

# WALA'AU

## ALUMNI DIRECTORY

All alumni whose addresses are current with the Alumni & Parents Advancement Center will receive an important questionnaire in the mail very shortly. This questionnaire is sent to allow alumni the opportunity to make certain their listing is accurate for the forthcoming edition of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Directory.

**Important: Please be sure to complete and return your directory questionnaire before the deadline indicated!**

Once received by our publisher, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., your information will be processed for inclusion in our new directory. Before the final composition stage of the book, however, you will be contacted directly by Harris to verify that your data is absolutely correct and up-to-date.

If your questionnaire is not returned, it is possible that your listing could be inadvertently omitted or your personal information printed incorrectly. If you prefer not to be listed in the directory, please contact the Alumni & Parents Advancement Center, in writing, just as soon as you possibly can.

## FREE YEARBOOKS

I received a call from Bob Whiting, Coordinator of the Midkiff Learning Center, advising that there are surplus editions of the *Ka Na'i Aupuni* yearbook on hand. The surplus accumulated from publishing overruns that occurred throughout the 90s and from students who didn't pick up their yearbooks when they graduated. That extra stock was given to Kamehameha by the publisher, and is currently held in storage. Should alumni be interested in acquiring one of these past editions of *Ka Na'i Aupuni*, they are available free of charge. Interested? Call the Alumni & Parents Advancement Center at 842-8680 for more information.

## NA MELE HO'OHENO

The recording *Na Mele Ho'oheno* traces the musical history of Kamehameha Schools through the voices of its students. Comprised of archival and contemporary recordings, *Na Mele Ho'oheno* features the voices of Kamehameha's Concert Glee Club, alumni, KES' Children's Chorus, recordings from previous "Kamehameha Sings" albums, and selections from our annual Song Contests. You can relive those musical memories of Kamehameha Schools – the songs we grew up with, the music of your life – by way of this recording.

*Na Mele Ho'oheno* double cassette packages will not be manufactured after this year – eventually only compact discs will be available for purchase. As distributors of this beautiful product, the Mountain Apple Company is offering a special KS alumni price of just \$15 for the double CD or \$7.98 for the double cassette package. (There are additional shipping and handling costs, however.) If you're interested, call the Mountain Apple Company at 597-1888 or, from outside O'ahu 1-800-882-7088. Identify yourself as a Kamehameha Schools alumnus for this special offer.

Until next time we wala'au, take care of one another. 'O au nō me ka lokomaika'i.



By Marlene Sai '59  
Director, Alumni and  
Parents Advancement  
Center





## ALUMNI CLASS NEWS



By Gerry Vinta Johansen '60, Alumni Coordinator, Alumni and Parents Advancement Center

### 1940s

Fourteen KS '44 members celebrated St. Patrick's Day at an Outrigger Canoe Club luncheon. **Gyneve "Neva" Andrews Wong** and **Frances Kupau Schuman** co-chaired the event. In attendance were **Lei Becker Furtado**, **Dawn Anahu Fernandez**, **Edith Rabideaux Wassman**, **Eloise Lou Benham Pavich**, **Marian Lake Boyd**, **Ione Rathburn Ryan**, **Kuualoha Saffery Callanan**, **Arline Akina**, **Jane Chung**, **Portia Yim Rosehill '43**, **Vesta Parker Will** and **Pearl Souza Cummins**. (Class representative is **Pearl Souza Cummins**. Phone: 247-1786)

Congratulations to **Manuel and Adeline Andrews Baptista '47** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a December lū'au surrounded by family and friends. The Baptista sons **Stanley '69** from New Hampshire, **Alvin '71**, **Steven '72**, and **David '77** from Colorado arranged the program and provided the entertainment. Son **Clifford** and grandson **Ikaika Baptista '95** were official greeters for the evening celebration. Granddaughter **Susan-Lei Baptista** is a member of KS Class of 2000. Classmates in attendance were **Nelson Ahina**, **John Awana**, **Jacqueline Booth Benham**, **Juanita Noa Cardus**, **George and Leona Akana Crabbe**, **Merlyn Ferreira**, **James Fong**, **Marceline Goo Freitas**, **Lehman Henry**, **Henry**

