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Class of 1937

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I thought it was time to check in on a surviving classmate to see if we were still surviving, so I gave him a call. Surprised to have **Deryk Row**

answer his own phone! He is considerably deader than I am, so our beginning was not so easy.

D: "Jim? Jim who? I don't know any Jim."
J: "Jim Case from Honolulu. In your Class at Punahou." (They don't pronounce Honolulu right up there.) Finally, "Jimmy Case."
D: "Oh, Jimmy Case from Kaua'i. Oh!"

J: "Yes, Jimmy Case from Kaua'i, in your Class of 1937."

Deryk lives in Normandy Park, a small town on the southwest fringe of Seattle. He lives alone in his own attractive cozy home. He has one surviving son, who is in New York. A couple of his step-grandchildren come up from Seattle,

EDITOR'S NOTE

If public health conditions permit, we will hold the Alumni Lu'au on Saturday, June 12, 2021. The most updated information about your Reunion events can be found at punahou.edu/reunion.



Hau'oli la hanau! Dick Cox '38 celebrated his 100th birthday by viewing his own birthday parade from his driveway in Manoa. Well-wishers drove and walked by with signs and songs. Dick said, "It was not your usual birthday celebration, but still a joyous event!" Front row, from left: John Chock '01, Dick Cox '38, Pia Chock '97 seated with her daughters, Catie and Frankie. Back row: Frank Stanton (Fenny's husband), Lydia Cox '66 Chock, Fenny Cox '67 and John Chock '66. Not pictured, but were there celebrating were Dick's children, Midi Cox '62, Janet Cox '64 Brown and David Cox '71.

maybe once a week to clean up and check up on him. Otherwise he takes care of himself. He says he is "very hard of hearing, but otherwise, okay." The surprise is that Deryk is the oldest student in our Class and I am the youngest. Deryk will be 102 in January 2021, and I am "only" 100.

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Virginia "Ginnie" Markham '47 Davenport shared that her sister, **Elizabeth Markham Clark**, passed away recently, after several years with bone cancer. She lived in Orinda,

California, during her married years and raised two daughters, Jennifer Clark Hardesty and Lisa Clark Cloven. She adored her grandchildren and frequently took them on trips. She was very active in her community and gave generously of her time and skills. She will be greatly missed.

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From our thinning Class members, we sadly lost two more in 2020. Here are some personal glimpses into their lives.

Florence Takahashi Baggett left us on April 23, 2020. Our Oahuan remembers Florence as "an industrious student and excellent sports-woman" with a "bubbling personality and

cheerfulness." A commuter from Wahiawa, she still found time for her many "extracurricular activities ... and to work on her China dog collection." We know from her 50th Class Reunion memories that she attended Georgetown University (and married classmate, James Baggett), then also Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Florence then served in Baptist churches in Kentucky, on Maui, Kaua'i and O'ahu, directing church programs for 32 years. Her daughter, Johanna, reports that her mother loved dogs, cooking and planting roses and orchids. Florence's husband, the late Rev. James Baggett, passed away in 2001. Florence is survived by three children, Jon, David and Johanna; four grandsons; and her brother, Herbert Takahashi (the last sibling of her original family of seven, which included **Betty Takahashi '48** Masaki, Gladys Baker-Grimes, **Harry '52**, **George '56** and **Abraham '57**).

Alice Blaney Holmes passed away on April 22, 2020, in Cody, Wyoming. Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, into a military family, she grew up in many locations. Alice attended

Punahou from 1938 to 1941 and had she stayed, she would have graduated in our Class of 1946. She received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Wellesley College in 1950. She and her husband, John F. Holmes, worked at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI) on a Navy/WHOI Arctic venture in 1952, that landed on the polar ice cap to study the feasibility of ocean study through the ice. In the early years, their family moved around the U.S. following John's job. They even experienced Hurricane Katrina while in Louisiana. Alice raised three children, and remained active in the League of Women Voters, as well as 40 years with the Girl Scouts as troop leader, camp counselor and director. She was also a member of The Garden Club in several states. Once John passed in 2009, she moved to Wyoming to live with her daughter. Alice is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth; her sons, Jim and Ted; three grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

On a lighter note, by now you have received the registration to update your contact information for Punahou, and your attendance at our 75th Class Reunion. Please fill out and return pronto. Optimistically, the pandemic will be under control and travel, plus the usual fun Reunion activities, can resume much as we enjoyed in years past. The 2021 Punahou Alumni Lua'u is planned for Saturday, June 12, 2021, so note that on your calendars. We will plan a couple of '46er functions for earlier that week that you will not want to miss. A hui hou kakou!

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Do you recall the horrendous fires in September 2020 that destroyed thousands of homes in Oregon and California? **Tita Thacker Johnson** lives in Medford, Oregon. Her home is just on the other side of H-5, where the fires raged. Tita said that they had to evacuate their residence because high winds threatened to blow the fire across the highway and burn their home in Rogue Valley Manor. Tita and husband, Paul, were fortunate to have escaped the fire, but did feel the effects of the smothering smoke.

Gordon Lavering lives in Washington. He is glad to have been far enough north to have escaped the fire and destruction. Gordon says he is just waiting to return to Hawai'i, to reunite with the Class of '48!

Flora Timberlake Thompson, abiding by the lockdown edict, has the cleanest house in town. Not able to swim or enjoy her club and socials, she says she spends her time

cleaning house and walking. Flora is a lot more productive than most of us.

Dudley Fullard-Leo took a break from the Islands to spend a few months at his home in Vancouver, Washington. He had business matters to tend to, as well as celebrating his 92nd birthday.

Joan Baldwin Spalding keeps occupied with daily walks and jogging. She is also finding great satisfaction in homeschooling her grandson, Ben.

Leonard Stanley is happy to report that his book, "Adrian: A Lifetime of Movie Glamour, Art and High Fashion," was published by Rizzoli Publications in November 2019. Googling the book, Leonard failed to mention that his book has received many glowing reviews. A synopsis of the book read, "This book is a bright and vivacious look at the fashion, art and homes of one of the most celebrated fashion designers of the 20th century – Adrian." Adrian designed costumes for iconic movie stars, such as Greta Garbo, Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, Judy Garland and Katharine Hepburn. The younger generation wouldn't know who they were, but "seniors" would know them all very well. Congratulations, Leonard! You hit the jackpot!

Great news from **Muriel Otani Kashiwa**! Her late husband, Genro Kashiwa, once a partner at Goodsill, Anderson, Quinn and Stifel, had collected and edited 72 stories penned by soldiers, who were Americans of Japanese ancestry (AJA) in World War II. These 72 stories are contained in six volumes of books. He and Muriel wrote two additional books; "Collection of Memoirs," which dealt with his experiences as a Platoon leader in the 442nd in Italy and Germany; and "Biography of Genro Kashiwa," which was about his life from childhood to adulthood. Amazon heard about these three collections of books and offered to buy them from Muriel. She just recently signed a contract with Amazon. You hit the jackpot, Muriel!

The year 2020 will be remembered as the year of COVID-19. It will also be remembered as the year we lost of a number of our dear classmates. Since the last Bulletin, we have lost two more: **Richard "Dick" Sloggett Jr.** and **Kenneth "Bones" Johnston**. Dick was a picture of health at our last Reunion in June 2018. It doesn't seem possible that he is gone. Bones had recently moved to O'ahu, and was living at the Hawai'i Kai Retirement residence, where **Pat Brown** Faus resides. It was Pat who called to inform us of Bones' death. She said that Bones had expressed a strong desire to return to visit his old homestead. It was shortly after he returned that he passed away in his beloved Hilo.

The thing about yesterday, it's gone. Today is going to be just great, and tomorrow – we can make even better! Blessings to all for a wonderful 2021!

Class of 1949

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The weekend of Aug. 30, 2020, **Ellen Schattenberg** Townsley's Forum residence went on evacuation alert. The Santa Cruz wildfire was 11 miles away. Residents were advised to pack papers, medicines, clothing and any animals. Ellen and her cat, Alice, were ready to go for four days. When the alert was called off, Ellen went back to her schedule of swimming, reading and talking on the phone with family. In the past, while living in San Diego, the Townsleys had experienced a near wildfire. The police came in the middle of the night to get them to leave their home. This time there was no departure, but hotel rooms were available if needed.

Izzy Lamb Ryan checked in from Honolulu in September, while the city was in its second lockdown. At that time, rules were for one person on the beach by themselves, no family members, one hiker at a time, no restaurants open, take-out only. Izzy has been reading a lot. She also watches some TV shows and waits with all of us for relief from boredom!

Frances Holbrook Brewer reported that her granddaughter, Rianne Ellingwood, just graduated from Western Washington University and is now studying to become a pilot. Frances' twin granddaughters, who just graduated from high school, will be going to the University of Washington, but are now studying at home due to COVID-19. Thick smoke from nearby wildfires has made dangerous breathing conditions for Spokane. Frances and her daughter, Kit, celebrated Kit's birthday at Nordstrom. They were joined by her son, Brook. Frances now lives in a retirement community apartment, where the view is beautiful – when the smoke is gone.

I called **Dulce Dease** Shafer in San Rafael, California, to get an update on her life there. She is living in the same home that she and Mark kept during their service travels. It includes a business area for her daughter's drapery business and their living area. Dulce's husband, Mark, died a couple of years ago. Her daughter, Carol, lives in Oregon, and her son, Charlie, lives on Hawai'i Island. Dulce has five grandchildren and spends time working puzzles and reading. She shared with me her Island family history. Her ancestors were Dr. Smith and his wife, who came to Hawai'i with the missionaries from New England, in the 1800s. The current generation has a family gathering on Kaua'i every two years.

I've been in contact with **Nancy Gibson** Harlocker. I learned that her eldest grandson got married in September. The ceremony was near the lake in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. However, heavy smoke from the wildfires made it hard to see the water.

Jack Porter is waiting to receive my traveling Ka Punahou book that was given to me at our

Reunion. When Jack is finished, he will mail it on to Dulce. Is there anyone else interest in sharing it?

I am grateful for any news you are willing to share. Stay positive and test negative! We shall survive!

Aloha, Beverly Blom

Class of 1950

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John Hinrichs Jr. '48 shared that his brother, Judge **Robert "Bob" M. Hinrichs**, lost a long battle with Parkinson's disease on Sept. 20, 2020, at the age of 87. Bob attended Punahou during the years 1946 and 1947. When their father was ordered back to the mainland in the summer of 1947, Bob and his mother also left Hawai'i, but John stayed and graduated with the Class of 1948. After retiring as a Superior Court Judge in Monterey County in 1998, Bob moved to Sonoma County. He will be laid to rest at the United States Military Academy at West Point, his alma mater.



Ben Baldwin '50 and his family gathered in Hanalei to celebrate his grandson, Kyle's, wedding (son of Licia Baldwin '82 Brown). From left: Karen Dillingham Baldwin, Rick Baldwin '87, Ben Baldwin '50, Kathy Townsend '58 Muller-Baldwin and Baba Muller '85 Busch.

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Hi, Class:

Happy New Year! When you read this, it will be 2021 and very close to our 70th Class Reunion in June. Much of the information about our Class events has been sent to you. Please make note of those June dates on your calendar.

Keep safe, wear the mask, wash your hands and stay home. We need to see each other for our 70th Reunion.

Mahalo,

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Class of 1952

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Aloha, gang!

Due to the lockdowns, we have not had any "talk story" lunches this year. I have, however, talked with **Peggy Vollmann**, **Molly Freeman Cherry** and emailed with **Ann Kirsch Latham**, **Don Murphy**, **Jane Hughes Sims** and **Pat Fox**, to name a few. All are well and send their aloha to you, but none had tales to tell. Same with **Jack Keppeler**, who has thankfully managed to keep a safe distance from the fires in Oregon.

I've collected a few "first day at school" stories. **Jerry Magoon** shared a very funny sixth grade story: "Let me preface this by saying that I was the 'new kid on the block,' not knowing what to expect, but my first impression was glancing up at Rice Hall's cement stairs with Principal Dr. Deal Crooker

standing tall and greeting all arrivals. Miss Nims was my teacher. That day, I met **Sheila Cruickshank Mahoney**, **Roger Dow**, **Tom Guild**, **Fred Hundhammer** and **Eleanore "ET" Williams**. However the true test was yet to come ... and that was my introduction to the 'Sizing-Up Posse' of **Joan Sylva Richter**, **Jackie Young**, **Maureen McDiarmid Whipple** and **Barbara Moody Hudman**. (Hahaha!!!) Guess I passed because from then on it was smooth sailing! Punahou provided the tools and friendships and I have had the good fortune to keep in touch with classmates. Thanks '52ers! Aloha, Jerry."

Soot Bredhoff recalls another kind of "first" story: "On one of my first few days at Teachers College (I began Punahou in fourth grade), I was standing, watching kids play and suddenly somebody jumps on my back from behind. I bent forward and this guy goes flying onto the ground in front of me. That's how I met **Sandy Kam**!

Soot also recalled a fun football play during a Punahou vs. Kamehameha game. In a huddle, Sandy concocted a play where I would get the handoff from the quarterback, fake a run to the left and throw the ball back to the right, where Sandy – who by then would have gotten into the clear – headed toward the end zone and scored a touchdown! Coach Russell was scratching his head on that one ... not in the playbook!" Any of you remember that one? Sandy is remembered for his speed and grit on the football and track fields and for being a true friend. He is affectionately remembered as "Sin Fook."

Sandy was also remembered by **Hugo von Platen**, who recalled Sandy as a good friend.

Sandy sometimes took Hugo home for lunch or dinner, while Hugo was staying in Wilcox Hall for an interim period. Hugo also commented that Chaplain Rewick was a Japanese interpreter during World War II. How many of you knew that?

Jacquie Myatt Milikien, who boarded at Castle Hall for a two-year period remembers: "At that



Pat Fox '52 hugs her grandson, Brix. Pat's son, Sam, has moved the family from Manoa to the North Shore, which affords daily swims for darling Brix.



A fond aloha to Zelie Rogers '53 Harders, who passed on Sept. 21, 2020, in Wailuku, surrounded by her 'ohana. Classmates remember Zelie as someone who exuded warmth and loved caring for others. Aloha, Zelie.

time, there were ladders attached to the inside of the large concrete columns on every floor. Sometimes after dinner, a bunch of us would climb up into the very large attic to smoke a cigarette. One evening, Chaplain Rewick happened to be walking from his home opposite the dorm, looked up and spied a young lass climbing the ladder. Curiously, shortly thereafter, all excursions to the attic came to an abrupt end."

I also remember **Kathy Cadinha Strong** once telling me many years later that girls would sneak out the windows after dinner for a smoke ... or other surreptitious, nefarious assignations! Wonder what other tales lie within those walls.

In closing, I am sad to report losses in our '52 family: **Bobby Shane (Schoen)**, **Betsy Ashford Huckins**, **Virginia Crippen Claire**, **Homer Eaton**, **Faye Irwin Field**, **Rita Paris Cowell**, **Herb Yee**, **Jack Altman Jr.**, **Dickie Ludewig** and **Helen Soga Sato**. Each had write-ups in our '52 Corner emails, but regretfully, there is not enough space to repeat them here. Think of our friends not as gone, but having gone ahead. They remain in our hearts and memories.

Stay in touch with each other. Remain safe, healthy and of good cheer. A hui hou!

Class of 1953

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The year 2020 marked the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. I remember the

firecrackers in the streets on V-J Day in August 1945 – friends banging pots and pans, and the sky-high flares from the ships in Pearl Harbor.

Ian Birnie: "On V-J Day, my mother was at Fort Armstrong and Dad was working at Hawaiian Trust Company near Bishop and Fort streets. Mom and I went to pick up Dad when the war's end was announced. There was dancing in the streets. Dad took us up to the roof of his building, about three stories up. We had ringside seats. I think my most vivid memories were of the GIs, in uniform, hugging and kissing every woman in sight. Many of them were climbing the backs of the HRT (Honolulu Rapid Transit Co.) buses to pull the spring-loaded wires down, thus disabling the buses. We had watched Japanese aircraft fly down our valley on Dec. 7, so we were there for the beginning and the end."

Ted Harders: "Planes flying over Honolulu, dropping rolls of toilet paper ... Town going berserk ... My neighbor tying his trash cans on the rear of his Ford Model A, and roaring around Manoa until they all fell off. The relief on my dad, mom and sister's faces. (Sister's husband was away in the Army.) But best of all for us kids in Manoa, one of our Chinese neighbors gave us a good-sized box of fireworks."

Douglas Bell '48, brother of **Margaret Bell Merrion:** "(Early in the war years) ... we were picked up in the morning at school (which was at the University of Hawai'i because Punahou was occupied by the Army Corps of Engineers) and taken to the fields near

Wahiawa in canvas-covered open trucks. There, we hoed and picked pineapples until lunchtime, ate lunch brought from home, then hoed and picked pineapples until it was time to be trucked back to UH ... then the atomic bombings and the end of the war."

This writer was to attend the end of World War II ceremony on the USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor on Sept. 2, 2020, to present a copy of my "Pearl Harbor Warriors" book to the 54 veterans, who were present the day the Instrument of Surrender was signed on the Mighty Mo in Tokyo Bay. Instead, the ceremony was virtual, and the books were mailed.

Ian Birnie spotted the World War II aircraft that were shipped from San Diego to Honolulu by the Navy for the 75th anniversary events. The aircraft viewing at Wheeler Field was canceled, but flyovers on Sept. 2, 2020, extended across O'ahu and across the deck of the USS Missouri during the ceremony program.

Mahalo nui to our classmates who served in the military. We are grateful for your service. I only know the service information for a few of you. Would you please email your service details and also those of our classmates who may have passed? I'd like to record this as a part of our Class history. Thank you.

From **Chuck Andrews:** "I'm in York, Maine, about 80 miles south of **Mary Hartwell Truesdell**. Mary's husband and I were in the same Naval Officer 'year group' and he was stationed at the



Besties at Punahou, Marcia Reed '54 Wythes and Mary Bell Fox '54 Blackstone, met in Atherton, California, for a backyard picnic accompanied by their daughters, who played together decades ago! The conversation never stopped! From left: Jennifer Wythes Vettel, Marcia, Mary Bell and Megan Blackstone Searfoss.

Navy Office at Bath Iron Works years ago when I was at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine." Glad to report all classmates near the California fires checked in on our Yahoo group site to report that they are safe. Dot, **Dick Zieber**'s widow, said the fire was about 12 miles away, filling the air with smoke and ash. **Lorraine Souza** Silva was further away, but reported heavy smoke and ash.

Just received notice of the Oct. 5, 2020 death of **Bob Carroll** of Lake Champlain, after two weeks of hospice care. Our deepest sympathies to his wife Dee; his classmate and step-brother, **Donn Carswell**; and his extended family. The next column will include my favorite Bob Carroll story and photo.

Condolences to **Ann Barbara HoYee**. Her husband, **Herbert W. F. Yee '52**, died on July 15, 2020. September was tough on our Class with losing **Fawn Freeland Powers**, **Bobby McCorriston Jr.** and **Zelie Rogers Harders**. Ted sent a mahalo note for all the prayers received for their 'ohana. Aloha 'oe, classmates.

Aloha pumehana,

Dorinda

Class of 1954

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"Quarantining along," we ask, "what is next? Some of us venture out carefully and just as many stay put! It is a good time to carefully read the last few Punahou Bulletins. They are stunningly attractive, informative and tug at our heartstrings. How could our School get any better? Open up this magnificent Bulletin to jog your childhood memories, and it most likely involves our beloved Punahou, which has kept up in campus development and educational excellence.

Our classmates are creating innovative and unusual ways to be happy in this dickens of a time. **Cathy LeBaron Steele** was walking her Goldendoodle, Kula Nani, and happened upon a tai chi class being held in the neighborhood baseball field. She was entranced watching this group since she had been studying for three months to learn these basic moves. She joined right away.

