



# KA LEO O PALAMA

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## GUY FUJIMURA ELECTED TO SECOND TERM AS PRESIDENT



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Guy Fujimura was elected to serve his second term as President of Palama Settlement's Board of Trustees at its Annual Dinner Meeting held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Rainbow Suite and Patio, on May 20, 1993. Guy's willingness to serve a consecutive term as president was based on his genuine interest in Palama and his desire to lend continuity to a number of projects and policy issues now pending before the Board of Trustees.

One is the short and long-term effects of Hurricane Iniki on our Building and Renovation program. Although the Board of Trustees had approved a projected plan of

repairs, renovations and expenditure for a number of projects, Hurricane Iniki's impact on the insurance industry forced us to re-evaluate our plans. This was particularly true in regards to projects targeted for the Weinberg Foundation Funds. Old wooden buildings of the 1920's vintage, the question of worthiness and insurability and the sky-rocketing insurance cost have forced the Board to re-examine and re-prioritize our plans.

This past year, the Board has also begun the process of establishing a financial investment policy for our endowment (s) and retirement program funds. The Finance Committee has already begun the pro-

cess of inquiry, examination and study, and should make its recommendations to the full Board by early 1994.

Also elected to their second term of office were: The Honorable Judge Russel Nagata, 1st Vice-President and Chairperson of the Program Committee; Donna Goth, 3rd Vice-President and Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee; Wallace Weatherwax, Secretary and Chair of the Education & Scholarship Committee. Elected to a first term of office as 2nd Vice-President and Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee was Joel Maimon. Rick Tsujimura continues to serve as Past President.

Board members completing

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their first term and elected to serve their second term on the Board of Trustees were Davis Yogi, Chair of the Personnel Committee; James Tollefson and Cyrus Tamashiro.

Elected to the Board of Trustees for her first three-year term was Leinaala Isa, Phd., Director of Marketing and Public Relations for American Movers and A & P Shipping. She recently served as the Executive Director of the U.H. Small Business Education Development Program. Lei's relationship with Palama goes way back when she participated in our "Learn-to-Swim Program" during her childhood years. She welcomes this opportunity to give something back to the community.

The Board of Trustees also adopted a resolution for the permanency of the Leland Blackfield Youth & Family Activity Center that is now housed in the Rath Building. Since its inception in October, 1989, the Center serves as a "Drop-In" Activity Center for youths. The resolution not only recognizes the permanency of the Center but also expands its use to include children and families.

President Fujimura recognized the growth of the programs at the Settlement and particularly the role of volunteers who contributed thousands of hours in working our young people and the continued hard work and

dedication of our staff. Special recognition was also given to the Farrington Community School for its partnership with Palama and its contributions to the Settlement's programs. Special thanks and acknowledgements were bestowed on the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Inc., for their very generous and timely capital improvement gift to Palama. Not only will it provide funds for our immediate needs but also will provide a continuous source of funds throughout the years to come. Special thanks, also, to the Trustees of the Damon Trust for their generous contributions to our Summer Enrichment and Teen programs and activities throughout the year. The program in the evening was highlighted by the performance of the "Na Kolohi Kapunas" during the social hour and Brother Noland, his ukulele students and an impromptu musical duet by Brother Noland and his brother, Tony Conjugacion.

The final moments of the Annual Board Dinner Meeting ended with some surprise announcements and awards by Bob Omura, Executive Director, and Guy Fujimura, President of the Board of Trustees.



**Leinaala Isa, Phd., new Board member....**  
**"opportunity to give something back to the community."**



**Donna Goth, Trustee introduces the Leland Blackfield Activity Center resolution for adoption.**



....MORE ANNUAL DINNER HAPPENINGS.....



Brother Noland and Tony Conjugacion delighted the audience with their impromptu performance. They sang a number of songs that put everyone in a festive mood.



.....and ever gracious and excellent M.C. Verna Keyes



Guests included Volunteer Keith Watanabe, his wife Trinidad and baby Chelsea; Duval and Gena Dutro, staff.

