



# IMUA POLENISIA

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## President's Message

**M**y warm New Year's greetings to all employees, community friends, and colleagues in the visitor industry. It is always an exciting time when the old year has passed away and we face a new beginning with all of its promise, challenges, and opportunities.

I want to express my appreciation for your efforts in making 1996 a success. We posted record growth in many areas, and we are financially strong. I know each of you played a part in effectively implementing important strategies and controlling expenses. You can be proud of your contributions.

1997 will present new challenges. The tourism market is rapidly changing and Hawaii arrivals growth is slowing. The North American market is maturing, Japan is experiencing difficult financial times, and visitors are shortening their length of stay. These have a potentially negative effect on us and other attractions. We have strategies to increase our market share and improve our product, but all of us must be vigilant in maintaining prudence in expense management. If we do this we will have a successful 1997.

As I have mused on the best way to enter this new, uncertain phase of life and work, I recall an old story which was repeated almost fifty years ago by England's King George VI in his New Year's message to the British Commonwealth of Nations. It is the story of the man who approaches the gatekeeper of the new year and says to him, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." Whereupon the keeper of the gate replies, "Go forth into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be for you better than a light and safer than the known way."

Kings know troubled times, both in war and peace, and with all the power and authority available to them, I am impressed that King



George, the present Queen Elizabeth's father, knew the sure way into each new year. The way which is "better than a light and safer than the known way." When we think of our own lives and futures, what better course might we take than that which is safer than the known way? The idea is insightful for it suggests that even the known way – that which we think is the only way, may not be the way the Lord would have us go in our new beginning.

It takes much courage and faith to find our way through the challenges of our modern life and we are in constant need of guidance and direction as we weigh the choices we must make in the balance of right and wrong, good and evil. Most times these choices are not clear cut, not readily apparent, and not easy to make. The way we have always gone may no longer be safe. But with our hand in the hand of the Lord, we will always enjoy his protection and loving guidance.

The experiences we have enjoyed – or struggled with – in the old year are most valuable to us now although they may not have felt that way at the time. The Center has come through a series of challenges which all companies in Hawaii's visitor

industry faced the past year. We have been blessed to come through them in good shape. We have enjoyed a measure of profit and success in which we have all shared. Now is the time for each of us to learn from past experience, rededicate our efforts, and enter the new year with confidence, faith, and the determination to succeed.

I am very grateful for the efforts of all of you. You make the Center what it is. And it is your professionalism, confidence, and humility which impress our visitors and provide them with an unforgettable experience. May we help each other to find the security of the hand of God and be directed by Him in our personal lives, in our professional lives, and in our relationships with one another. If we will do this we will enjoy an exciting and rewarding 1997. *Aloha nui loa.*



# Employee News

## Retirement for Salina

Salina Nau retired recently from the Mission Home. She loved her job and was an untiring host to visitors in the Mission complex where she quilted and demonstrated the crafts and artifacts in the house displays. Shown here from left: Sela Feinga, Mission Home manager; Logo Apelu, VP of Cultural Presentations; Salina; Mele Ongoongotau, and President Lester Moore.

Center employees and administration wish Salina all the best as she leaves PCC employment. Mahalo nui Salina!



## Josephine Ka'uhiwaiokaliuwa'a Mahiai Moeai

June 8, 1935 - January 30, 1997

Longtime Center employee Josephine Moeai passed away at her Laie home January 30, 1997. She had been with the Center since August 1966. Over the years she worked as secretary to five PCC General Managers: F. Wayne Glaus, Lawrence Haneberg, Vernon R. Hardisty, William H. Cravens, and Ralph G. Rodgers Jr.

In 1985 she transferred to the Village Operations division as secretary to T. David Hannemann, then in 1992 to the corporate office as a senior secretary. She was a valued employee whose

steadfastness and loyalty was unquestionable. Bobby Akoi notes, "Jo was a true friend to everyone and loved by many who knew her. We will miss her beautiful spirit, smiles, and laughs!"

Josephine is survived by her husband Robert "Kika" Moeai, and son Russell.



