

# Alumni Week 2003

Kamehameha class representatives offer remembrances on Alumni Week 2003

This past summer, Kamehameha Schools graduates with class years ending in "3s" and "8s" spent a week with classmates on the Kapālama Campus during Alumni Week 2003. The theme of the event was "I Mua a Mau Loa – Forward Forever."

Activities included tennis and golf tournaments, educational tours, "talk story" sessions with KS leadership, a health fair, a cooking contest, talent night, fashion show, a *kanikapila* luncheon and the grand finale Alumni Lū'au.

The *lū'au*, attended by 1,350 hungry Hawaiian-food lovers, was a complete sellout and more than 4,000 graduates attended at least one of the activities held during the week. And another 237 graduates enjoyed the week as Kapālama Campus boarders.

Here's a look at what Kamehameha class representatives had to say about the festivities.

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CLASS OF 1948

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– AILEEN PARRILA MAGNO  
CLASS OF 1958

## Class of 1948 by Elmer Manley

"Pauahi's Legacy Lives" was profoundly expressed in the sincere *aloha* spirit of all celebrating classes during Alumni Week 2003. The Kamehameha 'ohana laughed, ate, cried and prayed together.

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How do you win the prize for the "best costume" in a talent contest when you spend only \$3.78 at the Salvation Army Store for some old bathrobes and cut some guava branches for canes? You put the costumes on some beautiful *wahine* and handsome *kāne* and tell them to act their age.

Our talented leader **Lorna Chu** Kaeck concocted a delightful show and our president emeritus, **Gene Naipo**, came through as someone you can always depend on. The unsung heroine of our talent night performance was none other than **May Parker Au**, pianist extraordinaire, who somehow held us all together.

It was heartwarming to see more than 20 classmates and spouses make the trip from the mainland to join us.

The memorial service at Bishop Memorial Chapel, acknowledging those who have gone before us, brought a smile to our faces when their names were called. We remembered old classmate friends, and tears welled in our eyes knowing they are gone forever.

At the Hale Koa Hotel, we gathered one more time to share a last meal together and to pray and give thanks to our beloved Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop for all the riches she has bestowed upon the Kamehameha 'ohana.

## Class of 1953 by Diane "Lovey" Kukahiko

A most joyous and wonderful occasion with hugs, kisses and all the reminiscing.

Many thanks to: **Joan Wilhelm** Raymond who did an outstanding job making a collage of all classmates who have passed on, and having other pictures on display at our dorm; **Joseph Travis**, for a never-ending job of keeping our class together since gradua-

tion; **Dudley Makahanaloa**, on investing and keeping our monies flowing so capably; and to **Fred Cachola**, always pressing for the best in our class on the various melodic tunes that make us sound so fantastic – he sure has stamina.

**Tamar Luke** Panee and **Douglas Panee**, *mahalo* for all the 'ono-licious food preparation; **Winona "Kau"** Like Hopkins, ever so diligent on getting our shirts and *lei* ready for talent night; **Peter Kama**, on rounding up classmates for golf and making sure that each received a prize – win or lose; and to each classmate who made this reunion one to remember and cherish.

Events during the reunion: a Chinese dinner for the class with a silent auction, including a quilt made by **Miriam Kalai** Kula, beautiful *lauhala* hats by **Katherine Kaeo** Domingo, framed "*kapa*" portrait by **Dottie Kalua** and many more items. All proceeds were returned to the class so no dues are needed for the year 2004.

Our class gifts to the school were signs at both entrance gates to the Kapālama Campus given to President **Michael Chun '61**. Upon ending our celebrating week, donations from classmates made up a *pū'olo* "goodie bag," which was given to each classmate in attendance.



For many of you who finally made it to your first class reunion, don't stop. Plan on attending next year in Hāna, Maui where we will be hosting our 51st reunion.

## Class of 1958

by **Aileen Parrilla** Magno

We had an unforgettable week celebrating our 45th class reunion!

