

KA LEO O PALAMA

"The Voice of Palama"

Palama Settlement

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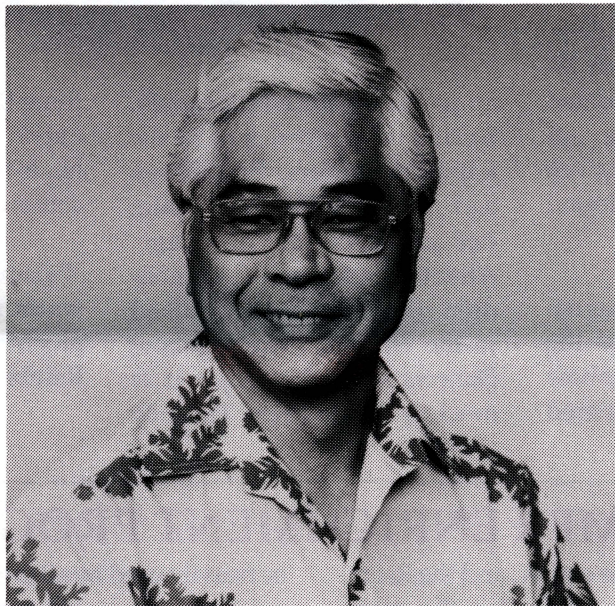
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Since 1906: Serving The Individual, The Family, The Community

WELCOME, BOB!

After an extensive Executive Search process by our Board of Trustees, Palama Settlement welcomes its new Executive Director, Bob Omura. Bob was appointed to the position at the beginning of May, after Acting Executive Director Nancy Deeley left.

Bob received both his Bachelor's degree in Sociology and his Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Hawaii. He worked at Catholic Social Services from 1965 to 1985, serv-



Bob Omura, new Executive Director of Palama Settlement.

ing as the agency's executive director from 1972 to 1985. Between 1985 and his appointment

at Palama, Bob worked in the wholesale flower business.

Under the guidance of our new administrative head, Palama hopes to expand its programs to offer still more opportunities to the Kalihi-Palama community. Based on his extensive experience in the social service field and his demonstrated ability to develop new

programs/services, Bob is sure to provide a leadership and motivating force for our agency.

COMPUTER CENTER

The after-school Computer Fun Program will run until the end of May. The students in this program come to the Computer Center from 3:00

p.m. to 5:00 p.m. They can use their choice of the educational software that is available. This program will start again in November, when the Pakolea football program has ended, and run until the Pakolea basket-

ball program begins in January, 1991.

The Computer Center will be used during the summer by children in the Summer Enrichment Program.

EASTER EVENT

On Friday, March 22, 1991, at 5:00 p.m., Palama Settlement held its annual Easter Event. This year we had special help from the Horita Realty Million Dollar Club. They contributed over a thousand plastic eggs filled with candy and three piñatas for grand prizes, not to mention manpower. Then there was Mister Bunny, who arrived just prior to the Egg Hunt to welcome the children. The Egg Hunt began at 5:00 p.m. with approximately 105 children, aged from toddlers through 11-year-olds. The children hunted until all the eggs were gone. Afterwards, there were prizes given to the children who had found special eggs.

Preceding the Egg Hunt was entertainment provided by the University of Hawaii Rainbow Dancers. The children gathered



"Meet Mr. Bunny."

around and watched attentively. During the performance by the Rainbow Dancers, the children and parents were served chili, rice and juice free of charge. After the performance, the children stayed around and talked to the dancers. The Rainbow Dancers seemed to enjoy it as much as the children. The only

thing that would have made this event more successful would have been having more of the community participating.

Palama would like to extend a warm mahalo to the Horita Realty Million Dollar Club, the UH Rainbow Dancers, and the staff

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Summer is right around the corner, and the Recreation Department is gearing up for the many youngsters that will be invading Palama's grounds for our annual Summer Enrichment Program.

Our registration now totals 165 with more parents wanting to register for the summer program. We are serving youngsters K-6th grade. This year we will be offering a three-day experience at Camp Palama Uka for the fourth, fifth and sixth graders. The emphasis in this experience will be the out-of-doors, which will include cooking, flora and fauna, and arts and crafts. These and the other learning experiences planned will surely have them asking for many more sessions.

Excursions will also be planned, and of course, there will be swimming! The Computer Center will

be heavily used by all the youth that are part of our program. The computers were a real hit last year and probably will be this year as well.

Here's to a safe summer and experience that will last a lifetime.

SPECIAL NOTE

If you missed the deadline to register your child for the first session, our second session will start on August 5 and run until August 30. You can get the registration forms by the end of June. Our maximum enrollment will be 65, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Be sure to get your youngster registered early.

COME, JOIN ALL THE FUN.
**VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF THE PROGRAMS AT
PALAMA SETTLEMENT.**
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 845-3945.

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IN-COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAM

The In-Community Treatment Program continued its weekly sessions on family planning, health care services, hygiene, and nutrition, provided by Mildred Leung, Educational Counselor at the Queen Emma Health Clinic.

