They had lived on Guam, traveled through Asia, and owned a lodge in Alaska before retiring to Florida. Duncan is now living in Portland, Oregon, where he is close to his three sons there, and to his daughter in Yakima. He also has a son in Lanikai. On a recent trip to Northern California, Duncan visited two longtime friends, **Ed Bond** and **Kalani Niemeyer**. They enjoyed sharing stories about Punahou and their time in the military.

As I write, I am arranging a final luncheon with **Judi Thurston** and **Lorraine Flanders '68** Urbic for **Mari-jo Flanders** Allen before she leaves Waimea in January to live near her son, Buck Robinson, in Virginia. Buck has already chosen Mari-jo's new cottage in a retirement facility about a 10-minute drive from his home. There she will be able to enjoy visits with her grandchildren, and she will even be able to keep her dog! Her sister and friends here on Hawai'i Island will miss her.

Speaking of families and travel, Anne and Mike Gershon spent time during the holidays on Anguilla with their children and grandchildren. It was a great treat to enjoy family and to thaw out! Anne hates winter, and she is hoping to visit Hawai'i in the spring.

Another veteran traveler is **Hovey Harris** Vogel. I recently shared news of her first trip to Japan, but she continued her travels by joining David and **Bonnie Frazier** Andrew on a cruise of Tahiti. Bonnie's son, **David '82**, and daughter, **Nancy '85**, accompanied her for snorkeling and other adventures. Apparently, the ship was the m/s Paul Gauguin, a fitting title for a cruise near the shores of the beautiful Society Islands.

I am sending Happy New Year wishes and aloha to you all! Please share your latest news!

Class of 1957

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Aye, we were a merrie lot – at least in days of yore. Currently, perhaps not quite as jolly – a mite slower and cautious navigating the landscape and more engaged in saying final aloha to old and dear friends and family.

Speaking of which, **Karl Polifka '59** noted our brief eulogy for **Roland Hiu** and added: "My pilot training story at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas: When we started the basic jet training in the T-37 (the 6000-pound dog whistle), we started into the T-37 squadron building as the finishing class came out. Who was in their crowd – Roland! Yes, a small world. He was sent to South Vietnam in the O-1 – as was I, four months later. He was on the coast in II Corps, as was I for three



The annual holiday party at Kathy Townsend '58 Muller Baldwin's Kāhala home brought together friends from the Class of '58. Front row, from left: Puchi Makinney '58 Romig, Kathy Hirota and Larry Johnson '58. Back row: Dennis Hirota '58, Sherman Hee '58, Lorna Larsen-Jeyte '58 and Kathy Muller Baldwin.

weeks. The place where he crashed had a reputation for terrible mountain wave effects. I am amazed that he made it this far." The Hiu family had a wonderful celebration of Rollo's life back in October; so very sad we could not be in Honolulu for it.

Nick Beck was finally honored for a lifetime of aquatic preeminence: "Got to visit with **Doug Kilpatrick**, **Randy Moore** and **Freddy Lowrey** who all came to my induction for the Duke Kahanamoku Waterman Hall of Fame Awards at the Outrigger Canoe Club. What an honor to have them come!" No mention if he was able to restore his one-man sailing canoe production that was demolished in the horrendous storms at Hanalei a while back.

Sadly, Waimānalo's **Shirley Vasconcelles** Hagmann passed away on Oct. 6, 2024. She joined us junior year and went on to a satisfying career as a special education teacher.

Carl Spiegelberg was taken on Dec. 17, 2024 by Parkinson's, just after turning 85. Also, a lifelong teacher, with emphasis on dramatics, Carl found time in retirement to produce some fine writing, especially regarding his kama'āina family in his major memoir, "Carl Alexander: Being an Island Boy 1939 – 1957." And in the '57 family, **Don Sheik**'s sister, **Sally Sheik '54** Hinckley died on Nov. 2, 2024. She was a neat wahine and even tolerated us grommets.

Class of 1958

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Karen Benz Scarvie forwarded a Facebook post about **Julie Russell** Hitchcock that was written by her son, Eric Hitchcock. Julie passed

away on Nov. 14, 2024. A service is pending and will be held in Hawai'i. **Byron Bader** wrote, "Julie was my ROTC Lt. Col. Sponsor during our senior year. She and I used to attend a few joint high school ROTC dances that were usually held at the Ft. DeRussy Army Pavilion in Waikiki."

Julie and **Nancy Austin** Tracy were good friends going back to seventh grade. They kept in touch and would call each other often.

Julie wrote in our 50th Reunion book: "I have lived in Massachusetts, Colorado, Kona, Erie, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Kwajalein and now Arizona. I moved to Arizona in 1998 to become 'Housemom' for Sigma Chi fraternity at Arizona State University. Those were my best years! I retired in 2004 and have just stayed here." Nancy told me that Julie had had a stroke and was in a care home.

As for Nancy Tracy, she and her husband, Bob, are living in a Palm Springs retirement community and enjoy it very much. She doesn't think she will return to Hawai'i since her daughter, **Helen Knudsen '78**, who lived on Kaua'i, passed away in 2021.

The girls of the Class of '58 have, for the past several years, been gathering before Christmas for a holiday party. This year, **Kathy Townsend** Muller Baldwin decided to have it at her home ... and invite the boys! Email invitations were sent out to our list of classmates and about 35 attended. I was not among them as my wife, **Margie Kepner '60** Durant, and I had planned a trip to Walnut Creek, California to visit her sister, **Sarah Kepner '56** Matthews. After our visit we drove south to tour the Hearst Castle in San Simeon and then to Monterey for a few days.

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In May, **Cynthia-Belle "CB" Ames** Petersen and her husband, Dick, will move to Hawai'i Island from their long-time residence in Hayes, Virginia. They have been near Williamsburg, where Lois and **Karl Polifka** live and they all have had contact with each other over the last 20 years.

Annette Wong Jere had guests at her home in Sweden much of the summer, including cousins from Honolulu who were on the way to Norway, and a second batch on a road trip to Germany. Then came Annette's trip to Belmont, California (north Silicon Valley). In going to visit her uncle and his wife she experienced crowds, roadblocks and police everywhere – and then saw Vice President Kamala Harris who waved as she sped past.

Halloween is getting popular in Sweden, even if a lot of grumps complain about the Americanization of traditions. The real holiday for Swedes is on the first Saturday in November – All Saints Eve. Annette brought classic candy for trick or treaters. This year only 18 came. One of the tricksters commented on her fine jack-o-lantern, which pleased her since she was the artist.

Frank Young and his Lions Club helped the survivors of the tragic destruction of Hurricane Helene that caused catastrophic flooding in the mountains of East Tennessee. Six of our classmates sent money and a bundle of Carhartt clothing to assist recovery efforts. It is going straight to the hands of those in desperate need.

Frank and Ann Young were inducted into the Tennessee Lions Club Hall of Fame, an honor for those who have distinguished themselves through selfless service beyond their local club. Since 1996, the Youngs have personally screened the eyes of over 10,000 children (1 to 6 years old) using non-invasive instruments for amblyopia, also known as "lazy eye." Of the children screened, 636 were referred to ophthalmologists for further testing. Their efforts have led to a nationwide program, KidSight!

Judy Ho Schulz had much to celebrate with her family in November: "Besides Thanksgiving, we celebrated eight November and December birthdays!"

Susan Johnson Matuzak lives in Bradenton, Florida, just south of Tampa, and experienced three powerful hurricanes in five weeks this summer. In early August, Hurricane Debby dumped 15 – 20 inches of rain causing terrible flooding. A month later, Hurricane Helene



Ann Linnell '61 Muir and Jim Muir '60 enjoy their pause in Provence, France.



In August, buff 'n blue paddlers took part in the 2024 World Sprint Championship in Hilo. Pictured are the 80+ crews – all from Hawai'i. Hawai'i Pono'i was played as the flags were raised. No other state or country fielded a crew of that age group. Punahou alumni in the photo are, Hardy Spoehr '62, second from the left; Gaylord Wilcox '60, in the white sleeves; Nick Beck '58, on Gaylord's left; and Butch Ayau '61, the last man on the right. Ho'omaika'i!

caused catastrophic storm surge to the barrier islands. It was so strong that the sand from the beaches was pushed onto the roads and into homes and businesses knocking out elevators in high-rise condos. Thirteen days later, Hurricane Milton made a direct hit on Siesta Key as a Category 3, resulting in considerable structural damage as well as flooding. Businesses and residents have tough decisions to make – open, rebuild or leave. Being in the eye of a hurricane was like waiting for the other shoe to drop. Calm and quiet but you knew the powerful back end was coming. They don't live near the water so survived with just lots of yard debris, downed trees and four days without power.

Eric Herrick lucked out again being a mile from a very rare tornado near Santa Cruz, California.

We've lost a few more classmates. After a long illness, **Bill Jacobson** passed away on Nov. 3, 2024 in Redding, California. **Nancy Beadle '65** informed us that her sister, **Julie Beadle Peters**, passed away at her Santa Rosa, California home on Nov. 15, 2024. **Anne "Ana-Louise" Richmond**, passed away on Sept. 2, 2024. Anne, who was everyone's best friend, pursued an active and accomplished life at Punahou and beyond.

Class of 1960

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I'm writing this at the end of 2024, with our 65th Reunion coming up in six months. Unfortunately, our Class is shrinking. **June Takafuji** died on Aug. 1, 2024. She had been a lawyer for many



A 1960 coffee morning at Bert Itoga's home in January 2025. Front row: Gerry Pang. Back row, from left: Bert Itoga, Jim Lovell Jr., Jim Higgins and Pat Lum.

years in Princeton, New Jersey. Our hearts go out to her brother, **Ernie '62**, and the rest of her family. Our hearts also go out to **Dave Jaquette**, **Donella Reese Vogel** and **Wilette Wong Thompson** and who have all lost younger siblings in 2024. **Cote Reese '63** died in June, **Willia Wong '67** Tsang died in October, and **Stratton Jaquette '62** died at the end of December. It's bad enough to lose an older sibling, but a younger one ... so sad!

Gaylord Wilcox was part of a team that triumphed in a world championship regatta run every two years by the International Va'a (Tahitian word for outrigger canoe) Federation. Gaylord writes: "In August of this year (2024) it was in Hilo Bay,

with over 2,000 participants from dozens of countries. Outrigger paddling is popular with older folks, and so there are many age groups, including an 80+ group. In that age group a total of four six-man men's crews lined up to race (all from Hawai'i). Punahou was represented by **Nick Beck '57** and **Butch Ayau '61** on one crew pitted against **Hardy Spoehr '62** and me on our Anuenue Canoe Club crew. We won!" Ho'omaika'i to Gaylord and the rest of his team!

Many of our Class took interesting trips in 2024. **Jim** and **Ann Linnell '61 Muir** went to their usual village of Eygalières in Provence, France in March. Nick and **Jane Paris Nagel** enjoyed a wonderful river cruise through Belgium and the



A fond aloha to Deane Shephard '61 who passed away on Nov. 4, 2024 in Hawai'i. He was known for his faith, his volunteerism and his musicality. Mahalo for being the buff 'n blue glue for '61 as the Class correspondent for 30 years. A hui hou, Deane.



Madge Tennent Walls '61 taking in a beautiful view of the Oregon coast.

Netherlands in April and then they went to a summer family reunion in Idaho. **Sara Newberg** King went to Azerbaijan and Turkey in August. Cheri and **Dave Burr** did an Oceania Mediterranean cruise in late October/early November that started in Venice and ended in Rome, with many stops in Croatia, Greece, Malta and Italy.

Bert Itoga continues to host his wonderful coffee mornings. At a coffee gathering in early January there were only men present, so they had great fun sharing their health issues, short-term memory problems, college and military service experiences and vivid memories of dear classmates – three hours of reminiscing and laughing! “We solved none of the country's problems, but left with the sense that we are truly blessed to still be reasonably healthy, mobile, lucid and in the company of dear classmates. We look forward to many more coffees with all who have the time to attend, share and laugh among old friends.”

You'll have noticed that this column is a little short. This is because not many people sent in any news. Many thanks to those who did, and to those whose arms were twisted (using threats and menaces) to let me write about them. We are becoming small in numbers, and I'd very much like to write about some of you who've not been heard from recently. Achievements, travel, lawsuits, awards, arrests, romantic trysts, perilous adventures, scandals: if you have enjoyed (or suffered through) any of these experiences, your classmates would love to know the details. Otherwise, I may have to resort to describing, with creatively enhanced detail, my own wildly exhilarating life here in New Jersey.

Our Reunion Committee wants you to know that it's not too late to contribute to the Class Gift. See you in June.

Class of 1961

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I am starting this column with some sad news.

Deane Shephard left us on Nov. 4, 2024, after struggling a long time with a number of illnesses.

Cosette Morrison Harms: “It was a day of 'Iwa birds and rainbows. This rainbow did not touch the ground. It was symbolizing that it's ok and beautiful for Deane to let go of our Earth and reach for heaven. The Manu 'Iwa were confirming that message all day with strength and love and joy!”

Deane was the consummate classmate after graduating from Punahou, maintaining many friendships with classmates from Kailua who enrolled at Punahou the same time he did. Deane served as our senior Class treasurer and then our Class correspondent for the Punahou Bulletin for 30 years. He was responsible for our Reunion memorial services as far back as I can remember. As a way of giving back to Punahou, Deane and his wife, **Sherri Kahanu '79** Shephard, were always volunteers at the Carnival until they could not do it any longer.

After graduating from Punahou, Deane attended UC Santa Barbara, then received a bachelor's in political science from UC Berkeley, followed by an MBA from the University of Hawai'i.

Deane and **Judith Harding '60** were married and had one daughter and two granddaughters together. **Joe Harding '63**, Judy's brother, was one of Deane's best friends. Deane and Sherri met in 1980 and were friends for a year before it became serious. They were married 40 years.

Deane had an interesting career starting with Hawaiian Dredging and Construction Company, where he rose through the ranks during his time there. He then moved to Castle & Cooke and commercial developments. Deane helped build what is now The Kahala Hotel & Resort. The Shephards lived in Guam for seven years where Deane initially worked with Duty Free Shoppers. Returning from Guam, he worked for Bowers-Kubota Consulting until his official retirement in June 2021.

We may not have known much about Deane's career, but we certainly knew him for his faith, his volunteer activities and best of all his singing and playing the guitar.

A memorial service was held for Deane in early April in Kāne'ohe. He was laid to rest at O'ahu Cemetery in Nu'uano. A life well lived. He will be missed.

We also lost **Diantha "Cookie" Lam Leong**, who passed away surrounded by her family on Nov. 10, 2024. Cookie was born in Honolulu, graduated from Punahou School and then Vassar College in 1965. At Punahou, she was an honor role student and worked on Ka Punahou as a senior. She was a computer programmer at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in the Statistical and Computing Center. Cookie enjoyed gathering at Waialae Country Club with her family and playing golf with friends. She was devoted to her family

and a friend to everyone who knew her. Cookie is survived by her three children, **Tishya '88**, **Evan '91** and **Darin '95**; and her grandchildren, Becket, Noella, **Buddy '21**, **Koko '24**, **Kyndra '27**, **Chelsea '28**, **Emma '32** and **Eliana '32**. A celebration of life was held in December at Diamond Head Mortuary.

Madge Tennent Walls wants everyone who has been on her Christmas letter list all these many years, to know she is letting Facebook do the job from now on. Madge has lived at Rogue Valley Manor, an active retirement community in southern Oregon, for five years, and says that since she made the move from South of Portland on a whim, she has never had so much fun. **Leilani Lewis** is there as well as **Skip Ludloff** with whom she plays water volleyball three to four times a week. Madge says her favorite thing at Rogue Valley Manor has been to teach the 800 resident community how to use the huge, complicated in-house website and software. The project has become wildly successful and has taken over her life in an enjoyable way. She reports that she has the time to see her sons, their families including her grandchild reasonably often. If you want to keep up with Madge, follow her on Facebook.

Aloha,

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From **Simone Botkin Andrade**:

Greetings from Texas! I hope your holidays were as memorable as mine and that the new

year finds you and yours healthy happy and enjoying life.

Holiday cards tell me that relocating and celebrating 80th birthdays were central themes in 2024. Bill and **Terry Cline Wells** are back in Hawai'i after several years in Arizona and are enjoying being closer to their kids, the ocean and the Waialae golf course!

Steve '68 and **Pat Obrock Piper** sold their home and relocated to a 55+ community in Sisters, Oregon and are loving their new home and neighbors. Travel was high on their list in 2024 as they were in Honolulu for Carnival; took a road trip in April to Southern California for a family wedding; and then in October, Pat's family gathered on the Oregon coast to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Received a note from **Barclay "Barc" Johnson** bringing us up to date on his and Debbie's post-retirement activities. They live in Northern California now and love to travel. They teach and play pickleball almost every day.

Also heard from **Linda Sutton Kemp**. She reported that **Mike Befeler** was the speaker of the month in January 2025 at Morningside of Fullerton, a retirement community. His talk about graceful aging with humor and friends was enthusiastically received by the residents. The 20-plus books Mike has written are being added to the community library to be enjoyed by all!

It is with a very heavy heart that I report that another classmate and a close friend has passed away. **Stratton Jacquette** having suffered from Alzheimer's since 2021, passed peacefully at his memory care facility on Dec. 22, 2024 – just days before his 80th birthday. Strat earned his undergraduate degree at Swarthmore College and a PhD in operations

research from Stanford University. He worked as a college professor at Cornell University and at the University of California at Los Angeles before beginning a career in research operation for a variety of consulting groups for over 40 years. In addition to his professional career, Strat was active in his Quaker community and spent many, many hours reading and recording for the blind and dyslexic. Sincere sympathies, go to Strat's sons, Joseph and Daniel; his brothers, **David '60** and **Peter '70** and their families.

