

# KA LEO O PALAMA

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## Note From the Executive Director

The holiday season is a good time to reflect on the past year even as we look forward with excitement to things to come.

This past year brought new agencies to the Settlement campus. We extend a warm welcome to the Hawaii Youth at Risk and PATCH (People Attentive to Children). We are also moving closer to realigning an association with the Kalihi Palama Health Clinic and hope to have more news on this in the near future.

Palama Settlement completed a Five-Year Strategic Plan and is proud to report that we achieved

most of our goals. This year we begin critical planning for the next five years with input from the community.

Highlights of the year include the realization of an educational Computer Center. Thanks to funding from local foundations, the Computer Center opened for use by our program participants and community members in January.

Swim programs for local schools were expanded and included classes for youth in the Kaulewela A+ Program. Much needed gym repairs were completed, and renovations to our Corbett House Building were

finished. The Leland Blackfield Youth Center continues to grow. This valuable resource to the youth of the community is averaging nearly 700 youth per month.

Easter and Halloween Community Events were held with 400 people in attendance. Staff get-togethers were held quarterly for relaxation and informal fun.

These are just some of the highlights of a very busy year at Palama.

Wishing you all a Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

## Barbara Bush Visits Palama Settlement

The phone call came on Thursday, September 27, 1990. Washington calling. Would Palama Settlement be interested in a visit from First Lady Barbara Bush? For the next five days, Palama Settlement was a bevy of activity.

The Secret Service arrived on Friday to get a feel for the building and grounds. What appeared to be routine for them was a source of great excitement for the staff. Entry and exit routes were planned, and security measures were explained. Everyone began cleaning already clean offices, and what everyone would wear became a topic of conversation.

By the time the White House advance team arrived on Monday, the administration and staff were in contact with our community schools for early release for our program youth, the kids enrolled in our brand new Society of Seven Performing Arts Program were working hard on a dance routine to be performed in the Leland Blackfield Youth Drop-In Center, and our cheerleaders were discussing appropriate cheers for the occasion.

By arrival time at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, 1990, Palama Settlement was filled with students, parents, local



Executive Director Kaiulani de Silva, Board of Directors Vice President, Rick Tsujimura, First Lady Barbara Bush, Congresswoman Pat Saiki, and Hawaii First Lady, Lynn Waihee.

school officials and community members. Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Hawaii's First Lady Lynn Waihee, Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Fred Hemmings, and Congresswoman Pat Saiki, began her tour in our Computer Center which opened in January 1990.

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## Barbara Bush Visits *(cont. from page 1)*

Gordon Furtado, a participant in our Pakolea education program, gave Mrs. Bush a quick course on computer use while students in our In-Community Treatment Program demonstrated their expertise in the use of our educational software. She then spent time in our Learning Center getting acquainted with students from the community.

As she made her way to the Leland Blackfield Center, she was greeted by a dance routine in which she participated. The kids were thrilled by her openness and attention. She played ping pong and foosball before moving on to our dining hall where the cheerleaders greeted her with a rousing cheer and our Senior Citizens enticed her to perform a hula for the spectators.

It was a whirlwind 45 minute visit that few people here at Palama will ever forget.

The Board of Directors Administration and Staff would like to thank the principals of Likelike Elementary School, Kaiulani Elementary School, Kalakaua Intermediate School, Dole Intermediate School and Kamehameha School for their support and cooperation. We also thank Pomai Gregson from Kalihi Palama Culture and Arts for his hula instruction and Rochelle Gregson from Aloha United Way for their assistance.

This was an experience that will live with our children forever.

## Staff Recognition Dinner

The administration and staff of Palama Settlement were treated by the Board of Directors to an evening of food, fun and island style entertainment on October 24, 1990 at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Hotel. Thanks to the careful planning of Board Members Cha Thompson, Angelica Linke and Richard Bastran, each and every one of us experienced an evening to remember.

A highlight of the evening was the entertainment provided by Sam Bernard, Joe Recca and Pat Murray-Anderson (former Miss Hawaii), and our own Executive Director, Ka'iulani de Silva, who danced for us.