**BOY....WHAT A LONG NIGHT....SOME MORE PICTURES OF THE ANNUAL BOARD DINNER MEETING**



Brother Noland with students from his youth ukulele class. His adult students also performed.



Secretary Wally Weatherwax presenting the slate of officers for election.



Guy Fujimura, Gailene & Roger Wong listen intently as Jackye Rath tells them something about Palama Settlement.



Stan Tokumaru & Joseph Goldcamp, Trustees, take a break from their day's "financial & business world" and do some light chatting.



Joel Maimon, Trustee & newly elected 2nd V. P., in serious discussion with Rochelle Gregson, AUW.

.....AND SOME MORE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING HAPPENINGS....



Bob Rath, Trustee Emeritus, presenting appreciation plaque to Mike Haig, representing Damon Trust.



Vernon Hirata & Donna Goth, Trustees, enjoying the social hour.



Miyono Kunioka, retired Social Work faculty and practicing social work consultant, chat with Trustee Russel Nagata.



Gailene Wong, representing the Weinberg Foundation, accepting the plaque from Bob Rath and applauding Palama's work.



Verna Keyes & Nani Toyama, staff, strike a pose with Mike Haig (Damon Trust) & Lorin Gill (past Executive at Palama and at present Education Director at Moanalua Gardens Foundation.)



Gena Dutro, Pakolea Staff, recognizing volunteer Dennis Shiraishi.

**....AND FINALLY THE NIGHT ENDED WITH SOME SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENTS!**



**Ann Koga presenting "Cookie" Harris with her plaque at a special luncheon at the Willows.**

Claudia "Cookie" Harris was awarded the "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award." The award was given to her in recognition for her many years and hundreds of hours she spent volunteering her time in a variety of activities at Palama that included children and parents.

"Cookie" has always demonstrated a willingness to be of service and on many occasions, went beyond what was expected. The staff and administration appreciated her sound advice, her enthusiasm, honesty, frankness, understanding and positive outlook.

The audience and especially the staff was stunned, surprised and excited about the announcement of the "Outstanding Employee of the Year" and "Employee of the Year Award." The "Outstanding Employee of the Year" award went to Rosalie K. Yano, or affectionately known to us as "Rosie". "The Voice of Palama," as she is known to many, was recognized for her unselfish efforts in promoting staff harmony in this varied staff and wide-spread offices. To achieve this, she initiated a "Friday Staff Lunch Day" and, for many months, provided the main ingredients for the lunches, besides cleaning up after each occasion.



**Cookie Harris, Rosie Yano and Tovia Fatu pose with their awards and certificates at a luncheon honoring the three recipients. Besides these awards, Cookie Harris received a free night at the Hilton Hawaiian Village; Rosie and Tovia each received cash awards.**

Of course, the surprised Rosie fought to choke back tears as her other "good" qualities were read to the audience: for example, she is the "most demanding, the meanest, toughest, loudest, shoutingest, disciplinarian and receptionist on the west-side of town." Kidding aside, (all the above are true) we all realize that her "bark" is bigger than her "bite"; and there are so many good qualities to this fine lady that she has become a legend in her own lifetime at Palama.

The certificate and award plaque also recognized Rosie for her twenty (20) years of devoted and loyal service to Palama.

Tovia K. Fatu was recognized as the "Employee of the Year." He was recognized for his excellent and dedicated work in improving the overall appearance of our grounds. In doing so, he has impressed everyone as being very motivated, helpful, dedicated, diligent, hardworking, cordial, loyal and literally set new standards of work. In addition to his accomplishments at Palama, he was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the larger community. He is also the past recipient of the Jefferson Award.



## .....BASEBALL.....



The Palama Settlement's Baseball Teams (Pinto, Mustang & Bronco) and their coaches on Opening Day at Rainbow Stadium.

Palama opened its baseball season in April, 1993, with the Police Activity League Opening Ceremonies at Rainbow Stadium.