Class of 1963

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In the river of our earthly lives, we are entering a stage of rapids and the gorges. But rest assured, there is calm on the other side of this passage which leads to a wide, bright sea. In our flotilla of canoes, many have been lucky to have had loyal paddling partners. Quite a few chose to ride the river alone, yet we were always near each other, friends from canoe school just a short holler away.

This ninth decade will be rocky, loud and our greatest challenge. Most of us will join those who have already reached the sea and understand that heightened turbulence makes us more appreciative of its great peace. But for those still churning on rough water, call out louder so we can hear you over the din, and reach out so we can extend a paddle to steady your ride. Connecting with you helps to steady ours.

Two classmates went on ahead last year: **Cote Reese** and **Andrew Tanabe**. Cote left Punahou after junior year when his father, an Air Force oral surgeon, was transferred to Texas. Cote had enough high school credits



Linda Sutton '62 Kemp and Mike Befeler '62 at his January 2025 book talk at Morningside of Fullerton, a senior living community in California.



Sherry DeBoer '63 and 'ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro at his Golden State Theater concert in Monterey, California.



A fond aloha to our computer genius and badminton aficionado, Andrew Tanabe '63, who left us in September 2024.

from Punahou to graduate there without a senior year. **Guy Moyer** recalls: "He lived next door to me on Hickam Air Force Base. He was a cool guy and loved surfing. Plus, his sister, **Donna '60**, was beautiful and a Punahou cheerleader."

According to Gale Kingman, wife of best buddy classmate **John Kingman**, Cote started freshman year college at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, "but there were too many distractions, and he transferred to North Texas State University (now University of North Texas) where he was safely landlocked. He convinced John to transfer with him and the two brought skateboarding with them to North Texas. John is grateful for weekends spent at the Reese home in Fort Worth where he was treated as a second son."

Cote studied dentistry at USC at the same time as **Gordon Pattison**, who wondered how Cote was a year ahead of him. After establishing his dental practice in the San Francisco Bay area, musically talented Cote and his wife, Carole, sang and performed as a singing jazz ensemble with guitar, piano and flute.

Andrew Tsuneo Tanabe passed away in September 2024. **Rodney Moriyama** recalls, "Andy was my best buddy all through the years: growing up in Wahiawā, going to Punahou, being in ROTC together, going away to school at a time you never came home but once during the summer months if you were lucky, joining IBM, living in Japan together, and finally returning to Hawai'i. An MIT graduate, Andy worked for IBM with several patents in double-byte translation, the ability for a computer to translate into several languages instantly. We met again in Japan, where our children grew up in a dual language environment. We both retired in Hawai'i after careers took us all over

the world. Andy and I judged science fairs at Wahiawā Elementary School and even shot rockets celebrating our 60th birthdays. Aloha, my good friend."

To end on a cheerful note are special lyrics of Dame Julie Andrews' senior version of "My Favorite Things," performed at Radio City Music Hall for AARP: [Sing it!] "Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting. Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings. Bundles of magazines tied up in string. These are a few of my favorite things! Cadillac and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses, Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses. Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings. These are a few of my favorite things! When the pipes leak, when the bones creak, when the knees go bad, I simply remember my favorite things and then I don't feel so bad. Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions, no spicy hot food or food cooked with onions, bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring, these are a few of my favorite things! Back pains, confused brains and no need for sinnin', thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin', and we won't mention our short-shrunken frames, when we remember our favorite things! When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes grow dim, then I remember the great life I've had, and then I don't feel so bad!"

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We recently received word that **Bob Sandberg** passed away on Jan. 18, 2018. After 10 years at Punahou, Bob attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. While in college he met and married Marie Belfrage and it was there that his first son, **Dale '84**, and daughter, **Jeanne '86**, were born. In 1968, Bob and family left Tacoma and returned to Hawai'i to complete his bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry at what is now BYU Hawai'i. He then attended the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where he studied medicine and pharmacology. Upon completing his MS degree in Pharmacology in 1976, he got a job with Zee Medical, distributing medical supplies to businesses in and around Honolulu. In 1981, Bob and his family moved from Honolulu to Spokane. Bob is survived by six children, and 11 grandchildren.

Faye Fujisaki Mar left us Oct. 3, 2024, and as a devout Shin Buddhist, then passed into the Pure Land. Faye had a great career after leaving her 13-year life at Punahou: she earned a degree in Speech and Drama from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, then received a master's degree in Fine Arts in Dance from Mills College, in 1971. That same year she married the love of her life, Dexter Mar, in the Thurston Memorial Chapel. She taught dance



A fond aloha to Cote Reese '63, a multi-instrumentalist also known in Oakland as "The King of Dentures." According to his wife, Carole, the saying goes, "real musicians have day jobs" and dentistry was Cote's.



Friends from '65, Elaine Garrett Evans, Peter Brown and Kitty McCorriston Petersmeyer, met for lunch at the Outrigger Canoe Club in November 2024.

at UC Santa Cruz until 1975, after which she headed East for a job at the Martha Graham School and went on to perform in 719 performances of "The King and I" at the Gershwin Theatre. This led to another extended run of 1,206 performances of "Sugar Babies," after which Faye and Dexter decided to head back West, eventually ending up in Honolulu, where they lived since 1989.

Allan Lum passed away on Jan. 6, 2025. A graduate of the University of Hawai'i and U.S. Air Force veteran, he was the general manager of Waialae Country Club for 33 years. He thrived in tennis and golf. As the first Asian American President of the Club Managers Association of America, he was dedicated to mentoring students. Known for his generosity, wit and love for family, he hosted memorable gatherings. Allan is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betsy; children, **Erica '98** and Mark; grandchildren, **Gioia '30**, Tre and Marshmallow; sisters, Lucille and Marilyn; and is predeceased by sister, **Carole '59**.

Thanks to **Betty Burns** Gossell for letting us know that her good friend **Nancy "Fergy" Ferguson** Black passed away on Nov. 27, 2024. She and husband Tom met while they were students at the University of Michigan and lived for many years in Lake Tahoe after retiring from their veterinary practice in Los Angeles.

Betty sends her love to all and hopes to join us at the "80 in Sonoma" party. When is that? Glad you asked! April 27, 2026. Stand by for updates and reminders for a memorable party to celebrate this milestone event.

Pau for now!

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Because we're writing this in December 2024, wishing all of you a happy 2025 is OK even though we know you won't read this until the spring! Also, remember, that 2025 is our 60th (!!!) Reunion and the Alumni Lū'au is June 7. Many thanks to our Reunion Committee! Looking forward to seeing you in June, you LXVers!

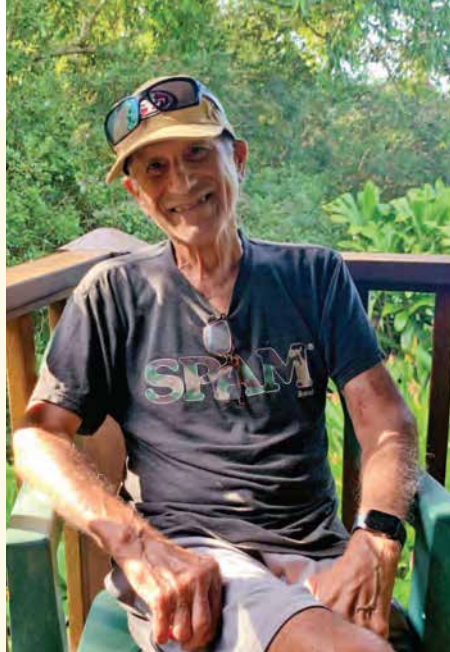
Elaine Garrett Evans and **Kitty McCorriston** Petersmeyer had a nostalgic lunch with **Peter Brown** at the Outrigger Canoe Club. "Peter is such a gentleman – he brought lei for Kitty and me. We spent hours reminiscing about our days at Punahou and how lucky we were to have been able to go there. Peter also brought a copy of the 1935 Oahuan where I found my great aunt **Helen Henderson (1935)** Chillingworth's senior portrait. We also found photos of who we guessed must have been **Buzzy Kneubuhl's** and **Wayne Sterling's** dads. This is a septuagenarian's idea of a really good time!"

Kathleen Norris has written several books, including five New York Times bestsellers. Her recent book that co-wrote with Gareth Higgins, "A Whole Life in 12 Movies," is a cinematic journey to a deeper spirituality. Who doesn't love a book about movies that can entertain and also inspire us? Your correspondent, Susan, watched one of the films discussed in the book, "1998 Japanese After Life," and is still thinking about it. Kathleen has also just completed a memoir about her beloved sister, "Rebecca Sue: A Sister's Reflections on Disability, Faith and Love." Congratulations to Kathleen, on her many accomplishments over the years.

Lonno Lyman informed us that **Cedric Choi's** wife, Pat, passed away peacefully on Oct. 23, 2024. Pat and Cedric worked together for many years and Pat was the top Realtor in Hawai'i for 19 out of 20 years. The Choys were married for 43 years, and had recently moved to Cullman, Alabama to be with family. We send our condolences to their family.

Alan Stockton wrote that his wife of 53 years, **Karen Kam Tau Kau** Stockton, passed away on Oct. 12, 2024 at home in Honolulu. She had been dealing with a rare, progressive, illness – multiple system atrophy – for nearly five years before her death but was still taking a daily walk around Magic Island until a week before her death. They would usually stop at a favorite bench to watch turtles pop up to breathe.

Karen attended Star of the Sea, Punahou and the University of Hawai'i, where she received a BA in Russian and master's degree in Library Science. She worked as a children's librarian in many schools in Hawai'i. Karen led a varied life including playing the piano, violin and slack-key guitar, and joined 'ukulele groups whenever she could. She and her astronomer husband, Alan, traveled around the world with his work, and an extended stay in Canberra, Australia sparked a life-long interest in birds. They also lived in Chile for a year where she worked on her Spanish speaking skills.



A fond aloha to Jim Bailey '66 who passed away on Nov. 18, 2024. A hui hou, Jim.

Karen's quiet and unassuming demeanor masked a keen curiosity and interest in other people. A standing family joke was that, if she were in a lengthy line at the supermarket, by the time she got to the cashier she would often know the innermost details of the life of the person in line behind her. Once, in a casual conversation with another patron at a Thai restaurant, she learned about the possibility of being a docent at the Mānoa Heritage Center; she became a docent, and it was an important part of her life.

Karen is survived by her husband, Alan; her daughter, Hilary; her son, Jeffrey; her grandchildren, Julian and Jizelle; and her sisters, Kathy Conahan and Kerriane McMurdo.

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Greetings, dear classmates:

Hope you are enjoying a grand New Year in 2025.

Betty Ralston Giraldo and **Charlot Albao** Boll had a chance to spend precious time together at the beginning of January in Betty's hometown of Weston, Florida. They had an amazing time in laughter, friendship and lots of sisterly love. A tradition was started over four years ago when they discovered that a conference Charlot had been attending yearly at the Florida Nature Culture Center is just five minutes away from Betty's home. What a perfect situation to renew and solidify years of classmate camaraderie! Betty continues to keep her beauty, youth and grace, amidst being a super tūtū to her two cutie granddaughters.



Jim Tam '67 and Tom Reppun '67, friends together on the water.

Beryl Bailey '64 Blaich shared the sad news of the passing of her brother, our dearest classmate, **James "Jim" Bailey**, on Nov. 18, 2024. Living in Oregon after Willamette College, then on Kaua'i since 1990, Jim built homes and specialized in masonry. Constantly busy, Jim was a golfer, fruit farmer, all around handyman and landscaper (helping to construct homes of his brothers, **Cliff '68**, **John '73** and his own), and was an 'ono cook and reader of American history.

In February 2022, he experienced a serious traumatic brain injury. He remained articulate, thoughtful, witty and continued to read prodigiously but did not fully regain mobility.

Denny Fern, **Myron Arakawa**, **Mike Shim**, **John Bell** and **Chris McLaren '67** supported him with calls and visits. Jim is hugely missed by family, including his daughter, Brooke. Send your love to Jim's beautiful Bailey 'ohana. We will miss him and will cherish the friendship we were so fortunate to experience throughout his years in our Punahou family.

Keep healthy and happy everyone. Please continue to let us know how you are enjoying your days.

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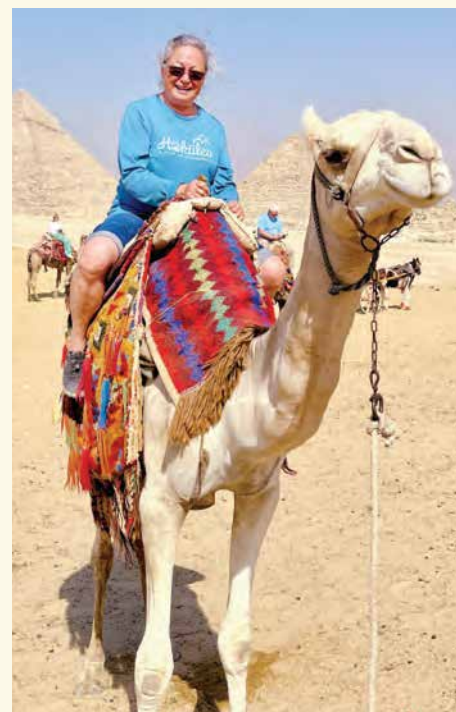
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Hello, classmates:

With gratitude and a touch of sadness, **Leolani "Sandy" Abdul** decided to turn over her duties to new leadership at Na Hale O Maui, which has been providing affordable housing and building affordable homes for 57 families. Good job, Sandy, and good luck on continuing your personal and professional journeys!



A fond aloha to Willa Wong '67 Tsang, who passed away on Oct. 24, 2024. Here she is with her loving husband, Lance, at their son Tedde's wedding in 2019.



Pam Rickard '68 Fern riding high on a camel, exploring the ancient wonders near Cairo!

From **Kenneth Kaneda**: "My golf is so bad these days that I don't even want to keep score. Anyways, Adele and I traveled a lot in 2024 with trips to Australia, Ireland, Japan and England. The latter was to London to check out all the Christmas decorations, see a couple of plays, 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Tina,' listen to carols in St. Paul's Cathedral, and a visit to the Harry Potter Museum. Wonderful trip. Take care."

Bonnie Chock Burke traveled to Harbin, China for the ice festival. Harbin has very cold temperatures being far north on the border of Russia. She also went to Cuba in November on a cultural exchange! On her return to Honolulu, she shared her talents with the chorus in "Carmen" with the Hawai'i Opera Theatre at Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall.

Classmates shared their gratitude for life in short messages to me. They include **Larry Lau**, **Sharon Yoshioka** Ohara, **Bob** and **Liane Chang Tam**, **Suzanne Sato**, **Marion McCutcheon** Donovan, **Craig Green**, **Jane Earle-Dabrowski** and **Anne Ashford**. A deepening and strengthening of our spirit and health is my thought for our Class in 2025 as we, hopefully, are muddling through life's challenges to fulfill our dreams. Time won't let us waste a moment in the quest.

I've satisfied my yearning for snow by traveling to Sun Peaks in British Columbia, Canada with my wife, Min, and **Bradley Wong**. Brad skis and I snowboard. He was my big brother when my parents sent me from Maui to Punahou as a sophomore. He cures my ailments and feeds my imagination with his consciousness of the

Universe. We get up early to get the lifts while the trails are freshly groomed, stay on the slopes until noon or so, then go back to make turkey sandwiches and recover before addressing our dinner shopping list and cooking while swapping endless stories about classmates, friends and life (and the afterlife). Bradley has glaucoma and is losing his sight, making this trip with him so very special.

Namaste.

Class of 1968

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Our retired classmates are enjoying their freedom and traveling the U.S. and the world.

Tim Wong took a bucket list trip to Costa Rica in May to the Witch's Rock Surf Camp in Tamarindo to show them what a bodyboarder from Hawai'i can do. The Wall in Waikiki is Tim's favorite spot.

At the end of October, Nalani and **Henry Kreutz** were in Eugene, Oregon to see grandsons, James and Josh, play football for Illinois, (they lost to Oregon 38-9), and spend time with his brother, **Baba '70**, before heading to Seattle.

John and **Wendy Ho** Brizdle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to India in November.

Andy and **Rondi Braden** Leonard spent the last quarter of 2024 traveling through Thailand visiting friends.

In October, Virginia and **Mike MacBride** led Linda and **Larry Langley** on a three-day tour of Friday Harbor, one of several islands in the San Juan Islands north of Seattle.

Sara and **Joe Van Orsdel** joined Joe's sister, **Betsy Van Orsdel '62** Moulds, to spend Christmas with their sister, **Cathy Van Orsdel '66** Martin, and her husband, Wayne, in Medford, Oregon.

Pat Roos and family spent the Christmas holidays enjoying the beauty of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

Allen Anderson and his wife, **Tracy Stone '77**, traveled to Africa for a safari tour of the Great Migration. They were there for calving season when wildebeests and zebras take advantage of nutritious vegetation growing in the volcanic soil of the Serengeti to nourish their newborns.

In 2024, Dianne and **David Black** enjoyed trips to Hawai'i, Seattle, Spain, Portugal, Hong Kong, Bali and Kalimantan, Borneo.

Super University of Florida football fans Sherri and **Gary Houpp**, and Andy and **Marilyn Fansler** Gray were elated with their team's rebound from a 5-7 record in 2023, to 7-5 in 2024, and an eighth victory with a 33-8 win over Tulane University in the Gasparilla Bowl.

Bill and **Dale Kamisugi** Bordner were in New Jersey before Thanksgiving spending time with son **Greg '94** and his family. The Bordners made a few trips into New York City to see friends, enjoy Central Park, walk The High Line and take in the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum.



A fond aloha to Steve Robinson '69, who passed away on Oct. 14, 2024. Here he is pictured in Afghanistan with local kids in Kabul.



Dottie McCorriston '69 surrounded by her family, including her grandsons, at a park in Waimea.

Kyle Metcalf spent the holidays in Los Angeles with his daughter, **Kaitlyn '03**, and family to celebrate granddaughter Grace's second birthday.

