

# KA LEO O PALAMA

"The Voice of Palama"

Palama Settlement

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Since 1906: Serving The Individual, The Family, The Community

## Leland Blackfield Youth Activity Center

A wonderful new opportunity for the youth of the Kalihi-Palama area was made possible through a donation by the William Blackfield Family. A new youth center was dedicated on June 27, 1989, in memory of Leland Blackfield, who was well-known for his active involvement in many sports and youth programs.

The Leland Blackfield Youth Activity Center will be open from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM each week night and from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. During the day, children and teens in programs at Palama Settlement will be able to use the room as a reward for completing their academic work.

The room has been fully equipped with two ping-pong tables, a pool table, three football tables, an arts and crafts area, a Nintendo game center, television, stereo, and karaoke. Under the supervision of



*Ron Wright, Mrs. Cecilia Blackfield, George Chaplin, Kaiulani de Silva, Ms. Pamela Blackfield, Mark Hastert, Rev. David Twigg attended the dedication of the Leland Blackfield Gameroom. Photo by Karen Suenaga*

adult staff of Palama Settlement, the neighborhood children will have a safe and entertaining activity for the summer and free time during the

school year. It is a wonderful legacy to a man who devoted so much of his time to activities and programs for the youth.

## Note From the Executive Director

It has been quite awhile since the last Palama Settlement Newsletter was released, so we decided to go for a new look and a new name. The staff was invited to submit ideas. The suggestions were presented to the members of our Board of Trustees' Program Committee and the winner was selected. As you can see, the

winning name is "Ka Leo O Palama" (The Voice of Palama). Mary Dias, Program Manager for Pakolea, our sports/Academic Program, was awarded a dinner for two on a Windjammer Cruise for submitting the winning name.

Our Newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis to let all our

friends and supporters know what activities and special events are taking place, as well as updates on our programs.

Good things are happening at Palama Settlement and we invite you to share in our excitement with the inauguration of this first issue of "Ka Leo O Palama".

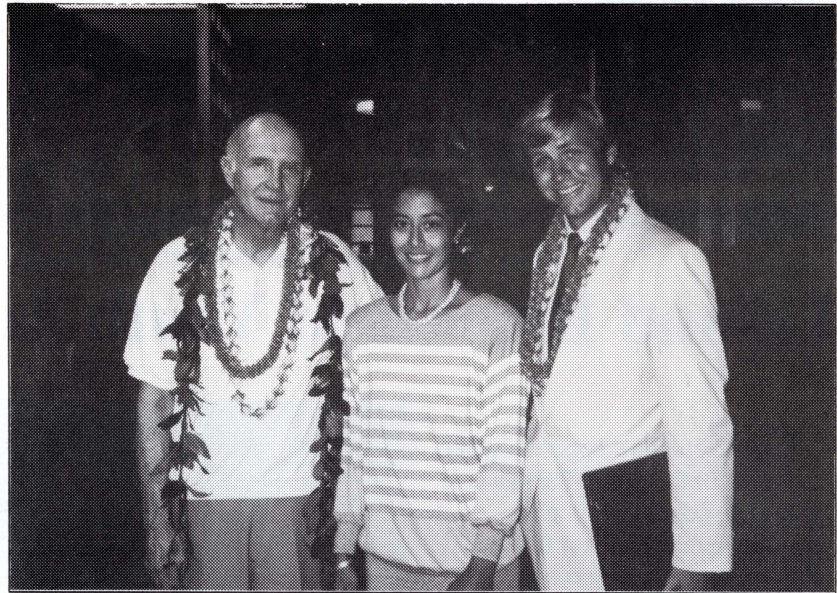


## Astronaut Visits Palama

On Monday, October 16, 150 children from our Pakolea and After School Programs learned about space travel and possibilities for world peace from former astronaut General Thomas P. Stafford.

General Stafford flew on four historic space missions during his career with NASA. An honors graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Stafford joined the space program in 1962, and got his first taste of space travel on the history-making Gemini 6 Mission. It was during this flight that Stafford and his crew performed the first rendezvous in space with the already orbiting Gemini 7. This mission proved the feasibility of rendezvous in space, a necessary element of a trip to the moon.

