Alumni Notes

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Hello Class of 1942! I recently talked with Marijane Clarke Mee. I called to say hello and she sounded great. She told me that she participates regularly in a water exercise class to stay healthy. I also recently saw Victor Mori from across the room when I stopped by the Arcadia Retirement Residence where he has lived for several years. I recently found out that Victor wrote a book titled “My Life in Medicine,” and the second edition was published in 2014. The book contains personal observations and anecdotes from his life as a medical student, resident and practicing surgeon, and reflects on the changes in the medical profession from the 1940s until his retirement in 1989.

Class members, I would love to hear from you or your family for the next column. Please feel free to send any information by email or mail to the address above. Take care and aloha!

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I received a phone call from Joe Musser notifying me of the death of Warner King. Warner, Joe and I were together in first grade at Ali‘iolani School.

Stanford Magazine recently had an article in their Alumni Notes section about Persis Tangemann Hamilton, who joined our class just before WWII. Persis graduated from Stanford with a degree in nursing and earned a PhD in public health. She had a distinguished career in health and counseling, and is still active in those fields. She lives in Napa Valley, California.

I had dinner with Dean and Gary Ellis, sons of June Clark Ellis, and we discussed June’s life and family. Dean lives in Hau‘ula, and I see him often. Gary was here to escape the winter cold of his home in Idaho.

I spoke with Pat Zane who lives in Arcadia. She uses a wheelchair but gets around well. They take good care of her, and she has attention from friends and family.

CLASS OF 1942 – 75TH REUNION
Marijane Clarke ’42 Mee and Mary Louise Wilson ‘42 O’Brien celebrate their 75th Reunion at Kupuna Lu’au at the President’s Home during Alumni Week.

CLASS OF 1932 – 85TH REUNION
Hazel Yee ’32 Ching celebrated her 85th Reunion at Kupuna Lu’au at the President’s Home during Alumni Week.

CLASS OF 1941
Hazel Yee ’32 Ching celebrated her 85th Reunion at Kupuna Lu’au at the President’s Home during Alumni Week.

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I am sorry to report that we lost two stalwart members of our class, George Loomis on January 28, 2017, and Albert “Bert” Turner on March 19, 2017. Quoting the 1944 Oahuan about George, “Someone different is ‘Slim,’ a swell guy to have as a friend. That original personality thing that keeps him everybody’s pal … Slim is a right-on guy.” Swimming and football were his sports. He was stationed on Saipan during the end of World War II, graduated from the University of Denver and returned home. George retired from Bishop Trust Company after 39 years as manager of the appraisal division. He kept an interest in real estate and received his broker’s license. He believed in giving back to his community and belonged to and led many organizations. We send our love and sympathy to wife Joanne Hogg ’46 Loomis, children Sharon ’74, Sheila ’76, Brian ’78 and grandchildren.

Albert “Bert” Turner left Punahou at the beginning of WWII and finished high school at Phillips Academy, Andover. He received an appointment to West Point, graduating in 1949 as a Field Artillery Officer. Bert continued his military career after the war and was stationed in many locations including Korea and Vietnam. In 1963, he was responsible for organizing and executing the funeral of President Kennedy. He returned to Hawai’i as a full colonel. In 1974, the 25th anniversary of his graduation from West Point, he had the distinct privilege of swearing in his oldest son, Farrant ’70, as an officer in the U.S. Army. Bert worked for Chaney-Brooks, Inc. and James Greig Associates until his retirement in 2001. During that time, he served his community well. We send our love and sympathy to his wife Vonnie Pratt ’48 Turner, and his children Farrant ’70, Jot ’72, David ’75 and their families.

Aloha to George and Bert.

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After my plea for news from classmates we hadn’t heard from for a while, I had a nice letter from Elizabeth “Beth” Treadwell Wray. For the past 20 years she has lived in a Quaker retirement community near Philadelphia called Medford Leas. Her husband, Joe, passed away in 2006. Originally from Kona, Beth boarded at Castle Hall and has many memories of her time there. She came to our 50th class reunion in 1994. She is planning a trip to Kona this summer to their beach home with her son and daughter-in-law who were married there last year. Thanks for keeping in touch.

A nice note from Gail Monroe Underwood commented on the last Winter Bulletin recalling Punahou’s 100th Anniversary pageant called, “The Story of an Era.” “I remember it well as I was up in the broadcasting booth portraying the voice of Sophia Bingham, the young daughter of a missionary. Elroy Fulmer taught drama classes and asked me to do this for the pageant. The pageant was huge with fire dancers, and they even brought an old railroad engine on specially laid tracks.”

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Class of 1947

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How does one write in April to say “hooray” for a fabulous 70th reunion in June? Happiness is gathering with longtime friends. Asking “do you remember when we ...?” Laughing as we recall certain incidents and people, both faculty and fellow students. Hopefully, we met our Reunion goal of 47 percent of our class donating to Punahou. Thank you to those who contributed.

Our Friday luncheon was at the Outrigger Canoe Club. Ross Moody led the remembrance as we recalled our many departed friends.

I talked with Eve Roberts Davidson who lives happily in La Jolla, California. She walks over to the La Jolla Historical Society where she is a docent. She also attends lectures in the area.

I also talk with Betty Lou Augustine Fraser, usually about reunions, either our Punahou 70th or our one for Lincoln Elementary School. Ross Moody is one of the Lincoln School instigators.

Here is my usual plea for communication from classmates ... I’d rather hear from you than tell you that I have a sore neck on which I hold an icepack. Aloha!

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Catherine “Catty” King Thoene has made the big move. After living on the Big Island for many years, Catty has finally come back to the big city. She purchased a condo in Waikiki and keeps Hawaiian Airlines in the black by making frequent trips back and forth from Hilo to O’ahu.

We’re all happy because now she and Kenneth “Bones” Johnston are able to attend most of our get togethers.

Linda Faye Collins writes that, “next to Hawai’i, Santa Barbara is really God’s Country.” She is president of SCAPE (Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment). The organization has a membership of 200 artists. They recently held an art show at the Bacara Resort and Spa. SCAPE holds art shows in conjunction with nonprofit organizations, donating 40 percent of their profits. They also conduct demonstrations and workshops in the Santa Barbara area. We’re still waiting for you to return for a visit, Linda.

It is always a delight to speak to Rev. Canon Sam Van Culin. Sam never seems to age. His voice is as clear and strong as it was when he led us in the class cantata he composed sixty-nine years ago. His energy and zest for life must be due to the work he continues to do, assisting with services at the National Cathedral in D.C. and taking frequent trips to N.Y.C. to attend operas with Ike Shapiro. Whatever you are doing Sam, don’t stop! You’ve found the secret to a long, healthy and productive life.

It has been many years since we have seen Conrad Cox, so it was a pleasure to hear from him. Conrad and his wife, Joan, live in Ukiah, California. After graduating from Punahou, Conrad went on to receive degrees from Stanford University and Stanford Law School. He began his law career in Ukiah as a Deputy District Attorney. He later joined a law firm where he practiced civil law which he enjoyed. In 1988, he was appointed Superior Court judge and held that position for 12 years. After retirement, Conrad continued to serve as a judge in various courts in Northern California. He and Joan are fortunate to have two children residing in Ukiah, one in Del Mar, California, and one in Boise, Idaho. I am especially pleased to hear Conrad say that he has talked to Staff Silverman and that each of them are looking forward to seeing us for our 70th Class Reunion!

We are saddened to report that Vonnie Pratt Turner’s husband, Bert ’44, passed away March 19, 2017. Bert was loved by everyone at Arcadia. His cheerful smile, kindly words, and delightful roar of laughter will be missed very much. No one was more courtly or gentlemanly than Bert. God bless you, Bert Turner.
The Hawai‘i contingency may be smaller, as the years have taken their toll, however, those of us who remain stay strong, active and true to the Buff ‘n Blue! We welcome all of you and hope the trade winds bring you back home again.
Aloha and blessings to you!

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This is in from Kathe O’Brien Muirhead; “In October 2016, there was a small gathering of classmates of O‘ahu, hosted by Kathe and Bob Muirhead in their garden cottage at the Hawaii Kai Retirement Community. This was the first gathering of its kind since the 65th Reunion. Our numbers are down since that Reunion, and we acknowledged it with a toast to our deceased classmates. Classmates caught up over turkey sandwiches, salad, and lemon meringue pie. Those attending were: Arthur Ken Nakagawa with wife Pam; E.J. Greeney with wife Beatrice; Izzy Lamb Ryan; Joan Halford Rolfing; Evie Lum Lim; Jim Bell; Cara Marshall Chapman; Sally Churchill Moore; Fred and Erminie Crockett ‘48 Gartley; and Louisa Sinclair Cooper. Loraine Loo Pang called in with regrets and sent aloha to all; Cora Char Kam did the same as she was off on another trip to exotic places. We hope to continue these gatherings as we approach our 70th!

I had a good news call from Gilbert Fernandes on Maui, saying he had recovered from a long illness and was eager to join us when we next get together. Gilbert has been an enthusiastic participant in all of our gatherings in the past. So stay well, Gil, we hope to see you soon.”

During Cara Lee “Keko” Young McEown’s annual visit to Maui in February, we met and had lunch at the Pioneer Inn in Lahaina. She brought her daughter, Kathy, and friend Joyce with her. I brought my daughter Patty and son-in-law Walt. We talked story of our shenanigans during our senior year at Castle Hall, at times shocking our daughters that their moms would do such silly stunts – including funny races down the hall in our birthday suits, and eating whole boxes of candy.

Keko hears from Pat Wyman after Seattle Seahawks games and on her birthday, and reports that Pat is doing well. Keko has the most beautiful white hair and this year it was highlighted with Seahawks colors.

Aloha, Nalani

Class of 1950

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The subject of a most interesting article in the Hawaiian Airlines’ magazine Hana Hou! (Dec. 2016 – Jan. 2017 issue) was about our own Allen Wall. Entitled “The Cowboy Poet of Kona,” the article said in part, “Wall is an old-school paniolo ... who’s worked the ranches of Kona most of his life. He’s also a gifted story-teller and composer. His songs ... commemorate specific places and people. They’re poetic and have ‘kaona’ or multiple meanings. Allen is the fourth generation of his family to ranch the lands near Waikou. He is the patriarch of the Wall Ranch although its operations are now largely handled by his son, Roy, and granddaughter Kaua. Fluent in Hawaiian and steeped in paniolo history, Wall is often called upon for researchers seeking firsthand knowledge.

He knew the land in a way few did or do. Wall started playing music in 1945 as an 8th grader in the dorm at Punahou. Last April the Kona Historical Society embarked on a documentary project to record the paniolo songs associated with Kona ranches. The first segment focuses on Wall’s songs and ranch. A group of photographers and videographers trailed him as he went first to Waikou and then to Kaukahoku, telling stories and playing music, accompanied by Kimo Ho‘opi‘ai and the former Royal Hawaiian Band Master Aaron Mahi.”

A quote from Daniel Kaniela Akaka Jr., a Hawaiian cultural practitioner who has known many paniolo over the years and often gets together with Wall to play music, states, “Allen Wall is from a time when the paniolo were not only great horsemen, they were minstrels and they still spoke the language. Every paniolo has their own stories and knowledge, but not all whom I’ve known were songwriters. Allen is a very, very rare person and a great treasure. When we get to sit down and talk, he might say ‘Oh, this is a song I wrote about this place,’ and the song will not only talk about the place-name and its meaning, but also the names of the rains and the winds of the area. So like the old songwriters, his songs keep the names of these places and the names of the wind and the rain alive.” A big mahalo to Larry Black ‘51 who informed me about this amazing article.

Sadly, we have lost another dear classmate, Walter Wild, who passed away on February 19, 2017. He had a private practice as a clinical psychologist, was an author and did university teaching as well. He and wife Sue travelled extensively – hiking in the Alps and in the Sierra Nevadas, taking numerous trips to Japan where he spoke their language, and even built a vacation home on a small island in British Columbia. Walter’s favorite spot, however, was his scenic Waimanalo beach home where he and Sue graciously and generously hosted our reunion picnics. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Wild ‘Ohana – wife Sue, children Randolph and Virginia, and four grandchildren. Rest in peace, Walter; we’ll miss your presence at our monthly luncheons.

Celebrating a birthday reunion in Tucson, Arizona, are sisters Ellen Schattenburg ‘49 Townsley and Marion Schattenburg ‘50 Pickens.

Nalani Warren ‘49 Morris and Keko Young ‘49 McEown met for lunch at the Pioneer Inn in Lahaina in February.
The last Bulletin went to print before I could write something more about Joan Cooper Kaaua. She came to Punahou after WWII, in 1945, from Jefferson Elementary School. She was popular, was chosen as a Junior song leader, and was one of the Aukai Kahala Gang. Almost daily you could find Joan at the Outrigger, having rice and gravy, or on her surfboard catching waves in Waikiki, one of the few girls those days doing the big waves along with Anita Berg Whiting and Helen Haxton Bode. After having her children, she started working at Punahou in Bishop Library; later with Hank Fordham in the Audio Department, and retiring as the Alumni Coordinator in 1983. After her retirement Joan moved to Hilo where her love of the water continued, and she worked with the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association. Joan is survived by her daughter Laurie Makanani ‘72, sons Drea ‘78 and Alika ‘84 and one grandson Keali‘i. She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Cooper ‘49, and remembered fondly by nieces and nephews, and a whole lot of friends. A hui hou, Cooper!

Just got notice of the passing of Peter L’Orange in Waimea, Hawai‘i on March 27, 2017. Our condolences to his family. Need some information guys … email or call me. Keep well, stay healthy, and Aloha, Mary E

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In his Christmas newsletter, Richard Winslow III wrote about his interests in outdoor traveling, writing and research. His first expedition was to the Nahanni River, in the Northwest Territories of Canada. He visited Virginia Falls, which is twice the height of Niagara Falls. He now knows why it was a favorite area of conservationist Bill Mason and Prime Minister Trudeau. His second tour was to the Alsek River in the Yukon, rafting the river downstream from the Lowell Glacier with Mount Kennedy in the background. On his third trek, he paddled the Great Glen Canoe Trail in Scotland, which ends in Loch Ness. The famous monster of the Loch never surfaced to surprise Dick.

Dick is a volunteer and historian emeritus at the Plymouth Library. Remember when he invited ‘52 mates to coffee at the library some years ago? Dick’s Pilgrim ancestor, Edward Winslow, in 1621 invited Chief Massasoit’s tribe to a three-day party serving venison, turkey, corn, and vegetables. Edward Winslow is commemorated on a carved boulder in Plymouth Rock.

Malcolm Ing competed in Legends surfing at Buffalo’s Big Board Surfing Classic. Still doin’ it. One wave at a time.

Phi Derby’s sister, Anna Derby ‘49 Blackwell died October 18, 2016, and our sympathy goes to his family. He is a descendant of three different missionaries. Did you know?


On January 24, 2017, Sheila Cruickshank Mahoney died. I took the liberty of sending our ’52 sentiments of love and memories to her family. To read her obit: http://www.lastingmemories.com/memorial/sheila-cruickshank-mahoney.

‘Mates: an urgent request for Harry Jefferson who is in Hilo VA Hospital following a double heart bypass. Send your prayers and aloha via his son, Steve Jefferson: P.O. Box 6961, Kamuela, HI 96743, c/o Steve Jefferson

Please don’t forget a donation to Punahou.

Until we meet again, Hugh

Class of 1952

The Class of 1952 celebrated their 65th Reunion at Kupuna Lu‘au at the President’s Home during Alumni Week. From left, first row: Vernon Knight, Corinne Kong, Dee Wilson Schmedding, Pat Fox, Alice Flanders Guild, Molly Freeman Cherry, Helen Soga Sato, Lois Thom Mui and Faye Erwin Field. Middle row: Jane Hughes Sims, Jackie Young, Earl Hall, Tom Chang, Kit Smith and Fred Seymour. Back row: Barbara Moody Hudman, Soot Bredhoff, Mike McCormack, Bob Vieira, Peter Balding and Malcolm Ing. Missing from photo but present at Kupuna Luau: Joan Wood Fleming, Ann Kirsch Latham and Peggy Moir Vollmann.
In January, Gerry Wong Ching sent our class website a newspaper article about the last days of sugar mills in the Islands, which spawned waves of nostalgic responses.

From Ena Marie Sroat: “I can remember being at Malaekahana with Noel Murchie at her parent’s beach house and the little cane train came by with a load of sugar cane for the Kahuku mill. Noel and I would stand by the tracks and snag cane pieces then chew our treats on the beach. This was a favorite thing to do! The good old days.”

From David Mowat: “This has the memories really flowing. During college, I worked summers for HSPA (Hawaiian Sugar Planters’ Association). One summer I worked in the labs on Wilder and Keeaumoku streets, and at other times I did fieldwork with irrigation studies at HC&S (Hawaii Commercial & Sugar) at Pu’unene on Maui, and at Paauhau Plantation on the Big Island. This led me to majoring in agriculture, which propelled me to teaching for 33 years at Punahou. We’re almost all connected to sugar!”

My own thoughts turned to the annexation of Pearl Harbor and overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy, both heavily influenced by sugar growers. History agrees with David’s statement.

Dave continued: “Yes, the smell! Driving past the Waialua Mill after a day at the beach with Waialua friends at sunset, and the mill was still grinding. Or in Lihue, on the way to Kress store, going by the Mill.”

From Marta Russell Sullivan: “I also experienced sadness when I read about this earlier. It really is the end of an era. Is it because there isn’t as much sugar cane being grown? I remember the mill on Maui when we were there for the last reunion. I also remember the mill in Waialua when it was in operation. Does anyone remember the smell of the molasses as the cane was being crushed? Maybe the Maui mill will remain as a museum for future generations.”

We learned in January, of the death of Pat McLane. He and Gretl attended every mini-reunion in Northern California. Our classmates remembered how smart he was; Dick Zieber reminded us that Pat was our class valedictorian. Margaret Bell Merrion remembered Pat as being humble and a great tennis player. Ron Mayo recalled Pat was his roommate at Wilcox Hall and remembered the help Pat offered with homework.

Also in January, we heard of Janie Bennet’s passing from her husband, John, in St. Louis. Please contact me for their address if you wish to send a note. Janie and John were married for 43 years. She is remembered for her vibrant and fun personality.

In February, Joan and Paul Kaufmann shared the sad news of the death of their beautiful daughter,
Lynn, after a lengthy illness. A celebration of her life was held in March in California.

Prayers and aloha are sent to all the families from our Punahou `ohana.

The photo of small kid time of the class of 1953 during WWII was provided by Helie Robertson. I was asked by the makers of the American Girl dolls to document WWII history for the upcoming Pearl Harbor doll, Nanea. She will be released in August. It has been fun to help in her development and upcoming launch. Don’t know how I will afford to buy Nanea for my eight granddaughters expecting her for Christmas.

This column of nostalgia ends on a happy note. Terry Wallace sent an article from the San Francisco Chronicle featuring our own Helie Robertson. Her fashion career will be noted and honored at “The Summer of Love Experience: Art Fashion and Rock & Roll” at the DeYoung Museum. The show, which celebrates the scene in San Francisco in the summer of 1967, runs from April 8 to August 20, 2017. Congratulations Helie.

Speaking of nostalgia, it’s time to gear up for reunion time next summer.

Aloha pumehana, Dorinda

Class of 1954

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More folks still getting older ... Mary Richards Yort Shattuck has reached the magic number. Relocating to Augusta, Georgia, Mary has spread her island charm to all her new southern neighbors, although she claims to miss the ones she left behind in Santa Rosa. She is busy playing bridge, connecting with old friends on her new coast, and speaking pidgin whenever the mood strikes, thus astounding new acquaintances. Obviously Augusta has adjusted to our dear friend Mary.