Pam Fern and Steve Marcuccilli loved their September Viking River cruise, Pharaohs and Pyramids. After the cruise they spent time in Jordan to see Petra and the Dead Sea.

Pete Fitzgerald and Judy Butler started 2025 with a Viking River cruise down the Mississippi. Highlights were listening to Dixieland jazz at Preservation Hall and a drink at the Carousel Bar & Lounge at Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans.

This year, **Buzzy Fernandez** will retire from Matson after 44 years. Buzzy was Matson's District Manager for Maui County the past 22 years. He's looking forward to being the Uber driver for his three grandkids.

Patrick Kirch was recovering at his home in Maunawili from his second full knee replacement surgery in January. This time it was the right knee.

Did you see **Frank Miller's** letter in the January 2025 issue of Consumer Reports? Frank was agreeing with the report on the safest cars, which included his Prius.

Condolences to **Heidi Vandenbos** Mc Morrow who had a very challenging 2024 when Phil, her husband of 48 years, passed away in April, then her sister, **Patti Vandenbos '66** McGeehon, passed away in September.

Penny Greig Estock married Ron Butler on June 15, 2024 and they are now serving an 18-month mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Spokane, Washington.

Linda Wong Stringer married her long-time friend Jesse Pirocchi on July, 13, 2024 at Kalihi Union Church in Honolulu. Her son, Daniel, officiated the wedding ceremony. Linda and Jesse met in Mililani in the 1980s and their families remained close over the years. They were both widowed. Linda is having fun being a newlywed and is delighted to have a second chance at love at this stage of her life.

Reunion news: Honolulu general contractor **Jay Kadowaki** assures me that he and **Alan Masuda** will be attending our 60th Class Reunion in June 2028.

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Happy New Year, Class of 1969!

From **Dorothy "Dottie" McCorriston**: "In 2008, I became the owner-builder of my cozy home in Hāwī in North Kohala. People here say, 'Lucky you live Kohala.' Two of my children live on Hawai'i Island and have children of their own. I put in an order for a granddaughter, but all of my grandkids are boys. Tūtū loves taking the boys to Hāpuna Beach, hiking, having them for sleepovers and cooking for them. Boys sure eat a lot!

My sister, **Kitty McCorriston '65** Petersmeyer, and I are working on a family history project.

We've travelled to Ireland twice, found long-lost family and are cobbling together a book on our family's genealogy, soon to be published for family only! We found my grandmother's house in County Sligo, Republic of Ireland and my great-grandfather's homeland at McGilligan Point in Northern Ireland, UK. Kitty and I caught the tail end of Fleadh Cheoil, the annual Irish music festival, and it was a real hoot going to the pubs on the summer traditional Irish music circuit throughout Donegal!

Last May and June, I hiked in Oregon, attended my nephew's wedding lū'au in the Bay Area, hiked some more in Yosemite, then visited **Pam Doole '70** Alani at her bespoke casa bonita in Todos Santos, Baja Sur, Mexico, where she owns a boutique.

At home, I kani ka pila with a large 'ukulele group on Monday afternoons, hike, swim, whale watch, substitute teach, read to the blind, ride my electric bike and work on perfecting my mango chutney recipe. I'd say it now rivals Punahou Carnival's and **Zen '27** and **Chris Leong's** chutney!"

The Reverend **Ha'aheo (Lou Ann) Guanson** has been installed as the new Kaiulani Honorary Canon Chair of The Cathedral of St. Andrew. The installation was held on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, the date celebrating the Feast of King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma.

After our column deadline, we received the news of **Mahi Martin** Riley's passing in February. We decided to include this story from Wanda as a remembrance of Mahi's spirit. From **Wanda Chillingworth** Quinn: "I visited Boise in October, where **Mahi Martin** Riley arranged a dinner with **Joanne Fahrenwald '70**.



In October 2024, Joanne Fahrenwald '70, Mahi Martin '69 Riley and Wanda Chillingworth '69 Quinn got together for dinner in Eagle, Idaho. We regret to inform you that Mahi passed away in February 2025.



Friends from the Class of '70 gathered to support Linda Auyoung '70 Louie at the Japanese Cultural Center in January 2025 to celebrate the life of her daughter, Chanel Christine Louie '11. Front row, from left: Marion Lyman-Mersereau, Toni Afook Takata, Connie Hee Lau, Susan Abe Oi, Linda Auyoung Louie, Wendy Maeda, Lily Anbe Miyahira, Lytha Conquest and Jodee Farm. Back row: Russell Lau, Kevin Wakayama, Dexter Higa, Lane Fukunaga, Lowell Young, Colin Miyabara, Pat Lau, Max Sword, Don Fukunaga, Mike Kometani, Steve Mechler, Steve Emura, Bub Wo and Gary Pacarro.

We were so engrossed in talking story that we didn't even notice the time – until our server informed us the restaurant was closing! Looking around, we realized we were the last ones there. Mahi laughed, saying it had been years since she'd stayed out until closing time – in this case, it was 9 P.M.!!

Steve Robinson passed away on Oct. 14, 2024, in Los Angeles. Steve held corporate security roles and was a reserve police officer before joining the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Later, he worked as a senior investigator in Internal Affairs for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. After retiring, Steve contributed internationally as a police advisor in Afghanistan from 2005 to 2006, assisting both senior and provincial officials.

Stephen Hughes passed away on Oct. 22, 2024, in Honolulu. Stephen will be cherished as a devoted grandfather, father, husband and friend. He is survived by his wife, Leila; children, **Isabella '05** (Harrison) and **Sebastian '08** (Stefanie); brothers, Roy (Annie), John (Karen), James and Mark (Janet); as well as his grandchildren and extended family. Passionate about books, the arts, Hawaiian culture, activism, surfing and gardening, his greatest joy was being Papa to his grandchildren.

Chris Adams passed away Nov. 12, 2024. Born into a Navy family in Hawai'i, much of his early life was spent near Pearl Harbor. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Chris later settled in Milwaukee, dedicating himself to his community as a math tutor, soccer coach and organizer of summer softball games. Known for his encyclopedic sports knowledge, Chris was a steadfast friend and family man, always ready to lend a hand.

Class of 1970

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This is the last Class column before our 55th Reunion. It'll be great to gather in June.

In recent years, it has been fun to reconnect with classmates who have been on a lengthy sabbatical from our Class gatherings and to see their excitement and gratitude for the love of our Class. So often we carry a mindset that Reunions are always Honolulu-centric, when in fact our Class has traveled around the world to be together in small groups with many of these new connections generated by attending the regularly scheduled Reunions.

As we gather with our septuagenarian classmates, we continue to honor those who touched our lives and have gone before us.

Erling W. "Cy" Hedemann III passed away on Sept. 4, 2024, in Honolulu. I haven't seen Cy in decades, but news of his loss prompted comments from classmates.

Ceseli Fisher Milstein: "Oh, no. He was such a sweetie. So sad to feel our Class shrinking with loss. Love you all."

Bill Saunders: "Another bright Class of '70 light goes out."

Beverley Walton remembers going mud sliding with Cy in Maunawili Valley.

Dale Smith remembers "four wheeling up in He'eia and Ha'ikū." With these reflections, Cy's senior quote gains greater clarity, "Happiness is a set of four terra tires."

Jo Ann Bammes Blackburn joined us for our junior and senior year, after attending Kahuku High School. I remember Jo Ann, as we laughed about coming to Punahou following our experiences in Wahiawā and Kahuku. She loved Punahou and proudly retained her holokū gown from graduation. She also loved music and studied voice at Brigham Young University. Jo Ann passed away on Nov. 5, 2024 while living in Tucson, Arizona, after a battle with Parkinson's disease.

Our Class 'ohana embraces multiple generations as an extension of our legacy. Twenty-five classmates gathered to support **Linda Auyoung Louie** at the Japanese Cultural Center on Jan. 5, 2025, to celebrate the life of her daughter, **Chanel Christine Louie '11**. Classmates from over 10 states and countries, tendered their support and love for Linda and her family through messages, noting the bond that we share, without regard to geographical disparity or the passage of time. It is hard to find the words to comfort those whom we love, but our Class always comes through. **Pamela Nagley** Stevenson offer a great summary, "I hold you in light and loving tender empathy across the ocean and vast mountain peaks."

In preparation for our Reunion, I challenge each classmate to reach out to someone you haven't seen or heard from in recent years and encourage them to attend in June – our shared wisdom and life experiences make us all stronger.

Class of 1971

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Aloha kākou –

The Masked Correspondent has left the building! Who wants to step up and be our next one? Trusty sidekick "LLC" is filling in this one time with a recap of "Class of '71 Turns 71" in Hilo and other news.

In October, **Roberta Rath Cullen** and **Gail Fujita Karlen** cruised the East Coast with husbands Jim and David onboard the Princess Cruise Lines. "We toured Montréal and then sailed from Québec City to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, enjoying the fall colors and exploring several East Coast cities. After the cruise, Gail and David spent a night in our home in Ocala, Florida, and then the four of us exhausted ourselves at Disney's Animal Kingdom!"

Also in October, classmates traveled from Honolulu, California, Utah and Oregon to join Hawai'i Island residents for three days of reconnecting. **Liane L. Chong** and **Brooke Young** Nasby worked hard all year to make sure that a memorable time was enjoyed by the 30 classmates and family that participated.

The first day was spent in Volcano at the home of **James** and **Dede Reiplinger '69 Sutherland**, learning the art of weaving lauhala bracelets from master weaver Ku'uipo Kalahiki Morales. **Mike Tosaki** dropped in to play a round of golf with James at the Volcano Golf Course.

The next day, the Sutherlands hosted our Class at the Hilo Yacht Club in celebration of our 71st birthdays. We stood in a light misting of Hilo rain as James chanted an oli that was a blessing and recognition of our gathering.

On the last day, we spent another rainy day in Hilo with some brief moments of sunshine at Onekahakaha Beach Park. **Cliff Montiho** brought a big tray of 'ono home-cooked chicken gandule rice (his family recipe). We enjoyed local-style potluck lunch and learned to play mahjong, courtesy of **Liane Chong Takara**.

Cyndy Char Ong and her daughter, Katy, took a side trip prior to our Hilo mini reunion to revisit their family history on Hawai'i Island. They traveled to the former Kohala Sugar Plantation location where Cyndy's paternal grandfather was born in 1889. Her great-grandparents immigrated to Hawai'i from China in the late 1800s and worked at the plantation as contract laborers.

Cyndy's grandfather and his family journeyed through 50 miles of lava fields as they moved the family from Kohala to the site of their own



These '71 classmates gathered in Honolulu to celebrate the life of Georgette Takushi '71 Deemer in October 2024. From left: Liane L. Chong, Lisa Lai, Sherry Young, Bev Wee Sameshima, Ann Yoshioka Konn, Della Luke Bushnell, Laura Ing Baker and Willa Cox.



Any place is a fun place when the Class of '71 gets together. These classmates and more enjoyed an evening of music at Anyplace Lounge in McCully. From left: Grant Okamoto, Joanie Moses Matsushige, Patty Kugiyu Schmitz, Lloyd Kawakami and Willie Lum. Also present were Sherry Young, Ann Yoshioka Konn, Shelley Pang, Lisa Lai, Susie Shim, Mike Tosaki, Percy Wong, Liane L. Chong and Cary Matsushige.



Hau'oli lā hānau! The Class of '71 celebrated their 71st at the Hilo Yacht Club in October 2024. From left: Jack Licursi (spouse), Shelley Pang, Cyndy Char Ong, Edith Beard Brady, Martha Morgan, Pauline Morihara Kim, Brooke Young Nasby, Debi Payne Au, Wally Kahapea, Seulyng Dang (spouse), Marvin Dang, James Sutherland, Willie Lum, Cliff Montiho, Laurel Bowers Husain, Laura Ing Baker, Debby Mountcastle Daily, Liane L. Chong, Joan Moses Matsushige, Mike Tosaki, Cary Matsushige and Liane Chong Takara. Also attended, but not in this photo: Marquita Bekeart, Shena Waugh Sandler and Kale Ane.



Gwen Gronau '72 and Gary '70 Pacarro enjoyed having their family in Kailua for Thanksgiving. Front row, from left: Gabriel Brown, Gwen Pacarro, Mari Brown, Zo Pacarro and Ko'a Pacarro. Back row: Cameron Brown, Noel Pacarro '98 Brown, Gary Pacarro '70, Kahi Pacarro '97 and Louise Pacarro.



Cheryl Vik '73 Woltemate enjoyed a day of giggles with her 1-year-old granddaughter, Mila.

sugar plantation in Keauhou, near Kona. Cyndy and Katy traced some of these very same steps, in honor of past generations.

Back in Honolulu, **Cary Matsushige** played keyboard with Art Kalahiki and Friends Band at Anyplace Lounge in McCully for Art's birthday celebration. About 15 classmates showed up for good fun and local plates.

In the same week, classmates attended **Georgette Takushi** Deemer's celebration of life in Nu'uano; she passed away at the age of 71 in September. **Willa Cox** flew in from her home in Astoria, New York (after a 15-year absence from Hawai'i) to honor her lifelong friend. **Della Luke** Bushnell and Willa spoke eloquently at the service, reminiscing of their enduring friendship from school days to college and beyond.

We share these thoughts from two classmates as our Class has lost four classmates this year:

David Robinson said, "A simple warm thought for an old friend is a positive powerful signal in the universe! The years go by so fast ... everything outside changes ... but nothing inside changes, as in the feeling inside you have for old classmates."

Leilani Henderson shared this about **Craig Smith**, who passed in September: "I have no specific memory of Craig to relate. I just knew him. He was always there on campus like the rest of us. He was part of my memory of those years. As we age and lose others, our collective memory becomes the most precious thing we have. And it must be preserved."

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Greetings, classmates.

I hope 2025 finds you well. By now, some of us have stepped into the second year of our next decade. Having celebrated her 70th birthday in November, **Susie Cooling** Field just might be the youngest member of our Class. She and **John Field** continue to enjoy their retirement in the company of their two fur babies, Lani and Skye, after many years teaching and working at Punahou.

Travel is in the air for several classmates: **Judi Wiens** Hahnel did a lot of traveling in 2024 with her sister, Linda, including a cruise from New York City to Boston, e-bike adventures in the San Juan Islands, and a 19-day cross-Canada train trip from British Columbia to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Among the travel highlights for **Lisa Morrett** Cole and her husband, Rick, was an outdoor music festival last summer in Ketchum, Idaho, featuring Yo-Yo Ma. He didn't miss a beat during the thunder, lightning and heavy rain during the concert. Hurricane Beryl delivered a less pleasant, weather-related experience in July, causing considerable damage to Lisa and Rick's condo in their hometown of Houston. On a brighter side, Lisa continues to enjoy her passion for painting in a new, enlarged studio space. Enjoy her work at lisareid.com.

Gary '70 and Gwen Gronau Pacarro logged in a lot of travel last year with their family and friends, including a ski trip to Japan with their son's family and three trips with a group of Gary's classmates who visited Paris, Cannes, Belgium, Las Vegas and Maui. When not traveling, Gwen enjoys dancing hula, tending their garden and working on her golf game with Gary.

Travel for yours truly revolved around visits with our three children and three grandchildren in the Bay Area, Seattle and Montréal. Highlights included taking in a terrific production of "Kinky Boots" at the Mountain Play Association's renowned, century-old stone amphitheater at the top of Mount Tamalpais in Marin, and an end-of-year holiday gathering of our entire family (and three granddogs) at our youngest son's house in Edmonds, Washington. At home, being on the water (outrigger paddling for me and sailing for my husband) continues to instill gratitude for our life in Hawai'i and awe in Mother Nature's gifts.

Let us know what keeps you busy, curious, inspired, active or even pleasantly challenged these days.

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Dara Jamieson '73 and Kimo Conant Eagle '73 celebrated Kimo's birthday at a neighborhood deli in New York City.

Aloha, classmates!

With the coming of 2025, please welcome **Jon Bigelow** and **Jodie Dwight Roeca** as the newest correspondents, and a huge thank you to **Ingrid Peterson** for her help this past year!

Jon lives in Palos Verdes, California, and is enjoying his retirement from banking, keeping his mind and body in good shape! This past year he went on two weeklong hikes in Yosemite and the Eastern Sierras. We are hoping to get a group together soon for a trip, so please reach out to me or Jon if you have any interest or have ideas for fun destinations!

Jodie continues to work as an attorney in Honolulu and enjoys exercising in the ocean several days a week. She gained two beautiful daughters in 2024 when each of her sons married. Jodie says, "I look forward to being a Class correspondent with news of our classmates, so please let us know of any happenings in your lives, or just generally what you've been up to."

Ruth Stallknecht has really enjoyed her travels in 2024, taking a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest last summer, and planning two more river cruises in the summer; starting in Avignon and finishing in Amsterdam.

Dara Jamieson, Kimo Conant Eagle and **Jim Howe** have also been racking up the miles lately! Kimo has been all over the map. I was lucky enough to host him at my home in the Bay Area this past fall, hiking Point Reyes National Seashore and hanging out. Kimo also visited New York City and celebrated his birthday with Dara at a nearby deli. Dara invites any classmates who visit NYC to join

her at the same deli to recreate the experience! Dara spends her time between her homes in NYC, Honolulu and San Carlos, California. She is planning a trip to Turkey in April with a group including **JD Watumull** and his wife. Jim spent a month of holoholo last summer, going from Southern California to Ohio, then Alabama, enjoying himself immensely, but grateful to be back home! That does indeed seem to be one of the benefits of travel – making home seem all the sweeter on your return! Jim's new book "BonusTime: Extreme Lives and Second Chances," was published to a great review by **Jane Marshall Goodsell '71** and is available now in bookstores and online – a great read!