## Paula Kulamanu (Needham) Taosoga

Paula Taosoga, 51, a 14-year PCC employee, passed away January 21, 1997, after a long-term illness. Paula was first hired as a wardrobe seamstress in 1980 and worked her way to office supervisor. In 1982 she transferred to the Theater Department as a secretary and became office manager there also.

Delsa Moe, director of the Theater Department, says "Paula was always quick and efficient with the budget and time keeping. She was straight forward and fun to be with. We were all surprised and grateful that she was able to live so long."

Paula is survived by her husband, Penilosa, children Penilosa J. (Tama), Paul-Reynold, Penny, Summer, and Juaul (deceased). Our love and thanks go to her family and loved ones. We are all grateful for having known her. Aloha 'Oe, Paula.

# Operations Division Update

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Operations Division has seen one of its most aggressive and busy years since 1989 in implementation of construction and other projects outlined in the Operating Plan. All of these have been in support of the Long Range Strategic Plan.

## KEY OBJECTIVES COMPLETED IN 1996

The division completed 95% of its key objectives as follows:

**1. Renovate or replace physical facilities and equipment and improve grounds as scheduled.**

Status:

- \* Central kitchen - in progress.
- \* Upgrade fence line - completed on time.
- \* Alii Luau - completed in June.
- \* Upgrade phone reservations system - completed on time.

**2. Buildings are to meet ADA and OSHA standards as scheduled.**



Status:

- \* New facilities all completed within standard.
- Restrooms upgraded to ADA standard - completed on time.
- Telephone for hearing impaired - completed on time.

**3. Improve understanding of environmental concerns as it relates to our LRSP.**

Status:

- \* New kitchen planned with state of the art environmental disposal system.
- \* Green waste disposal program implemented at nursery area (chipping of green waste).
- \* Laie drainage meetings addressing drainage needs are continuing each month and will for some time into the future.

**4. Find new sources of roofing materials due to closure of sugar plantations.**

Status:

- \* Carter Holt - Corona shake has been used as an alternative to sugar cane thatch for the Luau, luau restrooms, mission complex, and will also be used for the front entrance.
- \* Visuron Technologies out of Bay City, MI, applied an Aliphatic coating to our sugar cane leaf to see if it would help in preserving and fireproofing the leaf. They reported that the process curls the leaf and appears not to be usable for our needs.
- \* We continue to work with the management of Waiialua Sugar Company who have given us access to use sugar cane leaf from their fields. Even though they have ceased production they still have sugar cane fields which they will let us pick.

**Assess measures to counter severe weather conditions.**

Status:

- \* Oahu Civil Defense correlation meetings were held April 3 and Oct 24 to coordinate and upgrade plans for the Laie entities.
- \* Disaster recovery plans have been completed for the center and coordinated with the entities, church risk management, fire department and police department.

**FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 1997**

An annual capital budget was approved at \$6.8 million for 1996 and we projected to complete the year at that figure. The Division completed many projects with the new Food Distribution Facility and new Alii Luau being the most significant.

The Division completed the year projecting an annual expenditure under the 1996 Operating Budget by <0.1%>.

Annual Projected Budget	Annual Budget	Variance
\$4,155,640	\$4,158,820	<\$3,180>

**Overall Productivity**

	1996 Actual	1996 Budget	1995 Actual
Net Revenues	\$35,592,900	\$36,168,448	\$33,691,590
Operations Expense	\$ 4,155,640	\$ 4,158,820	\$ 3,977,738
% of Net Revenue	11.7%	11.5%	11.8%

**Injuries**

The division had 23 injuries compared to 26 injuries in 1995. A comparative summary of these are categorized as follows:

	1996	1995
Back	6	6
Falls	5	6
Cuts	5	1
Other	7	13
Total	23	26
Lost work days	32	53

**Personnel**

The Division is striving to be more productive in controlling employment and overtime hours. A comparative summary follows:

	1996	1995
Employee Count*	119	114 as of pay period #26
Overtime hours YTD**	1,524	4,308
Sick Leave YTD	2,249	2,682

\* In 1996 we added two additional full time positions - Support Services Manager and an additional janitor to handle the new luau. We had three positions not filled at the end of 1995 which would have brought the 1995 employment total to 117.