The most remarkable article appeared in Hawai‘i Magazine recently about Pat Li Lum’s grandmother. She was the top student of her orphanage in China, and received a scholarship at the Canton Medical School. She met her husband at medical school, later immigrating to the Republic of Hawai‘i as doctors. She was a tiny person under 5 feet tall and only 85 lbs., and did not speak English, but took an oral examination and was issued a license to practice medicine and surgery in the islands.

Tai Heong Kong Li, a true local doctor of the old days, delivered over 6,000 babies on O‘ahu, often going door to door to treat her patients. What a great story of Pat’s grandmother.

It is sad to report on the recent deaths of two of our classmates:

Charles Edward Meyer Jr. passed away suddenly in February. After graduating from Punahou, he went on to the University of Washington and had a career in banking. A true island boy, he loved fishing and everything about the ocean. It was always fun to see Charlie when I returned for summer visits, as he always had interesting stories to tell about our island. Our aloha to his three children, Charles III, Mark and Christina ’91 on their loss.

David Wilton Steadman died in March shortly after relocating to Southern California. He was a descendant of missionaries and true to his ancestors, he returned to the East for most of his college years, to Phillips Academy in Massachusetts, to Harvard, Princeton, and then UC Berkeley. These colleges gave David a generous assortment of ways to teach, share, and improve the world of art and religion. He worked as a museum director in New York City; Norfolk, Virginia; Pasadena, California; Princeton, New Jersey; Claremont, California; and Toledo, Ohio. He later was ordained as Deacon at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Sebastopol, California. I will miss David enormously not only as a lifelong friend, but as a devoted Punahou classmate who took keen interest in all that Punahou offered, both the school’s history and its future. Our fond aloha to David, his children Kate and Alexander, and two brothers, John ’47 and Dick ’50.

Leilani Hull Roberts of Naples, Florida was in the news during the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bombing. Like so many in our class with memories of that fateful day, Leilani remembers her family putting up many servicemen in their home, whether they were on leave or injured and on a break from the hospital. She began collecting military uniform patches from those servicemen and soon acquired over 156 patches during the four years of the war. Recently she put them together in a quilt, acquiring some missing ones from a military shop to fill out her collection. In addition to her quilt, she researched the history of each of the 256 patches which are part of the “Shoulder Sleeve Insignia” of the U.S. Armed Forces. Her collection also includes Hawai‘i newspaper clippings of the war. Leilani has found a personal way to memorialize the attack on Pearl Harbor, as she witnessed the billowing smoke from her home on Diamond Head on that
fateful day and how it affected her as a 5-year-old little girl.

We send our best wishes to our class president, Charlie Henderson, in Littleton, Colorado, as he battles pancreatic cancer. It is hard to think of anything that would keep this active cowboy down and we keep him in our prayers for a fast recovery. Charlie went down in Punahou Class of ’54 history when he scored a 67 yard run in our highly celebrated football championship, which put our team closer to the eventual win. Following Charlie’s run was a pass by Harry Pacarro ’55 to Eki Espinda which put us over the top to beat Saint Louis. We will NEVER forget that day!!

Pau for now. Aloha, Mary Bell

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Rhea Ehlers Maxwell reports that she is happy living in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She lives close to her daughter, Sarah, and has lots of things to do. “I was ‘background’ (used to be called ‘extra’ work) for a month on ‘Godless,’ a Netflix western set in a mining town in the 1800s. I was in full 1800s regalia with a bonnet and corset, when a darling young thing, hoping to make conversation as we waited for a camera to be placed, asked ‘Is this the type of clothes you wore when you were a girl?’ ‘Not really,’ I gulped. No work during the winter thank goodness, but will be background at a ‘high-end party’ scheduled for April. I can hardly wait. So life is good. And more to come.”

From Chuck Pearson: ’55s heads up. We are halfway between our 60th and 65th, and we still do things together. Perhaps it’s because no other class wants anything to do with us … as John Fox said at our graduation, we were among the worst classes to graduate from Punahou.

We gather on Fridays at the Honolulu Museum of Art (Academy of Art) for lunch. The “Lunch Bunch” attendees include Blake Johnson, who organized the effort, Mary Flanders McGrath, Tay Perry, Tom Van Culin, Harvey Meyerson, Phil Sevier, Chuck Pearson, Doug Muirhead and Gerry Chong.

If you’re in town, call Blake at 808.285.5556 or email blake@realtorappraiser.com to be added to the reservation.

There was lots of news shared at lunch, including a brief update on Allan McGuire ’56, who was in a coma at Tripler’s Center for Aging. We also talked about Harvey Meyerson’s interview (as a senior at Northwestern University) with Ernest Hemingway. Blake Johnson continued to be in ‘rare form.’ Harvey will be going to San Francisco for medical tests … keep him in your prayers. I know I offer thanks regularly for our surviving classmates as well as prayers that our heritage will continue to be honored and that the individual journeys of our classmates will be easy as we progress through our own years.

Mary held a wonderful dinner party last month at her home. Ten or so folks attended. The high point was Mary’s baked salmon; made with a bit of dry vermouth, mayo, capers and basil. Blake cooked a couple of delicious steaks.

Peace always, to our Marvelous Classmates!!”

We lost another dear classmate. In from Diane Walker, “Donham McNeil Walker passed away on August 16, 2016 after a brief but bitter battle with an aggressive bone cancer. He was at home with family in Oregon. After attending several reunions with you all, I find all Don’s ‘unbelievable’ stories of his time at Punahou completely believable!! Punahou was an important part of this amazing man who flew so high (literally and figuratively) and accomplished so much. His daughter, Linda Walker ’88, lives in Battle Ground, Washington.”

Aloha Nui, Mary

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In “The Waste Land,” T.S. Eliot wrote that “April is the cruellest month, breeding/ Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing/ Memory and desire, stirring/ Dull roots with spring rain,” but for our class, February was more difficult. We lost two dear friends in February; a friend of the Class of ’56, Leinani Kepler ’58 Bortles, and our own wonderful classmate, Joe Hale.

I don’t usually write about members of other classes, but the February 2 death of Leinani struck close to home. For years, Leinani had lived above Scott and Sue Beck ’57 May’s home in Makiki, and she had become part of the Volcano Ladies group that spent many memorable January weekends together. I always liked to tease Leinani by calling her Guy’s first wife because she had starred as Mrs. Snow to his Mr. Snow in our senior-year production of Carousel. The Volcano Ladies gathered in early March at Tad Shaw Sewell’s home, and we missed Leinani’s laughter during the weekend.

Slightly more than two weeks later, on February 17, we lost our dear friend and classmate, Joe Hale. Joe had been ill for some time, but his wife, Marge, told me that he had been moved from the hospital to a rehabilitation...
center, and his death was a shock. His family gathered in Honolulu, and on March 11, they and many friends celebrated Joe’s life in a service in the Punahou chapel. A few years ago, Joe wrote his autobiography, “Hydrangea Waving,” for his two children, Marjio and Edward, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, in which he described his birth and early years in Japan, his time at Punahou and at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in D.C., his exciting years with Pan American Airlines, and his long and happy marriage to Marge which began in 1957. I am glad that I was able to chat with Joe and Marge at the reunion lu’au and that I have a copy of his book. Condolences can be sent to Marge and her family at 98-1861 Kaahumanu St. #C, Aiea, HI 96701.

On a happier note, I recently received the annual Christmas card from John Corboy replete with news of his family and their world travels. The pictures are a delight, especially those taken at sea. John’s vitality is proof that good times keep us young.

The happiest news of the year came in the form of a message from Leilani Holloway Eells: “I was married to John Wagner at my daughter’s lovely home in Brentwood on Nov. 26, 2016. One of my sons walked me down the aisle and the other one officiated. John’s daughter walked him down the aisle. My four-year-old twin grandchildren were the flower petal distributors and only family members attended; there were 35 of them. It’s been an exciting time and our life has changed dramatically for us. We are living in John’s larger and lovelier home. Mine is only about a mile away and it is our “country house.” We go there after playing cards or dominoes almost every day to pick up mail and do little things around the house. We are still busy settling in, but managed to make a 10-day trip to Honolulu in the first part of February. There John met David and Bonnie Frazier and, Patti Soule Anderson, Diane Larsgaard McFaul, Penny Foster Garrity, Jim and Lyn Knox ’59 Turner, Nicky Cleghorn, Kui Kong Vlachos, Scott and Sue Beck ’57, Gordon Beaton, Geri Iwanaga Lambert, my cousin Tim Gillespie ’60, and several others. We also had a great time staying at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. ‘We’ll be back to Hawai’i in about a year, or maybe sooner.’

Congratulations can be sent to Leilani and John at leilanieells@gmail.com, and news can be sent to Guy and me at the addresses above before our July 1 deadline.

Editor’s Note: Allan McGuire ’56 passed away in April. Aloha and condolences to his family.

Class of 1957

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At this reading, your 60th reunion will have come and gone. We remember comments from Rice Hall days that, at the turn of the 21st century, we’d all be 60 years old – and make ... Now we’ve graduated from Punahou 60 years ago, and we are still over 250 strong! Gadzooks. Some of us still celebrate birthdays: Roland Hiu hit “hockey sticks” (AKA Alden Herter Day) on MLK’s January birthdate. Had not one, but two celebrations featuring sumptuous cuisine, “and other blessings.” Won’t pry into that latter intimacy, but know he enjoyed good Hakka offerings at selected Asian bistros around Honolulu. Maintaining the same spirit, Juju Pang hosted a Kung Hee Fat Choy potluck (“Please bring your favorite tasty Chinese dish”) at his stately Ualaka’a manse on January 31. Crowd was mostly our classmates, but some from the Class of ’56 and Class of ’58 showed up as well. We begged for photos, but you know how reticent our classmates become when Bulletin material is requested. Linda Cunningham Hutchinson attended, and was later among local art luminaries feted at Ho’omaluhia Botanical Gardens in Kaneohe; presume she sold everything exhibited – she does really good stuff. Now for the hard part: as time marches relentlessly on, so do we continue to lose classmates who reach the end of their voyage. Art Bauckham passed away on February 2, 2017. He was undergoing treatment for leukemia, but didn’t make it. Born in Hilo, Art was one of the old “Aukai Street Gang” (later relocated to Windward) and was captain of the golf team at Punahou – playing with only one eye. He worked at the state fisheries and was always there for his classmates. You will recall with pleasure the spirited 55th Reunion Lawn Bowling tournament at his and Sue’s lovely Kailua home during Aloha Sunday back in 2012. The day before Art’s ashes were paddled out into Kailua Bay, we lost another great golfer: Mike Moynahan died on March 16, 2017. A Navy brat and Punahou legacy, Mike caught up with us in second grade – joining the Lincoln Elementary School contingent. Mike
was in and out of Punahou as his dad’s naval career took the family to postings around the world – always reuniting with us on campus when the Cap’n was at Pearl Harbor. After the Naval Academy, Sub School, and Post-Grad School, Mike was a loyal participant in Class of ’57 activities whenever his tours of duty brought him to Pearl Harbor, and was instrumental in Reunions while on island. He and wife Joan moved to Maui when son Brendan ’85 was a golf pro at Koele and Kapalua, then moved to the Big Isle where Bren is Director of Golf at Hualalai. Mike was an internationally acclaimed golf club maker and technician, and received awards for his skills as the Kama’aina Clubmaker. He was the big brother this scribe never had and is sorely missed. He is survived by wife Joan, daughter Shawn ’83, son Brendan, and family.

Should also mention the February passing of Leinani Keppeler ’58 Bottles, a neat wahine, central figure in the class just behind us, and a bastion of Hawaiian arts and culture in recent times. She was easily recognized by her ‘ehu tresses (nicknamed “Red Light” by Waianae kids on campus for Alva Retta Murray’s Hawaiian music festival), and the golden soprano voice which rang so sweetly. Mai poina.

Aloha, tc ’57

In from Mary Turner: My youngest daughter, Margaret Lovell died September 28, 2016. Her daughter, Samantha lives with me and graduates this year June 2017. I may come to Hawai’i in December to visit my sister Martha Turner ’54 Peterson. Her husband Alan died one week before Meg. Not a good year for us!

I’m sorry to miss you all this reunion. My Aloha to the class of ’57.

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Jean Nishigaya
Yokoyama-McDonald called to let me know that Ruth Dills Hughtailing passed away in January. Jean and Ruth both attended Miami University (Ohio) and have kept in touch ever since. Ruth met and married her husband, David, while at Miami and they settled in Everett, Washington after graduation. Ruth established herself in the Everett public school district as a highly regarded speech and hearing therapist and special education teacher. She would also become a certified Montessori preschool teacher and, for a period of time, had a private Montessori preschool in their home. She retired from all such teaching activities in 2000. She returned to Hawai’i for our 50th class reunion. In addition to David, she is survived by her children, Mary, Scott and Kristi and four grandchildren.

Nani Kong
Ho wrote this report on Leinani Keppeler Bottles: “Leinani came to Punahou in our second grade year; a cute, already accomplished and friendly redhead. Many classmates remember her as a friend to the shy, and I think we all remember her involvement in activities at Punahou and her positive attitude. Her leadership skills remained with her for life. She pursued her education at Skidmore College, University of Geneva and University of Washington. She was accomplished, obtaining a master’s degree, and was a soccer coach, a business woman, and a community volunteer at the Bishop Museum, the Volcano Art Center and at Queen Emma’s Summer Palace. After marriage, she lived in Boston, Colorado, Fiji, Volcano and, of course, Honolulu.

Leinani was an artist, dedicated Hawaiian historian and cultural advocate. She will be remembered for her passion, joy and kokua. At the time of her death, she was working for her son’s business and was an active member of the Daughters of Hawai’i and the Punahou Alumni Glee Club.

This past December, the caterer for our annual ’58 Wahine Christmas lunch cancelled at the last minute so Leinani jumped in and prepared the lunch for 16 of us. She was a little tired but it was a hot day. When the music arrived, she perked up. Less than a week later, she found out that the cancer had returned. Her oldest daughter, Erin Bottles ’83 O’Keefe, arrived and by Christmas Day, she was too tired to come to my house for dinner. She opted not to go through chemo treatment again. By early January, she was spending most of her time in bed or in her lounge chair. When the rest of her family arrived, her one bedroom apartment was too small, so we rented a spacious beach house in Waimanalo. She was surrounded by beautiful views of the mountains, ocean, Rabbit Island, a fish pond and the sound of the waves. There was space for everyone to be together, kids could swim, and friends came and played music. We had a slumber party with Lorna Larsen-Jayte, Susie Stevens Wunderlich and Puchi Makinney Romig.

Lei slept a lot but she knew we were there and spoke ever so softly. When musicians came, she sang and danced hula in her chair, and sometimes told the musicians the history or story behind their mele. Every day she got a little bit weaker, but her mind was sharp as ever until the very end. By the time she passed on the morning of February 2, it was truly a blessing. It was an incredible journey. She is loved and missed by her children Erin ’83, Kristin ’85, Gavin ’87 and Eden ’87 Kyle, seven grandchildren, and brother Jack Keppeler ’52. She was pre-deceased by her brother, Bruss Keppeler ’55.”

Nancy Austin Tracy joined her daughter Helen Knudsen ’78 Callahan in Hawai’i for a month. She had lunch with several ’58 wahines at the Elks Club. The gathering included Cathy Marx Shaw-Schwartz who was also in town visiting.

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What can we say about Jim Haley? He was loved by everyone and led a wonderful life. However, we think we should zero in on his life after Punahou. Yes, there is life after Punahou. We talked to Diane Devereux Ackerson and she told us of the adult Jim, and of what he did in his well-lived life. He was a Commander in the Coast Guard Reserve and worked for Sears Roebuck. After his retirement, he went back to university for a degree in education and taught 7th grade science for the Department of Education. Diane told me how Jim would play classical music at the beginning of class, and
one day, he did not play any music and the students seemed confused and restless. They missed the music—the students had learned to appreciate hearing it before class.

“The void you leave will be cherished by each of us whose life you affected in small and big ways. You set the high standard of goodness, generosity, humility, gentility, class and much humor. Please keep blessing us. We will be with you again when our times come. Me ke aloha pumehana, Diane”

We’ve received word that a classmate from lower school, John Michael Scott, has died. He attended Punahou 1946–1956 before moving to Maine.

We recently learned that Sonja Mollenhoff Massey died April 8, 2017. She had been in poor health for some time, but like the trooper she was, she carried on never letting on. She will be missed by all. Aloha ‘oe, Sonja, until we meet again.

Denby Fawcett has been a news reporter since she was 15 and continues to pound out hard news copy. Recently she wrote on the homeless count in Honolulu. That article can be found at www.civilbeat.org. Google “Denby” for an extensive list of her writings.

Liz Feirer Dolan traveled in late September to Mongolia. She writes, “It’s between China and Russia, as you no doubt are aware, landlocked and has a population of 3 million people. Most live in the capitol city of Ulaanbaatar, which is quite modern and comes with nasty traffic. Beyond the city limits are the Gers, otherwise known as yurts. These are what the nomads live in, they are portable, and as the family and animals move, so does the “hale.” People are very pleasant and open. The food was a bit different, like rural China. All parts of animals are eaten, I found the protein pretty gamey and stuck to rice or potatoes and what few veggies were available. As a result I lost weight, but fared better than the “touristas;” one gal in the party had Montezuma’s revenge. All in all, a bit primitive but I never felt afraid.”

Sheila Fletcher Kriemelman wants us to know that she is “still teaching, though you could say I am semi-retired. I’m teaching one class this semester at Mercy College/Manhattan. The good news is, Mercy is only two subway stops from home, and I show up, teach the class and come home. I teach a course called “Art and Culture.” I love teaching and introducing the population to a whole new world that is foreign to them. Most have never even visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art which, after the Louvre, is the largest and most celebrated art museum in the world.” She plans to fully retire at 82.

Talked to Robin Luke, who has been very busy since retirement. He wrote to tell us, “in the past year I performed in Florida, traveled to Austin and San Antonio, had a fifth grandkid, sold the Porsche for over $30,000 more than I paid for it, sold the BMW R1200GS motorcycle, bought a Harley V-Rod (still crazy), hit several concerts and had rotator cuff surgery in late December. Mary is the greatest too and as an RN she has taken great care of my recovery. Just got back from New York yesterday. We are all still young at heart, and enjoying life to the fullest.”

Robert Young ’58, brother of our classmate Frank Young, passed away on April 21, 2017, in Orange County, Virginia. We send our aloha to his family.

Another part of our young lives has passed with Chuck Berry’s death. His songs will live on!

One last item: Ren and I became great-grandparents the first of the year when our grandgirl, Kimi, and husband adopted 4-year-old Cyrus. Our family is growing.
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In from Lee:

Jon Miho passed away on January 5, 2017, after a long battle with cancer. His wife Pam and daughter Paige ’93 survive him. Maggie Schwallie Wolter wrote to say that Jon was such a nice guy. She remembers seeing him in a New York restaurant about 15 years ago where she and husband Bill were having lunch. Jon was heading to Europe on business and was in New York and having lunch at the same restaurant.

“Jon and I just stared at each other and said we couldn’t believe we ran into one another.”

Paul MacLaughlin reports that he and Cordy Dowsett ’65 MacLaughlin had their first grandchild, Jack Moody, who lives in Waialua, Oahu. Paul loves being a grampa.