On the saddest note of notes, I share the passing of **Leighton Yin**. His family, friends and many of his classmates attended a memorial service on Nov. 16, 2024 at Punahou's Thurston Memorial Chapel. Thank you to all classmates who turned out to honor Leighton's life. Thank you to **Tad Nottage** for crafting a beautiful koa urn, and for these heartfelt words from **Diane Kimura**: "Leighton had a way of touching so many lives and lived his life with curiosity and a pure heart. His infectious laughter, boundless energy and genuine kindness left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Today, we were reminded of the joy he brought into our lives and the lasting impact he made on the lives he touched. In the quiet moments of reflection, we recall Leighton's adventurous spirit and his ability to find wonder in the simplest things. His passion for life was contagious, inspiring those around him to embrace each day with enthusiasm and



A fond aloha to Leighton Yin '73 who touched the lives of many and will be missed by his family and all who knew him.

openness. Leighton's kolohe nature brought laughter and light to even the darkest of days, reminding us all to not take life too seriously.

As we share stories and memories, we celebrate the unique qualities that made Leighton so special. His unwavering loyalty to friends, his passion for learning, pursuit of new food, and his deep connection to our island home are just a few of the traits we will always cherish. Leighton's legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched and the memories we hold dear."

Aloha,

Ken, Ruth, John and Jodie

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Another year has come and gone, and we have entered 2025! I hope those of you who were able to attend our 50th Reunion have wonderful memories from our time together. I was going to share my favorite memory, but truly each event I attended was wonderful. We will see how we can beat that in 2029!

Pacific Business News noted that **Craig Washofsky** was one of 20 leaders in Honolulu to be named as Hawai'i's Most Admired Leaders. Congratulations to Craig! His company is Pacific Home and Appliance Distribution. A few years ago, we needed a



Friends from 1974 gathered to enjoy good company and 'ono food. From left: Robert Chinn, Earl Nakaya, Ralph Aona, Mark Yamane, Mary-Jane Markoskie, Derek Nakakura, Fred Hu, Clayton Wong, Bert Takushi and Mike Kam.

makes me smile to think of Bill having a grandson and how proud he would have been.

You can send me information any time and I will save it for the next issue! People love to hear what others are doing, so don't be shy!

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Woohoo!

50th Reunion! Here we come!

I hope everyone is doing well – and I wonder ... will you be joining us!

Plans have been made and details have been finalized as I write this at the end of 2024. Your 50th Reunion Committee has been working hard to make sure our time together is filled with opportunities to renew friendships and make new ones. There are activities planned for each day of the week, as well as lots of free time to do your own thing. The week culminates with us marching into the Alumni Lū'au as the honored guests.

By the time you read this column you will have received your 50th Reunion information and will know what's what. I hope you'll join me on June 1st to kick it all off!

There is other Class news to share – it's not all about Reunion.

Gayle Iwamura Gutierrez sent a photo of her winning Silver in the 60+ division at the HUGS Pickleball Tournament in Hawai'i Kai in November 2024. Gayle says she is all about pickleball. HUGS is an organization dedicated to helping Hawai'i's families as they face the emotional and financial hardships of caring for a seriously ill child. Gayle retired three years ago from the Edward Jones Investment Company. Pickleball gives her a chance to stay fit, meet other retirees and have fun. Congratulations on all of it!

Anne Swanson Bancroft and I got together in New York City in October. We met to attend the American Cancer Society Heroes of the Year Luncheon. My sister-in-law and dear friend Stacey (married to my brother **Dan Case** at his death) was the lead sponsor for the event through the Dan and Stacey Case Family Foundation. Anne and I hadn't spent much time together after Punahou and immediately picked up where we'd left off. I'm not sure we stopped talking the entire time we were together. It was a boost to my soul renewing this friendship and we had a lot of fun!



In October 2024, Cathy Kaho'ohanohano '75, Babs Balliett '75 Osterud and Lise Peacock '75 enjoyed each other's company at Honolulu's Side Street Inn.



In November 2024, Gayle Iwamura '75 Gutierrez won Silver at the HUGS Pickleball Tournament in Hawai'i Kai.

new dishwasher, so I called Craig, and he helped me get the dishwasher and have it installed. I think that was probably under his pay grade, but I appreciated the assistance!

Another Pacific Business News issue featured **Mark Fukunaga's** daughter and talked about the benefits and challenges of working in a family business. Mark's grandfather founded the company in 1919 in Waialua in a two-car garage. Mark's daughter said that although she knew she wanted to be in the family business, Mark encouraged her to go and work for other companies. That turned out to be good fatherly advice from Mark to his daughter, **Emily '08**.

I received a note from the late **Bill Richardson's** family, that his son and daughter-in-law welcomed their first child, Bodhi Iwikauikaua, on Aug. 31, 2024. Although Bill is not here to see him, the family assures us that Bodhi is well loved by all! Congratulations to all. It



Celebrating 50 years of friendship! These '76ers met in Honolulu in November for a girls night out. From left: Lynne Takushi Johnston, Terry Kawamura Sasamura, Cheryl Shimizu (spouse), Laurie Yoon Baker, Patty Chun Kikuchi, Sybil Yee Saito, Jill Masunaga and Naomi Kobayashi Mihara.



The Class of '76 Reunion Committee met in December at Jolene and Gregg Kageyama's house for a planning and potluck session. Front row, from left: Jolene Kageyama, Sybil Yee Saito, Randy Kam, Gregg Kageyama and (Kahu Lahela) Arna Johnson. Back row: Terry Kawamura Sasamura, Peggy Rigler Taylor, Malcolm Yee, Desi Winnie Poteet, Leighton Yuen and Cammy Spencer.

Nick Dunning sent **Heaton Wrenn** and me a long newsy email in December. After 33 years, Nick retired from teaching and administration at the University of Cincinnati, however he is still very active in research funded by the National Science Foundation. His current field work is in archaeology in the Maya Lowlands and a project at the Maya supersite of Calakmul in Mexico. (I had to look that up.) Nick says this work is a continuing intellectual passion. Nick is enjoying retirement and is lucky to be living near his three grown daughters and his grandchildren in Cincinnati. Nick, if your field work is delayed, don't be shy, fly out for our 50th!

Babs Balliett Osterud and her daughters spent time on Kaua'i and O'ahu in October for her youngest daughter Kathy's 40th birthday. It was a very busy and special trip. Babs is looking forward to seeing everyone at our Reunion. This time she's bringing her husband!

Sadly, I've learned about the passing of **Mark McCullough** on Oct. 29, 2024. Mark had a very happy relationship with his partner of many years, Mary Jo, and was very close to his stepchildren. Mark and I were members of the 13+ Year Club at Punahou. The last time I saw him was Carnival 2024. I'm thankful we had the chance to catch up with each other.

I want to see so many classmates at Reunion!

Aloha, Carin

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Aloha, friends!

Due to the idiosyncrasies of publication timelines, our most recent submission for the winter column – wherein we practically got on our knees and begged y'all for info – has not landed in your mailboxes before our deadline for the spring issue. So once again, we're light on news for youse. Please, please, pretty please send us updates on what is happening in your life! (We're assuming that the summer edition will be chock full o' info ... right!?)

Mahalo nui to **Sybil Yee Saito** for sending in a great photo of a November girls night out in Honolulu while **Lynne Takushi Johnston** was in town for Thanksgiving. Thanks also to (Kahu Lahela) **Arna Johnson** who beautifully photo-documented a recent Reunion committee get-together hosted by Jolene and **Gregg Kageyama**! (As always, thanks in advance for making sure photos are print-friendly high-res when you send 'em in!)

Speaking of which, plans are shaping up for our (OMG!) 50th Reunion! The Reunion committee is meeting regularly to make sure there is something for everyone, so mark your calendars for the first week of June 2026!

In other news, **Gary Tucker** experienced his 18+ minutes of fame (yes, I'm talking about myself in the third person) when comedian Gareth Reynolds visited Pacific Northwest Ballet in November, going behind the scenes as the company rehearsed for its upcoming Nutcracker season, and Gary was drafted into service as his sidekick. Go to YouTube and search for "Ballet Meets Comedy: Gareth Reynolds Presents the Nutcracker" if you're looking to kill some time.

Classmates had a small and sweet ReZoomion gathering in December, joined by "Tiger" Tom Metcalf, who filled us in on plans for celebrating his 100th birthday, which includes 100 guests. Zoom-master **Willy Falk** graciously hosted as always. (He and husband Andrew Steiner are now local part-timers, with a Honolulu condo.) **Leighton Yuen** is semi-retired and mentioned a bill working its way through the legislature, the "Empty Homes Tax," which seeks to add a surcharge on residential property that is vacant more than 50% of the year. It is hoped such a move would help with housing affordability. (Good news for those of us longing to move back home!)



Diane Tom-Ogata '78 and Martha Belle Strickland '78 Heppard donning their lei po'o on a sunny and snowy day in Colorado.

Drop an email to HowzitPunahou76@gmail.com to be notified for the next ReZoomion. These hour-long chats have no agenda other than to casually catch up with classmates.

As we're sending in this column the first week of January, we wish you a (very belated by the time you read this) Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Much love and aloha,

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Aloha, Friendmates:

Happy New Year! 2025 brings us closer to our 65th birthdays! Say it with me: Retirement! Pensions! New aches and pains! Oh, my!

So much good newsy news to share. Apologies for the brevity of each section; I want to include as much as I can.

Working back to front, (starting with me, of course)! My trip to Honolulu in October was fabulous. Spent most of the time with my two grands but visited with classmates.

Monica Allerstorfer Ciletti agreed to host a wonderful pau hana at her Kailua home. It was great to connect with **Patty Sarason** Callahan, **Boogie Black**, **Clay Searl**, **Dean Zane**, **Kaleo Schneider**, **Larry Remillard**, **Lisa Crosby-Torres**, **Lucy Alexander**, **Linette Lum** Silsbee, **Michele McArdle** Baginski, **Melinda Pratt** Walker and **Sue Callahan** Kang.

During my visit, Sue Kang also hosted a gathering at her beautiful home with a more intimate group. We enjoyed pūpū and fond memories. Another fun time together with **Jim Goss**, **Scott Derrickson**, **Robyn Rodby-Shaw** and **Clay Searl**.

November brought the buff 'n blue to Sand Island for the grand opening of Boogie Black's Black Light Design art studio. I received thunderous accolades for Boogie from classmates who attended including **Bret Yap**, **Alison Zecha**, **Chris Messer**, **Dale Mosher**, **Jim Goss**, **Larry Remillard**, **Linette Silsbee**, **Monica Ciletti**, **Ross** and **Terry Kawamura '76 Sasamura**, **Denby Fawcett '59**, **John Kolivas '79** and Boogie's brother, **Bruce Black '79**. Ross commented that Boogie's cherry '61 VW Bug was also a highlight for guests to admire along with his artwork in various media.

Another November event was the ceremonial retirement flight for Clay Searl. The flight was a round trip between Honolulu and Lihue on the day after Thanksgiving. Clay was overwhelmed with aloha from family, friends and classmates. As Hawaiian Airlines' most senior interisland pilot, Clay also is credited with the most takeoffs and landings of the Boeing 717 in the country. Joining the celebration flight were **Jim Goss**, **Bret Yap**, **Dan Nakandakari**, **Gerald Tanaka**, **Jeri** and **Jim Steiner**, **Lori Lloyd**, **Wes Lo**, **Bill Loui**, **Rick Towill '77** and Clay's sister, **Betsy '81**. Pilot caps were provided for all of Clay's entourage, which added to the festive fun feel of the flight.

Beth Worrall Daily (virtually) popped in at Christmas time to share how much fun she and husband Patrick are having as grandparents to their 3-year-old grandson, (thanks to their daughter, **Mary Daily '07**). Beth travels to Oregon for frequent visits and says that if you can have any say in the matter, she highly recommends the Tūtū Experience (and I, for one, couldn't agree more!) Meanwhile, Beth continues her successful 44-year real estate career as senior vice president and broker in charge with Engel & Völkers Honolulu.



Clay Searl '78 with Lori Lloyd '78 in the cockpit of Clay's ceremonial retirement flight. Jim Steiner '78 and wife, Jeri, hosted a pā'ina at their home following Clay's retirement round-trip Kaua'i flight.



Jody Artzt '78 and her sister, Sherry Artzt '80, together on Bainbridge Island in Washington State.

In early January, a celebration of a vibrant and often mystical career was held in honor of **Malia Carlisle** Johnson's retirement and the closing of her iconic store, Sedona. After 35 years, Malia is looking forward to the future. She expressed deep appreciation to all who have supported her business. **Edie Yamaguchi** Sagarang, **Lindsay Sagarang '12**, **Laureen Sato** Kuwamoto, **Sandy Kurozawa**, and Gordon and **Susan Haseyama** Wong were on hand for the closing celebrations that included a lion dance, aura photography and mini-oracle card reading.

Jody Artzt Truitt wrote that she has moved from Los Angeles to start a new life chapter on beautiful Bainbridge Island, Washington where her sister, **Sherry Artzt '80** Haber, lives with her husband Scott. Jody reports they are enjoying life in the Pacific Northwest. Seattle friends, be sure to reach out to Jody when you are planning your next '78 events!

Barbie Lyons Anderson spent time with her sister, **Shari Lyons '85** Grounds, in Kailua over Christmas. Barbie's daughter, Jami, flew in from San Diego to join her. While in the poke line at Kailua Foodland she ran into **Monica Wrenn** Chun. Another Kailua surprise – she spotted **Michele McArdle** Baginski heading to the beach and joined her for a great catch-up beach stroll. Barbie wasn't done with classmates and made sure to book another beach walk, this time with **Monica Allerstorfer** Ciletti. Barbie noted how grateful she is (as am I, and many of you are) for these lifelong connections.

Diane Tom-Ogata spent the better part of what was supposed to have been an 18-minute flight from Colorado Springs to Denver with **Belle Stricklin** Heppard due to a three-day blizzard. A highlight of her trip was sitting just feet from a male deer with a full rack of antlers – the dominant buck of the herd. The deer in Belle's forest usually flee at the sight of humans, but this one, acclimated to the tunes of **Henry Kapono Ka'aihue '67** and Gabby Pahinui, stayed close. Belle also shared that after experiencing personal medical issues, Diane's presence not only lifted her spirits but reminded her of the simple, profound joy of shared moments and the strength that friendships can offer in times of trial. Amen to that!

And lastly, at the time I write this in early January, we have learned that our dear friendmate, **Jib Bowers**, passed away at the end of December 2024. Many of us remember Jib with great love and appreciation of his spirit and enthusiasm for life. His cousins, **Mealani Evensen** and **Melinda Pratt** Walker, along with **Jan Chouljian** and **Patty Sarason** Callahan, spent time with him near the end of his life, sharing that despite the long hard road, Jib displayed amazing courage and his signature irreverent humor. Rest in love, special friend.

Next issue will recap the Punahou Carnival crew experience under the leadership of new Hot Noodle Honcho, **Jordan Graham**.

Until next time, give a hug, receive many.

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Some of you visited Ka 'Ohana Punahou (KOP), ohana.punahou.edu, the online network for alumni, leading up to our 45th Reunion to view our Class of 1979 space, bit.ly/Ohana1979. Bookmark the site as details about our 50th Reunion will be posted there as soon as they are available. Our Reunion committee led by **Lynne Schoen** Marr, **Cynthy Kim** Moffatt, **Rosie Manuwai** Rowe, **Robert Clancey** and **Paul Young**, is already planning for 2029!

On Veterans Day, **David Hale** and I launched Alumni Veterans, Active Duty, First Responders and ROTC on Ka 'Ohana Punahou. This is a new initiative that brings together our alumni community to support veterans, first responders, and ROTC members across all branches of military service. It will take time to build this online network of volunteers. We hope to provide resources and services on topics such as mental and physical health, spiritual well-being, military-to-civilian transitions, family support, and more. We encourage you to volunteer and join the conversations, at bit.ly/PunHeroes.

As I write these notes in early 2025, my thoughts and prayers go out to everyone impacted by the Los Angeles wildfires who is navigating the way forward. The Ka 'Ohana Punahou space **Buff 'n Blue Strong**, bit.ly/BufnBlueStrong, is a place for alumni to connect, share, and extend kōkua in any way they can.

Paul Young moved into a new role as the executive director of the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTER) Oceania, bit.ly/PICHTER_Young, expanding PICHTER's mission of accelerating innovation for a resilient future across the Pacific. Paul wrote on LinkedIn: "With over 40 years of expertise in contract management for U.S. and Allied nation programs, PICHTER is a premier accelerator driving dual-use technology innovation in additive and bio-manufacturing, energy technologies, workforce development and resilience solutions. Through PICHTER Oceania, we will strengthen partnerships and bring cutting-edge solutions to the region, supporting economic growth, disaster recovery and national security initiatives."

Chris Wu Jacobson celebrated 12 years as a sports marketing production manager at New Balance.

I enjoyed catching up with author **Tori Brenno** Eldridge on Zoom at the end of December. Many of you know Tori's work from her Lily Wong ninja thriller series. I was excited to learn that Tori has chosen Kaua'i, her favorite island and mine, as the setting for her next series. "Kaua'i Storm" will be released on May 20. Read about the rollercoaster of lack and abundance that Tori experienced this past year, bit.ly/3CA8Fpe. Tori generously sent me an advance copy of her latest book that I am eager to dive into.

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In November 2024, J. P. Damon '80 hosted a celebration of life for Kauai Napoleon Copp's '80 mom, Nalani-Alua Olds '55 Napoleon, at Moanalua Gardens. Many classmates attended the event with beautiful music and hula.



Classmates Cathy Cooke '81 and Dyno Bendix '81 Wahl in the Gion District of Kyoto, Japan.



Twins Susan Reeve '81 Rickards and Wendy Reeve '81 toasted each other on the occasion of their 60th birthday in January. It is believed that they are the youngest members of the Class of '81.

Aloha, Bamboosters!