Several of us stayed in the dorm, reliving "dorm life" (the energetic and lively Class of '48 kept us well fed and entertained).

The week started with a service honoring Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop with a *ho'okupu* which was later presented at Mauna'ala/Royal Mausoleum, recalling the privilege of being a part of Kamehameha.

We met young people dedicated to the vision of caring for the land, our culture and history as we toured KS projects; a wonderful experience. We got teary eyed and chicken skin as we sang Founder's Day songs like "Sail on My Soul" and "Thanks Be to God."

The Talent Show was an evening to remember with Emcee **Jack Hao '69**, the **Mo'okini** sisters **Beatrice '33** and **Tamar '31**, the hilarious skit by KS '48, etc. (Yes, we participated....)

Several classmates modeled at the Fashion Show luncheon. It was great seeing many classmates/friends/families at our Class Night dinner at the Natsunoya Teahouse and at the Alumni Lū'au...some we haven't seen since graduation. All looked great!

**Bernadette Kaohi** Lancaster and **Reginald Chong** read the names of our departed classmates at the Memorial Chapel Service. As each name was read, one could picture them as a student at Kamehameha. We remember and we'll never forget.

We will remember the joy of being with fellow classmates, friends, families and other celebrating alumni classes. We missed those who were not able to attend; however, they were in our thoughts/conversations as we reminisced about "the good 'ole days."

## Class of 1963

by **Madelyn Horner** Fern

Members of the Class of 1963 arrived at Alumni Week 2003 from as far away as New York, Florida, Indiana and Colorado, and as near-by as Kalihi, Kuli'ou'ou, Moloka'i and Kaua'i.

It was a time of remembrance... for our Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop and her legacy; for the good times when we were young and fancy free, for those teachers who gave of their time to make us good and industrious men and women; and, for those who have gone before us.

The 40th Reunion Celebration brought approximately 150 classmates to Kamehameha during Alumni Week. It was a rare opportunity to renew the bonds of friendship, and as the week wore on, these bonds grew stronger.

By week's end it was as if we had traveled in a time tunnel back to 1963 – it was difficult to say goodbye. Many of us classmates have grown close over the years; we're family. *Mahalo* Kamehameha for imparting this sense of 'ohana and belonging to all of us!

## Class of 1968

by **Robin Makapagal** Williams

For weeks after its 35th reunion ended, members of the Class of 1968 suffered from reunion withdrawals. What was it about this reunion that caused such a reaction? It's simple. It was time spent together with old friends and classmates, nurturing longtime friendships and developing new ones.

We always say at the end of the week, "this was the best reunion ever," and maybe that's what is supposed to happen. We are supposed to leave with that thought, and then invite others to join us for the next one, so that one day everyone will know what a Kamehameha reunion is all about.

We celebrated the anniversary of our graduation on June 2 with a sumptuous dinner prepared by **Julie Kaupu**, **Polly Kaupu** Sin, **Almira Maile Aki** Harris and their crew of *menehune*. A poignant highlight of the evening's festivities was



a slide show, followed by the playing of a recording of songs we sang at graduation.

Thursday was a great day for our class. In the afternoon, **Alan Chock's** *kalua* turkey *lumpia* with *poi* dipping sauce won "most unique dish" honors at the Taste of Kamehameha. Many thanks to kitchen crew **Noela Bishaw**, **Valerie Ching** Purcell, **Mary Ann Nobori** Dorsey, and the Monday night cooks for all their help in preparing the yummy dish.

The evening's Talent Show brought out our best as we strolled down memory lane singing and dancing our way to "Best Production" of the show. *Mahalo* to **Julie-Beth Campbell** Alfonso, **Kaipo Hale**, **Thomas Akana** and **Samuel Ako** who produced and directed the performance.

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CLASS OF 1963

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To view photos showing highlights of Alumni Week 2003, go to [www.picturetrail.com/robinmak](http://www.picturetrail.com/robinmak). Click on Alumni Week albums. There are three of them.