Robert "Bob" Murphy has up and moved his family to Connecticut! He and Maggie bought a

home in a 55-and-older community. With the help of their daughter, they bought a great home sight unseen! Their home in Salinas was sold in a day, and they were on their way to a new life experience. They are now 10 minutes from daughter, **Jan Murphy '87** Mason, and three grandchildren. Their son, **Joel Murphy '87**, is just two hours away in Brooklyn. Watching the maple leaves turn red as the temperature lowers reminds Bob of his college days. They are in Farmington and wonder if any buff 'n blues are within shouting distance.

Rick Frazier is grateful that Hawai'i has eased up on the restrictions of visitors. He and lots of visitors are happy about this.

Joanne and **Peter Law** report that COVID-19 has put a severe dent in their winter travel plans. All of Peter's aircraft racing and air show activities have been canceled. The company that does engineering consulting won't let anyone over 65 in their facility, and he can't talk over the phone or email them due to security concerns. They await the California governor's lifting of numerous statewide restrictions.

From Titusville, Florida, **Ginger Wainscott** Porsch reports that the rocket leaving Cape Canaveral that morning was a small one and didn't shake her house "that much!" OMG! Imagine being so casual about a rocket blasting away in your immediate vicinity! The pandemic has not created such a problem for her as her tennis and golf opportunities are still going strong. She is amused when many of her opponents inquire about her age. They are then pleased to know that if active like her, they could have a long future in each sport! Her two young granddaughters keep her active when her sports are pau for the day.

I am so sorry to tell you that **Leslie Styne Mattice**'s husband of over 60 years passed away in October. Jack Mattice was an Island boy and a graduate of Roosevelt High School. He had an engaging personality, keeping his audience in rapt attention as they listened to this cute, blonde, curly-haired blue-eyed fella with his pidgin inflection telling marvelous tales. We will miss Jack and send our love to Leslie, their daughter, **Evan Mattice '77** Hengel, and two sons, **Peter '81** and **Matt '80**, as they bid aloha to the fine person that was their man.

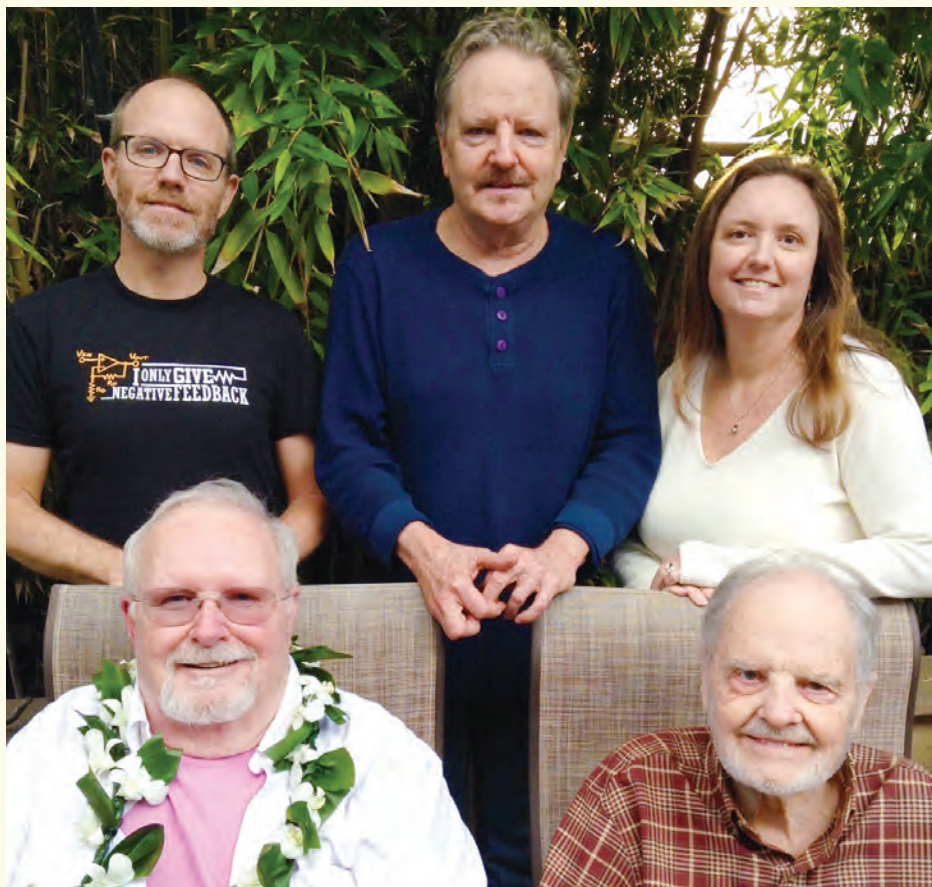
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Aloha, MB

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The virus has polarized us. It has caused isolation, fear and loneliness. And we are the age most vulnerable. On the other hand, we have a lot to be grateful for. Today, for the first time since last December – I bought lei. Guess what? The lei seller recognized me and



Hau'oli la hanau to Robert Murphy '54, who celebrated his 80th birthday with his children and two brothers in Connecticut. Front row, from left: Robert and John Murphy '48. Back row: Joel Murphy '87, Neil Murphy '65 and Jan Murphy '87 Mason.

welcomed me even though I had my mask on. As I walked away from the lei stand, I saw a lady with a T-shirt that said, "I LOVE OUR STATE." This is Hawai'i!

Sad news: Last week, **Philip Chinn**, **Dean Ho**, **Keith Kaneta**, **Elaine Ching** Shew and I received a call from Marilyn Chong. She shared that her husband, **Gerald Chong**, had died on Sept. 20, 2020. Gerald was always helpful, eager to participate and ready for a good meal. He loved his family and friends. He was proud that his daughters, **Malia '87** and **Maile '89**, were able to attend Punahou. This year his granddaughter, **Nanea**, joined the Class of 2027 at Punahou. The last time Philip, Keith and I talked to Gerald, he was eager to hear our voices even though he could not express himself. Aloha nui loa, Gerry.

Last year, **Dwight Jackson** passed away, and shortly thereafter, his wife, Marty, did too. Dwight ran the 880-yard event in track at Punahou. As an adult, he ran the Honolulu Marathon and participated in shorter runs, such as the Crater Rim Run on Hawai'i Island. He was also a member of the Hash House Harriers, a group of drinkers with a running problem. He also loved horseshoes. I often saw him playing at Makiki Park. He will be missed.

I just received a call from **Chuck Pearson** that **Stan Woolaway** died. Chuck, **Tay Perry**, **Harvey Meyerson**, **Phil Sevier** and I played dominoes with Stan at Kalapawai Cafe. Harvey said that even though Stan had difficulty conversing he still beat us all at dominoes. Chuck said that when he was at the dorm at Punahou, Stan took him under his wing on holidays and vacations and took him to his home on Maui. Chuck returned the favor through the years and always included Stan in his family events and even drove him to Kalapawai, when Stan could not drive!

Because of the virus, our classmates are getting enjoyment where they can. **Irene Wilbar** Appleyard said she was watching ice hockey because the skating was so good. She also plays in online bridge tournaments.

Mike Baughman said a fire in Oregon started at the end of his hometown and wiped out some small towns between Ashford and Medford. **Ed Jensen** said Portland had the worse air pollution in the world for several days. He also was disturbed because he found out that Dean Ho was older than he. "I think he had two birthdays per year for a while and did not tell us."

Philip Chinn said he is retired and living in Fullerton, California, with his wife. They have gone to Tanzania and Kenya twice, and once to Antarctica. He once wrote a textbook that is the leading textbook of its kind in the country, which is still being revised. He received his Ph.D. in special education. A number of years ago, he adopted a daughter, who is grown up, and recently adopted a kitten. Just think, some of us knew him when he made the best won ton in the world for **Doug Cushnie**, Ed Jensen, Dean

Ho, **David Moncrief**, Chuck Pearson and Gerald Chong at La'ie. We are proud of you, Phil!

Since December 2019, I have had three knee operations, and in April my infection came back, which caused me to be hospitalized another two months. In July and August, I worked like hell to get my strength back. It culminated when I walked from the Outrigger Canoe Club to St. Augustine by the Sea in the middle of Waikiki and back. I told Dean Ho how proud I was of my achievement and how my hard work had paid off. His reply, "It was the church, Blake!"

Class of 1956

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Certainly, 2020 has been the embodiment of the curse – May you live in interesting times! With any luck, 2021 will be more boring. I hope so. Unfortunately, some news comes from a year ago.

I am sorry to report another loss of a classmate. On Nov. 14, 2019, we lost **Mary Alice Bealke** Johnson. Although she only joined the Class in our senior year, she remained a friend no matter where her husband, John's, military career took them over the years. I last heard from Mary Alice about four years ago, after she and John settled in Enterprise, Alabama. Her husband of 58 years, their daughter and son and four grandchildren survive her. Mary Alice will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. I have her husband's address if you want to send a note.

On a brighter note, our capable classmate, Dr. **Anne Angen** Gershon, has garnered another award – this time from Smith College, her alma mater. Since 1962, the college has awarded over 200 medals to notable graduates like Anne, who have made important contributions to their communities and to the world. In honor of her many years in research on communicable diseases, her work promoting the shingles vaccine, and work in hundreds of medical publications, Anne was awarded the Smith College Medal. This was Anne's second recognition by her college; she received an honorary degree from Smith in 1993. No surprise.

Although we may actually be able to enjoy our Reunion in June, I try to touch base with a few friends every week – just in case. In October, I called **Tom** and **Lee Gentry Gray** out there in Colorado Springs. It felt like old times chatting about our daily routines, children, grandchildren and memories. That last part was the best! I hope you will take the hint, and give me a call, too.

Speaking of Reunion, I sure hope that lots of us will be able to gather on campus in June for our 65th. By now, you will already have received correspondence from our dedicated Reunion Committee about the dates and

locations lined up for the gatherings before and after the Alumni Lu'au: the Kupuna luncheon on Thursday, cocktails on Friday at the Pacific Club and Sunday brunch at the Outrigger. Our committee members need a call or email from each of you to ensure an accurate count of classmates who will attend each gathering. Just writing this request makes me eager to see you in person in June, but you can also call, text or email me even sooner at the contacts in this column. I would be delighted to hear from you. In the meantime, stay safe and well.

A hui hou.

Class of 1957

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At this writing, in late September, we are still under pandemic restrictions plus wildfire alert. Friends and family have been by to see me at my retirement community in southern Oregon. My kids, **Julee Conger '81** Evans, **Rand '85** and **Jimmy '89**, were able to stop by on their way to and from Seattle, and that was delightful. Arlene and **Hen Min** (formerly known as **Roland**) Hiu drove over from Reno (in **Ju Ju Pang**'s opulent Mercedes RV), and we chowed down on fine lunchwagon fare from Noho's. We had to make sure we didn't wear aloha shirts into town, so as not to be mistaken for Boogaloo Bois (man, what next?!)

Robert Newton reported that his prostate cancer, diagnosed two years ago, was treated with radiation therapy this year and now reads normal. He celebrated his 81st in August, with a clear reading and a lotta local chow – tuna avocado poke, kalua pig, three-pack laulau, two bags poi and one pot rice. Robert loves his poi."

Amanda Hermanson Lovell-Gilman jumped on the haiku bandwagon:

Tell H. Hollinger
If his caregiver takes two
I'll be his girlfriend

(A nice plug for our ol' teammate, **Henry Hollinger**, enjoying home care in Wahiawa.)

Tim Canty finally turned 80. Wished him a merry musubi (SPAM), and he replied: "I am having my aortic valve replaced today ... the Mick Jagger treatment, so I'll be back dancing in no time." Later, he wrote: "Apparently the procedure went well, and I am feeling fine. Will take it easy for the next week before getting back to tennis, swimming, etc." The man is made of titanium. Tim is the final '57er to hit kanawalu, so maybe his tip-top shape is due to his extreme youth.

In late July, **Betty Hay Wodehouse** Freeland reported from Upcountry Maui: "We have stayed at home for 16 weeks. It's fine. I am happy to be able to paint. Kind of like 'careful what you wish for.' I have conversations with **Linda Cunningham** Hutchinson and **Sharon Cook** Fairbanks, which are always fun. Drove

through Lahaina about three weeks ago. It was a horrible reality check with not one person on the street. A few moms and children were under the banyan tree. We are so dependent on tourism, and they really have a problem trying to start it up at the cost of lives."

Exchanged word puzzles with nonagenarian 1959 Dean "Tiger" Tom Metcalf: "I am coming along with no noticeable reversals of health decline. The wife, however, enjoys pointing out to me that, 'You seem, to be slowing down,' to which I readily admit that I am, although I react somewhat negatively when it is pointed out to me. I was dean for **Tom Mullen's '80 Class**; 1984 was also a good Class; 1988 was my last full Class."

Laurel Wood Leslie forwarded George Riefler's notice about his wife, **Donna Batezel Riefler**: "She passed away on June 20, 2020. We all take heart that Donna is dancing, running, playing tennis and hosting parties with plenty of desserts. Thank you to all who have been an enormous encouragement to us and to her. She loved you all."

Class of 1958

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

Tom Montgomery writes: "After a long association with Durango, Colorado, my wife and I have returned to California. We are now located in Roseville, which is about 20 miles northeast of Sacramento. Given our ages, the

pandemic and a decline in senior health care options available in a small mountain town, we decided to make the move. Plus, our kids, grandkids and great granddaughter, who all live in California, weighed heavily in our decision to move while we were still able. Much aloha to all. As they used to say on 'Hill Street Blues,' 'Be safe out there.'"

From **Gini Chapson**: "Since going out to visit friends and attending concerts, plays or restaurants has been restricted, I have no news to report except for which film noir I've watched or how bad the smoke from the fires has been, but I don't think anyone cares. That's the exciting life we've been living in Seattle."

Gail Lee De Luca sends her aloha to all from smokey Sacramento, where she has lived and worked for the past 25 years. She is hoping to move (post COVID-19) back to her home in Canton, Ohio, to be close to her daughter and her granddaughters (an 18-year-old and 16-year-old set of triplets)! All are "A" students, and due to distance learning, have had to give up fourth-year French and honor classes. The senior is studying photography and works at McDonalds, while two of the triplets are gymnasts and the other a ballerina. "As for me, I could be called Calamity Jane since I have had four surgeries in three locations – wrist, ankle and a foot. While recovering, I have a caregiver, who is a chef and cooks breakfast and dinner. Unfortunately, flying is out, and I'm not able to visit my 96-year-old mom, who is doing well at Arcadia. Aloha nui."

Patti Cheeley Singlehurst reports that **Jackie Burnett** passed away at the end of last year. She had been living at Liliha Healthcare Center, since a fall made it necessary for her to go to a facility. Patti says she hadn't seen her for about six months, and when she called to see how Jackie was, Patti was told that Jackie had passed away. Patti and **Anne Wheeler** Noble kept in touch with Jackie all these years, and Anne wrote a biography of her in the 50th Reunion book.

Bunny Cabral Grace and her husband are still living in Lake Oswego, Oregon, but have downsized to a smaller space to be near their daughter. Bunny still has a part-time job, which she enjoys. When I asked her how she is faring with the COVID-19 pandemic and fires around her, she said her son is a firefighter! Needless to say, she is praying a lot. We will all join her and send our aloha.

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Aloha to all!

Is 2020 over yet or maybe the question is, when is 2020 going to start? This has to be a year for

the records. What else can go wrong? Or should I ask? It seems like just about anything that could go wrong this year has. For anyone reading this Bulletin 100 years from now, let me explain. The year 2020 started out like any other year, then within a month or two, we were told of a pandemic, that we must shelter in place as best we could, stay six feet away from any living soul and not breathe. Doesn't that cover it? So, we submitted to that, then there were storms, fires, no pestilence (yet) and so it goes.

Let's start out with happy thoughts. Congratulations to our ole classmate, **Art Dederick**, and wife, Bridget, on the new addition to their 'ohana – a granddaughter, Rosalind Noelle Dederick, born Sept. 4, 2020! She descends from the first Dederick born in New York, in 1711. By the time you read this, Rosalind will be a world traveler living in Germany, with her parents and big sister, Violet.

Some of us won't let a little thing like a pandemic keep us in one place. **Linda-Jane "L.J." Irwin** moved from Hawai'i to Oregon, to be closer to family, not to mention, fires. Well, it seemed like a good idea at the time. Only problem so far is that L.J. has not seen much of her new surroundings. Hopefully everything will settle down, and she will be able to get acquainted with neighbors and area.

Mark Leggett is also making a move. Since the passing of his husband, James Kyle, it just hasn't been the same, so Mark will be moving into a retirement community in Redlands, California. He mentioned that he, **Ellen Peterson** Leggett and their family, who live in Washington, meet on Zoom every Sunday to keep in touch. Ellen is enjoying being a grandmother and is lucky to be living close by in Seattle.

Little acts of kindness. Recently, I was introduced to fellow alumnus, **Jed Hirota '61**, who is an exceptional photographer. We have been sharing photos for a while. Well, with all the unusual smoke that the West Coast has been experiencing, Jed's lovely shots of Kailua, the mountains and beaches in beautiful full Hawai'i sun was a wonderful pick-me-up for our classmates up and down the West Coast. I heard back from many with thanks.

Bill Jacobson wrote: "I'm one of the smoke-weary West Coasters, but at least no fires yet here in Shasta County. The beach and water picnics tug at my heartstrings. The vegetation in the foreground is naupaka. If your mask or goggles get cloudy, there is nothing better than rubbing the crushed leaves of this common beach plant (to see clearly under water)."

Audrey Dobson Sallas: "Beautiful. Wish I made it back before the virus."

Rick Dodge: "Sure nice to see that blue sky. Almost forgot what it looks like."

Lorna Danford Loungway: "Wow! No words to capture the beauty. Thanks for the share."



Art Dederick '59, holding his mo'opuna wahine, Rosalind Noelle Dederick, who was born Sept. 4, 2020.



A fond aloha to Marlene Kanoelani Springer '60 Kala'au, who passed away on Oct. 10, 2020. She loved Punahou and had many unforgettable memories with classmates, who were lifelong friends. Marlene and her husband, Eben, pictured in a proud moment at May Day, 1989, when their daughter, Kawehi Kala'au '89 Apo, was the Holoku Queen.

Mary Ann Boyen Hunter: "Thanks ... sigh ..."

Before signing off, I want to make a plug for the blog I've been sending out. If you haven't received it, let me know. I think I have everyone's email address, but some may have slipped through. Please, keep sending in the family histories. This has been more fun than I thought it could be. Also, don't forget to join **Jon Larson's** pau hana Zoom visits on Fridays – 11 a.m. in Hawai'i, 2 p.m. on the West Coast and 5 p.m. on the East Coast (until daylight saving goes away). Always a good turn out and Jon is the one who gave me the idea for our Class history.

Finally, mahalo to all for keeping each other going during these last hectic months. I know I have appreciated all the silliness that comes through my inbox each and every day.

Class of 1960

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From **Lee Boynton Hoxie**:

The deadline for this column looms ahead as I am writing this the last week of September. This means that you will be reading what I write now in January 2021. I wouldn't even take a chance on predicting what will be going on at that time.

There is very little news, and I am grateful to **Donna Reese Vogel** and **Susan Major** for their contribution – the only submissions that I

received. There really is so little happening, as you well know. We are all doing the same thing – wearing masks, social distancing and staying away from any large gatherings. As I write this, states are only just beginning to allow small gatherings.

Lots of catching up with **Susan Major**. Susan lives in Sun City, Arizona, where they had more than 54 days over 110 degrees. A cool afternoon is 103. She has an older dog who scares away the coyotes, hawks and owls, who are predators. She also just acquired a Japanese Chin, who is a grand champion, but neutered, so no longer a show dog. Besides the two dogs, she has a cat. None of the animals are safe outside by themselves, as they are just a savory temptation to the owls, coyotes and hawks, so their best protection is walking with a human. Susan has a daughter, Carolyn, who has two sons – Joel, who was very ill for quite some time, but has recovered, and Christopher, who is writing movie scripts and just sent his latest in to Hollywood. He now has three scripts waiting to be accepted by some producer or director. Exciting!