Our 45th Reunion is right around the corner and the planning committee has done a great job creating events for us. Please go to Ka 'Ohana Punahou or punahou.edu/alumni/reunion for the most up to date information, and to contribute to our Class Gift visit punahou.edu/giving/give-now. Hope to see you in June!

In from **Suzie Park Akina**: "In November, a tribute to **Nalani-Alua Olds '55** Napoleon was hosted by **J.P. Damon** at Moanalua Gardens. **Kauai Napoleon-Copp, Ali'i Napoleon '88**, 'ohana and friends gathered to pay a final tribute to their mom, nana, aunty, mentor and friend. Kauai danced a beautiful hula as her daughter, Kualii, and niece, Kamalani, sang and son, Kalanikapu, accompanied on guitar. Also in attendance were **Laurie Lee, Kelly Hutchinson McMahon, Suzie Park Akina, Marc Akina, Roy Hardy, John Kamana, Brian Ching, Doug Bowers, Ray Hironaka, Boy Eldredge '79, Troy Egami** and his wife, **Melvia Hardy '81** and husband, Curtis, and Kauai's University of Hawai'i track coach, Rick Nakashima."

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Susan Reeve Rickards has been teaching upper and middle school STEM and Hawaiian

Studies at Parker School in Waimea on Hawai'i Island, since 2011. She holds a biology degree from Reed College and a master's in Human and Animal Cognition and Psychology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

In addition to teaching, Susan has spent over 30 years researching whales, dolphins and other marine species. In 2003, she co-founded the Hawai'i Marine Mammal Consortium, hmmc.org, a nonprofit dedicated to the study and protection of Hawai'i's marine environment.

Susan's twin sister, **Wendy Reeve**, lives nearby in Kukuiahae with her husband, Dave. Wendy works as a finance manager for a national wine and spirits distributor. Wendy earned her BA from Colorado College and an MBA from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Lifelong friends, **Cathy Cooke** and **Diana "Dyno" Bendix** Wahl, traveled together last fall, exploring both the urban highlights and rural landscapes of Japan. Their adventures included historical tours of temples, shrines and castles in Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto, as well as culinary and art classes with local artisans in small towns across the countryside. Their favorite stop was Iiyama, a village in the Nagano prefecture, where they stayed in a 300-year-old samurai Minka farmhouse, toured a sake brewery and hiked with Yamabushi monks. Of course, it goes without saying that they had lots of fun and plenty 'ono grinds along the way!

It is with sadness that we share the news of **Warren Henry Fong's** passing. Punahou's Spring 2024 Bulletin featured an article that "Dr. Warren Fong and his siblings, **Lori Fong '92** and Dr. Brian Fong, have made a leadership gift to Punahou in honor of their mother, Caroline T. Fong. The Fong family gift is in support of the Archives in the new Academy

Mary Kawena Pukui Learning Commons, which is projected to open in 2026."

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I ran into **Jana Lawn** Kay twice in December, once at the Hawai'i Kai Christmas Boat Parade, then again a week later at Costco. She's still in private practice (physical therapy), something she's been doing and loving for 15 years now! For fun, she's been windfoiling and says it's super addicting. Her two kids are great. Her son, Josh, is living in Malibu doing



Gregg Uyeda '82 and Layton Pang '82 at the Heisman Trophy ceremony in New York with third-place finisher, Dillon Gabriel, son of Darryl Gabriel '79.



Nanea Kay, Jana Lawhn '82 Kay and Josh Kay took in the big wave action at this year's Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational at Waimea Bay.



Four generations of the Eldredge Family: Kelina Eldredge Handley holding Luke Kalamakūokeolanui Handley, Duane Eldredge '83 and Jean Matsukage '50 Eldredge.

music production and her daughter, Nanea, is at Massachusetts General Institute, getting her doctorate in occupational therapy.

Jeff Cook has been running Armani Foods Honolulu since 1997, servicing pizza and Italian food restaurants on O'ahu. He enjoys the nightlife and music scene at places like The Irish Rose Saloon and Anna O'Brien's. Jeff's also biking to stay in shape, restoring a couple of vehicles and has some other projects as well.

In December, **Layton Pang** and **Gregg Uyeda** went to New York College Football Heisman

Trophy Ceremony to support **Darryl Gabriel '79** and son, Dillon Gabriel, who finished third in the overall Heisman vote.

December marked the one-year anniversary of the release of Layton Pang's book, "Where do YOU want to go?" It is about faith, perseverance, making the most of your life and deciding where you want to go after your time in this world is over. It is available at westbowpress.com.

I'll be continuing to randomly email classmates in an effort to hear what everyone's up to. If you don't want to wait for my request, simply shoot me some news and pics!

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Aloha and happiest New Year's wishes from **Kim Alness** in the Pacific Northwest:

In November, I returned to Hawai'i and loved hearing from classmates face-to-face!

My visit began on Hawai'i Island at **Kathy Kim Peters'** home. We toured **Pamela Cleghorn Darnall's** Kona Crown Coffee farm and compound! I was completely blown away and thoroughly enjoyed my tour of the property. Kathy, Pam, **Tony Cook**, **Kevin McClure** and I gathered and enjoyed great food, conversation and stunning views of Honokōhau!

On O'ahu, I stayed at **Maile Larson** Mulligan's lovely beach hale in Kailua. She and her husband, Larry, were amazingly gracious hosts. There was even a fantastic Friday evening dinner at the Outrigger Canoe Club, complete with fireworks. There I saw **Jenny Ho Tippet**, **Mark Eliashof**, **Debbie Lui-Anderson** and **Peter Anderson**. Debbie and Peter continue to prosper with their two Morning Brew businesses in Kailua and Kaka'ako. Great places for 'ono coffee and yummy sandwiches!

Enjoyed a Hanauma Bay ridge hike with **Jordan Chouljian**! Absolutely blown away by the views! I had never done that hike before. It was steep, windy and I felt very victorious to finish. Jordan and his wife Sue are everyday hikers, so seek them out if you want some advice or partners in hiking adventures!

A party happened at **Cameron Krainin's** Kailua beach bungalow with Mark Eliashof, Maile Mulligan and **Susie Granborg**! Susie moved back to Hawai'i, and it was wonderful to catch up with her as well. She had a fascinating career as a veterinarian and is now settling into her next chapter of life. Last but not least, I had an amazing dinner at Buzz's Steak House, which is an epic Lanikai destination! I cannot describe how grounded and connected I felt after my time in Hawai'i with my classmates.

Happy 2025 from **Deb Matsunaga** Ramirez in Hawai'i:

The holiday season gave us a great reason to reconnect with our Piquant Peeps. **Martha Kim** Im organized an amazing post-Christmas get together at Kapa Hale in Kahala. **Sheryl Cockett** Medeiros was visiting from Colorado Springs and shared stories about her impressive establishment named My Cellar Wine Bar. Martha, Sheryl, **Kelfred Chang**, **Earl Asato**, **Karie Fukumoto** Izuo and I devoured our duck ramen and oxtail pho with our bites between the laughter and chatter. It's priceless to see years melt away as we jump right back into our childhood friendships. We talked about



Mele Kalikimaka! Friends from '83 gathered to celebrate Christmas at Kapa Hale in Kāhala. From left: Earl Asato, Debbie Matsunaga Ramirez, Kelfred Chang, Karie Fukumoto Izuo, Sheryl Cockett Mederios and Martha Kim Im.



Alema Harrington '84 with his family in Utah. From left: Issac, Christa, Gabriel and Alema.

retirement, pickleball, service academies, Mr. Kusunoki and our "kids."

Excited to share that **Duane Eldredge** is now a grandpa! His daughter, Kelina, has a bundle of joy named Luke. Duane shared that Luke is lucky ... everyone says he looks like his mother. Kelina grew up her whole life being told she looked like her dad. Duane and Kelina came in second place in a parent and child look-alike contest. I guess this means Luke looks like his 'One'one, per Duane.

Love and aloha to everyone! Healthiest wishes as we approach our 60th birthdays! Send us pictures and share how you are all celebrating the big 6-0.

Love,

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Happy New Year!

It was awesome to see everyone at our 40th Reunion! One classmate was missed, **Radford Small**. No one knew him better than his "Boos," **Barry Naone, Alema Harrington** and **Tau Harrington**. I caught up with them to see what life is like after fishnet shoes and popped-collar days.

Barry Naone had a football hall of fame career at Portland State and is now celebrating his 28th year with Nike in Oregon. He and Kali, his wife of 32 years, have raised two adult daughters, Lexi and Ellie, in the Pacific Northwest and even though it rains a bit in Oregon – he says there are few places in the world that are better than Oregon in the summer!

"When I came to Punahou in seventh grade, Rad and I were not friends. I was the new guy, and I thought that Rad had a chip on his shoulder, so it took a little time to find our friendship. The Boos really came together in our freshman year. Sports brought us together – football (the four of us) and baseball (Rad and I). Rad was one of the smartest people I've ever met. Brilliant ... and he knew it. He was a part of some of the best moments in my life. He was my best man, I was his. We gave each other advice about the most important people in our lives. My favorite Rad memory is a visit I had with him and Alissa probably about a year ago. Rad knew I was coming to visit, and they were waiting for me on their porch. We hugged, we laughed, and I was able to spend the day with my friend. I will miss his wit, his charm, his hair (he had the best hair) but most of all, I will miss his friendship."

After playing football for BYU, Alema Harrington remained in Utah. He and Christa, his wife of 15 years, have a daughter, four sons and two grandkids. Al is part of the broadcast team of the Utah Jazz that does the pre- and post-game shows. He says the best part of living in Utah is the amazing state and National Parks. They love traveling to Moab and seeing the arches and monuments. The things he misses about Hawai'i are the Aloha spirit, the Ko'olau Mountains, the ocean and, of course, the food. They also always visit the Polynesian Cultural Center to watch the

IMAX show that his dad, **Al Harrington '54**, narrates and pop into the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame.

"The first Varsity game of our sophomore year at Punahou, four young Boos walked off the team bus and down the tunnel to the Aloha Stadium field. Before stepping on to the astroturf, we paused and took it all in. Then together we stepped onto the playing field, together as four 10th graders playing our first Varsity game. We had a saying, 'We Da Boos, and we no sked.' That fearlessness came from a trust in each other. When we played football at Punahou, we had an agreement that if you ever got hurt and were down on the field, as a Boo you were obligated to get up and get off the field. Boos were not allowed to stay down on the field unless an ambulance was taking you off. When we lost our brother Radford after his health battle, we collectively mourned his passing and simultaneously celebrated his life. Rad never stopped fighting. Per our agreement he got up every day and stayed in the game. One memory that is ingrained was after our last varsity football game before heading back to the bus, the four of us stepped off the turf and up the tunnel and paused to take a moment to reflect. We started this journey three years earlier as naïve sophomores and now stepping off this field together. Boos for life."

Tau Harrington lives in Provo, Utah with his beautiful wife of 34 years, Marmion. They have three beautiful adult children, **Isabella '16**, and twins, Mason and Olivia. Tau has been a consultant in sports and event marketing and has a self-improvement and life coaching venture with Alema, The A-Game Institute, theagameinstitute.com. Tau and Alema are both active in drug and alcohol addiction recovery communities. Tau also works in men's mental



Tau Harrington '84 with his family during the holidays. Front row: Tau and Marmion Harrington. Back row: Isabella '16, Olivia and Mason.



Barry Naone '84 lives and works in Oregon where he raised his family with wife, Kali. From left: Elle, Lexi, Barry and Kali.



These classmates from '84 gathered together to celebrate the holidays and bring in 2025! Front row, from left: Alissa Suan, Valerie Tanabe Yamashita, Mei-mei Zane Engel and Beth Tanaka Iwata. Back row: Bob Yee, Duncan Hsia, Russell Lee, Eric Young, Nalu Won and Mike Lyum.

health with iloveyoubroproject.org, and currently has two book projects, "The A-Game Epiphany" and "Keep Rising." If you are an early riser, Tau does a live motivational and spiritual broadcast on social media at 6 a.m.

"Da Boos never would have been 'Da Boos' were it not for Radford and the Smalls. Rad was the foundation and Barry, Alema and I were 'ornamental.' Rad was the O-Line to

our backfield. This is a role that he played masterfully and with pride. We had the privilege of knowing Rad better than most people. He was rough and rugged but also incredibly sensitive and sweet. Words can't capture the full scope of the impact he has had on my life. Everyone deserves a friend like Rad. Mom and Dad Small, Buster and the Girls were and will forever be our family. It was not

necessarily logical for Da Boos to materialize, but it was in God's plan. I remember, we were the only sophomores to make the Varsity Football team. This is a testament to the beautiful culture and melting pot of Punahou and sports. One last memory – Rad always had awesome clothes, the latest and the coolest from Kramer's and Liberty House. All Da Boos benefited from that wardrobe and never with any concern from Rad (or Mom Small) Same goes for his lunch card. One of the most selfless and giving people I've ever known."

Hope everyone has a healthy and awesome 2025.

Aloha,
Russell

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Aloha, Class of '85!

Your Class has planned the best 40th Reunion ever! There's the offering of our Class gift to enable generations of alumni to attend Punahou through our endowment fund, a walk-around construction tour of the Mary Kawena Pukui Learning Center, our day of service, golf, a cocktail party, Alumni Lū'au, (don't forget to wear your best buff 'n blue aloha wear), a luxurious brunch on the beach, and best of all, recalling memories and creating new ones. By the time you read this, you will have been able to purchase some cool '85 swag, which you can wear during the Alumni Week, or if you



Da Boyz of '85 together in Saigon, Vietnam in front of the Central Post Office. From left: Brian Flood, Chris Young, Baron Ah Moo and Mike Goo.



David Shoultz '85 and his wife, Megan, backcountry skiing in a winter wonderland.

David Shoultz visits home every four months or so but hasn't been to the campus in many years – he is attending Reunion and is looking forward to reconnecting with folks. He stays in contact with **Royce Shimamoto**, **Jerelyn Watanabe '86**, **Stephany Simonelli**, **Stephen "PB" Tilghman** and **Pat Arensdorf**. Dave has been living in Seattle since 1986. His two adult sons live nearby. Dave has recently been appointed the Chief Scientific Officer at the Myeloproliferative Neoplasm Research Foundation and is still an affiliate professor of Epidemiology at the University of Washington and a board member for a cancer-focused start-up company based in the U.K. Whoa, Dave! Awesome! Dave invites folks in the area to look him up.

John Akana reported from France, where he is raising his toddler, that **John Freitas '84**, **Jeff Fancher '84** and **Howie Klemmer '84** attended his wedding. Congratulations!

Mahalo to **Colleen Maeda Bird** and **April Coloretti** for their support with this column. Forever the buff 'n blue glue!

Until next time, fabulous '85ers!

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Aloha, all!

Starting out with a plea to PLEASE send your updates! We know there's a lot of exciting things going on with you all – retirements, graduations, marriages, grandchildren (yes, we are truly that old), travel, moves, honors and recognitions – we want to hear it all!



The Class of '85 represented at the Inspire! event. This pau hana is designed to ignite Reunion committee members' passion for Punahou leading up to Alumni Week 2025. Front row, from left: Leslie Opulauoho, Colleen Maeda Bird, Dave Fan, Tracy Mabe Ide, April Coloretti and Kristi Koga. Back row: Danny McInerney, Rona Suzuki, Chris Bisho and Stan McCrea.

can't make it, you will represent us in style wherever you are! We hope to see you in June!

Our awesome Reunion committee joined other Classes in the 0s and 5s to kick off our Reunion year at the Inspire! event to inspire each other to host the best Reunion ever! Of course, our 40th will be the best! (We had the largest participation of any Class at the event. Wool! Hoo!)

On to our updates: **Brian Flood**, our Class Gift Lead (keep those gifts rolling in to make our

Class scholarship fund awesome!) writes that he was on a cruise of Asia with **Michael Goo** and **Chris Young**. After posting a picture on Facebook, **Baron Ah Moo** weighed in, inviting Da Boyz to hit Saigon – so they did! Baron rearranged his schedule and he and his wife spent the entire afternoon touring the sites with Brian, Chris and Mike. Baron is in Saigon on a two-year work assignment and commutes to San Diego where his wife lives. Dang, Baron – you must have tons of frequent flyer miles!



Dean Harada '86 immersed in his new project, Lō'ihi Records, a Hawaiian avant-garde record label celebrating emerging endemic music, culture and community, made in Hawai'i.



Ted Lee '86 fulfilled a lifelong dream by joining runners from 35 countries in the RacingThePlanet Ultramarathon in Antarctica over Thanksgiving weekend.



Dawn Sanderson '86 and Joy Maeda '86 enjoyed quality time together in Tokyo and Shizuoka.

Speaking of moves, **Allison Higa** returned to Honolulu from Seattle, Washington in October 2024. Welcome home, Allison! Her husband, Greg Jackson, is wrapping up his active-duty service with the U.S. Army's Special Victim Counsel Program (thank you, Greg, for this very important service). Kids **Lexie '21** and **Dan '23** are both at the University of Washington Seattle Campus. Lexie will graduate in May 2025 and hopes to work as a physicians' assistant, while Dan is in pre-med and will graduate in 2027. Both kids are following in their father's footsteps in the Army ROTC program and Lexie will be entering the Army National Guard reserves upon graduation. Allison describes herself as "flex-tired" and dove right back in to volunteering at Punahou – I ran into her at the Punahou Theatre Costume Shop in Dillingham Hall hard at work on costumes for Variety Show 2025!

After many years of nursing, **Dawn Sanderson** bypassed "flex-tired" and went straight to "retired" last November. Congratulations, Dawn! Letting no grass grow under her feet, Dawn set off in early December on a well-deserved vacation trip to Japan, with stops in Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo (and, of course, Tokyo Disneyland!). Best of all, Dawn enjoyed great quality time in Tokyo and Shizuoka with **Joy Maeda**, relishing delectable foods, festive holiday lights and epic views of Mt. Fuji! Back at home, Dawn is settling into retirement life: pursuing hobbies like quilting and baking, socializing with friends, and savoring time with loved ones.