Palama fielded four (4) teams this year. There were two teams in the Pintos and one each in the Mustang and Bronco divisions. The teams, coaches, parents and staff associated with the baseball program were busy as the PAL games were played on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Thanks to a lot of volunteer help spearheaded by Coach Gary Avilez, a Pinto Baseball diamond was created behind the gym. Passing motorists were attracted to the activity on the field during the season.

Palama Mustang pitcher Kaipo Avilez under the watchful eyes of his coaches Keith, Craig, Roger and Gary.



Parents, family and loyal Palama fans cheered the team on at one of the games played at Kalihi Valley Park. A number of parent fans displayed their loyalty and support by attending most of the games--and this means many hours on Saturdays, Sundays & holidays--The true Palama spirit!

## NOGA BROTHERS FOOTBALL CAMP & CELEBRITY BASKETBALL GAME AT PALAMA



Nikko Noga demonstrating a blocking technique for youngsters in the Palama Pakolea Football program in the mini-camp held after the regular football camp.



Palama's Celebrity Team: FR: Wally Weatherwax, Renee Manso, Brother Noland, Rob Fukuzaki, John Almadova, Bill Brennen, Coach Robin Hussey; BR: Bob Nash, Gary Gill, Robert Kekala & Dede Dunstone (msng: Mike McDaniels).



Jan Garce & Keith Watanabe (timer & score keeper) & Harry "B" announcer; Ed Cabico, referee.

The Noga Brothers Combine Football Camp was held at Palama Settlement on June 14 - 18, 1993. The camp, conducted by Al, Nikko and Pete Noga and a group of volunteer professional football players, had approximately 150 young and aspiring boys learning the basic fundamentals of football. The boys and camp counselors spent their evenings in the gym and meals were provided by several sponsors. The highlight of the camp was the banquet held on Thursday evening and the entertainment provided by the recording group, THE JETS. Other related activities were the "Celebrity-Pro NFL" basketball game. It was great basketball and everyone had a good time playing.



Wally Weatherwax making opening remarks.



"Jump Ball" for the 1st Annual (?) Celeb-Pro Basketball Game (Mike McDaniels & Nikko Noga)





Professor Godin's Chinese Kempo/ Karate class put on a demonstration during the half-time of the Celebrity /Pro-NFL Basketball game.

### HULA CLASSES BEGIN

Hula Classes started in May under the direction of Tony Conjugacion and through the auspices of the Farrington Community Adult Education Program. Tony began his musical career at age 6, performing first with Myrtle K. Hilo on her KCCN Radio show. At age 8, he auditioned for a spot at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel. Although he was not selected, he did not go unnoticed. Melveen Leed, the "other entertainer" that was selected made Tony a regular part of her shows at the Canoe House (Ilikai) and the Prow Lounge in the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

At age 11, Tony started studying the art of hula with Ma'iki A. Lake, Muriel & Darrell Lupenui, Edward P Kalahiki, Jr. and Vicki I'i Rodrigues. He shared Hula School Keali'ika'apunihonuake'ena'ohula with J. Leimomi Ho from 1986-89 as co-instructor before moving to New York City.

Tony speaks fluent Hawaiian and excels in playing a number of Hawaiian instruments. He has also recorded a number of albums, performed in a number of local productions; and since 1990, had been performing in the Broadway Theater (Miss Saigon) in New York City. The response to Tony's hula classes has been fantastic. Already there's an increase from 13 to 17 classes, and most of them are filled to capacity. If you're interested, sign-up early.



The dancers are seen swaying to the chanting, rhythm, and watchful eye of their Hula Instructor, Tony Conjugacion. (the hula class had to use the administrative office due to lack of space.)



Board of Trustees members George Okuhara & Leinaala Isa visit seniors Mary Ann Carbana and Angie Mersburg.



Members from Palama's Bronco Baseball team getting a snack at the concession booth before their game.



Neighborhood Works Executive Charles Torigoe, Rep. Suzie Chun & an unidentified Board member prepare a stage.

## PALAMA'S FAMILY FAIR DAY

A FAMILY FAIR DAY was held at Palama Settlement in June 1993. The event was co-sponsored by Palama Settlement and Neighborhood Works.