The guidance class also continued and expanded to two sessions weekly with Heidi Falk and Sandy Mitomi of the Kalihi YMCA Outreach Department. Program staff teamed up with the outreach counselors in providing guidance in the areas of motivation, communication, expectations, and problem-solving.

During the months of March and April of this year, Tom Naki, Educational Counselor of the Institute of Family Enrichment,

provided the ICTP participants with seven classes on the family. Topics included expectations, role-playing, household concerns, and anger.

Program staff also participated in training sessions to further develop their counseling skills. Youth Specialist II Edna Ibanez attended the 17th annual National Youth Professional's Institute in Anaheim, California, on March 23, 1991. The five-day conference gave insight and techniques in leadership roles for youth, promoting motivational skills, dealing with aggressive behaviors, and cross-cultural communications. Community Worker I Torris Matuu also attended a workshop provided by the Hawaii Youth Shelter Network on March 20, 1991. The workshop

provided participants with insights into the various treatment and residential programs and for agency networking.

The In-Community Treatment Program also provided the total agency with an in-house workshop for all staff. Program Director Ed Nakamura implemented the workshop in cooperation with Sandy Mitomi and Melody Yoshimura of the Kalihi YMCA Outreach Department. The workshop dealt with working with At-Risk Youths. Topics included: The Aggressive Youth, Anger, Leadership Roles For Adults, Adolescents In Crisis, and Managing Your Stress. The workshop was held at Palama Settlement for six sessions during the months of February and March.

MAHALO, U.H. WAHINE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

On May 9, 1991 at 3:00 P.M. a volleyball clinic was held at Palama Settlement for boys and girls 8-17 years of age. The basic skills and fundamentals of volleyball were taught by the U.H. Wahine Volleyball team during the two hour clinic. Approximately 50 youth participated from the Kalihi-Palama area.

During the last half hour of the clinic the youth played scrimmages against one another. This enabled them to try out the skills they had just learned.

We would like to extend a very warm mahalo to the U.H. Wahines for giving their time to help teach the youth of the Kalihi-Palama area.



U.H. Wahine volleyball team instructing students at Palama gym.

A FAREWELL TO NANCY DEELEY



Ed Nakamura wishing Nancy Deeley the best in her new position.

Palama has seen its share of changes in its administrative staff over the past several months. At the beginning of May, Acting Executive Director Nancy Deeley left Palama Settlement after having worked here for two and a half years.

Nancy joined Palama in January of 1989 as Administrator of Programs and Volunteer Services, taking over a position which had been vacant for several months. She held that position for just over two years.

Then, when Executive Director Ka'iulani de Silva left Palama in February of 1991, the Board of Trustees appointed Nancy to the position of Acting Executive Director. For three months, Nancy kept Palama running smoothly while the Board went through the process of selecting Palama's new permanent Executive Director, Bob Omura. In May of 1991, Nancy bade farewell to Palama. She has now accepted a position with the State, working at the Office of Children and Youth.

Under Nancy's direction, Palama's programs blossomed. Perhaps Nancy's greatest contribution to Palama dealt with the establishment of our new Computer Center. With the help of Educational Director Cheryl Ma'ae, Nancy secured a grant which enabled Palama to purchase twenty Apple II GS computers. Our Computer Center continues to grow in popularity; it is extensively used by the Pakolea and In-Community Treatment Programs, as well as by neighborhood children. Since its inception, the Computer Center has proved an enormous asset to helping the children of the Kalihi-Palama community move ahead into the Computer Age.

During her tenure as Acting Executive Director, Nancy often worked weekends and holidays in her efforts to help Palama offer the best possible services to the community. The Palama staff wishes Nancy the best possible luck in her new career. Her down-to-earth pragmatism and her supportiveness will be missed. Aloha, Nancy, and thanks for everything.

VOLLEYBALL

The PAL volleyball session for the girls is now winding down. The final game will be held at Pauoa on June 1 with the Minor division playing two games back to back. The Major division will be completing their season by June 11, depending on the competition between the teams. This season was a good season for both divisions, and we look forward to the final games.

PAKOLEA PROGRAM

The Pakolea program is back and ready to go. Entirely new staff has been hired and the program has been adjusted to conform with the needs of the children and the philosophy of Palama Settlement. The primary idea behind this program is education with sports as the incentive.

The first program will be football and cheerleading for children 8-14 years old. Registra-

tion for this began on May 20 and will run until August 1, 1991. The program will start August 1 and run through the end of November. Football practice starts August 1. The Learning Center starts September 3.

Some of the volunteer coaches have been hired. There are still volunteer positions available for coaches and Learning Center tutors.

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FACILITY/ACTIVITY HOURS

Attention all interested community members!

Would you like to visit Palama's pool, the Leland Blackfield Youth Activity Center, or the gym? Here is a schedule of when our facilities are open to the public:

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 5:00 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 gym is open for free play from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM SECOND SESSION

WHEN: August 5-August 30, 1991

WHERE: Palama Settlement

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

COST: \$45.00

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

Registration begins on July 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 began May 1, 1991 and will end August 1, 1991. Registration **MUST BE** completed by August 1, 1991.

Registration packets can be picked up at the Pakolea office at Palama Settlement.