\*\* The majority of the hours are related to capital project work which was charged out to projects.

Our key managers have all taken the Strategic Management 499 class at BYUH and are applying the principles in their work areas. All managers and key supervisors have taken Phase 1 and Phase 11 of the Leadership Principles training offered by the training department.

**SERVICE MISSIONARIES**

We have had the distinct pleasure of having four couple missionaries serving in the Operations Division assisting with engineering, planning, maintenance management and project coordination.

\* Elder Edgar and Sister Carrie Barber completed their 20 month mission with the center in March 1995 and then returned to us in August 1995 to complete another 18 month mission. Their mission will be completed in February 1997. They have both been great supporters and have given a great deal to the center over the years. Elder Barber was responsible for the project coordination for the new Food Distribution Facility.

\* Elder Dee and Sister Bobby Hunter completed a 12 month mission in October 1995. Elder Hunter's mission was extended six months to assist us in the completion of the Food Distribution Facility as he was the key developer of our plan. We are pleased to have Elder Hunter now serve the center in his new capacity as Board Member.

\* Elder Henry and Sister Aurora Florence have been with us over one year and will be completing their mission in March 1997. Elder Florence has been responsible for project coordination for the new luau facility, new luau restroom, and many other projects. Both have been hard workers whom we will miss.

\* Elder Paul and Sister Della Mae Rasmussen have been with us since August 1996. Elder Rasmussen is working with us in the Planning Department in the development of policies and procedures in the master planning process.

I cannot express enough gratitude for the great examples, talent and loving service these missionaries provide to the growth of the center. They are called under inspiration of the Lord and serve faithfully.

*Leslie Steward*



# Annual Employee Recognition Dinner

**E**nd-of-year celebrations in the Center were highlighted by the annual recognition dinner at which service awards were given to a number of valuable and valued employees who have achieved significant milestones of consecutive service in the performance of their jobs.

Josephine Moeai and Antone Haiku Jr. received service awards for 30 - 34 years of consecutive 40 hrs per week employment.



Nona Werner earned the 25-29 years service award presented to her here by President Moore.

## 25-29 years of consecutive 40 hrs per week employment:

Sereima DAMUNI  
Ilaisaane K. LATU  
Asofiafia MAU  
Elisa TERIIPAIA  
Theresa WARNER

## 20-24 years of consecutive 40 hrs per week employment:

Eleanor AH QUIN  
Jay W. AKOI  
A. Iraani BRIDGES  
Cy M. BRIDGES  
Epanaia "Barney" CHRISTY  
Winona T. ENESA  
Vanu M. FONOMOANA  
Samuela LANGI

Alofagia MAGALEI  
Rorii McCULLOCH  
Wilda K. PAALUA  
Leslie STEWARD

## 15-19 years of consecutive 40 hrs per week employment:

Michael AKI  
Faatu ATUAIA  
Telefoni F. AUMUA  
Keith AWAI  
Harry H. BROWN Jr.  
Margory M. CHRISTY  
Lucy E. CROWELL  
Alope FAAMOE Sr.  
Iulai FALEOLO  
Fetuu S. FALEVAI  
Linda L. FIELDS  
Uikelotu KAUVAKA  
Toiva T. LAKE  
Pele LEIATAUA  
Raymond T. MARITERAGI  
Lufia F. MASOE  
Pili McFAUL  
John MUAINA Jr.  
John NAUAAHI Sr.  
Simi NIUMATALOLO  
Helen G. "Maka" OBINA  
Faleola OFAHENGAUE  
Sela T. PASI  
Ula F. PULA  
Mahana M. PULOTU  
Tumu PURCELL  
Vaialua ROSS  
Karewa "Colin" SHELFORD  
Fiavivini "Pose" TALATAINA  
Aliimau TOELUPE  
Lindy TUFAGA  
Soo TUFAGA  
Felila TUIFUA  
Sophia TURAGA  
Inoke F. VI  
Maile H. VI



Epanaia "Barney" Christy is given the years service award by John Muaina.