Dale Summers Bachman was kind enough to send me a bit of down home news. She and her sister Linda Summers ’66 Strong went to Moloka‘i the last week of March to sit around, read, nap and do picture puzzles. She needed the quiet time to continue to heal from a fall and broken hip in February. She should be “just fine” by the time you are reading this.

Maggie Schwallie Wolter spent 11 days taking care of her 13-year-old grandson in Folsom, California earlier this year and then flew to Portland, Oregon, to visit Moira Thain Hand.

I had a chance to be part of country music singer Scotty McCreery’s backstage meet-and-greet before his performance at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center in February 2017. Scotty was the Season 10 winner of American Idol in May 2011. I’m a fan. Sadly, the photo op did not give us a good enough photo for this column.

In December 2016, long-time Big Island residents Jim and Danielle Wallace Lightner moved to Pebble Creek, a retirement center in Phoenix, seeking better medical resources. Their move left their beloved pet donkey “Baby” behind. Danielle wanted to convey to our class “how much they have enjoyed Kona and how we do look forward to a new adventure in Phoenix.” Danielle is hoping to connect with George and Judy Givens Huffman who live in Sun City West, Arizona.

David Benson is spearheading a public-private partnership between the Rotary Club of Honolulu and the City of Honolulu to build Centennial Park in Waikiki. They had a goal of raising $400,000 by July 1, 2017 with continuing fundraising after the park is built to help with maintenance. This is the last green space available in Waikiki. Dave is on the faculty of University of Phoenix teaching a variety of criminal justice courses at both the Honolulu campus and Kapolei campus.

Marilyn Ryman Owen’s children’s Christmas book “Everyone Except Everett” was the publisher’s bestseller for the month of December 2016.

Connie Hastert wrote “classmates have provided amazing support to me, for which I’ll be forever grateful.”

Jim Higgins wrote of his thoughts on the passing of dear classmates and our time remaining to us. “The recent passing of two personally close classmates has prompted me to reflect upon the ‘List’ (those who have left us) once again and the only question is when will I be added. Yet we move on, celebrating what we have and what we have done in the past, which takes on a measure of insignificance, compared to what’s in store for the time remaining. Now we talk of medical procedures and ailments, jokes about aging and senior frailties. Now we talk about losing weight, exercising, eating better, preserving assets and not doing anything stupid, about being a better friend, husband, wife, father, brother, neighbor, daughter, travelling, lowering the handicap, you get the idea. The idea is not to join the ‘List’ anytime soon. Above ground is good.”

Class of 1961

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From Heide Stevens Masters: Just left Park City yesterday as the new snow fell. We were there 12 days over Christmas and celebrated our
grandson Nakoa’s 7th birthday on the 31st! Our daughter Tia and son-in-law Lance live in Park City where Lance works for Skullcandy. We have three grandsons there, Nyjah (5 1/2), Nakoa (7), and little Trey (6 mos.). We are there from June through October. Happy New Year and ski hard!

Jackie Seifert Collins and hubby Jim are back in Honolulu after some months on the mainland. They helped their son, Jeff, and his 5- and 6-year-old boys, get settled in a new home in the East Bay along the Bart line after Jeff’s divorce. They also spent time with daughter Kellie in Sacramento helping her to recover after surgeries on both feet.

Punahou Carnival saw Sherri Kahanu ’79 Shephard and Deane Shephard selling “credit” cards for the EK Fernandez rides and attractions. Just told customers “Press ‘1’ for a new card and insert $20.” Slick as anything the card is issued! At once the card bearer can swipe the card at any attraction and enjoy a ride, EKF games or food.

From Akaroa, New Zealand, Ken Sexton sent over a photo with the new proprietor of Ken’s photography business. Ken made custom protective cases for underwater cameras. As of December 3 he is retired!

Sue Mannon O’Conner tells of finding a new friend, Nicki Lee ’68 Hird, on a cruise to the Southern Caribbean islands. Together with their spouses, they formed a “Team No Ka ‘Oi” and won a stash of shipboard prizes. Sue offers her Elliott City, Maryland home to visiting classmates. Their home is 15 miles from Baltimore and 25 miles from D.C. Sue is looking forward to our 60th Reunion.

As I write this article, I have just returned from attending the scattering of Terry May’s ashes from Dave Nottage’s beautiful Ka’imi Loa yacht. The ashes and flower petals were scattered off of Coconut Island. Along with Dave, our skipper, the crew comprised of: Jed Hirota; Deane and Sherry; Terry’s wife, Patty; Patty’s sister Nancy Lincoln and spouse Rob; plus Kailua friends Jim and Jean Fernie. Terry died from Parkinsons. Terry was part of the cast of our spring play, “Brigadoon” and can be seen in our yearbook as the one lying down with his head on the lap of a young lass gazing at her. Terry and Rob Briand both graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland. They both joined the Navy and fought in Vietnam. Terry was Officer of the Deck on the USS Kitty Hawk. In his adult life, Terry spent of his time and resources to promote funds for Water Africa (www.water-africa.org) with a particular focus on the country of Zambia. He and members of his Overlake Park Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, helped a refugee family from Bosnia with a one day appeal. They filled a container with furniture for the family. Though bothered physically by the Parkinson symptoms, Terry found his way up to Charlie McKinney’s Portland home for Punahou gatherings. Charlie, John Matthews, Rob Briand, Tim Hoxie and Madge Tennent Walls all attended Terry’s service.

“I know for me I will be ready to fail, but the theater is my life. I love it. If you don’t want such a life, good. It will be easier for you. Always, Dicky” So wrote Dicky Place on page 131 of Deane’s yearbook. Dicky went off to the Big Apple and pursued his dream. We lost touch. Sadly, Dicky died in 2016. We grew up in Kailua together and especially at Kaneohe Yacht Club where he kept his water ski boat. He was amazing at theater and was a member of Thespians. Aloha, Dicky.

Stephanie Kamel Ishikawa died in Honolulu on September 12, 2016. She is survived by her husband John, son David ’98, and brother Edward. She attended Punahou 1950–61 and was named “Most Improved Student” in our junior year. At school she was involved with Aquacade, Charm Club, Dance Committee and Variety Show.

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Greetings! Not much to tell you this edition, but do want to thank you all, in advance, for your participation at our Reunion, and for your contributions to our Class Gift. The Reunion committee, under the skilled leadership of…
celebrated my recovery with a trip to Hawai‘i. We were quite a crowd. Included were my four grandsons, now ages 12, 10, 8 and 6. We spent most of our time on Kauai, where my mother was born. My sister and I still love Hanalei and remember going there as kids.

My ex-husband and I had a winery for a few years, started on the day our daughter Amanda was born. We eventually made a sweet dessert wine called Sweet Amanda. Husband long gone, as well as the winery, but it was fun while it lasted.”

Diane Pursel Hackett, who lives in Honolulu where she assists her husband, Tom, with his architectural business, sent a lovely photo of Ann McWayne Kennedy, Sue Schafer James and Karlene Amundsen Gulick. “We four have been getting together for a special lunch in February for three years now because we all have birthdays around this time. It began the year Ann moved back to Honolulu, after ten years on the Big Island. And as long as Karlene and husband Tom continue to winter in Hawai‘i, we hope to continue this tradition.”

Sue Schafer James retired ten years ago from teaching kindergarten and first grade at Punahou, “but I continue to substitute occasionally, so I really haven’t left. I fill my days with exercise, beach walks, volunteer work and time with grandkids. Don and I spend many weeks every summer hiking in the Swiss Alps. Life is good.”

Landis Major wrote from Panama in January: “I spent a fascinating Sunday afternoon attending a lecture and slide presentation by the crew of the Hokule‘a, which is moored in Balboa right now. They are leaving this week for the Galapagos Islands, Easter Island, Tahiti, then back to Hawai‘i in mid-June. After the lecture, I waited around to talk to Nainoa Thompson ‘72. He spoke of the devastation of the Hawaiians when the haoles came and brought their diseases with them, of rules in 1924 which forbade the teaching of Hawaiian in schools, and of later rules which made speaking in Hawaiian in public forbidden. These are things I never heard of before. I think this is not taught in Hawai‘i or I just never paid attention to it. We spoke of growing up in Hawai‘i and going to Punahou. It turns out that Charles Lacy Veach ‘62 was instrumental in suggesting the around-the-world Hokule‘a trip and was also a good friend of Nainoa’s.”

In from Tom Kosasa: “Tim Burr called and insisted that I say a few words, even though I had hoped that no one knew about being asked to be a trustee. It was so very special to be accepted at Punahou in the 7th grade. To have
been given such an opportunity to study with such wonderful friends and have such wonderful teachers was a dream come true. I really owe such a debt of gratitude to Punahou for allowing me to follow my dreams. I still cannot believe that Punahou asked me to be a trustee, but now working with such outstanding individuals, I can hopefully help to continue Punahou’s outstanding legacy.

The first trustee meeting I attended was on Valentine’s Day from 7:30 in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon. I thought I worked hard as a student but now I am working just as hard as a trustee."

Diane Lum-King Li, “Watching my sheep graze at the Mini-King Ranch leaves me lots of time to read on the porch. I’d like to recommend a few mind-openers for your summer reading list: ‘Earthing’ by Clinton Ober, ‘Uncertain Peril’ by Claire Hope Cummings, and ‘Tomatoland’ by Barry Estabrook. And don’t forget our class authors Susanna Moore and Elizabeth ‘Kahi’ Wight.”

Happy Summer!

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The “71 in ’17” Reunion cruise is now in the Class of ’64 history books. In May, 23 classmates and spouses/friends/significant others sailed from Honolulu for a week of sunshine, visiting Maui, Hawai‘i, and Kaua‘i, and spending time with classmates on shore along the way. In our group were Mary Lou Buese Lyding, Sherry Baker Dahman, Craig Killam and wife Antoinette, Hubert Habelts and Maria Johanna Jorissen (Antoinette Killam’s relatives), Mike Clarey and wife Penelope, Raymond and Judy Howard Giles, John and Sheila Carew Boehlke, Bob Zimmerman and wife Deecie, Alvin Ho. Ann Newkirk Wordell, Lisa Keyes, Ed and Barbara Kirk Kuykendall, Susan Sexson, Scott Schofield, and John Thurston and wife Sue.

What a treat, spending a relaxing week with longtime classmates and friends, watching the Islands go by with mai tai in hand. We visited Haleakala at sunset, spent a day shopping in Lahaina, and spent half a day in Hilo Bay at the Coconut Island Pavilion and the other half touring Volcano National Park with our own personal guide, Alida Gandy. Our “shore-side magicians” who made it all happen, who planned, organized and coordinated were Ray Gandy and wife Alida, and Charlie Webster and wife Kathy. We always knew our class was the last of the “Good Guys,” because Jim Doole told us so! This was just another example of that. We then went on to Kona, where we met up with more “shore-side magicians”: Lauren Howell Avery, Emmy Sexton Greenwell and Danny Eubanks. These classmates put together a wonderful day of fun and talk story for us on the hillside above the bay, while we gazed down on our ship. Beautiful. Then on to Kaua‘i for two days, where we had a chance to visit Waimea Canyon by land and the Na Pali cliffs by sea, exploring it on a catamaran, with more mai tais and snorkeling. What a trip. What a memory. Once again, with special thanks to our classmates on shore who did so much to make the week a wonderful, memorable event.

Do you all get the Spring; Punahou Alumni News via email? If not, you can sign up by sending an email to alumni@punahou.edu. It’s a great publication, and recently, we even had some classmates featured. Dare I repeat the story here? Of course:

A large gathering of alumni from all over the country gathered to celebrate the wedding of Jim McCandless ’64 and Sue Bolling ’64 at the Kennedy School in Portland, Oregon, in February 2017. Jim and Sue will reside in Manchester, Connecticut. Pictured are their classmates from 1964 who gathered to celebrate. From left, front row: Aileen Spiegelberg Wilder, Jae Hale Anderson, Cris LeGassey. Middle Row: John Madison and wife Carolyn Lundquist Madison, the newlyweds Sue Bolling McCandless and Jim McCandless, Susan BuddWatson and husband Dewey Watson. Back Row: Steve Thomas, Sue Gleszer Beaudry, Kaarin Donnelly Hughes, Pili Durdan Meyer, Jim Stanford, Lynne Baer, Doug Haselwood, Mary Lou Buese Lyding, Lesly Lemon, Larry Freeman, Lauren Howell Avery.
"We had been high school sweethearts. We began dating in our junior year and were “a couple” until just after graduation. We went our separate ways to college, close enough that we could still see each other but far enough apart that, eventually, we separated and went our own ways. For 37 years, we had no contact. We had both married others, had families and were unaware of events in each other’s lives. Twelve years ago, I went through some serious health issues that caused me to want to re-establish connections with my roots, with people I had known when I grew up in Hawai‘i. I wrote to our Class Correspondent for the Class of ’64, John Thurston, asking if he would mention me in the Punahou Bulletin and say that I would like to hear from several of my old classmates. I mentioned Carolyn, but was sure that she was married and living somewhere in Oregon.

Much to my astonishment, Carolyn wrote to me, telling me that she was living in a town near San Francisco, was teaching school and had been divorced for a number of years. I was stunned. I was looking for friends to reconnect with and not at all certain that rekindling an old romance was what I was after. We corresponded over a Christmas.

Letters became phone calls, phone calls became a get-together at another classmate’s house in California and from then on, we were inseparable. We lived in separate states, I in Washington, she in California, neither of us anxious to move as I had two daughters just finishing high school and she had elderly parents near her that she didn’t want to leave. Two years went by but ultimately, financial markets collapsed and as I was in the investment business, it was time for me to get out. My kids had graduated high school and were off to college. I retired, sold my house and moved to California to be with my high-school sweetheart. We married in 2010, and have been back together now for 13 years. Each day when I get up, I get to kiss an 18-year-old girl again, as the years since we separated have evaporated. Life is beautiful again.”

Of course, it’s John Madison and Carolyn Lundquist. Lovebirds once again.

Finally, here’s a real blast from the past: We heard recently from Frankie Borison, who was with us from 1952 through fifth grade in 1957. She dropped me a note after she attended a “Punahou Event” in Portland, Oregon, to make sure she was on our mailing list for future events. In her note, she said her best memories are of her first grade teacher, Miss Nichols, who taught her how to add and subtract, the Banyan Tree, the Lily Pond, Carnival, and eating Spam with rice and gravy in the cafeteria. Frankie is now retired from Silicon Valley, and has been living in Portland for about seven years. Her email is borison.frankie@gmail.com. Isn’t it amazing, the folks who went to Punahou who ended up graduating from another school, then, years later, re-establishing their Class connection. It has always amazed me. There IS something very special about Punahou … and the Class of ’64!

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It looks like there are going to be lots of 70th birthday celebrations for classmates this year. Don’t forget to share the news with others through the Punahou Bulletin.

Jeff Lau’s friends surprised him with a party at Waialae Country Club on January 6, 2017. In attendance were Robert Klein, Fred Hee, Cedric Choi, Robby Ostrem and Tom Foley.

Jeff’s celebration continued on March 8, when he shot a hole-in-one at Waialae Country Club, on the par three 16th hole.

And speaking of golf, LXV was ably represented at the Punahou Alumni Golf Tournament on March 10, by Malcolm Tom, Robby Ostrem, Sharlene Luke Mau, Cornelia Leong Sandborn, Gary Yee, Daryl Sato and Allan Chock. The team of Malcolm, Daryl and Robby took fourth in a field of 71 teams.

If you happen to be on O‘ahu on the first Friday of any month, plan to join your LXV classmates for lunch at Murphy’s Bar & Grill in Chinatown. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling Robby Ostrem at (808) 630-1244. Present at the inaugural lunch in March were:

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Aloha dearest classmates! I truly hope life has been kind and that you are in the best of health, spirits and are able to ENJOY! It was wonderful to hear from our classmate Nanci Langley Selander who is enjoying being in the nation’s capital. She has served for 24 years as a senior legislative and policy advisor to both Senator Akaka and Senator Matsunaga. She is now starting her 10th year at the US Postal Regulatory Commission, as one of four presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed commissioners. She was appointed by President Barack Obama ’79 in 2013 for a second term after an appointment by President Bush. When working for the Senators from Hawai’i she said it was easy to keep her Hawai’i roots with lots of good island food and colleagues from home. Now she makes her own slice of the Pacific through a display of vintage Hawaiiana in her office. Her advisor is Darci Tokioka ’85, also a Punahou graduate. According to Nanci, life is great in D.C. Nanci and her husband spend their free time hiking the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Mountains and antiquing throughout the area.

Recently I was able to get an update on classmate Shirley Lee from her sister Carole. Shirley is a retired CPA living in Menlo Park, California. She works part-time at Stanford Golf Course so she can play golf three times a week. She travels three times a year to Europe with Road Scholar and just returned from a river cruise in France. A few years ago, Shirley...

Kathy Lang ’67 Mountjoy and husband Steve on campus celebrating her 40th Reunion in 2007.

Cappy Fasi and Cappy’s brother-in-law traveled to Spain.

Wonderful to hear from Diana Lee who has been living in the San Francisco Bay Area for decades. She was in Hawai’i in February clearing out the house she grew up in and moving her mother to a senior living facility. It was fun running into Diana and Janice Tyau Petersen at Carnival. Fortunately I get to spend time at Carnival yearly with Renee Chanteloup Hampton, Larry Langley ’68 and wife Linda, who were visiting from Oregon, and Kathy Chang ’64 Ching. We had a nice mini reunion in the Art Gallery. Diana says she is now (mostly) retired from a career in major gifts fundraising for Earthjustice and Greenpeace, among others, so she will now be spending more time in Hawai’i.

Condolences and love to Merie Ellen “Muffy” Fong Gushi who lost her brother Hiram Fong Jr. this past February. He passed away peacefully with his family surrounding him. I have such fond memories of him when we were in high school, allowing us to tag along waterskiing on Kaneohe Bay on Sundays.

Renee Chanteloup Hampton lost her mom and best friend, Marjory Suen Merrill, in March. They were a wonderful mother-daughter love affair. So much love and hugs to Muffy, Renee and their families.

Take good care dear friends, we look forward to hearing from you, and thank you to those of you who have taken the time to contribute to our Class Notes.

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As this is the first Class Notes after our 50th Reunion, here is a shout out to all of our classmates on the Reunion Planning Committee who used their enthusiasm for: Reflections Memory Book, Class Attire and other Class Fabric Items, One-of-a-kind Big Island Immersion, Pi’ilohua at Oahu Reunion Week Excursions, Outstanding Record Breaking Class Gift, Friday Night Class Dinner at Wai‘alea Country Club, Saturday Memorial Service, Saturday Grand Entrance/Parade for our Class from President’s House, Sunday Picnic at Kikila, Wahine Hula and Kane Hula.

I hope you will high five all on the Planning Committee for seeing to the never-ending details for each of the many choices!

Anne Ashford, Bob Bonar, Peter Boynton, Liane Chang, Karen Char, Ginny Ching Edmunds, Bonnie Chock Burke, Gayle Darroch Hardin, Christine Davis Escobar, Jane Earle-Dabrowski, Laurie Ehrman, Uson Ewart, Cynthia Fujii Chun, Bill Haning, Cindy Hess Whitemore, Joe Kaakua, Ken Kaneda, Valerie Lam, John Landgraf, Rebekah Luke, Marilyn Lum Reppun, Ala Lundberg Freitas, Mary Midkiff Fiedler, Pili...
Miyamoto, Julie Morse Carlson, Patrick Mulcahy, Laurie Randolph White, Suzanne Sato, Eric Schulst, Ned Shimabukuro, Nancy Somers Shaw, Brian Sullam, Bev Sutton Toomey, Jim Tam, Sherry Urner Pettus, Susan Wells Fischer, Marc Wong, Eugene Yap, Barb Young Morgan, Henry Ka‘aihue, Mapuana Howell de Silva.