Seemingly nowhere near retirement (I feel this!), **Suzanne Froix** reported from the Big Apple that she was thrilled to produce the 2024 WSJ Innovator Awards at the Museum of Modern Art – a star-studded evening where The Wall Street Journal Magazine honored the groundbreaking talents of Jon M. Chu (film), Charli xcx (music), the cast of Saturday

Night Live (comedy), Tim Cook (technology), The WNBA (sports), Salma Hayek Pinault (entertainment and altruism) and Marc Jacobs (fashion). Suzanne is a senior producer at The Wall Street Journal, with expansive responsibilities that include managing production talent, advancing TV and digital strategies, managing budgets, editing scripts and hosting/moderating panel discussions and one-on-one interviews.

Mike Malterre relocated to Captain Cook on Hawai'i Island just before Christmas and notes that he has a guest room ready and waiting for '86 classmates (thanks, Mike!). Mike reports that his company, Stream2Sea (S2S), is the only line of mineral sunscreen and body care products scientifically proven not to harm humans, fish or coral larvae. In fact, S2S just developed a new Coral Care formula that includes coral nourishment and helped some species of coral grow up to 50% larger in an 18-week study. It's always great to see '86ers helping save the planet!

Patti Chang Uyehara wrote in with a sweet reminder of how small a world (and island) it is: While working to get her father's home on Wilhelmina Rise ready to rent, Patti decided to take a break and visit her uncle, who lived just two houses down. When Patti arrived, her uncle was speaking with the "kind neighbor" who was helping him with a project – who turned out to be our very own **Tyler Ralston**! Tyler, in turn, informed Patti that his (and her uncle's) other neighbors are none other than **Ed** and **Kristen Spengler Kenney**! (On the other hand, I felt compelled to immediately apologize to Patti for the seven years of raucous music emanating from Tyler's shed, where my son, **Nicholas Lockwood '24**, and Tyler's son, **Gus Ralston '24**, practiced regularly with their rock band, UV, before leaving for college last fall – sorry, Uncle!)

Finally, while I plan to pin him down for more details in a future column, please check out **Dean Harada**'s new project. Lō'ihi Records is an avant-garde record label celebrating emerging endemic music, culture and community made in Hawai'i. Lō'ihi recently released its first album, the beautifully ethereal and immensely moving "Standing Above the Clouds," by T. J. Keanu Tario on vinyl and digital. Composed as the soundtrack to an award-winning documentary by the same name, "Standing Above the Clouds" combines haunting piano, string, and electronic music with 'ukulele, pahu and vocals in a tribute to Mauna Kea and those who protect her. It is definitely worth a listen! The label has several releases planned this year, including albums by local legend Kit Ebersbach, and Punahou alumna and Pulitzer finalist, **Leilehua Lanzilotti '02**.

Until next time, be safe, be well and be happy.

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Aloha a me Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

The calendar has just turned as I write this, and we are ending the first quarter of the 21st century. By the time you read this we will be well into 2025. I hope you are all doing well and still sticking to your New Year's resolutions. If all goes well, I should be at least 15 pounds lighter by the time you read this.

The summer of 2024 was filled with fun. Our family took advantage of the yen to dollar



Alumni, friends and family from '87 enjoyed a get-together when Reid Oshiro '87 and his family visited Honolulu from New Jersey. Front row, from left: Jon Motohiro '87, Philip Kuo '87, Sylvia Wang (spouse), Carrie Motohiro (spouse), Amor Motohiro, Chiara Oshiro, Gemma Oshiro and Reid Oshiro '87. Back row: Spencer Kimura '87, Lani Kimura (spouse), Matthew Kimura, Alan Kuroiwa (spouse) Marche Tasaki '87 Kuroiwa, Anna Oshiro (spouse), Sean Uyeno '19, Brent Uyeno '87, Kristin Uyeno (spouse) and Megan Uyeno '23. Picture taken by Keryn Yagi '23.



The Uyeno family traveled to Japan in summer 2024! From left: Evan Uyeno '16, Kristin Uyeno, Sean Uyeno '19, Megan Uyeno '23 and Brent Uyeno '87.

exchange rate this summer and traveled to Japan. It was a wonderful trip with our children, **Evan '16, Sean '19 and Megan '23**. Megan and her classmate, **Keryn Yagi '23**, who is attending International Christian University in Tokyo, met for dinner and spent time (and money) on the various crane games and gashapon. We ate our way through Osaka, then to Kyoto and ended the trip in Tokyo. We visited many temples and were able to catch the Grand Sumo Tournament in Tokyo. As we waited for our flight back to Hawai'i, we were already making a list of things we missed and things we should do on our next trip to Japan.

In August, **Reid Oshiro** and his family visited from New Jersey and we had a get-together with **Spencer Kimura's** family, **Jon Motohiro's** family, **Philip Kuo** and his wife, **Sylvia Wang**, and **Marche Tasaki** Kuroiwa and her husband, Alan.

I ran into **Curtis Saiki** who has his own law practice, Saiki & Associates – A Limited Liability Law Company specializing in estate planning, probate and trusts. On a trip to California to take his daughter back to Chapman University, he walked around with fellow collegiate parent, **Darrell Natori '84**. They saw another father carrying a large television and offered to hold a door open for him and his wife who happened to be **David** and **Heidi Fountain Yee**. The Punahou magnet is strong.

The BIG Punahou magnet, Pā'ina Paniolo: A Country Carnival, will have passed by the time you read this column. I am hoping I saw some of you there. You could be like **Bennett Abe**, who traveled from California and volunteered in the Malasada booth in 2024. We'll see if he came back in 2025.

From my family to yours, we pray that 2025 brings you all health and happiness.

E mālama i kou kino,

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As many of us are now caring for our aging parents, I thought it would be interesting to dive into the careers of some of our classmates in the healthcare industry. First off, a BIG mahalo to one of our local healthcare heroes, **Dr. Grant Chen**, internist at The Queen's Medical Center, who is highly committed to the health and wellbeing of his patients and



The Wells family celebrated their family Punahou legacy at the 2024 Commencement. From left: Mike Wells '89, Susi Wells '82 Watson, Nola Wells '24, Summer Wells, Bill Wells and Terry Cline '62 Wells.



Wine tasting was an assignment that these buff 'n blue friends understood. From left: Justin Branon Rodriguez, Jason Holman, Daryl Muramoto '88, James Kakos, Maggie Parks, Pam Clifford '89, Malia Hunt '89 Kakos, Jessy Town '89 Hornor, Christy Gray '89 and Helen Chang '88.



Classmates enjoyed an '89 Viva Las Vegas reunion trip in November 2024. Front row: Maxine Lum Mauricio, Efen Baria, Jaci-Ann Chung and Sarah Sugimoto. Back row: MJ Walters, Gwen Migita and Jason Walters.



Jessy Town '89 Hornor, founder of the Hawai'i Water Safety Coalition, with Sarah Fairchild, the executive director of the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, at the water safety bill signing.

their families. If you or your family members encounter Dr. Chen, you will be in good hands.

Also, excelling in healthcare, **Tom Schwallie**, is the chief development officer for Cardiovascular Associates of America, a company which buys cardiology practices and works with Health Systems. They have over 400 physicians in their group. Tom is based in Chicago, travels for work, and would love to connect with fellow Puns.

Jennifer Samproni, yet another healthcare champion, is living in Boston with her son, Van (11). She's passionate about improving patients' lives through safe, effective and intuitive medical products. She is currently the chief technology officer for a 140,000-person company, Flex Health Solutions, a leading provider of design and manufacturing

services for MedTech and pharma companies. This past November, she delivered the keynote at the MEDevice Silicon Valley on the transformative power of Human Machine Interfaces (HMI) in shaping the future of patient care. Impressive!

David Uhalley, a healthcare pioneer in California, is the co-founder and operating officer of Nanobles Corporation, which is releasing Plant Chat™, a revolutionary AI assistant now available on the ChatGPT store. It is designed to educate and empower users with scientifically rigorous, yet accessible knowledge about plants, Plant Medicine, Cannabis, Cannabinoids and the Endocannabinoid System. Plant Chat™ is pioneering the next-generation of plant-based medicine by unlocking the therapeutic potential of cannabinoids and phytochemicals. Interested in what David is doing, you can reach out to him at uhalleyd@gmail.com.

Kristie Doktor Holt, an empty nester, stays busy in Southern California as the senior vice president for Behavioral Sciences at Atlantis Health, a global organization dedicated to developing medication adherence programs for rare diseases and conditions requiring complex or novel treatments. Her job includes an academic post at the Marshall B. Ketchum College of Pharmacy as well as frequent travels for trainings on how to use behavioral science to help people shift their mindsets about their illness and treatments. Her team's innovative thinking led to the launch of the first-ever digital human to be used by a major pharmaceutical manufacturer to support patient engagement.

Shifting gears a bit, **Jessy Town Hornor**, who joined Sarah Fairchild, executive director of the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation at the water safety bill signing, is actively advocating for ocean safety. She co-founded

the Hawai'i Water Safety Coalition along with the Hawaiian Lifeguard Association and the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation with ongoing support from the Hawai'i Department of Health. This last year she successfully advocated to establish Hawai'i Water Safety Awareness Day on May 15, and she helped write the first-ever Hawai'i Water Safety Plan that will be published and shared with state and county leadership this year.

Outside of work, fellow USC Trojan, **Tammy Morioka-Shimazu** spent some well-deserved downtime enjoying the USC homecoming football game in November with **Kevin Awaya '85**.

Don't forget to update your contact info at Ka 'Ohana Punahou, alumni.punahou.edu, so we can keep in touch!

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Hi, MIGHTY 90!

I hope that 2025 has been off to a great start filled with much love, laughter and great memories.

Chad Kawashima is in his 26th year of his dental practice and the 15th year as a practice owner. Chad always planned to return to Hawai'i to give back to the community, and it's been very rewarding. Many of our classmates are his patients (including me), and it's always extra



A gang of buff 'n blue friends rang in 2025 together! Front row from left: Will Blanchette '23, Amber Strong '95 Makaiau, Vince Mansho '90, Vanessa Higa '91 Kau and Mayu Hara '91 Dao. Back row: Ian Watanabe '23, Sara Yap '99 To, Weston Yap '92, Mariko Merritt '00, Jason Wong '91, David Chang '92, Waileia Davis '86 Roster, Cade Roster '91, Audrey McAvoy '91, Mike Watanabe '91, Fred Duennebie '91 and Sarah Pfeffer '90 Masciangelo.

special to see Punahou alumni at the waiting room. Chad is enjoying the experience of raising his children, aged 8 and 10, and getting back to his roots by coaching them in tennis.

Courtney Ching Borden is in Kailua, working on her art business, Two Seas Arts, IG @TwoSeasArts808. She started creating three-dimensional Hawaiian lei artwork in 2024 and has been in a few art shows since then. Her pieces have been displayed at Kalapawai Cafe in Kailua, and at the Punahou Art Gallery. Her twins, **Jake '18** and **Seth '18**, live in Chicago, her middle son, **Dylan '21**, is a senior at Colorado State University, and her

daughter, **Cara (Mid-Pacific '23)**, is in her second year as a nursing student at the University of Michigan.

Kyle Arakaki has been working at the University of Hawai'i as a mechanical engineer for facilities and celebrated 22 years in February. His older daughter, **Kymberlie (Mid-Pacific '23)**, is in her second year of nursing at Seattle University, and his younger daughter, **Katelynn '26**, is considering colleges in Oregon and Washington.

Steven Scarborough writes that after years of training pro wrestlers and running Platinum

Championship Wrestling (which led to an award-winning documentary being made about the journey titled, "The Booker"), he has thrown himself into the restaurant industry with a vengeance. He has four jobs in Florida (The Boathouse, Olive Garden, Pei Wei and Burger King), working over 100 hours a week. His two kids are doing well. Tyler is set for Princeton in the fall, a recipient of the National Merit Scholarship, and Veronica just won first prize in the business ownership competition for middle schoolers in Florida for her business proposal and objective test.

Hope to see you all at our 35th Reunion in June!

Take good care,

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Greetings, '91ers!

At the time of this writing, we in Honolulu are gearing up for Punahou Carnival 2025, so as usual, we'll touch on that in the summer issue. Hopefully we won't be reporting that the current egg shortage severely impacted the supply of malasadas or that the tent on our Noodle booth blew off again à la 2024.



Punahou Alumni Association Hawai'i's Buff 'n Blue Family Bingo Night! Only some folks got BINGO! and some folks got the coveted cheese with their baked spaghetti serving, but everyone in the '91 gang had fun at Bingo Night in Dole Hall! Front row, from left: Vanessa Higa Kau, Cathy Nguyen, Stefanie Loo Jelts and Allison Takeshita Van Orman. Back row: Evan Leong, Mama Carol Chun, Stacy Chong and Denise Eldredge Sagapolutele.



Classmates of '91 ringing in the new year together over great conversation and cocktails. From left: Mike Watanabe, Mako Schwalbenitz, Jason Wong and Fred Duennebie.

In November, some of our local contingent gathered at Dole Hall for the Punahou Alumni Association's Bingo Night and enjoyed some nostalgic baked spaghetti and caramel cuts. The "Punahou celebrity" announcers were quite entertaining: Mr. Kusunoki with his super nice guy delivery; father-daughter team **Pal '64** and **Denise Eldredge Sagapolutele** with the seasoned sportscaster delivery; and Mama Chun with her signature wise-cracking, no-filter delivery. Among Mama Chun's highlights at the mic were, "I 21 ... I wish I were 21!" and calling out **Evan Leong** as a troublemaker back in high school. Good times.

Thanks to **Leilani Ahina-Dawson** for alerting us on our Class of 1991 Facebook page that **Dave Wassel** was one of the commentators for The Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational in December. As a former competitor at the event, Dave sure knew what he was talking about!

We like to keep politics far and away from our quarterly roundup, but we can mention that it's always nice to see **Nancy Weiner Cordes**, CBS News' chief White House Correspondent, on our screens. Nancy has certainly had her hands full covering the 2024 election and the presidential transition of power. As a panelist analyzing the vice-presidential debate last October, she was able to interject a moment of much-needed levity with the comment that subsequently made it to CBS News' Facebook Reels: "If you took a shot every time you heard the words 'I agree' tonight, you'd be under the table right now." Whoever edited the reel even included a shot glass emoji with the text overlay for some extra pizzazz.

We would like to conclude this round of notes with the exciting news that we finally managed to recruit another Class correspondent! **Audrey McAvoy**! She is a professional, folks! Now I really must refrain from trying to sneak

in my beloved Oxford comma whenever I am tasked with writing the first draft. Welcome aboard, Audrey!

Here's an update from our new correspondent: "I am a Honolulu-based reporter for The Associated Press, where I cover Hawai'i and U.S. territories in the Pacific. I returned home in 2005 after working as a journalist in Tokyo, where I spent most of my childhood before my family moved to O'ahu and I enrolled at Punahou at the start of junior year. I married Michael Lum, who happens to be **Noe Lyons** Archambault's cousin, in 2011. I look forward to helping Allison and Vanessa compile our Class notes!"

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Aloha to the Class of 1992!

Mikilani Malan Yamada lives in Provo, Utah, where she works in change management and currently oversees communications, training and engagement for ERP (enterprise resource planning) software implementation at BYU. Her husband, Marc, is a professor of Asian Literature and Film at BYU and the couple has two boys, Kyle (church service mission in Kobe, Japan) and Sean (sophomore in high school). After graduating from BYU in what she calls the "seems-like-just-yesterday-



Joyeux anniversaire! These five friends celebrated their big 5-0 in Paris. From left: Jaci Murakami '92 Matsuo, Tisha Muraoka '92 Fujino, Gen Nonaka '92 Pai, Ali Won '92 Tanigawa, and their good friend, Jodi Yoshida.

nineties," Mikilani moved around for a while, living in the Bay Area, Tokyo, Iowa City and Winston-Salem before settling down in Provo about 10 years ago to be closer to family. She was delighted to spend time with **Sarah Lee** Chow when she visited Utah last year. Mikilani would love to see other '92ers who find themselves in the Beehive State. Contact Mikilani on LinkedIn (MikilaniYamada) or Instagram @mountainfield.

In October 2024, **Ali Won** Tanigawa, **Jaci Murakami** Matsuo, **Tisha Muraoka** Fujino and **Gen Nonaka** Pai made their way around Paris, the City of



During the holiday season, the Matlin and Maciszewski families enjoyed dinner in Boulder and visited the historic Hotel Boulderado, known for its amazing Christmas tree. From left: Reid Matlin '92, Sarah Matlin, Michelle Maciszewski, Marek Maciszewski and Mike Maciszewski '92.



In December 2024, three '92ers who live in Colorado ran into each other at a Christmas festival in Superior, Colorado. From left: Jenna Wilson Duran of Littleton, Mike Maciszewski of Superior and Jen Almquist Lehman of Erie.



Sarah Lee '92 Chow traveled to visit Mikilani Malan '92 Yamada in Utah.



Shayna Ching '93 Kusumoto ran into these '93ers in Japan who were there to celebrate their 50th birthdays. Front row, from left: Justin Oliver '93, Shayna Ching '93 Kusumoto, Ari Kusumoto and Cole Kusumoto. Back row: Jason Oliver '93, Kaleo Ede '93, Todd Asato '93, Jamie Blaine '93, Dave Kusumoto (spouse) and Kei Ando '93.

Light, with good friend Jodi Yoshida to celebrate their 50th birthdays. In addition to visiting the usual sites like the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, the Palace of Versailles and the Louvre Museum, this special group of gals was treated to a surprise and unforgettable aurora borealis show as they flew over Greenland.