Donella Reese Vogel wrote a nice note regarding her son's travel adventure in the time of quarantine. None of us would like to have this happen. "At the end of March, our son, Reese Vogel, arrived in Sarasota, for his annual two-week vacation from his job in Thailand. He was traveling safely and quarantined with us for two weeks. He teaches English at a Japanese school in Bangkok, so he was able to continue teaching classes via Zoom. He could not get a return

flight after his visit (with the old parents), so he had to travel north with us to our Michigan home. After five months of effort via the Thai embassy in Chicago, and having insurance, a passport, a certificate of entry, a negative current COVID-19 test and a 'Fit to Fly' document signed by a doctor – he departed via Korean Air from O'Hare International on Aug. 30, with a requirement to quarantine for 14 days in a Bangkok hotel upon arrival." Lucky he is young, as that would be a big strain on "the old parents." Thank you for this adventurous tale.

That's all for this time. Hope this finds everyone well.

From **Catharine Cox Langmuir**:

The following news came in after Lee had sent in her column. Unfortunately, we've lost another well-loved classmate. A message from **Marlene Kanoelani Springer Kala'au's** daughter shared that her mother passed away on Oct. 10, 2020, surrounded by the aloha and mana of her family. Marlene was a 13-year Punahou student, starting a family tradition that includes her daughter, **Kawehi Kala'au '89 Apo**, and granddaughter, **Anela Apo '16 Higgins**. She loved Punahou and had many unforgettable memories with classmates who were lifelong friends. Marlene loved to travel and had a wonderful career at Hawaiian Airlines, where she was known as "Mal." She is survived by her husband, Eben Kala'au; her daughter, Kawehi (Corey); her granddaughter, Anela (Parker); and great-grandson, Duke Kaha'aeo Higgins. She also leaves two sisters, **Jalna Springer '50 Keala** and **Sasha Springer '63 Asato**, and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. A festive celebration of life will be held at a later date, when the family will honor her with the scent of plumeria and Hawaiian music. The Class sends our aloha menemene.

If you would like to reach out to Marlene's 'ohana, you can reach Eben and Kawehi at 706 Pahumele Place, Kailua, HI 96734.

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One of the wonderful celebrations at our time of life is the wedding anniversary. Last year, in the fall, **Stanley Wong** and his wife, Sandy, celebrated their 50th anniversary by piling the entire family aboard a cruise ship out of Seattle, and cruising along the coast of Canada up to Sitka, Alaska, and back to Seattle. Stan said that the trip was amazing.

This past fall, **Anson** and **Meymo Lemon Rego** celebrated their 50th anniversary. Wow! I don't know what Anson planned, but it is not an easy matter to celebrate when the restaurants and cruises are closed. Whatever they chose, I am sure it was loving and fun.

Our 60th Reunion committee has already met twice. We have reserved Waialae Country Club for our Friday night celebration on June 11! The Alumni Lu'au is scheduled for June 12. And here's the thing. We are planning as though COVID-19 is not a factor. In the event that the pandemic is still on the loose, Punahou is putting together ideas for a virtual celebration.

The 60th Reunion team so far is **Polly Moore Walters**, **Barry Baer**, **Meredith Prock**, **Linda Quisenberry** Green, Anson and Mymo Lemon Rego, **Cosette Morrison** Harms, **Sharon Botelho** Elwell, **Barb Chapman** Norfleet, **Mike Buck**, **Frank McCreary**, **Linda Yap Wong**, **Malina Kaulukukui**, **Carolynn Goodlin** Griffith, **Doug Yee**, **Rick Humphreys** and me. Most of us have shown up online to pitch in. I am fast convinced that this team will develop and produce a unique and extra-special Reunion. I want to encourage mainland and Neighbor Island folks to come and join us in the planning. Everything is online. No face-to-face meetings. To stay informed, update your contact information at punahou.edu/reunion.

Are you receiving our Pun '61 e-newsletter that shares up-to-date (well, mostly) news, pictures and other interesting info? With our Class Reunion coming up in June, lots of the planning and information about our Reunion will be shared electronically. So if you aren't currently receiving our newsletter, that means we don't have your email address and you are missing out on important information. Right now, before you forget, please send your current email address to **Meredith Prock** at meredithprock@prock.com.

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Happy New Year! Greetings from Texas!

I am hoping that, as you read this, you and your families are well, safe and have enjoyed a truly blessed and memorable holiday. As I write this, it is early fall, and we have all been living the COVID-19 experience for many months, which coupled with the wildfires in the Western states, has made our everyday routines very different and very difficult. It is my hope that the new year will see positive improvement in all areas of our lives.

During the last few months, I have been able to connect with some classmates, either by phone visits, text or email messages. It seems that most of us are sharing the same or very similar daily routines ... sleeping in later in the morning, doing more jigsaw and word puzzles, cooking healthier meals or ordering meals to be delivered, working in the yard or reading. Almost everyone reports watching movies on Netflix. The biggest downside to COVID-19 restrictions is the loss of time spent with close

family and friends. We all miss those wonderful hugs and shared meals and look forward to the time when we can resume these activities.

Steve Williams wrote that his youngest daughter, **Mahina '20**, graduated from Punahou in June, and is attending college at Seattle University – from her bedroom in Kahala. He also let me know that **David Baker** had suffered a heart attack in Costa Rica this past summer. David is on the mend, but his recovery is a slow one. A GoFundMe account for him has been set up if any of you would like to help. <https://gf.me/u/ytc3c>

Terry Cline Wells says that she and Bill are spending their quarantine time watching TV, playing cribbage and reading – much the same as many of us. They had planned to spend time with their family on Kaua'i for the Thanksgiving holiday, but have rescheduled for 2021.

I have also been able to check in with **Ted Meeker**, **Patti Obrock Piper**, **Robin Williams** and **Ron Cox**, to name a few classmates who live in Washington State and Oregon and are having to deal with the wildfires. All are fine, but are living with suitcases packed in case they have to evacuate their homes on short notice. We are so hoping that the fires can be contained soon and without any further loss of life or property.

Mike Befeler writes again! This time Mike is writing nonfiction! His newest publication, "The Best Chicken Thief in All of Europe" is the biography of a Jewish American soldier fighting the Germans in World War II. I haven't read it yet, but definitely plan to do so soon!

As most of you probably know by now, in the spring of 2020, I was advised that I was being awarded the Old School Award, and that my nomination had come from several of my classmates. I am fully aware of the prestige of this award, and am totally in awe of, and humbled by the honor. You and Punahou have been important parts of my life, for most of my life. It is both an honor and very heartwarming to receive this award. Thank you all for your support.

Stay safe and well! Keep in touch!

A short note from **Phil Brooks**:

I have a Punahou T-shirt that I often wear around Berkeley, hoping someone might recognize it. The other day at the grocery store, **Landy Chapman '57**, who I learned also lives in Berkeley, saw it and introduced himself. We chatted for 10 minutes or so. Now, I'm definitely going to keep wearing that shirt!

Class of 1963

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Mahalo for responding with your favorite books, shows and movies for 2020! If you didn't receive an email about this, then I don't have your current email address. Please help to



In October, George Tinker '63 caught a 28-pound Chinook salmon in Oregon's Coos Bay.

update by emailing news, including titles of your favorite books, movies and TV series for this past year.

As **Darrie Lawrence** said, "Thank God for streaming!" **Lyn Bode** Gianni replied from Santa Barbara: "Being in the high risk category for COVID-19 (long history of pneumonia), I have not been visiting the library these days, but I'm so glad you asked about TV. I just finished watching "Gran Hotel" on Netflix, a Spanish series about the goings on in the early 1900s at a luxury hotel in Spain. Very well done, great characters and wonderful costumes. I got totally addicted and found it was so good for stress reduction. (I tend to watch too much news, even though it's so bloody depressing.)"

Chalsa Loo: "With the seriousness of a pandemic, Black Lives Matter, and this President, I can't respond to inquiry on favorite TV series. I would have to say the impeachment hearings and the video of George Floyd's last minutes alive. They define 2020."

Kale Lani Okazaki: "My escape is reading the mystery novels by Ingrid J. Parker, her Akitada series. Actually, our classmate, **Becky Kam-Locascio** got me hooked on this series. Akitada is the mystery solver ... takes place in 11th century Japan. The author, who

is German, did extensive research ... She interweaves the complex culture, traditions of the feudal period into a fast-moving historical crime novel. So glad that there are about 18 books in the series to keep me going! As far as TV is concerned, I'm a Rachel Maddow fan, her show as well as her books."

Janice Sato Casey's favorite is "Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China" by Jung Chang, about the last powerful concubine of the Qing dynasty.

Hal Smith, the brewer baron, liked "PM" (Pure Magic), which left me wondering if he was cooking or casting spells. **Randy Spangler** like both versions of "The Thomas Crown Affair." **Rebel Moore**'s favorites were "The Power of Now" by Eckhart Tolle, "Cobra Kai" and "Away." **Bob Dusendschon** replied, "Haven't had much time for reading, recovering from cataract surgery. Watched a couple of my favorite movies, 'Papillon' and 'Silence of the Lambs.'" **Les Hong** said watching all three seasons of "Yellowstone" with Kevin Costner, "makes you want to become a cowboy."

Rondi Gilbert-Mauldon: "I love Rainier Maria Rilke's 'The Duino Elegies.'" **Susan Schaefer** James recommends a great book by Isabel Allende, "A Long Petal of the Sea," the Netflix documentary "Sour Grapes" about wine fraud, plus "The Crown" series. **Pamela Tong**'s list is "Heal" on Netflix, and "City of Girls" by Elizabeth Gilbert, "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles and the Inspector Sean Duffy series by Adrian McKinley.

Susan King Brown said, they "fled New York City for our small house 90 miles north ... It's been a very strange time, living away from the place I've spent the past half-century ..."

From **Sue Anna Waterhouse Wells**: "We have been in quarantine in Honolulu for the last eight months, reluctant to fly to our home in Colorado. We just got off the plane to Kaua'i ... and are staying at beautiful Kipu Kai. We expect the Kaua'i police to call and want to check if we are really in quarantine, like they did for our family before us. Stay safe, everyone!"

Rodney Moriyama sent a long list of books: "Not being able to play golf temporarily hasn't stopped me from walking and just enjoying Hawai'i. We're so lucky to live in paradise. Cheryl and I have been busy babysitting our 5-month-old grandson. It really reminds us that we're getting old."

Are we getting "old?" I decided to face the music and borrowed every title on aging owned by the Hawai'i State Library system. It is great how they deliver any book from any library on whichever island, free. I learned a lot, but my far and away favorite was "Oxygen: The Molecule That Made the World" by Nick Lane. It's a heavy read and answers more questions than I knew to ask. Presently, I am third in line for "The Well-Gardened Mind: The Restorative Power of Nature" by Sue Stuart-Smith, from **David Wiig**'s list. Anyone interested in receiving title lists that were too long to include here may email me. I will trade you for news! Aloha!

PS: Cherie Mailer sent a beautiful poem from her favorite poet, William Stafford's "Ask Me: 100 Essential Poems" that she re-read this year. "Will you ever bring a better gift for the world than the breathing respect that you carry wherever you go right now?"

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Ellen Wheeler Guest weighed in: "I've been baking artisan bread, which took my COVID-19 to COVID-20! Between feedings, I've become mask-maker extraordinaire! And my art interests have moved from the canvas to the walls. New colors! And, our 43-year-old son got engaged, proving it's never too late. We're thrilled! I may be 'Tutu' yet! Then, after 20 years, I rejoined our homeowner association board because I thought they said "bored." Lastly, when all else fails – build an addition! We are adding a 600-square-foot addition to our home, with an art studio! Are you as grateful as I am that we were able to celebrate our 50th and 55th Reunions face-to-face, hugs-to-hugs?!" Yes!

Cedric Kam's wife, Betsy, passed away in February, after dealing with diabetes for 64 years. They were married for 50 years (having met while he was at Dartmouth, and she was at Wellesley). The loss has been tough on him. Yet, Cedric says, "I'm not one to sit around the house by myself. I had given up running when I



Sherry DeBoer '63, Jane Goodall, and Gini Barrett at a Political Animals gathering. After working as a nurse in a wildlife rehabilitation hospital, and as a California state humane officer, Sherry co-founded Political Animals, California's leading political animal welfare organization, in 1997.



A fond aloha to Alden Kawamura '63, who passed away in September 2020. He's pictured here with his favorite Dachshund, Hau'oli. He taught English and Newswriting at Mililani High School, and was also their yearbook advisor.

left the Army (too boring!), but I have always loved cycling. So I pumped up the tires and spent the spring riding trails in the Boston area (my first five-mile ride was painful!) and the summer riding the trails of Cape Cod (when my kids and grandkids weren't visiting). Right now, 20-25 miles feels like the perfect daily length. Since I rediscovered cycling for fun, I've added 'Cycle the Erie Canal Bike Tour' to my bucket list. I'm being encouraged by my daughter, who lives in the Albany area."

Sally Cooksey Reynolds reports she recently interviewed 35 people and wrote a 48-page history of her town of Round Top, Texas, for their sesquicentennial. She did it up right by including photographs gathered from the County archives, the Historical Association and several old timers. Then she raised the money to print it so it could be given free to all the school children, libraries, archives, and of course, the retail businesses, restaurants, B&Bs, etc. Quite an experience, and she got to know individuals she would never have met.

Anni Rinehart was recently on Hawai'i Island, helping her sister, Mindy, and husband, Ed, who both have health issues. "Seems I've fooled them into believing I'm the only one in the family who can manage the situation." ... and I'm sure she is. You're the best, Anni.

John and Carolyn Lundquist Madison, who are in the Bay Area, have had tremendous amounts of smoke and ash from fires on the West Coast. "The blanket of smoke has been all up and down the coast, and there were lots of evacuation orders, but we've been okay. Weather this past fall was very hot and dry for our area, with temps over 100 degrees for days, which is disastrous. We had rolling power outages as the power company tried to manage the huge energy demand due to air conditioners running full time. It's not much fun. Drought, COVID-19, heat, fire, smoke and an occasional earthquake ... what's next, locusts? Aloha (cough, cough) from sunny (not) California!"

Betty Burns Gossell has been putting this downtime to good use: "Advantages of being in lockdown: My house is very clean, and not many visitors! Wash and shopping are always up-to-date, as they are the high points of the week. I have learned to Zoom. My volunteer work has gone online with Zoom webinars! I see all my friends I would normally see, as our area is a small village. We all know each other's eyes so well that the face masks are hiding no one anymore. I still have to comb hair and put on lipstick to go out! I have become closer to my internet friends and relations with more communication and even the telephone long distance is getting busy. I am cooking with some relish again as I have no choice. Our local restaurant just reopened after five months. It was sure nice to have someone else cook a meal for a change. Peter and I have found it isn't so bad being at home all the time. We don't even argue much, no



Marion Cox '65 (fourth from the left) and her family enjoying a hike to pictographs in Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, Idaho, in August.

desire to do that. We are having a "kumbaya" period at the moment and will celebrate our 50th anniversary in December."

Stay well!

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Save the date for the Alumni Lu'au – Saturday, June 12, 2021!

From **Susan Erdman**:

The year 2020 was not the year (of vision) we anticipated, but if you are reading this, congratulations on surviving the COVID-19 roller coaster. We hope you are continuing to make your health and safety a priority! Peace and love to all! Since the Alumni Lu'au was canceled, I think most of us are truly excited to celebrate June 2021. I find that the reality of aging clarifies what's really important, and connecting to people we love and cherish is at the top of the list.

Kathy Mahan and I have agreed to be Class correspondents as **Paula Rath** moves on to other interests. We appreciate Paula serving as our Class correspondent for all these years. We were flattered that she thought we could carry on this special tradition. Please remember to share your news with either of us. Thank you, Paula, for your creativity and generosity. Paula is now working on the book her grandmother wrote about the Palama Settlement, which was founded by her grandfather, James Arthur Rath. We are all

connected – Paula told me that my father's uncle and aunt, Rev. John Pinney Erdman and **Marion Dillingham (1902)** Erdman, were benefactors of Palama Settlement.

Alan Chang retired in September, after an amazing 44-year career as a caring, dedicated pediatrician. His journey began with a residency in Charlotte and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He then spent a few years as an Army "obligated volunteer" physician at Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he met his wife, Susan. On to Honolulu to join a private practice, then to Arizona to be closer to his grandparents after his folks passed away in Hawai'i. His practice in Arizona, began at Casa Blanca Clinic, which became Palo Verde Pediatrics and he recently joined Phoenix Children's Hospital. Congratulations, Alan!

Sue Ann McBean Hatch and her husband celebrated 35 years of marriage. They met in 1972, and married in 1985. She has two wonderful step-daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Since they had honeymooned in London and Scotland, the plan was to spend all of September driving in the British Isles to celebrate their anniversary, but that was not to be. Instead, they took a three-week driving trip in July to visit family, **Vicki Harnish Benson's** husband, Vincent, in Oregon, then spent a few days in Yosemite. Got home well ahead of the fires. They are hoping to make the British trip in 2021. With any luck they will be at the June Reunion – if it happens. Sue Ann stated she would love to see anyone who gets out her way in the foothills of Southwest Denver at an elevation of 7,500 feet. She is absolutely loving retirement and her marriage "gets better every year!" Congratulations, Sue Ann!



Sue Ann McBean '65 Hatch and her husband, David, celebrated 35 years of marriage with a road trip in July to visit family. From left: Sue Ann, daughter, Allie Barnett, with great-grandson, Grayson, on her shoulders, David, and great-granddaughters, Emily and Lily.



Congratulations to Alan Chang '65, who retired last September, after a 44-year career as a caring, dedicated pediatrician.

Marion Cox and her family went glamping on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, in Frank Church Wilderness, Idaho, in August. They took turns on rubber duckies, kayaks, paddle rafts and the oar boat. The duckies were the most fun! She strongly recommends this adventure and "can't begin to express how wonderful this family reunion of six days on the river was."

We were also fortunate to hear from **Robyn Jolley** Newkirk. She called Kathy after finding her number when looking through old 50th Reunion notes! Robyn got her bachelor's degree from Pitzer College, then went on to get her master's degree in anthropology at Claremont Graduate University. From there, she taught anthropology at University of La Verne and English as a Second Language at Pitzer. She married and has a daughter living in Mississippi. After a career teaching, she is now happily retired. Congratulations, Robyn! She is living in Claremont, California, and would love to have anyone out that way to stop in and say "aloha."

Class of 1966

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From **Louise Keali'iloma King** Lanzilotti:

I'm so sad to report that **Linda Chun** Bergman passed away this year. Linda was a giant in a 5-foot frame – fierce, funny, loyal and unique. She taught elementary school for many years, and in recent years, organized volunteers to tutor immigrants in Minnesota. Her visits back to Hawai'i were a yearly highlight for me, **Patricia Morgan** Black and for her huge extended 'ohana. Linda is survived by her children, **Kelly '92** and **Steve '95**, and their families.

Mark your calendars! We're preparing for our 55th Class Reunion in June! **Myron Arakawa**, **Charlot Albao Boll**, **Nina Reppun** Carney, **Jeff Hacker**, **Glenn Hong**, **Suzu Kometani** LaFontaine, **Bill Tam** and I, along with several others are already involved. Join our Facebook page – *Punahou Class of 1966*. We'll keep you all informed as we plan our time together.

From **Charlot Albao Boll**:

Happy 2021, dearest classmates!

As I write this, I am still in 2020. However, the thought of fast forwarding and being in a brand new year feels wonderful, as if the sun has finally come out. My 2021 wish is that we continue to be hopeful, and we continue to create our best and strongest selves.

Julie Haynie Cline-Mauer sent an update. She lost her beloved husband, Jeff, in March 2019. The journey of their relationship before and through his illness was truly a testament to their true and unconditional love, like in storybooks. What an amazing gift they gave each other. Julie sent a senior prom picture of herself with **Hal Burchard**, the late **Joanne Brooks** Griep and **Ricky Moore**, which brought a big smile to my happy heart. I am positive you will experience the same. I love reminiscing about our youth together!