Never having done hula, the boys were challenged trying to memorize (and try to move my hips) to Tewe Tewe which we did for you! (Tommy Alejo, Bob Tam, Wes Kamakawio‘ole, Marc Wong, Jim Tam, Bob Kainuma, Colin Kippen, Ned Shimabukuro, Warren Grosseta, Joe Kaakua). Ned and Warren were on the Big Island and New Zealand, so they learned the hula by video taken by shooting in a mirror while guys were dancing. I had to chuckle when Joe Kaakua told us about the “hidden” meanings ... suggestive? Nah. Risqué? Possible. A hoot? Definitely.

Marilyn Lum Reppun was the moving force for the Wahine Hula Po La‘i Lai, which included Barb Young Morgan, Jane Earle-Dabrowski, Ala Lundberg Freitas, Rebekah Luke, Kai Davis Nelson, Laurie Randolph White, Jana Hong Cohen and others undisclosed to me at this writing.

Raimo Alhoke, who was on exchange from Finland for our senior year, traveled the most time zones to get to Reunion. He shared his wisdom with us at Talk Story on Tuesday night of Reunion Week.

Kathy Lang Mountjoy returned to Texas at the beginning of junior year and never had the experience of sitting on the Senior Bench until she and hubby Steve returned for our 40th Reunion. Better late than never ... see photo.

We bid farewell to Brian Pang, cousin of Derek Pang. Brian had a law practice for many years. Rest in Peace.

I recently sent a birthday wish to Tom Buese, except I used in my message our small kid time name for him – “Tommy” which he found amusing because he was known by that name only when we attended Kaunoa School in Spreckelsville, Maui. Did you know three alums from Kaunoa were in our class? Carole Hughes Trefts, Tommy and me.

Bonnie Chock Burke is again performing in the chorus for Hawaii Opera Theater’s production of Tales of Hoffman!

Bill Haning taught at a medical conference on addictions in Canberra. I enjoyed reading his comment: “... they put the conference – on addictions, of course – in the QT Hotel, one of a chain of boutique hotels famous for its drinking culture. Hotel was full of federal lobbyists, parliament types, drinking and partying. Quarts of booze in the mini-bar and on the shelves of the room, ice buckets made of crystal, and more. It’s like a convention of stoics who revere Marcus Aurelius holding a conference at the Trump Tower Atlantic City. I had them take the booze out, with the party favors. The poor housekeeping guy, whom I felt obliged to tip generously, hauled away 2 milk-crates of bottles.”

Krissi Castro Biorn moved to Pasadena to be closer to son Alex ‘90 and grandkids. Son Taylor is a sophomore at The New School in NYC and just released his second album Boy and the Saints; listen on Spotify. He wrote all songs and plays amazing uke. “After 4 hip surgeries I had to give up my staging business. So now I’m back copywriting and acting as story editor. I’m loving the peace that comes with writing, walking and yoga. Taking French and Italian, and planning to travel soon – starting with Hawai‘i for the Reunion – yay!!”

You all are very busy it seems. May you all have bountiful good health, love of friends and family, wisdom to choose priorities that really matter ... and happiness and joy!

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Be on the lookout for mailings and email blasts about our 50th Reunion, June 4 – 10, 2018, from Pam Rickard Fern and her cohorts on our 50th Reunion Committee. Dale Kamisugi Bordner, Jayne Montz Doole, Gloria Kosasa Gainsley, Tim Wong, Kathy Haglund Kane, Marti Wiese
Our 50th is less than a year from now and we hope everyone is planning on joining us for a great experience celebrating 50 years since our high school graduation.

Pam was headed to Italy after Easter for four weeks playing tourist with Steve Marcuccilli. Lonnie and Drew Braun also toured Italy in April.

Richard and Toni Wolfe Chambers split their time between their Duncan, British Columbia and La Quinta, California homes. Playing golf three times a week tops their list of activities. You can check out Barbara Civin Patterson’s artwork on her website angelartbybarbara.com.

Zea is splitting her time between her home in Maryland and Honolulu. She retired after 45 plus years of teaching, mostly first grade. Zea graduated early in December 1971, from American University in Washington, D.C., and started her teaching career a few months later.

Eric Greenwood has not been in Honolulu since 1968 and is planning on coming to the 50th from Pennsylvania and hoping to spend a few weeks in paradise and figure out where the past 50 years have gone. Chaplain Bill Crockett and Nancy Piper bought a Chevrolet Bolt in Oregon and spent the first two months of the year driving thru Oregon, Nevada, and California into Arizona and New Mexico, and back to Oregon. They enjoyed a Henry Kapono Ka’aihue ’67 concert in Las Vegas in February during their road trip.

David Watumull is president and CEO of Cardax, Inc, which has produced the first physician-friendly safe anti-inflammatory supplement ZanthoSyn for general health including cardiovascular, metabolic, joint and liver health. ZanthoSyn is available online and at GNC stores in Hawai’i.

Sharon and John Moore have a new grand-daughter, Mary Olive Moore. The Moores drove from Phoenix to Pecos, Texas, and back in November to meet Mary and played golf many times in New Mexico and Texas.

April Fool’s Day found Kenny Bailey being feted by his Outrigger Canoe Club women’s 65 crew following their morning paddling practice. They celebrated Kenny’s birthday with martinis and caviar brought by Tiare Richert-Finney. Belated congratulations to Kenny who married Brigitta Osterholt last November.

Joe and Paula Tognetti Michelsen flew to Sedona, Arizona to spend Thanksgiving with her twin sister Helen Tognetti Snyder and her husband Rick. Paula says she and Helen still love spending twin time together shopping for bargains, laughing at being stylish and sixty-ish, and collecting vintage dolls. Paula says retirement is on the horizon, but has not set a date yet.

Kwei-Lin Lum has a marvelous collection of vintage paper dolls that you can view on Kwei-Lin’s Facebook page. Julie and Julian Monsarrat bought their house in Walnut Creek, California and headed to retirement in Kalama, Washington about 40 miles north of Portland. One version of the name Kalama gives its roots to native Hawaiian John Kalama, who could be related to Julian as there are Kalamas in Julian’s family tree.

Good news for David Lundquist. He was slated for eye surgery to correct four aspects of macular degeneration in February, but the surgery was postponed after an earlier cataract surgery started healing the threat of macular degeneration. David no longer has to wear glasses and the possibility of further eye surgery is on hold.

Don’t forget to respond to the snail mail and email blasts you receive about our 50th reunion. See you then!

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We are saddened to report that Deborah Dow Peach passed away on March 13, 2017 in Honolulu. She is survived by her son, Alexander W. Peach ’07, and sisters Carolyn Dow ’67 Byrd and Amanda Dow-Smith ’74. Also, our condolences go out to Bonnie Oda Homsey, who lost her father, Charles Isami Oda, in January.

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Do you remember that beautiful two-page watercolor of the Punahou campus in our 1970 Oahuan? I loved it. Turns out that it was a team effort between Marc McKiernan and our beloved late Arthur Johnson. I remembered Marc as a talented, artistic, gutsy exchange student from the UK in our senior year. He was a cute guy with a cool accent who managed to fit right into Punahou, half a world away from his own family, country and culture.
Thus, I was thrilled to receive the gift of a newsy email from Marc, who wrote, “For the last 16 years my partner of 30 years, Vicky, and I have run a small film production company in the North of England, living in my favourite part of the country, near Hadrian’s Wall. We work with whoever walks through the door; everything from commissions from big organizations, to schools (one of my more natural habitats is wild inner-city schools), training, heritage, campaigning, whatever.”

Marc noted, “Although my English school had me nailed on Arts qualifications before I ever went to Punahou, I later completed a Ph.D. about photosynthesis.” Ultimately, Marc returned to what his educators saw as his strength. His film production company keeps him busy and “working all over the place,” but he’s joyfully living that “old Carpe Diem.” He and Vicky are the proud parents of three artistic children, Oliver, Alberta and Caitlin.

Jim Tam ’67 passed on an email from our classmate Randall Swatek’s mother, who wrote (isn’t this SO like a mom): “since my children won’t send news, their mother will. Randall has moved from a long time residence in Connecticut to Wellington, Florida (the equestrian capital of the world) with her horses and dogs. She has competed in equestrian events for many years and won a roomful of trophies. As a senior she continues to ride and win with her beautiful horses. She still goes back to her home in East Hampton, Long Island, in the summer.”

Jim also put me in touch with Randall, who wrote that her mom meant well, but “forgot the best things of all: my two wonderful children, my career as a reporter for the New York Times, owning my own New York ad agency and more. The horses, while a true passion, are just a small part of it!”

Randall promised me a more complete story in the future, but in the meantime, I googled her and found that she not only wrote beautifully for the New York Times, but she was a talented and respected visual designer with many impressive images to her credit! Here’s a 2009 interview of Randall by Jill Singer of Sight Unseen (a design website): http://www.sightunseen.com/2009/11/in-a-box-series-1979-by-swatek-romanoff.

Bruce Campbell put out a last-minute emergency call for help for the late shift at the Carnival’s Ewa Malasadas Booth. Yikes! Past our bedtime! However, the ’70ers, of Medicare ilk resolutely stepped up to the vats of sticky batter and sizzling hot oil to create perfectly shaped, uniform malasadas nonetheless. Susan Abe Oi, Toni Afook Takata, Joyce Arakawa Chan, Linda Ayounig Louie, Carolyn Bennett, John Bustard, Bruce and Hatsumi Campbell, Ricky Cassiday, Sandi Chun, Lee Ann Errett, Peter Fithian, Mike Fung, Phil Hauret, Sono Hirose-Hulbert, Scott and Anne Hogan Ezer, Pat Lau, Russell Lau, Stephen Mechler, Jed Nakamura, Carol Nordyke Gentry, John Reppun and his wife, Lanette Mahelona, Bebe Richardson Phillips, Jim Scott, Robert “Tiger” Tanaka, Kevin Wakayama, Bub Wo and Lowell Young all pitched in to help. Our pun-ny and grateful Bruce wrote, “Mahalosada to Class of ’70 for taking one more late shift ...”

If I missed anyone, sorry, I was half asleep so the list is from Bruce Campbell! Our aging eyes now need more light, Bruce – how about a daytime shift next year?

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From Russell Leigon ’70 about his debate success with Rick Sia:
“In the spring of 1969, I was faced with what extracurricular activities to put on my college applications. I asked my ROTC Instructor Colonel Belmont Forsythe, US Army (ret), for some advice. There were no ROTC offices I would be eligible for in my senior year but he mentioned that being president of a debate club would look good – but Punahou didn’t have a debate club! I asked Mrs. Gere Weldon, the speech teacher, if she would sponsor a debate club, which she generously did. Then I had to get elected President, which involved running
against one of my best friends. It was close but I prevailed! Mrs. Weldon recruited Miss Paula Takatsuka as co-sponsor of the club. I was paired with Rick Sia. None of us knew anything about debate but Rick and I turned out to be a very strong team – or it was a weak year for competition! He always had the right quote or rebuttal for every argument and was a great complement to my wing-it, swashbuckling approach. We placed in every tournament, bested the previous year’s state champions from ‘Iolani, twice at the Maui Invitational and then at State to make it to the finals where we lost to the best team that year and finished 2nd. I got my extracurricular activity checked off, and got into my school of choice in Texas, where I still live, with a cash scholarship as a bonus because of our forensics success!”

As for Rick, he has been a writer, editor and principal fact-checker for the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. The group recently won the Pulitzer Prize for explanatory journalism, and George Polk and Overseas Press Club awards for an April 2016 expose called the Panama Papers. He says, “It’s been very exciting work.”

Daniel Kanahele lives on Maui where he is actively interested in historic preservation. He sent a photo of himself with a Ho Chunk tribe friend in North Dakota.

Liane Chong was in Honolulu recently and our classmates had a mini-reunion at Chuck Furuya’s ’72 Vino in Restaurant Row. She was inspired by Roseanne Lee’s visit and thought, “Why wait until our 50th?”

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Greetings classmates.

By the time you are reading these notes, we will have celebrated our 45th Reunion, taking home renewed friendships and fun memories of our time together. For those who couldn’t be here this year, we hope to see you in five years. In the meantime, look for a full 45th Reunion report in the fall issue.

I also want to give a shout out to our Reunion Committee, including my Activities co-chair Gwen Gronau Pacarro and Class Gift co-chairs Ethan Abbott and Tom Witten. We had lots of help, as you could see from the lengthy list on our class letterhead and the various mailers you received. Many others helped out during Reunion weekend. A big “mahalo” to so many of you who contributed to our Class Gift. As of this writing, we were easily within reach of our lofty $450,000 goal.

Larry Herzberg writes from Oshkosh, Wisconsin (where he teaches philosophy) that “he regrets not being able to make this year’s Reunion, but looks forward to attending our 50th, if only to find out which of us has managed to survive that long!” He also promises to take his Class of

the Washington State Supreme Court celebrating Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst ’75 (left) and Michelle an amazing haku artist), our model Chief Justice, Court, she met the court’s newly appointed sponsored by the Washington State Supreme Democracy, an organization that promotes and celebrates women in public office. At the event, sponsored by the Washington State Supreme Court is unique in the United States, that she is a Punahou graduate who attended the Academy her junior and senior years. Michelle noted that the Washington State Supreme Court that are women.

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Aloha Gang,

Hope you are thawing out from a wild winter all over the planet; who says we don’t have global warming!

February brought around Carnival and two days of gatherings to enjoy each other’s company! haku-making fun on Tuesday night with Kumu Pam Li Hinsdale, our haku extraordinaire, Susan Reinwald Kamida, Diane Kimura, Chickie Lee Guillaume, Karen Lee Leong, Pomai Tyler Toledo, Dawn Yamaguchi, Craig Ing (who by the way is an amazing haku artist), our model Leighton Yin, and our ‘Ohana gathered for a fun night of Haku making! Mahalo Pomai for heading up a shift at Hawaiian Plate in the cafeteria, where BCF’s had great entertainment and fun! Mahalo Nui again to Pam and Pomai.

On March 26, BCF’s from the Bay Area and Oregon got together for a wonderful afternoon and evening, organized by April Harwood Ambard, Connie Kleijnans and Cheryl Rocha Narver. BCF’s Craig Ing, his wife Nora, Ruth Stallknecht, April Ambard, Cheryl Rocha Narver, and husband Bill, all attended the San Jose Lyric Theater presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan’s “Princess Ida,” in which Connie Kleijnans sang and performed. Connie is a longtime participant in this popular community theater troupe, performing in dozens of operettas over the years. Delightfully, as Connie is tall and is able to sing in the lower range of the female voice, she is often cast as a male character, as she was in this role. The BCF’s were on hand to cheer her on as she sang her part, sword in hand! After she removed her costume and makeup (including beard!), Connie’s husband, Mike, joined the BCF’s for some ono Korean barbecue at the Korean Palace in San Jose. Everyone had such fun that all agreed that more NorCal get together are in order!

Always nice to catch up with Leslie Lani Corgan Wright. She left O’ahu in 1978, and has been living in Proud Lake, Michigan with her husband of 42 years Steven, and their three boys. Her husband had three ancestors that came to America on the Mayflower. During her free time she writes poetry, paints, swims, and loves and enjoys nature hikes in the woods. Lani became a yoga teacher two years ago and has a class at the Community Center. Lani and Steve are in the process of packing up to move cross country to Southern Oregon, as they have sold their home in Proud Lake and have bought a place in Oregon. They are looking forward to the road trip! They will be relocating to a retirement community in an area known as the “Banana Belt,” which is known for its awesome growing climate. Surrounded by forest reserves, mountains and pristine rivers, she’s ready for new adventures in her new home! She will be closer to the Hawaiian Islands she grew up in and loves so much. Keep in touch, Lani, we will look for your Facebook posts of your new adventures!

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Ok gang, mark your 2018 calendars for our 45th reunion next June! Your Reunion Committee will come up with lots of small dinner gatherings throughout the week, so you can catch up with BCF’s on a more personal level before Lu’au!!

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Thank you again to all the volunteers for our 2017 Carnival Malasada shift! You came through
Danton Wong, Nils Tanaka and Karl Oberholzer. '75ers gathered to work Hawaiian Plate at Carnival 2017. From left: Laura Mayfield Fink, Nathan Sult, Bruce Fink, a '75er friend, Beth Tarter, Leighton Wong, Phyllis Hironaka, Jan Matsumoto Davey, Nancy King Holt, Danton Wong, Nils Tanaka and Karl Oberholzer.

for me at the last minute and made it happen. I SO appreciate it!! I know that some of you want to keep working that shift, while others would like to try something different. Feel free to send me your thoughts by email. The beauty of the malasada shift is that we can have a large group, whereas other booths would only involve 10 or 15 people. I’m open to feedback!

After leaving our shift that night, we walked out with Craig Washofsky, who is President of Servco Home and Commercial Products. I mentioned I was looking for a new white dishwasher and he said to contact him about it. Before I could remember to email him, he was on top of it and sent me an email with some options. Finally, one of the things on my everlasting “to do” list has been done with his help! Craig is also on the Board of Directors of Special Olympics Hawai‘i and recently participated in the Eighth Annual Polar Plunge at Waterfront Plaza on April 1, 2017. Twenty teams participated in the fundraiser which exceeded its $50,000 goal. Bill Kawashima, Vice President of Servco Pacific Inc. and Craig have both been at Servco for many years along with CEO Mark Fukunaga.

I received an email from Robert Pennybacker about his wife, Lorraine Akiba, being honored on three separate occasions in March for her work in promoting renewable energy and as a role model for women making a difference. Lorraine is a Commissioner for the Hawai‘i Public Utilities Commission. Lorraine was recognized as one of Hawai‘i Business Magazine’s “20 to Watch for the Next 20: Hawai‘i’s People to Watch,” Pacific Business News’ “Women Who Mean Business,” and as an honoree at Sisters Empowering Hawai‘i’s 2nd Annual Women Making History Awards. Robert noted that all the awards were received during Women’s History Month. I love to hear from a proud husband!! Joining Lorraine on stage for the 2nd Annual Women Making History Awards was Mele Meyer. A big congratulations to Mele and Lorraine!

In January, Lynette Lo Kanda participated in a Chinese collaborative dinner with Ed Kenney ’86 and Dave Caldeiro, celebrating “The Year of the Fire Rooster at Mud Hen Water.” The event included a multi-course dinner and lion dance. Lynette is now focusing on the culinary world with her company Bright Light Cookery and is working on her second book about “local recipes.” Can’t wait to see that!

I received an email from Tanya Yamada. She said she wants classmates who have tried to reach out through Facebook to know that she does not participate there, but invites classmates to email her at tanlynn@verizon.net. Tanya lives in Southern California and says she is involved in the Punahou Alumni Southern California chapter so stays involved from there! She hopes to be here for the 2019 reunion – yikes, 45 years? Remember when those people looked old? Wow, we look so much younger, ha, ha!

Please don’t forget to send me updates anytime. Take care, live life, enjoy each day!

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Happy summertime, classmates! May you be able to beat the heat with thirst-quenching drinks and a quick dip in the ocean.