Mahana Pulotu receives the 15-19 years of service award from Logo Apelu and Les Steward.



Employees relax and enjoy getting the



**10-14 years of consecutive 40 hrs per week employment:**

Kesi A. AFALAVA  
Robert AKOI Jr.  
Falealii ATUAIA  
Folosielu AVEA  
Eusebio BATULAN  
Geok Seng "Wally" CHEW  
Douglas K. CHRISTY  
Stephen CROWELL  
Victor O. DAGUIO  
Emosi D. DAMUNI  
Ellen Gay DELAROSA  
McKay K.K. ERNESTBERG  
Vaimagalo FAAMALIGI  
Larry FONOMOANA  
Pulefano F.L. GALEAI  
Victoria K. GRIFFENBERG  
Arthur P. HANNEMANN  
Benny P. KAI Jr.  
Franklin KAMAE  
M. Kalani KANAHELE  
Winona P. KUA  
David KUBOTA  
Ane S. KUMA  
Talaave LAULU  
Veamoni LAUTAHA  
Vaimalama LEFAU  
Tavita "Tupu" LEITUPO  
Dennis M. LINDLEY  
Kelela "Carla" LOMBARD  
Fulisia MAIWIRIWIRI  
L. "Ella" MANUMALEUNA  
Tomasi P. MAUGAOTEGA  
Eileen McCOY  
Olive MILI  
Delsa S. MOE  
Dorian N. MOE-VINEULA  
Sione MOLENI  
Teri K. MONTGOMERY  
Fealofani R. "Losa" MOORS  
Kim K. NAEOLE  
Lanae NGATUVAI  
Benjamin NIHIPALI Jr.  
Moana OFAHENGAUE  
Enele ONGOONGOTAU  
Regina PASI  
Sue Ann PUALOA  
Charles SCOTT  
Alanieta V. "Lulu" SIGAVATA  
Viliami SIKA  
Siatima TAPUSOA  
Fakasiieiki TOVO

E. Kamaka TUIA  
Michael TUIA  
Liufau TUIFUA  
Rose A. TUKUAFU  
Josefata D. TULELE  
Fifita F. UNGA  
Livingston "Pita" UNGA  
Lucy UNGA  
Teisa P. VIOLAKETI  
Christian P. WILSON  
Lawrence H. YUEN

**5-9 years of consecutive 40 hrs per week employment:**

Halam K. AH QUIN  
Silina D.C. AINA  
Logoitinu V. APELU  
Patricia U. AUMUA  
Aokuso AVEA  
Lamar M. BENAVIDES  
Freddie J. CAMIT  
Lloyd CHANDLER  
Kyoung Hwan "Casey" CHOI  
June D. CLAWSON  
Mark C. CLAWSON  
Tunganekore CUMMINGS  
Eti G. EVES  
Tala FAAMOE  
Pepe FALEOLA  
Viliami FEHOKO  
Fatai FEINGA  
Sela T. FEINGA  
Taliilagi P. GALEAI  
Tipa T. GALEAI  
Dossi S. GALI  
Taniela O. HAVILI  
Sosipeta HIKILA  
Francis HO CHING  
Evelyn K. HUBBEL  
Travis C. JACKSON  
Valetta JEREMIAH  
Eliza KAHAWAII  
Kim KAIMANA  
Klyde KAIMANA  
Ilaisaane KAUVAKA  
T. Likitoni KAUVAKA  
Quintin K. KELIIOKA  
Allen M. KROFF  
Mele S. LATU  
Sione H. LATU  
Siaosi LAUTAHA  
Mele LAVAKA

Teri Lee LEHMAN  
Palauni MA SUN  
Susan K. MacGREGOR  
Taofi F. MAGALEI  
Leilani C. MAIO  
Kaipo R. MANOA  
Lolofi MATAAFA  
Lester W.B. MOORE