Six months later, Stafford commanded Gemini 9, and in 1969 he traveled to the moon as com-



*Executive Director, Kaiulani de Silva greets Astronaut General Thomas P. Stafford and Mr. Vince Owens from Omega Watch Corporation.*

mander of Apollo 10. Apollo 10 was a threshold mission that demonstrated man's ability to navigate safely and accurately in the moon's gravitational fields. The mission also accomplished the necessary photo and radar mapping of the lunar surface required for man's first moon landing: Apollo 11.

General Stafford spoke to the children about space exploration and the promise for peace because future space journeys will require international cooperation. It was an honor to have General Stafford take time to visit Palama Settlement in this 20th Anniversary year of Man's Lunar Landing.

## Local Foundations Fund Computer Center

The development of a Computer Center at Palama is being made possible through grants from the McInerney Foundation, Cook Foundation, Ltd., Atherton Foundation, Cablevision Foundation, and the Junior League of Honolulu Community Assistance Fund.

The Computer Center will provide computer training and academic tutoring for students involved in the Pakolea Program, In-Community Treatment Program, and the After-School Recreation Program. The Center will consist of 20 Apple II computers and

monitors, and 4 Image writer printers. Once the installation of the computers has been completed, the staff will be trained in the operation and use of the equipment.

Long Range plans for the Center, which will be located in the Rath Building, include pre-vocational training, G.E.D. preparation, and adult classes.

Our grand opening is scheduled for January, 1990.

## Roof Repair

MAHALO to the Strong Carter Foundation for donating money for the extensive gymnasium roof renovation. The repairs, which took over a month to complete, were needed to fix the many leaks in the structure.

Through the generosity of the Foundation, our neighborhood children and adults now have a safe recreational area in all types of weather.



## Pakolea Basketball Banquet

The Pakolea Academic/Sports program held its Annual Basketball Awards Banquet on March 16, 1989.

Having celebrated Pakolea's 20th Anniversary in 1988, this event kicked off another 20 years of service to the youth of our community through development in the areas of Academics, Sports and Social Development. The banquet was held on the last day of Training Table (the nutrition component of the program) and provided the guests with a delicious Italian dinner, beautiful awards, and memories that will last throughout their lives.

Our thanks to the many volunteers who continue to made

Pakolea one of the best sports programs in America today.

Registration for the 1990 Basketball Season has begun. The Pakolea Staff is looking forward to having P.A. L. teams in the following divisions:

Pinto (8 years old)

Mustang (9-10 years old)

Broncos (11-12 years old)

Ponies (13-14 years old)

Ponytails (girls, 9-13 years old)

Practice begins December 1st. and the regular season begins Saturday, January 6th at various gyms.

## Accolades For Pakolea

Congratulations to the Pakolea Sports/Academic Program. The Program was selected by the Hawaii Recreation and Parks Association as OUTSTANDING PRIVATE RECREATION PROGRAM.

The Program, which uses behavior modification techniques to reinforce educational and social skills, is a direct result of a hardworking staff and conscientious volunteers.

When you drive by Palama and see the players out on the field, know that the players are learning more than football.

## "Players Who Care"

The "Players Who Care" program, which was started in January, proved so successful for the Learning Center during the basketball season that we are planning to use it again for the football season.

Letters were sent to the basketball coaches of a number of surrounding schools asking them to participate and the response was quite good. Maryknoll was the first team to come, with St. Louis, Iolani, Punahou, University High, and Kamehameha following at one to two schools a week.

The coaches and teams were asked to spend one afternoon, from



3:00 to 5:00 as "guest tutors" in our Learning Center. They were shown a game film of one of the teams and told about the Pakolea Program

when they first arrived. In the Learning Center they helped the students with homework and their Pakolea packets.

The program was very successful and of benefit to both our students and the High School players who gave up their practice time to come and help out our students. We are planning to use this program again during football season and expand the program to include more high schools.



## Palama Settlement's Annual Community Events

Each year Palama Settlement invites the Community to four very special events which center around Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. 1989's Easter Event was held on Thursday, March 23rd right here on the Settlement grounds. There were dozens and dozens of eggs hidden for the children, ages 2 through 12, to find, games of skill in the gymnasium, and a special appearance by Mr. Bunny.

