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Class of 1933

In from Kimo “Steve Berman” Eagle ’73:

My mom, Helene Child Berman, passed on March 19, 2018. Mom loved Punahou, and it was an important part of her life. She thoroughly enjoyed attending the Alumni Lu’au last year. I can honestly say that her only two regrets before passing were not turning 104, and missing out on her 85th Reunion and Lu’au this year.

When all the “busyness” of a life fully lived was mostly pau, it was her time at Punahou that seemed to matter most in her final years. She was not exceptionally talented, generous, or as financially accomplished as many Punahou alumni, yet she embodied the spirit and mana of Punahou in ways that touched most everyone she met and knew.

I know her most exciting project in her final years was taking part in the Punahou Alumni Association’s oral history project. I will be forever grateful for the interest and support she received from those involved in helping her share her stories about her time at Punahou.

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The family of ailing Richard “Dick” Dinmore gathered at his home in Castle Rock, Colorado, on Christmas Eve 2017, and spent the night doing exactly as he wished. They filled his home “with the love, laughter and silliness created by our annual tradition of dinner and parlor games, just as we have done since we were children.” Early in the morning of Christmas Day, their beloved Dad, Granddad and Grandpa Great passed away quietly. Dick’s friends and classmates from Punahou will not be surprised to read that his intellect and humor were strong and lively into his final hours. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Eileen, to whom he was blissfully married for 62 years.

After the war broke out in 1941, Dick joined the Army Air Force and became a troop carrier pilot in the 9th Air Force. He was drawn into Eisenhower’s First Allied Airborne Army in 1944, and spent the remaining months of the war carrying Allied troops through the dangerous skies of Northwest Europe. After the war, he enrolled as an undergraduate and, later, as a medical student at University of Virginia, where he renewed his lifetime friendship with fellow Punahou classmate Barbara Turnbull Thorup and her husband, Dr. Oscar Thorup.

In 1953, Dr. Richard Dinmore OB-GYN began his 39-year career delivering thousands of newborn babies safely into the world. 17 of those years were in private practice in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and 22 years were spent as a physician in the United States Air Force, from which he retired as a colonel in 1988.

Like many people who attended Punahou, Dick was a lifelong learner. He authored a memoir called “So Far, So Good,” that read like a socio-political commentary of 1930s America through the early years of the 21st century. He was still taking classes at University of Denver when he fell ill. I remember thinking I could hold my own with him in a political debate in 2016 when he visited Honolulu for his 75th Reunion. After five minutes, I thought otherwise. As two of his daughters, Liz Porter and Ellen Struthers wrote, Dick spent his 30 years of retired life studying the works of Spinoza, St. Augustine, Descartes, Pascal, John Hick, political science, anthropology and law. And the mysterious game of golf.
Despite his intense intellect, my mother Laurabelle Maze Butler remembers her friend “Dickie” as a cheerful pal who spent many Saturday nights with her friends seeing movies at the Waikiki Theater, followed by some kau kau at the KC Drive Inn when they could scrape together enough pennies. “Lots of us girls took turns having a crush on Dickie,” she told me on the phone recently. “So sad he’s gone, but that’s the way it is.”

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I received notice that Victor Mori, MD, passed away on March 15 at the age of 93. I knew Victor and his late wife, Jean, as he was friends with my mom, Barbara Fritschi Dew. The information here was taken from the obituary that was posted in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. Victor completed medical school in 1953 and did his general surgery residency in Indianapolis and in thoracic surgery in Louisville, Kentucky. He practiced medicine in Honolulu from 1959 – 1989 and was a third generation physician in his family. Victor was an avid golfer and computer enthusiast, and after retirement was passionate about traveling and photography. In recent years, he enjoyed living at Arcadia Retirement Residence, swimming and exploring family history. Victor is survived by his son Michael Mori ’78, of San Diego, daughter Karin Mori ’78 of Brighton, England and two grandsons. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret Mori ’44 Hirozawa, of Michigan and brother Ramsay Mori ’53 of Kaneohe.

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The Class of 1938 celebrated their 80th Reunion at the President’s Home during Alumni Week. From left: Bill Paty and Dick Cox.
much of it, and I’m working on getting it all in order for her. Last summer, she spent time in Wisconsin working on genealogy as well the historic novel she is writing. My mother’s four grandparents and families all came from England and settled in Wisconsin.

Lellice was here in November, spent Christmas in Sacramento, California, with her daughter, son-in-law and my two great-granddaughters (13 and 8). In January she flew to London to conduct more historical research before spending February in southeast Spain. She is now back in England. She spent Easter in Lentwardine, England where her great-grandfather came from. There was a school to train Wesleyan Methodist circuit riders there, and my great-grandfather, Tomas Jones, studied there before moving to Wisconsin in the mid 1840s. We have a British cousin living in the village (we visited them in 2003.) It was very special that Lellice could be there for Easter. We never know where our lives will lead. Lellice will go on to France next month and will be back in the States mid-summer. Yes, I do pray a lot. She is her father’s daughter and it probably helps to be an only daughter. I am, and so is our granddaughter!

Our summer is coming — hot and little rain. Trust Hawai‘i is having a beautiful spring.

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It was a cold winter in Canada, but Betty Lou Parker ‘47 Nixon and daughter Lellice in November 2017.

Dick Morris


Betty Lou Parker

Tita Thacker

Ike Shapiro’s interview on NPR, which was broadcast coast to coast, including Hawai‘i. We were immensely proud to hear Ike’s story. He related his early life as an immigrant in Japan and his amazing experiences pre- and post-WWII. The title of his interview was called “One Man’s Youth as a ‘Stateless Foreigner’ in Japan.” More to come regarding Ike in the next edition of the Bulletin, which will cover the events of our 70th Reunion!

Doris Dreller Sosin took a break from her work on climate control, where she works tirelessly to save our National Parks and fights to halt fracting, by taking a trip on the Great Lakes. Glad “Dee” takes some time off to vacation and rest. Dee is proof that meaningful work can begin when you are in your 80s.

It was a cold winter in Canada, but Donnie Wilson says she used her time indoors, studying and learning and keeping up with good friends. Good to know that Donnie’s quest to learn never ceases. She always was a scholar!

Pat Wassman Christian is another classmate who has yet to retire from the workforce. She and her son, James Christian, have a company called Ohana Plants. Pat says that they have been providing offices in Honolulu with interior plants for over 25 years. James is also a very talented local musician. During the day it is business, but in the evening he and his trio entertain throughout the islands. Our class has been fortunate to have had his trio play for several of our reunions.

Over the years, Henry Blakstad has been a major collector of art. His collection includes works from many well-known local artists, including Madge Tennent and John Young. Working for Pan American Airlines for 27 years allowed him to travel all over the world. His passion for art grew, as did his collection of art in all its forms. In May 2018, HISAM (Hawai‘i State Art Museum) displayed over 15 of Henry’s art pieces. Henry recently moved to Arcadia Retirement Residence.

Few people know from the very beginning what they want to be. Dick Morris is one of those who figured it out early. Our yearbook says, “An avowed scientist, Dick is usually loaded down with slide rules and little black book.” When contacted and coerced into giving us a brief bio, Dick shared this: “After college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and grad school at MIT, I went to work for Caltech’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), just as they were starting into space exploration and NASA was being created. I was there my entire career. At JPL, I had the good fortune to work on the first or second spaceflight project that NASA sent to the moon and to each of the other planets in our solar system (except Pluto). I feel as if my career was like catching a good wave on the first try, riding it all the way, and stepping off the board onto the beach. Since retirement, I’ve had the joy of following my curiosity for the last 20 years.” Dick has been married for 54 years to his wonderful wife, Janice. They have twin sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and two great-grandsons. He said, “I’ve had a great life over the last 20 years, and new and interesting things are still unfolding for me.”
Dick, it is evident that “your cup runneth over,” and you have lived a very blessed life. As you said, “may new and even more interesting things unfold for you!”

Class of 1949

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Walter Dick, who lives in Canoga Park, California, wrote to say, pehea ‘oe, to all classmates. He was in the loudspeaker design field and retired in 2006. He added that he is the last of a line of Honolulu locals that started in 1850.

Mervlyn Conner Henderson of Redmond, Washington, wrote that she hosted a gathering of relatives to celebrate her late husband Phil’s birthday. She has returned to painting and is busy working on writing “My Life Story,” a project she started some time ago in an effort to answer her grandchildren’s many questions.

Frances Holbrook Brewer of Spokane, Washington, wrote that she and her husband live in a retirement community and have a blended family of six grandchildren. The two oldest grandchildren are traveling in Australia and New Zealand. One leads kayaking groups near the Great Barrier Reef, and also works as a geology lecturer on cruise lines in Alaska. A third grandchild trekked to Thailand, taught English at Chiang Mai University, and now works at Harborview Hospital in the Psychiatry Department. The fourth is a student at Western Washington University in my town of Bellingham, and the last two are twins in high school in Spokane. Frances and I plan to visit this summer.

Ruth Ann Walsh Gerling of Medford, Oregon, wrote that ten years ago she sold her property in Kailua-Kona and Port Ludlow to move to Rogue Valley Manor, a retirement community. She married John Gerling in 2016, who is a retired pioneer in microwave industrial applications. John is an American Contract Bridge League director and Ruth Ann is his bridge partner. They take short excursions around Oregon and participate in Manor activities where 10 percent of the 1,000 residents are from Hawai‘i. Kamehameha Day is celebrated there with local food and entertainment.

Wilson ’46 and Sally Churchill Moore of Honolulu, Hawai‘i, responded to my request for news by sending pictures, a Christmas letter and pages of news about their busy lives at Kahala Nui. In 2017, they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on a European river cruise, returning in July to Hornby Island, Washington to prepare for the wedding of son, Brian ’73, to Priscilla Gonzaga. Two of the Moore’s children live in Hawai‘i: Brian is a banker, and Shari Moore ’74 Fink is a hospice nurse whose husband, John, is CEO and general manager of Channel 5. Their other son, Chip Moore ’71, and wife live in Seattle, where he works as an investment counselor and his wife is head of Boeing’s pension office. Wilson keeps busy golfing and leading tourists through ‘Iolani Palace.

Kathie O’Brien Muirhead of Honolulu, Hawai‘i, mentioned plans for a May 2018 gathering of Class of ’49ers at Louisa Sinclair Cooper’s home in Nu‘uanu. Last October, 17 classmates gathered at the Hawaii Kai Golf Club. Kathie mentioned that she and husband Bob had enjoyed the interisland cruise, Pride of America, twice and “loved it.”

Passings: Barbara Lindquist Butterfield of Jackson, Wyoming, sent me news of the February 2018 death of Carol Plaus Youmans of Clio, California. Carol and Barbara have been close friends from their college days at San Jose State University. Carol lived in California since graduating from Punahou and was an elementary teacher for many years. She and husband Al were married for nearly 40 years. Carol is survived by three sons, one daughter and five grandchildren.

Thank you to all classmates who shared news. As I write, I am packing for three weeks in
Indonesia. Later in August, I’ll be traveling to Atlanta for two weeks.

Aloha, Bev

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In January, at the World Little League Baseball Congress held in New Orleans, Louisiana, I was recognized for my 50 year service as a district administrator from Hawai‘i with a pin and trophy. This award has been given to only two other men. I am the only woman to receive this award,

On my way home, at a layover at the Las Vegas airport, I ran into Pat Low Wagner. She said Beverly “BG” Darrow Derr was in Hawai‘i in January visiting her sister Noel Darrow ’54 Head. Pat said it has been ages since BG has been back. I remember her “banana wagon” car, and riding with her to the football games at the Old Stadium. What memories of that and of her house on Kalakaua, which is now Colony Surf. Those bungalows were the times!

We lost another classmate, Strat Whiting, on Dec. 22, 2017. Strat came to Punahou in his sophomore year and graduated from UH

Mary E. Friel ’51 Ciacci, second from left, was recognized for her 50 years of service as a district administrator for the World Little League Baseball Congress. She is only the third person – and first woman – to receive the award.

Manoa. He married classmate Anita Berg, and is survived by Anita and two children, son Ford Whiting ’77 and daughter Rebecca Whiting ’80 O’Brien. Condolences to the family.

It sure is good not to be able to add anyone else this time. Please let me know what you all are doing. There are many of us that are interested. I’m not able to attend events but sure would like to catch up and share the news in these Notes.

Take care, keep well and stay healthy. Have a great summer!

Aloha, Mary E.

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Harold Frederick “Freddy” Rice Jr., died surrounded by family in January on Maui, and we mourn his passing greatly. He was widely known for his paniolo ways and the “Rice vs. Cateyano” U.S. Supreme Court win in 2000, which argued that a state may not abridge the right to vote on racial grounds. He and I spent many hours in his living room among his court documents discussing the merits of his case, and in his pickup truck overlooking the ranch, reminiscing about our Punahou days.

For this city boy, I could only marvel as he explained the supplements in the water and the feed, watched him ride his champion horse, lasso a calf at a full gallop, and finish tying it down. His half dozen herding dogs couldn’t wait to go to work, jumping with eagerness to climb into his truck. Freddy remarked that they never asked for a raise or wondered when the unemployment check would arrive. Freddy was a generous and unassuming host as we argued over who
would pick up the bill at the Haw’n Style Cafe. He was not above personally turning the taro cakes for us at home, and his wife Gail was an equally gracious hostess. Freddy had a polo scholarship at New Mexico Military Institute, where he won his first interscholastic polo championship. His second national championship was at Cornell University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science studying livestock marketing, agronomy, nutrition and rangeland conservation. He then went to work at the Hawai’i Commercial & Sugar Company’s Kahuku Ranch on the Big Island. He designed watering and grazing systems, developed his wildlife and soil preservation ideas, introduced new grass and legumes to Hawai’i with his first wife Sally, and published results with the University of Hawai’i. Their civic efforts resulted in the creation of the Kona-kau Roping & Polo Club, the Hawai’i Rodeo Association, horse breeding for the American Quarter horse line.

Apart from his rodeo competitions, he was a winning world class fishing captain. He captained fishing boats at the Great Barrier Reef, Australia, and in Peru, where he won two world records, the 1986 International Billfish award and 1065 ½ lb. on a 50 lb. line world record.

He was also a student of the Hawaiian language. This is a capsule tribute of a great man. If you were unable to get to the February services on Maui and the Big Island, you may donate to the Harold “Freddy” Rice Sportsman Fund, 1988 Alakea St., #2510, Honolulu, 96813. I want to snail mail Fred Hundhammer a magazine article about small boats written by Dick Winslow. Dick writes about kayaking in the northeast, where he often gets dropped off by helicopter in the wilderness, meets up with some folks, and then paddles with them for a week or two. He wants Fred to have this one if we could reach him, but he has not answered my emails.

Peggy Burt wrote in to reminisce about her time at the University of Washington, when she would sometimes run into Bob Vieira our freshman year. “In our sophomore year we ‘lived’ in the Health Sciences building; after our sophomore year, the nursing students lived on First Hill (Pill Hill) and rarely were on campus. I did see Tom Chang once when they were expecting their first baby and on a tour of the OB area of Swedish Hospital. Eda Brenaman Kinnear was there too. I still remember walking onto campus for the first time in September ’52 when it was foggy and drippy. I was wearing a heavy coat plus sweater, and thought I was supposed to feel warm ... and certain I would die before January! With time I learned one didn’t feel warm, just less cold. I did “learn” to drive in snow with several years as a visiting nurse in Seattle and organizing continuing education programs in north Idaho. So glad all of that is in the past.” From Jerry Magoon: One of the finest olive oils is Costco’s Kirkland Signature Balsamic or Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Quick recipe tip: get garlic and soak for two days in vinegar, remove into another jar, fill with olive oil. It will last for months. Use flavored vinegar for salads etc. It’s beastly hot in Kona today.

A hui hou, Hugh

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These words are being penned on Easter weekend during snow showers. By summer, when they arrive in your mail box, the Northern California reunion in April and our June Class Reunion will be sweet memories. This is the first Reunion where we officially become kupuna and are invited to President Jim Scott’s ‘70 home for lunch. Seems not that long ago when we met at the President’s house for drum major Shirley Chun Wong to lead us down to the lu’au tent as we were honored as the 50th Reunion class. Earlier that week President Scott helped us with our first memorial service beside the ocean. The reality of maturing into later years, and of losing friends and loved ones hit home.
Just received news that Fred Peterson passed away at his Honolulu home. Services were held in February. Freddy was an Army veteran and proud father and grandfather. Please share any memories about Freddy. So many of you were military veterans like him; thank you for your service.

After the last news notes, Mary Hartwell Truesdell wrote about her cousin Marleen “Muffy” Davis, who had “the most beautiful—take-your-breath-away personal zoo” and worked at Waimea Falls Park with the animals. Helie Robertson recalls horseback riding with Muffy when they were in their teens. I remember Muffy being selected for a flight attendant award. Also remember having classes with Elizabeth “Tibby” Stroven-Burch and admired what a good student she was.

Kudos to Helie, who sent cute bunny greetings for Easter on our class site. She sends greetings for all seasons, and they are appreciated. Helie headed up the Northern California reunion in April, aided by Dave Krick and Paul Kaufmann.

Terry Wallace inquired about an updated class list. When the call went out, Shirley Chun Wong, our class archivist, stepped forward and in the spring brought it up to date. I’ve been using the one at the back of our 60th WWII reunion book. A big mahalo to Shirley for being our historian and bringing all contacts up to date. It was sobering to see how many of our class members are no longer with us.