So fun to hear from **Jan Gerard** Ducsay: "After almost 40 years of marriage, living in Michigan, and raising two wonderful children, Jack and I finally realized our dream of living full-time up north. We are less than a mile from the 45th parallel and not far from Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, named by Good Morning America as the most beautiful place in America. We moved into our new 'forever home' just before Christmas 2019, and feel so fortunate to be in a rural, low-density area, where the local post office closes for lunch! Although we are not immune to the threat of COVID-19, we are grateful for the lakes, rivers and dunes that provide beautiful outdoor recreation. We are surrounded by fruit orchards, wineries and lots of rolling hills. Bald eagles fly overhead, and we often feel removed from the real world.

My biggest disappointment during these past months was not being able to make a planned visit to Hawai'i, in May. Mahalo to our classmates who are planning for our 55th. I dearly hope we can celebrate together again!"

Marice Stubbart Woodruff shares: "Labor Day brought an unusually strong wind from the east that caused two fires along the crests of the coast range near my home near the central Oregon coast. That night, my neighborhood was evacuated for 10 days. Luckily, my home was unburnt, and my cat and parrot were cared for by neighbors. I got to spend my evacuation vacation with my son, Robert, at his home in Tigard, Oregon. My county, Lincoln, has been very conscientious about following the governor's recommendations regarding COVID-19 because the majority of us are retirees, so life consists of quarantine with intermittent dashes to the grocery store and post office. The big event recently for me was marking my ballot and dropping it off in the ballot box at City Hall. One of the nice things to do while observing physical distancing is to take walks on the beaches with my camera." Enjoy Marice's wonderful beach photographs by clicking on our Class Facebook page, *Punahou Class of 1966*.

As some of us have begun gathering virtually for our 55th Reunion year celebration, there is a list of lost classmates. Please help by updating your own contact information at punahou.edu/alumni and click on "Contact Alumni Relations" at the top of the page.

Please take care, dear friends. Stay healthy, happy and strong!

Love, Charlot

Class of 1967

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Hi, classmates:

Dianne Ige's art is gaining notoriety! Two of her palm husk pieces were selected for the fall Hawai'i Craftsmen statewide juried exhibit at the Downtown Art Center Exhibition Hall. She got the Ethel Portner Merit Award for the spring 2020 show.

Lindsay Bickel Kamm is longing to see grandkids on the mainland. Her son, Max, from Honolulu, has been staying with her on Kaua'i since June, enabling all three to enjoy day-to-day life together after many years.

Jon McKellar works in an outpatient clinic and has experienced only one COVID-19 patient. His wife, **Susan Udd** McKellar, will travel to Honolulu to visit her healthy 96-year-old father in assisted living. "Having inherited many photos and mementos, we are more aware of how much stuff we have accumulated over the years and are using this time to clean house. This year seems to be an excellent time to review what actually is important."

Sandy Raymond Kaohelaulii, who has been a long time Maui condo dweller, says, "All's well on Maui."

Karen Blackfield in Los Angeles and **Marion McCutcheon** Donovan in Maine say they are happy and send their love!

Craig Green has grandchild challenges – His grandson was born on June 27, in Michigan, but he has not been able to see him in person.

Laurie Ehrman misses her children and grandchildren, but is most thankful that they are healthy and have jobs.

Ken Kaneda is sadly not golfing, having just had a left knee replacement. "I also knew it was time since my golf scores were declining (from the mid-'80s) and I became the shortest hitter in my group."

Bonnie Chock Burke has been "stuck" in Portland since late February, while visiting her son. She has many happy hours walking the neighborhood, enjoying the season and beautiful homes, and making jams, pies and cookies.

Jane Bookman Hutchison sadly has been unable to enjoy her summer home on a lake in Canada, but she is thankful she has wonderful neighbors who have watched her house and mowed the lawn.

This is **Ed Younglove's** first update since graduating! As a 45-year lawyer in Olympia, he enjoys two grandkids with wife, Julie. For six years, he was president of the U.S. Professional Ski Instructors of America and the American Association of Snowboard Instructors, and still teaches at Crystal Mountain Ski Resort on weekends.

After a small stroke in March, **Warren Grossetta** is learning Maori and will volunteer to restore airplanes at the Air Force Museum of New Zealand, where his daughters, Amy and Simone, visited regularly as little girls. "Who knows? Maybe my grandchildren will like to go with the old man some time."

Gerald Sams and wife, Cynthia, squeaked in two trips before the pandemic – three weeks in Africa and a Road Scholar tour of New



A fond aloha to Linda Chun '66 Bergman, who was fierce, funny, loyal and unique. Her annual visits to Hawai'i from Minnesota were a highlight for classmates, Louise Keali'iloma King '66 Lanzilotti and Patricia Morgan '66 Black. The trio are pictured here at their last Carnival together. From left: Linda, Louise and Patricia. Aloha 'oe, Linda.



A blast from the past – Punahou Senior Prom, 1966. From left: Hal Burchard '66, Julie Haynie '66 Cline-Mauer, the late Joanne Brooks '66 Griep and Ricky Moore '66.



Gerald Sams '67 and wife, Cynthia, squeaked in two trips before the pandemic – three weeks in Africa and a Road Scholar tour of New Zealand and Australia.

Zealand and Australia. "We look forward to returning to Hawai'i in 2021 to help our friend, **Betsy Anderson '71** Clark, celebrate her 50th Reunion, and for Cynthia to swim in the Waikiki Roughwater Swim in September.

Phillip Swatek's book, "The Marijuanistas of Maui, A Sojourn" was a finalist for Red City Review's fiction of the year.

Wayson Wong shares that his granddaughter, **Kate Yoshimoto '21**, will soon leave Hawai'i to join the Colorado State University, Division I volleyball team as one of its liberos. Her proud parents are **Dean '86** and **Kimberley Wong '91 Yoshimoto**. He will visit Fort Collins to see one of her games. Let him know if you live nearby!

Scott Ogle reports that wildfires are wreaking havoc on Colorado. The Cameron Peak Fire, about 60 miles away from him, was the largest ever in Colorado's history, currently approaching 200,000 acres – about the size of the city of Denver. "Using binoculars, you can see flames from my deck! I guess we should have raked the forest. 2020, the year that keeps on giving."

Be resilient. Thrive. Love. Anticipate future calm. Drink wine!

Class of 1968

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Happy New Year! Let's hope 2021 ushers in the elimination of COVID-19 and the new normal is on its way after a very difficult 2020.

Happy birthday to our senior member, **Frank Freitas**, who celebrated his 72nd on New Year's Day. Frank is the senior superintendent for the Stellar Group out of Jacksonville,

Florida, managing construction projects in Florida and Hawai'i.

Kyle Metcalf has been entertaining the 150 members of our Punahou Class of 1968 Facebook page with his daily posting of pictures from our Na Opio, Oahuan and Dean Jim Doole's films during the COVID-19 crisis. Kyle's extraordinary film catalog can be accessed on his YouTube page at *keyele*.

Honolulu's summer surf brought Kyle, **Carmel Davis** Tosaki, **Tim Wong**, **Dave Kemble** and **Kimo Lyman** together at Waikiki surf spots. No summer paddling races in Hawai'i kept **Lita Thompson** Blankenfeld, **Mary Crabb** Fern and **Ken Bailey** out of the canoes and on the beach.

Ann and **Eric Curton** have been happily retired and living at The Villages in Florida, since 2009. The sprawling area of over 80,000 residents includes over 50 golf courses, which suits the Curtons to a tee as they just completed playing golf in all 50 states in October 2019, with a round at The Greenbrier in West Virginia. Eric was only at Punahou his senior year. He has fond memories of the guys he played football and baseball with that year. Eric got his master's degree and Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1981 from Florida State University after doing undergraduate work at Baylor University. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he was director of psychology at the Colorado State Hospital and professor of forensic psychology at the University of the Rockies before his golf-filled retirement.

Steve and Patricia Obrock '62 Piper escaped the Oregon summer fires with RV trips to Walton, East, Suttle and Paulina lakes and the Oregon Coast with their grandkids from Colorado and Hawai'i.

Dean and **Karen Anne Isaksen** Glick moved from their historic home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to the suburbs in Rochester, New York, less than two miles from their granddaughter, at the end of 2019.



One photo with four generations – Linda McFaull '68 Perry with her son, Joshua, granddaughter, Charis, and 3-month-old great-grandson, Everett, together on Memorial Day 2020.



Chris Leong '69 with son, Zen Leong '27, and their magic Mango tree.



Jim '69 and Mollie Hustace are living on Hawai'i Island, where Jim is a docent, and Mollie is the director at the Isaacs Art Center in Waimea.



Congratulations to John De Fries '69, who now serves as president and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Eric Lee is practicing radiology with a multispecialty physician group in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Eric's wife, Susan, owns her own graphic design business, and their son, Grayson, will be graduating high school in June.

Kim and **Mike Garner** welcomed a second grandchild on July 1, 2020. Baby Zachary and his sister, Alayna (3), live four miles from the proud grandparents, which makes for frequent visits.

Vern and **Kathleen Ryan** Harkins had multiple socially distanced visits during the pandemic with their two oldest sons, Daniel and John, whose families live less than an hour from the Harkins' house in Tacoma. Their youngest son, Ryan, and his family moved to Ohio in July. Kathleen had to settle with Facetime to see her eight grandchildren.

David Nurse passed away from multiple health issues at his home in Honoka'a, on Sept. 12, 2020, with his wife, Paula, at his side. David was a senior safety professional for numerous construction companies on Hawai'i Island. He truly enjoyed himself at our 50th Reunion parties and appreciated everyone who stopped to talk story with him that weekend.

Al Castle has been the executive director of the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation for the past 25 years, and serves as a trustee of the Pettus Foundation in Missouri, the Martha S. Trimble Trust in Colorado and the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative in Washington, D.C.

Nanette Char-Lifshitz and her husband, Harris, prepared for Connecticut's winter weather

with the purchase of recumbent bicycles, allowing them to race each other in front of the television.

COVID-19 restrictions in Southern California kept **Mike Miguel** and his classic 1969 Camaro in the garage as all car shows were canceled.

Carolyn Roberts loves being a grandmother in Tucson. Rafting the Grand Canyon and hiking kept her cool during the summer heat.

Kelley Woodruff and **Ben Marx** live in University Place near Tacoma. They spent the pandemic doing landscaping projects and walking the area near Chambers Bay Golf Course.

Buzzy Fernandez loves his Maui life and has been working for Matson for 40 years. Buzzy is hoping to manage Matson's Maui's operation another five years, if possible.

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Barb Conger Wood reports: For the last three years, I have been volunteering my time and crocheting skill to support and rescue dogs with Above and Beyond English Setter Rescue. The goal of this nonprofit is to rescue English Setters and English Setter mixed dogs in hopeless situations and in need of homes. My future daughter-in-law is very

active in the international branch of this organization. Before COVID-19, I had gone to Greece three times on rescue missions. My specialty is bringing back puppies. In fact, I am so good at it, I now have adopted two. Thank goodness **Scott** loves dogs too. I also crochet custom child/baby blankets and throws. The most popular are the portrait ones. People send me pictures of their pets, and I create their portraits in yarn. So far I have made over 70, with all proceeds going to the rescue. To make Scott feel a part of it, he's in charge of packaging and shipping and watches our dogs while I travel.

Jim Hustace writes that he is a docent at the Isaacs Art Center on Hawai'i Island. With his extensive background in art appraisals and knowledge of Hawaiian artists, Jim offers exceptional skills to the center. The plantation-style building was erected in 1915, as Waimea Elementary School Building N. It served as the center of education for all children who attended school in Waimea. During World War II, Building N was used as a field hospital. Threatened by demolition, the building was moved to its current location, received an extensive restoration and reopened as the Isaacs Art Center at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy (HPA). The Art Center's mission is to raise money for the benefit of HPA students, while providing community access to its impressive permanent collection of art and sculpture. A section of the art center is a gallery with a variety of work offered for sale. The funds generated are used to support the HPA Scholarship Fund.

A couple of weeks ago, we received a call from **Zen Leong '27**, the entrepreneurial son of **Chris Leong**. "Auntie, I made mango chutney. You want some?"

"You made mango chutney. Wow, that's impressive! How much?"

"Ten dollars for an eight-ounce jar."

"Ok, we'll take two, each."

We then drove over to their house to pick it up. Chris was up in the mango tree, looking good as always! Zen, the mixing master, proudly brought out his product.

"Here you go, two jars each. Want a taste?"

"Sure. Whoa, this is good, really good!"

If any classmates find themselves in need of mango chutney, (you ran out of the Carnival ones), give Zen and Chris a call. You won't be disappointed!

Dennis Tom reports that "The Usual Suspects" are now meeting on Zoom. Meetings are held each month on a Saturday or Sunday, so classmates in different time zones can easily participate. If you would like to be included, email Dennis at malasadas1969@gmail.com. Till then, please stay safe, well and sane!

Dale Umetsu heard that **Christine Yano**, professor of Anthropology at the University of Hawai'i, was interviewed on NPR about her book, "Pink Globalization: Hello Kitty's Trek across the Pacific." Learn more about her book at <https://bit.ly/3IS8PdC>.

We are pleased to announce that **John De Fries** has been chosen to become the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's new president and CEO. "Hawai'i's pathway to economic recovery and enhanced community well-being will require unprecedented levels of focus, collaboration, cooperation, coordination, and unified executive leadership throughout all sectors. I am grateful to have been chosen to lead the Hawai'i Tourism Authority." John serves as an adviser and board member to many organizations in the community, including the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability at Arizona State University, the Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Memorial Board, Bishop Museum, Hawai'i Green Growth, Friends of the Future, the Keahole Center for Sustainability and Kualoa Ranch.

We send our condolences to **Bonnie Brown**, whose brother, Ward, passed away on June 25, 2020, and to **Bailey Matsuda**, whose father, Fujio, passed away on Aug. 23, 2020.

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As we journey toward the unique dynamics of our 51st Reunion, we must continue to hold on to the memories and life experiences that we

shared with over 50 classmates, whom we have lost since graduation. Following my last Class notes submission, I learned of two more losses. Many of us were blessed to have recently visited with our treasured friends, **Wayne Yoshimura** and **Bob Grant**, on one of our Baby Zoomer Class meetings.

In July, we received notice of Wayne's sudden passing from his nephew, the son of Wayne's sister, **Nadine Yoshimura '63** Grant. Their family remembers Wayne as a great brother, uncle and loving son. Wayne was certainly a trusted friend to all of us.

In September, we learned of Bob's passing. I think Bob's wife, Athena, best describes Bob for all of us. "I lost my angel. Robert was a one-of-a-kind husband and father. He gave us so much unconditional love; the man with a heart of gold to everyone. He was my shining star." My last conversation with Bob was in April, as he reflected on his visit with **Steve Shupe** in Hawai'i. Bob shared numerous photographs of Bob, Steve and **Gil Gilbert**, as well as a four-minute recorded conversation between Bob and Steve that truly reflects the soul of Bob's being. Bob and I agreed to honor Steve's request that the pictures and recording remain private.

Mark Osmun continues to expand his love of Southwest culture following his move to Scottsdale, a few years ago. Mark and Karla spent the summer in their new vacation home in Sedona, to get away from the blistering heat. Having already mastered the art of horse

riding, Mark has purchased a new lariat and has added lassoing his backyard furniture to his skill set. Mark hopes to join **Kevin Soares** and **John Mounts** as a competitive roper.

Laola Lake Aea, an active member of our Reunion committee, has been contacting many of our "lost" or inactive classmates. She has continued her lifelong relationship with the ocean that she shares with **Marion Lyman-Mersereau**. Laola is currently serving as the vice president of the Kaua'i Lifeguard Association and has received numerous awards for her contribution to water safety. Her most recent contribution has been to the Keiki Guard program that teaches little ones as young as six years old, "not necessarily how to swim, but how NOT TO DROWN." Her busy day starts with her early morning journey to the ocean before caring for her 90-year-old mother.

Kurt Steinwascher is another active Reunion committee member that has enjoyed reconnecting with classmates and is looking forward to sharing our collective wisdom in June 2021. He says that it is nice to be "home" after living on three continents over the past 50 years. Kurt and his partner, Doug Kline, moved back to Kailua from Cleveland, in January 2019, and set out on a four-month travel excursion. They look forward to reengaging their travel plans once the pandemic is over.

Lytha Conquest and **Eric Yanagi** are heading up our 51st photo yearbook update – an exciting project – please participate. After three decades as a researcher in applied marine



A fond aloha to Bob Grant '70, a family man, pilot, athlete and friend, who passed on Sept. 14, 2020. Bob is pictured with Gil Gilbert '70, sharing their mutual love of bike riding in France.



In June 2020, golfers from the Class of '71 and their friends were on the green for their annual '71 Punahou Fossils pre-no Alumni Lu'au golf tournament at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. From left: Wedemeyer Au '70, Rey Mopas (St. Louis, '84) Steve Chang, Ed McNerny, Richard Puglisi (Albuquerque, '72), Blane Ogata, Kevin Chang, Speedy Bailey, Liane Dang Sloan, Randy Chung, Steve Maruyama, Steve Sofos, George Irion (Del Campo, '68), Byron Yoshino, Jon Itomura (St. Louis, '81), Jon Sakamoto (Kalani, '80), Percy Wong and Al Hiu '83.

sciences and environmental impacts, Lytha and her husband now live quietly on the Windward side of O'ahu in her old family homestead. Their main hobbies are underwater and astrological photography and sorting through old family photos. In her spare time, Lytha volunteers for Hawaii Animal Sanctuary, running their monthly rummage sale fundraising events.

A common theme among our classmates is the care and support of their parents, who are well into their 90s, with a few crossing the century mark. Such care for our ancestral wisdom reflects the aloha spirit that we carry forward together. Remember – friendships of our youth serve as powerful introductions to friendships of our wisdom years. Keep in touch!

Please update your contact information at punahou.edu/alumni and let me know if you find a "lost" classmate. Our Class website is www.punahou70.com. Reunion information can be found at punahou.edu/reunion.

Class of 1971

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The festivities for our 50th Reunion start Saturday, June 4, 2021 with a Hawai'i Island holoholo. Get a taste of our paniolo heritage in Kamuela, and snorkel off the pristine Kohala Coast. Reach out to **Liane Chong Takara** at lianetakara@gmail.com for more information. Note: If you did not respond to the recent Reunion survey, and still want to go on this holoholo, you need to let Liane know. On Monday, June 7, a week of events on O'ahu will kick off at such local venues as Kualoa Ranch, Manoa Heritage Center, the Liljestrand House and Maunaloa Fishpond. We will have talk story

events, a sunset cruise off Waikiki, and golf is slated for Thursday, June 10. Please email **Steve Chang** at myidol_steve@yahoo.com if you are interested. Our Friday night cocktail party, just for us, will be held at the Outrigger Canoe Club. Saturday, June 12, the big day, starts off with our memorial service at the Punahou Chapel, followed by the main event, OUR LU'AU! Sunday, we bid aloha at a lovely ocean-side brunch at Waialae Country Club. We truly hope you will join us to relax and catch up with fellow classmates. Please join the Memorial Planning Committee in celebrating the lives of our classmates who passed away. They are looking for classmates to offer lei in remembrance of those who have passed. Let **Frank Washburn**, **Laurel Bowers Husain** or **Betsy Goss Stilwell** know if you would like to participate. And, as you know, Reunion is always the time for us to present our Class Gift. You can commemorate and celebrate our 50th with a Planned Gift or five-year pledge. Visit punahou.edu/1971giving for more ways to give. Be sure to note this is your 50th Reunion gift if you give online or write it in the memo section if giving by check. Important note: Aloha wear ordering deadline is Jan. 31, 2021. The committee may only use email or opt for regular mail for the orders. Keep a lookout for information. The point is the deadline. Do not miss that deadline. Also, the Hawai'i Island Holoholo committee will be contacting those who are interested in February 2021. If you are interested now, contact Liane noted above. And very important: check our blog for all up-to-date information! Punahou71.wordpress.com

In other Class news: **Rick Sia's** summer of 2020 was an emotional roller coaster. His father, **Dr. Calvin C.J. Sia '45**, died at his Nu'uanu home, in August, 10 months after his mother passed away. He was 93; she was 92, and both had been

in poor health. In June, Rick had a stroke, but he was fortunate not to have any impairment after a relatively short hospital stay. In July, he and his wife, Kathlyn, became grandparents when Fredrick Sia was born in Ontario. His Chinese name includes part of his father's Chinese name. Rick has been comforted by the fact that his father was able to participate in several Zoom calls, so he could see and talk to his first great-grandchild. Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, Rick hasn't been unable to visit his grandchild in Canada, or reunite with family in Hawai'i, to scatter his father's ashes into the sea ... **Lloyd Kawakami**, his son, **Alx '04**, and their group Manoa DNA gave a virtual concert in late August. It was part of Punahou's Virtual Backyard concert series ... Sad news: **Byron Kealoha** died in 2018. The family celebrated Byron's life in September 2018, with a scattering of ashes off Waikiki ... And our current crop of retirees: **Patty Kugiya** retired from 'Iolani after 34 years, and Laurel Bowers Husain and **Martha Mesrobian** Lanzas retired from Punahou.

