

# KA LEO O PALAMA

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## ALOHA, KA'IULANI

As most of you probably know, this year marks a dramatic change for Palama Settlement. In the beginning of February, Ka'iulani de Silva, our Executive Director for seven years, accepted a job with the State as the Director of the Office of Children and Youth.

Ka'iulani spent thirteen years at Palama, in a broad range of positions. Kathleen Ka'iulani Browne started out working for a year as a student volunteer in Neighborhood Development, after which she spent over a year and a half as a full-time staff member in Neighborhood Development. For the next year or so, she was the Project Coordinator for the Welfare Recipients Advisory Council, and then she went back to Neighborhood Development again for nine months. She then spent a little over a year as the Administrator of Programs and Volunteer Services. When the Executive Director at that time passed away, the Board asked Ka'iulani to become Acting Executive Director, at which position she spent about four months. Finally, in April of 1984, Ka'iulani accepted the position of Executive Director of Palama Settlement, and served for almost eight years in that capacity. Her administrative abilities are evident in Palama's expansion and



*Acting Executive Director Nancy Deeley bidding a fond farewell to former Executive Director Ka'iulani de Silva.*

smooth operation during that time. In 1986, Ka'iulani engineered the creation of the Sustaining Membership Endowment fund, which has been bringing in increasingly larger amounts of money to support Palama's programs ever since. This year, the Sustaining Membership goal of \$25,000 was attained in the shortest amount of time in the history of the Endowment.

Ka'iulani's attachment to Palama and the staff was evident early on. Many of you know that Ka'iulani

had her wedding reception here on the grounds, in front of what is now Palama's gym. But did you know that she didn't marry Kauka de Silva until the following week? Ka'iulani also had her first baby shower here. Clearly, to Ka'iulani, Palama Settlement wasn't just a place to work; it was a strong, vital part of her community.

We will all miss Ka'iulani de Silva in our own ways. She was a fine

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## Aloha, Ka'iulani

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administrator who always did her best to provide what her staff needed. More than that, she was - and still is - a good friend to many of us here at Palama. She may no longer work here, but we look forward to occasional visits from our previous Executive Director. Aloha pumehana, Ka'iulani - and best of luck to you always.

With the departure of Ka'iulani a search committee has been formed to review candidates for the position of Executive Director. In the interim, Nancy Deeley, Program Administrator, has been appointed Acting Executive Director.

## Computer Center

The Computer Fun Program for the new year began on January 2. The students come to the Computer Center as soon as school is out in the afternoon and leave at 5:00 p.m. The Computer Center is open all weekdays except holidays. The students are allowed to use their choice of software. Some of the most popular pieces of software are: Path Tactics, Oregon Trail, and Where In The World Is Carmen Sandiego. The Computer Fun Program will run through the end of May.

The Macintosh IICX computer has been in almost constant use. A holiday and sports clip-art file was developed to be used for the flyers and booklets handed out by the different programs. We have also used the Mac to make new forms and redo existing forms used by the programs. The Macintosh has been very useful in developing a number of different types of material.



*Members of the Street Posse dance group performing during the annual celebration of the Leland Blackfield Center.*

## Leland Blackfield Day

The annual celebration of the Leland Blackfield Center was held on Wednesday, February 13. The celebration took place in the gameroom, which was decorated with festive balloons and flowers. The youth took advantage of the various games available, and played their favorite music. Through the generous donation of Mrs Cecilia Blackfield, we were able to have a wonderful party for the many people who attended. The celebration was held in honor of the birthday of the

## Learn to Swim

The Learn-to-Swim Program will be starting up in March for LikeLike, Kauluwela and Kaiulani Schools. The three schools have been involved with this program for the past three years. Each school has a two week session (every day) which provides youngsters with basic swimming skills and encourages those youngsters who are afraid of the water not to be as fearful of it.

center's namesake, Leland Blackfield. The community children and adults who attended enjoyed refreshments including hot dogs, juice, delicious cake and ice cream. We'd like to extend a special thanks to the Moms Group of Mayor Wright for helping decorate the Activity Center and prepare refreshments. We'd also like to thank Street Posse, the teen performing arts group from Palama, for dancing for the guests, and even encouraging the other to join in. A fun time was had by all!

## Recreation

Registration is now underway for the PAL Girls Volleyball League. Registration is open to girls ages 8-17 years. The cost is \$15.00. We are organizing two teams, one for the Minors (8-13) and one for the Major division (14-18). First come first serve... so hurry and get your registration in. Practice will start soon.