The Family Fair was part informational and part community garage sale. Several agencies like the Strong Carter Dental Clinic, Susannah Wesley Community Center, Neighborhood Works, and Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center set up informational and educational booths. Other clubs and groups took advantage of the Fair to fundraise. There was a variety of items being sold, such as clothing, antiques and delicious food.

Although the crowd was not as large as we expected, we considered this first-time joint venture a success. Several participants were excited by the prospects and were looking forward to next year's FAMILY DAY.



Pearl Hicks & Donna Rosa barbecue the hamburgers for the concession at Palama's Family Fair.



Brother Noland and his impromptu ukulele group performing at the Family Fair.

### ...VOLLEYBALL ACTION....



Coach Francis Akana giving instructions from the sidelines.

Palama's Volleyball program got off to a fast and furious start with teams under the Recreation and Pakolea divisions.

The Recreation Division had four teams in the 11 - 17 year old PAL B-Division. Francis Akana, staff and coach, had two girls and two co-ed teams. They did an outstanding job and took first place in two categories.

The Pakolea Volleyball Program had four teams with twenty-three (23) girls participating. Boysie Koga and Kimo Pagan were coaches for the Minor-B team; Jeanette Garce for the Minor A-B team; Sherri Segovia and Rad Atiga for the Minor A-A team.

Coach Akana giving the team a game plan during a time-out.



Coaches Kimo & Boysie give the young participants advice and encouragement during a break.

The girls had an enjoyable time learning the basic skills, playing competitively and doing their academic work in the Learning Center.

The Volleyball Awards Banquet was held at the Tripler Officers' Club. The participants were joined by parents and relatives for a brunch and to recognize not only their team's effort but to recognize the efforts of volunteer coaches. Special awards went to the participants.





Jeannette Garce, coach for the Minor A-B teams, gives last minute instructions before their 1st game of the season.

This year's "Scorpion of the Year" awards went to Margaret Santos, Amanda Ybanez and Uilani Hicks. "Most Improved Scholar" went to Margaret Santos, Danielle Peralta, Amanda Ybanez and Tiana Mose.

Overall, the staff and coaches felt that this was an excellent year. We had more girls and teams participating than last year and look forward to an even bigger turn-out next year for the Volleyball Program.



Center Photos: The Minor A & B teams in action at Booth Park. Sherri Segovia, coach for the Minor A-A Team, watch the action along with her team (seated bottom photo). Ann Koga, seated above with coach Sherri, is busy keeping stats.

## ...AND SUMMER'S FINALLY HERE AND SO IS RONALD MCDONALD AND THE YOUNG CHILDREN



The children's favorite friend paid a visit. It was one of the shows put on by Ronald McDonald and enjoyed by young and old.

Ann Koga and her assistant Ethel Denis are assisted by Eddie Kealoha, "Jr. Leader", provided by AluLike in the Arts & Crafts Room.



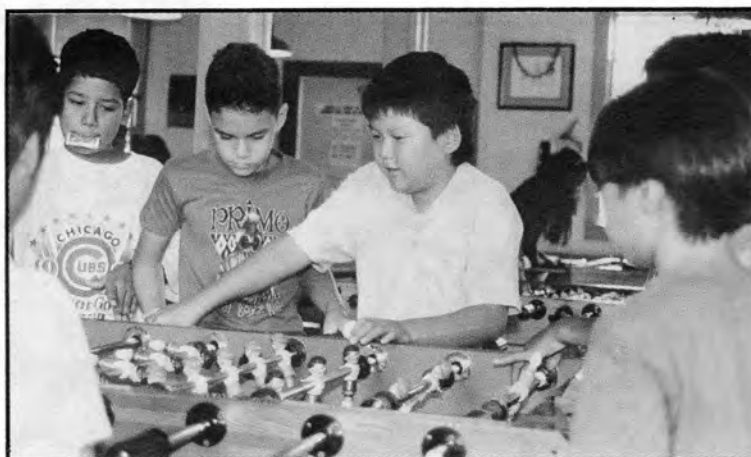
Gena Dutro with her group in the gym lanai reading instruction for their project.