**Jay**, **Rowena Keaka**, **Daniel Machado**, **Robert Moore**, **Dorothea Cobb-Adams Nary**, **Corbett Roy**, **Sylvia Nobriga Suiso**, **Mary Glennie Andrews Tagupa**, and **Joseph Taitano**. (Class representative is **Dorothea Cobb-Adams Nary**. Phone: 262-5492)

Congratulations to entertainer **Donald T. L. Ho '49** selected 1999 Salesperson of the Year by the Sales and Marketing Executives of Honolulu (SME). He was honored at a special February luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel. SME began the tradition in 1957, recognizing persons who have enhanced the image of Hawai'i and the quality of life in the community. Don is involved with organizations such as the Variety School of Hawai'i and the Arthritis Foundation, as well as continuing to promote Hawai'i through film, video, his Waikiki showroom and Aloha Tower restaurant. (Class representative is **Beverly Piilani Ellis Kinimaka**. Phone: 808-822-1108)

### 1950s

Congratulations and best wishes to newly retired **Major General Edward V. Richardson '52**, adjutant general of Hawai'i, commander of the Hawai'i National Guard, and director of State of Hawai'i Civil Defense operations. General Richardson's military career began when he joined the Hawai'i Air National Guard in

1956. Later commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Aviation Cadet Pilot Training Program, he served in a number of key command and staff positions within the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron (FIS) and 154th Fighter Group. He was assigned as chief of staff, Headquarters, HIANG, in 1978 and promoted to colonel. In 1982 he was appointed commander of the Hawai'i Air National Guard and then promoted to brigadier general. He served as Hawai'i Air National Guard commander until 1991, at which time he assumed the position of the adjutant general. In 1992 he was promoted to major general. A retirement ceremony and review for Maj. Gen. Richardson was held in January at Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu. An Aloha Banquet was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in January where family and friends shared in the celebration marking the ending of an exceptional military career and the beginning of a new chapter in the life of a retired Major General. (Class representative is **Leroy K. Akamine**. Phone: 595-4946)

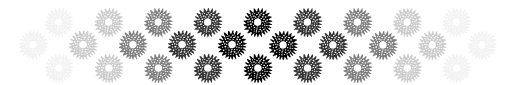
In February, the bright lights and glitter of Las Vegas welcomed members of KS '59 as they continued celebrating their 40th class reunion. Arrangements for the trip were made by **Elizabeth Ahana Kikuchi**. Making the trip, some with their spouses, were **Nelson**



KS '44 St. Patrick's Day outing with (l-r) **Ione Rathburn Ryan**, **Gyneve "Neva" Andrews Wong**, **Leilehua Becker Furtado** and **Kuualoha Saffery Callanan**



**Helen B. Will (l)** with KS '44 pals **Lou Benham Pavich** and **Marian Lake Boyd**



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KS '52 classmates at Hickam Air Force Base for the retirement ceremonies honoring Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson

**Ka'ai, Leona Zalopony Riendeau, David Kauwe, Rudy Flores, Andrew Espinda, Cynthia Ash Coleman, Faith Lum Sasaki, Luana Hall Yamato, William Hutchinson, Herman Brandt, Kent Bowman, Henry Lee, Kenny Chang, Clifford and Lani Kahakua Wong, Clara Mahoe Motta, Vicky Amasiu Freitas, William Wong, Gwen Meyer Higgins, James Kahue, Earle Dye, Alexander "Rocky" and Estelle Cullen Cashman, William Kamakawiwoole Jr., Benedict Stillman, Roman Chai, Robyn Ing Boehm, Nancy Han Kane, Sheila Thomas Decker, Harrub Houssein, Alexander Olsen, Kathryn Kaaihue Kimi, and Antoinette "Toni" Gomes Lee.** Classmates in town for other occasions were

**Marlene Sai and Stella Lindsey Duarte.** A grand time was enjoyed by all who made the trip – adding yet another page to the class' album of memories. (Class representative is Antoinette "Toni" Gomes Lee. Phone: 455-3985)