## Christmas Event

On December 14, 1990 at 6:00 p.m., Palama Settlement held its annual Christmas Event. The Christmas Event was free of charge and was open to the community. This year, Palama had a Santa Claus for children 12 years old and younger, and each child received a goodie bag donated by the Waikiki Exchange. Entertainment was provided throughout the Christmas program by the McKinley Brass Ensemble, Auntie Mary's group of Seniors, Street Posse and the Pomi Gaui Group. The entertainment was enjoyed by all the participants.

The majority of the people anxiously awaited the announcing of the door prizes. There was a total of 125 door prizes, which were awarded to the participants. Everyone who attended this Christmas Event received something. The door prizes, which were definitely the highlight of the evening, were donated by various businesses. Without the support of these businesses, this event would not have been possible. We would like to extend a warm mahalo to each person who contributed to the Christmas Event, including the staff. Thank you all.

## Gameroom

The Gameroom is open seven days a week, and is used by many community youth. It is a place where they can feel relaxed and meet their friends and neighbors while enjoying a game of pool or ping pong, or other fun games. For those who would rather sit and watch television, we also have the tube tuned to a station which most people enjoy watching. Come join us, any day, and meet others from your community.

## "What do you want for Christmas?"



*Santa Claus (Lawrence De Soto) gets in the Christmas spirit with neighborhood children.*

## MAHALO for Your Support

This year, Palama Settlement attained its Sustaining Membership Drive goal of \$25,000 in record time. By January 15, we surpassed \$25,000, and the donations are still coming in! The generosity of our community is helping us support and expand our programs. Thank you for your overwhelming response.

Late last year, Bill Gee, a respected member of the community, passed away. In his memory, his family has set up an endowment fund for Palama Settlement. Since November, we

have received a tremendous number of donations from many friends of the family. A warm mahalo to all of those who chose to remember Mr. Gee by donating to his endowment fund.

This past holiday season, we had an unprecedented number of donations for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The food baskets, clothing, toys, money, and other donations enabled us to help needy families in our community enjoy a very special holiday season. To all who remembered those in need over the holidays, mahalo.



## Aloha and Mahalo to Old and New Board Members

As of February 5, 1991, some of our board members finished up their terms as trustees. Mel Kaneshige received a special presentation in honor of his many years of dedication to the Board, which included serving for two years as Board President. Mel works at Chun, Kerr, Dodd & Kaneshige. Also recognized for many years on the Board was Mark Hastert, who also spent a term as President. Mark works at Halber, Hastert, Van Horn & Kimura. Aloha and mahalo to Mel and Mark, and also to our other outgoing Board members: Tom Ishii, of Alexander & Baldwin; Norman Santos, of Oceanic Cablevision; Judge Wendell Huddy, of the State of Hawaii Judiciary; and Arnold Morgado, of the City Council. Thank you for your dedication to helping Palama attain its goals, and for all your hard work.

The new President of the board is

Rick Tsujimura. Rick is a partner in Mills/Dowling partnerships. He was born in Honolulu, and received his BA from the University of Hawaii and his Law Degree from Loyola University in California. In addition to Rick, the new Executive Committee includes Stan Tokumaru of First Hawaiian Bank as First Vice President, Guy Fujimura of ILWU as Second Vice President, Keith Ahue of the Department of Land and Natural Resources as Secretary, Jim Tollefson of Bank of Hawaii as Treasurer, and Donna Tanoue of Goodsill, Anderson, Quinn & Stifel as Past President.

The other continuing members of the Board are Richard Bastron, of Pacific Resources, Inc; Andy Chang, of Hawaiian Electric Company; Meredith Ching, of Alexander & Baldwin; Joseph Goldcamp, of Coopers & Lybrand; Russel Nagata, of the Department of Accounting & General Services;

Cyrus Tamashiro, of Tamashiro Market; Cha Thompson, of Tihati Productions; Cindy Winegar, of Kobayashi, Watanabe, Sugita & Kawashima; Davis Yogi, of C. Brewer & Company; and Robert Rath, who is a Trustee Emeritus.