Terry, a retired firefighter, also told me the story of Honolulu firefighters who were killed on Dec. 7, 1941, in the line of duty at Pearl Harbor. We have been seeking a congressional award for their service. If you have ideas or government connections, please let us know.

Harry Bowman was able to ride in a Ford Tri-Motor plane. Seems like he should have on goggles and a flying scarf. In Harry’s words: “I was able to catch a ride in an aircraft six years older than me. The Tri-Motor was at the War Bird Museum in Titusville, Florida. I called them and they said to come on down! It’s noisy when the three engines are first fired-up. The fuselage vibrates on the ground but smooths out in the air. I sat in the aft row to – hopefully! – get some better photos without obstructions. The windows are huge, and all 10 passengers have good visibility. It’s uphill to get seated. The center aisle is narrow, but there is plenty of legroom when buckled in. I was surprised that the pilot left me unattended inside, so I could take a few pictures.”

Harry is our webmaster for our class website. Some of us have been having technical difficulties sending and receiving information from the site. I’m reprinting Harry’s advice: “I cannot change your email or your personal information on the group account. If you changed your email or want to update your data, you need to establish a new account. If so, I will send you a new invitation, but need your new email address to do so. Send it to me at hdb_fl@earthlink.net.

Congratulations to our May Day Queen Fern Vannatta Clark on the induction of her late husband Herman “Buddy” Clark ’48, into the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame last January.

Meeting up for the first time in 60 years, from left: Johnny Frisbie ’53 and Mary Bell Fox ’54 Blackstone reunited at the Henry Kapono Kaaihue ’67 concert at the Blue Note Cafe in Napa, California.

Flashback to a fun summer day in 1979. Class of ’54 wahine enjoying the sun at Hanauma Bay after their 25th Reunion. From left: Noel Darrow Head, Marcia Reed Wythes, Gail Dillingham Williams, Mary Bell Fox Blackstone and Barbara Kepner Shaw.
I hope to have caught up with her at our Reunion in June – as is my hope for all the rest of you.

Aloha pumehana. Dorinda

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As we began the new year, we were saddened to hear of the loss of another beloved classmate. Janet Dykes Martin passed away last December at her home in Sequim, Washington. Janet came to Punahou from Hilo as a junior. A standout swimmer, she went to the University of Washington and returned to Hilo where she raised her family. In later life, she moved to Sequim, where she rejoiced in being close to her children, grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom survive her. We send our aloha to her husband, Larry, and her large Washington ‘ohana.

One of the highlights of the new year was a note from Punahou announcing the Henry Kapono Kaaihue ’67 concert held in late January at the Blue Note Cafe in Napa. Henry, a well-known island entertainer and Punahou grad, was on tour with Keola Beamer, and the show was a sell-out. After great difficulty, I got tickets for the first of the two shows. Those attending from Punahou were invited to a small private audience with Henry before the show.

A great highlight for me was meeting his operations manager, Haumea Ho, with whom I spoke when I was having pilikea obtaining tickets. I contacted Haumea explaining my ticket dilemma, and that I was from Punahou, she then mentioned that her mother had gone to Punahou – Class of ’53! I leapt at that tidbit, and the rest is history.

Her mom is Florence “Johnny” Frisbie ’53, a gal with great island history that all of us in the Academy knew and loved. She and her siblings were raised in Puka Puka, in the Cook Islands in the South Pacific. She came to Punahou as a junior. Johnny held a wonderful degree of fascination for us all, having written an autobiography story of her youth, “Miss Ulysses from Puka Puka” as a 12-year-old. I was thrilled when I walked into the concert venue and saw Johnny! We had a wonderful evening, listening to great Hawaiian music and our own kanakapila, and the next day I ordered her book from Amazon. I read it years ago when at Punahou, and was happy to reread the riveting saga of her childhood. Her family sailed from island to island in the late ’40s, living off the land and the sea, and being educated by their remarkable father, author Robert Dean Frisbie. He was a South Seas trader, and after the death of their mother, raised Johnny and her siblings. She and her sisters, Elaine Frisbie ’56 Werts and Nga, were talented dancers, and later formed a hula troop in Honolulu. Her history is legendary and am sure that Punahou is as proud of them as I was to reconnect with her, after 60 some years.

What a fun evening it was at the Henry Kapono show!

Pau for now, MB

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On Saturday, January 13, 2018, all gathered to celebrate Cynnie Marks Salley’s 80th birthday. The celebration took place at the Salley residence at Kalahiki McCandless Ranch in south Kona. A traditional poi supper was served. Hawaiian music flowed as guests danced hula. A poem was written and read by Cynnie’s daughters Cynda and Holly.

I have included a few lines:

“On Old Pali Place, around the bend lived a family clan with girls, her future best friend. The Flanders clan were partners in crime, Mary Flanders Philpotts McGrath her closest, a friend for life time. They biked and they skated and played games on the lawn. They were together all day; starting at dawn. Cut out paper dolls, Mary designed them, played hide and go seek, no one could find ‘em.

Ewa and Kona was where they vacationed. All their fun was never rationed. Time in Ewa spent slippery sliding then in Kona nonstop riding. Punahou School was next in time. Many new members from the Class of ’54 gathered for a fun lunch. Front row, from left: Sherilyn Rankin Iona, Julie Auld Watson, Lisa Luhr Shugart, Mary Moragne Cooke and Carol Ann Davis. Back row: Francis Lum, Suzanne Matsuyama Kobe, Chu Irvine McLain, Phyllis Houghtailing Hardy, Jo-Anne West Lewis and Wendell Brooks.

The children of lifelong friends Mary Flanders ’55 Philpotts McGrath and Cynnie Marks ’55 Salley took a photo at Cynnie’s 80th birthday party in Kona. From left: McD Philpotts (Mary’s son), Cynda Unger (Cynnie’s daughter) and Marion Philpotts-Miller ’80 (Mary’s daughter).
friends, it was a long line. Maria and Marvin topped the list, Comrades in trouble, you get the gist. Maria belonged to the Manoa gang, her cadre of siblings filled the whole bang. Roberts and Jill did as she said for Maria was ... she was the head.”

Blake Johnson has kindly submitted this touching tribute on the passing of our classmate Alan Sanborn.

Services for Alan were held at Lanikai Pavilion on Sunday, April 22. His brother, William ’65, presided over the ceremonies. Alan is remembered in his earlier years as being an avid Boy Scout, and in later years as an avid sailor. Alan was an architect and was responsible for the green open area along Punchbowl Street, the main library of Hawai‘i, and city hall which we are all grateful for. Alan was an honest man of principles.

The ceremony was attended by his wife Barbara York. Her daughter, Dr. Elise Desperito, alerted her cadre of siblings filled the whole bang. Roberta and Jill did as she said for Maria was ... she was the head.”

The ceremony was attended by his wife Pat Westfall Sanborn, his family, friends, and numerous members of the Punahou Class of ’55. He was a good guy!

Class of 1956

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I am sad to announce that we have lost another classmate. In January, Paula McLaughlin Desperito died at her home in Bedford, New York. Her daughter, Dr. Elise Desperito, alerted Barbara “Kui” Kong Vlachos that Paula’s health was failing, and Kui rearranged her Mainland travel to reach New York in time for a last visit with our dear friend and classmate. Paula attended Sarah Lawrence College, and in 1961, she married Ernest T. Desperito. After raising five children, Paula became a volunteer at the Bedford Free Library, and later became the director of that library. In addition, she was involved in the Bedford Historical Society, the Bedford Village Business Association, the Bedford Central School Board, and many other community projects. Despite her community efforts in New York, Paula remained a true kama‘aina. She attended our class reunions, and made certain that her children accompanied her to Hawai‘i as often as possible. Paula stayed in New York to remain close to her twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Paula was part of that special group of classmates who started kindergarten at Punahou during World War II, when classes were held in private homes around O‘ahu. She will be missed.

There were lots of remembrances of Paula when the Volcano Ladies convened at Tad Shaw Sewell’s home in early March. We met a little later than usual because Tad was so busy with visits from family and supporting the major fundraiser for the Volcano Art Center in February. This visit was special because Bonnie Frazier Andrew was able to join Sue Beck ’57 May, Helen Bowles (Steve Bowles’ widow), Barbara “Kui” Kong Vlachos, and your scribe for a wonderful weekend of good food, wine, and laughter. Kui had to leave our weekend get-together early, so we were also able to enjoy an afternoon with Diane Williams Cockett, who drove up from Hilo to ferry Kui to the airport. While she was with us, we spent time sharing stories of Paula. Diane also brought with her a number of the exquisite quilts she made for family members. We had seen her quilts on earlier occasions, but these were especially beautiful.

Russell Stratton’s wife Dana recovered so well from hip surgery that she was able to engineer the perfect surprise for Russ’s birthday. When he answered the knock on their door in mid-March, there stood son Scott, wishing Russ happy birthday in person. Given our advanced age, such wonderful surprises could become our last, but Russ survived this one and enjoyed the rest of Scott’s visit.

Visits from our children and grandchildren are always a special treat. Penny Foster Garrity’s son, Dwight Jesmer ’77, visited from the East Coast to celebrate Christmas. Penny assured us that they enjoyed every minute of his visit.

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Elspeth “Eppy” Cantlay '44 Kerr! Guy and I used to see Eppy frequently when her daughter was a student at HPA. She hasn’t changed that much.

I hope that you are using every opportunity to stay in touch with each other. The medical gurus have been touting time with friends as the best way to enjoy good health and long life. Be sure to keep Guy and me in the loop so that we can share your latest news with the rest of the class.

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You did it again: no news at all. Should just leave this section blank, but one cannot shame the shameless, so … Laurel Wood Leslie is back in the classroom:

“After I retired in ’08, the guy that took my place got sick (then died), so I was a last-minute hire. Fortunately I had kept all my flash drives so everything was not new. Well, maybe a few updates here and there, but basically the same. I am finding the students are much different. More entitled and less willing to dig for answers to their questions. My predecessor didn’t require any work from his students, so it was a surprise when I came in and did things differently. It has been a challenge.”

Which is an understatement. Doesn’t it see to us “old guys” that today’s generation doth not seem inclined to work for anything, presume they are entitled to lives of wealth/luxury, and have never been trained to interact with their peers. All intercourse is conducted by “texting,” and if something is not on Facebook it doesn’t exist. But we already knew that.

Jamie Hunter still lives on Maui, still surfs, still kokua Save Our Surf with pro-bono legal counsel. Reminiscing about yesteryear: “Henry “Kimo” Hollinger and I were classmates at ‘Iolani in sixth grade, he was “Henry” back then; Milton Mau was there too. I always appreciated Kimo’s quiet strong manner; he and Franklin “Duke” Brown became close surfing together. Duke was just telling me about giant Laniakes when George Downing took them out and showed them where to sit, taught them the lineup. Paul Gebauer ’58 was tight with both of them, too; he lives Makawao, just up Olinda Road from Polli’s, and plays flamenco guitar like a demon. Last time we surfed together was a big day at LaPerouse, must be 20 years ago, when he was grinding surfboard fins at Pauwela cannery – ugly job.”

Robert “Lopaka” Newton drops this bomb: “Terry and I are selling our home and moving to Palm Springs, California. Two five-year floods within a year and a half is too much to deal with! We are having a flood wall built against part of the home, since no one would buy it otherwise, and are moving sooner than our eventual plans (spring 2019 at the latest), to a condo on ground level, no steps, nobody above. The condo has some architectural features: a fireplace, and some green around a patio, and it’s not right next to neighbors nor a pool. I will continue my ‘business’ just enough to have the...
company pay secondary health insurance and to keep a little dabble in interior design.” So nothing is permanent anymore – I was sure those guys were in St. Louis for the duration (“we will miss the seasons. Please explain why a local boy loves the snow?”), and thought that the Gateway to the West would always boast at least one kanaka.

Well, some things continue – Derek Wong ’91, Franklyn Wong’s son, has carried on dad’s photography tradition: “I thought about you while on Punahou campus this past Carnival weekend. Took my wife and 5-year-old daughter, Alexa, for some games, rides and malasadas. You briefly met Bonnie and Alexa at last year’s 60th reunion; they attended the Memorial event by the Lily Pond. I wasn’t unable to attend as I was working that day. Mom tells me you moved to Portland. I lived in Seattle for 10 years, before I moved back home to Hawai‘i. My wife is from Vancouver, British Columbia. I sure miss the Pacific Northwest. Still working as a professional photographer in Honolulu (www.derekwongphotography.com). Interesting that my Dad was one of the Oahuan photographers, yet I never saw him with a camera when I was growing up. It’s been 21 years since Dad passed. I think of him all of the time, and how excited he would’ve been to have met his granddaughter. Alexa has a really friendly personality and is never afraid to talk to kids nor adults, is currently attending preschool.”

News flash: Tiger Tom Metcalf is flourishing after bypass surgery at age 92+!

Class of 1958

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Not much to report just ahead of our 60th Reunion. It may be that those planning on attending are saving it for the gatherings that will take place. By the time you read this the Reunion will be history.

I did hear from Noel and Bill Kruse who just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March. Bill is going to retire in November after working for 50 years, and will be 77 when he starts a new way of living. They are looking forward to having a more flexible schedule for new adventures.

Judy Flanders Staub reports she has just relocated her Hawai‘i digs from a home in Kohala Ranch to a condo in Mauna Lani. She comments, “This makes living between Sausalito, California and the Big Island much more manageable as our eighth decade approaches! Life is good and I look forward to seeing our dear classmates in June.”

Ladies from the Class of ’57 celebrate St. Paddy’s Day. From left: Gwen Schleif Bell, Barbara Porteus, Kathleen Cloward Sattler, Alice Emes O’Neil and Margaret Low Orrick.
Isn’t it great to be retired? and then the warmth and sunshine in Hawai’i. Molly enjoy their time stateside with family week after fires were put out. “Wilky” and returned to their (still standing) home about a Northern California. They evacuated and in Oakmont at the time of the “great” fires for bad timing on their part as they were residing time between Hawai’i and California. A bit of outside of Santa Rosa. They now divide their (part time) to Oakmont, California, just will be in Las Vegas June 28 thru July 3.”

promote the international convention which the Lions Clubs district convention and across the river to west T ennessee to attend when I get my breath back. T omorrow we go asparagus corms. More to be planted later a 20 foot long trench one foot deep to plant brush from our fallen beech tree and then dug Saturday. Later, I burned two large piles of festivities culminating in a huge parade next Kickoff breakfast, which starts a week of like: “T oday we had the Irish Celebration way to end a water aerobics class but with an Hoxie. She says, “What better Boynton ’60

Frank Young says he is retired, but I get tired just reading what a typical day in his life is like: “Today we had the Irish Celebration Kickoff breakfast, which starts a week of festivities culminating in a huge parade next Saturday. Later, I burned two large piles of brush from our fallen beechn tree and then dug a 20 foot long trench one foot deep to plant asparagus corms. More to be planted later when I get my breath back. Tomorrow we go across the river to west Tennessee to attend the Lions Clubs district convention and promote the international convention which will be in Las Vegas June 28 thru July 3.”

Jane Williamson Thompson wrote to tell us what fun it is to take water aerobics class three times a week (in the winter on Maui) with Marilyn Jansen Cleghorn and Lee Boynton ’60 Hoxie. She says, “What better way to end a water aerobics class but with an ‘ono lunch with friends. Weather permitting, we will all be in the pool for another workout, all in swim suits, I might add. No shame!”

Connie Koch Wood and husband John did a lot of gallivanting last year. A Seabee reunion in Galveston, Texas, a Wood family gathering in the “Smokies,” and a cruise around Iceland, where they walked on a glacier and took a dip in the warm mineral baths. They crossed the Arctic Circle twice. Connie and John are already planning a trip to Switzerland this summer. Connie, please share your adventure with us!

Karen and Jon Larson enjoyed an 18-day round trip cruise from San Francisco to Hawai’i, and back to San Francisco. Before sailing, Jon contacted Elsibeth McKeen to get the Big Island gang together for lunch in Kamuela. The lunch gang included Elsibeth, Dick and Sandy Folk Ednie, Robby Robertson, and Robert “Kelly” Greenwell – they had a grand time talking story, reminiscing and catching up on what’s been happening. While on O’ahu Jon and Karen visited his sister, Helen Larson Dalton. Christmas Day was celebrated in Nawiili, Kaua’i which brought back memo-
ries of our 40th pre-Reunion gala in 1999.

Bruce Fortin wrote in to catch us up on his doings for the past 60 years: “While at Punahou, I became interested in Asian culture and religion and followed those interests to San Francisco, studying at the San Francisco Zen Center where I was trained and ordained as a Zen priest 40 years ago.Currently I teach meditation groups in Sonoma County and the Bay Area, often with my wife, who is also a Zen priest. We just returned from a month in Myanmar (Burma) where we were teaching a local peace NGO how to work with trauma in the conflict areas. Now besides my teaching Zen, I also practice as a licensed psychotherapist and for many years as a mediation attorney. Last year I visited the Big Island twice, while in Hilo I got to watch my 35-year-old son (I got a late start) surf, I had never seen him surf before – sweet!

As most everyone has heard by now, Judi Kleene Klein’s husband Enrique died suddenly last March. He loved our class and we him, and he and Judy were looking forward to joining us for the 60th reunion. He will be missed. Aloha ‘oe Enrique, until we meet again.