Class of 1972

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Greetings, classmates:

Exactly 20 years ago, yours truly was in the same predicament I find myself in today: a looming Class Notes deadline and an inbox that is sadly devoid of classmate news. Not being fond of fake news or begging (though I do often give in to my dog), I again resorted to research.

Googling "Top 10 Excuses for Not Writing to My Punahou Class Correspondent," I found the following (with a nod to David Letterman), which clearly reflects how times have changed from two decades ago – and how a global pandemic has prompted many to seek refuge in the simple pleasures of bygone times or lose themselves in the vast internet universe.

10. I'm retired and don't have a secretary anymore.
9. Still trying to finish writing my first novel.
8. Someone stole my identity; trying to find it.
7. I've been too busy working on a 10,000-piece puzzle.
6. I'm logged in to my Facebook account and can't get out.
5. Waiting for my TikTok routine to go viral so I can share the news.
4. Hoping someone will send me a Bitcoin for my thoughts.
3. Was watching my sourdough starter grow and lost track of time.
2. I sat down with my laptop to send off some notes, but found myself traveling down a YouTube rabbit hole of '60s and '70s music concerts/lip sync battles/puppy reveal videos.

And the No. 1 excuse for not writing ...



Evie Black '73 and John Lacy '62 enjoying dinner at the Outrigger Canoe Club.



Ingrid Peterson '73 and Lori Rankin '73 Christenson enjoyed lunch together at Kikuya Restaurant in Honolulu.

1. I've been too busy binge-watching the '72 seasons of Favorite Punahou Memories.

Unless you have a better excuse, I hope you will send an email my way. I think I can speak for many of us who would love to hear what keeps you busy and keeps you young at heart, while keeping us all connected at a time when we need it most.

Class of 1973

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Aloha mai kakou,

Hope you are all safe as we leave 2020 behind us and eagerly greet 2021 with open hearts and minds!

Recapping news from 2020: We have quite a few classmates in California and Oregon, who experienced the wildfires that came close to their properties and were ordered to evacuate. Our Southern Oregon classmates, **Bill Rowan**, **Cindy Bickel** Walker, **Barbara Abts** Talbert, **Karen Marshack** Taylor and I, all checked in safe after the fires burned through Talent, Phoenix and parts of Central Point.

Meade Wildrick is semi-retired, still working on marketing projects, and is the occasional sub-teacher at his kid's former middle and high school, which he finds interesting and fun! His two boys, who are still in school, work at In-N-Out Burger and Domino's Pizza. Meade's daughter, who will graduate from college next spring, was the only one affected by work stoppage due to COVID-19. She works at the "Happiest Place on Earth" – yes, Disneyland!

Meade just got a new hip a few months ago. He's doing well and hopes to be in Hawai'i in June 2023 for our 50th Class Reunion, of course! Hope to see you there as well!

Carol Ai May is doing good work. In support of the Hawaii Foodbank, City Mill has launched a "Spare Change" campaign, encouraging customers to round up their total purchase to the nearest dollar and donate that difference.

Carol said the idea came from her son after seeing long lines of cars at the recent Salvation Army food distribution event at Ala Moana Center. City Mill is also helping the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i by selling cookies in the stores. All of the proceeds stay in Hawai'i. The company has also donated thousands of face masks to Hawai'i Pacific Health, Kaiser Permanente and Kuakini Medical Center.



Classmates from 1973, Glen Kobayashi, Nick Detor and Colin Fong, work hard and have fun behind the scenes at Carnival.



Friends from the Class of '73, Chickie Lee Guillaume and Cindy Bickel Walker, who have not seen each other since their 30th Reunion, recently learned that they live in the same town in Oregon.



Punahou O-Men from the Class of '76 working their shift at the Carnival. From left: Mark Goto, Jay Kanegawa, Mike Kim, Raymond Noh, Lyle Asaka, Joseph Choo, Malcom Yee and Peter Nakagawa.

Being a locally owned and family-operated business for 121 years, they will do everything they can to support the community and get through the crisis together. Carol and City Mill, we appreciate all you do for all of Hawai'i!

Tamsen Fox is waving a fond farewell to her 'aina in Hawai'i nei, and is looking forward to spending her golden years in Northern California with her 'ohana. Tamsen, your art has been a fabulous way to express your love for the Islands. You are meant to do great things. You can still find her at Tamsenfox.com.

Another one of our dear ones has gone. **Bill Trotter** passed away peacefully at his home in Ka'u on Hawai'i Island, in August 2020. Many remember the kolohe twinkle in his eye and his great smile. Bill was an avid surfer and a dedicated fisherman. His pride and joy were his children and grandchildren, who will remember him with great affection. Our condolences and aloha to all of his 'ohana.

To classmates that have lost loved ones, may love and prayers surround each one of you – **Karen Kim Hamilton, Derek Morikawa, Haaheo Cabrinha Scanlan and Diane Smith.**

When you wake up in the morning think about how wonderful it is to be healthy and alive, then whisper, "mahalo nui." Hugs filled with aloha!

A hui hou, Chickie

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Well, here we are in October ... still in a COVID-19 shut down in Hawai'i. I hope you have been safe and healthy in crazy 2020.

As you may have read in the Class blog, **Richard "Butch" Ochoa** passed away in June 2020. I received the news from his sister and could instantly picture him in my mind from school days. **Tony Kolonie, Fay Inouye Aitcheson and Bobby Chinn** gave some background for the blog. Before his retirement, Butch was a firefighter captain, based out of the Wahiawa station, where he had lived for over 30 years with his wife, Connie, son, George, and daughter, Allison. While that was his main job, he had a big interest in construction work, which he did on his days off. He sometimes brought other firefighters with him on larger jobs. Tony says that Butch loved this work and felt it was his true calling. Said Tony: "He relished overseeing and coordinating the workers with the work that needed doing. He kept track of the closest specialist at different fire houses and their work schedules, so he would know when and where a particular talent would be needed." Per friends, when he had a true day off, he preferred to be fishing. Growing up, he even participated with his grandfather in the Kona Billfish Tournament. I know we all send much aloha to his 'ohana.

An article in Pacific Business News in July featured **Lorraine Akiba**, president and CEO of LHA Ventures. Lorraine built her law career before entering the energy field. LHA Ventures is a local consulting firm that "provides advisory services on regulatory policy and technical expertise for regulated

industry sectors such as energy, water, telecommunications and transportation locally, nationally and internationally."

Lorraine went on to say in the article that she always emphasizes how Hawai'i can be a living lab to show how the U.S. and the world can "achieve 100% renewable energy generation and decarbonization." She acknowledged that there are passionate disagreements on how to get there, but she believes all are committed to the same goal.

We aren't sure what Carnival 2021 will look like, but I have faith that students and alumni will make whatever happens a success. Will we be cooking malasadas? I'll keep you posted on that! If not, I will be offering our Class for other types of volunteering. If you want to be on my contact list for Carnival, please email me directly.

Much aloha to you, your family and friends. Hope to be together soon. Please send me any updates anytime.

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Hello, Class of '75!

You all know the saying ... you never call, you never write. Well, that's where we are this go around! I have nothing to tell you about or share with you in this issue. No travel stories, no job or retirement updates, no happy family news. My inbox is awfully quiet ... I can assure you that there are lots of classmates that look



Jonathan Low '77 and his grandson, Michael, in New Hampshire.

forward to receiving the Punahou Bulletin and would love to know what's happening in the lives of classmates. Really!

Please send me some smidge or other that I can share in the spring. Be well, stay safe!

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Dear, '76ers:

Who could have imagined a year ago how topsy-turvy the world would become, and how long it would take for it to right itself? As of our deadline for turning in this column, there was still some question (well, many questions) about what form the Carnival will take in 2021. A year without the Carnival the way we've always known seems inconceivable. (Where will I get my mango chutney!? What happens to all of that White Elephant stuff that's been accumulating up at the Tank?) If there's one thing we know about Punahou, it's that we're resilient and flexible, and we will adapt to whatever life throws at us. So who knows whether or not we'll be making malasada dough again this year, but if we do, there's a good bet that **Gregg Kageyama** will be reaching out to all of you Islanders to lend a hand. (As always, a great way to keep in

touch with classmates is through our Facebook page.)

Another big question mark looming on our horizon is the Alumni Lu'au in June. (Can you believe the Class of '76 celebrates our 45th Reunion this year? Didn't we just graduate a few years ago?) We hope many of you were able to watch Punahou's first-ever virtual Alumni Lu'au last summer. Punahou did a fantastic job of pivoting and producing an online program that celebrated the returning Reunion classes, as well as the recently graduated Class of 2020, with enormous heart, good humor and lots of beautiful music. But the feted classes that missed their triumphal march through the tent deserve a do-over. So we hope to make it this year – if all goes according to plan, we can gather together once again under the big tent. Classes are going to be paired up to share the spotlight. How many friends from the Class of '75 have you not seen in years because everyone only comes back home for their "divisible by five" reunions? Now's your chance! Exhume that Oahuan, check out your friends who were seniors that year, and make a plan to see them again this summer for a joint celebration at Alumni Lu'au on Saturday, June 12. More info from our Reunion team should be coming to your inboxes shortly. Let's all stay optimistic that we'll see each other soon ... in person, not Zoom. (Our Reunion committee could always use more help, so if you have some time to volunteer, please give us a holler. Meetings are online, so you need not be present to attend!)

Unfortunately, we have sad news to share. As we were writing this column, we learned of the death of our classmate, **Randal Nagatani**. Randal had a successful law career, practicing in both Honolulu and Japan. He traveled the world and lived most of his recent years in Tokyo, returning home to Hawai'i several times a year. Unfortunately, he passed away in Tokyo in mid-September after a prolonged illness. He was well-loved for his kindness and good humor. He will be sorely missed by family and friends alike.

If there's one thing we've learned from this pandemic, it's that we can't ever again take for granted how invaluable friendships are. There is no reasonable facsimile for the joy of laughing together, sharing a meal and heart-felt hugging. Please take the time to reach out to an old friend you haven't seen or spoken to in far too long. (And drop us a line now and then, too!)

Mahalo and aloha,

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I hope you are doing well during this holiday season. As many of us continue to work from home, others are on the front lines, leaving the safety of their homes each workday. Let's continue to take care of each other.

Gobind Sahney lives in downtown San Diego. We hope to schedule some time to talk soon. With many in-person group gatherings restricted, I have not been able to meet with San Diego-area classmates for a mini reunion. Hopefully, we will be able to do that in 2021.



Jimmy Hutchinson '79 with his first granddaughter, Emma, born in May 2020.



Linne Nickelsen '79 Willis eloped with her childhood neighbor from Kailua, James Keller, on Sept. 19, 2020. They now live in Northern Virginia. Congratulations, Linne and James!



Scott Schulte '80 and his wife, Briana, have moved from Hawai'i to Washington.



A fond aloha to Kelly Palzis '80 Preston, who brought smiles to many faces. Here she is celebrating and smiling on her 18th birthday. She will be missed.

Linne Nickelsen Willis writes: "I'm still in Northern Virginia, working as an analyst with the federal government. A bit of good news – I eloped on Sept. 19, 2020! My new husband, James Keller, and I exchanged vows next to the pond at our home in Northern Virginia. We have known each other since we were 14 years old, when his family moved across the street from us in Kailua. Never too late to find true love!" Congratulations, Linne and James!

If you did not read "The Ninja Daughter" last year, you need to catch up. **Tori Brenno** Eldridge's second novel, "The Ninja's Blade," is out. Learn more about these novels and Tori's writing from this Q&A post with The Nerd Daily, bit.ly/2TK2rZX, and **Thor Challengren's** Course Change podcast, bit.ly/3es0wTh.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy!

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From **Michele Holbrook**:

COVID-19 has brought many changes to our world. Top of the list was our Reunion. One of the positive things that has come out of this pandemic is learning how to Zoom. If you are not on Facebook, or have not heard through the grapevine, **Maryann Overstreet**, who is a German language professor at the University of Hawai'i, has been helping me facilitate 1980 group Zoom calls every couple of months between now and our Class Reunion in June 2021. It's a great way to have small breakout rooms with three or four classmates to share some aloha. It will definitely make our Reunion that much more fun! Please email or text me if you want to join the next one, or watch for info on Facebook. Also, thank you to **Alan Low** for coordinating the emails. P.S. – I am taking notes at these Zoom gatherings for the next few Bulletins!

In the fall, **Scott Schulte** moved from Hawai'i to Washington. He and his wife, Briana, are building on their five acres of land. Scott has his doctorate in clinical physiology, but he was able to turn his passion for Porsches into a longtime career in Hawai'i. Now, he has sold his auto repair shop and turned in his championship Porsche racing career to explore the Northwest. There are a lot of us up there! Hoping you will all make it back for the 2021 Reunion!

Our Class was saddened by the loss of **Kelly Palzis Preston**. To quote one of Kelly's close friends, **Simone Grandmain**, "She was a girly



Tracy Kunichika '81 is the president and director of Operation Shanti, a charitable organization that provides basic needs to the poorest children and women in Mysore, India. Through her work in India, she has learned the importance of being empathetic. She says: "The world may be a bit of a mess right now, but let's hope that those of us who have benefited from healthy upbringings and good educations – like what we got from Punahou 40 (!) years ago, are doing our best to give back however we can."



Melissa Lum '81 Quilici and Lori Naumu '81 Wright ran into each other at the Punahou Alumni Association Southern California Carnival in Los Angeles in February 2020.

girl on the outside, and ready for a rough tumble on the inside. She was always ready for anything and anyone! Kelly always made her friends feel loved, and she was always so loyal to her old friends, even in the midst of all the hoopla surrounding her." She will be missed.

Hoping you and your families are safe and healthy. Take care.

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From Betsy Case:

We are thrilled to reunite with our '81 classmates for our 40th Class Reunion. We were excited to kick off our Reunion planning on Zoom, which allowed off-Island folks a chance to participate. At this first meeting, we had fun catching up, filling various committee positions and brainstorming venue ideas. Thank you to our activity chairs, **Nick Kolivas**, **Lisa Lee Mitchell**, **Susann Bartley Edmond** and **Rachel Hodges Lau**; our gift chairs, **Lissa Guild Eveleth** and **Jojo Watumull**; and the extended Reunion committee for leading our Class to a great Reunion! Please consider contributing to our 40th Reunion Class Gift and contact Lissa, Jojo or Nick with any gift-giving questions. Please visit punahou.edu/reunion for the most current Reunion information.

Cathy Loo Devaney writes: "My daughter, **Caryn Devaney '13**, attended Washington University in St. Louis for her undergraduate and master's degrees. She is now living in Washington, D.C., and working for an engineering firm in Virginia. My younger daughter, **Claire Devaney '17**, is a senior at Tufts University."

Tracy Kunichika wrote: "Life has taken interesting twists and turns over the years, most of them weren't really in my post-high school plan. After college and an MBA, I worked for years as an M&A banker in New York and San Francisco – work that I really enjoyed. Then, in the early 2000s, I found myself spending time in a small city in India, providing basic needs to the poorest street and slum children. It's not been easy work, and India offers little compassion for people who do this kind of work. Our charitable organization, Operation Shanti, www.operation-shanti.org, provides basic needs to the poorest children and women in Mysore, India. We run an orphanage with 40 kids, who have been with us for years, so we've seen them grow and change – and many are attending college! I sometimes compare the lives of the homeless kids and women we help with my childhood years, and



Father and son golf day at Waialae Country Club! From left: Jordan Chouljian '83, Kenneth Berger '83, Jake Chouljian '18, Noa Berger '18, Eric Tema '83 and Luke Tema (Mid-Pacific '24).



Classmates from the Class of '82, Blair Thorndike, Lisa Hutchinson, Brock MacDonald and Greg Milne, recently collaborated on a home remodeling project.



Classmates from '83 have been meeting monthly on Zoom since the pandemic began. This screenshot shows them wearing face masks that were made with the help of Wendy Walker Viellenave out of their Class Carnival material that was donated by Diane Stengle. Top row, from left: Alden Zeche, Matt Chapman and Jennifer Hickson Frankl. Second row: Roger Alt, Kathy Munchmeyer Hand (subbing an '83 pillow, since her mask hadn't made it to Beijing, yet) and Diane Stengle. Third row: Lisa Wong Moore, Wendy Walker Viellenave and Cathy Lampe Kliegel. Fourth row: Chris Campbell and Nina Berry.

the contrasts cannot be described. India can represent humanity at its worst, with preventable deaths, lack of empathy and unimaginable abuse of women and children – but it has taught me the importance of being empathetic. The

world may be a bit of a mess right now, but let's hope that those of us who have benefited from healthy upbringings and good educations – like what we got from Punahou 40 (!) years ago – are doing our best to give back, however we can."

From Lori Naumu Wright: "Melissa Lum Quilici and I ran into each other at the Punahou Alumni Association Southern California (PAASC) Carnival event held in Los Angeles at the end of February. As we both now live in California, we're missing all the fun in Honolulu during Carnival time. This is an annual event where we get to create our own Punahou Carnival fun with the Punahou alumni in Southern California – games, malasadas and buff 'n blue all over the place. Melissa met my husband and I got to meet her husband and two children. It was more than amazing to see someone there from our '81 Class!"

Class of 1982

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As I pen these notes in October, we are still within the grip of the global pandemic that has made 2020 a year to remember (or forget?). As a result, social interactions with classmates and otherwise have been few and far between – but here's what I've got: **Stacy Hutchison-Miller** was spotted at Assaggio Bistro in Kahala recently, where she shared her adventures in grandparenting, and what it's like to have her kid's kid attend Punahou during a pandemic.

Another result of the various travel restrictions and quarantines is the lack of our classmates' ability to visit Hawai'i. Those on the list sharing their dismay with me about missing their regular Island visits were **Joanne Kouchi, Anna Kay Neal, John Townsley, Andy Solomons** and **Maggie Anderson Sheedy**.

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Please note, by the time this goes to print, I will have gone through the process to officially change my last name back to my birth name – **Kim Alness**. I hope no one will pick up on the former nickname tortures connected with my wonderful Alness name!

Aloha, Class of 1983!

What a year 2020 has been. By the time you read this, we will be celebrating 2021! I hope that everyone found moments in 2020 to be grateful, mindful and kind. It was challenging on so many levels. I am writing this on the first day of October, noting the change in the weather and reflecting on the past few months. I choose to look for the positives, recognize the accomplishments and marvel at some achievements. Tragedy and hardship CAN bring out the good in people. Reminders of what is truly important: family, health and Mother Earth. Hopefully, 2021 will bring some needed peace and security to our world.



David Albert '84 and his family have vacationed in Gulf Shores, Alabama, regularly for the past decade. You can take the local boy to the mainland, but he still wears aloha shirts! From left: Allison, Andrew, Amy, David's wife, Kirsten, Audrey and David.



Gail Stringer '84 is busy as the owner of two Seattle-based businesses: the Hawai'i General Store & Gallery and HGS Travel. If anyone is in Seattle near the University of Washington campus, stop and see her! She's pictured here with her daughters, Kate and Laney.

Let's share some classmate tales ... **Ethan Paraso** recently found his cassette tape of our graduation! He was looking for help to digitize. Not sure how far this project has gone, but **Rina Glatzer** Redrup volunteered, noting that she has become a photo coach and would send it to Forever, a photo storage service. She offered to set up a Punahou '83

account for classmates to link, share, upload and download photos. I had no idea there was such a thing as a photo coach! Hope to hear more about this endeavor.