Ric Ching has been in the news a lot lately, and it’s well-deserved with all of his recent accomplishments. In October of last year, he was inducted into the University of Hawai‘i Shidler College of Business Hall of Honor. Ric holds an MBA from Shidler and is President and Chief Operating Officer of Servco Pacific, Inc. At Servco, Ric is involved in the strategic planning and capital allocation decisions for the company. He currently oversees Servco’s Hawai‘i automotive operations, home appliance division, and many of the company’s resource and support units. Fellow inductees last year include John Dean, Executive Chair of Central Pacific Bank and Mingyen Teresa Yang, Vice Chairman of Esquel Group of companies, a global textile and apparel manufacturer with a multinational workforce of 57,000 employees. So he is in good company.

Speaking of global, there were also features on Ric in Hawai‘i Business Magazine and MidWeek. Through these articles I learned that Servco has expanded into Australia with a dozen dealerships there, and has expanded its insurance business into the Pacific Northwest, all of which Ric had a hand in. He also talked about the importance of “Servco Shared Values,” recently revamped after its international expansion, to a new set of four core values: respect, service, teamwork and innovation. Engaging its employees and giving back to the community are also important. To commemorate the sale of its 500,000th automobile, Servco gave $25,000 to each of 10 charities, which were nominated by the public. It’s wonderful to see success shared by the company and the community alike.

I received a wonderful email from Bruce and Laura Mayfield Fink, who sent in photos of classmates who helped out at this year’s Carnival. The Class of ’75 had a great showing at the Hawaiian plate station in the cafeteria. Please see accompanying photos.

A couple of our classmates were named “2016 Top Doctors” by Castle Connolly Medical, as published in the September 2016 issue of Honolulu Magazine. They are: Allan Wang in Kailua-Kona (Allergy & Immunology); and Eric Yee at Straub Hawai‘i Kai Family Health Center (Family Medicine). If I inadvertently missed anyone, please let me know, as it is easy to miss names in the long list.

75ers Billijean Kam-Takashima (left) and Richelle Mamiya Fujioka at Carnival 2017.
And kudos go to our attorney classmates who were named “Best Lawyers in Hawai‘i 2017” in Honolulu Magazine. There are 4,858 active attorneys in the state, which means that the 368 who made the list are the top 8 percent. The voting is done by peer review, with lawyers asked, “If you were unable to take a case yourself, how likely would you be to refer it to this nominee?” We congratulate Gregory Kim with Convergent Law Group LLP (corporate governance law) and Danton Wong with Chun Kerr LLP (real estate and litigation-real estate).

That’s all for this issue. Please send me your news and put a smile on my inbox’s face!

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Aloha Friends,

Kathryn Ashford Nichols just missed the last Bulletin deadline but wrote to say she is thrilled to report that Carol Mills has moved to her hometown in the Portland area and made it a much more lively place! Carol moved across the country from New York City last fall to be closer to family and especially sister Sue Mills ’78 Suttich. Classmate Julie Wooddel Laymon came up for a New Year’s visit from Del Mar, CA and the gals spent 72 solid hours together exploring eateries, vintage shops and all the things that make Portland quirky and unique. Adds Kathryn: “It was arctic cold, but we laughed endlessly and had a great time together. Hoping that 2017 will bring more ’76ers to the Pacific Northwest for a visit soon.”

Gregg Kageyama once again did a stellar job of corralling our Class for our annual Carnival stint. He said “’76ers showed up in force at the malasada booth this year. About 35 classmates (plus five dedicated spouses) created those delicious golden brown, sugary malasadas with the signature hole in the middle. Those totally significant Significant Others included Cliff Poteet (Desiree Winnie Poteet), Greg Boxold (Jann Stephenson Boxold), Mike Mihara (Naomi Kobayashi Mihara), Dave Taylor (Peggy Rigler Taylor), and Ross Sasamura (Terry Kawamura Sasamura). Same time next year?”

Gregg also shared some sad news. Ricky Ruff passed away unexpectedly on March 25 on Maui. According to his sister, Ricky died from heart-related complications. He had been living in Wailuku’s Happy Valley on Maui and worked for many years as a salesman in the beverage industry – previously for Paradise Beverage and most recently with Menehune Water Co. Long after his varsity sports years at Punahou, Ricky continued to play softball for as long as his body held out and used to assist the late coach Neal Ane ’74 at St. Anthony School in Wailuku. More than anything, Ricky loved joking around with and cooking for his family, and hanging out beneath his mango tree. Along with Ruth and three other siblings, he leaves behind his significant other of 27 years, Kathy, four daughters – each one his “favorite” – and two grandchildren. He will be dearly missed.

Several classmates have kids in the Punahou graduating class of 2017: Karl Heyer, Vickie Fullard-Leo, Debbie Kim, Peggy Rigler Taylor, Chris Woo, Toshi Shibata and Vik Watumull. Apologies if I missed anyone and congratulations to all you proud parents! Look for the photo of some of the students and their parents in this Bulletin.

I’ll close with a few miscellaneous tidbits. Mindy Glaser Tucker is taking ukulele lessons at the North Carolina Ukulele Academy. Long way to go for lessons! She said she’s practicing up for our next reunion. Gregg Kageyama is a proud new grandparent. Who else is in that club? Willy Falk debuted Scott Evan Davis’ beautiful and important song, “Before I Forget,” which recently won Best Song of the Year from the Manhattan Association of Cabarets & Clubs. You can find a link to a YouTube video of Willy’s performance on our Facebook page.

Here’s to keeping in touch with those you love. A hui hou kakou, Dede
In from Tom: Aloha to all you ’77 classmates, hoping that you are all in good health, ready for the summer of 2017, and to get outside and enjoy the weather, especially for all of us “lily-white” haoles living up here in the mainland!

By the time you read these Class of ’77 Notes, we would have already gathered in early June for our 40th Reunion, had a chance to reconnect with one another and make plans for future personal get togethers. Hopefully you got enough laulau and poi to fill your opu during the Punahou Lu’au, but if you didn’t and live in the Pacific Northwest, I can make a few recommendations as to where to find that beloved and fattening Hawaiian cuisine here on the Very Big Island (aka the Mainland).

I would also like to personally thank our Class of ’77 Reunion Committee members; Marci McCrea Braden, Holly Honbo, Dana Rudin Land, Lesley Brey, Krissy Osuna Sutton, Suzy Chillingworth Ruddle, Rick Towill, Cid Inouye, Stephen Buto, Sigi Sundstrom Andersen, Terri Lee Kintscher, Jo-Anne Lau-Smith and Lianne Seu Wong for all their time and efforts in making our 40th Class Reunion a success.

Over 200 classmates (not including their spouses/significant others) plan on attending our Class Reunion, I will get the official head count for you posted in our fall 2017 Class Notes.

For more information and photos from our 40th Class Reunion please check out our Official Punahou School Class of 1977 Alumni News and Announcements webpage, www.punahou.edu/alumni.

There are still over 180 of our ’77 classmates whose email and/or phone contact information are no longer valid and therefore, can no longer be reached. We continue to work on reviving/finding these “missing” classmates so they can participate in future class reunions and Punahou events. We will post the names of those “missing” classmates so that you can help us find those classmates as well.

Finally, if you can’t wait another five years for our 45th Class Reunion, and would like to reconnect with your other Classmates, please contact me at (Email: tombblack1958@zoho.com ) to join our private Facebook group page and/or if you are already on Facebook please check us out at our group page “PUNAHOU 77.” We are over 160 strong in the group. Don’t be such a stranger!

ALOHA ‘OE, Until we meet again

In from Karen: Greetings all. How’s this for a no excuses workout routine: Debbie Kim Morikawa is now the proud owner of the FIRST in-home mobile personal training franchise company, GYMGUYZ. She launched in May and is having a great time starting up this new business of transforming people’s lives. There are no membership fees and she mentioned her certified trainers will come to you.

Congratulations go out to Roberta Walton Piercy who has continued to participate in competitive dragon boat paddling. Roberta was selected for Team USA Senior B Women and just returned from a week long training camp in Tampa, Florida, where she paddled with teammates from all over the USA. The team will gather just one more time to practice before the competition in China in October. In the meantime, look for Roberta on the water in Oak Harbor, Washington, where she coaches her local team and in Seattle where she trains with her competitive WAM (Washington Masters) team.

The wonderfully energetic Dana Rudin Land was on the wireless with multiple projects in the works including an upcoming show at Doris Duke Theatre in May entitled, “Hula Rosie’s Tropical Revue!” What caught my attention though, was her new endeavor:
Class of 1978

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Aloha Friends!

I’m pleased to share several stories in this edition of “friendmates” who have shared nearly a lifetime of friendship together. It is surely a testimony to the kinship brought about by years spent nurturing hearts and souls, in the spirit of love and innocence (until about 7th grade?).

What a surprise to hear from Jody Arzt Truit. Writing in from the land of the beautiful people, Jody shared that she celebrated her (our) 57th birthday with friendmate Jayne Sherry Mordell at the glamorous Hotel Bel Air! Jody and Jayne have been friends since they were 14 years old, and keep in touch regularly with Julie Kistner Lundgren, Lee Kennedy, Nancy Cole Shy and Brian Loomis. Over 45 years of friendship – but then, that describes most of us, right? Aren’t we the lucky ones! Jody lives in Cheviot Hills, Los Angeles, with husband Jeff and standard poodle puppy George. Jody invites ’78 classmates who are ever in Los Angeles to get in touch and maybe even plan a mini-reunion.

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Carnival 2017 was a blast! The food, games, Variety Show, and atmosphere certainly took us “Back to the ‘50s” for a great time. Jayne Arakawa Kim and I represented ’79 with the Oahu College Band (which consists of alumni, friends and family) and some of our other ’79 OCB regulars were busy with Carnival duties. If you haven’t been to Carnival since, oh, 1979, make it a point to visit. It really is good fun. The malasadas are still the best.

Hooray for summertime! However if you’re a parent of any 5 to 17 year olds, you’re probably already thinking “hooray” for school starting again soon! One of the first events of the 2017 – 2018 school year is a (very) away football game. Punahou will be traveling to San Diego to play
Serra High over Labor Day weekend. Any alums in the area, please come out and cheer on the Buff 'n Blue. Text me if you want details.

Aloha y'all!

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In from Jill Suzuki Haworth:

Dan “Paco” Moore stopped by to visit with Junior parent co-chairs of the body painting booth: Alan Low, Gail Low, Mark ’79 and Jill Suzuki Haworth. Although Paco comes home frequently to visit his mom (former Academy Japanese language teacher Mitzi Moore), this was the first Carnival Paco attended since graduation! Alan was able to capture other ‘80 notables hanging out at the ‘17 Carnival body painting booth (posted on our class Facebook page): Dean “Tiger” Tom Metcalf, John Fordham, Wendy May van De Waal, Heather Murakami, Beth Peters and Diane Ching. Check out Ben Wo wearing the Class of ‘80 Carnival material shirt visiting his daughter! Betsy Wo ’18 was one of the six awesome Junior co-chairs that Alan and I were privileged to work (heart, sweat, and a little paint) side-by-side! We are looking forward to returning to the ranks at the chicken pit with our fellow ‘80 Cluckers at next year’s Carnival!! A hui hou!

Update from Bennett Wo on Class of ’80 parents with children who are Punahou student athletes: Steven Nishi’s son Ryan ’18 and Dale Zane’s son David ’17 are playing varsity baseball. Ryan is a catcher, and David is a pitcher. Alan Tom’s son Aaron ’20 is a starter on JV baseball. Bennett’s daughter Betsy ’18 is
working to extend the varsity girls tennis team’s 14 year state title streak. Margie Lau Gaughan’s son Jake ’18 stars on varsity water polo and Mona Lee Balish’s daughter Maddie ’17 is a Punahou swim team phenomenon. Wendy May Van de Waal’s son Kainoa ’22 is a 7th grader on the intermediate track team in running, high jump and long jump events.

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In from Lisa:
Carnival is a good place to run into classmates, especially working at the last shift of the Portuguese bean soup booth, headed by Dean Matsumoto. As a parent of a junior, I co-chaired the ride ticket sales booth and didn’t see much of anyone or anything, but Dean-o’s booth is always busy with classmates and I’ve heard it’s the most fun place to be on Saturday night. I believe that Gil Schaeffer traveled the farthest, from England, to serve it up!

Betsy Case ran into Bruce Gordon when he was biking up Tantalus, where she lives, which led to an impromptu reunion. From left, first row: Bruce Gordon ’81, Maile Marguleas ’21, Jim Case ’37 and Bitsy Betsy Case ’81. Second row: Tim Somerset ’76, Marjorie Christenson ’66, Abel, Suzanne Case ’74, Betsy Case ’81, Lon Wysard ’81 and Keith Cockett ’81.

Betsy Case ’81 ran into Bruce Gordon ’81 when he was biking up Tantalus where she lives, which led to an impromptu reunion. From left, first row: Bruce Gordon ’81, Maile Marguleas ’21, Jim Case ’37 and Bitsy Kelley ’81. Second row: Tim Somerset ’76, Marjorie Christenson ’66, Abel, Suzanne Case ’74, Betsy Case ’81, Lon Wysard ’81 and Keith Cockett ’81.

Lastly, sad news to report that Diane Tamura Hiraki and Ann Zimmermann both passed away recently. Diane lived in Seattle, Washington, and Ann was an attorney working in El Centro, California. Our deepest sympathies go out to their loved ones.

If you have any news that you would like to share, please feel free to contact me, I would really love to hear from you. Last year’s reunion is a distant memory and I really enjoy catching up.

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Good evening to all! I am home late on a Monday night, suddenly aware that today is Bulletin deadline day! Full day of work, watching my youngest’s fastpitch game, grocery shopping, got all the garbage out to the curb, paid bills ... and now sitting down to say hello to my lovely classmates!!

Here is what I have this time around:
I was thrilled to receive an email from Lynn Maland Cooper back in February!! Here are some clips from her note: “I just received the latest Punahou Bulletin and thought I should send you an update. I am now on FB thanks to my daughters both encouraging me to finally join!! I still need to find out if there is a Punahou ’83 page somewhere! We are still in the Toledo, Ohio area after all these years. We usually go back to Hawai’i every year but my husband and I missed this past summer. The kids, however, went and visited Tutu!”

Our oldest girl Emily is now a first year medical student. Second daughter Katherine is a junior at Indiana University Bloomington studying graphic design. Oldest son John is a sophomore at Kenyon College studying biochemistry, and youngest son Peter is a freshman in high school. I just finished planning a lu’au for our church – 144 people came and I cooked everything but the poi and laulau (ordered online for those!). I made chicken long rice, beef curry stew, shoyu chicken, and kalua pig. Made a bunch of spam musubi for people as part of the pupu trays on each table. My mom flew in from Honolulu and taught the ladies the hukilau and then danced Ka Lehua for the guests.”

We in the Pacific Northwest recently gathered and had a blast!! On a lovely Saturday evening Christi O’Connor, Maile Larson Mulligan, Finn Palmer, Kevin McClure and I all ventured to a new Hawaiian spot (well new to us!) in Federal Way. Must admit I was hugely skeptical of the PacIsland Grill situated in a strip mall ... BUT it ROCKED!! Sorry to have doubted you Christi, our party planner. The ambience was perfect for us islanders, the food was onolicious, the owners and staff were local and EXTRAl bonus we had live Hawaiian music playing the whole time!! As Kevin said later, we had a blast and heard about 85 percent of what everyone said that night!!
LOVED all the Carnival photos and narratives people posted ... MAHALO! Some year I will get back there for that epic event.

Congrats to Suzie Lyons Lee whose oldest child, Malina just got engaged!! There is a great photo of the ring event! I recently became FB friends FINALLY with Elizabeth Vierck Merrill. I friend requested her like 3 years ago, and have had to badger her relentlessly ... feel honored to at last be FB connected, PHEW. Great to see and read about her kids, her physical training/work out career and all about life on the North Shore.

All pau. My love and aloha to one and all! Keep in touch, smile, and nap when you can.

Aloha, Kim

Class of 1984

In February, Dr. Ivy Nip ’84 Asano led a team of first-year University of Hawai‘i medical students to Maui to participate in a workshop for high-school students. Ivy’s team also visited with Maui County Mayor Alan Arakawa and Deputy Managing Director Jock Yamaguchi ’84. Ivy is in the center of the second row between the two men in aloha shirts. Jock is farthest to the right in the back row.

In from Debbie:

Guess what these classmates have in common, other than being “piquant” (according to Dr. Healy): Gail Stringer, Camille Okata Masutomi, Marni Tam, David Chee and Won-Yee Cheng-Leever. Not only did they all volunteer as part of the Class of ’84 2017 Carnival Malasada Booth Takeover, but they have amazing taste in significant others: Laurie Olson, Dan Masutomi, Matt Bickel, Stacey Chee and Beth Cheng-Leever, respectively, all worked, too!

I need to give a special shout-out to Gail’s partner, Laurie, who not only worked joyfully over the malasada oil for the three hours, but did so while modeling truly stunning men’s closed-toe shoes, specifically bought at the white elephant booth for the occasion! Yes, for the privilege of working with us, and to be compliant with Hawaii State Department of Health rules, she paid $5 to wear some stranger’s shoes. Go, Laurie!

Special thanks goes to classmates who hopped onto an airplane to help: Kim Koike Schatz
and Kevin Beauchamp (both California), Peter Brust and Jason Kimata (both Texas), Gail Stringer (Washington State), Caroline Field Carson (Big Island) and Jock Yamaguchi (Maui).

I also want to give a hearty welcome and thank you to the classmates who made malasadas with us for the first time: Kerry Ach, Pat “Trish” Viloria Lendio, Won-Yee, Caroline and John. Please come back next year; do not listen to the little voice telling you to run like the wind and get out of town every first Friday of February from this point on!

Special note to Susan Char, who visited us by standing for who-knows-how-long in our malasada booth line after those pesky state legislators kept her working too late on a Carnival Friday: next time, just let those elected officials know that hanging out with classmates at Punahou Carnival is more important than critical State of Hawai‘i business laws and regulations (kidding).

So yes, Patti Horii Oshiro brought it once again, recruiting some 60 of us classmates and loved ones to labor over malasada oil at the Epic 2017 Carnival Malasada Booth Takeover. Apparently, the malasada booths in general were short on workers, so that they couldn’t run all of the lines during the shifts before and after us. Punahou must appreciate us in a way that they may not have while we were in the Academy ourselves!

In February, Ivy Nip Asano traveled to Maui and saw Jock … except that it was no vacation: Dr. Nip Asano actually led a team of first-year students from the University of Hawai‘i’s John A. Burns School of Medicine as they participated in a workshop for high-school students. Ivy’s team also visited with Maui County Mayor Alan Arakawa and Deputy Managing Director Jock Yamaguchi!

My. my, have we all grown up and gotten mature and responsible! In January, Jock was promoted to the position, which basically makes him second-in-command overseeing operations of all Maui County departments. He’s also in charge of a number of key government initiatives including improving efficiency and effectiveness, while reducing spending for Maui.

And the ’84 sisters are doing it for themselves, too: Loan Montgomery-Freitas is now the general manager of the Outrigger-managed Wyndham Vacation Resorts Royal Garden at Waikiki (that’s a mouthful). The promotion is a terrific vote of confidence as Loan had served as assistant resort manager prior to being named head honcho.

And then there’s Chien-Wen Tseng, who is Hawai‘i’s first-ever appointee to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Chien-Wen, an associate professor and associate research director of family medicine and community health at the University of Hawai‘i, was appointed to a four-year term by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

So what can we say … except that ’84 is, apparently, taking over the planet!

On that note, a hui hou!

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Happy summer! We hope these Notes find you dipping your toes in the sand, the pool, or the ocean as you cool off and catch up with the class of ’85!

So many of us are celebrating turning the Big 5-0! So many of us are already there! These last few months have provided opportunities to
celebrate and reconnect.