Tisha continues her work as a pediatric nurse practitioner in Las Vegas, while the girls in Hawai'i continue their pursuits in education (Gen), marketing (Ali) and travel (Jaci). Says Jaci: "As we get older, making memories such as these are some of the greatest gifts of all." Well said!

As soon as his son, Miles, graduated from high school and enrolled at his alma mater, Dartmouth College, **Keli'i Opulauoho** moved back home to Hawai'i after spending many years in New York City. While he misses the unbeatable arts of the Big Apple – especially the bright lights of Broadway shows – Keli'i is enjoying life in the Islands, where he has continued his career in organizational development at Hawaiian Electric Company and has served as the president of the Dartmouth Club.

Also, back home, our hearts go out to **Jennifer Barrett Fajardo**, whose amazing husband, José, passed away in December 2024, after a courageous battle with ALS. Many of us followed (via Facebook) Jen's journey with José, which was an inspirational testament to the power of true love. Jen, may love, hugs and prayers from our '92 family strengthen and bring light to your life!

Billy Kobayashi continues to live in the Los Angeles area with his wife, Laurie, and two sons, Andy and Tyler. As the vice president of risk management for TACK Builders, Inc., Billy oversees operations for a large construction company. Die-hard Dodgers fans, they enjoyed cheering on Shohei Ohtani and his teammates to a World Series victory.

Cincinnati resident **Reid Matlin** is excelling as a pharmaceutical sales rep with Bristol Myers Squibb, and has won the top sales award for two of the last three years. When not savoring all the Queen City has to offer, Reid and his wife, Sarah, enjoy their lake home in Kentucky and incredible worldwide travel adventures.

Jenna Wilson Duran and her husband, RJ, love being back in Colorado and raising their sons, Mateo and Luca. Jenna owns and operates two very cool businesses, So Very Lovely and Laser Lab Studio.

Carrie Gorospe and **Alexis Ruppanner** Cohen co-founded The Good Gesture, an agency that specializes in engaging with affluent and aspirational audiences with marketing and public relations campaigns. The company spans both coasts. Carrie lives in Napa Valley, while Alexis lives on a 200-acre regenerative farm in upstate New York. They are always on the lookout for Hawai'i-based brands and people who want to create custom advertising campaigns. Cheers to these entrepreneurs!

Best wishes to all of you for a healthy, happy and fulfilling 2025!

Aloha and God Bless,

Mike "Maz," Jen and Ji!

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From **Rhonda Ching Wong**:

Hello, '93ers:

Let's catch up with **Shayna Ching** Kusumoto and find out what she's been up to.

Rhonda: Where have you been since graduating from college? Where are you and what are you doing now?

Shayna: After undergrad at the University of Washington and graduate school at Wheaton College in Illinois, I moved back home and pursued graphic design, web development and video. I met my husband, Dave, through work – he had a web design company that I joined, and we've evolved into a creative content marketing agency, 9th Ave. Studio. We've been doing that for the past 25 years, started HISessions in 2010, and invested in real estate on the side. So, I'm also a realtor.

Right now, I'm living in my little compound in Kaimuki, doing real estate full time with Compass, in love with my husband (who is still running the business) and trying hard to keep three teenagers alive (18, 16, 14).

R: Any breaking news for you or your family?

S: My oldest graduated in 2024 and went off to college so we're adjusting to life without him around. My mom is very sick so that's been a real struggle – being in this sandwich generation, where we have aging parents and still have dependents at home.

R: Tell us something about you that we couldn't find on Google or Facebook.

S: Being that we're entering our fifth (GASP!) decade of life, I've been trying to do it gracefully, but secretly I fight it every step of the way. We're talking an inordinate number of supplements, red light therapy, sauna, cold plunging, rebounding, katsu bands, hydrogen, you name it, I've tried it. I mean how are we turning 50? It's insane.

R: What do you miss most about Punahou?

S: I miss the Banyan Tree, those see-saws and going barefoot.

R: What is one thing that Punahou has taught you? Or how has it helped you in life?

S: Punahou taught me to write well and speak well. I went from getting an "F" every day in Mrs. Izumi's 4th grade Social Studies class because I couldn't utter one word in our political debates, to an A+ in Mrs. Levinson's Speech class in Academy. And I'm pretty sure all the papers for American Studies and Mr. Hamamoto's English class forged this prolific writer in me. (That and passing notes in class before texting was a thing.)

R: Most influential teacher/coach at Punahou?

S: Dr. Kerwin, Mr. Woody, Ms. Vincent-Lum, Mr. Hansen and ... Sarge!

R: Most memorable cafeteria food item?

S: The turkey, avocado, tomato, cheese with sprouts and poppyseed dressing. Or was that from Andy's? Well, I'd rather forget the Posadas and Cup-o-Noodles.

R: Fave Chapel song?

S: I love this question! I actually sing this to myself when I'm paddling out to the lineup (I think it's from Chapel): "Gonna rise up singin', It's a brand-new day. I see the sun is a shinin' and the rain isn't fallin' like it was just yesterday. So, I feel like livin', Got a reason to sayayayay – Gonna rise up singin', throw my troubles away, cause it's a brand new day!"

R: Where do you see life taking you in the future?

S: I want to "look" like a young grandma and be one of those couples that take long evening walks holding hands.

Thanks for sharing, Shay.

We also heard from **Christine Ogura**, who is the superintendent of Honouliuli National Historic Site. Christine shares that this national park was the largest incarceration site

of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i during World War II. It was President **Barack Obama '79** who established the park in 2015. The park establishment has reached a milestone of 10 years. This anniversary is an opportunity to further our mission of educating our communities and the larger public here and beyond Hawai'i about this important part of our national heritage and history. Sounds really interesting. Way to go, Christine!

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This new year, 2025, seems to be flying by so we need to enjoy our last year of our 40s!

Right before Christmas, on our annual Christmas shopping trip, **Jen Murata Ueki**, **Eleni Espania** Hirasuna and I ran into **Brandon Kikuchi** at the Vegas airport. He was attending a volleyball tournament with his son, **Ty Kikuchi '26** and his mom, **Deborah Lee '72** Hudson (former math teacher at Punahou). **Afa Thompson '96** was also there with his son, **Afatia '25**, for the tournament and sat in the seat across from us on the flight home.

Taio Shipman was again on the start list for the Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational that occurred at the end of December 2024. He was also on the list in 2023.

The wildfires that devastated areas surrounding Los Angeles affected one of our own as **Carter Evans** was seen on the news helping firefighters with a water hose. It was also stated that he had to evacuate his house as well. Earlier in December, the fire that hit Malibu shut down Pepperdine University and **Julie Woo Yang's** son, Noah, had to shelter in the school library where they were able to see the fire. They were then sent home and finals were cancelled. In January, he was unable to return to school right away due to the new wildfires that cropped up.

Dawn Barsana Szewczyk organized a pau hana in January at TJ's in town (walking distance for **Kent Kasaoka**). It was a little last minute so many people couldn't attend. **Kent**, **Stuart Peterson**, **Joey Perez**, **Toma Turner**, **Loahn Nguyen** and **Trevar Asam** were able to get together to commiserate over reading glasses, large font on cell phones and everything that getting old(er) comes with. **Kent** thankfully made it home with all belongings intact. Dawn said she'd put together another one in a few months, hopefully more of us can make it.

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From Annmarie Goldsmith Primorac:

Our 30th Reunion is quickly approaching so hopefully you've made plans to attend our events and will donate to our Class Gift to support future alumni.

Donny and **Leilehua Phillips Utu's** son, **Donte '25**, will be attending and playing football for Stanford University in the fall. Donte is a 13+ student at Punahou and will graduate this June. Congratulations, Utu 'ohana!

Kohl Christensen was invited once more to participate in the Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational in December. **Andy Starn** was there to cheer him on, while a lot of us watched the competition on television.

Several classmates gathered in December for **Kirsty Stoddard's** celebration of life, which was held at the Hawaiian Mission Houses. Kirsty was a fifth generation descendent of Amos Starr Cooke and Juliette Montague Cooke, who were a part of the eighth company of American missionaries who sailed to Hawai'i in 1836. Kirsty was laid to rest in the Mission Cemetery located behind Kawaiaha'o Church. After the service, several of us including myself, **Colin Ah Yat**, **Meaghan Hemmings**, **Kristin Lee Watumull**, **Becki Sugihara Stinson**, **Carrie Ching**, **Theresa Doyle Minami** and **Brooke Wilson** gathered to celebrate Kirsty and share our memories of her.



Kohl Christensen '95 and Andy Starn '95 on the beach at Waimea Bay before Kohl's heat at the Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational. Fellow Punahou alumnus, Taio Shipman '94, also surfed in the event.



In December, '95 classmates gathered to celebrate the life of Kirsty Stoddard '95 in Honolulu. Front row, from left: Kristin Lee Watumull, Brooke Wilson and Annmarie Goldsmith Primorac. Back row: Theresa Doyle Minami, Becki Sugihara Stinson, Meaghan Hemmings, Colin Ah Yal and Carrie Ching.



Donny '95 and Leilehua Phillips '95 Utu are very proud parents. Son, Donte '25, a 13+ student when he graduates from the buff 'n blue in May 2025, will be attending Stanford University in the fall to play football. Ho'omaika'i! From left: D.J. Utu '21, Donny Utu '95, Donte Utu '25, Leilehua Phillips '95 Utu and Leicey Utu '30.

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From **Ahlinn Yamane Sue:**

Aloha!

Classmates gathered to salute **Gavin Morita** for his incredible success with The Row Bar and Nocturna Lounge. With 14 years at Restaurant Row, Gavin has left a lasting mark on the local scene. In attendance were **Cullen Pang, Tyler Kurashige, Gavin Morita, Tafari Uso, Randy Lau, Richard Ng, Rovyn Nakahara, Scott LaFountaine, Pono Paahou, Jonah Kaakua, Chad Nishikawa** and **Chris Villanueva**.

Fletcher Boll was in town to celebrate with his sister **Amber '09** at her baby's First Lū'au. He caught up with **Pono Pa'ahao** and **Nick Tang** for a paddle session. Pono invites anyone who wants to join him and Nick every Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning to paddle with them. They've been learning how to surf in their one-mans, so you can find them giggling like high school freshmen at Canoes. Pono's employer, Heide and Cook, was the title sponsor for the High School Girls and Boys State Basketball Tournaments in February. Pono represented the company at the trophy ceremony for the winners.

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Classmates gathered to salute Gavin Morita '97 for his incredible success with The Row Bar and Nocturna Lounge. With 14 years at Restaurant Row, Gavin left a lasting mark on the local scene.



Friends from '97, Fletcher Boll, Pono Pa'ahao and Nick Tang met up for a fun paddle session. Pono and Nick are out on the water twice a week learning how to surf their one-man canoes. Join them and catch some waves!



These friends from '99 enjoyed a holiday gathering in Honolulu. Front row, from left: Christine Ho Komer, Jodi Higuchi Sayegusa and Katie Tom Alba. Back row: Jackie Lum Boaz and Richelle Nakata Cardwell.

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Hello classmates,

The holidays were busy for many, and brought lots of visitors our way.

Richelle Nakata Cardwell shared that there were plenty of holiday gatherings with

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Lum Boaz, Katie Tom Alba and Jodi Higuchi Sayegusa in town. **Krislyn Hashimoto and Matt Sullivan** spear-headed the 14th Annual Hawai'i Kai Bar Crawl with classmates and friends. This year had the largest turnout yet!

I took off with my family to visit my younger sister, **Lori Tomonari '00** Bonnamour, in France. We had a wild time touring with our group of 13 – it felt a bit like "Home Alone 2," but luckily no one got lost.

Our Class also welcomed a new little one. **Lehua Chong** welcomed her second baby, Hōkūpa'a Celine Rau. We can't wait to meet this newest addition!

Craig Chee and his wife, Sarah, continue to grow their 'ukulele education programs since moving back to Hawai'i.

Finally, if you're curious about AI, I highly recommend connecting with **Nicole Altman**. She and **Yolanda Fan '98** Lau have been leading education sessions around Honolulu. So far, they've run four courses with the Hawai'i Center for AI, the Retail Merchants of Hawai'i and the Wahine Forum. With how fast this space is evolving, it's great to have experts like them keeping us informed!

Take care and see you soon!



The Class of 1999's 14th Annual Hawai'i Kai Bar Crawl was a popular event over the holidays. Classmates in attendance were Lacey Kazama Shimabukuro, Kirsten Ho, Krislyn Hashimoto, Laura Edmunds Kaakua, Lehua Chong, Josh Kaakua '98 and Matthew Sullivan.

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Aloha!

Our 25th Reunion is right around the corner and the planning committee has done an awesome job! Please go to Ka 'Ohana



Over the holidays, friends from 2006 exchanged Secret Santa gifts at the Hau Tree at the Kaimana Beach Hotel. From left: Jann Yamauchi, Tami Yamashita, Rica Dela Cruz, Kellie Nakahara and Suzanne Lee.



The Punahou Alumni Association organized the Alumni Mixer in January, where 2006 classmates reconnected at the Kosasa Community. Front row from left: Chris Unemori, Kearsy Shibuya, Laura Jean Keller, Cody Kekipi and Chris Aramaki. Middle row: Jeanette Hall, Chris Chock, Maya Dougherty and Nelson Wong. Back row: Charlie Field, John Kim and Tyler Fujita.

Punahou or punahou.edu/alumni/reunion for the most up to date information about Reunion, and to contribute to our Class Gift visit punahou.edu/giving/give-now.

See you soon in June!

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Aloha, Class of 2003!

It was nice to see so many of you at the Punahou Carnival! Thank you to **Alison Wilson** Nakamatsu for organizing our Class shift again! Stay tuned for Carnival news in the next column.

As always, please feel free to update us with your latest news. We love hearing from you!

Until next time,

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Aloha!

Our 20th Reunion is right around the corner! Please go to Ka 'Ohana Punahou or punahou.edu/alumni/reunion for the most up to date information. To contribute to our Class Gift, please visit punahou.edu/giving/give-now. See you in June!

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From **Suz Lee**:

Aloha, 2006!

Spring has arrived, bringing with it a season of renewal and reflection. From new adventures and milestones to inspiring endeavors, it's heartening to see how the Punahou spirit continues to shine in all that we do. Whether reconnecting with 'ohana at home, making waves in careers across the globe, or simply embracing life's journey, our collective stories are a testament to the enduring impact of our alma mater.

Congratulations to Dr. **Rica Dela Cruz** who received her PhD in Public Health from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa last summer! Rica works at the Children's Healthy Living Center where she continues to focus on improving health behaviors and nutrition in the Northern Mariana Islands.

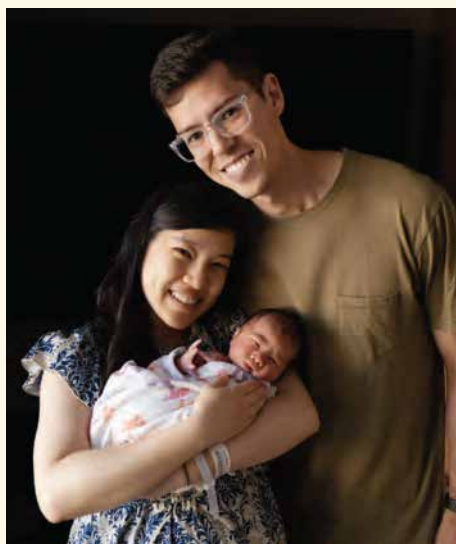
We met up with **Jann Yamauchi**, **Tami Yamashita** and **Kellie Nakahara** over the holidays to



Congratulations to Alana Bryant '08 who married Adam Eskaran in July 2024 surrounded by their keiki.



Elise Cheng '08, Kristie Kam '08, Hana Lee '08, Rachel King '08 Italia and Sam Howell '08 met up in Washington, D.C. to visit the many monuments and museums together.



Madeline and Harris Crozier '08 welcomed their son, Hewitt, in October 2024.

exchange Secret Santa gifts and enjoy the afternoon catching up at Kaimana Beach.

Peter Deptula who moved back home last year after finishing his residency at Stanford Health Care and a fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to work as a plastic surgeon at the Queen's Medical Center specializing in reconstructive surgery. He was on the way to the OR in his scrubs while I was walking into POB2. It was such a wonderful happenstance, after not having seen each other since Punahou graduation. We've come a long way since marching band!

Chris Unemori, Jeannette Hall, Chris Chock, Charlie Field, John Kim, Keari Shibuya, Maya Dougherty, Tyler Fujita, Nelson Wong, Cody Kekipi, Chris Aramaki and Laura Jean Keller

attended the Punahou Alumni Mixer back in January, reconnecting under the stars and enjoying music by **DJ Toma Turner '94**.

Jenn Akiyoshi has been killing it with her new restaurant Giovedi, an Italian Asian inspired menu she opened last Fall with her husband, Bao Tran, located on Hotel Street in Chinatown. **Donna Salcedo Arpino** and I went to the soft opening, and I can easily say it did not disappoint! If you haven't been, definitely book an evening to check it out. **Miles Endo**, who runs his own industrial design studio eponymously named Studio Endo in Whittier, California designed one of the chandeliers that hangs inside the brick-and-mortar.

Please continue sharing your news and memories – we'd love to include them in future editions. Whether it's a new job, a family addition, or a reunion with fellow buff 'n blue, your updates make this column a vibrant celebration of our shared legacy.

Mahalo for staying connected, and here's to another season of growth, gratitude and aloha.

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Aloha, '08ers!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and was able to spend time with loved ones.

Congratulations to **Alana Bryant** who married Adam Eskaran on July 20, 2024 surrounded by family and friends, and their four children.

In September 2024, **Matt Katase** opened Braddock Public House, a modern brewpub, with co-owner Alaina Webber in Braddock, Pennsylvania. This is the duo's second such venture having seen 10 years of success with Brew Gentlemen, a tasting room and brewhouse less than a mile away from Braddock's. Cheers!