Palace Saimin, which has been in business for 75 years (wow!), is fighting to survive in this pandemic. Our own **Scott Nakagawa** and

family are the current owners. I hope that many classmates and Islanders are able to seek this restaurant out and continue to support it! The menu photos look 'ono!

There was a recent podcast, "How to Break into Social Entrepreneurship" with **Alden Zecha** on time4coffee.org. The podcast mentioned that Alden is a founding partner at wescaleimpact.com, a consulting firm that focuses on supporting early-stage social enterprise clients. He is also managing director for an angel investment group, sidecarangels.com. Over the course of his career, he has raised over \$50 million in capital for a variety of ventures. Go Alden!

I am including a fabulous photo that **Jordan Chouljian** sent me. Jordan and son, **Jacob '18** had recently played golf at Waialae Country Club with **Kenneth Berger**, Kenneth's son, **Noa '18**, and **Eric Tema** and Eric's son, Luke (Mid-Pacific). Looking good, guys! Jordie, Kenny and Eric all have some scruffy-faced action going on; the youngsters all look clean-shaven.

Tracy Ishikawa Woo is busy in Honolulu as the facilities engineer at The Queen's Medical Center. She has been actively involved in the design and construction of the new Queen Emma Tower Pandemic Unit, which opened to patients on October 2020. Great work, Tracy!

Alissa Brownrigg Small is currently a student of integrative health at California Institute of Integral Studies. She has been posting a lot lately regarding sustainability. So appreciative of the information, including details and the bigger picture. Alissa has also shared very poignant and thoughtful quotes and statements as a reflection of the world around us. I have

found her to be a reliable source of inspiration! I will end with a quote from her post: "We are all one. Violence toward one is violence toward all. Live aloha."

All my biggest hugs and aloha!

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From **Debbie Sharkey** Linville:

As I write this in late September, the world continues to battle a global pandemic ... but I'll bring out my "mom hope," put on my "mom smile" and share classmate news that will aim to elicit a chuckle or two and bring actual smiles to your faces.

Over these past few months after Hawai'i slammed the door on potentially germ-y outsiders, both **Erik Kloninger** and his lovely wife, Beth Churchill, have been regularly quoted in the local Hawai'i media about the visitor industry and related economic issues. (Just Google Erik's name!) There was, for example, a Honolulu Star-Advertiser story entitled, "Hawai'i's tourism recovery could take years, experts say." Yes. Our Erik is their "expert!"

Like clockwork: If it's the fall in an even-numbered year, then **Krissy Izumi-Nitao** has an even higher than usual local profile as the executive director at the State of Hawai'i Campaign Spending Commission. Her late father, Dr. **Allan Izumi '57**, was not only Honolulu's preeminent dermatologist, he was also such a proud dad, updating me about Krissy's accomplishments at every appointment, while giving me gentle reminders about sunscreen, wearing a hat and staying in the shade, of course!

Shifting ever so slightly across the big blue marble from Honolulu to the other side of the world, **Shih-Fu Peng** has further established himself as one of the architects of our generation worldwide. I last updated you when he was designing the Central Park Bridges for the 2012 London Olympics. A more recent project is the Grand Egyptian Museum, which is being called Egypt's gift to the world. From my perspective, this is actually Shih-Fu's gift to Egypt – then Egypt gifted it to the world!

Jonathan Chun was kind enough to clue me in to Shih-Fu's latest architectural accomplishments. (As I have begged before, dear classmates, please do report on your friends!) Jonathan – aka Dr. Chun, the CEO of Alliance Technologies in New Jersey – has been working like mad to certify hand sanitizers in his lab. As he says, "saving the world through chemistry..."

Marvin Buenconsejo deserves a shoutout, too. Jonathan says that Honolulu-based Marvin, who had served as the deputy



Mimi Lind '84 recently moved back to Honolulu with her son, Daniel (12). After nearly 25 years living in Los Angeles, she says she loves being back home and seeing her Punahou friends, even if only by Zoom.

communications director for U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono, introduced Jonathan's daughter to someone in Washington, D.C., who then introduced her to someone else, who helped her find her first post-college job. The '84 network – stretching from the 808 to New Jersey to D.C. – sure has some long, welcoming and influential arms.

Lucky **Mimi Lind** moved back to Honolulu in August, so her son could grow up around her parents. As a clinical social worker specializing in integrated behavioral health, her expertise is clearly greatly needed, and will be a boon to the local community. Welcome back, Mimi!

Thanks goes to **David Albert**, who has graciously taken over as host of the monthly '84 Zoom calls from his home outside of Cincinnati. Massive credit goes to **Patti Horii Oshiro**, **Grace Leong** Saturnia and Krissy, who conceived of the concept, and to David, who has taken a mere Zoom call and elevated the event to new heights by adding cocktails and recipe-sharing to the festivities. My guess is that logo merchandise is likely around the corner. '84-Apalooza or '84-Fest, anyone?

And then there is the next generation: **Jared Wong '20**, son of **Aldrin** and **Stephanie Yang Wong**, was named both a National Merit Scholarship finalist and a Presidential Scholar candidate for 2020. I will let Steph and Al debate which of them gave the kid the brainiac genes, but congratulations!

Public officials and civil servants may not always get a lot of love, but our own **Steve Uyeno**, senior adviser to Honolulu City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, recently helped a Punahou student who was working on a project for the "new" senior Capstone course (that Punahou probably introduced 25 years ago when they updated the curriculum and got rid of typing!). The teen was trying to get a water fountain fixed in his neighborhood

park, which happened to be in Steve's district. Voila! And the young man (my son, **Holden Linville '21**) didn't even have to use the "my mom is your classmate" messaging, because Steve works for all of his constituents.

In closing, please do what you can to stay healthy in body and spirit until we meet again. It has been said, "May you live in interesting times." Or maybe not! How about, "May you all live in less interesting times," instead?

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This Punahou Bulletin will arrive in your mailboxes/inboxes during the holiday season as we bid adieu (don't let the door hit your 'okole on the way out) to 2020 and ring in 2021. By now you will either be 1) planning to attend our 36th Reunion masquerading as our 35th Reunion or 2) considering moving to a deserted island to escape the madness or 3) reading this on your phone and saying: "Thirty-six years ... what happened?" Or, likely, all of the above.

In the spring of 2020, which seems like a distant past, several of our classmates were better together and yet apart in a cul-de-sac in Honolulu. As always, **Baron Ah Moo** was the catalyst. Giving socially distanced fun a run for its money, **Colleen Maeda Bird**, **Jill Takatsuka Yoshimoto**, **David Lam**, **Kristi Koga**, **Chris Bisho**, **Danny McInerney** and some of their spouses each brought their own chairs and sat away from each other. Of course, we are already a boisterous bunch, and well



Classmates from '85 and their spouses enjoy a socially distanced gathering in a cul-de-sac. From left: Colleen Maeda Bird, Jill Takatsuka Yoshimoto, Kristi Koga, David Lam, Chris Bisho, Danny McNerny and his wife, Courtney, Gina and Baron Ah Moo and David's wife, Michele (with dog).

experienced in the "old days" when you went to a bar and had to yell above the DJ in order to have a conversation. So yelling across the road to say hello and catch up actually didn't seem that weird – and we think the neighbors overheard their share of stories to fill a novel!

Instead of "what I did during my summer vacation," many are having conversations starting with "what I've been doing during quarantine." How many lockdown cycles has it been now? We seriously lost count. And since the rules keep changing, we're just staying put.

So, what have folks been up to? Read on for "Puns and their Pandemic Pastimes."

Sidette Sakamaki grew an incredible home garden of everything from perversely huge cucumbers to peppers. When we say this lady is spicy, we mean it.

Craig Netzer got all the feels and adopted a stray kitten he found on the side of the road following "an unusually good poker night." He actually turned around and found a kitten, a few weeks old, trying to eat a dead toad! Of course, he thought he would take it to the Humane Society because he's just not a cat guy. But, lo and behold, if you follow the good doctor on Facebook, you are in for quite a treat! We never thought we'd be delighting in Craig posting kitty photos.

Chris Marx and his son have been entertaining us with their father/son garage band. Chris' son is on the drums, while dad slays on guitar. A few "NameThatTune" episodes have definitely taken us back to the '70s and '80s. Strange – Chris' camera is locked on his

guitar, so we can't tell if he's rockin' a pandemic '80s metal hairdo – or not?

Politics has figured prominently (who'd have thunk it)! We've seen a lot of you exhibiting your debate skills on social media. Some of the political conversations have taken us straight back to AP U.S. History and American Studies. Even when we don't agree, we see the way you form your opinion and we know Mr. Pryor is proud. All those DBQs have made us who we are today. We have an extra special mahalo to **Lise Earle Beske** for keeping us on our toes with her deep legal perspective and insight into the judicial branch.

We are impressed by your puzzle-completing prowess. We're drooling over your dinner pics. Cheering you and your fierce workouts. Relishing the beautiful flowers you're cultivating. Giggling with you and your furry co-workers. Sending you strength as you supervise distance learning. And, overall, appreciating the ways you are seeing yourselves through this unique time in our lives.

As always, wishing you health, happiness and a wonderful start to 2021! (20/20 will be officially hindsight!)

Me ke aloha,

April and Erin

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Class of '86 – how are you?

I hope this message finds you healthy and connected to friends and family both near and far.

This has certainly been an interesting year. Despite all of the changes we have experienced, our classmates have stayed busy and connected.

Please join me in congratulating **Jon Magnussen** on the virtual release of the trio Haven's new album, "Twinge." The album features words by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Barry Bearak, set to Jon's music.

Stay-at-home orders have not stopped **Ed Kenney's** culinary genius. Takeout orders of his 'ono menus are available online with Toast.

Much of the West Coast was ablaze this fall. In the midst of that unexpected turn of events, our classmates continued to reach out to one another. Mahalo to everyone who checked in with those of us in Washington, Oregon and California – **Artie Jim, Jill Kitazaki** Garvens, **Nicole Morgado Case, Jill Tanaka, Liza Hiranaka** Liftee, **Jackie Bissen** Werner, **Monique Oliveira** Feary, **Bleu Blakslee '87**. Even Mrs. **Jean Matsukage '50** Eldredge and Lynette Stanton checked in.

Can you believe we will be celebrating our 35th Reunion in 2021? We are hopeful for a joint celebration in June 2021 for alumni in Classes ending in 0,1,5 and 6. Please save the date for the Alumni Lu'au on Saturday, June 12, 2021. If any of you are in touch with classmates we haven't seen or heard from in a

while, please encourage them to reach out. Also, please make sure to update your contact information at punahou.edu/alumni. You can also find us at our *Punahou Class of 1986* page on Facebook.

As I'm writing this the pandemic remains. We continue to see amazing examples of people taking care of one another. Indeed, we are stronger together. Be safe, my dear Class of '86.

Aloha kekahi I kekahi. Always.

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Mahalo to **Cynthia Fox Parks** for writing the Class notes for this issue.

After reconnecting on a Zoom call, it was great to get news from a few classmates.

Mandi Mazza Susman wrote: "Just over a year ago, I started my dream job. After over 20 years in various roles in human resources, I am now the executive director for compensation and benefits for the Wildlife Conservation Society – the organization that runs the Bronx Zoo, the Central Park Zoo, the Prospect Park Zoo, the

Queens Zoo and the New York Aquarium. We are also running conservation programs in over 40 countries. I oversee pay and benefits for over 4,000 employees across three continents: Africa, Asia and the Americas. It is a big job, but we have a great team. I'm so proud to be supporting the folks on the ground who are helping to save the elephants, rhinos and sloths, just to name a few species. My office is in the Bronx Zoo, which was a really great place to go to every day (until we went into lockdown). When one door closes, another opens – sometimes. My musician husband had a little extra time on his hands over the summer with his gigs being canceled, so he started playing keyboard concerts on our terrace every weekend. The idea was to bring a little joy to the neighborhood, but I livestreamed his mini concerts on Facebook, so we could share with family and friends. He ended up doing 18 concerts before he had to get back to teaching. It was a lovely thing to look forward to every week."

In Texas, **Lori Daughters** Halderman is adjusting to being an empty nester. She had hoped that one of her kids would have to stay home because of the pandemic, but both of them are on campus. Lori is an OB-GYN and, as you can imagine, there are plenty of pregnant women to look after as the new generation of "coronials" come into this world. In 2019, Lori was named Super Doctor by Texas Monthly magazine for having attained a high degree of peer recognition and/or professional achievement. Congratulations, Lori!

While most of us have been locked down during this pandemic, **Sammi Smith Curry** been road tripping. She has traveled over 6,500 miles in three months with her 80-square-foot Casita travel trailer through Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. "We stuck to rural travel routes, exploring these areas through hiking, biking and kayaking. Because many stores and restaurants were closed along the way, we focused on food sources such as local farm stands and markets, resulting in wonderful opportunities to camp in orchards, farms and ranches. It was a novel way to visit many areas and lend a hand in assisting with activities that were new to us. These memorable stays were definitely a positive aspect of our pandemic adventure. Our most interesting stay was at an Alpaca ranch, where we assisted in training them to acclimate to humans. Alpacas spit as a defense behavior, and let's just say, a raincoat should have been recommended! The highlight of our trip was glamping at the home of **Malisa Denis Glaser**, where we were reunited with **David** and **Heidi Fountain Yee** and **Heidi Corboy Canon**. We also had a wonderful hike with **Julie Wheeler Chopra** and **Julie Sakamaki Nicholls**. We're addicted to road tripping. Now we just need to figure out how to add more of this to our future!"

A brief note from **Kelly Meagher**: "All is good here! I've been married to a wonderful man, Mike, for almost nine years. We're the proud servants of a 21-pound Maine Coon, who believes that she can fit between us in a queen bed (she is wrong)."



Friends from the Class of '88, Malia Davis Megorden, Emily Carl Tom, Shannon Dudgeon Piper and Theresa Schroeder Devere, were out for a swim in Waikiki to celebrate Shannon's 50th trip around the sun.

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Hello, '88 'ohana:

Happy New Year! Phew, 2020 was a doozy. I hope you all are staying well and sane. I'm hoping that by the time this gets published, we are through the worst of COVID-19. Distance learning has been interesting for me and my kids. Taking on the roles of principal, tutor, nurse, lunch lady and referee, all the while working and Zooming from home has been rough! However, good things have been happening through the pandemic. Here are some amazing accomplishments by some powerful '88 wahine.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court had **Ingrid Schroffner**, a professionalism committee member, deliver the introduction to the 2020-2021 Practicing with Professionalism course, which is mandatory for all new Massachusetts lawyers. She was also on a panel about participating in the legal community (bar, alumni associations, etc.). Keep up the amazing work, Ingrid!

Maya Soetoro-Ng was recently featured in the Star-Advertiser about The Peace Studio, which she co-founded in 2017. The Peace Studio's mission, from their website: "By investing in a generation of peacebuilding culture creators, we will shift public dialogue from fear and conflict to hope and possibility and inspire people everywhere to pursue justice, protect fundamental human rights, and show compassion across differences." The Peace Studio recently held a special program, "100 Offerings of Peace," created in response to COVID-19 and racial injustice. The project commissioned 100 contributors to create presentations in a variety of artistic genres, ranging from music, dance and visual arts to readings and meditations, that are intended to motivate people into taking action to build peace, teach empathy and kindness and bring about social justice. Maya is quoted as saying: "Peace is not just the absence of war and conflict, but it is the presence and participation of all of us in moving the world and making it more just for all of us." Thank you, Maya.

Karen Elizaga served as the executive producer on "Yellow Rose," the first Filipino American movie to be picked up by a Hollywood studio and launched during Filipino American History Month (October). Many of our classmates were able to attend the Hawai'i International Film Festival and the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Islander Film Festival to watch the story of a Filipino girl in Texas with aspirations to be a country music singer, but now it's in

theatres across the country! This was Karen's first time as an executive producer on a movie. Well done, Karen!

Stay well, and please stay connected.

Aloha,

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Happy 2021!

What a year 2020 was. Hopefully you were able to find the bright side of a very dark time – more family time, a newfound skill and moments of stillness to take in the quiet.

Thank you to all of our health care and front line heroes for their never-ending work during the pandemic. Thank you to our teachers, who took on the virtual world and saved the sanity of many parents. Thank you to those of you who created virtual spaces and Zoom chat rooms for people to connect – **Tammy Morioka Shimazu**, **Laurie Hayashi Nakamoto** and **Stanna Au Abellira**. If any of you connect on Zoom, take a screenshot and share it with us. We'd love to catch a glimpse of everyone.

We are sad to share the passing of another classmate, **Becky Sayle** Gilbertson. Thank you, **Stacey Enerson**, for sharing Becky's obituary with us.

On Aug. 1, 2020, Becky died after an accident in her home in Las Vegas. She grew up in Kane'ohe, and upon graduating from Punahou, she joined the U.S. Army. She trained at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, then to Saudi Arabia to be a Patriot Missile specialist for four years. She joined the Army Reserve for two additional years. She won the award for the woman who could do the most situps and pushups. While working at Discover Card, she attended and graduated from the Scottsdale Culinary Institute and headed up the catering department at A.J.'s Fine Food chain in Phoenix. While working at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, she met Ray Gilbertson, the banquet manager. They moved to Las Vegas to work for the big hotels and got married. The hotel business moved them to Indianapolis, Austin and then back to Las Vegas. Becky will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

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From **Dana Shimoda-Fraiola**:

Aloha, Gang!

It's pretty cray cray that as I write this, we were supposed to be getting ready for our Reunion redo in October ... but thanks to that new bad "c" word, we will be up to the task to out-party the Classes that end in 0, 1, 5 and 6 next summer. I know we can do it, MIGHTY 90!

Always trying to focus on the positive, being safe at home brings out the creativity in a lot of us. **Courtney Ching Borden** is making amazing, beautiful, funny and gross art with her resins. **Mike Gelfo** posts some hilarious videos to our Class Facebook page. It's very cool to walk down memory lane ... catching glimpses of **Ben Fischlowitz** and **Mu Tagoai**, who are now beat boxing and dancing MIGHTY 90-style up above ... and then there's all of us with all that BIG hair, those BIG earrings and BIG personalities! I showed the video to "Big Ben," **Paul Bennett**, and we had a good laugh.

I recently ran into one of our fabulous deans, Mr. Bob Badham, at Hardware Hawai'i in Kailua. All masked up, we squealed with happiness and gave each other the biggest air hugs we could muster. He's enjoying being a grandpa and creating art with his grandkids.

It's really wonderful to catch up with everyone virtually. I know we can't wait to party in



Beth Fukunaga '90 Gusman and Danny Figueira '90 dropped off their sons at the dorms of Whitworth University, in Eastern Washington. Danny remained in Spokane after attending Whitworth University, and is now a football coach in the area.



Danielle Seo '91 Mizuta, learning support specialist for Punahou grades K-3, contributed a chapter to a volume of "Teachers Teaching Nonviolence."



The Duennebier family hunt for pumpkins in their new home city of Seattle. From left: Ryan, Ellis (1), Sidney (3) and Fred.

person. No matter what, being able to hug and talk story face-to-face ... It's DA BEST! Until then, pause from online shopping, reach out to a friend and check out how MIGHTY 90 rolls on Facebook and Instagram.

From **Brian Watanabe**:

Earlier this year, I was asked if I wanted to teach a screenwriting class at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu. I said, sure! It sounded like a fun way to give back. Cut to today, where I'm drowning in Zoom fails, muting mishaps and late-night cramming – not to do homework, but to grade homework. It's tough, thankless work. So, I thought I'd reach out to some classmates working in education. To all our '90 teachers who are busting their butts in this new normal and risking their safety to teach our kids –THANKYOU.

Steffany Shima Perez writes that she's a college counselor at Oakwood School, a private K-12 in North Hollywood. "My students are super artsy, call me 'Steffany,' and I often have to shut my office door because someone's playing the melodica too loud in the courtyard. It's basically a school full of **Willow Changs** and **Mike Gelfos**, and I love it. It's tougher to get into college now, so I often play the role of a safe space for stress cries. Although it's harder now to schedule your sobbing on Zoom." She's also conversant in TikTok, juggles two distance learning teenagers, and has resorted to doing cardio hip-hop at 7 a.m. on her front patio for a little peace during quarantine.