David Fan threw a big bash earlier this year at his Kaimuki establishment, Ruger Market. Coinciding with celebrations of the Year of the Rooster, many of your classmates donned Chinese-themed garb, fed money to the dancing lions, and marveled at how we are all making it to five decades! Spotted at the party were Leela Biltmes Goldstein, Colleen Maeda Bird, Jill Takatsuka Yoshimoto, Chris Bisho, Rona Suzuki, Carrie Okinaga, Cliff Jamile, Jodie Mori, Kristi Koga, Dean Kim, and Ross Kaneko. There could have been more, but after dark and the firecrackers, things got a little … murky.

Chris Di Mauro sent in photos of his 50th celebration, with classmates John Stricklin and Nancy Andrew in attendance. He has had an adventurous year thus far traveling to the North Shore for surf and Jackson Hole for snow!

Regardless of which birthday we are all celebrating, the Punahou Carnival has proven to be an unofficial reunion of sorts and a chance for some of us to give back to the school we hold so near and dear. Aside from the overconsumption of malasadas, scheming for jars of mango chutney, and sporting of haku lei, a couple dozen of your classmates also worked the last two Friday night shifts at the Portuguese bean soup booth. A shout out to Eddie Kageyama and his wife, Mags, who bravely co-chaired the booth. Several classmates even flew in to spend part of their vacations working, or networking as it were, including Sean Hall from Arizona, Kate Janczyk Bowman from Portland, Oregon, and Mike Feeney, who more than likely flew himself in from Los Angeles.

And then there’s the other kind of rebirth, when you find you’ve received an extended lease on your life. Maile Hirota sent us a note to tell us he’s so thankful to be alive. He recently underwent emergency bypass heart surgery at the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. He did also send in photos, mostly filled with hospital machines and tubes – the best part being he still had his infectious smile. We remember that when he walked across the stage at our graduation, we all applauded, knowing he had survived the Khmer Rouge regime and was now officially a Punahou alum like the rest of us. We wish you well, Chantry!

Keep those updates coming into our inboxes! And send photos of any 50th celebrations – or at least post them to our Punahou School Class of 1985 Facebook page! Or, be warned, we might forgive me if I forgot anyone!) As an added bonus this year, the parent chairman of the hot noodles booth, suffering the unenviable task of bonus this year, the parent chairman of the hot noodles crew. This year’s team included Jan Murakami Furuta, Andy Bunn, Billy Wong, David Hsu, Dean Yoshimoto, Lil Masamit, Patti Chang de los Reyes, Paul Chattergy, Ruth Honda Matsunaga, Scott Moncrief, Caren Wun Fukushima, Christine Mendes Ruotola, Maile Hirota, Berna Chee, Roselle Leong Chin, Lyle Fujikawa, Betsy Somerville Purpura, Dawn Sanderson, Melanie Shim, Jill Tanaka, David Tanabe, Rick Piper, Susie Gushiken Serna, Dale Chun, Colin Ching, Shera Chee Mercer, Ben Meyer, Ted Lee (visiting from Hong Kong!), Malia Lagaso, JR Baron, Brenda Kwon and, on behalf of Jarret Yoshida (who was unable to make the trip from NYC), his partner Dan Moynihan! (Please forgive me if I forgot anyone!) As an added bonus this year, the parent chairman of the hot noodles booth, suffering the unenviable task of supervising our crew, was none other than our own David Bell! (sorry, David ...)

Despite our advancing years, the Carnival crew was able to heft and toss noodles with impunity, knowing that Dean Yoshimoto was among us: Yoshimoto Physical Therapy was recently
designated by ThreeBestRated.com as one of the "Three Best Physical Therapists in Honolulu" and likewise included in Expertise.com's list of "Best Physical Therapists in Honolulu." Way to go, Dean! Not likely to avail himself of Dean’s services anytime soon, however, is David Hsu, whose schedule of constant physical activity is exhausting just to read: David regularly logs double-digit runs, swims and mountain-bike rides, finished the 2017 Boston Marathon in under four hours, and is currently training for the 2017 Ironman Triathlon in June! (On second thought, David, you may want to keep Dean’s number handy, just in case). Also keeping admirably fit, Vera Jhung and Val Love appear to maintain a more intensive hula schedule in their Indiana and Oregon locales than we maintained here in high school! Fortunately, however, both found the time to return to Hawai‘i for the 2017 Merrie Monarch Festival and connect with a variety of our classmates. It was lovely to see you back in your natural habitat, ladies!

For their part, Maile Racuya Lum and Louise Lalakea Alving demonstrate that athletic ability, grace and beauty don’t skip a generation. In January, Maile’s daughter, Halle Lum ’22, won the regional Junior Outstanding Dance Award and 1st Place Junior Soloist at the New York City Dance Alliance Vancouver, in Vancouver, Washington; and in February, Louise’s daughter, Lauren Alving, won 1st Place in the Junior Contemporary category at the Youth America Grand Prix Chicago February Semi-Final. If you haven’t seen pictures of these girls’ amazing performances, I highly recommend it! While nowhere near as prestigious, I experienced a taste of the pride Maile and Louise must feel when my Punahou fifth grader, Nicholas Lockwood ’24, played the role of “Gavroche” alongside some amazingly talented Punahou Academy students in their spring production of Les Misérables. Meanwhile, Kai Henthorn-Iwane, son of Alex Henthorn-Iwane, is making his mark in the graphic arts: a junior at Berkeley High School, Kai was the first place winner in April of the 2017 California High School Political Cartoon Contest, with an evocative and beautifully-drawn cartoon about the prison-industrial complex. Great job, Kai!

Finally, there are those of our classmates who remind us that the biggest moments in life are not necessarily behind us: congratulations to Rick Piper, who tied the knot in April with his beautiful and intelligent fiancée, Ginger Lunt, who many of us had the pleasure of meeting at our 30th reunion last year. We wish you many happy years together, Rick and Ginger!

That’s it for this time! Keep forwarding your news! – Carol
gorgeous Washington berries. Diana Morisako Moore, did you collect any good recipes while you and Mike Moore were living in Japan? Hilary Fishburn-Simms of Unalaska, Alaska has become quite an accomplished knitter! Her lovely creations have sold for upwards of $150. Hilary, you must have an Alaskan recipe you can share?! I look forward to hearing from all of you: LisaGGH@gmail.com

Back in December 2016, Ralph Winnie was selected by the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan to be an official election observer when the country held its presidential election. Ralph observed elections in the cities of Bukhara and Samarkand which are part of the historic Silk Road and met with the official observers and spoke to them directly about our election process and the important role of the Electoral College system. Sounds like fascinating work!

Hi Class, I hope you had a great summer! Sooooh, I have this idea. I’d like to put together a Class of ’88 cookbook to be distributed via pdf. Maybe we can get enough recipes by our next reunion? Our 30th! Yikes. If anyone is interested, please would you email me a favorite recipe with photos. It can be something you created or an old family recipe or whatever you think is just yummy, I’m going to call out Robbie Neufeldt, Sean Clark and John Cheever (I know you guys must have some good tailgating recipes!) and I know Robbie also has some fancier culinary delights. I’m also going to solicit Daryl Muromoto who has recently accepted the position of Estate Chef for C. Mondavi & Family at Charles Krug Winery. Congratulations, Daryl! Please dumb down whatever you send. Robb Moncrief, you must have some ono recipes for all that fish you catch. Eric Humphreys, perhaps a tasty recipe you concoct while listening to Impaled Nazarene? Kelly Chuckovich Gamble, I see all that yummy jam you make with all those Back in April, Sam Fenwick visited with Sunny Garcia here in Kona at Banyan’s surf spot. No, no, no, the Big Island doesn’t have surf! I ran into Alika McGuire ’89 a few months back. His company, Keauhou Bay Adventures, LLC runs the pool concession at the Keauhou Sheraton as well as the beach stand at Keauhou where they can hook you up with snorkeling gear, sailing, paddling and more. It was so great to see a Punahou face! Over spring break, my husband, Mark, and I took our boys to O’ahu for a soccer tournament and got to have a short but fun visit with Shannon Dudgeon Piper and her husband Jeff Piper, Theresa Schroeder Devere and her husband Todd and their three kids, and Emily Carl Tom and her son, Logan. Emily and I also had an amazing beach day back in March with Erin Wilson and her husband and two kids, Elena and Will, at Kiholo Bay on the Big Island. Erin is living on Kaua’i and is a teacher at Kapa’a High School.
In April, Maili Bergman had her bridal shower in Manhattan Beach where Maria Lippi Schwartz and Rhonda Davis ’87 Apor were there to share the day with her. Congratulations, Maili, we can’t wait to hear about the wedding!

In from Karen Eliaza: I saw Vanessa Adams for an hour while we were transiting through Johannesburg. She’s been living in Africa (now in South Africa) for the last 14 years, married a Frenchman and has two lovely children who are more French and Ghananian than American. Vanessa runs an organization called Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub that connects businesses in Africa with those in the states. She travels constantly but loves her job (and Africa!). Belinda Johnson had a blast visiting NYC. I caught her on the tail end of her trip for breakfast. She is living in Dallas working for a video marketing company doing production and loves what she does. Belinda is looking forward to Reunion next year. I hope you are all getting ready to line up to be in a Belinda selfie! I am.

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Hello all, I just got this from Sarah Jacobs Falzarano: “My family and I have moved to Germany! We’re super excited for all of the travel opportunities in Europe, and to live and learn in a different culture. I still work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whom I worked for in Hawai’i for the past eight years. So far, we’ve enjoyed exploring the castles of the region. I’m learning a lot at my new job, and have spread some aloha in Deutschland.”

Evan Leong just visited Shawn Mahle in Houston. Evan writes: “It was great catching up with Shawn in Houston, Texas. Shawn took me to the best BBQ in Houston, Killen’s BBQ. We ate enough for six! Shawn is the sales manager for Mammon Engineered Wire & Cable. He travels to Dubai, China and all over the USA. He and his wife Margaret have one daughter, Maddie, who loves to dance.”

Kekoa Mau and I just traveled to Beverly Hills to visit some friends. While there, we had a chance to visit Dylan Leon ’90 at his bar, The Belmont. Dylan’s bar is known for having the best hamburger in all of Los Angeles. The next night, we drove to Santa Monica to eat at a hot new restaurant called Tar & Roses. While there, we ran into Michelle Kondo Ho and her husband, Peter Ho ’83. Michelle and her family went on a family ski trip to Utah and stopped in Santa Monica during their children’s spring break. It was very nice seeing them.

Once again, if you would like to share any Class of 1990 news, please don’t hesitate to email it to me at dyuen34@gmail.com. Thank you.

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What’s New Class of ’92?
Apparently a lot! It was great catching up with many of you at our 25th Reunion. A quarter century has passed by like a blink of an eye!

For this issue, we received great updates from classmates that couldn’t make the trek back to Hawai’i this summer:

Ted Olsen had to miss Reunion because his family is living in Nairobi for four months as his wife Alexis is on a research fellowship, so that’s their big travel this year! Ted has been promoted to Editorial Director of Christianity Today, where he has worked since 1995 while still a college student. He lives with his wife and two kids (10 and 7) in Wheaton, Illinois.

Adam Haleck lived in San Francisco for 12 years and moved to Utah 5 years ago. He’s been married to his wife for 18 years and they have a daughter Marlo (9) and son Hugh (4). For work, he runs a small real estate management firm focused on residential property. For fun, he loves road and mountain biking, photography, and woodworking. Adam is still in touch with Sean Gurney and Rod Peroff and loves to humorously reminisce about playing alto sax in marching band. Though he was unable to make
Emily Reber Porter moved home in Summer 2015 to join The MacNaughton Group as executive vice president for operations and strategy. She has also engaged in the community with nonprofits relating to women, children and family issues, and was named to the 2017 Pacific Business News “Women Who Mean Business.” Her husband Wes is the new president of Damien Memorial School.

Sara Eagle Light and husband Carl with two sons Max (2) and Finn (4) moved back to Honolulu in November 2016. Sara said she is happy to be home with family and childhood friends.

Reunion, he would love to meet up with anyone passing through Salt Lake City to grab a bite or share old stories.

Molly McLaughlin Casper is a registered nurse and certified rehab registered nurse. She currently lives in Long Island, New York with husband Tom and has three daughters ages 21, 15, and 13. She works for Centers Health Care and has been promoted to regional minimum data set consultant managing the reimbursement for eight skilled nursing facilities (five are in Brooklyn and New York City, and three are in Rhode Island).

We also received exciting updates from classmates that shared news about baby blessings:

Sarah Lee Chow and husband Carter welcomed baby girl Kalia born November 2016. She joins siblings Kaia and Casden in the Los Angeles area.

Jenna Wilson Duran and husband RJ welcomed baby boy Luca Phoenix, who was born January 4, 2017 in Denver. His name means “Bringer of Light” and incorporates the themes of resurrection and renewal. This little spirit joins big brother Mateo in their new four pack.

Dentist Gary Komenaka welcomed baby girl Ariel Pei Yu Komenaka born on February 20, 2017 on the exact same birthday as mommy Alysha.

Robert Gelber and wife Gina welcomed baby boy Maximilian into their family on February 27, 2017. Max’s big sister Luciana (5) is thrilled to have a little brother she can snuggle with and spoil.

And we received wonderful updates from classmates based in the 808 State:

In January 2017, Jose Castellanos, who works at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, was awarded Security Officer of the Year at the Na Pō’e Pa’ahana Awards held by the Hawai’i Lodging and Tourism Association.

Huge kudos to our amazing Class Reunion committee members for all their hard work, led by Abby Harada, Emily Reber Porter, Ann Teranishi – Gift, Lisa Johnstone – Activity, Jen Tanabe – Activity/Merchandise. Mahalo to everyone for continuing to keep in touch over the past 25 years and here’s to 25 more years of awesomeness!

Aloha, Jen, Maz and J!

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year and is excited about the future. Angel said, “I wanted to combine my creative background with my love for nutrition and cooking, and be creative in a new way.” She transformed her passion from an artist’s palette to a tasting palate and has no plans of slowing down any time soon. Currently, Island Olive Oil Company can be found at Ward Center (not to be confused with Ward Warehouse, which is closing), and Angel has expansion plans to open new locations throughout the state in the coming years. Kailua is the next location. She is scouting locations now, so stay tuned and wish her luck! Don’t forget to visit and try some of the newest olive oils.

Congratulations also to Aaron Tipp and his wife Brittney, who welcomed a beautiful baby girl named London Rose. London was born on March 31, 2017 at 1:23 a.m., and weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce. Aaron said, “We are feeling grateful and blessed. Mahalo to everyone for their love and support.” Congrats again to the new parents!

That’s all folks. Please keep sending us your news. Hope all is with everyone! Rhonda

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Greetings classmates!

Hope everyone has been enjoying 2017 so far! Many of our classmates (myself included) just attended the first meeting for our Alumni Lu‘au “shadowing” this year. Thanks to Fran Gendrano, Shannon Ball and Dawn Sugihara for organizing us and keeping us on task (as long as no one jumps in the pool, we should be good). Some of the committees will be reaching out for help this year, however we really need your help next year for Lu‘au 2018, when we will be running it! Leah Wood Anderson and Jenny Kessner Engel are shadowing the food preparation folks this year, and they need volunteers; if anyone is willing and able to help please let them know. The rest of us will be shadowing the ‘98ers and figuring out what our duties will be for 2018. Put the date on your calendars for next June, it’s a great way to reconnect with classmates and create excitement for our 25th Reunion in 2019! Hopefully we won’t have to be monitored too closely, since we do have a reputation of being the class of firsts. Prom in the gym anyone?

Carnival 2017 was a success, as we worked the burger booth for the millionth time. The parent chairs love it, since they can sit back and take a break, probably their only one that weekend. DJ Toma Turner controlled the sound and we had the best playlist around. Nathan Fong expedited the burger rotation and also “motivated” (AKA yelled at) Tyler Takahata and Mike Chong to grill burgers faster! A glaring reminder of how old we have become; Toma played a song (probably from one of our 7th grade canteens) and we told the junior booth chair that he probably didn’t know it. We were wrong, he said that he knew the song because his dad made him listen to it on the OLDIES STATION in the car! Thank you to everyone that volunteered this year in the burger booth. Note to those that bought burgers from us while we worked: remember to go to the Waikiki burger booth next time or face the yearly harassment from Eleni Espania Hirasuna.

In other news Kawika Maeda was named Bell/Valet Person of the Year at the 27th Annual Hawai‘i Lodging and Tourism Association’s Na Po‘e Pa‘ahana Awards. One of the noted examples of what makes Kawika award-winning: he chased down a city bus on his bicycle to retrieve a tourist’s purse that she left behind. Congratulations Kawika!

That was Eric Elizaga in a Pepsi commercial during the Super Bowl and on a recent episode of Law and Order SVU. I should’ve asked for his autograph when I bumped into him at Ala Moana Longs at Christmas time.

Finally, a bunch of us got together with Katie Strauss Iammartino when she was here at the end of March. Jen Shim hosted a pizza making BBQ at her house one night. Jason and Olivia Doi Fleming came with their two kids and Jenna Komatsu brought her three-week-old cutie, Theodore, known as “Teddy.” She and Kurt Itoman ‘96 looked like they were handling parenthood with ease. Katie also met up with

Class of 95 celebrates New Year’s Day in New York City. From left: Lori Takahashi Fenstermaker, Nelli Kim, Kasumi Hara Mau and Pamela Fong Joe.

This past March I joined Karl Higa, Ryan Nomura and his wife Tiffany at the Empty Bowl fundraiser. At the event we also saw Erynn Thornton Fernandez, Joanna Kawamoto Oshiro and her 7-month-old daughter Haley, Trisha Kawamoto ‘98 Caley, Jennifer Itano ‘98 Dacumos and Ashley Yamada ‘98. I also had a chance to reconnect with Christina Tom ‘98 Hazama who is currently working as a family nurse practitioner. We also saw Audrey Ida Nakamura, who joined Steffany Ho Wong, Kara Kitazaki-Chun and I at HMSA. Audrey is working in the Internal Audit department.

Until next time!

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Thank you to all who made it out to the Malasada Booth to work this year’s shift and a special thank you to Kasumi Hara, who once again managed to organize all of us. Classmates who volunteered included Colin Ah Yat, Tiffany Boyles Baum, Candace Rea Beale, Clement Ching, Kenneth Ching, Geoff Cloaward, Jared Dalgamouni, Jason D’Olier, Theresa Doyle Minami, Erynn Thornton Fernandez, Candes Meijide Gentry, Karl Higa, Ankur Jain, Avril Jenkins, Pam Fong Joe, Dean Kaneshiro, Jennifer Kawamoto, Kimo Kealoha, Donna Mabe Kido, Kara Kitazaki-Chun, Christi Kudo Chock, Jocelyn Kaibara Kuniyoshi, Sunny Lee, Kyra Nishimoto Len, Darin Leong, Amber Strong Makai’au, Evan Mau, Jill Misawa, Terence Mott, Micah Pavich, Arika Reppun, Caroline Li Soga, Kirsty Stoddard Norton, Kimmie Lum Straube, Becki Sugihara-Stinson, Ryan Sullivan, Marla Choy Takamori, Dane and Joanne Luke Teruya, Brandon Tomita, Tyler Umemoto, Donny and Leliehua Phillips Utu, Joe Welch, Lorena Yamamoto, Shiwna Ling Yee, Waynele Yoshida Yu and Chad Zane.

While dropping malasada batter, I had a chance to catch up with Darren Lum, who is working for the federal government and owns a valet service. Darren was planning on visiting Kevin Chang, who is currently living in Shanghai. Jason Okamoto also stopped by the booth with his son and daughter during the class shift.