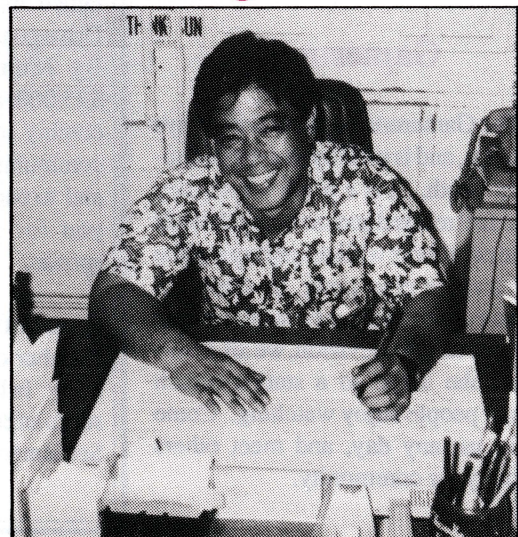
New members of the Board's Class of 1994 include Melvin Soong, of District Court; Samuel Hata, of Kamehameha Schools; Vernon Hirata, of Territorial Savings & Loan; Jim Boersema, of Starr, Seigle, McCombs, Inc; Wally Weatherwax, of the State of Hawaii's Prosecutor's Office; and Mario Ramil, of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. The new Class of 1993 welcomes Rex Johnson, of the Hawaii Community Development Authority; Donna Goth, of the Campbell Estate; and Chris Kanazawa, of AMFAC. A warm welcome to all our new Board members.

## Spotlight On Staff: Ed Nakamura Director of the In-Community Treatment Program

Ed Nakamura started working at Palama Settlement in 1975, as a social worker in the In-Community Treatment Program. He worked in ICTP until the end of 1977, then spent two years working in the Pakolea program. After that, Ed returned to In-Community. He became Program Manager of in-Community in July of 1984, and he's been directing the program ever since.

Clearly, Ed has been highly dedicated to helping youth at risk for many years. He has devoted over a decade to working with community youth with various kinds of difficulties, trying to help them complete their education and become responsible members of the community.

Thank you, Ed, for your hard work and dedication to the youth of Hawaii, and for making the In-Community Treatment Program one of the best programs in the state for youth at risk.





## **In-Community Treatment Program**

The In-Community Treatment Program, in order to maintain the utmost level of motivation amongst the youth in attendance, has implemented a number of projects and services.

In the Hawaiiana Class, the program's participants were introduced to a basic class on the understanding and awareness of Hawaiian Culture, which was complemented by various learning activities and discussion groups. Program staff provided the weekly class in culture, origin, and government.

The Health Class continued with weekly discussions on family planning, sexual diseases, health care

services, hygiene and nutrition. The class was provided by Mildred Leung, the Educational Counselor at Queen Emma Health Clinic, and by Diane Hackett from the Kalihi-Palama Health Clinic.

Program staff member Edna Ibana taught a budgeting class for the program participants. The class was composed of reading materials, academic worksheets, and quizzes. Topics included newspaper consumer information, bank services, employment, insurance forms, and financial goals.

To further develop group skills, the In-Community Program teamed up with outreach counselors Heidi

Falk and Sandy Mitomi of the Kalihi YMCA. The counselors provided program participants with a social and academic guidance class. Topics included motivation, organizational skills, problem solving skills, and positive role-playing.

During the month of December, the program participants provided the agency with Christmas decorations. The students assembled and decorated the main building with a six-foot wreath made out of pine and Douglas fir branches. They also painted Christmas scenes on the windows and helped staff prepare for the annual community Christmas Event.

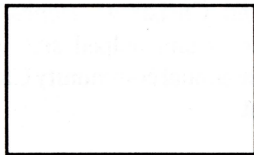
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# **Lifeguard Alert!!!**

**We are on the lookout for qualified lifeguards. If you are interested please give Verna a call at 845-3945.**



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## Facility/Activity Hours

Attention all interested community members! Would you like to visit the Computer Center, or Palama's pool, or the gym? Here is a schedule of when our facilities are open to the public:

The gym is open for free play from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The pool is open from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, for free swim.

The Leland Blackfield Youth Activity Center is open from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, for youth ages 12-18.

The Computer Center is open from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Performing Arts Group "Street Posse" meets from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you're 11 to 15 years old and interested in joining, contact DeDe at 845-3945, and hurry - there are only a few spaces left!

## SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM "Exploring 1991"

WHEN: June 24-August 2, 1991 (6 weeks)

WHERE: Palama Settlement

TIME: 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

COST: \$60.00 (includes lunch)

WHO: Youngsters completing Kindergarten and through the sixth grade (5-11 years of age)

Registration begins on May 1, 1991. First come first serve....the program is limited so sign up now to assure a space! For more information call 845-3945.

## Pakolea Football Registration - 1991

Registration begins May 1, 1991 and ends August 1, 1991. Registration **MUST BE** completed by August 1, 1991.

Registration packets can be picked up at the reception desk at Palama Settlement starting on May 1, 1991.