## Class of 1973

by Steve Reelitz

The gentle Kalihi breeze blew effortlessly through the dorm lounge and caressed the comfortable *pune'e* that lined the dorm *lanai* – and that's where you would find the majority of the celebrating classmates at this year's 30th reunion celebration.

With Lunalilo Dormitory packed to the gills with classmate boarders, the revelry began its steady climb to crescendo. As each day passed, more and more friends returned to what would prove to be our most memorable reunion to date.

History was made at the Talent Night contest – the Class of 1973 reclaimed its rightful place in musical accomplishment by winning awards for Most Original, Best Contemporary Performance and Best Overall Performance. Needless to say, action in the dorm from that point on was truly unforgettable. *Mele* and *hula* were abundant.



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CLASS OF 1973

**Brickwood Galuteria** and **Kalei Williams** Vierra played the piano and led us in song. **Stanford Regidor**, **Miles Kahaloa** and **Ted Makalena Jr.** displayed their talents on 'ukulele and guitar.

The *lū'au* was lots of fun with classmates and their families numbering over 200, but we couldn't wait to get back to the dorm to *kanikapila* and spend more time together.

Just about every island was represented – from Kaua'i: **James Itamura** and **Daniel “Kani” Curnan**; from Maui: **Denise “Dee” Eharis Coyle**, **Everett Ferreira**, **Brian Simonson**, **Mele Fong**, **Juby Aipoalani Miller** and **Alika Paoa Kapoi**; from Moloka'i: **Joann Naehu** Simms and her family; from Lana'i: **Paul Horner**; and from Hawai'i: **Gail Makuakane-Lundin**, **Ginger Wright** Hamilton, **Luana Lekelesa Ogi** and **Stan Regidor**.

The week came to an abrupt end – much sooner than any of us were ready for. Tears accompanied almost every hug and promises were made to stay in touch. The bond that was forged 30 years ago and strengthened over the last two years will not be broken. We are all “Proud to be '73.”

## Class of 1983

by Christina Wright Ah Sam

*Aloha* to all of you! This has been a year to remember.

In fact, we're still trying to keep the momentum going generated by reunion activities. The spark ignited the fire of celebration in April 2003 when 60 classmates and family members descended upon Las Vegas for the beginning of our 20th year reunion.

Alumni Week 2003 went into full swing after our Las Vegas trip. For the first time, KS '83 was represented in all of the week's activities. **Kealaonalani Pruet** Asman and Christina Wright Ah Sam were dorm *lunas* and experienced firsthand all the fun (and work, too) of Alumni Week: lots of laughter, music, song and dance, talk story marathons, good food, and just one big celebration every



night of the week. Thanks to **Leslilyn Pauahi Baldomero-Kazunaga**, we were able to test our vocal chords at *karaoke* in the dorm at night.

Our Talent Night presentation was beautiful! It brought tears to many people's eyes as we honored by photos our classmates who passed on. At Taste of Kamehameha, sponsored by our own entrepreneur, **Darin Mar**, we entered **Jason “Max” Kalahale's** *tofu poke* recipe. It was a hit! With the “creative squid eye” of Pastor **Warren Badua**, we took Best Overall for the competition.

We had great representation at the Fashion Show with our two lovely models strutting their stuff on the “runway” in Kalama Dining Hall. Keala and **Leighanne Tiwanak** Medeiros represented our class well.

What an awesome Alumni Week 2003! It was amazing – so many wonderful memories were created and new friendships formed. One could not help realizing just how fortunate and blessed we are to be a part of Princess Bernice Pauahi's legacy and the Kamehameha Schools.

Stay in touch and in tune... check out our class Web site at <http://www.poi.net/~kamehameha83/> for photos or e-mail Christina at [wrightahc001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:wrightahc001@hawaii.rr.com).