We are a group with unique experiences – let’s hear about yours!

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In from Lee:

Keoki Kellerman sent in the following good news. “With all the sad news of lost class-mates, I thought news of a different sort might be welcome. The baby of the Class of ’60 has left the nest! My son Ki’i (George), youngest of five brothers, and born when I was 58 years old, is a freshman in Astrophysics at UCLA. Thus ends 47 consecutive years of in-home parenting. Now that I’m 76, my wife Jody and I are empty nesters! My Dad, George Kellerman Sr. would be 118 years old. The 100
Friends from the Class of ’60 caught up over breakfast at Zippy’s on Vineyard Boulevard in January. From left: Jerry Pang, Dave Burr, Cappy Sheeley and Tim Gillespie.

year spread between him and 18 year old Ki‘i redefines a generation as 50 years.’’

Stan Higa ’66 and Janet Blake Eriksson (both from Sun City West, Arizona) had their picture taken with Henry Kapono Ka’aihue ’67 at the “Meet and Greet” for Punahou alumni at the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix before his fantastic concert with Keola Beamer. What a great evening! Janet moved to Minnesota half way through her junior year so did not graduate with the class but still considers herself a Punahou girl. “Loved it” she said of her time at Punahou.

Chipsy Davis Butler let us know that “she and husband Bill have moved to a retirement community in Memphis and it has turned out to be just great. Bill feels like our apartment is just like a New York third floor apartment where we look out at trees. One daughter and her family are here in Memphis, and another daughter and her family live in Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina. I am playing some golf and painting. Bill and I are also doing some U.S. traveling.”

Bobbie Naquin Kinsinger is now living in Ashland, Oregon, and is very busy and having tons of fun. She and her husband Richard took a trip to the Amazon early in the year. Bobbie’s granddaughter, Saffy, lives in Washington State so she and Lee Boynton Hoxie may have a chance to visit if they are both in Washington at the same time. Bobbie’s daughter Lara has two boys, one in college and one in high school.

The calendar for the Punahou “Lunch Bunch” at the Waialae Country Club is out. They meet on Tuesdays in March, June, September and December at 11:30. The remaining months will be on Wednesdays. Watch for the announcement in your email and RSVP to Marie Flynn Bernhard or Likelike Davis. March attendees were Stew Brissette, Bobbi Bowman Green, Dale Summers Bachman, Penny Deming Dupin, Margie Kepner Durant, Jane Paris Nagel, Jean Lowrey Weigle, Lee Boynton Hoxie and Marie Flynn Bernhard who was “a nuisance to her Star of the Sea teachers in elementary school.” We all enjoyed looking at the class photo from the 30th and 55th reunions.

This and That: Dave Burr and his wife, Sheri, are both still gainfully employed and enjoying it. Dave is an administrator for United Airlines, which allows them the opportunity to travel. Sheri’s job also takes them to various places in the world. They live 25 miles northeast of downtown Houston, Texas. Jim Higgins’ granddaughter, Emi Higgins, was on the soccer team that won the Division II Hawai‘i State Championship. Stew Brissette’s grandparents spoke only Hawaiian.

The Lunch Bunch came up with a list of things (all said in a spirit of fun) that may be needed as we age to assist with memory problems, frailty, falling, etc., including walkers, wheelchairs, an alert button, helmets, a compass, handles in the shower (suction ones at hardware store), non-skid socks, compression hose, plastic pill containers, and nametags!

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Our collective 75th birthday party for the Punahou Class of ’61 was planned by the following committee: Jed Hirote (co-host), Jackie Seifert Collins (co-host), Mary Dobson, Cosette Morrison Harms, Lani Barnett, Deane Shephard, Sharon Botelho Elwell, Maile Crabb Williams, Charlie Ehrhorn, and Meymo Lemon Rego.

This fantastic party, the “’61 Potluck Pa’ina,” was celebrated on July 21. We enjoyed the hospitality of the community recreation center of Kuapa Isle in Hawai‘i Kai for an evening of friends, food and fun. We stuffed ourselves with assorted finger food including pot stickers, char siu bao, roast pork and Chinese-style chicken, all washed down with sashimi and sushi. Believe me that this party was a lot of fun and lip smacking good, too.

Punahou Carnival was a blast. Deane Shephard was part of the clean-up team for Hawaiian Plate chaired by Rosanne Goo ’81. He joined Sherri Kahanu ’79 Shephard and her classmates, Ronda Goo ’79, Sylvia Chinn-Levy ’79, Dean Ando ’79 to keep the cafeteria spotless throughout the Saturday morning shift.

After our shift we went to standing in line for 30 minutes for malasadas, standing in line 40 minutes for Portuguese bean soup, and yet another line (10 minutes only!) for fried noodles. ‘Ono! Although Deane looked, he did
Alumni Notes

Natalie Pang Pfeifer is an occupant of Hale Nani Rehabilitation and Nursing Center located just downhill from Roosevelt High School near the start of Pensacola Street. She has been there for several months after experiencing stroke symptoms. At this point Natalie does not have full command of her speech and is partially paralyzed. Still, her brilliant smile and friendliness comes through, making each visitor feel extra special. I do a visitation ministry to Hale Nani and visit Natalie each time I go. I know that she would welcome classmates for short visits.

not find any ‘61ers. Guess we need Ken Sexton to come over and stir us up once again!

Kathy Wright Rice writes, “Tom and I are sitting at Pearl Beach in Tahiti waiting for the night flight home. We just spent two weeks on the Wind Spirit. It was such a fun sailing experience! 11 days in Tahiti and to other outer islands and then out to Rangiora and Fakarava.” Kathy said the coastline views were breathtaking and the experience on the sailing vessel was amazing.

In mid-January Carol Holzapfel McKechnie and husband Arnie were out to O‘ahu to visit old haunts with their son, Jack. She sent along nifty photos of St. Andrews Cathedral, Makapu‘u Beach, and Makalapa Navy housing.

Kathy Wright Rice got a letter from Betty Rankin Marshall, who said “It was an unusual year, lacking travel, partly because I rehabbed my 100-year-old rental house instead. My tenants moved out in July, and I took that opportunity to do some major work on my little craftsman. In essence, and to my surprise, I became more-or-less the contractor. Now I know why we pay contractors to do that kind of work, organize tasks, know and use trusted sub-contractors, take care of the details, etc. The work lasted almost five months and confirmed that I’m just too old for this. It was my swan song big project, but in the end I was very proud to have done it. So the results: upgraded rental house, fabulous new tenants, a jump in rental income, and now after a few months of rest, the beginning of ‘normal life’ again.”

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Wow! Time for another submission for the Bulletin and once again, I have heard from no one so can only report to you the “news” from Phil and myself. Phil reported that he made a trip to Hawai‘i (O‘ahu specifically) in March for a family reunion of sorts, with his brother Bill Brooks ’69 and his family. Phil enjoyed the time revisiting old haunts: neighborhoods he lived in, the Punahou campus, Hanauma Bay, and more. It was a great trip and brought back many fine and fun memories.

In the meantime, my husband Leonard and I are happy to report the birth of our sixth grandchild – always a very special occasion. Little Ava Simone Andrade arrived on March 26 and is the first child of our youngest son Tim Andrade ’94 and his wife Stacey. She was born right here in Texas so we’ve been lucky enough to spend lots of time with her. She joins cousins (also Texas residents) Emilia, Isabella and Sean Bertram (children of Scott Bertram ’88 and his wife Mariestella) and together they provide lots of love and happiness for the whole family. Our oldest grandchildren, Kaipo and Briana Andrade are in Afghanistan and California respectively and although we don’t get to see them on a regular basis, we do enjoy the time we do get to spend with them. We feel so blessed!

I am hoping that I will hear from some of you during the summer with some updates on your families, travel plans/adventures, etc., so that I can share that info with fellow classmates. The next deadline for the fall Bulletin
will be about the first of July, so give me a call or email the message and I will be happy to include it in our next submission. In the meantime, take care, stay well and keep in touch!

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Tom Knudson: “I am flunking retirement – still serving as the Chairman of Bristol Group, a NYSE company in the aviation business, and as a director of Ergon, Inc., a specialty refining and chemical products company. We alternate between our homes in Houston and Santa Fe, New Mexico. I serve on the boards of the Naval Academy Foundation, Houston Methodist Hospital Neurological Institute and am active in our church teaching adult Bible study and many other things. We have three children and six grandchildren and love life. We dodged all the bullets of Harvey this past year, but had many friends who were not so lucky. Navy is playing University of Hawai‘i over Labor Day weekend, and we definitely plan on being in Hawai‘i for the game and will hope to hook up with at least a few classmates.”

David Mechler: “Fiancée Sylvia and I still live in Woodbury, the 'antiques capital' of Connecticut. It is not called that just because I live here, but rather because of the myriad antiques dealers’ shops lining our quaint main street. Woodbury is well over 350 years old, far and away the oldest town in the area. We also continue to spend half the year going back and forth between Connecticut and the ‘Northeast Kingdom’ of Vermont, to ‘Pau Hana’, our lakeside summer camp. I am still very active with my professional trumpet playing here in Connecticut and, occasionally out of state, tootin’ the good old tunes of the 1920s through ‘40s. Our seven-piece Survivors Swing Band (comprising six senior citizen fellows and one decades younger damsel), played over 80 gigs last year, and over 450 in all since its founding six years ago.” Dave returned to Cambridge for his 50th college reunion last summer, proud to wear his long-awaited red MIT blazer for 50+ alumni year graduates only, but was sad that Punahou/MIT classmates Michael Ching, Andrew Tanabe, and Donald Eastlake didn’t make it.

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Our 55th Reunion is coming up next June. Start making your plans now to be here June 3 – 9, 2019!

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Punahou Carnival is an ideal time to run into, or plan a meeting with, LXV classmates. Carnival 2018 was blessed with good weather and the always great fun, food, art, and amazing crowds. You can count on finding Robby Ostrem and Daryl Sato at the O-Men’s produce booth. This year they were joined by Rob Luck, Malcolm Tom and Gary Yee. As always, Robby planned well and pulled us all together for a photo. It was fun to have a mini reunion in the midst of Carnival. Mahalo, Robby!

Last issue I reported that Ruth Yih Shaps is a medaled masters swimmer. Here’s a little more about Ruth, with a bonus regarding two other classmates with whom she stays in touch. At the 2017 World Masters, which took place in Budapest, Hungary, Ruth won three first place medals, two second, and one third.

Ruth has been living in Oakland, California for the past 36 years. She is divorced, but has a significant other, Jim DeLacy, who is also a masters swimmer. Living nearby is Robin Ho Lee. Robin has been married almost 40 years to husband John. “Our kids grew up together,” Ruth reports. “I have a daughter and son and she has three daughters and one son. I have no grandchildren and she has ten! We try to get together with Suzie Chock Hunt about four times a year when she comes down from Davis, where she lives with her husband Pat.”

All three friends recently retired, Ruth from Children’s Hospital Oakland as a microbiologist; Robin from Highland Hospital as a physical therapist; and Suzie as an academic dean from the California Community College system.

“We all agree that staying active is key to quality of life as we move through this stage,” Ruth wrote. “Suzie is an accomplished marathoner. Robin still plays tennis doubles, as well as pickle ball, and also talked me into tap dancing twice a week with her. Don’t look for us any time soon on America’s Got Talent. I still ski, with my partner Jim, but hope to be smart enough to quit before I hurt myself.”

The local Honolulu media has been giving rave reviews to Fred Hemmings’ new book, “Local Boy, a Memoir.” In The Honolulu Star-Advertiser, the headline of political columnist Richard Borreca’s Sunday piece on February 11 read “Local GOP stalwart and surfing icon Hemmings reflects back in typical relaxed style.” The column ends with: “In this political year with all sides looking for a fight, some musing about politics and living in Hawai’i from someone who became a legend in something besides vote-counting makes a good read.”

Fred was also featured on the popular PBS Hawai’i show, “Long Story Short with Leslie Wilcox.” Leslie, a consummate interviewer, covered the gamut with Fred, talking story about his small-kid time on Farmer’s Road, 1960s surfing days, his Portuguese heritage, political life as a Republican in a hugely Democratic state, and even the legendary ILH football championship when Punahou triumphed over Kamehameha. Fred’s book can be purchased at local bookstores and online.

I’m saddened to report the passing of Ricky Lee. Ricky, who was affectionately called “The Judge” by his friends at New Hope O’ahu Ministry Center, joined our class during sophomore year. He went on to receive a B.A. in Economics at Stanford, attended the U.H. Manoa MBA program, earned a JD degree from Hastings Law School, all while serving in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was also a CPA and real estate broker, as well as a dedicated volunteer with the Jaycees, locally, nationally and even internationally.

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Hi Classmates! Here is news:

It was great to hear from Tiger Tom who recently had triple heart bypass surgery. He says his recovery is coming along nicely with no complications, and he is gradually regaining his energy, strength and appetite. He is able to drive, but does easily tire and is taking it easy, and is hopeful that full recovery will come in a year. He is overwhelmed by appreciative of the many notes of encouragement. If you send him a note, please address him as “Tom” not “Tiger” as that is his preferencel email: tigermetcalf@hotmail.com

With no constraints of work, for four out of the last six months Jane Earle-Dabrowski has had a travel-fest with husband Andrés through Europe and Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, India, and Sri Lanka. “Although I learned and experienced so much, as well as put these countries on the radars of my 6- and 8-year-old Punahou grandkids (Keola ’30 and Mehana ’28), I’ll take it easy for a few months to reconnect with friends, hula, music, tai chi, photography, cooking, reading – and planning with the 70th birthday year committee, our class’ reunion party for Carnival 2019. BE there! It’ll be great fun, as was our wonderful 50th.”

Barb Young Morgan reports: “After missing Lynne Batten Olson and her husband Perry for our Reunion, it was a treat to spend time with them while they were here in January for the celebration of life for LeBurta Gates ’35 Atherton. We’re up to five grandkids now. All in Hawai‘i, but it’s rare to get the two teenagers here from the Big Island (Keawe’s kids Kama (15) and Ane (13) at Hawai‘i Prep Academy). Lydi Morgan ’97 Bernal is mom to Malulan (5) and Lydia (17 mo.); son Lucas ’00 and wife Nani Loui ’01 Morgan welcomed our newest grandchild, Jack Kilolani last August. I am loving babysitting a few times a week. I’m also enjoying being a docent at the Hawaiian Mission Houses and Archives. In March, I chose to take on the program manager position for Roots of Empathy in Hawai‘i (a social emotional learning program in elementary schools with an infant as teacher, visiting the classroom with its parents every few weeks throughout the school year). I am thrilled to support this important work in these difficult times. Check it out at http://rootsofempathy.org. Each year we look for volunteer instructors to guide the students’ learning – and babies born in the summer to participate.”

Madelyn Stopford ’67 Stephens shared that in February Candace Jacobsen visited for eight nights. “We enjoyed our visit to NASA and mission control. We also lunched with Naomi Nakandakari Wilson one day. In March, Dee and Ned Shimabukuro came to visit with their son and daughter-in-law. We got together with Dale and Naomi for Texas BBQ and chocolate cake afterwards at my home. Ned, Dee and their son Tibb went to NASA also.”

From Rosemary “Nanuk” Dunn: “I’m having my second cataract surgery this morning – guess it’s our age! (They do one eye at a time.) I opted to pay more money and have my distance vision corrected, too. When that’s done I’ll see better than I have since 5th grade! I’m buying back and moving into my home and renting out my condo. Buying back 3507 has been a goal of mine for several years. I’ll be looking for Jason on Easter and I’m looking forward to a pleasant Alaskan summer! Take good care.”

Kathy Lang Mountjoy visited grandkids in Queensland while her son and his wife attended a conference in Hanoi. Her observation: “Time does change things” – so true.

Mary Midkiff Fiedler often visits San Diego, California to see her “daughter Julia Fiedler’s ‘99 adorable twins, a boy and a girl. I will be here through August babysitting, but I do manage to come home every month to my other two sweeties here, a girl (4) and a boy, almost 2. They are my daughter Jenny’s ‘97 children, and I feel amazingly lucky to have such wonderful grandchildren. My husband John and I are doing tag-team babysitting between San Diego and Honolulu. So fun!”

World traveler and adventurer Anne Ashford said in February that she was in transit for “an Antarctica expedition! Longtime dream come true. Still in Portland, however. Wondering if the Drake passage will rival the Alenuihaha channel.”

If you are not aware of this, take notice: Krissy Castro Bior’s talented son Taylor is a natural on piano, guitar, and uke. See her postings on FB. He is rising to notoriety because he has passion for what he does.

Bonnie Chock Burke recently returned from Taiwan, where a highlight was experiencing the lantern festival. She is a consistent contributor to Hawaii Opera Theater with her voice and acting skills!

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Tim Wong and Pam Rickard Fern would like to thank everyone for coming to our 50th Reunion, and hope you enjoyed the celebration. Hats off to the committee members Robin Rutsch Beasley, Lita Thompson Blankenfeld, Dale Kamisugi Bordner, Jayne Montz, Gale Shephard Erwin, Brett Alexander Estes, Gloria Kosasa Gainsley, Jeanne Botts Herbert, Margot Witten Johnson, Kathy Haglund Kane, Doug Kern, Larry Langley, Janice Luke Loo, Kyle Metcalf, Robin Midkiff, Gaylord Miyata, Steve Piper, Martin Wiese Rounds, Helen Ituata Tricas and Zea Matayoshi Van Tassell. Mahalo to Marty for recreating our 1967 Carnival shirt and the T-shirt, Jayne and Margot for organizing the cookbook, Zea for compiling the memory book, Helen and Linda Wong Stringer for organizing the memorial service and Dale, Gloria and Janice for their efforts coordinating our class gift.