A well-kept secret was that Amako Malepeai organized and trained a group of Mayor Wright youth from our programs to dance for us. Thank you, Amako, and thanks to Chris Fuamata, Peter Salavea, and George and Sugi Togiola, and to Taalele Malepeai for his beautiful solo of a traditional Samoan dance.

The evening ended with door prizes which included outer island trips, catamaran cruises, dinner shows and much more—no one went home empty handed.

Staff Longevity Awards were awarded to:

5 years	15 years	25 years
Leif Anderson	Ed Nakamura	Priscilla Toyama
Burton Koga	Primitivo Llacuna	

## Spark Matsunaga Fund

In August 1990, Palama Settlement was the recipient of a \$1,000 donation from the late Senator Spark Matsunaga's family. Son Matt Matsunaga and his wife presented the check to Administrator of Programs and Volunteer Services Nancy Deeley at a morning ceremony which included the children enrolled in our August "Discovery" childcare program.

The money was designated for use in our Recreation programs. Mahalo to the Matsunaga family for their generous donation.



Staff Leonard Segovia, Ron Picarro, and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Matsunaga at presentation of gift to Palama Settlement.

## Spotlight on Board Member Cha Thompson

The Junior Achievement program is a business-education partnership which has functioned in Hawaii for the last 33 years. The program brings students and business people together to share experiences, time and talents.

This year it was decided to honor local business people who, through "their entrepreneurial and civic activities, have made enduring contributions to ... business and the community, and who may be presented as figures of inspiration for the youth of Hawaii."

Palama Settlement is proud that our own Board Member, Cha Thompson, and her husband, Jack, are among the first inductees to the J.A. Hall of Fame. Together they own and operate Tihati Productions, which they built into a \$10 million, 900 employee Polynesian entertainment company.

An awards luncheon was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on September 11, 1990 to honor the inductees. Congratulations, Cha and Jack.



## In-Community Treatment Program

### Hawaiiana Class

The ICTP has completed their Hawaiiana Summer Classes. The class ran daily for 1-1/2 hours and taught basic understanding in the Hawaiian culture. Topics included the Monarchy, Plantation System, War Comes to Hawaii, Labor and Unions, and the drive for statehood.

### Practicum Student

The ICTP is also involved in providing practicum students with opportunities for learning. This semester, Shannon Nacua, UH Senior, Human Resources Development, is undertaking her field work with the ICTP. Ms. Nacua will be participating with program staff and clients on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

### Health Classes

During the semester, the ICTP has been using the services of Queen Emma Health Clinic (Mildred Leung, Health Educator), and Kalihi-Palama Health Clinic (Diane Hackett, Health Coordinator) in providing classes and lectures in health measures. Topics pertained to family planning, pregnancy, nutrition, hygiene, sexual diseases, and substance abuse.

### Staff

Congratulations to Torris Matuu who attained full-time status by completing his probationary period with the ICTP as a Youth Specialist I on September 10, 1990.

## Recreation

### A Plus Classes

Kauluwela School contracted with Palama Settlement to provide the 2nd-3rd and 5th-6th graders to participate in the Learn to Swim Program which took place four days a week in October. A total of 42 children took advantage of the swim lessons which were given.

### Spring Learn to Swim

Reservations and confirmations were made from the three elementary schools: Kaiulani, Likelike, and Kauluwela for the Spring Learn to Swim Program which is held at Palama. The classes will begin in March and will run until May. These classes will enable children to learn water skills.

### Help Wanted

We are still looking for certified Lifeguards to work on a part-time basis. If you know of anyone who would like to work during the weekends and during the Learn to Swim Program classes, have them contact Verna Keyes at 845-3945.

**Congratulations** to Recreation Staff Leonard Segovia on the occasion of his recent marriage.



Pakolea Cheerleaders "strut their stuff" for First Lady Barbara Bush.

