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### 1940s

Each year, as is the tradition during Christmas, members of **KS '44** meet for an annual luncheon. This year, classmates gathered at the Willows Restaurant in Honolulu. In attendance were **Arline Akina, Dawn Anahu** Fernandez, Timothy Au, George and Masako Baker, Al and Lei Becker Furtado, **Lou Benham** Pavich, **Howard** and Ruth **Benham**, Thomas and Jane Chung, **Vollmar Crabbe, Leila Hohu** Kiaha, Lucia Poepoe Davis, **Fred** and Elizabeth **Kamaka, Marian Lake** Boyd, **Vesta Parker** Will, Edith Rabideau Wassman, Charles and **Pearl Souza** Cummins and Edward Wilcox. (Class representative is Vesta Parker Will; phone: 808-941-1231).

Classmates and spouses of "The Great **KS '48**" gathered recently at the Elk's Club to celebrate a visit from **Donald Coelho** and his wife, Jenny. The Coelho's make their home in Las Vegas, Nev. The class entertained the lunch crowd with song and dance on stage. Highlight of the entertainment was the singing of Don's son **John Coelho '71**, who captivated the audience with his outstanding professional voice... Brigadier General **Irwin K. Cockett Jr.** has been appointed by Gov. Benjamin Cayetano to the position of director of the State Office of Veterans Services. He will be responsible for the development, performance and control of

programs, policies, and activities on behalf of veterans and their families... Classmates **Aletha Goodwin** Kaohi and **Larry Mehau** have recovered well from minor rope burns incurred playing party games at the last class function. (Class representative is **Elmer Manley**; phone: 808-734-7459).

### 1950s

Congratulations to **Roy Kahai Hiram '50** who was recently inducted into Kamehameha's Alumni Gallery at a luncheon held on the Kapālama campus for family, classmates and friends. Roy was recognized for his distinguished career in law enforcement, including serving as Chief of Police for the County of Kaua'i for twelve years. He is a former FBI officer and a graduate of San Jose State University, where he majored in police science. Roy and wife Elza reside in Kailua, O'ahu. Proud son is **Gary Hiram '78**. (Class representative is **Henry Ahlo**; phone: 808-696-2210 and **Kuulei Sequeira** Stender; phone: 808-262-9920).

**KS '51** was one of five classes (others were **KS '66, '81, '91,** and **'76**) which gave of its time and creative talents to decorate Christmas trees for Hale Pelekekina. The trees were then shared with students, staff, alumni and other guests who visited with KS President and Headmaster Dr. **Michael J. Chun** and wife, **Bina**

**Mossman Chun '63**, during the holiday season. (Class representative is **Roselle Sam** Soon; phone: 808-836-5948)

Members of **KS '53**: don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual Class Reunion, July 7-13, 2002 on Moloka'i, based in Kaunakakai. If interested in participating in this activity, call **Fred Cachola** at 808-685-4293 or **Joan Wilhelm** Raymond at 808-455-3158... It was a chance meeting when **Heather Roy** Minton and **Laverne "Lovey" Kukahiko** walked into the KS Alumni Relations Office on the Kapālama Campus in December. It was time to "talk story," update goings-on and a chance to go to Kam Bowl for a bowl of oxtail soup. (Class representative is **Dudley Makahanaloa**; phone: 808-734-3569).

**KS '54** celebrated its 47th class reunion and 65th birthdays in October in Las Vegas, Nev. Classmates attending the memorable weekend were **Paul** and **Genevieve Nahulu Burns, Peter Bush, Keakealani Sequeira** Delatori, **Jack Enad, Anna Sam** Hency, **Betty Mae Freitas** Hiram, **Albert Kahalekulu, Patrick Kawakami, Arlene Battad** Kon, **Halford Matthews, Richard McKeague, Martha Van Gieson** McNicoll, **Geraldine Herakuji** Meade, **Joseph Pai, Claire Gunderson** Paishon, **Walter Parker, John Pauole, Caroline Kauahikaua** Ponce, **Randolph**



Roy Hiram is inducted in the KS Alumni Gallery.



KS '44 classmates enjoy a Christmas luncheon.



KS '53 class members Betsey Park Porter (left) and Pua Lau Choy decorate a Hale Pelekekina Christmas tree.



KS '54 enjoys a class banquet in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Sanborn, Alfred Simeona, Henrietta Kupahu Spencer, Laverne Kipi Tirrell, Lorraine Buchanan** Viloria, Viola Ahlo Kakalia, and Dennis Kauhane. The banquet was held at the Fremont Hotel on Oct. 12, 2001. Alfred and Jeanette Simeona provided special three-strand, braided ti leaf lei to all who attended. Highlight of the evening was the sharing and reflecting of personal testimony by each classmate, a personal touch from the heart. The gals leafed through their magical, musical and memorable album of songs; and, as if the hands of time were turned back 50 years ago, there they were, their voices raised in pure harmony. It is no wonder the women of KS '54 won the song contest competition five years in a row. A 48th class reunion is planned for October 17-21, 2002 in Las Vegas. (Class representative is Caroline Kauahikaua Ponce; phone: 808-456-5612).