## Class of 1988

by Kelli Sumida

Fifteen years ago, the Class of 1988 left our Kāpalama Heights home, ready to take on the world. In June, we returned for Alumni Week 2003 with one goal in mind...Let's Party!

For six brave and dedicated classmates, Alumni Week 2003 actually started back in September 2002. Reunion committee members **Edward Chu**, **Shelly Wakamatsu Pelfrey**, **Heidi Randolph**, **Kelli Wong Sumida**, and **Ryan & Pohai Leong Wong**, began meeting to plan what turned out to be our most successful reunion to date.

By far, the most memorable night was Friday.

Our class got together at Coffee Talk in Kaimukī and had an off the hook class night that is still being talked about. About 150 classmates got together for a night of partying, laughing, reminiscing, and just having a good time from 6:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. (or later) the next morning. We would like to send a big *Mahalo* out to Liz, the owner of Coffee Talk, and her staff for being such wonderful hosts (and for not calling the police when we didn't want to leave!)

Also, thank you to Matson Navigation and Hawaiian Airlines for the door prizes. The 30 or so of us who attended the Saturday evening *lū'au* had a great time as did the handful of us who continued the party at the dorms afterwards. Our week ended Sunday, at the memorial service honoring the memories of two classmates: **Rene Koahou** and **Faye Meyer Addison**.

We have already started planning the 20-year reunion (can you say VEGAS?) and expect it to be even better than the 15th year celebration.

If any of you want to help, have any comments/suggestions, just want to drop a line and say "hi", or want to share some news with the rest of the class, please e-mail us at: [kamehamehaclassof88@yahoo.com](mailto:kamehamehaclassof88@yahoo.com). You can also send updated information to that address so we can keep you in the loop.

Until next time, *aloha* and *māmala pono*.

## Class of 1974

by Coreene Choy Zablan

*(The Class of 1974 was tasked with putting on the Alumni Week Lū'au)*

For the Class of 1974 Alumni Week 2003 will be filled with many memories of hard work, sore feet, tired muscles and laughs...many, many laughs! After over a year of meetings and planning, the week had finally arrived and ready or not it was here and the time for action had come.

Co-chairs **Randall Fukino** and **Coreene Choy Zablan** led the team of classmates, spouses, friends and family. The week started off slowly, but the excitement and energy increased daily until Saturday when everything came together and we put together the final product.

The Operations Team was led by **Edward Simeona** along with wife **Jackie Kaalekahi Simeona**. The Food Team was led by **Henry Ah Loo** and was assisted by **Michelle "Miki" Ranne Mattson**. Miki was always ready to get whatever was needed by Henry and the other committees. The food was 'ono and thanks to our army of volunteers led by **Libbiejane Kaopuiki**, we did achieve our goal of "hot food hot" and "cold food cold."

A big *Mahalo* to **Heather McWayne Ahue '76** and the Class of 2004 for volunteering to help at the *lū'au*. It was so awesome to see the energy and enthusiasm of the Sr. Class and their parents.

The beautiful decorations were created by **Catherine Puamana Crabbe** along with her family and friends. The talent from the class really excelled as **Francine Peneku Wassman** started the



program at the *lū'au* with her Pua Melia Trio. They were followed by Pat Ahloy and Koa. Aunty Genoa Keawe took the stage next accompanied by **Alan Akaka** and **Glen Smith** and Ho'okena.

The final product on Saturday was a project of pride, blood, sweat and yes, there were tears, too. Everyone who participated can say that it really was "an experience to remember" and we will never forget the friendships that were renewed and formed during Alumni Week 2003.

*Mahalo* to the Classes of '75 and '76. We had a lot of help from our friends and we couldn't have done the *lū'au* without them. *I mua Kamehameha!*

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## Alumni Week 2004

Alumni Week 2004 is slated for June 6-13 on the Kapālama Campus. Celebrating classes are those with years ending in 4s and 9s. For more information, alumni should call their class representatives or the Kapālama Parents and Alumni Relations office at (808) 842-8680.