Traci Young has been teaching at Punahou since 2001, and is currently in the Academy English department. "With the new schedule

and with distance learning, it's like being a brand new teacher in a lot of ways. There have been a few nights where I've had to stay up past 1 a.m. working, which I haven't had to do in years. But the kids are resilient, and spending time with them – even on Webex – has been a delight. They give me hope for the future."

Jerusha Hagen Tabori is a third grade teacher at Punahou. As Punahou shifted from distance learning to in-person learning, she noted that the classroom environment teachers need to foster remains the same – filled with love, support, patience, humor, kindness and occasional tech support. "So, fellow '90 teachers – as you give those shaka from across the room and raise your eyebrows high over your masks to show your interest in a Pokemon backpack, a loose tooth or a rambling story about a baby cousin, know that your efforts are appreciated. You are doing the best in the worst of situations. Being there for these kids is enough."

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Our Reunion is coming up! It will be our 30th! Could that really be – 30 years since we

graduated? We hope you feel as we do – that we can't wait to see all of our classmates again. No matter what is going on in the world, we will be able to get together. We hope it will be in person for our Alumni week in June. As we all navigate our uncertain times, virtual get-togethers are part of our life now! We would love to start reuniting before June, and our committee is planning the pre-Reunion virtual gatherings for all of us in Hawai'i, the West Coast, East Coast and more. If you are not already receiving our emails, please make sure we have your most updated information: punahou.edu/alumni. For the most updated Reunion information go to: punahou.edu/reunion.

And now, a few pandemic era notes: **Dana Teruya Len** and **Pamela Bartels** Toigo partnered with **Brandon Ito '90** to create a "Together-Apart" T-shirt, with all profits going to COVID-19 efforts of the American Red Cross. **Jessica Houston** has been offering belly dance classes on Zoom from her home dance studio. **Tai Lee Fyrberg** Temple completed the virtual Boston Marathon on her treadmill. **Mike Watanabe** reported that child psychologist, **Fred Duennebier**, moved to Seattle with his child psychiatrist wife, Ryan, and two boys, Ellis (3) and Sidney (1), and is practicing over Zoom. Mike is heartbroken over Fred's move. We're pretty sure Mike is NOT heartbroken over his amazing opportunity to interview Dr. Anthony Fauci for a BrainPOP video on COVID-19. bit.ly/2TXLQSn

Dana Vennen was featured in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser in June for her work as executive director for Therapeutic Horsemanship of Hawaii, based in Waimanalo. The organization was hard hit, as many others were during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown. They help children and adults heal and improve strength through horseback riding, with approximately a third of their students having disabilities.

Danielle Seo Mizuta, learning support specialist for Punahou grades K-3, shared her experience of having published a chapter in the book, "Teachers Teaching Nonviolence." "Five years ago, I attended a two-week residential fellowship at the Ahimsa Institute at Cal Poly Pomona (my alma mater!) with other educators from all over the country. The back of the book says, 'This volume reflects the understandings and experiences of 18 K-12 teachers trained in the histories, philosophies and practices of nonviolence. These educators returned to their educational settings and communities to continue the work of nonviolence in their teaching practices.' I have been in a variety of leadership roles in education in Hawai'i and I chose to write about the leadership qualities of Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, how they became charismatic and transformational leaders, and how significant events in their lives influenced them on their paths to leadership. Like Gandhi and Mandela, who had significant events in their lives, I wrote about how the Ahimsa Institute was a significant event in my life as an educator, and shared I was able to put into practice what I learned at the Institute to reflect on my own journey as a leader in education." Danielle was also interviewed on the podcast, "Most Likely to Succeed in Hawai'i," about her work in special education over the years.

Lobster. Roll. Now that I have your attention – **Jon Matsubara's** Manoa restaurant, Feast, added a lobster roll to its menu over the summer at the suggestion of Jon's wife, J'mi. This little lobster roll that could has really helped the business during this tough pandemic market. Jon was featured in Frolic Hawaii and Honolulu Magazine for his delectable creation. If you haven't tried it yet, please go before he runs out!

Speaking of running out, we're running out of space. Until next time, take care, '91!

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Aloha, Class of '92!

We truly hope that you all have stayed healthy and safe during this uncertain time. A HUGE mahalo goes out to all of you in the medical field, our first responders, and those who have been tirelessly working to keep our towns and cities running.

Here in Hawai'i, **Scott Nago** has been seen in the news and even on the cover of MidWeek. As chief elections officer for the State of Hawai'i, Scott and his office are responsible for State and Federal elections and has been busy educating Hawai'i's residents on their first-ever, all mail-in voting. Perfect timing as many are still leery of going out in public due to COVID-19.

Also in the news were **Jason Tokunaga** and **Carlton Yuen**, whose company, Aloha Vision Consultants, was voted as the top in vision care by KITV's Best of Hawai'i. Aloha Vision Consultants focuses on cataract care, and also provides services ranging from glaucoma and dry eye to eyelid surgery. Both of these fine doctors were also recognized in the individual category, with Toku taking home the top honor and Carlton receiving high marks as a finalist. Carlton and his daughter, **Caitlin '22**, have also been busy creating 3D face masks and video tutorials starring Carlton's mom, who has made thousands of masks to give to the public free of charge. Way to go, Toku and Carlton!

In June 2020, **Celeste Jacroux** founded Swell Marketing Advisors. For companies that choose not to have a full-time marketing executive in-house, she provides strategic direction and pulls from her expertise in revenue strategy, product marketing, content, messaging and demand generation. The company's name ties back to her days in Hawai'i. According to her company's website, "Wave riders wanting to experience the power of the ocean need to be prepared and ready to adapt to a swell that's arriving. It's important to be ready and to be patient, to read the data and watch the environment." Celeste, who lives in the Phoenix area with her husband, Jamie, has a solid background in marketing, which includes positions with Televerde, Johnson Controls and Philips Electronics. Currently, Swell Marketing Advisors has one face to the name, but many behind the scenes. Go get 'em, Celeste!

In July, **Andy Lee** illustrated "Tamehameha Uncensored," a book written by Frank Munden, which "focuses on rarely told tales of pivotal moments in Hawaiian history." Andy has kept busy teaching at Kaiser High School, O'ahu Art and Tech and Art Explorium, as well as attending conventions, showing work in galleries across the Islands and occasionally making musical appearances on TV. The additional free time, due to COVID-19, has allowed him to reconnect with his old band, and he has started to record little acoustic numbers.

Jan Harada was featured in Hawaii Business Magazine representing H.T. Hayashi Foundation, where she serves as executive director. H.T. Hayashi Foundation provides grants and funding to various nonprofits that focus on arts and culture, human development, environmental conservation and economic security with a focus on women, children and the elderly. The pandemic has allowed her and her team to strengthen their relationships and become nimbler, which will hopefully allow them to be more strategic and impactful with funding in the future.

In August, **Mike Satake** and his wife, Kristine, celebrated the birth of their son, Travis. During the lengthy labor, Mike was pleasantly surprised when Dr. **Jenny Holzman** Lum introduced herself as one of the OB-GYNs on rotation. Jenny provided professional guidance for Travis' delivery. Mike and his family are living in Honolulu.

Aloha,

Maz, Jen and JJ!

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It's with a very heavy heart that we share the news that our 13-year classmate, **Jason "Soli"**



A fond aloha to Jason "Soli" Solomon '93, who passed on Sept. 24, 2020. He will be missed. Aloha 'oe, Soli.

Solomon, passed on Sept. 24, 2020. To honor him, we share our classmates' memories of Soli here in our Class column.

"Jason accomplished so much. He had wonderful family. Beautiful kids. A loving wife. He loved everyone and told it like he saw it. I'm going to miss him." – **Greg Lau**

"Life. There are so many moments that pass us by. We don't take them for granted, but we may just assume we'll get more. I'm glad I love photos and that I have so many to remind me of the good times. The triggers to those moments keep me grateful for what we had and reminded me to truly cherish EVERY moment. As quick as a snapshot selfie may be, it's precious. RIL, Soli, and keep shining as bright as you did each time we met." – **Lea Woods Friedman Almanza**

"I'm going to remember and cherish his love of lumpia, the Kansas City Chiefs, the bloody nose he gave me when we were boxing and his football number – 69. He always wanted us to get together more. He was a good poker player. I will miss the jam sessions with the ukes. I'll never forget the love he had for his kids, and how proud he was of being their dad." – **Ryker Wada**

"Soli loved to sing. Right after college, he was in a band, Keia, with **Justin Murata '92**, **Scott Harada '91** and **Blair Sataraka '92**. We'd always go and watch them play. I'll never forget him playing his bongos and singing the 'Maximo Concepcion' verse of 'Mr. Sun Cho Lee.' He loved singing that verse." – **Jordan Slovin**

Soli will be missed. What he gave us will never be forgotten. His smile. His singing. His love for his kids, for his wife and for some reason, the Kansas City Chiefs. He lived a full life in such a short amount of time, and unfortunately it can't fit in this section. So, **Rick Tune**, Lea and Jason's wife, RomeLyn, created a website so we can catch up and see what he's been up to since we all stopped getting posadas at the snack bar. You should see his son, Jacob. He's definitely a chip off the old block. Please join me at tinyurl.com/ly4pt2ybw to share, support and celebrate Soli's life and family.

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From **Jeri Tokumoto**:
Happy New Year!

Let's hope 2021 is an improvement on 2020. As I write this, we are in our seventh month under some type of restriction. Hurricane Douglas thankfully missed the Islands, businesses are reopening again and most schools started the year in distance learning

mode. Wipes and Lysol are still in demand, while toilet paper is easily found. A possible SPAM shortage sent people into a tizzy and the hunt for Turtle Chips and boba popsicles brought some excitement to people's lives.

Reina Ahern Harris has done a great job of finding the silver lining in all of this. I enjoy reading her daily gratitude posts. **Kristy Sakai's** daughter, **Maiya Ishikawa '21**, started a business during the pandemic. Inspired by her Academy jewelry classes, Maiya makes bangles with shells she finds on the beach. Check out her Instagram page [@nauwaleno_bangles](https://www.instagram.com/nauwaleno_bangles). Student entrepreneurship at its best. **Ke Alii Alexander** decided to dig up an artifact – Varsity 2 Baseball T-shirt, anyone? **Josh Levinson's** son, **Ezra '23**, wrote a powerful op-ed on [kapunahou.org](https://www.kapunahou.org) about demanding real change, not just posting about it on social media. And in June, Dr. **Allison Briscoe-Smith** led a webinar on EmbraceRace, called Parenting in Support of Black Lives: How to Build a Just Future for Kids (and How Media Can Help), which was featured on YouTube Live, bit.ly/2GsEweA.

The Punahou Alumni Facebook page featured **Chrissy Castillo's** restaurant, Cafe Kaila, on a "Takeout Tuesday" episode. **Kawika Maeda** and his family were also on a "Takeout Tuesday" episode, enjoying the food from Odori-ko. I'm waiting for **Jodi Harada** Kawasugi's family business, Marian's Catering (run by brother, **Scott '91**), to be featured too. The food is so 'ono!

In the beginning of the stay-at-home order, puzzles were the activity of choice (and new ones were also in short supply). **Ann Gillespie Kim**, **Kristi Karimoto Choi**, **Shannon Ball**, **Fran Gendrano** and their girls, Sabine and Vida, along with **Marissa Liu** Dioso and daughter, Leilani, and **Andrea Ahles** Koos were posting their completed masterpieces on a regular basis. I petered out after the first six weeks of lockdown and decided to binge watch Netflix instead. Needless to say, I still have a few puzzles to conquer.

Congratulations to **David Andrade** and wife, Kristine, who were married in September.

Those of us who work in education, **Ryan Towata**, **Leah Wood Anderson**, **Tina Marie Jacks Myers** and others, have shared their trials and tribulations with the start of the school year. New school clothes and supplies were replaced with face masks, face shields, hand sanitizer and wipes. And the slew of kids' first-day-of-school posts were replaced with the first-day-of-school homeschooling posts. Thankfully the technology is available to provide some instruction to our students. It isn't easy, but we are making the best of it.

Finally, we send our condolences out to the family and friends of **Jason "Soli" Solomon '93**. Soli wasn't our classmate, but he made many connections and friendships within our Class, and we mourn his loss along with the Class of 1993.

We can try to pretend that 2020 didn't happen, but I think most of us were able to appreciate that 2020 slowed down the pace of our lives and gave us more family time. Stay safe, everyone, and hopefully, we'll be back to normal soon (with masks on)!

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From **Stef Park**:

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly changed all of our lives.

Embracing technology has enabled us to stay connected, even while physically separated. **Audrey Ida Nakamura**, **Steffany Ho Wong**, **Shanelle Kaneshiro Yamamoto**, **Julie Matsumoto**, **Chad Zane**, **Karl Higa**, **Clyne Namuo**, **Chad Yoshinaka**, **Jeffery Shitaoka**, **Shaun Young**, **David Tuan**, **Reid Yamamoto** and I have logged on to "happy hour" Zoom calls, which makes me wonder why we didn't do this before COVID-19.

I reconnected with **Jon Duarte** when his company, Duarte Studios, came to HMSA to shoot a commercial with social distancing in full effect. His team was professional and efficient.

I hope that all of you are finding new ways to achieve balance and stability during these rapidly changing and extremely stressful times.

Take care and stay safe. Annmarie and I would love to hear from you.

From **Annmarie Goldsmith Primorac**:

I'm sorry to share this sad note. On Oct. 15th, 2020, we lost our classmate, **Shalyn Nakamura** Ichimasa. After graduating, Shalyn went on to study at Oregon State University and the University of Hawai'i, then worked at Longs Drugs, PARI, Ricoh and Integrated Business Solutions. She and her husband, Kerry Ichimasa, raised two sons, Kaden and Kody, together in Honolulu. She will be dearly missed by them and by her brothers, **Gavin Nakamura '98** and **Matthew Sakagawa**; her sister, **Kellie Nakamura**; her father, **Sheldon Nakamura**; her mother, **Gaillynn Sakagawa**; and grandmother, **Ruth Mizuno**.

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Melissa Lounsberry '96 Wagenbrenner, her husband, Andy, and kids, Will (9) and Amelia (12), at the Continental Divide at Swiftcurrent Pass in Glacier National Park, Montana.

Aloha, classmates!

Mahalo nui loa to all of you who either reached out or responded to me. I have been so encouraged by you!

In spite of this crazy year, everyone I've connected with has found ways to overcome the challenges we've all faced. **Hanson Nguyen**, as an entrepreneur in the events and entertainment realm, has had to put all nightlife and concert events on hold. He has taken his events production company, Hawai'i Events Unlimited, and focused on giving back to the community. He provided expertise, services and impressive light displays to honor health care and other workers in the pandemic, and also to several schools seeking to make their senior graduations memorable. In the midst of that, he also started his own vegan plate lunch business!

Megan Kau's run for Honolulu prosecutor was highlighted in our last update, but I got to hear more from her as the election drew closer. After starting and building her own law practice in Hawai'i, over the last 10 years, the urging of friends and co-workers inspired her to run for this office. Although Megan didn't win her race, she says it's been the best experience of her life. She thanks all the '96 alumni who stepped up to support her!

Unfortunately, I have sad news to share from Hawai'i. On July 16, 2020, our classmate, **Giselle Chan**, passed away. She was surrounded by loved ones and will not be forgotten. Please keep her family and close

friends in your thoughts and prayers as we all grieve her passing.

School has changed for teachers, kids and parents. At their home near the Bay Area, **Gretchen Seiple Treffiletti** and her husband, Cory, decided to take on the challenge of completely homeschooling their kids – researching curriculum, buying bookshelves and creating a new learning space. In Hawai'i, **Brooke Nasser, Athena Espania** and **Elisa Tanabe Chong** have faced the challenge as educators of leading their students through the ever-changing situation with live, online learning. Brooke is teaching English and news writing at Kalani High School. Athena teaches theatre to middle school students at Punahou, while also designing costumes for the middle school and Academy theatre productions. Elisa is a school counselor for the Class of 2024 at Kamehameha Schools, while also raising her daughter, Ella '24, and her son, Cole (10).

We have classmates who have become new parents this year! In February, **Malia Mason** and her husband, Dave, welcomed Cole Kanoa Katch to their family in New York, where Malia is a professor at the Columbia University Business School. On the opposite coast, **Lee Laney** and his wife, Orlanda Kalafut, welcomed twins on Aug. 22, 2020, a baby boy, Olan Makani, and a baby girl, Octavia Rose. They live in Bellingham, Washington, but have spent a few months living with Orlanda's family in Vancouver, British Columbia, as they settle into parenthood.

A little south of Lee, **Melissa Lounsberry** Wagenbrenner wrote in from Seattle that she and her husband, Andy, and kids, Amelia (12) and Will (9), have enjoyed the additional home time during the pandemic, along with an increase in their small business that provides shipping and business services. They were grateful to be able to take a backpacking trip to Glacier National Park in Montana earlier this year!

Please don't forget to get involved with our 25th Class Reunion! Keep an eye out for emails with details and save June 12, 2021, for the Alumni Lu'au. Also, be sure to update your contact info at punahou.edu/alumni, so that you are in the Reunion loop!

It has been really good to get back in touch with so many of you!

Aloha for now! Enjoy the new year!

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Happy New Year, Class of '97!

How's the pandemic been treating you? While we all learn to navigate this strange new world, and masks are becoming part of our fashionable attire, we want to send a big shoutout to all our educators out there. We know it has been a stressful time, transitioning from being in a classroom and moving everything online, and then back again, or even crazier – the hybrid format. Hats off to those who learned to brave this new world, and are not only surviving in it, but are slaying it!

Got a message from **Ahnya Chang**: When not using her distance learning setup and equipment to shape young minds, she has found a dual purpose for it – KARAOKE! Add in the club lights and multiple mics, et voilà – entertainment for hours. She isn't open for business, so don't plan on stopping by to sing a quick duet just yet. Seriously, from all us parents, thank you teachers for our sanity. I am pretty sure alcohol sales and consumption went up the moment virtual learning started.

Marissa Steinfeld Ivey shared news from Dr. **Jennie Foster** in Houston about her very busy week. First, celebrating her 11-year

anniversary to husband, Ben, then back-to-back birthdays for their two children, hosting a bubble-to-bubble visit by her parents from Hawai'i, and finally, early voting in person. Phew, what a week!

Doug Kreeger is also keeping busy. His Instagram feed showed off his phone-banking skills. I checked to see where the motivation came from. He said: "I was feeling a lot of anxiety leading up to the presidential election, and I've found that taking action is one of the best ways to counteract these feelings. I decided to do some phone banking for the organization, Swing Left, even though I was a nervous phone-banking newbie. After a quick online training session (and 10 minutes of avoidant pacing on my part), I ripped off the proverbial Band-Aid and started making calls. Swing Left uses an online phone banking platform, so my personal phone number wasn't revealed, and I could see some basic demographic information about who I was calling. I'd say only 20% of the calls actually connected to a live person, and I generally spoke with people who were politically like-minded. I did occasionally speak to someone with a differing opinion, but I just thanked them for their time and moved on. I wasn't trying to change minds; I was just making sure that people who shared my values had the resources to vote. My favorite calls were with first-time voters who were excited to finally make their voices heard. It became addictive. I'm glad I did it, and I'll do it again." Thanks, Doug, for volunteering. Since he was in such a giving spirit, I also got him to agree to be a Class correspondent, so look forward to updates from Doug in the near future.

Doug isn't the only one with politics on the brain. Congratulations to **Ryan Mello**, who just won the seat for Pierce County Council District

4 in Washington, getting a whopping 64% of the votes! After attending college at the University of Puget Sound, Ryan fell in love with Tacoma and decided to stay. As the executive director of the Pierce Conservation District, his team of conservation professionals works to improve water quality and habitat function for people, fish and wildlife, increases access to local, healthy food for all and expands sustainable agriculture practices. Ryan and his partner, Sean Walker, live in downtown Tacoma.