Bill and Dale Kamisugi Bordner missed Carnival this year as they were on vacation in Sydney, Australia and cruising around New Zealand for a true vacation that was not work related. Mark Shklov retired from practicing law in the courtroom and is now teaching law classes at University of Hawai‘i a couple days a week. Mini-reunion before the Henry Kapono Kaahuelu ‘67 and Keola Beamer concert in January in Portland with Julian Monsarrat, Sara Lea Rowe, Kathy Stubbart Cornetoz, Kay Simpson Ebert and Gay Anderson ’67, Mollie, Sherry Kam ’66, Brad Howton ’66, Belle Ruff ’69, Armstrong, Dee Tokigawa ’69, Bleu Blaklsee ’87 and former teachers Art and Nancy Moss. Henry and Keola were doing a West Coast tour from Seattle to Phoenix and greeted many Punahou alumni in each city including over 50 alumni in Portland.

Mark Pinkerton was unable to join us for our 50th as he was in Honolulu in March for his son Mitchell’s wedding to Elizabeth Reilly at the Halekulani Hotel. Mitchell is with the University of Hawai‘i working in communications/electronics and Elizabeth one of the managing editors for the Honolulu Star-Advertiser special sections.

Colleen and Presley Wann made it to the Thursday night cocktail party during Reunion Week before heading to Vancouver, British Columbia and their 40th anniversary cruise.
with their kids and grandkids. The Wanns were in New Zealand in April and hoped to visit Richard Israel and Mark Hutson. Mark and Diane Greig Estock enjoy living on 10 acres in the Palouse in Spokane, Washington, caring for 16 chickens and four ducks. The winter snow affords them an ideal area to snowshoe and cross country ski. Penny and Mark’s blended family of 10 children and over 30 grandchildren keeps them busy attending high school and college graduations, and weddings. Penny retired after a career as a long-term nurse working in skilled nursing facilities. Dr. Doug Hiller has taken his orthopedic surgery practice from Kamuela and Honolulu to the Palouse in nearby Whitman Hospital & Medical Center. Dr. Abe Tokioka has been retired over a year after a long career as a clinical psychologist for the State of Hawai‘i Department of Health, and most recently as a forensic administer at the state hospital at Kaneohe. Abe spends his retirement training and teaching martial arts, running and doing High Intensity Interval Training. He says HIIT is a great exercise tool for people our age and raises HDL while lowering LDL and blood pressure and boosting your metabolism.

David Watumull’s Cardax, Inc. has been selling its anti-inflammatory product ZanthoSyn nationally at all GNC stores and recently announced an agreement with Health Elite Club Ltd. in Hong Kong to distribute ZanthoSyn in China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Cardax is also developing its next generation product CDX-085 for concentrated astaxanthin product applications. Congratulations to newlyweds Mary and Mel Mossman who tied the knot in Las Vegas in March with Linda and Kimo Doole in attendance. Doug Kern is trying to join the life of relaxation, but retirement is still on hold while he is getting up in the wee hours of the morning for conference calls to Virginia from his Waikiki condo.

Honolulu lost one of its favorite artists when Russell Lowery announced he was moving to Salt Lake City to take on painting desert scenes besides Hawai‘i’s beautiful beaches. Congratulations to Iris Stutzer Sullivan, who won the club championship in March at her winter home course The Golf Club at Fiddler’s Creek in Naples, Florida. Clare Rogers Rundall enjoyed a vacation to Costa Rica in March, sightseeing, snorkeling and hiking. Lonnie and Drew Braun spent a month touring France, Spain and the Mediterranean earlier this year.

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We are sorry to report that Stanford Hasegawa passed away last January in Millili. Our condolences go out to his family. We also lost Dr. Paul Lewis last December. He was an emergency physician in Colorado at Boulder Community Hospital for 34 years. He was planning to retire as BCH’s Chief Medical Officer at the end of 2017. He is survived by his wife Christine, and their two children, Maile and Reid.

Sadly we have lost yet another classmate. John McLaren passed away in February. He was an attorney, who at one point in his career worked in Washington D.C. for Senator Spark Matsunaga as a legislative staffer. Following that, in his law practice he was known for being a passionate advocate for environmental, animal, and community causes. He is survived by his brothers Chris ’67 and Jay, nephew Ty McLaren and niece Mollie Hochia.

Tom Kendick, who attended Punahou freshman year, is author of the book “Bluewater Gold Rush.” He has become a pickle ball enthusiast. He and his sports partner Mike Petrillo from Chicago won gold in the mens’ doubles, 3.5, age 65 and older at the last National Championships in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Rudy and Darole “Dij” Bradshaw Pacarro retired in May 2017. For the past 16 years they lived in Melbourne, Florida and are active in the local art community as Rudy is a ceramics artist. He also is an accomplished flutist and regularly plays for their church. Retirement has enabled them to do more volunteer community work and traveling. All the best to the both of you!

Edgy Lee released a new documentary film “Lili‘uokalani: Reflections of Our Queen” late last year to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Queen’s death. The film was aired on KHNL (commercial free).
and pays tribute to this multifaceted and talented last reigning monarch of Hawai‘i. Subsequently, Edgy spent a day at Punahou: in classrooms with students, at lunch with teachers and librarians, all of which culminated in an evening screening of film clips and behind the scenes stories about the research and production of the 18-month project. The evening event had an enthusiastic audience of about 300, and included Dr. Darrell and Patty Buchanan ‘73 Takabayashi, Arlene Yokoyama Hamasaki, Weylin Fung, Dr. Jim Scott ‘70, and many other alumni. Congratulations to Edgy for creating another enlightening, meaningful, and important documentary.

Update: Our class started the Molly Lyman Endowed Storyteller Fund back in 1994, and it’s still going strong! Distributions from this endowed fund support storytelling as a learning tool in honor of Molly Webster ’34 Lyman. Currently, one of Hawai‘i’s most prolific, talented and popular storytellers Jeff Gere has been mesmerizing Punahou 5th graders with his stories that educate and create a desire to explore new realms. Our storyteller fund is an engaging and entertaining way to stimulate the minds of our younger students. Your past and present support is much appreciated!

Lastly, we would like to extend our condolences to Bart Potter and siblings Johnny ‘75 and Abby ‘73, on the passing of their father last fall.

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Punahou connections run strong and deep. This led to a wonderful trip to Greece for MaryAnn Ferguson in June 2017. In her words:

“One of the many things I love about growing up in the Punahou family is the friendships we develop and continue long after we graduate. A perfect example of this is my friendship with Kurt Steinwascher. Kurt called me one day and suggested we all make time to go on a trip together to celebrate the memory of our dear friend Richard Merritt. Thus, my husband, Norm Nusbaum, and I spent two amazing weeks in Greece last June with Kurt, his partner Doug, and two other couples. The group started in Athens, exploring the Greek coastline, spent a week cruising and exploring the Greek Isles, then returned to Athens where they toured historical sites by day, and savored gourmet dining at night. MaryAnn concluded, “All Norm and I had to do was find our way to Greece, which we did after stops in Venice and Rome. Everything was just perfect!”

Celebrating another long friendship, Mark Osmun and Doug Straehley (who was visiting Mark from Arvada, Colorado) enjoyed a sunny and mild February day at the Phoenix Open, not far from Mark’s home in Scottsdale, Arizona.

For many in our class, creating Carnival malasadas has been a fun and productive way to reconnect. Given the inescapable non-fake fact that we are now all on Medicare, Bruce Campbell intimated, in an early 2018 email, that this might be his last recruitment email. Classmates cried out (in Bruce’s words, of course): “You can’t stop the hilarity – at our age it’s one of the few thrills we have left!” Bruce, relenting, promised a sequel!

Hilarity? Only Bruce could have come up with “24 Strong: The Movie,” referencing the January missile scare and, shall we say, our … seniority. Leavening his screenplay with his trademark Carnival puns, he enticed classmates to “… overcome age and adversity to feed the hordes of hungry carnivalrous patrons and fund a great education for students in need.”

2018 Stars included Susan Abe Oi, Toni Afook Takata, Joyce Arakawa Chan (and husband Se Fok), Linda Auyoung Louie (and friend Elizabeth Yesuel), Carolyn Bennett, Bruce Campbell (screenplay), Ricky Cassiday, Lee Ann Errett, Jodee Farm, Keith “Bozo” Fernandez (newly moved to the islands from California), Mike Fung (en route to California after a biz trip to the Philippines), Joan Gossett
Punahou connections overseas at the Grande Bretagne Hotel in Athens, Greece. Front row, from left: Maryann Ferguson ’70 Nusbaum, Kurt Steinwascher ’70, Ingrid and Kimo Steinwascher ’73. Back Row: Norm Nusbaum (Maryann’s husband), Doug Kline, Chris Williams and Jeff Nation.

(flying in from the Big Island just to help!), Louise Ing, Russell Lau, Marion Lyman-Mersereau, Steve Mechler, Carol Nordyke Gentry (and husband Mike), Pam Nunn, John Reppun (and wife Lanette Mahelona), Jo Ann Sakato (visiting from AZ), Robert “Tiger” Tanaka, Kevin Wakayama, and Robert “Bub” Wo.

Many thanks to Susan Abe Oi for organizing this year’s after party, held on Jim Scott’s lanai. Per Bruce, there was lots of reminiscing as well as sharing current lives and future plans. Bruce added, “Important to note that next year will be our last party as Jim will be departing.”

Out-of-towners, take note! Early February is a great time to be in Hawai’i, especially if you reside in the snow belt!

This was Jo Ann Sakato’s malasada debut, and she wrote, “Carolyn Bennett was especially welcoming and showed me the fine art of malasada making! It was wonderful to see how we have all aged so gracefully and are still giving to the next generation. I definitely plan to sign up again next year!”

Jo Ann retired from the FBI in 2002 after 24 years, with assignments in the Bureau’s San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Phoenix field offices. She passed the Arizona bar nearly a quarter of a century after graduating from law school, and went into private practice briefly before joining the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office as a prosecutor. Jo Ann worked there for another 14 years, retiring in March 2018. So many impressive, different, and productive paths taken by our talented classmates!

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KC Collins has been to Scotland to look at “men in skirts!” From Edinburgh to Inverness, down the lochs and as far south as the Isle of Iona and back through Stirling to Edinburgh.

Sherry Young volunteers for Youth Outreach program in Waikiki. Once a month she provides the homeless teens with a meal. She is also finishing the book she has been writing for 10 years, about the abduction of her children and how she helped in establishing the Missing Child Center Hawai‘i, now housed in the Attorney General’s office.

Brenda Kwon ’86 has written “The Sum of Breathing” and teaches at Honolulu Community College. Gail Harada has written “Beyond Green Tea and Grapefruit” and teaches at Kapiolani Community College. Both participated in a reading and discussion of their books at the Smithsonian for the Asian-American Literature Festival in Washington, D.C.

Linda Lee Ku‘uleilani “Cissy” Farms served as interim director at The Bishop Museum while they were selecting their next president. In her real life, Cissy works as a lawyer at The Goodsill Firm.

Dave Sonoda has started collecting photos for a slide show for our 50th! Please send photos (1953 – 2018) of our classmates to Dave at punahou71@gmail.com. Tom Matsuda has promised to send a photo of himself sporting a full blown afro from his college days.

Wayne Goto and Georgette Takushi Deemer shared the sad news with Rick Sia that our classmate Delia Valentin died

The late Delia Valentin ‘71.

Ann Yoshioka ’71 Konn with husband Wendell celebrating their 20th anniversary at Hy’s.
September 21, 2017 on Kaua’i, where she had lived for many years. Rick writes: “Delia and I had a very long friendship, going back to elementary school. When her family left Honolulu for Guam, she and I were pen pals. After she returned, Delia and I were partners for the cheerleading tryouts and performed our routines in front of all the students in the gym. She did a great job and deserved to win, but didn’t. (Wayne also tried out.) I was glad to see her make a career out of her passion for music and theater. I recall her telling me at our 25th Reunion that she graduated from the Berklee School of Music in Boston, which is probably one of the world’s best music schools, especially in jazz and popular music. Her passing is such sad, sad news.” Wayne shared the following quote Delia left in his yearbook, “Nature is the beauty of the Land. Love is the beauty of Mankind. Peace will be the beauty of the universe.”

Audy Kimura wrote: “I’m deeply saddened to report that Mead Rose passed away. He was an avid musician and loved playing classic rock guitar. I recall very fondly my first Punahou party at his home on Rainbow Drive during 7th grade at Punahou. In attendance were Gaylyn Li, Lance Wong, Howard Walker and Susie Chamberland O’Neill.” A musical jam session and celebration of Mead’s life will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Jane Goodsell and Peggy Dillingham Hannan were seen hiking to Makapu’u Lighthouse recently. Jane was also seen lunching with John Reppun ’70 in Manoa as they discussed her “Voices of Hawai’i” oral history project which was inspired by reading “Hawai’i Lawyer,” by Jim Case ’37.

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HappyAloha ’73ers!

By the time you get this Bulletin, memories of our 45th Reunion will be in the past, but the fun we had remains in our hearts. Think about it—some of you visited home for the first time in years. You saw so many changes on O’ahu, smelled the beautiful, familiar scents of the flowers of our childhood, ate plate lunches and other delicacies. A feast for the senses! Reunion activities found old friendships and new friends renewed. So wonderful to see everyone. On to planning our 50th Reunion in June of 2023!

Please check out (and join!) our Facebook groups “1973 FB page” as well as the “Punahou Class of ’73 Bay Area.”

Mahalo and fondest aloha to Linda Sutton ’74 Torres, of the Punahou Office of Alumni Relations, who worked with us to provide our Reunion Committee excellent service. She not only worked with our class, but with all the reuniting classes. Linda is always smiling and courteous, even when bombarded with 101 questions! Linda should write a “how to reunion” blog—you have earned a well-deserved vacation!

To our Reunion Committee—we can never find enough words to express our thanks for all your hard work and commitment in planning our Reunion this year! We had a great turnout
for our Reunion events – from the hike, to the Friday night cocktail party, to the Lu’au, to our family day – thank you all for showing up! I was in great company with our committee chairs. The three wahine have many years of friendship, from our days at Punahou and beyond, and many years of varying expertise to contribute. The bonds of “sistah”-hood strengthened, as we ate our way through our evening meetings and often met for lunch.

Diane Kimura kept us on track and focused at all times! This was Diane’s first-time on the Reunion committee, and she had a fabulous time, though, at times she’s said “it’s like herding cats!” We hope Diane will return to work on our 50th committee as well.

Karen Leong Lee has always been active on reunion committees, and kept us moving this year. She kept us laughing with her positive smile and laughter. Craig Ing designed our tote bag, which sold out. He also planned our memorial service, which remembered 31 classmates who left us too soon.

Allan Spitzer created our name tag lanyards, which were used for our many get togethers. It’s amazing how he makes us look younger each time! Allan also led a group of brave hikers on a beautiful hike, sharing his knowledge of our beautiful island home. Haku kumu Pam Li Hinsdale (and her committee) – mahalo for making Hawai‘i a better place for so many to live.

Our love and aloha surround Conant “Kimo” Golden Eagle. His mom Helene Child ’33 Berman, passed away at the age of 104. It was always fun to sit and chat as Aunty shared about the “old days” of Punahou. To see her at our Alumni Lu’au was always such a pleasure, and she enjoyed our sharing of song and dance. Kimo is forever grateful to have been her caregiver for the past 10 years, and he misses her each and every day. Please continue to surround Kimo with your thoughts and prayers.

Thoughts to leave you with: “Always be grateful for every second of every day that you get to spend with the people you love. One of the greatest gifts you can give someone is thanking them for being a part of your life.” Hugs and blessing to all of you!

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The article highlighted their demonstrated leadership and commitment to giving back. With all the competition of big box stores, City Mill continues to thrive and it’s fabulous to see Carol’s son Evan, as part of the next generation of City Mill leaders. Mahalo, Carol, and ‘ohana for making Hawai‘i a better place for so many to live.

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Friends from the Class of ’74 gather at Billy Richardson’s service. From left: Mike Mikasa, Mele Meyer and Alan Rosehill.
As you know, we lost classmate Billy Richardson late last year. Recently the family had a celebration of Billy’s life at the family property in Laie. It was a time to scatter his ashes and be with friends and family for a day of Hawaiian food and music. Several from our class gathered, including Fay Inouye Aitcheson, Ralph Aona, Greg Boxold, John Corbelli, Mark Cunningham, Mike Green, Ann Harakawa, Jay Higgins, Waiau Kaulukukui, Frank Izuta, Keith Kam, Charles Loomis, Lynne Gartley Meyer, Mele Meyer, Mike Mikasa, Gaye Miyasaki, Lisa Matsumoto and husband Craig Nakamura, Sheree Lum Orsi, Alan Rosehill and Kalfred Wong. Kalfred, Ann, Sheree, Faye, John, and Jay came in from the mainland. I was unable to attend and was so sorry to miss being there and seeing you all. I was told by Frank and Lynne that “it was an overcast day, but the rain stayed away” and it was a great turnout of family and friends gathering to celebrate Billy’s life. There was a paddle out in two canoes to scatter the ashes in the morning, in front of the beach house, with people lined up on the sand to watch. A luncheon of Hawaiian food followed. The family noted that if anyone would like to make a donation in Billy’s honor, please make it to the “UH Foundation: ‘Realizing the Dream Fund.’”