### 1960s

Congratulations to **Theresa "Bonnie" Fox Adams '61** who recently retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Bonnie spent 33 years at the Kailua Post Office where she was the first female mail carrier. (Class representative is **Yvonne Sai Ryan**. Phone: 523-6275, e-mail: [yvryan@ksbe.edu](mailto:yvryan@ksbe.edu))

**Rev. Kekapa Lee '64** is the newly appointed papa makua of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches and the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. **Rev. James Merseberg '51**, retiring papa makua, presented Rev. Lee with a wooden outrigger canoe paddle, a symbol of leadership and working together. Rev. Lee is associate minister of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ and serves on the national executive council of the church. Before his appointment as papa makua, Rev. Lee was pastor of Waiola Church in Lahaina. (Class representative is **Patricia Blake-Silva**. Phone: 808-742-9993)

**Rev. James Fung '65** is the newly elected pastor of Kawaiaha'o Church. Rev. Fung fills the vacancy left by **Rev. William Kaina '51** who retired as pastor of Kawaiaha'o more than two years ago. Rev. Fung received a bachelor's degree at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, and a master's degree from Drew Theological School in Madison, N.J. He earned a doctorate in ministry from the Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Conn. For the past 25 years, Rev. Fung has been pastor to congregations in both Connecticut and Michigan. He and his wife Faith have two grown children. (Class representative is **Donna Lei Smythe**. Phone: 595-3983; e-mail: [dlsmy@aol.com](mailto:dlsmy@aol.com))

### 2000 / MUA PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

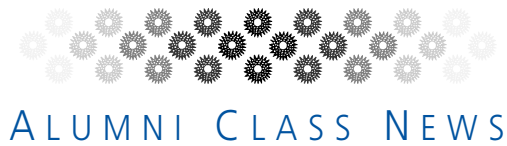
All submissions (including photos) must be into APAC by the dates listed below in order to appear in the quarterly issue indicated.

**Fall 2000 issue**  
Due June 26, 2000

**Winter 2000 issue**  
Due September 25, 2000



The Adams family celebrates mom's retirement (l-r) Bryan Gusman '91, Terry-Lynn Kalei Adams '91, Bonnie Fox Adams '61, George Gusman III '90 and, in front, Bryce Adams '12



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Newlyweds Peter Kaho'opi'i '67 and Karen Sasaki join in KS '67s Big 5-0 bash in Las Vegas

Captain **Curtis Kekoa Jr. '67** was at the helm when United Airlines made its first Boeing 777 flight from San Francisco to Maui in February. It was the first time for Curtis to be in the pilot's seat, and what better destination to fly to than back home. He has been flying with United Airlines for more than 22 years and is United's first native Hawaiian pilot. Curtis' dad, **Curtis Kekoa '40**, was also a combat pilot in World War II and the Korean War. Curtis Jr. and his wife Christina live in San Francisco. They have a 22-year old son.

**Kathie Reis '67** reports that Las Vegas was turned into a private party when class members celebrated their big 5-0 last October. Celebrants arrived from Guam, California, Arizona and Hawai'i. Classmates joining in activities for the first time included **Michael Martin, Creighton Samson, Betty Gonsalves Barbett, Faauiga AhSoon Betts, Earlene Iaea, Marlene Delaries Stockwell, and Charlene Sugihara**. Future class plans include: Island of Hawai'i "Lōkāhi 2000 – Summer Jam" at

a beachfront house in Puakō, July 19 through 22, and an inter-island cruise sometime in 2001. Class news, ideas, and recommendations are welcome. Please contact either Kathie via e-mail: [kareis@ksbe.edu](mailto:kareis@ksbe.edu) or **Anthony Ho** at [anho@ksbe.edu](mailto:anho@ksbe.edu). We would love to hear from you. (Class representative is Kathie Reis. Phone: 247-6452; e-mail: [kareis@ksbe.edu](mailto:kareis@ksbe.edu))

Congratulations to **Nathaniel Chang '69**, among the recipients of the Governor's Kilohana Award for Outstanding Volunteerism in the State of Hawai'i during the year 2000.