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I also had a chance to reconnect with Christina Tom ‘98 Hazama who is currently working as a family nurse practitioner. Richelle Nakata ‘99 Cardwell also recently started working at HMSA as a pharmacist. Congratulations to Audrey Ida Nakamura who also joined Steffany Ho Wong, Kara Kitazaki-Chun and I at HMSA. Audrey is working in the Internal Audit department.

Until next time!

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Hello ’96ers. Just a couple of updates, thanks to those who submitted.

Kainoa Trotter and his wife Erin were recently in Hawai’i and enjoyed a dinner at the home of Mike Pietsch and Malia Kamisugi ‘90. Kainoa lives in Seattle, Washington where he works as the assistant executive director of the Washington State Dental Association. Also
in attendance were Scott Gamble ’95, Sam Chillingworth and wife Jenn Fairbank ’97 Chillingworth, Kasper and Akemi Ueda Jensen and Meil James.

A group of ’96ers met up in NYC for dim sum in January and had a blast! Grace Min, Malia Mason, David Katch, Syrette Lew and Amane Black. Joni Tonda-Vogel and Carsten Vogel were also there with their two adorable girls Carmen and Carolina.

Keep in touch and hope you are having a great summer!

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CLASS OF 1997 — 20TH REUNION

In from Phil and Tommy:
Happy 20th! Special thanks to our fabulous reunion committee of Cathi Goldsmith Ben-Yossef (Chair), Momi Ka’aihue (Chair), Marni Bienfang Sakamoto (Gift Chair), Kristi Inkinen Yanagihara (Gift Chair), Cappi Itagaki (Secretary), Cameron Brokaw, Adam Ching, Chelsea Ching-Endow, Kelsey Hui, Miki Higashide Hui, Chenise Kanemoto Iwamasa, Courtney Hu Kinoshita, McKibbin Mist, Stephanie Chun Nomura, Pono Paahao, Angela Oda Shiraki, Erin Suzuki Shon, Kimo Smigieliski, Wes Wailehua and Tiffany Yajima. More information about Reunion will be included in the next issue!


In wedding news, Brandon Chock and Annaïs Boquiren were married on November 5, 2016 in Westwood. Brandon is currently a partner in the real estate and global hospitality group for
JMBM in Los Angeles. Chris Villanueva and Jaelyn Odani were married on January 23, 2017 at Magic Island. Chris is currently an account representative at Young Brothers Ltd.

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Hey Class of ’98ers

I seem to always get the post-Carnival bulletin, which works perfectly for me, since the Friday night chicken pit is a great time to catch up with classmates. For anyone who’s still on island, you should definitely mark your calendar for February 2018 and stop by!

I had the pleasure of speaking to Ari Wong this year. Ari has just moved back home from D.C., and is currently living on Maui. He is working as a park ranger at Haleakala, braving the bitter cold and wind every morning.

I also spoke with Blake La Benz about the various meat jun eateries around the island. This topic is no joke, and if you haven’t already, you can join the Punahou Class of ’98 Facebook page for full discussion.

I recently encountered an old classmate, Davis Kurihara-Nakasu. Davis is working with Jacob Lowder doing computer and application support. In addition to working together, the two of them also play basketball with other ’98ers: Ryan Tanaka, Kevin Suzuki, Evan Kimoto and Nolan Hong.

Speaking of Nolan, it seems like I can’t turn on the TV or listen to the radio without hearing his voice these days. In addition to these gigs, he’s also started his own media company, Pop Creative Media. He and I also form the commentary team for AZW Action Zone Wrestling, because of course that’s what we would do.

Late last year, Ryan Marn left Hawai‘i for the Pacific Northwest. He’ll be working at Colliers in Seattle. Perhaps he will cross paths with Brent Tamaru who also lives in Seattle, and has embarked on a softball coaching career … for his five-year-old daughter.

I regularly bump into Malia Lau downtown. Malia is doing financial planning type things now, if you need to get your finances in order.

As for me, I just celebrated the one year anniversary of my own criminal law practice. Of course, it’s not as fancy as Bibianne Fell doing multi-week civil jury trials in San Diego, or Wayne Wagner taking a hiatus from an elite firm to clerk at the Federal Court, but it’s not bad either.

Finally, to end on a sweet note, I recently met up with Melissa Bow and she told me that Via Gelato is doing so well, they’ll be opening up a new location in Ward. For my money, it’s the best ice cream/gelato on the island, now with a convenient new location!

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In from Cheryl Cambra Prather and Tiffany Lee Colby:

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of
the sudden passing of our dear friend and classmate, Hollis Hunter, on February 28, 2017. As one of our Class Correspondents, she spent the last 18 years working to keep our Class informed of one another’s life changes and milestones but seldom mentioned her own. Always humble, she found pure joy and pride in celebrating the accomplishments of her beloved ‘99ers.

Hollis entered Punahou in kindergarten and cherished every day of her 13 years. As a young Winne student she cultivated her endearing Punahou spirit and frequently dressed in buff and blue, donned pompoms and collected Punahou paraphernalia. In third grade, our teacher, Auntie Hattie Eldredge ’66 Phillips left a lifelong mark on Hollis’s heart by showing her how to live a life full of love, music, learning and kuleana. These were lessons she referred to her whole life. She took part in numerous activities while a student including Holoku, choir, orchestra, softball, and track and field. In high school she added bowling and managing boys basketball to her repertoire and she continued to excel at throwing the shot put and discus. She thrived at representing our school proudly in every way she could. Over these 13 special years, we remember Hollis for her loving spirit, her infectious and contagious booming laughter, and as a deeply loyal friend.

After Punahou she went on to graduate from Purdue University where she also competed on their track and field team. She then went on to University of Northern Colorado where she attended graduate school and studied school psychology. Not surprisingly, when she eventually returned to Hawai’i, she again found herself at Punahou working in the admission office. It is there that she guided students who were just starting on their Punahou journeys and also mentored near-graduates who were seeking the next step in pursuing their dreams.

As a truly gifted “thrower” she returned to the Punahou track and coached the girls shot put and discus teams as well. Most recently, she moved on to work with the Hawai’i Department of Education helping those students who are the most vulnerable and in need – which is what she was doing up until the moment she passed on.

Long after our graduation she remained a loyal Puns fan and frequently attended high school games, fully dressed in Punahou swag, to proudly support the next generation. As many of us know, she worked hard to keep us together as friends and classmates, trying to rally us to give back to Punahou, volunteer at Carnival at Hawaiian Plate and/or show up to our Class Reunions. For all these reasons and so much more, she will be profoundly missed but always remembered as a loving and loyal friend and as a beautiful spirit in our Class.

In remembrance of Hollis, please consider making a gift to the Hollis Starr Hunter ’99 Endowed Financial Aid Fund at Punahou School.

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Andrea Pei ’00 and Collin Chun were married on October 8, 2016 at Halekulani Hotel. Friends from the Class of 2000 who helped the Chuns celebrate their special day included, from left: Kathy Sakamoto, Katie Baker, Leo Weitzenhoff, Matt Chun, Meriann Sakamoto Chun, bride Andrea, groom Collin, Lori Tomonari Bonnamour, Adrienne Ma, Kristyn Yoshinaga Torioge and Allison Rodden-Lee.

Wayne Chi ’00 and husband Nick Kacprowski welcomed their daughter, Athena Chi, into the world on March 1, 2017 in Honolulu. The Chi/Kacprowski family lives in Hawai’i Kai.

Devon Kirkpatrick ’00 (right) and wife Jane McCarthy celebrated the birth of their daughter Davis Jean Dorothy Kirkpatrick on December 2, 2016. The Kirkpatrick/McCarthy family lives and works in Los Angeles.

Sakamoto, Leo Weitzenhoff, Adrienne Ma, Kristyn Yoshinaga Torioge and Allison Rodden-Lee. Andrea and Collin spent their honeymoon in Bali where they enjoyed the luxury of having butlers on hand 24/7 and getting massages everyday. The Chuns live and work in Honolulu.

On November 15, 2016, not long after returning to San Francisco from Andrea’s wedding, Meriann Sakamoto Chun and Matt Chun welcomed their son Owen Kamakana Chun into the world. In his young life, Owen is already a jet-setter having been to Hawai’i, Napa and...
Tahoe, where he and his parents spent a fun long weekend with Karina Bough Salem, Richard Salem, Jesse Paer, Jesse’s wife Sudeshna and their son, Jai.

Cathy Au Hoy Honda gave birth to son Lucas Maxwell Honda on October 18, 2016. Cathy, husband Matt Honda, Lucas and their beloved (and awesome) dog Pono live in Downtown Honolulu. Cathy and Matt are both graphic designers; she works in marketing and he runs his own agency, Middle Management.

Devon Kirkpatrick and wife Jane McCarthy celebrated the birth of their daughter, Davis Jean Dorothy Kirkpatrick, on December 2, 2016. Devon is a writer/director working in both film and TV, and Jane is a director of Regen Projects, a contemporary art gallery in Hollywood.

Krista Steinfeld Savio and husband Alana’aupo Jellings Savio welcomed their first baby Kala’ela’e Savio into the world at home, with the assistance of a midwife, on January 12, 2017. Krista and her family live in Honomu on Hawai’i Island where they farm, care for their little one, and, Krista reports, absolutely love their lives.

Wayne Chi and husband Nick Kacprowski became parents on March 1, 2017 with the birth of their daughter Athena Chi in Honolulu. Wayne is an attorney and real estate agent, and Nick is an attorney and partner at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing. The Chi/Kacprowski family lives in Hawai’i Kai.

Congratulations, Meri, Matt, Cathy, Devon, Krista and Wayne! And yay, Punahou class of 2035! In April 2017, artist Matt James was profiled in a lengthy Hawai’i Public Radio interview about his work and more (Google it!). His large-scale wall pieces, a combination of painting and sculpture, can be viewed around the world, including in Honolulu at the Salt complex in Kaka’ako and at Saks 5th Avenue with each other! Life is moving at an amazing pace, and it always helps to solidify our roots!

On to the updates! A couple of big Punahou events happened this spring, starting with the Carnival in February. It was great to see fellow ’01ers on the hunt for malasadas and teri burgers, and even better to work alongside some of them in our Portuguese bean soup shift! DA Weick, Scott and Kellie James Schmidtke, Mark Rau, Jon Plechaty Will and Kara Sugihara Nguyen karasugihara@gmail.com www.buffnblue.com Facebook: Punahou 2001 Happy summer everyone! As we celebrate our 16th year since graduation, this fall will also mark 20 years since we started high school! I only bring up this amazing milestone to reinforce how important it is to stay in touch with each other!

The other big Punahou event was the Punahou Alumni Association annual golf tournament out at Hawaii Prince Golf Club in Ewa Beach. There was a decent turnout for the 2001 class, including Daniel Lam, Lance Takehara, Ryan Kitamura, Emily Nakada and I served a ton of soup and had a great time working together! Congratulation s on the success Travis! Thanks for all the updates everyone. Hopefully I get to catch up with more of you and get additional updates for the fall issue. If you need anything from me, you know where to find me.

ALOHA! Nick
Aloha classmates,

Hope everyone is doing well! Please stay connected and keep sending us your updates. Also, please join Punahou Connect and the Punahou Alumni Professional Network on LinkedIn, find us on Facebook by searching for Punahou 2002, or like the official Punahou School Alumni Community page to stay up to date with alumni news and events.

On February 5, 2017, Jenny Maehara and her husband, Sean Montgomery, welcomed their daughter, Maia, to the world. Jenny and Sean can’t wait to one day celebrate Maia’s birthday back home at the Punahou Carnival! More recently, Jenny and Maia celebrated Easter with Julie Chang Goo and her daughter Izzie at a nearby farm in the Bay Area.

On January 17, 2017, Felisa Ver Friesen, husband Dane, and daughter Kennedy welcomed a baby boy, Sawyer James Kekoa Friesen, to the family. Felisa is currently enjoying maternity leave, and she and her family still live in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Earlier in 2016, Ned Culhane married Andrea Arkin in Pittsburgh on August 12, 2016. Participating in the ceremony were fellow classmates, Pono Nu’uhiwa (best man), John Freese (groomsman) and Rashelle Lee. Andrea and Ned met in Washington, D.C. where they continue to reside.

Best, Jonathan

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Fifteen years since graduation (crazy!), which means Reunion planning is about to start! If
you're interested in helping, drop a note on our class Facebook page. Whether or not you plan on volunteering, be sure to keep up with posts to stay up to date on the details. Other than Reunion planning it’s a quiet update this time around! Don’t forget to send Krystle or me any updates.

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From Lauren: I am finally able to report that I’m working at Fort Shafter, Hawai’i. What a wonderful treat to be in the right time zone. Please send updates to Kenina and/or me. We’re always looking forward to hearing from you!

Last summer, Emily Kugisaki married her other half, Mark Root-Wiley, at beautiful Kualoa Ranch. In attendance were Whitney Bosel, Kristen Garibaldi, Shelby Inouye, Lani Gedeon, and Emily’s brother Stephen Kugisaki ’04. Lisa Cavanah ’75 did all the amazing flower arrangements, and her daughter Alice Crosara Frankowski photographed the wedding with Dena Cassella Tomlinson’s assistance.

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Congratulations to Abbie Lin who married Matt Moyer in October at Anna Ranch in Waimea on Hawai’i Island surrounded by family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for our class shift at the Carnival this year! It was great to catch up with everyone and overcome the cucumber crisis of 2017!

Please continue to send Christine and me updates. We look forward to hearing from you!

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In from Kim:

Happy summer everyone! Wow. Ten years. How AWESOME was our Punahou Reunion Week!? It was so wonderful seeing so many of you there. And to all of you who couldn’t make it, you were definitely missed! Don’t worry, there will be many more Reunions to come! I first want to send a huge THANK YOU to the planning committee, including Claire Arakaki, Chelsea Deptula, Ryan Nakamoto, Linea Schuster, Kelsey Inouye, Adrian Kerwin, Kelly Suzuka, Christina Wong and Sarah HammondYani for all of your hard work! Couldn’t have done it without you. And second, to all of you who were able to make it, please send in your updates and experiences from the week so that we can put it in the next Bulletin! Okay, now onto the updates!

Congratulations to high-school sweethearts Brett Kan and Chanel Kunakoshi on their marriage! The two had a sweet pre-wedding gathering at Piggy Smalls in Honolulu and then got married on February 18, 2017 at the beautiful Lankuhonua Cultural Center in Ko’olina. The wedding was of course full of Punahou alumni – a little Punahou reunion! Brett is currently working as a software engineer at GoFundMe, and Chanel is a program manager at Pacific Gas & Electric. The couple lives in San Francisco.
Speaking of Punahou Reunions, **Kara Takasaki** and **Janelle Arita** met at a Punahou Alumni event in back in February! Janelle kept her spring busy with half marathons, adventures around Texas, and even a trip to Belize! Kara is currently getting her PhD in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin and is doing research with the Child and Family Research Partnership (CFRP) at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

**Michelle Wie**'s LGPA season is in full swing, but that doesn’t mean she doesn’t have time to give back. In April she held her annual ping pong tournament fundraiser for the Hawaii State Junior Golf Association. The event was also attended by Class of 2007 alums **Meg Akim** and **Larissa Nordyke**.

**Geoffrey Suthers** lives in New York and is a game designer for Studio Wumpus. He launched his video game **Sumer** in the winter. Sumer is a digital board game where strategic planning and swift platforming meet and where players work to worship an almighty goddess! Check out the details at store.steampowered.com (and see the cameo by **Kaeo Helder** in the game’s sample videos!)

**Talisa De Carlo** is back home. She is about to finish her residency internship year at the University of Hawai‘i. Talisa enjoyed her intern year back in Hawai‘i and will be attending the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary starting in the fall for the remainder of her ophthalmology residency. Congratulations!

That’s about all I’ve got for now. Please email me, Martine, or Christina with any updates about where you are and what you’re doing, as well as news about any special events or announcements. We love to hear from you!

Aloha, Kim

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In from Travis:

I planned specifically to visit Hawai‘i this year over the first weekend in February for one big reason: to return to campus to attend Carnival. Suffice it to say I was not disappointed: food, fun and Punahou pride abound. Aloha to all our classmates I ran into on campus and around town for dinner and drinks.

Mahalo nui loa especially to those classmates who volunteered to work the class shift at the chicken plate booth! Eleven of us helped out that evening: VJ Alcomindras, Kainoa Gaddis, Julia Harrison, Erik Horn, Bobby Izuta, Kelli Lim, Christopher Lum, Kimo Makaula, Joy Pietrowski and Nainoa Watson.

As always, Ciarra and I wish you the best of luck. We always want to hear about your personal and professional accomplishments, travels and activities and would love to include you in the Bulletin. Please keep in touch in any way you can.

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Several of our classmates were lucky to have been home for Carnival this year! Kathrin Hashemi is thankful to have had the chance to come back, and had a blast catching up with friends. This year she also had the opportunity to attend one of the Presidential Inaugural Balls – the Black Tie and Boots Ball. She had fun and even got to see the Beach Boys perform.

Brian Suite is enjoying life in Seattle with several Class of 2010 and 2011 alumni. The Seattle crew enjoys having a network of familiar faces to get together with on weekends as they all embrace the opportunity and adventure of living in a new city.

Abroad, Courtney Choy is a research fellow at the Ministry of Health in Apia, Samoa, through the U.S. Fulbright Program. She is leading a project exploring mothers’ views regarding factors influencing early childhood feeding practices and physical activity levels, and to understand the role of the Samoan home environment in the development of healthy behaviors. As part of the Nutrition Surveillance Unit, she also supports various community outreach programs to promote healthy eating.
and lifestyles for all people in this Pacific Island nation.

Back at home, Shaun Snieder is busy working on his Master of Arts in teaching at Chaminade University, as well as teaching English at Kalaeo High School.

Please continue to keep us posted on your endeavors and adventures!

With Aloha, Caitlin

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In from Chelsey:

2017 marks an exciting time for the Class of 2012. Five years have passed since we graduated from Punahou and traveled our separate ways. A lot has happened since then! Classmates are pursuing higher education, exploring the world, and developing life-long friendships. What a journey each of us have taken since we left high school.

In February, we had an overwhelming amount of classmates (22) sign up as volunteers for the Punahou Carnival. Great job, 2012! Way to represent. I would like to send my sincerest thank you to our Carnival volunteers listed below.

Shift 1: Alannah Collat, Alec LaClair, Courtney Ugale, Courtney Chun, Griffin Bolan, Hi'i Asing, Justin Ligsay, Penelope Ng Pack, Quinci Salvador and Tyler Agbayani.

Shift 2: Gianna Gabo, Tara Ito, Lindsay Sagarang, Makanani Bell, Chelsey Choy, Brandon Wong, Julian Juarez, Josh McDonough, Cara Mukai, Nicole Matsunami, Ericka Salto and Kelsey Yamanaka.

As the year continues, I hope that each of you find happiness and meaningful experiences wherever life’s adventures take you.

As always, feel free to e-mail the class correspondents with any questions or comments.

Mahalo and Best Wishes.
About to begin the first Carnival shift, but wait! We need to take a photo for the Bulletin. Class of 2012 friends, front row from left: Chelsey Choy, Quinci Salvador, Justin Ligsay, Tanner Chun and Brandon Wong. Second row: Tara Ito, Courtney Ugale, Courtney Chun, Alannah Collat, Alex Laclair, Taylor Henderson, Tyler Agbayani, Joshua McDonough, Griffin Bolan and Julian Juarez.