Brother Noland fine-tuning a student's ukulele just before the start of class.



The children taking an exam that will be used to place them in the appropriate reading program.

The game room is always a favorite place for youngsters.





## TEENS SUMMER SAFARI IN ACTION....



Marshmallow roast in the evening at Camp Palama Uka.



Teens preparing snacks for their group to take to Farm Fair.



Back from camp--all wet, dirty and tired.



Cooling their feet near "Baby Pond" while on hike at Camp Palama Uka.



Leaders: Georgiana Chock & Vernalyn Furtado check prawn traps before taking down to Baby Pond to set over-night.

## ....YOUNG TEENS SUMMER SAFARI....



The Teen in their first meeting with their leaders.

The Summer Safari is in full swing...program included many projects, excursions and educational experiences. One fun team building experience was the "Boat Race." The youngsters had to plan together as a team, construct the boat as a team and race the boat as a team.

Other projects included going to the beach to pick seaweeds, going to the mountains to bring back moss and other items to build a terrarium(s); fishing, hiking and camping. It was a great camping experience! The first time there was a little rain. The second time there was lightning, thunder and rain.

Members of one team applying wax to their cardboard boats to prevent them from leaking. Georgiana Chock, one of the group leaders and resource person, is shown in the background supervising the work. (Photo on right)



Tovia Fatu, groundskeeper, shown supervising the summer student help.

Palama was fortunate in receiving 25 summer helpers through AluLike and Work Hawaii for our various programs. The Farrington Community School also provided additional resource persons for our summer educational program.

The 4-H club through the U.H. extension service also provided a sewing class every Wednesday afternoon. The classes were such a hit that the 4-H Club decided to return for the second session.

## **AQUATICS PROGRAM...**



**Don Cupp, Palama Dolphins Swim Coach, pictured with some of his swimmers.**

The Palama Dolphins began competition as a member of the United States Swimming association in the swim meet held at the Kailua Pool on June 27th. In the event, Ashley Dutro won three first place ribbons, breaking records in the 8 and under C Division. Sheri-lynn and Kari Ann Napeahi and Joseph Petty competed in their first competitive meet.

On June 30, the team participated at the University of Hawaii Duke Kahanamoku Pool. On July 10, the team participated at the Oahu Club Recreation Center. Ten swimmers won a total of 7 ribbons. Angel Hill won two 1st place ribbons placing first in the B time and A time in the breast & free style.

The aquatics program has also provided supervised swimming for the Summer Fun/Enrichment Program and the Summer Teen Safari Program. There is also an evening swimming class from 5 - 6 throughout the summer.

The aquatics department has completed a lifeguard class with five graduates in the last class. There is a constant need to certify lifeguards throughout the year for our own needs. First Aid and CPR classes will soon be conducted.

## **IN-COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAM**

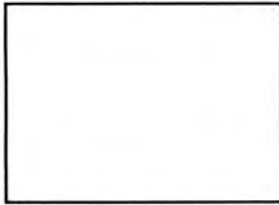
The In-Community Treatment Program is currently ending its 4th quarter of this fiscal year (1992-93). Currently the program staff has been busy with testing, implementing classes and running counseling sessions. The current enrollment is near capacity.

Program staff also continued to work jointly with social workers and counselors in providing additional counseling to youths with academic or behavioral difficulties. These included personnel from the following organization or departments: Ocean Wilderness Camp; Department of Mental Health Services; Y.M.C.A. Out-Reach Program; Adult Friends for Youth; Kalihi-Palama Mental Health Clinic and the Queen Emma Health Clinic. In addition, the Program also utilized volunteers from the Volunteer Action Program.

During the quarter, direct instructional classes were provided in current events, employment, and critical television reporting. These classes met weekly with group discussion, lectures and workshops to provide a basic understanding and awareness in the topic area.

Contract negotiations are presently being concluded for the next fiscal year (1993-94). There will be a change in emphasis from education to more in-depth counseling program, including more interviews with parents, participants and staff. Also included will be more learning alternatives for the youngsters and a camping experience at Camp Palama Uka.





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