### 1970s

**Marsha Heu Bolson '70** reports that **Suzanne Ahlo** Iwamoto is busy serving meals to customers at Junie's Coffee Shop next to Kāne'ohe Satellite City Hall.

**Luana Ahina-Johnson** was promoted in November to director of the Graduate Program in Basic Biomedical Sciences at the University of South Dakota's School of Medicine. She has been at USD since 1998, and has lived in South Dakota for 20 years.

**Barbara Kauhini** is a flight attendant with Northwest Airlines based in Detroit, MI. (Class representative is Marsha Heu Bolson.

Phone: 842-8865; e-mail: [mabolson@ksbe.edu](mailto:mabolson@ksbe.edu))

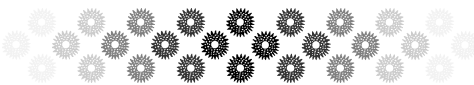
**Isaac Akuna '72** is a Windward O'ahu dentist by day and a steel guitarist/vocalist by night playing at local conventions and concerts. In 1995, Isaac designed and produced "the first-ever steel guitar to be manufactured in Hawai'i, as far as I know," says noted steel artist **Alan Akaka '74**. Isaac and his wife Joan have two sons, Jacob and Evan. (Class representative is **Deborah Lau Okamura**. Phone: 941-1869; e-mail: [dokamura@get.net](mailto:dokamura@get.net))

**Sherry Kelso Machado '74** informs us that she is a household engineer for children Adam, 8 and Daniel, 3 in Boyne City, Mich. Husband **Charles Machado '74** is an industrial lighting technician with Lexalite International of Charlevoix, Mich.

**Moana Heu '74** was promoted to lieutenant with the Honolulu Police Department. She is currently working in administration, assisting with the opening of the new police station in Kapolei. Moana received a bachelor's degree in clinical dietetics from UH-Mānoa and a master of science degree in administration from Central Michigan University. (Class representative is **Coreene Choy Zablan**. Phone: 523-1973)



KS '67's 50th birthday celebrants in Las Vegas were (l-r) Samuel Ka'ahananui, Connie Dupio, Betsy Kaho'opi'i Medina, Vivien Goodwin Tamashiro, and standing, Rick Meinel



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Diane Peters-Nguyen '77 new vice president of the Limtiaco Company

**Keith Ikaia-Purdy '75** made opera history with his February 15 debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. He sang the title role in Jacques Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman." Keith has sung in leading opera houses all over the world and was no stranger to the role. He received a standing ovation at the curtain call from fans who traveled from as far away as Germany and Hawai'i. Although Keith has sung nearly all the great opera tenor roles, Hawaiian music remains closest to his heart. (Class representative is **Kathleen Enos** Thurston. Phone: 263-8585; e-mail: [tpacific@gte.net](mailto:tpacific@gte.net))

Congratulations to **Blane Gaison '76** recently inducted into the University of Hawaii's Circle of Honor in the sport of football. Blane is currently a co-director of the Kamehameha Schools Athletic Department.

Congratulations to newly hired **Diane Peters-Nguyen '77**, vice president of corporate and public affairs for The Limtiaco Company, a full-service public

relations firm. Diane previously served as the director of development at the Oceanic Institute, a pre-eminent aquaculture and marine sciences research institution, where she oversaw fundraising, governmental and community relations and organizational development. Prior to her work with the Oceanic Institute, Diane was the executive director of the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC). PAAC serves as the World Affairs Council organization for the state of Hawai'i. She is a graduate of George Washington University, where she earned a master's degree in international affairs with an emphasis in East-Asia. Diane received a bachelor's degree in French from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Diane currently serves on the boards of the Vietnamese-American Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i and Tokai University of Hawai'i.

**David Kaluna Keala '77** is the director of Food Services at Brigham Young University, Hawai'i Campus. David received a degree in hotel and travel management from BYU-HI. He has worked as assistant manager for Inter-Continental Hotel, now known as Outrigger Wailea Resort, as a manager at BYU-HI's Seaside Hotel and, for the past 12 years, at the BYU-Provo Campus in the Food Services Department. David and his wife, Tanya Naumu of Pearl City, have four daughters. His father is **David Keala '55**.