May you all have a wonderful Summer. Please do send any news my way because as I’ve said before, someone is waiting to hear about YOU! Much aloha to you all.

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Happy summer, classmates! May the cooling tradewinds always be at your back during these sweltering months.

This year marks my 15th year of serving as your Class Correspondent for Alumni Notes. It has been a rich and rewarding experience, enabling me to reconnect with classmates, many of whom I haven’t seen since 1975. Alas, all good things must come to an end, and I have decided to step down at the end of this year. My last issue as your Correspondent will be Winter (January) 2019, two more issues after this.

Thus, I am putting a call out to any of you who would like to assume this position as Class Correspondent. It is a minimal commitment of time (1 – 2 hours of email and writing per quarter) with an outsized bounty of rewards, such as becoming communication central for the class and the Punahou Bulletin, and the even greater delight of being back in touch with classmates.

If you are interested, please drop me a line or call me at my contact information above, and I will put you in touch with the Class Notes Editor. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

I was happy to hear from Steve Scott, who wrote to tell me of a trip last December that he, Colonel Nelson Michael, M.D., and Colonel Tom Farrell ’74 took to Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany for a three-day tour of the WWII battlefield sites of “The Battle of the Bulge.” Steve writes that he and Nelson were active in the R.O.T.C. program at Punahou back in the day. Nelson is currently a physician and medical researcher in the Army and due to retire in October. He’ll continue in his field of infectious disease research as a civilian. Tom is an attorney in Honolulu and retired from the Army Reserves. The three also spent a little time in Paris for the fun of it. Nelson was their tour guide, since he had been there before. Steve closed by saying that he heartily recommends visiting Paris, but also fell in love with the Ardennes of Belgium and Luxembourg. Thank you, Steve, for being in touch!

Congratulations to our classmates who were voted 2017 Hawai‘i’s Best Doctors, published in Pacific Business News. They are: Allan Wang (Allergy and Immunology); Robb Ohtani and Harry Yoshino (Obstetrics and Gynecology); and Jeffrey Lim (Pediatrics/General).

Kudos are also in order for classmates who made the 2018 Best Lawyers in Hawai‘i List, as published in Honolulu Magazine: Gregory Kim,
Convergent Law Group (Corporate Law); and Danton Wong, Chun Kerr LLP (Litigation – Real Estate and Real Estate Law).

That’s it for this issue! Please send me your news and put a smile on my inbox’s face! And please don’t forget to let me know if you’d like to be our next Class Correspondent.

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Aloha Friends,

Did you miss your last chance in the malasada booth at Carnival? Gregg Kageyama, our fearless crew captain for many, many years has given our notice. Big mahalo to Gregg, from both Gary and me, for providing us with excellent Bulletin column material for all these years! In a final malasada booth wrap-up, Gregg reports that 28 classmates and five spouses pitched in this year. Russell Lee and Keala Friel Wolf came from the Big Island and Chris and Andrea Arthur Owen and Jennifer Hintlian came from the mainland. Judging from the photos shared on our class Facebook page, everyone had a blast. Stay tuned to find out where we’ll be for Carnival 2019 and make plans to join us!

Cammy Spencer was busy catching up with classmates in February. She had lunch with Mary Machado-Schammel, Willy Falk and Leilani Jones Wilmore in Los Angeles and then made a quick trip to Honolulu, where she shot behind-the-scenes for the short film “Last Taxi Dance,” written and directed by Brayden Yoder ’96. While in town she thoroughly enjoyed catching up with Gary Tucker and partner Curtis Wynn, Debbie Kim, Bebe Bogdahn Bainum, Pat Camara McDonald and Liz Perry. Whew!

And now for another episode of “Who knows ?” We’re shouting out for updates on Ed Frizelle, Neil Furuya, Georgette Gay, Scott Glover, Bene Gundersen and Terry Heftel. What’s new in your life? If you’re in touch with one of them, encourage them to contact Gary or me.

A hui hou kakou, Dede

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Friends from the Class of ’76, clockwise from top left: Dr. Allison Shigezawa, Laurie Ishida Oue, Brenda Wong Yim and Karla Kam celebrated Karla’s birthday with pampering and mimosas at Drybar Honolulu.
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Happy Summer!

I am writing this article in April 2018 in anticipation of an amazing 40th Reunion in June!

We have a small committee that has put in the hours to coordinate a great time for us all. Please remember to thank them again (since this is now in a post-Reunion time zone). Notably, it has been such a pleasure spending time with Lisa Crosby-Torres. Getting to know her all over again has been one of the highlights of this Reunion planning year!

Lisa and her family moved back to Hawai’i about a year ago. Daughter Malia accepted a combined full academic/athletic scholarship to Hawai’i Pacific University, where she will play softball. In just four months, Lisa packed up 31 years of life and moved the family home! Lisa loves that she can continue her professional real estate career as a sales coach at Locations Hawai’i but admits it was a challenge learning and adapting her knowledge of California property laws and process to those in Hawai’i. (Lisa – hopefully by now you have connected with your classmates also in the business who can be your “new friends in high places” – Suzanne King Young and Beth Worrall Daily come to mind very quickly!)

Lisa, husband Pat, Malia, one dog and two cats have settled in Kane’ohe. They say that the best part of being home is having all their family around and being here to be a part of all the big family gatherings; and appreciating the green scenery all around us. She misses the old Keo’s but finds simple and new memorable moments gazing at rainbows, enjoying beach sunsets, and watching Malia PLAY BALL!

Thanks Lisa for all your contributions to our class and we’re so happy to have you all back home.

I hope you enjoyed the 40th Reunion and the time spent together with our ’78 classmates. We created another set of memories to add to the volumes that line our virtual Cooke Library shelves.
Send me your Reunion highlights and pictures so we can share out to everyone!

Hugs to you all – give one, get many!

Mahalo, Andrea

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In from Ray:
Class of 1980 once again participated in the 2018 PAA Golf Tournament with a large class representation, with 21 of our classmates participating, including Guy Amimoto, John “Lee” Bell, Brian Ching, Hugh Damon, Caroline Leong Dang, Reid Fukumoto, me, Mark Kam, John Kamana, Jason Lau, Lance Livingston, John Morris, Bert Okuda, David Tongg, Ben Wo, and Jeffrey Yeoh. Prize winners included Guy Amimoto’s team and the team of Byron Mello, Roy Hardy and Warren Bissen.

It was another sizzling Saturday at the Punahou Carnival Chicken Pit. The Class of 1980’s shift included Ramona Lee Balish, John “Lee” Bell, Brian Ching, Corrine Ching, Diane Ching, Donna Ching, Tom Cook, Hugh Damon, Matt Forster, Jill Suzuki Haworth, me, John Kamana, Lorie King, Alan Low, Danny Morris, Kaui Napoleon-Copp, Whitney O’Connor, Paul O’Sullivan, Doug Bowers, Beth Peters, Wendy May van de Waal, Ben Wo, Tracy Wong, Allison Yee, Jeff Yeoh, Greg “The Trustee” Yim, and Dale Zane. From the neighbor islands and the Mainland came Stacy Kube Disney, Kim Jones Nelson, Tom Mullen, Julie Morosic, and Holli Yamaguchi Tollan.

I ran into Christian Schneider in Kailua, back on O’ahu for a brief visit from his new home in Hilo. The following day, I saw Dean Tiger Tom Metcalf doing his morning shopping. So nice when we unexpectedly run into an old classmate/friend, teacher, or even our Class of 1980 dean!

Dean Zane ’78 reports that brother Dale was named one of Hawai’i’s Top Lawyers according to Honolulu Magazine. Dale is a real estate attorney, and father to a fourth generation Punahou graduate, son David Zane ’17. Congratulations Dale!

Newsflash: Governor David Ige announced on March 6, 2018 his appointment of our Jim Ashford to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Congrats to Judge Jim!!!!

Should any of you run into our classmates here at home, or abroad, send a text and a photo to Michele Holbrook Gay, Kelly Hutchinson McMahon, or me! We would love to hear from y’all.

Remember, it’s only two years before our 40th Reunion! What?!

In from Kelly: Phil and Emelie Anderson Pletcher’s daughter Chelsea got married in Hanalei this past March. Chelsea’s maid of honor was her sister, Malia. Classmates in attendance were Craig and Lynne Woodell Neher, with daughter Ku’ulei ’19, and Jim and Kelly Hutchinson McMahon. We got together
Jim Ashford ‘80 sworn in as First Circuit Court judge.

We stayed in Susan’s home in Hanalei, which is next to Charles Sloggett’s father’s (Dick’s Sloggett ‘48) home in Hanalei.

Jenny Dyer Friedman lost her husband, Ira, to cancer earlier this year. Classmates attending Ira’s services at Stanford University included Tom Mullen, Sherry Artzt Haber, John Fordham, Susan Wilke Gruber, Marion Philpotts-Miller, Lynne Wooddell Neher, and Kelly Hutchinson McMahon. The girls stayed to visit with Jenny for a few days after the services. Ira nicknamed us gals, Jenny’s “Dangerous Angels.”

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In from Lisa:
Sad to report that Russ Mori passed away in March in California. He was an avid surfer and worked as a network engineer in information technology at Illumina. He is survived by wife Deborah, son Kainoa, brother Michael Mori ‘78, sister Karin Mori ‘79, along with sibling-in-laws Julie and Alasdair, nephews Victor Jr. and Vincent, nieces Delaney and Audrey, numerous cousins, and friends who felt like family.

Christopher Coad passed away suddenly last July. He had lived in New York City for nearly thirty years and worked in graphic design. His closest friends from Punahou, Jared Sanford ‘82 and Carson Roberts ‘82, were present at his memorial service. He is survived by wife Susan Duberstein Coad, sister Sheila Coad-Bernard, brothers Richard and Michael Coad, and his mother, Joan Coad.

From Betsy:
And from Down Under, Kaina Keala writes “G’day Betsy!” Kaina made a special, kid-free, 14-day visit home in October for his mom, Jalna Springer ’50 Keala’s 85th birthday! Says Kaina, “I just hung out with Mom. Spent mornings eating papaya and drinking coffee discussing local government and general Hawaiian affairs. Lots of ‘ono kaukau too. I love reminiscing about our beginnings on Kaua‘i. The small hui of Punahou alumni that we would gather with on occasions. Punahou was something mom was proud of and I saw the special bond she had with those friends. I never thought I would go to this extraordinary school one day and have my own deep nurturing friendships.”

Kaina’s been living in “West Oz” for over 20 years and loves to hear from his mom the latest nitty gritty news and gossip from Hawai‘i. “She is a huge advocate of the Hawaiian conscience. Spent her whole life helping Hawaiians move forward and improve the sustainability of culture and mainstream code switching. She has championed her efforts in the Hawaiian Civic clubs around the nation, was president for some years; recently going to Seattle, Washington, for the HCC national convention. I have three older siblings and they have been my biggest influence in my life: Lynden, Buddy and Kathy. Lynden and Buddy were excellent volleyball players in their own right.”

Of course a visit home isn’t complete without catching up with some of the crew: “John Kamakana picked me up and had organized a small Hawaiian feast and kanikapila out at his place in ‘Ewa Beach. Joe Lohmeier, Remy Moranha ’79 and John’s ‘ohana shared a meal of laulau, kalua pig, lomi, poi and the lot. Awesome! With a small south swell running I got in a surf with Jim Shipman at Diamond Head. I got to hang with Remy at his place in Kailua with his wife, Gail. I got to know Remy through (our late classmate) Danjacques Kaleikini. Remy dropped me at the airport where John and I flew over to Kona to stay with David Ayau and carried on the festivities. In 2016, David and wife Stephanie flew Down Under to visit us in Denmark, Western Australia. While we were sampling the many Merlots, Cabernet Savignons and Reislings,

George Killebrew ‘81, Executive Vice President for the Dallas Mavericks, was presented with the SEAL Legacy Foundation Unsung Hero Award. This award was established to honor great Americans who support the United States Armed Forces. The Award is meant to serve as a reminder that we have the ability to positively affect the lives of others through our own selfless acts.
we made a deal – I would come visit him in Kona in 2017. DEAL. Bloody good fun. Fishing, surfing, sightseeing and general good fun kine stuffs. We caught up with braddah Bruce Ayau on the last day. I was so happy to have us together again. After, I flew directly to Kaua‘i to visit my childhood mate Scott Akana and to pay my respects to his dad, Uncle Bill Akana ‘42 who had passed away the year before at 92.

I also squeezed in a cheeky visit with braddah Art Styan for a sandwich at Andy’s in Manoa.

I must share the feeling I get flying home to Australia. I’m in a bubble of time travel. One culture to another. One time to another. As the saying goes ‘you can take the boy out of Hawai‘i, but you can’t take Hawai‘i out of the boy.’

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In from Blair:
Carnival 2018 was a blast, as usual, but was less crowded than normal due to a gloomy weather forecast (that never panned out). The Saturday morning malasada shift at the Ewa tent was well-attended with myself, Colleen Kelley Heyer, Stacy Hutchison-Miller, Jen Braman Lyons, Mary Friend Williamson, Drew Matich, Tia Reber, Debbie Berger and, of course our newly appointed coordinator, Andrew Ghali. Apparently, there was also a clandestine group of malasada makers who worked the night shift, but I was unable to obtain any names. Also, this year’s Carnival featured the “Malasada Cam.” Search for it on YouTube, but be ready to drool. Others seen at the Carnival were Greg Miline (working the O-Men booth) and Blaise Lambert Smith.

Not a lot of other news came my way, but I did see John Koga featured in the April/May issue of HI Luxury Magazine. Next time you’re near Monsarrat Avenue, stop in at the ARS Cafe and say howzt. Lisa Hutchison and I attended a heavy metal concert – Halestorm – at The Republik and ran into Brock MacDonald and wife Kathy. Also seen around town was Jeff Davis, who threw a wonderful bash at Gordon Biersch with the Boys Bunch to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Also seen at that event, canvassing the crowd, was Jeremy Low ‘81, who is running for Lieutenant Governor.

In closing, while I do see a lot of ‘82ers around town, please keep the updates flowing. Right now, the info is running at the speed of peanut butter!

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Happy Easter Fool’s Day!! Today is both Easter and April Fool’s Day, and also a full moon – wonder what it all means?? By the time you read this, our 35th Reunion will have come and gone. I am so darn excited to see everyone and celebrate our piquant class!!

But for now, here is what I have to share:
Cole Dolmseth posted a photo on Facebook and this caption: “When you still play at Renaissance Festival, and everyone wants you to wear a kilt! I’ve always said that I wanted an aloha print kilt, and the bookstore had the fabric, and I have a seamstress, so this is what you end up with!” It is a pretty epic photo, check it out!

Thanks to Tracy Ishikawa Woo for all her amazing food posts from Carnival this year. I could almost smell the malasada in her up-close shot of that delicious sugar bomb.

Kathy Kim Peters posted a question on Facebook, asking for verification of our senior prom song. The conversation and dialogue that followed was hilarious. I definitely do not remember that “Songbird” was our song! I remember the junior prom song, “Magic Power,” because Suzie Lyons Lee and I tried hard to get “Let the Good Times Roll” as our song, and we were very much outvoted!

There is also an incredible photo of Peter Anderson on Facebook, looking fly for sure. If you are not a frequent Facebook person, that picture alone is worth getting back on social media for a moment! Whoot whoot!!

I got a fabulous card in the mail – which is definitely an underused communication method – from Shay Yarbrough Kos. Shay, husband and son moved from Tiburon,
California to Paradise Valley, Arizona. Shay wrote that she has retired from working at Restoration Hardware, where she worked for eight years at their corporate/design headquarters, leading the interior and contract design. She is loving being home and being a mom full-time. Super cute holiday card of her family in front of a huge cactus, and an equally cute photo of their new addition, a bulldog named Rizzo. Thanks so much for reaching out and connecting again Shay, so wonderful to hear from you and see you and your family!

I was signed up to attend the Punahou Alumni gathering here in the Pacific Northwest, but we got a late notice that due to a fire at the venue, Da Tiki Hut in Tacoma, Washington, the event was cancelled. Everyone was okay from the fire, but darn it that we missed our meet up! I am hopeful it will be rescheduled. It is so awesome to mingle with Punahou alumni. Christi O’Connor sent me a flyer for a Hawai‘i gathering as a replacement for the cancelled event. She ran into Gail Stringer ’84 at Gail’s Hawai‘i General Store up in Seattle. Gail sponsored the event at her store – Christi is always a blast to hang out with.

All is great in my world, oldest son graduates from college this year – wow! I continue to love my job at the prison, working as the one and only social worker, among a population of 1,000 inmates. Now that the weather/time has changed I can start to walk home again, 3.5 miles and just enough time to decompress before entering my teenage-dominated home.

Please let me know if you are ever in the Washington area ... always up for a Punahou encounter!