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**Pulefano Galeai entertains the employees at the recognition dinner.**



**For the social evening.**



**Sharing food and fun, these employees flash "shaka" signs during a break in the entertainment.**

Laloata MOTU  
Dallin P. MUTI  
Tia M. MUTI  
Salina NAU  
Pepe L. NAUTU  
Tailoa NGALU  
M. Nunia ONGOONGOTAU  
Terry Naauao PANEE  
Siaosi A. PASI  
Tulsi RAM  
Lilo SASAULI  
Charlene A. SHELFORD  
Ailaoa J. SIILATA  
Jeniell SIKA  
Peter F. TAILELE  
Todd Y. TAMURA  
Nehumi H. TAUSINGA  
Lasela T. TEVAGA  
Tasele TIATIA  
Eseta TOELUPE  
Kathryn A. TOLLESON  
Apisalome S. TORA  
Melenaite TOVO  
Bernadette A. TOYAMA  
Ellen Gay "Kawai" TUPOU  
Tofa UNGA  
C. M. Paul VERSTEEG  
Alan J. WALKER  
Nihipora T. WALLACE  
Mathew WIDMAN  
Sakaraia T. YALIMAIWAI



# Special Guests



A delegation from the Shenzhen Tourism College, PRC, recently spent a week studying the Strategic Management Process with President Moore.



Special PCC guests, former BYUH President Elliott Cameron and his wife, Maxine, joined with Janette and Raymond Beckham in visiting President Moore. Sister Janette Beckham is the Young Women General President for the Church.



Mr. Jeong Juheon (2nd from left), Deputy Consul General with the Korean Consulate in Honolulu, helped celebrate the 100,000th Korean guest to the PCC in 1996.



Vladimir H. Tikhonov, commercial director of Russia's "Orient Avia" airlines was a first-time PCC visitor recently.



Jim Kimball, Director of Communications for the Huntsman Group and a nephew of J. Golden Kimball, enjoyed meeting with President Moore during his recent PCC visit.



C.D. Arha, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, India, was presented with a Maori patu by President Moore during his Center visit. Secretary Arha's son, Karn Singh Arha, a BYUH student, is an employee with PCC Museum Sales.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

### Wed 12

BYUH Founders Day

### Thurs 13

BYUH Devotional 10:00 a.m.  
Cannon Activities Center  
David O. McKay Lecture -  
Bruce Kimsey

### Mon 17

President's Day - Holiday

### Friday 21

Junior Guides 9:30 a.m.

### Mon 24

VIP visit 12 noon  
Merwyn Stewart, Chairman,  
DMBA

### Tues 25

Junior Guides 9:30 a.m.

### Thurs 27

BYUH Devotional 10:00 a.m.  
Cannon Activities Center

### Fri 28

Junior Guides 9:30 a.m.

### Fri-Sat Feb 28-Mar 1

PCC Board of Directors  
Meeting in Laie



## Wahiawa Intermediate School Visit

When the students of Mrs. Waltz visited PCC on a field trip, their written responses and photographs of their experience were typical of numerous children's letters over the years. Here are a few of their reports:



### Canoe Ride

We rode the canoe. The man pushed with the stick. He hit his head on the bridge. He fell down in the water. It started to rain. He took us to the grass house. I loved the canoe ride.

*Clifford Antonio*

### Polynesian House

We went to a Polynesian house. We saw a blanket, a cushion, and a stone game. It was raining outside. We did not get wet. The house was made of sugar cane leaves. The floor was covered with a mat. It was made of dried leaves.

*Emjo Atdrik*



### Fiji Village

We went into the meeting house. It was made of sugarcane and bamboo. They gave us bamboo sticks. The bamboo sticks were different sizes. The man from Fiji told us to tap the bamboo sticks on the floor. He told us to tap it 1,2,3 or 1,2 - 1,2,3. A man and a woman played the ukulele and sang while we tapped. It was fun.