This year we were lucky to find support for this event from the

Drexel Burnham Lambert Foundation and the Variety Club of Hawaii - Tent 50, who fully funded the entire event. We also had many volunteers who helped to run the games. These were:

- The Leo Club of Farrington High School
- Debbie Fujiyama and her students from Farrington High School
- Advisor Mr. Brian Yamashiro of Farrington High School

●Mayor Wright Mothers Group

●Variety Club Volunteers

The event also included an egg decorating contest at Likelike School. The winners received Easter Baskets brimming with goodies, compliments of First Hawaiian Bank, Main Branch, Auditing Department.

Special Note: The Variety Club of Hawaii is "The Largest Children's Charity in the World".

### Palama "Pilikia"

CONGRATULATIONS: Kaiulani de Silva, a member of Alicia Smith's Halau, winner of this year's MERRY MONARCH FESTIVAL HULA COMPETITION!

Can you guess who's been working at Palama Settlement for at least a DECADE? If you guessed Kaiulani de Silva, Rosa Sandoval, Duval Dutro, Mary Dias, George Kahakai, Verna Keyes, Primo Llacuna, and Ed Nakamura, you were right! A few people have gone way over a decade, such as: Rosie Yano, Nani Toyama, and Priscilla Toyama!

### Is This House Haunted?



It was on Friday, October 27th, when 500 neighborhood children came to Palama Settlement for our annual Halloween Haunted House and Costume Parade.

Corbett House served very well as the Haunted House. Thanks to our staff, The Lion's Club, (who constructed a maze), students from Farrington High School, and

mothers from Mayor Wright Housing, a scary time was had by all.

Prizes were awarded for the best costumes and a concession provided hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cups to munch on while the kids waited their turn to encounter ghosts, goblins, monsters, and witches.



## Celebrity Cup

Palama Settlement's staff and friends were behind a new addition to the well-known 1989 Great Aloha Run (G.A.R.). For the past five years, Palama staff and community volunteers have been involved in organizing and operating the G.A.R. as one way of raising funds to support programs for the youth. With Palama's help, the G.A.R. has grown from a small fun run to one of the five largest runs in the world with over 28,000 participants. A total of \$15,000 was given to Palama Settlement in 1989 by the Carole Kai Bedrace, Inc. which spearheads the G.A.R.

This year the Celebrity Cup Division was created to get businesses and well-known community leaders involved. Palama Staff and Board Members recruited the sup-

port of many people to help make this effort a great success.

Special thanks to the following participating organizations and individuals:

- John Lewin M.D. (1st. Place Finisher)
- Alexander and Baldwin
- Joyce Fasi
- Rep. Mike Liu Rick Biangiardi
- Pacific Resources Inc.
- Arnold Morgado
- Holmes and Narver
- Koala Blue
- KHNL TV/13
- Melinda Carroll
- Images International and Sonya Reedy
- Waikiki Ranch
- Aloha Island Air
- Al Lynch, Inc
- Hawaii Air Cargo
- Oceanic Cablevision
- 7-11 Stores
- Eastern Investment Company
- Okada Trucking
- Rep. Dwight Yoshimura Healthcare Association of Hawaii
- Straub Clinic & Hospital
- Tee Williams
- Carolyn Taiatafa
- Karen Keawehawaii
- The Hawaii Dream Warriors

## We Need You

What Palama needs is YOU. Everyone reading this newsletter has a special gift which he or she can share. Palama Settlement cannot exist without your generosity.

Donations can be as simple as giving to Aloha United Way, or as generous as donating your time.

In taking the time to read this newsletter you have already shown your commitment to Palama Settlement. Now please take the next step and come down and actively volunteer in one of our programs.

For our football season, volunteers from Punahou and Kamehameha Schools have been

working as academic tutors in our Pakolea Program.

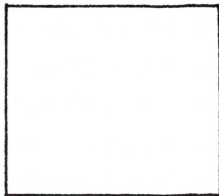
Basketball will be starting in January and academic tutors will again be needed. We also welcome qualified volunteers in our Recreation Program.

Group and individual training is provided. Please call Cheryl Ma'ae at 845-3945 for an application and further information.

## 1989 Garage Sale

Throughout the year, various agencies, businesses, and individuals have been donating articles and goods to Palama Settlement for program and community use. Articles such as clothing, bedding materials, toys, dishes, furniture, and television sets were kept in storage and sold on May 4th, 5th, and 6th at the 1989 Palama Settlement Garage Sale.





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