## Pakolea

The 1990 Pakolea/Football Awards Banquet was held on November 17th at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the buffet lunch. Each student was recognized by the team coach and presented with a trophy. Awards were given for "Most Improved Scholar" and "Scorpion of the Year". The following students received those awards:

Most Improved Scholar	Team	Scorpion of the Year
Tony Kassebeer	Jr. Pee wee	Waikane Sarcedo
Chantelle Peralta	Jr. Pee wee Cheerleader	Lori Jean Hill
Charlton Lyman	Pee wee	Landon Patigayon
Queenie Malepeai	Pee wee Cheerleader	Regina Chow
Keone Fatiaki	Midget	Donny Utu
Sommer Galuteria	Midget Cheerleader	Angela Pickett

This year our cheerleaders performed at the weekend games in new uniforms, thanks to generous donors. The new uniforms looked terrific during the Oahu Pop Warner Cheerleading Competition that was held on October 28th at Pearl City High School. Our Junior Pee wee squad took first place for the fourth year in a row. Congratulations!

The Pakolea Staff would like to thank all of our volunteers for their support this season. Mahalo to our Kamehameha School tutors, St. Andrew's Priory tutors, coaches and parents.

## Christmas Break Childcare Program

The Christmas Break Childcare Program will run for 8 days starting Dec. 24 and ending on January 4, 1991.

The enrollment is limited to 45 children, ages 6 through 9 years or first through fifth grade. Enrollment/registration started November 1. Cost is \$20.00 per child.

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## SOS Performing Arts Group

The Society of Seven Performing Arts Group "Street Posse" has started practice and will be performing at the Christmas event on December 14, 1990 at Palama Settlement. "Street Posse" is a dancing and singing group that will be performing at different functions. The SOS band and their staff are the ones who made this all possible due to the funding they provided for the program. The group consists of teens who are between 11 and 15 years of age.



Palama Settlement youth and staff meet with members of Society of Seven after their show in Waikiki.

## Macintosh Computer Arrives

The Macintosh computer arrived on August 27 and was installed on August 29. The system includes the Macintosh IICX computer with monitor and keyboard, the LaserWriter II printer and a scanner.

With this equipment, we can now copy photographs to use for program functions. We can also produce program brochures, keep records for the various programs, develop forms, and produce pamphlets announcing functions at Palama Settlement. We eventually hope to use the Macintosh to help in publishing the newsletter.

This would not have been possible without the efforts of Board member Meredith Ching and Alexander & Baldwin Inc., who donated the funds to buy the computer. Thank you Meredith Ching and Alexander & Baldwin for your donation to the Learning Center.

## Halloween Event

On October 30, 1990 at 6:30 p.m. the Halloween event for the community took place. It started off with the costume contest for children 1-13 years of age. The kids were broken down into three age groups: 1-5, 6-9, and 10-13. The contestants paraded their flashy attire to the three judges and the by-standers giving a wave and a big smile. For each age group, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes were awarded which were donated by the Kamehameha Lions club. During this event, the Pakolea Program had their concession stand open selling hot dogs, chips and soda to raise money for the recognition awards for the program participants.

At 7:00 p.m. it was off to the eerie graveyard set up behind the gym. The tombstones, crosses, cobbwebbs, burial grounds, chain saws and spooks were all in place

The Pakolea Program recently ended. The students in this program used the computers to practice their math skills.

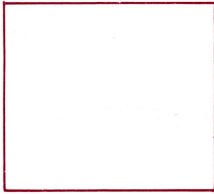
We will be offering a "COMPUTER FUN" program for students ages 7-14. The dates and times for this program are December 3-20, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The students will learn how to operate the computer and can use their choice of software to practice. The software covers primarily math and reading skills. The problems are set up in a game format.

The computers will be used over the Christmas school break by the recreation department. The students in this program will also learn to use the computers and can use their choice of software.

and ready to go. Spooky music played and the tour began taking 7 kids through at a time. Stories were told at different sights, some educational and others just for fun. The spooks jumped out from under branches, rose from the ground and crawled along the dirty surface in order to scare the kids walking the graveyard. The graveyard was a success with approximately 320 people walking through and many of those scared to death along the way. A big thank you goes to the teens from Farrington High School's Youth Helping Youth Club. They designed their costumes and then proceeded into the graveyard to play their characters, excellent job! Also a thanks goes to teens from Puahala and Palama along with Palama staff. Great job by all of the volunteers! The event was finished at 8:30 a.m.



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*Mele Kalikimaka!*