*Joshua Nakata*

### IMAX - The Living Sea

The IMAX screen was big. The movie was very beautiful. It was scary too. I felt like I was riding the boat. It was exciting. I saw many fishes that I



never saw before. I learned that coral is a living thing. It is not a plant. It is an animal. When the boys were surfing, the waves were crashing over them. I thought the water would wet me. I loved the music. It was nice.

*Jeremiah Benzon*

### The Samoan Man

The Samoan man climbed the coconut tree. He climbed to the top. He yelled "Help!" He said "Call 911." He was funny. And he climbed down.

*Phillip Waltz*

## January Birthdays

1	Chien-Hua Liao	13	Anton Popic
1	Seini Niupalau	13	Faataape Tuilagi
2	Dorjnamjim Lhaajav	13	Josefata Tulele
2	Freda Tagoai	14	Mario Benavides
2	So'o Tufaga	14	Lai Sheung Lung
3	Po Sen Chu	14	Vaialua Ross
3	Ukelotu Kauvaka	14	Alofagia Sauvao
3	Taniela Kavapalu	14	Dionne Wills
3	Catherine Teriipaia	15	Lei Craig
3	Henrietta Wright	15	Bil Keni
4	Rani Mahelona	15	Wah Pai
4	Sanae Murakami	15	Malia Strother
4	Edie Tovo	15	Sileiloga Tanuvasa
5	Dean Niutupuivaha	15	Tasele Tiatia
5	Lorenzo Patane	16	Siok Jun Tan
6	Frederico Dimaya	17	Raymond Magalei
6	Semisi Fakatava	18	Danford Hanohano
6	Orrin Haiola	18	An-Yuh Lin
6	Steven Keawe	18	Finau Taufua
6	Ivana Kusevic	19	Haunani Chan
6	Violette Tetua	19	Mafiosamoa Palepoi
7	Wanza Falevai	19	Apisalome Tora
7	Sarajan Grandy	19	PJ Wineera
7	Pualani Kim	20	Asotafao Avea
8	Michael Aki	22	Maryanne Fuifatu
8	Angelita Giullermo	22	Adam Hai
8	Daniel Ross	23	Titaua Germain
8	Sophia Turaga	23	Shan Leung Choi
9	Chaehwa Choi	23	Tony Naea
9	Sam George	23	Joseph Woolley
9	Mata Kiwa	24	Gail Heffernan
9	Eileen McCoy	24	Steve Mak
9	Ben Nihipali Jr.	25	Tai Kyung Jung
10	Arthur Hannemann	25	Mei-yun Su
10	Tania Sopa	25	Angelina Vimahi
10	Ataruru Toaraa	26	Viliami Tulimafua
11	Tavita Gisa	26	Naomi Waka
11	Irene Langi	27	Paul Coxhead
11	Fabian Levy	27	Chang-Hee Jin
11	Eugene Paewai	27	Kwok Cheung Law
11	Tua Sanerivi	27	Roy Kaipo Manoa
11	Ila Talapa	27	Yi Chin Tan
11	Megumi Yamaguchi	28	Nack-Youn Yang
12	Allison Ball	29	Afa Tevaga
12	Linda Lee Chip Sao	30	Vicente Naputi
12	Rorii McCulloch	30	Tailoa Ngalu
13	Marjory Christy	30	Nattinee Puramul
13	Wilda Paalua	30	Rinalyn Salangad
		31	Petrina Ben
		31	Siaosi Pasi
		31	Kuulei Tukuafu



# Kudos & Compliments

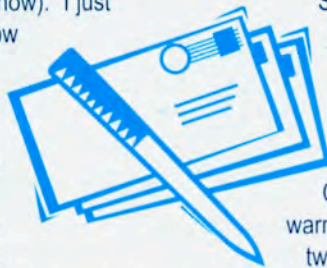
**Dear PCC,**

My family and I just got back from an eight day Hawaiian vacation and in that week we visited the Polynesian Cultural Center. We all enjoyed ourselves and it was very educational. I would particularly like to comment on the evening show, Horizons! It was a wonderful conclusion to our visit of the Center. We were all amazed at the wonderful job that was done to illustrate the distinction of each of the Polynesian islands. The variety in this show was overwhelming. The singers, musicians, and dancers are so talented; it was good to see the singers move from one language to another – what talent! It is also very good to see the young and old together keeping their traditions alive. We really enjoyed our visit to the Center – keep up the good work!