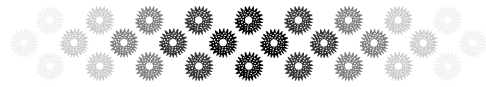
## 1980s

Congratulations to **Stephen Kaaa '82** recently promoted to assistant vice president and private banking officer at Honolulu's First Hawaiian Bank. (Class representative is **Denise Fujiyama**. Phone: 944-6977; e-mail: [jugoz@hgea.org](mailto:jugoz@hgea.org))

**J. Kalani English '84** recently served as an adviser on the U.S. delegation to the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Kalani worked on special assignment for the "Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Program of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States." Kalani is a Maui County Councilmember and recently announced his candidacy for re-election in 2000. (Class representative is **Mary Faurot** Pescaia. Phone: 595-4666)

**Sharissa Chun '86**, President of Harmonious Creations – Real Estate and Feng Shui (the ancient Chinese art of space management) – is a realtor associate with Prudential Locations. She also conducts *feng shui* workshops at Serendipity Books and Gifts. (Class representative is **Robert Quartero**. Phone: 833-8703)

**Lisa Dzigas '88** is an accounts manager for NEC Computers in Sacramento, Calif. She encourages classmates passing through Sacramento to stop by and visit or call to say hello. She can be reached by telephone at (916) 379-4003 or by e-mail: [L.DzigasCressman@NECCSD.com](mailto:L.DzigasCressman@NECCSD.com). (Class representative is **Shelly Wakamatsu** Pelfrey. Phone: 808-883-0237)



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### 1990s

#### CONTACT US ONLINE

KS alumni are encouraged to submit news items to *I MUIA* via e-mail. Send to:

**apac@ksbe.edu**

or "snail" mail to:

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Photos are greatly appreciated.

**Kinohi Gomes '92** is making a difference in the lives of Wai'anae residents by giving back to the community. Kinohi is a Super Enrichment Saturday and Summer Institute coordinator for *Nā Pua No'eau*. He works with youth facing problems with drugs and gangs. Kinohi received his bachelor's degree in Hawaiian studies from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH-Hilo). (Class representative is **Paul Lyman**. Phone: 395-6169; e-mail: [kalei1@aloha.net](mailto:kalei1@aloha.net))

**BJ Lanakila Medeiros '93** is a teacher at Lokelani Intermediate School in Kihei, Maui. Previously, he was a language teacher with the Hawaiian Immersion program at Kalama Intermediate School in Makawao. BJ also taught special education at King Kekaulike School in Pukalani and coached Boys JV soccer. He graduated from UH-Mānoa with a bachelor's degree in Hawaiian studies and from the University of Hawai'i Center on Maui with a post-baccalaureate certificate in secondary education. BJ and his fiancé, Benedetta Torino, reside in Wailuku with their 3-month old daughter, Clara-Josephine Leialoha. (Class representative is **Brandee Kaeo**. Phone: 259-8070; e-mail: [brankaeo@hula.net](mailto:brankaeo@hula.net) )



Sharing a family moment are BJ Lanakila Medeiros '93 and Benedetta Torino with daughter Clara-Josephine Leialoha

Class representative **Avis Poai '96** would like to remind classmates to update their names and addresses in preparation for their 5th year reunion in June, 2001. Contact Avis at 227-7996 (cell phone) or by e-mail: [poai@hawaii.edu](mailto:poai@hawaii.edu). Classmates may also contact **Collette Corr '96** at 955-4534 (evenings) or by e-mail: [ccorr@hawaii.edu](mailto:ccorr@hawaii.edu). Avis and Collette are currently students at the UH-Mānoa and would be happy to meet with classmates interested in helping with reunion plans.

**Dylan Ching '96** has been drafted by the Saskatchewan Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League. Dylan was a three-time All-Pioneer Football League wide receiver for the University of San Diego. He was the first player chosen in the third round and the 15th overall. He was the only player from Hawai'i – among the 46 selected – chosen in the full six-round CFL draft. At San Diego, Dylan set career records in football with 189 receptions, 3,111 yards and 32 touchdowns. (Class representative is Avis Poai. Phone: 623-4770)