In February, Bo Coolen ’14 (Ohio State) and Kainoa “KJ” Harrison ’14 (Oregon State) played against each other for their respective universities in the Big 10/Pac-12 Challenge Tournament in Surprise, Arizona.
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Kekoa Nakasone ’16, Paul Goo ’16, Casey Sagarang ’16 and Jolene Akasaki ’16 all participated in the Oregon Covered Bridge Regatta in Lowell Oregon on April 15, 2016. Kekoa is at University of Oregon, Paul and Casey are at Seattle University and Jolene is at Seattle Pacific University. Kekoa, Paul and Casey were all together in Pal Eldredge’s last third grade homeroom where the highlight of the year was building a wa’a and floating it across the Lily Pond. Now, here they all are, rowing across a lake in Oregon.

Proud Giant Race ambassador, Sera Levine ’16, shows off her medal from her latest race.
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Aloha, Class of 2016!

Wow, our first year of college went by so fast! Our amazing Class has done some pretty fun things since graduation. Here are a few of the interesting things our classmates have been up to!

Over spring break, Jodee Sakamaki traveled from Massachusetts to California to visit Haylie Yrojo. They explored Orange County and made their way to Disneyland for a few days. Toward the end of their time together Jodee and Haylie visited Los Angeles and saw Erika Takase, Sophia Kim and Ariana Miyake at the University of Southern California. Then later met up with Kimo Brown for dinner in L.A.’s Korea town.

After a Super Bowl comeback for the books, Patriots fans took to the streets of Boston and celebrated Super Bowl Sunday night. Upon the New England Patriots’ return to Boston the following Tuesday, the city celebrated the win with a victory parade through Boston. Boston University students, Kylie Umehira, Dawn Miller, Emily McKenna, Ryan Huang and Ciera Young, witnessed and took part in the celebration in the streets.

Sera Levine ran in the Giant Race Series, completing all two of the four races of the series and will continue on to finish the finale of the series in the fall of 2017. Not only is Sera a runner in the Giant Race Series, she serves as a Giant Race ambassador. Sera endorses the Giant Race on both her Instagram and blog! Looking for a race to run? Register online for the finale of the Giant Race in San Francisco, and save $5 by using ‘SERASAVES5’ code. In Sera’s running career, she has completed five half marathons, in three separate states, and the San Francisco marathon.

I hope everyone had a great finish to their first year out of Punahou! I’m looking forward to seeing all your beautiful faces over the summer back at home.

Faculty

In from Dave Pierson: Mucho Aloha from Mexico! I am so pleased with the Punahou Bulletin and its content. Congratulations! I am leaving Mexico after 12 years and will live near my son, Ryan, a Bronze Star awardee for heroism in Afghanistan. Ryan has had 19 surgeries and is now medically discharged. He was a Green Beret, Airborne Special Forces Parachute and Weapons expert. I will be living in Florida near Elgin AFB. Love and Aloha to All.

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Dave Pierson says, “Not bad for pushing 80! Auwe!”
Each of the persons listed below is a member of the Punahou family, a part of the lifestream of the School. We extend sympathy and aloha to the families and friends of the deceased. Further information may sometimes be found in the Alumni Notes. We welcome such submissions.

A note to families of the deceased: Punahou attempts to maintain accurate records on alumni. Please notify us when an alumnus/a has died. If you are a family member who would like to continue to receive the Bulletin, please indicate so. If you wish to only receive the issue with the memorials listing, please tell us that. Address notices to: Office of Alumni Relations, Punahou School, 1601 Punahou Street, Honolulu, HI 96822.

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Henry B. Clark Jr. passed away on May 30, 2017, at the age of 101, in Honolulu. He was born in Chevy Chase, Maryland, in 1915. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1937 and earned his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1940.

Henry arrived in Hawai‘i as a U.S. Navy officer in 1941 and married Geraldine Putnam ’41 in 1942. After serving in World War II, Henry joined Castle & Cooke as an analyst in 1946.

Over 40 years, he served as chairman, president and CEO of Castle & Cooke, before retiring in 1985. He also served on other corporate boards, including Hawaiian Airlines, First Insurance Company of Hawaii and Bunker Hill Income Securities Inc.

Henry generously supported art and music in Hawai‘i through a variety of agencies, and funded numerous scholarships at such schools as Punahou, Hawai‘i Preparatory Academy and Mid-Pacific Institute. He was the namesake of Clark Park in Waimea on Hawai‘i Island, Clark Auditorium at Hawai‘i State Hospital and the Clark Scholarship at the University of Hawai‘i – Mānoa.

In 1994, Henry was awarded the Governor’s Award for Distinguished Achievement in Culture, the Arts and Humanities by then-governor John Waihee, in conjunction with the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. The award recognizes an individual’s significant influence in enriching the culture, the arts and humanities in Hawai‘i.

Henry served as the chairman of the Hawai‘i Symphony Society, Aloha United Way, the YMCA of Honolulu, the McInerney Foundation and the Hawaii Business Roundtable. He was also a longtime board member of the Palolo Chinese Home. In 2004, Henry received the Business Leadership Hawaii Lifetime Achievement award from Pacific Business News.

Frank Damon ’44 passed away on May 13, 2017, at the age of 90. Born in Honolulu in 1926, Frank was a fourth generation descendant of missionaries Samuel C. and Julia M. Damon who arrived in Hawai‘i in 1842.

His grandmother, Mary Happer Damon, and his grandfather, Frank Damon (1869), were early influences in his life.

After early schooling at Hanahau‘oli, Frank attended Punahou from fourth through ninth grade. For the rest of his high school years, he attended St. Paul’s School in New Hampshire.

Frank served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 – 1946, and then earned a bachelor’s degree from Yale in 1950, and a law degree from University of Colorado in 1953. He returned to Hawai‘i in 1954 to practice law with the firm Smith, Wild, Beebe & Cades.

In 1959, when Hawai‘i became a state, Frank served as an administrative assistant to U.S. Senator Hiram Fong in Washington D.C., from 1959 – 1962. As Fong’s assistant, Frank helped with the formation of the East-West Center at the University of Hawai‘i – Mānoa. Three years later, Frank and his family returned to Honolulu, and then-governor William Quinn appointed him director of labor and industrial relations, a post he held for one year until Quinn left office.

Together with a friend from Hawai‘i, whom Damon met at Yale, he founded the law firm Damon and Shigekane in 1963. Henry Shigekane retired in 1978, and today the downtown Honolulu firm is known as Damon, Key, Leong, Kupchak & Hastert.

Frank was a fourth generation trustee of Punahou School where he served on the board from 1973 – 2002, and was chairman of the board from 1998 – 2001. He was also instrumental in building the award and endowed scholarship honoring classmate Richard Webster Boyden ’44, who was killed in World War II.

As a trustee, Frank helped to create the Foundation for Study in Hawai‘i and Abroad in 1966, with former Punahou teacher Sig Ramler. The foundation, which later merged into the Wo International Center, provided education and training for students from Japan, Europe and certain Pacific Islands and saw Punahou’s first efforts in study abroad programs. In 2009, Frank was awarded the “O” in Life, the most prestigious award given by the Punahou Alumni Association each year.

Frank is survived by wife Katharine “Kitty” Damon; sons Allen ’78 (Delphine), Hugh ’80, Thomas ’81 and Andrew ’82 (Vanessa) Damon; stepchildren Sydney Baker ’76 Wiecking, David ’81 (Mary Beth) Baker and James Baker ’86; and eight grandchildren. Frank was predeceased by brothers Richard ’42 on Nov. 2, 1987 and Gordon ’47 on May 9, 2017. Services were held in June at Central Union Church.
Gordon Damon '47 passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 9, 2017, in Honolulu.

Born in Honolulu on June 8, 1930, Gordon was a fourth-generation missionary descendant of Samuel C. Damon and Julia M. Damon who arrived in Hawai‘i in 1842.

After graduating from Punahou, Gordon attended Williams College. He later served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Morocco.

As a real estate developer in Honolulu, Gordon had a long career spanning several decades. Some of his projects included The Tropic Isle Hotel in Waikiki, Haiku Plantation and Kaloko Mauka on Hawai‘i Island.

Gordon’s greatest passion was the ocean and he was an avid scuba diver. He dived all over the Hawaiian Islands and in many exotic locations around the world. His favorite dive spots were Fiji and Micronesia. He also served on the board of The Waikiki Aquarium and The Oceanic Institute.

Gordon is survived by his best friend, Jacki Gillen; sister-in-law Katherine Damon; and nephews Allen ’78, Hugh ’80, Thomas ’81 and Andrew ’82 Damon. He was predeceased by brother Richard Damon ’42, and brother Frank Damon ’44 passed away on May 13, 2017.

A celebration of Gordon’s life was held in Honolulu in May.

Virginia Fine

Virgina “Ginny” Fine, 96, passed away peacefully at home in Maunawili Valley on May 18, 2017.

Born on April 18, 1921, in Great Falls, Montana, she grew up in Oklahoma City as the only child of Jesse and Helen Owens. Shortly after graduating from Oklahoma A&M (later Oklahoma State) in 1943, Ginny met and married Robert “Bob” Kemble. When World War II ended, the young couple settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where they had five children.

After Bob completed training as a psychiatrist, the family moved to Hawai‘i in 1957. They lived briefly in Kaneohe before moving in 1959 to the house in Maunawili that remained Ginny’s home for the rest of her life.

As her children grew up, she returned to school at the University of Hawai‘i – Mānoa, earning her Ph.D. and then establishing a clinical practice as a psychologist in Honolulu.

After her marriage to Bob ended, Ginny married Jules Fine in 1969. Ginny and Jules loved to travel and were especially fond of the year they lived in Amsterdam. They enjoyed a happy life together until Jules’ life was cut short by cancer in 1983.

Ginny was an active member of the Unitarian Church her entire adult life, with a strong interest in spiritualism. She was also a committed Democrat and advocate for peace and political liberalism.

She is survived by her five children: Stephen Kemble ’65 (Naomi), Brian Kemble ’66, David Kemble ’68, Marcia Kemble ’69 and Janet Kemble ’74 (Robert) Onopa; three stepchildren Joan Hudson ’71, Amy Fine and Sylvia Fine; four grandchildren Sarah Kemble ’93 Verhoef, Anne Kemble ’98, Ryder Onopa ’05 and Alex Onopa ’10; and two great-grandchildren Gabrielle and Anika Verhoef. A celebration of Ginny’s life was held in July at Unitarian Church.

John Lydgate ’55 passed away on May 1, 2017, surrounded by family.

John was a family man, a teacher and a historian who invested the last two decades of his life to building a park for the Kaua‘i community. His family is credited with donating the land for the Lydgate Beach Park in Wailua.

John graduated from Punahou in 1955, and then went to Yale University, graduating in 1959 with a bachelor’s degree in history. He received his doctoral degree from University of London, where he played basketball.

In the 1960s, standing 6 feet 6 inches, John was an accomplished surfer and worked summers as a lifeguard in Cornwall, England, where he taught people how to surf. John joined protests in the late 1960s against the Vietnam War when he taught history at Georgetown University. At that time, he was married to his first wife, Jenny, and he took his family from England through Eastern Europe in a Volkswagen bus.

In 1993, John moved to Kaua‘i with his second wife, Charlotte, and their infant son, Kai, after spending the 1980s on a three-year mission in India with the Episcopal Church. Soon after, he began working tirelessly on Lydgate Park, named after his grandfather, Rev. John Mortimer Lydgate, who attended Punahou in the late 1800s. John spent most weekends at the beach park, picking up trash with other volunteers who came to clean up the area.

During his time on the Garden Isle, John served as president of the Kaua‘i Historical Society, a reader at St. Michael’s Church, member of the Kaua‘i Historic Preservation Commission and the Friends of Kamalani, and proprietor of the Ship Store Gallery in Kapaa. John also taught world history at Kauai Community College for 10 years – until 2004.

He is survived by wife Charlotte; sons Chris, Bill, Kai and Andrew; and nephew Will. A celebration of life was held at Lydgate Beach Park in May.
David Steadman ’54

David Steadman ’54 passed away on March 11, 2017, at age 80, in Irvine, California. He was born October 24, 1936, to the late Alva E. Steadman and Martha Cooke (1920) Steadman in Honolulu, Hawai’i where his New England ancestors landed as Congregational missionaries in the 1800s.

He was married to the late Kathleen Reilly Steadman for 45 years. He is survived by his longtime life partner, Bill Coté of Corona del Mar, California; his son, Alex (Gari); his daughter, Kate (Warren); four grandchildren; and his two brothers John ’47 (Alison) and Richard ’50 (Jane).

After graduating from Punahou, David left Hawai’i in 1954, to attend Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He thereafter attended Harvard College, graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor’s in English. He went on to earn a master’s in education from Harvard University, a master’s in art history from the University of California, Berkeley, a Ph.D. in art history from Princeton University and a master’s degree in theological studies from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in Berkeley.

In 1970, David joined the staff of the Frick Collection in New York City as a lecturer and later headed the Art Museum at Princeton, which he left in 1973. He then became the director of the Galleries of the Claremont Colleges in Claremont, California, and an associate professor at Pomona College from 1974 - 1980. He also served during that time as a research curator for the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, California, and, until his passing, was a trustee and consultant there from 1996.

In 1989, he became the director of the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Virginia. Following nearly 10 years as the director of the Chrysler Museum, the Toledo Museum of Art in Toledo, Ohio, named him its director for nearly 10 years until 1999, at which time he decided to take early retirement and pursue a formal education in religion to meld the art world with the spiritual world which held significant interest for him. David enrolled in the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP), never intending to be ordained, but was quoted as saying he “was being called in a certain way.”

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David will be especially remembered for his kind and gentle manner, quick wit, intelligence and infectious smile. He loved and was passionate about classical music (especially Handel, Bryn Terfel and Cecilia Bartoli), live theater (particularly Broadway shows in NYC), travel, art museums everywhere (notably the Honolulu Museum of Art founded by David’s grandmother, Anna Rice Cooke, in 1922; the Frick; The Phillips Collection; and the Norton Simon), spiritual art, reading, architecture, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Stephen’s Church and was becoming a true aficionado of jazz music in his later years.

A Celebration of David’s life was held at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in California, in May.

Albert F. Turner ’44

Albert “Bert” Farrant Turner passed away in Honolulu on March 19, 2017. Bert was born in Honolulu in 1926, to Farrant (1913) and Helen Turner.

Bert entered Punahou in 1934, but did not have the opportunity to graduate with his class. Following the outbreak of World War II, Bert’s father, Lt. Col. Farrant L. Turner was named to lead the original Nisei soldiers of Hawai’i’s 100th Infantry Battalion as they traveled to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Ft. Polk, Louisiana, in preparation for their distinguished service in Europe. Bert and his mother accompanied the group when they left Hawai’i in 1942.

The men and families of the 100th Infantry Battalion occupied a treasured place in Bert’s life. During the war, Bert attended Phillips Academy, Andover. After graduation, he received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1949, as a field artillery officer.

In 1950, Bert married the love of his life, Laurita Yvonne “Vonnie” Pratt ’48 shortly before serving in the Korean War for 15 months. After the war, Bert continued his military career at multiple locations including a tour in Vietnam in 1966 – 1967. A highlight was in November 1963, in Washington, D.C., when he executed a historic service as the planning and action officer responsible for organizing the funeral of President John F. Kennedy.

Bert’s final assignment at CINCPAC in 1969, returned him to Hawai’i. He retired from the U.S. Army as a full colonel in 1971. He celebrated one more assignment as an officer: In 1974, on the 25th anniversary of his graduation from West Point, he had the distinct privilege of swearing in his oldest son, Farrant, as an officer in the U.S. Army following Farrant’s West Point graduation.

Bert’s Army career was followed by two distinguished careers in downtown Honolulu at ChaneyBrooks Inc. and James Greig Associates until his final retirement in 2001. No matter where Bert lived, he served his community with great energy and passion.

As a young man, he found time to be the leader of his sons’ Cub Scout pack. As a business leader, he was a longtime member of the Honolulu Rotary Club. A lifetime member of Central Union Church, he served as moderator and trustee chair at various times. He served as the chair of the Armed
Alfred Yee

Alfred Yee, 91, of Honolulu, passed away on April 21, 2017.

“Big Al” loved his large family and was happiest during their annual family gathering in Hanalei, Kaua‘i where he could sing, play his guitar and accordion, surf, and share the countless stories of his engineering projects and travels. He was a dedicated University of Hawai‘i football supporter and held season tickets for many years.

He graduated from St. Louis School in 1943, where he later served on the Board of Trustees and was inducted into the St. Louis School’s Gallery of Distinguished Achievers. He obtained his engineering degrees from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Yale University. In recognition of his work in concrete technology, the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology conferred upon him an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree.

Al was most recently the president of Yee Precast Design Group Ltd. in Honolulu, and director of Precast Design Consultants Pte. Ltd. in Singapore.

With a career spanning over 65 years, Al built a reputation for developing simpler solutions. He was a pioneer in the development of structural concepts and construction techniques utilizing prestressed, precast concrete units for the construction of buildings, aircraft hangars, bridges, ocean-going platforms and other structures. In 1955, he was instrumental in introducing the first precast/prestressed concrete mass production facility to Hawai‘i.

For over 20 years, Al served as an honorary structural consultant to the Singapore Housing & Development Board (HDB) where he played a key role in the initiation of their major precast concrete high-rise construction program.

To culminate his career at 90 years of age, Al was commissioned to design a floating concrete dry dock utilizing his prestressed, precast honeycomb system. Construction of the floating concrete platform was recently completed and it will be towed to Barbers Point, Hawai‘i where it will be docked.

An innovator, Al held over a dozen patents for construction systems and devices and authored numerous award-winning papers on precast, prestressed concrete and construction systems. He served on many technical committees for engineering societies and was especially proud to have been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Engineering (NAE). Al pursued his passions and led a full and abundant life as a husband, family man, friend, engineer and inventor.

He is survived by wife Elizabeth; children Lailan ’71 (Sean McGrath, Mark ’72 (Teri), Eric ’75 (Alissa), Malcolm ’76 (Bernadene Chun ’76), Ian ’81 (Luana Meyer ’81), Suling ’96 (Andrew) Roth, Trevor ’99 (Julie), and I’Ling ’00 (Bendavid) Sorum; 18 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sisters Lucy Fukutome and Ruby Fong; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brother Daniel.

Edward Yamasaki ’42

Edward Yamasaki ’42 passed away on April 27, 2017, at the age of 92, in Nagasaki, Japan, where he had been living with his daughter.

Born in Honolulu on May 12, 1924, Edward volunteered to join the U.S. Army during World War II after graduating from Punahou. He volunteered to show his loyalty to his country, as did many of his fellow soldiers, including those whose Japanese-American families were confined in internment camps.

Edward was a 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran and editor of “And Then There Were Eight,” a memoir about Japanese-American soldiers sent to rescue a battalion of Texans in one of the great ground battles of World War II. Of the 141 I-Company soldiers in that battle, only eight walked out; the others were either injured or killed.

Following the war, Edward graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Harvard College and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He began his career in banking, and over time worked both in Japan and Hawai‘i. He also worked for Miles Laboratories in Japan and Hawai‘i. He established Shaklee Japan and worked as a consultant in Japan for many years before returning to Hawai‘i.

Edward enjoyed life to the fullest, traveled widely, and gained a fine circle of friends. He especially enjoyed seeing his classmates at the Punahou class reunions.

He is survived by son Ted Yukawa (Kazumi); daughter Mariko Fukao (Norio); five grandchildren; and sisters Beatrice Yamasaki ’46 and Margaret Yamasaki ’43 Harada.