Harris Crozier and his wife, Madeline, welcomed their son, Hewitt, in October 2024 and are hoping to travel back to Hawai'i with him soon! Harris frequently sees **Leland Char** and **Randy Wong** in the San Francisco Bay area. They'd welcome any other classmates to join them for hiking, pickleball or just hanging out!

In October, **Kristie Kam, Rachel King Italia** and **Elise Cheng** traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet up with classmates, **Hana Lee** and **Sam Howell**, to play tourist and to visit the area's monuments and museums.

Until next time, aloha!

Brynne & Jasmine

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Congratulations and best wishes to **Kaity Yim** and **Austen Lau** who got married on Nov. 18, 2023 at Lanikūhonua. Buff 'n blue attendees included **Ryan Tsuzaki, Lawrence Castillo '11, Ryan Kondo, Lauren Chun, Katie Robinson, Jade Fernandez, Casey Tong, Sara Horiuchi, Jeanae Kaneshiro, Andie Mitsuda, Ty Tirpak, Burt Kawamoto, Elson Lin '09, Bethany Oshiro, Kaitlin Kogachi, Rebecca Yim '15, Cathlyn Goo, Sarah Hiramatsu, Ryan Uyehara, Kevin Chung, Audrey Sakamoto, Kaitlyn Yim, Austen Lau, Troy Sekimura '12, Reed Tsuda, Jeremy Ueki, Ariana Tsuchiya, Mark Ogata, Cole Yamakawa '13, Tyler Agbayani '12, Kelsey Yamanaka '12, Chris Manibog, Lowell Tong '11, Doug Ho, Jacqueline Balish '11, Elliot Kim, Trevor Lam** and **Michael Chung**.



Kaity Yim '10 and Austen Lau '10 celebrated their wedding on Nov. 18, 2023 at Lanikūhonua with friends, family and many buff 'n blue schoolmates.

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Aloha,

With a heavy heart, I report that **Blake Lyon** and **Noah Takaesu** passed away in 2024. Their friends shared these memories.

Nick Velasquez: I'll always remember Blake for his positive nature. Nobody had a negative thing to say about him. He was a joy to be around.



Sean Hungerford '10, Noah Hammond '10, Macy McMahon '10 and Molly McMahon '11 enjoyed a sunny day at the Outrigger Canoe Club during the holidays!



These Punahou 2010 moms, who all married buff 'n blue boys, met up with their newborn baby girls – Summer, Emi and Kaisa. From left: Ashley-Anne Feria Makaula, Rie Chun Shutter and Shayna Price Bninski.



Throwback to 2013 on Senior Skip Day. From left: Taylor Barfield, Blake Lyon, Advisor Chad "Nish" Nishikawa '97, Blaise Tolentino and Matt Buck.



2013 Senior year shenanigans during Assembly. From left: Noah Takaesu and Turner Wong. Back row: Darreon Schwartz, Matt Buck and Blaise Tolentino.

Jack Thibault: Blake was my first friend in Hawai'i when sat next to each other in Ms. MacDonald's second grade class. We played on the Bluejays when we were seven, even my first Instagram post is us playing pool at his parents' house. My happiest memories of high school are with Blake holding down the smoothest baselines practicing in my garage. We loved playing "Stone Love" by Pepper together since the drums and bass built each other up, just like we did for each other outside of music. He was a constant for me, by my side through the crazy ways high school can pull you in a thousand directions. We each carry our own cherished memories of how Blake enriched our lives. He was a gentle soul with a massive heart, always giving everything

he had to others. His kindness and generosity will be remembered fondly by all.

Michael Zimmerman: Blake was a cherished member of the Punahou community and a dear friend to many. He was a kind soul with a great heart. He was a caring, honorable and courageous person who truly loved his family, friends and classmates. Blake and I became friends at 3 years old. We grew up together, playing on the same sports teams and coached by our dads. Blake was more than a friend, he was a brother. He was a light in this world, and while it is tragic that he has passed, we know that his spirit will always live on. So many of us have memories that we shared with Blake, and we are grateful for every single one of

them. Thank you, Blake, for being a loyal friend and an inspiration to so many of us. We all miss you dearly. We will never forget you and the impact you had on this world.

For Noah:

Nic Ulm: In winter of 2021 during COVID, I was in Oregon. It was an extremely isolating and dark time. Noah was living outside of Portland and we reconnected over text. He didn't have to make an effort to see me, and there would have been a million excuses not to, but he insisted on hosting me over at his house for dinner. I had been living out of a hotel for a month and it was the first home cooked dinner I had. He knew that it would make me feel at home because that's just the type of person he was. Although we hadn't seen each other in years, it was as if time hadn't passed. We joked about the same stupid stuff we laughed about in high school. He had this ability to make you feel at home by how genuine and warm he was.

Cody Kaneshiro: Noah was a rare and precious soul. I've met very few others who match the intensity in which he lived his life and loved others. It was a privilege to have a friend as dear as Noah, and significant parts of who I am I credit to him. He modeled how to embrace imperfection after he accidentally bleached his eyebrows blonde and lived with it for several months; he showed how to live life with grace in the way he always made a joke of something or found novelty in an otherwise hopeless situation; he demonstrated how to be a good friend when he genuinely expressed his love for me even in the moments I felt the most unsure of myself. In my last conversation with Noah, he was looking forward to completing a road trip to track a solar eclipse. That's the way in which I want to remember him: fun-loving, boundary-pushing and chasing the next great adventure.

Eric Nagamine: I feel incredibly fortunate to have known Noah. I'll especially cherish the hilarious memories I had with him and his sense of humor. For those who remember, I need only say the word "grasslands" as an example. He was much more than his sense of humor. He was tough, thoughtful and caring. He was someone people trusted and asked for help, which he selflessly gave. Noah's memory has left an indelible mark on those who knew him, and I'll always remember him when I think of my time at Punahou.

Gavin Hiroe: Noah was legitimately one of the kindest and funniest people I have ever met. I remember picking him up every morning for marching band. He'd always get in and crack a joke or just talk and it made those early mornings hilarious and so much easier. You couldn't be in a bad mood around him because he'd always brighten your day. He cared so deeply and sincerely about others and was so passionate in his interests. Noah was an amazing human being. I was incredibly lucky to be his friend.



Senior Skip Day 2013 tug-of-war champions! From left: Taylor Barfield, Nascha Morrison, Matt Buck, Dani Young, Amanda Cordes, Sean Shiramizu, Rachel Marison, Gavin Hiroe, Turner Wong, Ian Liebling, Taryn Miyake, Blaise Tolentino, Lauren Day, Noah Takaesu, Malia Funk, Darreon Schwartz, Kylee Kunimura and Blake Lyon.

Henry Blaizer: Noah was able to turn the most mundane into something exciting. He was driven to pursue his interests to the extreme and would proudly do so. Noah told me he would take a bullet for me, no one has ever said that to me and I don't think anyone ever will. It was one of the most earnest interactions I've ever had with another person. I can't think of a single bad memory of Noah, even when in the moment things looked grim, looking back, I'm very fond of those memories. Noah was an exceptional person and I've never met anyone else like him. I can't condense down how much Noah means to me even though we drifted apart over time.

Josh Singer: He was always honest about missing somebody. I think he just genuinely cared how people were doing. I also really enjoyed his laugh. When I think of him, I think of his laugh, which was always genuine too. He might've just been one of the more genuine people I'll ever meet. I would've liked to have heard it again.

Mr. Chad "Nish" Nishikawa '97: As an advisor, I rose with your Class from the 9th – 12th grade. As fortune would have it, Blake and Noah were members of my advisory. Over the years, our advisory bond grew strong, as 21 students became more like family. Back then we had advisory games, such as dodgeball, basketball, and the all-important Skip Day tug-of-war. Blake and Noah were always game to participate and bring energy in their unique ways. Blake's athleticism came with a side of chill vibe. Noah came with a laid-back attitude but was low-key competitive. It hurt to hear of the passing of Blake and Noah. Shock, disbelief, sadness. Time moves quickly, and life is busy. My hope is that you can find some time to touch base with your classmates, share some stories, and keep the memories going.

Take care,

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Congratulations to Logan T. Araki '15 who joined Damon Key Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert as an Associate in the firm's Business & Commercial Law, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, and Real Estate practice groups. Before joining the firm, Logan was a law clerk for Judges Shirley M. Kawamura and Ronald G. Johnson of the First Circuit Court of the State of Hawai'i. Logan earned his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, William S. Richardson School of Law.



Best friends Madi Tostrud '16 and Jennifer Popp '16 caught up over dinner during the holiday break.



"Lattappl" celebrated the Christmas season together at the annual Outrigger Canoe Club holiday party. Front row, from left: Jonathan Chee '16, Justin Kaneko '16, Auntie Kelly Hutchinson '80 McMahon, Lexi Meichtry '16, Isabel Pentland '16, Mary-Brister Thomas '16, Mason Comerford '16. Back row: Paul Goo '16, Davis Eichelberger and John Van Dyke '16.



In October 2024, during Week Six of the NFL season, classmates from 2018 reunited to cheer on Andrei Iosivas '18 in the Bengals vs. Giants game at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. From left: Parker Van Dyke, Carlston Chang, Noa Schachtel, Andrei Iosivas, Antonio Cortez Fera and Alex Iosivas '20.



Congratulations and best wishes to Nicole Ikeda '18 who tied the knot with Thiago Cossi in June 2024 at Thurston Memorial Chapel. She was blessed to celebrate with fellow Puns as bridesmaids, including Zoe Chock '18, Steffany Nguyen '18 and Sammye Saruwatari '19.

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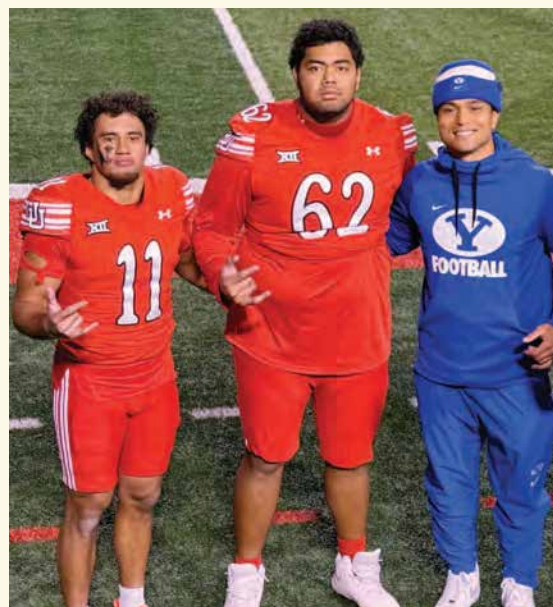
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Flying in from New York, California, Massachusetts and Puerto Rico, these 2018ers gathered on O'ahu to celebrate classmate Sydnie Ito's wedding and serve as her wedding party. Front row, from left: Braven Bolosan-Maeva, Sean Yim and Connor Murakami. Back row: Tyler Liu, Charles Zhang, Sydnie Ito, Cass Yoshida, Matthew Matsumoto and Matthew Olson.



Alaka'i Gilman '20, Toa Moea'i '20 and Koa Eldredge '20 at the Utah Utes vs BYU Cougars in November 2024.

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JUNE 2 - 8, 2025

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Aloha!

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of our classmate, **Hiram Solomon Kano'a deFries-Saronitman**, on Dec. 17, 2024. His services were held on Jan. 11, 2025 at Punahou School. During his time at Punahou, Hiram excelled in both football and baseball. He proudly represented his Hawaiian heritage and the place he called home, Papakōlea. He is remembered for his compassionate and adventurous spirit, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of those who love and remember him. May his memory continue to inspire and live on through them.

Let us gather together for our 5th Reunion during Alumni Week, June 2–8, with Alumni Lū'au on Saturday, June 7, and an all alumni



A fond aloha to Hiram deFries-Saronitman '20 whose life was marked by excellence and determination in academics and athletics at Punahou and Saddleback College. Above all, Hiram was defined by an unwavering connection to his heritage; his 'ohana was the foundation of his strength and inspiration, guiding him through every step of his remarkable life.

event, E Ho'i Mai on Thursday, June 5. Please go to punahou.edu/alumni/reunion or Ka 'Ohana Punahou for the most up to date information, and to contribute to our Class Gift visit punahou.edu/giving/give-now. We hope to see you in June!



In May 2024, Keryn Yagi '23 and Megan Uyeno '23 met for dinner in Tokyo. Keryn attends International Christian University in Tokyo, and Megan attends University of Portland.

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These classmates from '24 enjoyed a sunrise hike together before they departed for college. From left: Shane Komeiji, Christa Shibayama, La'ikū Layaoen, Julia Beavers and Justin Todd.



Caleb Kurasaki '21, Caylee Kurasaki '14, Colby Kurasaki '24 and Asa Kurasaki '18 went on a family trip to Las Vegas to golf and eat delicious food over the fall break.



Friends from '24 bundled up for a snow day at Boston College. After taking this picture, they were excited to be featured in the Punahou Bulletin! From left: Julia Beavers, Alex Dudgeon and Elyse Everest.

Email Aunt **Waileia Davis '86** Roster at notes@punahou.edu. In the meantime, click on to Ka 'Ohana Punahou to stay connected and send in your high-res images and notes to notes@punahou.edu.

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Aloha, Class of 2024!

Time has flown by, as it felt like only yesterday that we were all united together in the Stan Sheriff Center. Graduation was filled with so much love for each other and our collective accomplishments, as we chanted "Lei Mānoa" to our friends and families. From listening to heartfelt speeches to saying farewell to our beloved deans, Ms. **Reet Ashford-Hirano '71** and Mr. **Jon Koshiba '94**, we have now parted ways and settled down in new spaces. We just want to say that we hope everyone has had a safe and exciting transition to post-high school life. Now, on to some updates!

Colby Kitagawa worked at Alo Yoga in Ala Moana Center after high school and is studying at New York University where he hopes to earn a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Along with his academic studies, he plans to continue working as a store associate at Alo Yoga in SoHo, as his new hobby is yoga.

Camden Fujimoto is attending Claremont McKenna College, where he plans to dual major in Economics and Public Policy. He spent the holiday season at home with friends, where he discovered his new hobby (Mahjong!) before ringing in the New Year in Tokyo with his family. He has brought his love of sports to campus competing in intramural pickleball, his favorite sport and basketball. He is also the setter on Claremont's club volleyball team.

La'ikū Layaoen returned to Yale University for the spring semester, but he was unfazed by the freezing cold. His favorite winter activity was hosting a "beach day" alongside his fellow Hawai'i Club members at Yale. Instead of sand, he was soaking up some sunlight in the New Haven snow. Most people would be wearing beanies and puffer jackets in this kind of weather, not board shorts and bikinis!

We know that each and every one of you guys will do great things for this world, and we cannot wait to hear about them. If you ever have any exciting updates to give out, please reach out to us so we can include you in our Bulletin updates!

Best wishes to you and your loved ones.

Mahalo,

Colby, Crystina & Justin

Class of 2023

Class of 2023!

Be part of the Buff 'n Blue Glue Crew! As a Class Correspondent you keep your classmates connected, informed and involved. Interested?



A fond aloha to Marilyn "Nellie" Stassen-McLaughlin, who passed away on Jan. 21, 2025. She was a former teacher who impacted the lives of many students and always pushed forward in life with strength and grace.

Faculty and Staff

Marilyn "Nellie" Stassen-McLaughlin was voted "Best Sport" and "Friendliest" as a senior at Central High School in St. Paul, Minnesota – an early reflection of her ability to connect with others and bring joy. Throughout her 94 years, her laughter and genuine interest in others made everyone feel valued.

For 51 years, Marilyn taught junior high students, conducted Choral Readers, and tutored, with 31 of those years at Punahou School. Many former students reached out to express how much she had impacted their lives, teaching them not only public speaking and literature, but also the joy of writing with correct grammar.

An avid writer and scholar, Marilyn published articles in *The English Journal* and worked for decades on research about Princess Ka'iulani. She co-authored "Princess Victoria Ka'iulani: Last Heir of the Hawaiian Kingdom" in 2024. She also enjoyed music, playing the cello, guitar and piano, and was active in sports and progressive politics.

In 1961, she moved to O'ahu as a single mother with a young daughter and no job. Despite facing many challenges, including sexism, she persevered, eventually securing a teaching position at Punahou. A determined and independent woman, Marilyn excelled in everything she did, always pushing forward with strength and grace. Above all, she was a devoted mother who instilled these same values of independence in her daughter.

Marilyn's church home was the Episcopal Parish of St. Clement, where she made history as the first woman lay reader on O'ahu. She

also served on the Vestry, in the Choir and as a Sunday School teacher, forging lasting friendships there.

She was close to her older siblings, Stewart, Bonnie and Roger, as well as her parents Lillian and Henry, all of whom predeceased her. She stayed on good terms with her ex-husband and his husband until their deaths. In 1990, she married the love of her life, Charles Mac McLaughlin and they shared 20 years of happiness with their blended family before Mac's passing. She is survived by her daughter, **Martha L. A. Stassen '77** (Reggie Kennedy); step-son, **Daniel McLaughlin '81** (Kathy Kozak); extended family, and many nieces, nephews, and a multi-generational set of friends.

Correction:

In the winter issue of the Alumni Notes there was information about the late Phil Hebing's time at Punahou that was incorrect. This is meant to correct those details. We apologize for the errors.

Phil Hebing, who passed away peacefully on April 29, 2024, was the seventh and eighth grade music teacher from 1967 to 1974 and brought the joy of students singing to middle school chapels. He then taught Ethics and Values to eighth graders from 1974 to 1989 as part of the Chapel program. His wife, JoAnn Hebing, played the organ and accompanied the Punahou High School Choirs from 1967 to 1969, and then went to Hanalei School to teach music, while playing for Phil's church choir. Many people connected with Punahou and Hanalei School joined his First United Methodist Church Choir, and felt their teaching was improved by being under his leadership.