All my love, hugs and aloha, Kim

1984 brought it at Carnival 2018 with some 57 classmates and loved ones working the Friday evening malasada shift in the Waikiki booth.
with Wayne saying that everyone’s son-in-law should be as wonderful as his is. Life is good for the Goos! I thought that this was the first grandchild for the class, but Patti Horii Oshiro mentioned that Audrey Nishina Cottingham is already a grandparent, and Meredith Burns said that Tony Gayer is, too.

And on a somewhat related note, Rick Maurer’s lovely wife Marisa actually agreed to bear his child (!), so he is a first-time dad of a toddler. He laughed his head off when I bumped into him at the Stan Sheriff Center as he thought about how that news might shock some of the classmates if I shared it in the column. (This correspondent might know more about said child if Rick had actually followed up and shared a supposedly adorable Christmas photo of the Little Mauer … but nothing as of this writing!) Who knows how old this little one is by now?

Lisa Tokumaru Rapp, principal architect at AHL, was named one of Pacific Business News’ Women Who Mean Business 2018. To quote PBN, “She means business because she has, as of the nomination date, contributed $6.4 million to the bottom line of AHL.” You go, girl!

Home sweet home for our class’ heroes: In December, Gary Kondo moved back to O’ahu to work at Tripler Army Medical Center in hospital operations after being stationed for three years in Fort Hood, Texas. In February, he was in his office when another medical staff member walked in and looked very familiar, even after 34 years. It was Frank Paz! Gary says that Frank works as a nurse at Tripler, and he also serves in the Army Reserves.

And as I write this – because of long publication schedules – some 57 classmates and their loved ones are still picking the sugar out of their ears because once again, ’84 rocked the Waikiki malasada booth on Friday night at Carnival! At our advanced age, we all should really get medals, but a few classmates deserve special recognition for actually spending their hard-earned cash and vacation days to fly home for this: Tori Van Culin Koch (Kansas), Kevin Beauchamp, Christopher Chang and Dean Nakamura (California); Peter Brust and Bruce Weiser (Texas); John Shigemura (Utah); and Kyle Nakamura (Big Island). Mahalo goes to Patti Horii Oshiro for gently cracking that whip with a smile once again to ensure that ’84 shines brighter than any other class and fills an entire shift – plus she bought every ’84 worker a bag of malasadas to celebrate the 2018 Carnival as a junior parent to daughter Lindsay ’19.

I have to tell you that one of the highlights of this year’s Carnival was having the chance to meet Kyle Nakamura’s lovely wife Rona. She read in these very pages about Kyle’s unusual Punahou “snacking” history at the Lily Pond. I got to share my own story of seeing Kyle eating tadpoles and lily pads back in sixth grade! Confirming my own immaturity, I still remember believing that Kyle eventually got in trouble for “eating school property.”

Finally, my fellow class correspondent Karin Kwock Martin and I want to give a hearty thanks to Alissa Suan, who is officially retiring. Thank you for many informative columns over the years, Alissa!

Anyway, ’84, keep in touch and let us know what is going on in your lives – good or bad – that you want to share with the classmates. Please note that if it involves criminal conduct, then the editors won’t let that go to press … but I have tried.

Hope to hear from you soon. A hui hou!
you do, we thought you might find inspiration, too! You’ll see in this installment that your classmates are working wonderfully challenging and interesting jobs. We’re pretty sure these are not the jobs that we were assigned in the Strong Campbell Interest Inventory! Remember when we sat in Hemmeter Gym and completed that “test”? Don’t worry, we’re not working in the industries it suggested for us, either! Without further ado, we share with you a couple stories about our classmates’ work lives.

Kaiulani Watson has temporarily relocated from the East Coast to Northern California. She has been there since Halloween 2017 with her company, ECC, assisting with wildfire debris cleanup in Sonoma, Napa, Lake and Mendocino Counties. She is an Environmental Manager tasked with the responsibility for all environmental aspects of this important and monumental project. Debris removal and disposal includes testing for asbestos in burned out homes and ensuring homeowner lots are free from contaminated soils. To date, Kai and her team have collected more than 10,000 samples for asbestos testing and more than 14,000 soil samples. More than 2,400 properties have been completely cleaned out in the four counties. She says, “The devastation from these fires is overwhelming. I’ve worked other disasters like Hurricane Katrina and have never seen anything on this scale. After floods or hurricanes, there is usually something left. Here, for miles you see just brick chimneys remaining where entire homes once stood.”

The Portuguese bean soup booth. It seems like we have an endless number of classmates who have so bravely volunteered to co-chair this booth each year – people like Ed Kageyama and Cliff Jamie can’t seem to get enough and keep returning! We should truly win an award for the most shifts worked as a class at the Punahou Carnival. Consistently, we turn out for the two last shifts on Friday night of Carnival, with enough volunteers to always spare someone to go on a malasada run (or two)! Colleen Maeda Bird is our organizer-in-chief, and she cajoles, bribes, and blackmails people to work – lovingly, of course. Several of you actually traveled from other states – hello Gary Auten and Lisa Denis Struble – to work, or to just come as customers like Mike Feeney.

This past weekend was the annual Merrie Monarch Hula Festival in Hilo. Our super trained eyes spotted classmates: Lawana Mendes Collier (whose daughter’s halau placed 5th in the Wahine ‘auana category – cheeehoooo!), Janene Lau Willener (whose fashion collection, Aloha Inspiration, had a pop-up at the legendary craft fair), Lisa Fruean Smith (Indy Hula’s fierce kumu), and Valeri Love ’86, who dances hula in Eugene, Oregon. If you were there and we missed your smiling face, e kala mai ... hadh fo’ spock you on top da TV! Until next time, a hui hou!

Love, April and Erin

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Most of us are turning or have turned 50 this year. Please write in to share any special ways you’ve celebrated this milestone. Greg Thielen celebrated his 50th birthday with fellow Punahou alums William Nagel, Lee Militier and Alex Jones by sailing around the British Virgin Islands. They chartered a catamaran out of Tortola and explored the beautiful islands and waters of the BVI. Despite the devastating impact of hurricanes in the region, they were welcomed and had an amazing time which none of them will soon forget. Allegedly, none of the guys took very good photos, so we have no photos of the celebration. (Is that the real reason no photos exist?)

Bonnie Pang was selected as one of Pacific Business News’ 2018 Women Who Mean Business in Hawaii! Bonnie is Senior Vice President of Atlas Insurance Agency, and she established its successful benefit consulting practice. In PBN, Bonnie shared that she likes to sing songs by Prince and the Revolution while driving. Um, who doesn’t?

Earlier this year you may have heard Darlene Rodrigues on local national public radio station KHPR, talking about Harris Methodist Church and its sanctuary program for immigrants fighting deportation through all legal means available to them. Darlene is “sanctuary ministry leader” there. This is an issue near and dear to my heart as an immigration attorney. Thanks for your work, Darlene!

As you should know by now, our beloved classmate Alvin Asakura passed away tragically in March. On April 14, Jay and Lillian Masamitsu Kam hosted a celebration of Alvin’s life at their home for classmates and others. The event was well-attended, and Lillian had prepared supplies so that all who wanted could write a special scrapbook page for Alvin’s daughter, Arianna Asakura ’25, to have about her dad. I asked Jay to share one of his fond memories of Alvin for the Bulletin, and these are Jay’s words:
Alvin was always great company to go to a ball game. One of my fondest memories was when we were both students at UH. The Stan Sheriff Center had recently opened and Hawai‘i had a good men’s basketball team. Alvin and I got student section seats and sat in the first row over the visiting team’s tunnel.

Alvin and I spent the whole season heckling the visiting teams from our seats. We weren’t vulgar or crass, and we didn’t use any profanity. We were witty, intelligent, comedic and entertaining ... at least that’s what we thought. It was mostly us being silly and laughing the whole time.

One game against BYU in particular stood out. Alvin and I did our heckling routine and it obviously bothered BYU because as the teams were heading into the locker rooms for half-time, BYU coach Roger Reid (dubbed the Penguin by Alvin and me for his resemblance to the comic book villain) and his two sons on the team, Robbie and Randy Reid, pointed at Alvin and me and accused us of spitting on them. They sent security guards to escort us out of the arena. When the security guards got to Alvin and me, I asked the guards to prove it. Alvin and I would never spit; we were too classy. No one could prove we spit on theReids so the guards left us alone. Alvin and I proceeded to yell our lungs out for the 2nd half and let the Reids have it. I think UH eventually lost the game, but Alvin and I had a great time.

After the season ended, Alvin and I were hanging out at the athletic complex one day and we bumped into the men’s basketball coach, Riley Wallace. Wallace looked at us and asked, “Are you the two that sit above the visiting team tunnel?” Alvin and I looked at each other, paused, and then begrudgingly answered, ‘yes.’ We thought we were going to get busted. Wallace looked at us and broke out a smile. He thanked us for supporting the team. He gave us a basketball for his appreciation. Good times.”

Jay Kam and Ken Ikeda have set up a support fund for Alvin’s daughter, Arianna.

The heavy hearts of the Class of ’86 were lifted in mid-May with the wonderful news that one of our own has been selected as Punahou’s next President! Congratulations, Mike Latham!!! A seemingly mundane administrative process suddenly became immensely exciting with the announcement by the Board of Trustees, and I can report, as both an alumna and a current Punahou parent, that the enthusiasm is widespread. Mike is thrilled to
be returning home to Punahou, and we look forward to welcoming him, along with wife Jenn (currently in divinity school, in preparation for ordination as an Episcopal priest) and their two daughters, Maile (15) and Anya (13), in June of 2019. And yes, Mike agrees that an ’86 celebration will be in order! See you soon, Mike!
This is my last column as Class Correspondent. I have enjoyed hearing from so many classmates who shared their notes. We have a special class, full of kind, thoughtful people. Not all classes get better with age, but ours continues to do so. Hug and kiss each other and be grateful for each other and for old friends.

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In from Karen:
As I write this, it’s theoretically Spring, but I’m looking out at snow falling. Lots of it. For those of you who are back home, seriously lucky you live Hawai’i!

Kikilia Fordham ’82 thankfully keeps us New Yorkers engaged with regular visits! We hosted a get-together at my house to get psyched for our 30th Reunion, and all alumni from the Class of 1948 all the way through to 2013 were invited. It was pretty incredible, given the disparity in our graduation years, that we still had very common and fond experiences of our time at Punahou. Nalani Hayashida and Stephanie Tseng happily represented!

Meanwhile, on the West Coast, Betty Lin Bredemann, Albert Cheng, Taylor “TA” Kurosaki, Martin Lind, Trisha Lum, and Kimo Proudfoot did the same. In Betty’s words: these peeps were “among the TV, music, and gaming industry’s finest. Lots of laughs and stories. It was like no time had passed, let alone 30 years! Fun to catch up, reminisce, and make predictions about our upcoming reunion.” Hope the rest of you are preparing your travel plans and stories (and maybe your livers) for our June festivities!

I don’t know about you, but I can’t keep track of Paige Bazemore Gabel (who, if you didn’t know, ran our Class Gift effort). She runs a volleyball club in London, but seems to be in Hawai’i a lot, with her most recent accomplishment being the launch of her personal catering business based there. Sounds like she’ll be at home a lot more. On one of her frequent visits to NYC, Robert Hiatt, Paige and I met for sunset cocktails, and plenty of laughter ensued.

In other moves: Betty was able to pau hana in Los Angeles after making the move south after living for 15 years in the Bay Area. Mary McIntosh made the brave move west to Washington from Arizona. Donna Dewick has brushed up on her French skills as she’s moved from London, where she had been forever (thankfully for me!), to Paris. If you’re in New Jersey, you’re in luck! Buddy Lee opened up another Buffalo Boss. He is working hard to build out his wing empire with stores from Brooklyn to New Jersey.

In different kinds of moves (and shakes), Charles Djuo left the GOP, signifying his displeasure with the current administration. Ingrid Schroffner is the newly elected president of the Boston College Law School Alumni Board and the chair of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Diversity Council. The MassHealth Diversity Council was recently tapped to expand to a Secretariat-wide EOHHS Diversity Council for our state. With the new expansion, the Diversity Council will have representatives from not just all of the sub-agencies of EOHHS, but IT, Operations, HR, Financial, Pricing and the Office of the Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services.

In NYC, Cori Aluli-Chott showed up with (most of) her family in tow, enthusiastically exploring all kinds of New York treats and delicacies!

Allen Murabayashi ’90 and I had fun interviewing each other for Punahou’s Global Careers Spotlight event. Given the time difference, participating in the live event would have had us up at 1am, and let’s face it, that’s several hours past my bedtime. Damon Haimoff ’85 provided the super posh venue at Media3, where he normally hosts luminaries from all industries; Allen and I pretended we were on CNN.

Robert Hiatt, Martin Lind and David Snow also met up in NYC. They intended to party like it was 1989, but unfortunately, as Martin concurs, none of us keep our eyes open that late anymore.

And in Honolulu, I met up with Maya Soetoro-Ng, who, in addition to all that she does at the University of Hawai’i, founded Ceeds of Peace, an organization focused on building peacebuilding leaders in order to make the world a better place for our children. Also home is Andrew Sakaguchi, who lends his talents to ‘Iolani for the moment, directing dance in a variety of events (and loving being home). Jarret Yoshida ’86 spends more and more time in Hawai’i, tending to the needs of his clients and expanding his design creativity. I also was lucky to ring in 2018 with Tony Kim, Joelle Uyeda, Ross Masunaga and their families. We spent the day on the Hawaiian waters – such a treat for my New York family.
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Where has the time gone? This year marks 30 years since our million dollar Razzmatazz Carnival. Which means our 30 year reunion is coming up! Please mark your calendars to participate in the festivities next June. If you are interested in being part of the reunion committee or have a suggestion for the committee, let us know and we will pass along your name/suggestion.

Mahalo to those of you who worked a shift or two – or more! – this Carnival. While the chicken booth and pit crew was strong this year, there were many others who found a shift that better fit their schedule. A special thank you to Jaci-Ann Chung for keeping us in line and coordinating for us! It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces throughout the weekend.

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The Class of ’91 pulled together once again for a fun shift at the Hot Noodle booth at Carnival! Classmates included Darryl Nakamoto, Dennis Djou, Kyle Yuen, Mike Watanabe, Naoi Yuen, Marc Miyamoto, Jose Elizaga, Ryan Awong, Ian Okamoto, Evan Leong, Darin Goo, Sean Matsumoto, Stefanie Loo Jefts, Heather Nakasone, Allison Takeshita Van Orman, Lynn Nakamura McNamara (who joined us from Granite Bay, California), Minette Lew McCabe, Renee Saito Shimamoto, Kim Higashi Gerhardt, Jill Murakami Baldemor, Joanne Chang, Kim Wong, Noe Lyons Archambault, and Vanessa Higa Kau. A special thank you (also once again) for the awesome noodle memorabilia from Allison Takeshita Van Orman. The pin is a wonderful addition to our other Hot Noodles gear! Mahalo to Kim Wong for once again organizing and getting us all there!

Mayu Hara Dao, Dr. Franklin Dao and big sister Jadelyn welcomed baby girl, Mari Sage Trinh Dao, on December 11. Mari is a beautiful, happy, sweet little girl and a very happy addition to their family! Mayu is sad about going back to work soon, but Mari will be going to “school” with Bella Nakamoto, daughter of Nikki Adam Jones and Rich Nakamoto ’90.

Kristie Klein and husband Jeff Kim welcomed their baby girl, Noelle Mia Kim, on December 22 in Atlanta, Georgia. Kristie writes, “We are so in love! On top of that, I am also switching jobs. I’m leaving my current position at Intercontinental Hotel Group (sad to leave) and will be working for Southern Company starting today!” How exciting, Kristie! Congratulations on both fronts!

Rob Riecker and wife Meghan welcomed their baby boy, Benjamin Tynan Riecker, on February 16. He was 9lbs, 12oz. They are over the moon in love with their son. They live in Parker, Colorado.

Speaking of Colorado, its newest residents are Heidi Ho Muniz, husband Robert and son Joshua. Heidi was promoted to director of pharmacy and retail operations in Colorado! Congratulations and best wishes, Heidi!!!

Congratulations to Stefanie Loo Jefts who will be receiving the Extra Miler Award from Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America for all of her work as the Pack 1 outdoor activities coordinator. Pack 1 is also one of the first Cub Scout Packs to be accepting girls!

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! We spent ours at the “happiest place on earth,” where we ran into my son Ollie’s friend, Dylan Ueoka ’30, and her family. We later met up with my oldest son, David’s ’27 friend and classmate, Cali ’27, and her parents, Cindy and Earl Asato ’83. David and Cali had fun taunting Darth Vader and driving Autopia cars over and over again! They were so happy to be able to drive together, without an adult in the car!

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Ana Vidinha
married Marion Bryant on February 21, 2018 in Honolulu. Highlights of the lovely couple’s ceremony, which was co-ordinated by Marion’s mother and Marion Lyman-Mersereau ’70, and included a pre-ceremony party bus ride for the wedding party, a cool bride-father handshake, touching speeches, breathtaking hula, thoughtful features by the beautiful bride (she made all of the centerpieces), and lots of laughs and fun. Plus, our very own Kellie Kitagawa Hirohata enjoyed serving as the happy couple’s photographer. Wishing Ana and Marion a lifetime of happiness!