## 1960s

The Class of '62 kicked off its 40th reunion year with a February weekend trip to one of four neighbor islands they plan to visit this year. Moloka'i classmates **Steven Arce, Alexander Kapahi Puaa, Lola Wilson Spencer, Honey Potter** Peelua and their Moloka'i 'ohana welcomed 24 classmates and their families. Taking advantage of the Friendly Isle hospitality were O'ahu classmates **William Ornellas, Rowena Peroff** Blaisdell,

**William Blaisdell, Patricia Harbottle Machado, Joe Maio Machado, Nanette Mossman Judd, Danna Hano Lyman, Moana Akana, Wayne Wahineokai, Barbara Mowat Angelo and Carl Judd.** Kaua'i classmates **Liberta Hussey Albao, Bernadine Ho Enrique and Winifred Chow Tam**, along with **Maile Jean Richards-Au** from Maui, **Deanna Ebinger McFadden** from Oregon, and **Cecil Boyd** from California also took part. All thoroughly enjoyed the laid-back weekend on Moloka'i. Three '62s who arrived on Moloka'i early enough on Friday were able to walk down to Kalaupapa Settlement to enjoy a six-hour tour of the settlement, and related their experience with those arriving later in the day. Memories from Bishop Hall and "the Hill" brought much laughter to the tent that was set up on the beach at Honey's place. The class will visit Maui in April, Kaua'i in August, Hawai'i in October and O'ahu in June for Alumni Week on campus.

**KS '65** recently took class members on an around the island weekend tour of Kaua'i. With Barking Sands as base camp, the group visited the sparkling salt ponds of Hanapēpē, wondrous Waimea Canyon and picture-perfect Polihale Beach at sunset. Waimea resident Kane Turalde offered his expertise in the cultivating procedures of producing Hawaiian salt. **Victoria "Vicky" Holt** Takamine pointed out some of the unique flora such as *lehua* and *'olapa*, described the trails she

and her *hālau* have journeyed through, shared legends of Pele and Hi'iaka, and chanted 'O *Kalalau* with classmates. At Polihale Beach, Vicky, **Moana Fernandez Sherbert, Sylvia Heen Fukuda, Mal Manoha, Ellen Keahi Carvalho and Kealoha Kelekolio** composed a haku mele entitled, *Hanohano o Kōke'e*. Other classmates and guests making the Kaua'i trip were: **Gail Kahale Nam, Glenn O'Brien, Stephanie Blevins** Borabora, Suzi Tanaka, **Gregory Enos and Connie Vincent**. In December, class members gathered for an annual Christmas party hosted by **Robert and Jody Domingo** at their home in Ka'a'awa. The evening was filled with fellowship, camaraderie and of course, 'ono mea'ai. Classmates at the party included **John Hirota, Lloyd Sato, Glenn O'Brien, Gail Kahale Nam, Kealoha Kelekolio, Randy and Kasia Mau, Stephanie Blevins Borabora, Oie Lan Kaaikala, Louise Beamer, Larry and Charlene Pidot-Buchner, Sylvia Heen Fukuda, Mal Manoha, Moana Fernandez Sherbert, John and Luana Fox, Carlyle Cornwell and Lono Kaa** from Oregon. A busy schedule leading up to a 55th birthday celebration in Las Vegas is planned for the first half of 2002. Set aside June 26-30 Las Vegas trip. A mini *lū'au* birthday party in Las Vegas is being planned and *kōkua* with this activity would be greatly appreciated. Watch for upcoming newsletters for further information. (Class representatives: **Donna Lei Smythe**; phone: 808-595-3983; e-mail: [dlsmy@aol.com](mailto:dlsmy@aol.com) and Moana Fernandez Sherbert; 808-535-0421).

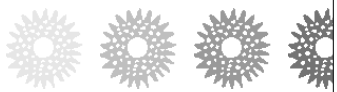
**KS '66** classmates **Raymond Jackson, Letitia Ignacio Holt, Gerard Mahi and Barbara Chang** Rico met at Salty's Restaurant in Alki, Wash. Looking out onto Elliott Bay, the restaurant provided a clear and unobstructed view of the Seattle skyline... **Joan Barclay Ullin** and "Bobbie" Rico attended a special American Indian ceremony celebrating Honor Day with the Hoop of Honor ceremony for men. This significant event was sponsored by the Indigenous Studies Foundation and the Nooksack Nation and held in Deming, Wash.

### Alumni E-Mail List

Want the latest news and information on Kamehameha Schools? Managed by the Alumni Development Office of the Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation, the Alumni E-Mail List provides users breaking news on Kamehameha happenings and events. To be added to the list, e-mail [webmaster@ksbealumni.org](mailto:webmaster@ksbealumni.org) and provide your name, address, class year and e-mail address.



KS '53 classmates Heather Roy Minton and Laverne "Lovey" Kukahiko enjoy a mini-reunion.