Finally, after a little begging and arm twisting, we would like to welcome our new Class correspondents, **Katie Watanabe Bennett**, **Adam Ching**, **Nikki Ho Kimoto** and **Doug Kreeger**. Also a big shoutout to Marissa for helping track down these last-minute updates. Remember, if you have news on fellow classmates, let us know!

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Aloha, '98ers!

So, not to pull back the curtain too far, but when we write these Class notes, it's often four months before they are printed. The way 2020 has gone, you all might be reading this from a smoldering crater, reminiscing fondly on the before times. But hopefully that isn't the case, and we'll have all just seen each other at the Carnival!

Pandemic times have made master chefs out of many of us. **Donn Chongsiriwatana** was

already a master chef, having long ago graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. He currently lives in Bangkok and oversees about 50 different hotels doing the accounting and bookkeeping for their restaurants. In his off-time, he puts us all to shame by whipping together Michelin-worthy meals for his family.

Kelsey Tanaka has also been trying her hand in the kitchen. It's a far cry from her day job with Dotdash in New York, where she manages research and consumer insights for Investopedia and The Balance. She tells me Serious Eats is also one of their sites, so maybe the cooking is research?

Shaina Nishimoto Quinn has gone the baking route during the pandemic. She was nice enough to send me yeast all the way from Palo Alto, so I could also get in on the bread action. I can only assume she is still doing lawyerly things while not busy spreading goodwill and cheer around the world.

Speaking of lawyerly things, **Tracy Hresko** Pearl has moved from Lubbock to Oklahoma City. She is a law professor at the University of Oklahoma teaching criminal law, criminal procedure and professional responsibility. One day, when we are allowed to travel again, she encourages people to visit the hippest city you've never been to.

In Hawai'i, **Yolanda Fan** Lau has launched her new company, Liquid. The company allows you to contract and pay a global, liquid workforce, basically taking the pain out of human resource work and allowing companies to expand around the world. Neat stuff!

Do you have a pet? Did you get a pet during the pandemic to keep you company for all the time you're spending at home? **Emiko Tsuchida** is a veterinary technician at Surf Paws Animal Hospital in Hawai'i Kai. Check her out!

Tara Molnar Herlitz welcomed a baby girl, Charlotte, on July 22, 2020. This makes two girls for Tara, keeping her busy while she works from home as a deputy attorney general.

Finally, and most importantly, **Rennie Lum** has learned how to knit and has knit her first pair of socks. This might legit be a useful skill in the apocalypse.

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Stephen Phillips '99, wife, Liana Shelby '00 (not pictured), and their 3-year-old son, Grayson, welcomed their newest family member, Gavin, on April 27, 2020. The happy family lives in the Boston area, where Stephen is a mortgage loan officer and Liana is a psychologist.



Mahalo nui to Gigi Barnhart '01 Rey, who is a family medicine physician with the U.S. Air Force, living in Northern Virginia, on her second deployment fighting the pandemic.



Congratulations to Lauren Esposito '01, who graduated from the Patsy S. Mink Leadership Alliance program!

Alliance program that helps advance the expertise of female leaders who are committed to personal growth, professional impact and community change. Lauren is currently the client services manager at UHA Health Insurance.

A quick update from California – **Magali Fassiotto** has spent the last seven years working at Stanford University, and most recently became an associate dean at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Magali is living in the Bay Area with her family.

From **Nick Kawakami**:

Hope you're safe and healthy! As of this writing, we still have a very big task ahead of us dealing with COVID-19. **Gigi Barnhart Rey** shares her experience from Northern Virginia, where she is a family medicine physician with the U.S. Air Force: "This experience has been very humbling. It has reminded us all of the

Congratulations to **Mike Okamoto** on being named one of Pacific Business News' "40 Under 40" for 2020! Mike is a senior vice president at Standard Management, where he built the company's property management division from the ground up and now manages 16 properties with more than 430,000 square feet. Mike lives in Honolulu with his wife, **Leena Hong '94**, and their two children, Mila and Liam.

A global pandemic didn't stop **Liana Shelby** and husband, **Stephen Phillips '99**, from making the most of 2020. The couple finished a major renovation in their Boston-area home, then had a second baby! Baby boy, Gavin, was born on April 27, 2020, joining his older brother, Grayson (3), in the midst of Boston's COVID-19 spike. Liana works as a psychologist at the Norfolk County Juvenile Court Clinic and supervises psychology trainees at Harvard Medical School/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Steve recently transitioned from an operations manager to a loan officer at Fairway Independent Mortgage. Cheers, Liana and Steve!

Stephanie Lee Goldstein and husband, Jon, welcomed their third child, Miriam, on Sept. 18, 2020. Miriam's older siblings, Nathaniel and Alyssa, love cuddling their new baby sister. The Goldsteins live in Fairfax, Virginia. Congrats, Steph and Jon!

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From **Kara Sugihara Nguyen**:

Happy New Year! To say 2020 was "quite a year" is an understatement.

As we start 2021, let us look forward to reconnecting 20 years after our Class was last together. Our Reunion committee has the unique opportunity of planning our Class celebration virtually. Even classmates living on the mainland have joined us – **Bucky Jencks** and **Anthony Williams** (New York) and **Kyler Chong**, **Andrew Omori**, **Keri Nakamura Ouye** (Bay Area). **Kellie James** Schmidtke, Bucky and I are heading up the Gift committee, while **Leina Okuhara** Ijacic and **Nick Kawakami** are the Activity chairs. Also along for the Reunion planning ride are **Kari Akamine**, **Matthew Dvorch**, **Gregory Endo**, **Lauren Esposito**, **Ikaika Jobe**, **David Kowen**, **Arynn Nagahiro**, **Mark Rau**, **Scott Schmidtke**, **Elbridge "EZ" Smith** and **Lauren Chang** Williams. Please update your contact information at punahou.edu/alumni and save Saturday, June 12, 2021, for the Alumni Lu'au. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to **Lauren Esposito**, who graduated from the Patsy S. Mink Leadership



Pauline Wun '01 Shibata and her husband, Michael, welcomed twin boys, Sebastian and Oliver, in April 2020. Pauline also started an accounting consultancy business to add to her busy new life. Congratulations to the Shibata family!

importance of human connection. As I prepare for my second deployment, I remain very thankful for this opportunity to serve in the military during this time of great need for our country." Thank you, Gigi, for your service. Thank you to all our classmates who are on the front lines fighting the pandemic!

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Congratulations to **Scot Matayoshi**! He and his wife, Jenn, shared that they happily welcomed their healthy son, Mason, into the world on June 23, 2020. **Aaron Woo** shared that he and his wife welcomed their second child, Addison, in June, and that she is already a very talkative baby. Congratulations to Aaron and Scot on their growing families.

Punahou Carnival 2021 "A Carnival Out of this World" will be looking different this year due to the pandemic, so please check with our Carnival Class representative, **Todd Iacovelli**, for updates!

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Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season, and we look forward to the new year ahead.

Congratulations to **Marcus Ono** and his wife, Jasmine, who welcomed baby, Ethan, in July!

We would love to hear from you, so please feel free to reach out to us through Facebook or email.

Until next time,

Christine and Krystle

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Never in my wildest dreams would I have ever predicted what 2020 would bring. However, in some odd way, I find myself hopeful that there will be sunshine after all of this darkness. I look forward to 2021.



Congratulations to Scot Matayoshi '02 and his wife, Jenn, on the birth of their baby boy, Mason, who they welcomed on June 23, 2020.



Congratulations to Aaron Woo '02 and his wife, who welcomed their second child, Addison, in June 2020.

Alx Kawakami is a good example of someone who has done his part to make life brighter for those in need. In July, 'IOLANI Inc. donated the proceeds from the sales of their limited-edition face mask to the Friends of 'Iolani Palace. Because of COVID-19, 'Iolani Palace had been forced to close for three months causing a huge loss in revenue. With every mask selling out in just 24 hours, Alx and his family were able to

donate \$50,000 to the foundation. It doesn't stop there. In August, the Kawakami family continued their giving streak by teaming up with the **Henry Kapon '67** Foundation and Foodland to provide Foodland gift cards to musicians, engineers, producers, dancers and other music professionals who have been affected by the pandemic. Seriously, Alx, awesome job. We need more feel good moments like this right now.



Arlen Kam '05 and her husband, Robert Nakamura, welcomed their son, Colin, in July 2020.



In September 2020, Justin Udom '06 launched his own business, a gourmet ice pop company with unconventional flavors, called "Pop Culture Artisan Pops."



In May 2020, Missy Jasper '06 Hightower and her husband, Baryon, welcomed their first child, a baby boy named Ezra.

Congratulations to **Liza Wo Davis** on the birth of her second daughter, Sophia Belle. Congratulations also to **Tiffany Ching**, who has her hands undoubtedly full, as she balances working as an anesthesiologist, and double diaper duty for her identical twin newborns, Mason and Maverick!

Chris Chapman sent us a report that he is currently living in San Francisco with his wife, Molly, and 2-year-old son, Callum. In 2019, Chris finished his radiation oncology residency at University of California, San Francisco, and accepted a position at Kaiser Permanente in the Bay Area.

Last, I would be remiss if I did not write that our classmate, **Lauren Hanley**, unexpectedly passed away in late August. Although Lauren spent only freshman and sophomore year with us in the Academy, she without a doubt left a lasting mark on many of our lives. **Janet Burns** beautifully wrote that Lauren was, "the kindest person. Endlessly generous, beautiful, creative, compassionate, hard-working, self-deprecating, loving and beloved." Lauren passed away in her sleep at her home in California, near her dogs and partner, Chris. Lauren was a devoted dog lover, friend, daughter, artist and successful career woman. After finishing high school at Maryknoll School, Lauren went off to New York City to attend the Pratt Institute. She then returned to Hawai'i to live and work before setting off to the Bay Area, where she took a job in the tech industry. At the time of her death, she was the head of her local chamber of commerce, providing assistance to many friends and neighbors, near and far, during the pandemic. She was even considering running for mayor. Lauren will be dearly missed. Her life will

continue to be a source of inspiration to many for the rest of her loved ones' lives. Rest easy, Lauren.

Everyone be well. Be there for each other. Love to you all.

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Well – 2020 was an interesting year, huh? Global pandemic, quarantine, wildfires, hurricanes and protests – just to name a few. With all this going on in the world, it is easy to think that everything is crumbling around us. But one of the wonderful things about Class notes is that it gives us a chance to focus on the good news. We get to highlight the life moments that continue, even when the big world events seem scary and uncertain. And it gives us the opportunity to celebrate our peers.

So, let's get the good news flowing!

First, some wedding news! Congratulations to **Spencer McLachlin**, who got married in September. Spencer and his wife, Diane, got married in the beautiful Tahoe area, which is also where the two were engaged. Their intimate ceremony was not only COVID-19 conscious, but was shared with friends and family across the world on Zoom. Before their nuptials, the two had been living in Reno, but now they are in Los Angeles, where Spencer is continuing his job as the assistant volleyball coach for the University of California Los Angeles men's volleyball team.

Riley McKibbin, who was Spencer's best man, has been quite busy, even during these quarantine times. Riley and younger brother, **Maddison '09**, are professional beach volleyball players on the AVP tour. The two are affectionately known as "The Beard Bros." They have an incredible social media



Jonnie, baby Makenna and Michelle Wie '07 West enjoy family time at home.

presence, where they create/direct/write/edit all their own content. And they have a lot of content – how-to videos, interviews of other professional athletes, behind-the-scenes sneak peeks, sports psychology videos, workouts (including ones to do in quarantine), etc. You can check them out at mckibbinbrothers.com, on Instagram and Twitter @themckibbinbros and on YouTube at *The McKibbin Brothers*. And if that's not enough, make sure to check them out on "The Amazing Race" this season, which started airing in October!

More professional athlete news – congratulations to **Michelle Wie West**, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Makenna Kamalei Yoona West, in June. So exciting! Michelle and her husband currently live in California, where they are enjoying being new parents and filling their (limited) free time with working out, hanging out with their two dogs and, of course, golf. Michelle was also named assistant coach of Team USA for next year's 2021 Solheim Cup! Michelle has been a player (and winner!) on this team multiple

times. And in case she is not busy enough, she joined the Golf Channel back in August, as an analyst during the PGA Championship. Awesome!

And now for some job news. **Jill Wakumoto da Silva** recently started a business of her own! DivSpeaks International Consulting is a nonprofit that supports underrepresented students with educational opportunities and annual monetary scholarships. Jill herself is halfway through her MBA program at Olivet Nazarene University (ONU). She also volunteers for her local food bank and is a committee member for a United Way group in her area. She lives outside of Chicago, with her husband and 2-year-old son and is currently working as an admissions coordinator at ONU. Keep up the amazing work, Jill!

Back in May, **Kainoa Carlson** became one of the new lifestyle hosts for the show "Hawaii Now Daily!" You can check him out as the friendly face that keeps us updated on the best food, activities and events that Hawai'i has to offer, even during the pandemic!



Friends from 2008, John Hogan, Tobie Reeuwijk, Travis Ing and Courtney Fukuda, masked up to meet in Los Angeles.



Nikki Costales '08 Ames and Austin Ames '07 welcomed their daughter, Sophia, on Sept. 11, 2020.

That is all for now, folks. Please share your stories with us. In these often lonely times, our Class column is an outlet that can keep us connected, which is needed more than ever nowadays. Stay safe, stay healthy and support each other!

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From **Jasmine Wong**:

Aloha, Class of 2008!

Happy New Year! 2020 was a busy and crazy year! Here's hoping that each and every one of you have an awesome 2021!

Congratulations to **Austin '07** and **Nicole Costales Ames**, who welcomed their first child, Sophia Lily Ames, on Sept. 11, 2020. They are enjoying spending time at home as a family of three.

Our classmates have been getting together (safely, of course!) and catching up. For many of us, these gatherings have been virtual and



Congratulations and best wishes to Ally Holtz '11 Hehn and husband, Joel, who were married on Sept. 5, 2020.

allowed us to reconnect with friends across the country and around the world. **Travis Ing, John Hogan, Courtney Fukuda** and **Tobie Reeuwijk** were able to physically get together in Los Angeles, and of course, everyone was masked up to stay safe.

As always, many thanks to our classmates for continuing to share notes and photos! If you have anything you'd like to submit, please don't hesitate to email us at the address above or reach out individually to me, **Brynne Auten Boian, Brett Katayama** or **Tahnee Allman Towill**.

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Happy New Year, Class of 2011!

I hope you're all staying safe and doing well! This has been an unpredictable year to say the least, but it has been heartwarming to see classmates staying in touch around the world. Some of us even had the opportunity to spend an extended amount of time back at home (which normally is not an option), or have even moved back home.

Congratulations to **Ally Holtz Hehn** and her husband, **Joel**, who were married on Sept. 5, 2020! Ally is an accountant and Joel is a medical sales representative with Stryker. They've been keeping themselves busy by renovating their home – great quarantine project!

Emily, Ke'ala and I would love to hear what you all have been up to, so please email us!

Best,

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Tate Newfield '14 and his first-ever, free-hand blown, full-size glass figure in the works!



Jonathan Kuwada '14 and Thomas Shin '14 continue to follow their passion and create music. Take a listen to "No Business" by Jonathan, his twin, Cameron '14 (not pictured), with Thomas at bit.ly/3eQUrQr.

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Aloha, 2014!

First and foremost, I cannot stop listening to the song, "No Business," by **Cameron Kuwada**, **Jonathan Kuwada** and **Thomas Shin**. The Kuwada brothers are known in the music industry as "Kuwada," and Thomas goes by Tommy Halide.

Here is some Q&A with these artists, via **Hannah Broderick**:

Hannah: "What made you want to get into music production?"

TH: "I've been writing music since the eighth grade and actually presented a couple of projects during English class at Punahou (it might still be on YouTube). Music has always been a passion of mine, and I've just never stopped creating."

JK: "I played piano in Punahou Jazz Band, which was a super formative experience for me learning skills necessary to write. My heart goes out to Mr. Briguglio, our Jazz Band director, who instilled a will to pursue music just beyond a hobby."

"No Business" is one easy breezy summer single that is at the top of my playlist until **Evan Nagao** produces another rad song. Hold up! Evan is a musical artist too?! He goes by "Evan from Heaven," and he just dropped a song, "¿Me Entiendes?" Why is this man so talented? The cafeteria must be putting something in the shoyu!

Speaking of talented artists, **Tate Newfield** is on his way to making the first-ever, free-hand blown full-size glass human! In addition, one of Tate's glass blowing pieces won the Art on Fire 2020 People's Choice competition hosted by the Pittsburgh Glass Center. Many of you voted for Tate to make this possible. He extends his gratitude to all of you!

On a different note, **Shannel Chong** was stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army. She had an amazing time traveling around Europe pre-COVID-19. Her favorite spots were Venice and Prague. Hit her up for some Euro trip advice once the pandemic mellows out, which is hopefully soon! **Kim-Hee Wong** reported that Shannel competed in the U.S. Army Europe Best Warrior Competition, where she won her battalion, brigade and division competitions! Thank you for your service, Shannel!

All the wildfires in California this summer had me wishing **Jessie Torres** would put them out. Jessie will be stationed on Kaua'i as a firefighter in January 2021. Last time I



Evan Nagao '14, who goes by "Evan from Heaven," has dropped a song, "¿Me Entiendes?" Take a listen at bit.ly/3n4NOgq.



Jeff Ness and Chascity-mae Sarmiento '15 attended the marriage celebration of Divine Tanuvasa-Fuaga '15 and Kaden Smith in Provo, Utah, in August 2020.



Jonas '15 and Taylor Higa '15 Kurihara in front of the Marriott School of Business Building at Brigham Young University.

checked, he was putting out burning airplane tires. Looks fun, Jessie. Let me know when I can drive the fire engine.

Taylor Cabral, another classmate helping the local community, is working for the Department of Health on O'ahu. Pretty intense time to be working for the DOH, but we all know Taylor is willing to help. Big mahalo to our local heroes.

COVID-19 has given us all a chance to self reflect. **Oliver Lewis** wanted to share his reflections with the world, so he started a blog, "Bamboo Blister." The blog is named after a hiking excursion with **Noah Deer**. It relates his thoughts about the world along with his passion for surfing. A new post comes out every Thursday at 6 p.m., Pacific Standard Time. I look forward to reading Every. Single. One. I am an emotional guy!

Many of you are studying to be lawyers and doctors nowadays. Here is an update with the latest additions to our list of intended professionals: **Aaron Chan** is in law school; **Maya Matsumoto**, **Trek Mizoguchi**, **Landon Morikawa**, and **Karl Reis** are in medical school; **Allison Hwang** Huh is in dental school; and

Eric Dorflinger is in physical therapy school. If I missed anyone – sorry, please let me know!

That's all for now. It was good hearing from all of you. Continue to reach out. I have an hour-long commute twice a day, so I'm always available to take phone calls.

Until next time, stay good!

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Happy New Year, Class of 2015!

Hi! It's Chascity and I'm the new Class correspondent. I look forward to sharing your life adventures, whereabouts and special moments here in our Class column. First a short update: I graduated in May 2020 with a master's degree in social work and currently live in Idaho, working as a child and family counselor at Mana Resources, co-founded by **Harland Ah You '90**.

Here are a few updates:

Casey Nham started his second year in Azusa Pacific University's doctorate program in clinical psychology in Southern California. After graduating Casey hopes to work with college student-athletes as a sport psychologist!

On Aug. 29, 2020, I happily celebrated with classmate, **Divine Tanuvasa-Fuaga**, when she married Kaden Smith in Provo, Utah.

On Aug. 9, 2020, **Jackson Sayama**, along with his campaign manager, **Dean Rodan**, claimed victory in the primary election for the Hawai'i State House of Representatives for District 20 – St. Louis Heights, Palolo, Kaimuki, Wilhelmina Rise and Maunalani Heights.

Jonas and **Taylor Higa Kurihara** got married in June 2019. After coming home from serving a church mission (Jonas in Sendai, Japan for two years and Taylor in Daejeon, South Korea for 18 months), they are both studying at the Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University.

I look forward to hearing from you all!

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