Melanie Dunn
opened up her own Parisian-style pastry shop, Pâtisserie Mélanie, in the Hillcrest neighborhood of San Diego in February 2018 and it has already been recognized as a “shimmering gem” by the San Diego Union-Tribune. Prior to opening the shop, Melanie spent three summers in Paris training to be a pastry chef at the famous Le Cordon Bleu. She also served as a high school English teacher for 10 years. And to top it off, Melanie and her husband, Alex Schwarz, are proud parents of a beautiful two-year-old girl. Tres bien, Melanie! Nous sommes très heureux pour vous!

Mat Yamamoto
was honored at a Boy Scouts Wood Badge Beading Ceremony after completing the highest level of adult Scout leader training offered by the Boy Scouts. Way to go, Mat!

Reid Matlin
has joined Bristol-Myers Squibb as a territory business manager (pharmaceutical rep), where he is combining solid experience in sales with his valuable skills and training as a nurse. Based in Cincinnati, Reid and his lovely wife, Sarah, frequently come to Colorado to hit the ski slopes, so I’m very fortunate to see them when they come here. Great job, Reid!

Hawaii Business Magazine recognized Ann Teranishi and Emily Reber Porter as part of its 2018 edition of “20 for the next 20,” which features 20 people who will have a major impact in Hawai‘i over the next 20 years. Ann was recently promoted to executive vice president, operations at American Savings Bank. She serves on the board of directors of Catholic Charities Hawai‘i, the Hawai‘i Cellular Therapy and Transplant Center, and the US-Japan Council. Emily is the chief operating officer of The MacNaughton Group. She serves on the board of directors of the Hawai‘i Women’s Legal Foundation, Child and Family Service, and The MacNaughton Group’s foundation. Congratulations to very impressive and special women!

A couple ’92ers contributed significantly to Punahou’s G-Term STEM and Social Responsibility Trip to the Bay Area in January 2018. Reid Townsend organized a tour of Google, while Tim Dang set up a tour of 23andMe. Tim shared that through the 23andMe testing, he and his brother, Nick Dang, discovered they are not fraternal twins (as they have always believed) but, rather, they are identical twins. Sounds like a good commercial waiting to happen!

Kena Heffernan’s devotion to sumo wrestling is outstanding, and he was credited by one local sports reporter as being “at the forefront of resurgence of sumo in Hawai‘i.” He was also recently featured in the Hawaiian Airlines in-flight magazine, which detailed Kena’s efforts in leading a new generation of Hawai‘i wrestlers to sumo glory. As the vice president of the Federation of Sumo, Kena, along with his father, host free weekly sumo classes in Honolulu. He is also excited about the World and Junior World Championships for Sumo that will be held in Hawai‘i next year and will host competitors from around the world.

Lastly, a big mahalo to everyone who participated in the annual malasada shift at the Punahou Carnival this year. Yum and fun! Aloha and God Bless, Mike “Maz,” Jen, and J!
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It was great seeing everyone at Reunion! We missed those of you who couldn’t make it. Thanks to the Reunion Committee for all of the hard work you put in to planning Reunion week.

Props to Gigi Diller Bizar, who is truly a teacher who makes a difference in children’s lives. In from Gigi: “I have been a middle school history teacher at Westridge School for Girls in Pasadena for the last 13 years, and it has been a dream job! About eight years ago we started teaching our students about the global water crisis during a full seventh grade interdisciplinary unit. Soon thereafter, it became clear that we needed a service component for the unit, and luckily that’s when I met the founder for H2O for Life, Patty Hall, at a conference. ’H2O for Life provides a service-learning opportunity for schools in the United States that helps teachers and students raise awareness about the global water crisis while taking action to provide funds for a water, sanitation, and hygiene (W.A.S.H.) education project for a partner school in the developing world.’ Our 7th grade team decided we would raise $2,730 in 2012 to fund a clean water well at a school in the newly formed country, South Sudan. My students decided to sell some baked goods during that winter break and thus began the Water Warriors Club. The Water Warriors have been a thriving middle school club ever since, and over these past six years we have raised over $60,000 to fund W.A.S.H. projects throughout the developing world. This year we had the opportunity to take those very first water warriors to Kenya to see some of the projects we have funded. We first went to the Gikambura School near Nairobi where we funded a full W.A.S.H. system, including a rain catchment tank, latrines and a hand washing station. The kids were full of joy and excitement when we arrived and all of them wanted to give us high fives and fist bumps. We reveled in their emotion and were struck with our own deep satisfaction. The gift of fresh water has an astounding rate of return. One in three people lack access to fresh water and women are disproportionately affected by

Gigi Diller '93 Bizar visits the Gikambura Primary School in Kenya, as part of her continued work with H2O for Life.
the water crisis, as they are often responsible for collecting water. This takes time away from work, school and caring for family. Lack of water and sanitation lock women in a cycle of poverty. The girls at Gikambura danced and sang for us, and we also did some water testing with their middle school kids, comparing fresh water from their faucet with the water from a dirty pond nearby. They remarked that being able to turn on a faucet to get clean water has been a great blessing. We also had the opportunity to visit the kids at the Kibera School for Girls in the Kibera slum, which is a project the Water Warriors are currently funding. The slum is home to over one million people and through an incredible organization called SHOFCO (Shining Hope for Communities), Kibera and its school for girls has fresh water. While at SHOFCO, we met the founder, Kennedy Odede, who rose from poverty in the slum to be one of the people bringing solutions to his community. We also visited a few other schools that H2O for Life has funded, and of course, went on a safari. It was an experience of a lifetime, and one that we will never forget. I feel so grateful to be able to work with the Water Warriors each year to fund projects at schools in the developing world. A school cannot exist without fresh water. The global water crisis is something that everyone should be paying attention to, as water brings life. Click on the link to learn more about the work of the Westridge water warriors. With gratitude, Gigi.

Class of '94 NYC karaoke night! From left: Joy-Sarah Vink, Jon Jaffee, Toni Dechario, Robyn Katto, Billy Christensen, Liz Yee and JD Hong.

Congratulations to our very own Mahesh Cleveland who was named as one of “20 Law Students of the Year” by the National Jurist Magazine, and was featured on the cover of the Spring 2018 magazine! Mahesh was selected from law students across the nation for his outsized contributions to his law school and community. Way to go Mahesh – what an amazing accomplishment!

Thanks to the rallying cry of Billy Christensen, who was in New York City from his hometown of Atlanta for work, several of us “transitional classmates” came together in NYC for a night of karaoke. It was awesome to sing with Joy Vink, Eric Elizaga, Toni Dechario, Robyn Katto, JD Hong, Jon Jaffe and Nelli Kim ’95. Team NYC will always be here to welcome our ‘94 ‘ohana with open arms so please drop any of us a line if you’re in town!

Please keep a look out for our talented Eric Elizaga on “Law and Order: SVU” which aired at the end of April. He will be a doctor on the show and has a recurring role!

Despite the distance, Malia Reeber Blake once again stepped up to the plate to help coordinate our participation at ‘Ewa Hamburgers on Saturday. We had a massive turnout including Shannon Ball, Fran Gendrano, Marlene Baldeua, Sheila Hodges Ebert, Lia Woo Aguilera, Karin Tran McCauley, Rachele Lee, Nathan Fong, Rob Lee, Jason Ushijima, Kristy Sakai, Jenn Nakanishi, Eleni Espania Hirasuna, Jeri Tokumoto, Diane Chee Class of 1994

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Dear Classmates,

Happy summer!

By this time, our class will have executed the best lu’au ever! Many mahalos to our Alumni Lu’au chairs, Dawn Sugihara, Fran Gendrano and Shannon Ball.

Members of the Class of 1995 reconnected at this year’s Carnival while cooking malasadas during their class shift. From left: Mandy Minor, Colin Ah Yat, Donny Utu (behind Colin), Leilhua Phillips Utu, Dean Kaneshiro, Tyler Umemento, Kenny Ching, Erynn Thornton Fernandez and friend Dao Tran Vela.
Alumni Notes


Wakabayashi, Mari Ishii, Jennifer Murata Ueki, Dawn Sugihara, Jenn Shim, Stuart Peterson, Tyler Takahata, Michael Chong, James Kwong, Kent Kasaoka, Joy Sonson, Ryan Kozuma, Ryan Kido, Bryan Lee and many more who I apologize for missing!

At the same time, there was a mini class reunion at PAASC’s first annual Carnival in Santa Monica, California, which brought together Howard Weiss, Michelle Sugihara, Haruko Nakayama Froeb, Mike Chun and Cari Ann Kojima.

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 Ran into Alika Reppun and family, Jill Higuchi ‘96 Reppun, Parker ‘26 and Jack ‘28 on Easter. Alika is working as an independent contractor for the federal government.

Julie Matsumoto visited with her daughter Nora (6) this past April. We got together with David Tuan and his family, who were visiting from California, at Chad Zane’s, along with Audrey Ida Nakamura, Shanelle Kaneshiro Yamamoto, Steffany Ho Wong, Karl Higa and Aaron Bischoff. Karl, Audrey, Chad and I also had a chance to catch up with Ryan Nomura, his wife Tiffany and two sons Tatum and Rocky one evening at Salt.

We’re preparing to shadow the Class of ’94 as we prepare for our turn to run the Alumni Lu’au. There are plenty of opportunities to help out!

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You may have noticed that in the last issue of the Bulletin, we didn’t have a Class Notes column – if you’d like to make sure that doesn’t happen again, please consider volunteering to be a co-contributor with me! It would be great to have a voice from the East Coast, Midwest, South, or abroad since I tend to get most of my info from the West Coast and Hawai‘i. Just email me at stadaki@gmail.com or feel free to contact the Notes Editor at the Bulletin office directly at notes@punahou.edu.

Okay now to catch up on some news!

In December, Jessica Donohoe Casillas forwarded a photo that Courtney Johnson Love submitted from a gathering they had in San Francisco with friends Caldeira, and Ginny Lau Uyesugi. In February, Ka‘eo Vasconcellos wrote in to share that Morgan Stanley announced the promotion of Jimmy Bennett to Senior Vice President. Jimmy was also named to Forbes Magazine’s inaugural list of America’s Best-in-State Wealth Advisors. Congrats, Jimmy!

Most of us are celebrating our big 4-0 this year and in March, Tracy Tom Park wrote to share a photo from her cousin Matthew Tom’s surprise birthday party, which was planned by his wife Thu. Matt works for Bofi Federal Bank.

and lives in San Diego, California, with Thu and their two children Madison (9) and Bradley (7). Rob MacKinnon came down from Sacramento, California, where he lives with wife Melinda and his son Mikey (6). Rob is a senior account manager with York Risk Services. Landon Yoshida also made the drive down from Mission Viejo, California to attend the party. Landon just celebrated 14 years of marriage with his wife, Miko, and they have two beautiful daughters Leila (9) and Linley (8). Tracy of course was at the party too and she now has three children Jacob (9), Joshua (4), and Tori (9 months), and lives in Anaheim Hills near her private practice, Pacific Optometry Group in Garden Grove, California. Tracy also shared that Ryan Dang was there too – even though he is a Kamehameha graduate. Many of our classmates are close with Ryan and will probably recognize him from the photo. Happy 40th Birthday everyone!

Now to some exciting news. Our class film-maker Brayden Yoder wrote in to share news that he spent most of February on O‘ahu filming at the old Indigo’s restaurant in Chinatown. His new film “Last Taxi Dance” recreates the 10-cents-a-dance nightclubs that were popular in Honolulu in the 1940s and tells the tale of a Native Hawaiian singer and her confrontation with a returned U.S. soldier. There were many Punahou folks involved in the production including cinematographer Chapin Hall ’01, choreographer Ahnya Chang ’97, costume researcher Jennifer Iacovelli ’99, actor (background sailor) Erik Horn ’09, actor (background taxi-dancer) Kelly Correa ’15, and of course Brayden who wrote and directed the film. Those of you who were back in Hawai‘i during Alumni Week this year may have attended the 40s-themed trailer launch party at the old Indigo’s in June and Brayden hopes to see some of you at the film premiere at the Hawaii Theater on August 25th. If you go, remember to take a photo and send me a note about the other classmates you caught up with when you were there!

A huge mahalo to everyone who sent in updates! This column would be nothing without info coming in from you. If you are reading this and wishing that you could hear about folks that haven’t been mentioned in a while, please take action and find them to get an update to share – other classmates are wondering about them too! A final plea also for someone from another region to join me as co-correspondent – hope to hear from you soon!

Aloha Class of ’98 and happy summer! I hope this column finds you well and in good health and spirits. It was great to see so many of you at our 20th reunion in June. Can you believe it’s been 20 years? From our Flashback Friday night event, to the Saturday Alumni Lu’au, to Sunday Fun Day at Ali Ching and Jacob Lowder’s house, it was full of great activities and chances to see and reconnect with classmates. Thanks to everyone who was able to join for the festivities, carving out time in their calendars and traveling from all over Hawai’i (as well as across the globe!), to be back in Honolulu for the weekend. It was a pleasure to see so many of you again, some for the first time in 20 years, and meet many of your spouses/partners and children. Special thanks to all of our hard-working classmates who were a part of the Reunion Committee, you pulled together a wonderful, celebratory Reunion! Thanks as well to all of our classmates who pitched in and either donated products and services, or helped with connections for Reunion; mahalo! Pictures to come soon, so stay tuned.

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

Aloha classmates,

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

Earlier this year, Todd Iacovelli was named head coach of Punahou’s Varsity and Junior...
Varsity track teams. Since 2007, Todd has served as an assistant coach at Punahou.

In February, Kurt Zwald and his wife, Kim Ang, attended their second Winter Olympics together in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Kurt and Kim attended various events for a week that notably included the women’s hockey gold medal thriller that Team USA won in a shootout! They also spent some time in Seoul, Tokyo, and Beijing before returning home.

On February 22, my wife, Claire, and I welcomed our second child, Julian, to the family. Older brother Cameron is taking it well (so far).

Best, Jonathan

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In from Krystle:

From the Reunion Committee: A big thank you to our class for making our 15th Reunion such a fun and successful weekend! The committee members were: Sarah Rosa, Jen Lee Ontai, Shanley Roxburgh, Jared Watumull, Stacy Aldinger, Rachel Breitweser, Stephanie Chun, Robby Field, Krystle Hara, LesiAnn Kikuchi, Venus Lee, Darragh O’Carroll, Melanie Pearson, Cathy Schmitt, Jay Schulte, Christine Terada and Chelsea Yamauchi.

Thank you also to everyone who volunteered at our Taco Salad shift! Alison Wilson Nakamatsu is looking at our options so more people can be a part of our Carnival shift next year.

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Hi everyone! With the summer months winding down, we hope you had time to let the sun warm your skin, sand tickle your toes, and salt water soothe your soul. Or, if you’re landlocked like us and had no access to the islands, found ways of creating your own personal paradise. Here’s what we were able to uncover from those who responded to our creative outreach:

Cat Cullison Culver and husband Matt ’03 celebrated their third wedding anniversary in July. They welcomed baby Easton into the world last May. Cat continues to work as a physical therapist at Jaco Rehab in Honolulu. Max Yi is a logistics manager for Nestle. He lives in Southern California with his wife, daughter (4) and son (1).

Sean Moulson got married to wife Christine in November 2017, in Mooretown, New Jersey. Paul Ables, Michael Dannemiller, Stacy Taylor, Keith Stancu, and Angela Schoen were all in attendance.

Friends and classmates gathered at Justin Lo’s ’04 wedding.
Kat Vinson started her website and Instagram account, Crunchy Kat, in August 2016. Crunchy Kat is a health and wellness site that is geared towards women who are trying to clean up their diet and their makeup bag. Kat features new products on the market, gives recommendations, and helps people develop healthy routines that will work for their busy lives!

Jamie Stroble recently bought her first home in Seattle, Washington. She is working for the King County Government as a lead on climate change community engagement and climate equity. She is also head coach of her paddling team, Hui Wa’a o Wakinikona!

Brett Chaponot, John Morris, Chris Takemoto-Gentile, Greg Moore, Aaron Hutcherson, Shon Morishige, and Makana Ciotti traveled south of the border by boat from Long Beach, California to Ensenada, Mexico. The question we are all dying to ask is, who was Jack and who was Rose when you reenacted the Titanic on the bow of the boat? We know the pictures exist. Send them for the next Bulletin!

Chris Schmicker and husband Jeff Reilly spent 10 days traveling through Peru in March. Chris is the vice president of strategic services for Dow Jones and has added “alpaca selfies” to his resume under “hobbies/interests.”

Diiiiiiim summm! (pronounced: daaaaaaymmn son!) Justin Lo married his husband, Luke Norris, in April 2017 at the Golden Unicorn Restaurant in Chinatown. This sounds magical and delicious all at the same time, and we’re pretty sure that the other J.Lo won’t be able to get a reaction like this from her high school classmates about her wedding.

Last, Lei Ann Talaesea sent us a beautiful story about her daughter, Grace Rose Lei Sakamoto, who was born in January 2017. At birth, Grace put on her boxing gloves and began the fight of her life. After her umbilical cord was cut, she developed heart and lung problems which led to her needing a machine to manually pump her heart for her. Grace went on to receive kidney dialysis for further internal complications and was predicted to have brain damage that would affect her ability to walk, talk, see and hear. Lei Ann’s update — Grace has been called a “miracle child” at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children because she fought the fight no baby should have to, and has overcome these huge obstacles!