### I Mua Submissions

Kamehameha Schools alumni who would like to announce Births, Weddings, Class News or College Close-Up information in an upcoming issue of *I Mua* should please write to: *I Mua* Alumni Editor, 1887 Makuakāne Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817-1887 or e-mail [gejohans@ksbe.edu](mailto:gejohans@ksbe.edu). Film photos are preferred. Electronic photos must be tiff files, at least 300 dpi and at least 4" by 6" in size.

**Peter Wylie '64** and *kumu hula Iwalani Christian '65* represented Hawai'i by chanting at the ceremony. (Class representative is Barbara "Bobbie" Chang Rico; phone: 808-671-0827).

Congratulations to **Mitchell Kalaluhi '67** who has moved to South Carolina to begin a new position with his current employer, Bayer Corporation. As information technology manager at the Wellford facility, he will be responsible for the servers, network and computer support at three sites in South Carolina and Georgia... **Austin Nakoa '67** is owner and president of Nakoa Companies, Inc., on O'ahu. At present, the company is upgrading "the stairway to heaven" in Kāne'ohe, also known as the Ha'ikū Stairs. Nakoa Companies, Inc., was selected by Pacific Business News as the second fastest growing company in Hawai'i in 2001. (Class representative is **Kathie Reis**; phone: 808-842-8712; e-mail: [kareis@ksbe.edu](mailto:kareis@ksbe.edu)).

**KS '69s Kali Watson** held his 50th birthday party Dec. 15 at the Bishop Museum's Atherton Hālau. A number of classmates joined him to celebrate the occasion. In the spirit of giving, Kali asked for donations to the Boys and Girls Club in lieu of birthday gifts. Class members attending the party were: **Harry Purdy, Debra Ann Kaopuiki Ono, Simeon Alo, Bryan Akiona, Edwarda Hasegawa Kaneakua, Lynn Haiku Hiranaka, Nancy Brede Souza, Linda Kapuniai Rosehill, Blossom Hatori Tong, Rickey Pa, Neal Chung, Alan Kumalae, Andrew Keliikoa,**

**Alfred Willing, Gilbert Chee, Scott Rogers, Leslie Hiranaka, Walter Kaneakua, Vernon Randolph Tong and Nathan Chang.**

### 1970s

Congratulations to Dr. **Claire Lock Asam '70** who was recently inducted into Kamehameha's Alumni Gallery at a luncheon held on Kapālama Campus for family, classmates and friends. Asam was recognized for her work in education at Kamehameha which included research projects on training and dissemination, reading outreach and curriculum and assessment. Claire serves the community through organizations such as the Hawaiian Service Institutes and Associations, Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i, University of Hawai'i's Center for Hawaiian Studies and School of Social Work, Assets School and Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club. After earning a bachelor's degree in child development from Connecticut College, Claire went on to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where she received a masters in curriculum and instruction and a doctorate in educational administration. She is married to Dr. **James Kuhio Asam '70** and they have two children, Trever and Robin... About 20 classmates and family members are signed up for the Big 5-0 Alaska Cruise, Aug. 10-17 on Holland-America's *Zaandam*. The cruise leaves from Vancouver and goes to Glacier Bay and back.

There is still time to sign up, and although the 50 percent discount is *pau*, call Preston Lum at 596-7447 for other applicable rate cuts. If you have other questions, leave a message for **Linda Nishimura '70** at 523-4158 or email her at [opae@yahoo.com](mailto:opae@yahoo.com)... After more than 27 years of active duty with the U.S. Army, Lt. Col. **Kirk Durante '70** retired, and he and wife **Phyllis Cambell Durante '73** returned home to Hawai'i on March 28, 2002. Kirk intends to work in Honolulu as a consultant for Booze-Allen & Hamilton, managing Army contracts throughout the Pacific... 1970 Maui classmates are rescheduling their 50th birthday celebration to Oct. 11-14, 2002 (Columbus Day weekend, or Discoverer's Day in Hawai'i), so save the date. A Honolulu celebration is scheduled for July 13, 2002. Look for the flyer in the mail. To help with planning and coordination, call Ted Kesaji at (808)244-5429 or e-mail [valyisle@hisemail.com](mailto:valyisle@hisemail.com). (Class representative is **Marsha Heu Bolson '70**; phone: 808-236-0870; e-mail: [mabolson@ksbe.edu](mailto:mabolson@ksbe.edu)).

**Vanessa Chong '73** continues to champion causes she receives at the American Civil Liberties Union where she serves as executive director. At her present position since 1984, Vanessa hopes to negotiate positive outcomes whenever cases come her way. Some of the cases she's worked with recently were those of Waikiki street performers, traffic cameras, equality of benefits/gender discrimination and police misconduct. Says Vanessa, "Issues come and go."



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KS '66 classmates, from left, Ray Jackson, Letitia Ignacio Holt, Barbara Chang Rico and Gerald Mahi enjoy some quality time together.



Kali Watson (front row, left) celebrates the big 5-0.