Elaine Towarak  
Seattle, Washington

**Dear Brother & Sister Moore,**

I don't know if you remember me but I used to work in the Tongan Village. I am now serving a mission for the Lord in Virginia (18 months now). I just want you to know how much of a preparation for my mission working at the PCC was. I learned values and characteristics not found in classrooms and text books. I've met so many people whose first interest in the church was planted at the Polynesian Cultural Center. I've even harvested a few of those seeds. I have always wanted to be as wise, great, and Christlike as you. You're the kind of President I want to see everyone be. I hope some day I will become as good a father and express as much love and concern for others as you do. I hope some day I can return to PCC after my mission



and give back what I've so richly received. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

'Ofa lahi atu,  
Elder Tu'akoi

## PCC Compliment Form

Thank you so very much for returning my wallet. I have great faith in people and you certainly lived up to that! All best wishes to you and God Bless!

Sue Robinson  
Hacienda Heights, California

**Dear PCC**

We would like to compliment your performers. "Gilbert" is a great performer who captured our attention fully and really made Tahiti great for us. A tall girl also from Tahiti was wonderful too, although we are unsure of this girl's name. All of your performers are very good but these two deserve special recognition for their exemplary performance.

Bill & Stephanie Blanchard  
Sherwood, Oregon

**Dear Sirs:**

My family and I visited your beautiful Polynesian Cultural Center and were given a very warm and friendly Aloha welcome by two greeters at the entrance. One greeter in particular (unfortunately I did not get her name) gave our special needs son a wonderful welcome and a beautiful flower lei. We saw many memorable things during our week on Oahu and met many delightful people, but this warm reception really stands out in our memories. Thank you sincerely.

Nelly Throop  
Livermore, California

# February Birthdays

- |    |                      |    |                     |
|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Angela Allen         | 13 | Vaina Mathieu       |
| 1  | Alexander Maleko     | 13 | Pei-yi Tong         |
| 1  | Janice Morgan        | 14 | Erin Arbon          |
| 1  | Josephine Stephany   | 14 | Mery Halim          |
| 2  | Ju-Yi Choi           | 14 | Euitaek Kim         |
| 2  | Uakautapola Lauaki   | 14 | Clint Mariteragi    |
| 2  | Kapeneta Tafiti      | 15 | Yasuko Doron        |
| 2  | Palenia Tafiti       | 15 | Holly Kewish        |
| 3  | Leilani Ena          | 16 | William Hoefl       |
| 3  | Siave Iafeta         | 16 | Hai Xin Li          |
| 3  | Mochorei Kesolei     | 17 | Ronald Ahina        |
| 3  | Davina Ruru          | 17 | Helen Obina         |
| 4  | Maile Aniu           | 17 | Siopea Tufuga       |
| 4  | Lovellen Casu        | 18 | Rodolfo Bayona      |
| 4  | Rowena Manzano       | 18 | Wing Yee Hui        |
| 4  | Akira Nakahara       | 18 | Taetunaula          |
| 4  | Lua Seui             |    | Niutupuivaha        |
| 4  | Zuleikah Strong      | 18 | Keleise Reid        |
| 4  | Tomwa Tehumu         | 19 | Halam Ah Quin       |
| 5  | Tanya Fonoimoana     | 19 | Yurika Toma         |
| 5  | Akemi Tsunezumi      | 20 | Desiree Afualo      |
| 5  | John Uottari         | 20 | Tali Sagapolutele   |
| 6  | Ilaisaane Kauvaka    | 21 | Bataa Mishigish     |
| 6  | Vilimaiga Naga       | 21 | Samu Sefo           |
| 7  | Palauni Ma Sun       | 21 | Nuupure Tahua       |
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