As always, please send pictures and updates to Kristen Zodrow and Krista Mathews at the addresses above. As you can see, there are a variety of stories shared this time. Even though you might think your story is not worth telling, we love sharing updates (big and small) about how everyone and their families are doing.

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I hope everyone is enjoying an amazing summer! Drop us an email telling us what you did and we’ll feature you in the next Bulletin! Here’s the latest from the great Class of ’07.

Congratulations to Megan Ching and husband, Daniel, who welcomed daughter, Alexandra into the world in February.

Congratulations also to Allison Yoshida Oshiro and her husband, whose family grew in March with the birth of their second child, Noah Isaku Oshiro. Noah joined their family at seven pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches long.

Grace Jacobson recently headed for warmer weather, leaving New Jersey for Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she started a job as a nurse practitioner at the Fertility Center of New Mexico.

Amy Marcus recently gave a presentation on the relationship between maternal literacy and child marriage in India at the Comparative and International Education Society conference in Mexico City. This summer she is studying Hindi in Jaipur on a Department of State Critical Language Scholarship, and then in the fall she’ll be completing her practicum as

Megan Ching ’07 and husband Daniel welcomed daughter Alexandra.

Allison Yoshida ’07 Oshiro pictured with husband Jason and children Skylar and Noah.
the first US-based representative for a service-learning and internship program provider in Pune, India.

Geoffrey Suthers released his digital board game, Sumer on the Nintendo Switch console in April. He had the help of James Case, who provided marketing and editing support.

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Aloha Class of 2008! We hope you’re having a great summer and were excited that so many of you were able to attend our 10 year Reunion!

Kelsey Auten and Dana Auten ’11 got to visit sister Brynne Auten Boian and new nephew Graham (future Punahou grad ’36?!?) in Kentucky in March. Graham made his first trip to Hawai’i for the Reunion in June, and stopped in Colorado on the way there to visit his aunt Kelsey again. Congratulations to Brynne on her beautiful new baby!

Kelsey Auten ‘08, Dana Auten ’11 and Brynne Auten ’08 Boian during a visit to Lexington, Kentucky.

Landon Nagata ’09 wed Peirce Kirkham of Rockville, Maryland, on December 29, 2017 at Spanish Oaks Ranch in Santa Margarita, California.
After four years in Austin, Texas, Becca Pang moved back to the East Coast, and 10 minutes away from her brother Bennett Pang ’07. She’s been traveling the world for both work and for fun, recently visiting Italy, Switzerland, Colombia, Japan and Thailand. She’s excited to be in the D.C. area and looks forward to reconnecting with Punahou alumni at PAAMA events.

After five years of being an anesthesia tech at Straub Medical Center, Chelsea Liu has moved to Boston, Massachusetts, in May to start the Physician Assistant program at Massachusetts General Hospital – Institute of Health Professions. She really enjoys volunteering alongside Harvard medical students at MGH Internal Medicine in a team-based learning setting and figuring out how to adult!

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In from Travis:
Congratulations to Lindsey Morgan who wed Chris O’Neil on November 11, 2017, at Kualoa Ranch near Moli’i Fishpond and Gardens. A large contingent of classmates and other Punahou alumni from the ’70s, ’80s and early ’90s braved torrential downpours and flood warnings to attend the ceremony and reception. Lindsey and Chris were introduced to each other in New Zealand by mutual friends, who predicted they would fall in love immediately. Chris proposed to Lindsey at the back of Ka’a’awa Valley at Kualoa on June 29, 2016, the day after Lindsey’s parents’ (Carri and John Morgan ’74) 30th anniversary.

Landon Nagata wed Peirce Kirkham of Rockville, Maryland on December 29, 2017 at Spanish Oaks Ranch in Santa Margarita, California. Many classmates attended the ceremony and reception, including Lauren Chong Kee, Tim Lum, Clifford Son, Rosten Tsuha, James Wong, Nicholas Yamagata and Matthew Yamane. Additionally, Darryl Cheng, Reyn Fernandez and Mike Yamane were groomsmen and Landon’s sister Rashelle ’11 was a bridesmaid. Landon and Peirce met while they were both attending the University of Washington in Seattle in 2013, and became
engaged in San Luis Obispo, California, on July 1, 2016, where they now reside. Both Landon and Peirce work at a residential solar company, Sunrun.

As always, Ciarra and I wish you well. 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.

Babies, weddings, and Match Day for many of our classmates this past Winter/Spring!

Huge congratulations to Anita Goo and her husband Matthew Palmer on the birth of their baby girl, Willa Mahealani Palmer, in December. They are currently living in Bend, Oregon.

Josh Cole and Landess Kearns were married on the North Shore on March 3, 2018, with Chaplain George Scott serving as their officiant.

Forever a Trojan, Kaity Yim matched in dermatology residency at the University of Southern California where she will continue her training after medical school. She celebrated with siblings Becky Yim ’15, brother Connor Yim ’12, Kaity and friend Austen Lau ’10 at USC Match Day.

Also in March, Michael Nehmad, Stephanie Liem, Leilani Doktor, and Chessie Diaz met up in Boston, Massachusetts to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day!

Finally, a hearty congratulations to Sean Hungerford for joining O’ahu’s top producing real estate team, Barnes Hawai’i Group at Elite Pacific Properties.

Hope everyone is well and enjoying the summer weather, wherever you may be! Please continue to keep us updated on your adventures, life milestones, and accomplishments!

With aloha, Caitlin

Class of 2010

Kaity Yim ’10 matched in dermatology residency at USC, where she will continue her training after graduating from medical school. She celebrated with, from left: sister Becky Yim ’15, brother Connor Yim ’12, Kaity and friend Austen Lau ’10 at USC Match Day.

In honor of the passing of their former English teacher, Mrs. Liz Foster, old classmates reunite over drinks. From left: D Dangaran ’11, Amaya Rogers, Syd Dollmeyer ’11, Tae Keller ’11, Tae’s boyfriend Joshua Nadel, Jessa Modell-Wasserman and Nikk Modell-Wasserman ’11.

deeded her “HAWKs” or Helpful Advanced Writing Kids – reunited over drinks in Boston recently. They have shared some of their thoughts in remembrance of her and their time in her class.

Tae Keller, who recently published her debut novel, “The Science of Breakable Things,” says, “I took Mrs. Foster’s class at a time when I felt lost, and she guided me back to writing. Thank you for everything, Liz.”

Nikk Modell-Wasserman writes, “I remember being surprised when Mrs. Foster told us that she had never published and had no intention of doing so. As a senior, publishing seemed like the end to the means of writing. But Mrs. Foster knew better. Her opus was the thousands of students who graduated from her tutelage and kept on writing. Her memory is a blessing to all of us who passed through her doors, sat on the couches in her Old School Hall classroom, and wrote, and wrote, and even now, still write.”

Sydney Dollmeyer shares, “My advanced writing moments in the Old School classroom were some of my fondest memories at Punahou. Mrs. Foster had created a safe space for anyone to be anyone, for you to go when you were happy and wanted to celebrate, for you to go when you felt down and needed time alone. Mrs. Foster had curated and cultivated a course unlike any other. She listened and made you feel heard; she encouraged exploration of emotion; she helped you navigate being human; she helped you find your voice in this world. I will always remember her smile and excitement for learning and thirst for writing and creativity. Mrs. Foster helped unveil something hidden in people and let them speak their truth. Sitting in that classroom made me feel immensely at home and as though I had a true place at Punahou, complete with best friends and a solidified love of writing, thanks to Mrs. Foster. She made me feel like I belonged. I will forever thank her for those moments and her everlasting, twinkling wisdom.”

D Dangaran says, “I took the class to learn how to wield the power of language, and ended up learning a lot more about what it means to be human – through messing up, supporting others with positive and constructive feedback alike, and holding myself accountable for the words I brought forth. Mrs. Foster held space for healing and growth for seniors getting ready to make our way in the world. I’m so grateful I could learn, heal, and grow under her guidance.”

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Aloha, Punahou community!

Carnival wrap up 2018! It is always so much fun catching up with you folks and experiencing the sights, sounds, smells and feels of Carnival all over again. This year, our Carnival shift included: Ailana Meyer, Aubrey Thomas, Brant Ueki, Chelsey Choy, Courtney Ugale, Erik Lee, Jon Kam, Josh McDonough, Justin Ligsay, Kalia Medeiros, Lindsay Sagaran, Makanani Bell, Mariah Kim, Matt Brody (Kalia’s boyfriend), Penelope Ng Pack, Quinci Salvador, Sho Matsumoto, Steven Lakalaka, Taneesha “Hi’i” Asing, Tiffany Li and Tyler Agbayani. We look forward to seeing even more of you at Punahou Carnival 2019!

In February, Punahou Alumni Association of Southern California hosted its first Carnival in Santa Monica. Those in attendance from the Class of 2012 included Nicole Johnson, Stephen Li, and Tiffani Tejada. Punahou

The Class of 2011 had a large turnout to work at Carnival 2018 – great fun was had by all!
alumni, along with family and friends, enjoyed an afternoon of friendship, local food, malasadas, haku lei, kiddie games, and raffle opportunities.

In May, Janna Chang completed her second degree in English Literature. She is moving to Ottawa, Canada this summer. Congratulations, Janna!

Hope everyone is doing well! Don’t forget to keep us updated through our class email: classof2012alumninotes@gmail.com. Take care!

Class of 2013

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Aloha everyone, Turner here! Sorry I’ve been MIA. I’ve been busy teaching English to 7th – 9th graders in Taiwan through the Fulbright program. Teaching our native language is difficult but it’s gotten easier since I’ve incorporated John Cena and Kobe Bryant into my lessons! Here’s a look at what some of our classmates have been up to!

Jordan Kondo is also on a Fulbright grant researching longevity at the Okinawan International University. He works with researchers from the Okinawan Centenarian Study, which also collaborates with the Kuakini Honolulu Heart Program: “It’s a real privilege to study healthy aging in Okinawa, where researchers are conscious of the interaction between biology and the island’s social and cultural context,” says Jordan. Jordan also studies Japanese and engages in activities like karate and Ryuku cuisine.

Alexis Miyake is also in Japan but teaching English to K – 9 students in the smallest prefecture of Japan. Although she never envisioned herself as a teacher, she loves working with her students. Alexis has also focused on expanding her students’ view of the “typical American” and the diversity in Hawai‘i.

Matthew Fa‘atea has been experiencing life abroad in South Korea. Aside from his missionary duties, Elder Fa‘atea has been busy learning how to speak and read Korean, sharing his Hawaiian snacks, and eating all the kimchi in Korea!!

Kupono Fey has taken his love for volleyball pro! He plays for Argos Valley in Sora, Italy. An interesting contrast Kupono has noticed is that, although the “team-first” mindset has always been instilled in him, in professional
volleyball, this is inferior to earning a paycheck and one’s own stats. Additionally, the higher competition on the court and language/cultural adjustments have proved challenging. However, Kupono notes, “even though I faced more challenges than expected, I am grateful for this opportunity to learn and become a stronger person.”

Speaking of professional sports, Ryan Tuiasoa just signed a contract to play football for the Hameelinna Huskies in Finland! Best wishes to Ryan as he traverses a new country, teammates, and an actual winter!

Not only do we have big stars in athletics, but also on stage! Aaron Banes is back on tour with “PJ Masks Live!” playing the Night Ninja. He toured with them last fall to major US cities and this upcoming tour will include a month in Australia! His kung fu and Chinese lion dance skills have come in handy as he had to teach the cast some moves. Lea DiMarchi is currently preparing for her upcoming role as Annie Sullivan in the play “The Miracle Worker” at Judson Theatre Company in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Since college graduation, Lea has participated in multiple professional works and has since moved to New York: “I’m hoping to nab something in the film/TV world very soon!”

Perhaps you’ve seen Josh Smith on TV in Hawaii Five-0 and Hilo Hattie commercials. After freshman year at Pace University, Josh was cast as a dancer in the first International Tour of Broadway’s “Beauty and the Beast!” Currently, Josh is pursuing a degree in Creative Media from UH Manoa and teaching hip-hop at Punahou. He performs at local music venues such as Downbeat Diner, Scarlet and The Wisp Lounge. Look out for his upcoming EP titled, “The Gilded Age” which is scheduled to be released this fall on all major music platforms!

In September, Piueti Maka was featured in an advertisement for actress Sofia Vegara’s seamless underwear company. Eti was grateful and proud to represent a company where “Ten percent of net sales empower women out of poverty and into business.” Sami Thompson has also been making a name for herself. She recently signed with modeling agency, Stranger Agency. Sami has been in commercials for Nintendo, Hulu, and Hallmark just to name a few. Her Instagram @hellosamso is “a gallery devoted to the artists I’ve worked with and an initiation to other artists I can work with in the future.”

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Many in the Class of 2017 have continued to participate in sports during college this year. And some decided to try out new sports. At the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship at Lake Natoma in Rancho Cordova, California, the Class of 2017 was there to represent their schools: Kepa Seward (Lewis & Clark), Sydney Suzuki (Seattle University), Maile Heyer (UCSD) and Noa Kerner (UCSD) got together at Lake Natoma.

To the Class of 2017 we all hope your year after graduation was filled with experiences you will never forget. Please contact any one of us if you would like to share with us an experience or update to share with the whole Punahou community.

Victoria Mak ’15 presented a poster at the University of Hawai’i Cancer Center, wrapping up her summer internship. Pictured with fellow interns, from left: Makana Williams ’14, Victoria and Lynn Nguyen ’14.
Memorials

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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Minnie Kosasa

Minnie Kosasa, co-founder of ABC Stores with her husband, Sidney, passed away peacefully in March at the age of 94.

She was born and raised in Sacramento, California. When the war broke out, she and her family, along with Sidney, were interned at Tule Lake. They got married in 1943 in the relocation camp, then were released to move to St. Louis after Sidney secured a job at Barnes Hospital as a pharmacist. In 1944, she took a ship to Hawai‘i and began her life in the islands with Sidney and his family.

When Sidney opened up his first drugstore, Kaimuki Pharmacy in 1949, Minnie worked alongside him in sales and finances. As their business expanded, she became the office manager. In 1964, they opened the first ABC Store. Together they worked hard and built the ABC Stores empire.

Along the way, they raised four children, Tom ‘63, Susan, Gloria ’68 and Paul and instilled in them the value of education, respect and compassion. Each became successful in their careers.

Minnie is also survived by five grandchildren, Jonathan ’95, Christian, Lisa ’04, Lindsay and Ian ’11.

Sidney and Minnie owed their success to their customers and employees and resolved to give back to the community. It is a commitment they carried out by supporting many nonprofit organizations in Hawai‘i, including Punahou School, which honors their legacy in the Sidney and Minnie Kosasa Community for Grades 2 – 5. Their children will carry on Sidney and Minnie Kosasa’s legacy by continuing their mission.

Peter Moon ’62

Peter Moon ’62, the beloved musical artist and composer who helped inspire a renaissance of Hawaiian music for a generation of followers in the 1970s, passed away on Feb. 17, 2018, at the age of 73.

Peter Yuan Ho Moon was born in Honolulu to Wook Moon and Shay Young Zen on Aug. 25, 1944. He attended Punahou and Roosevelt High School, and graduated from University of Hawai‘i – Mānoa in 1968, earning a bachelor of arts in English literature.

Peter was a naturally gifted artist with the ‘ukulele and slack key guitar, learning to play both by ear and with remarkable expertise.

In 1967, fellow artist Palani Vaughan put Peter on the track to popular acclaim, asking him to join in a Hawaiian music recording project that produced the album “Meet Palani Vaughan and the Sunday Manoa,” released in 1968. A year later, the Sunday Manoa album “Hawaiian Time” was released.

In 1970, Peter, at age 26, along with Ron Rocha, launched Kanikapila, a Hawaiian music concert in the intimate setting of Andrews Amphitheater at Peter’s alma mater, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Kanikapila quickly became the premier Hawaiian music concert event of its time and was held annually through 1995.

From 1970 to 1974, the renaissance of Hawaiian music came to the fore and the Sunday Manoa, now comprised of Peter Moon and Robert and Roland Cazimero, led the way with the release of three iconic and critically acclaimed albums of contemporary Hawaiian music. Most important to Peter, Kanikapila was a showcase for Hawaiian music, dance and culture, especially for up-and-coming artists who benefited from the exposure and experience of performing in a concert setting. One of Peter’s primary objectives for holding Kanikapila at Andrews Amphitheater was that it would be more effective in attracting a younger audience to embrace contemporary Hawaiian music, while also keeping the event affordable.

In the latter half of the 1970s, Peter began performing as the Peter Moon Band coupled with the release of the group’s debut album which earned five Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards.

In keeping with his spirit of generosity to help others, Peter helped establish the annual Blue Hawaiian Moonlight fundraising concert to support the O‘ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA). In the first two decades of his career, from the late-1960s to the late-1980s, Peter was a popular performer in Waikiki, on the neighbor islands, and frequently toured the West Coast, building loyal followings in all three areas.

In the early 2000s, Peter added music teaching to his regular schedule, showing students ranging in age from keiki to kūpuna how to play the ‘ukulele and slack key guitar. The title of his workshop and accompanying video, “The Magic of the ‘Ukulele,” was perfect in describing Peter’s lifetime as a musician, composer and undeniable influence of Hawaiian music for the past 50 years.

Peter is survived by his son, Peter W. K. Moon ’09, and extended family members. A private funeral service has already been held by the family.