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## “The Spirit of God and Standards of Performance”

A message from President Orgill  
(Excerpts from his talk on June 26, 2002)

In our June Team Meeting we read in D&C 42:14: “And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith; and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach.” Without the influence and direction of the Spirit of God, not only is our teaching impaired, but we also suffer from the deprivation of many other blessings, including: faith, wisdom, good judgment, protection from evil, protection from harm, prosperity, and abundance.

During our PCC Birthday Celebration in October of 2000, many of us participated in a competition...a “tug of war.” From that experience we learned that generally the strong bear the weak, and the unified beat the disorganized. We learned that a real

“team” generally out-performs just a group of individuals.

### Reasons for Success

Part of the reason for our financial success since last September 11 is due to the fact that most of us have been functioning well as a team – facing our challenges together. Most have shown great strength and marvelous unity during these difficult times. You are to be congratulated for that!

Most of the reasons for the improvements we have seen, of course, are due to the blessings of the Lord. He has rewarded the faith, the sacrifice, and the dedication of the people here. We owe Him a debt of gratitude for these wondrous blessings and for responding in our times of need.

With all we have done to respond to the circumstances we have faced...with all we have given...with all we have sacrificed...with all the struggling...with all these things...we might still find ourselves wondering: “Are we truly worthy of the blessings we have received? Are we worthy of the additional blessings we will yet need?”

### SAAVE

Last fall we began to use an acronym that you will remember. We called it SAAVE – as in let’s do what we have to do to SAAVE the Center. The entire purpose for putting into place this focus was to remind us of what God expects – what He expects from us as we go about our duties every day.

**Spirituality** - He wants us to bring the spirit more into what we do!

**Authenticity** - He wants us to represent properly the best of the cultures and to do it in ways that are as authentic as possible!

**Accountability** - He wants us to relish the opportunity to be accountable – to Him, to our guests, and to one another!

**Vitality** - He wants us to go about our work with energy and vitality that “sings praises to Him for our blessings!”

**Eminently** - He wants us to move to a higher level in everything we do – He wants us to do eminently well all we do!

Many of us are doing well in all these ways – again, congratulations and thank you! Some of us are struggling in every category and things need to change – perhaps most of us are somewhere in between. Wherever we are we can all improve and do better than we are currently doing.

### A Place of Miracles and Influence

Prophetic statements about Laie, about the temple, about BYUH, about PCC have been shared by Presidents David O. McKay, Heber J. Grant, Hugh B. Brown, Marion G. Romney, Spencer W. Kimball, Elder M. Russell Ballard, and others, most recently, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland.

All have spoken about the special role this place plays in the building of the Kingdom of God. They all have spoken about the miracles that have and will yet occur here. All have addressed the unique nature of this place and the people who are a part of it.

Elder Holland, in his remarks and dedicatory prayer of the new stake center on campus just a few weeks ago, mentioned that with all the influence for good this community has had on the world and for all the good that has been done here...the future still portends an even greater degree of influence and an increased level of prominence in bringing people and nations together and bringing them closer to God.

These have been and are great and powerful promises. Let us remember that whenever and

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Members of the PCC Promo Team greet Lilo & Stitch at the Hawaii premiere.

## PCC Joins the Lilo & Stitch Opening Day 'Ohana

The PCC 'ohana helped Disney and friends launch the animated movie "Lilo & Stitch" on Friday, June 21, at the Waikiki Twin Theaters.

The promo team danced the night away on the red carpet as stars arrived for the big event. They were spotted on every local news station welcoming guests and in the background of star interviews, including local stars Tia Carrere and Jason Scott Lee, who voiced characters in the movie.

Promo team stars Nephi Setoki and Crystal Nagy also found themselves in the spotlight when interviewed by Kirk Fernandes of the KHON Channel 2 News.

The promo team entertained moviegoers non-stop for about an hour. They then ate dinner at the Hilton Hawaiian Village where they performed again that night in the Coral Ballroom.

"It was fun, but very tiring," said Ellen Gay Dela Rosa, who was there as part of the PCC's entertaining crew.

Aside from the movie opening, the promo team has been very busy. They performed at the Hawaiian Airlines launch of its new flight from San Francisco, BYUH's Alumni Banquet, Haleiwa's "Sunset on the Beach," and the opening of the AYSO National Soccer Tournament at the Waipio Soccer Stadium.

### *President's message continued*

wherever the Lord intends to do and is in the process of carrying on a great work...well, Satan is also there...he and his followers put in extra effort too. They put in "double time" if you will...they do whatever they can:

...to slow down the work...to impede the progress of the Kingdom...to sow seeds of discontent among the people...to encourage disobedience to the laws of God...to bring rise to envy, backbiting, frustration, anger, and criticism...to ensure slothfulness, laziness, disrespect, and dishonesty.

Oh, how the hand of God has blessed this place and its people. Oh, how great have been the blessings, the miracles and the wonder of it all. And oh, how great have been the obstacles thrown in our way.

### **Bringing Down the Blessings of Heaven**

So, with all the great promises and the great obstacles, how do we accomplish the work the Lord has set out for us? How do we ensure we are doing our part and doing it in the way the Lord wants and expects? How do we overcome the buffetings of the Adversary and bring down the blessings of Heaven? How do we rise above it all and conquer anything we might face?

The process by which we receive revelation and inspiration is, in large part, the same process we must follow to receive nearly any blessing from our Heavenly Father. The Lord has told us that every blessing we receive is because of obedience to that law upon which the blessing is predicated. So what are the laws governing revelation, inspiration, and the receipt of the blessings we need to survive and thrive...despite the obstacles, the barriers, and the challenges that may be thrown in our path?

This topic is well summarized in an Ensign article published in September of 1999 by Elder L. Lionel Kendrick, entitled, "Personal Revelation." Here are some of the items as outlined by Elder Kendrick –

"Receiving personal revelation is not a passive process. As we seek such revelations, we must prepare for these sacred experiences. President Spencer W. Kimball told us that 'God reveals himself to [people] who are prepared for such manifestations.'

"The Savior spoke of this principle of preparing to receive personal revelation. He shed light on the things that we must do to properly prepare: 'It shall come to pass that every soul who forsaketh his sins [repents] and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name [prays], and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments [obeys], shall see my face and know that I am' (D&C 93:1)

"To properly prepare to receive personal revelation, we must repent, ask through prayer, be obedient, search the scriptures, fast, think pure thoughts, and develop a spirit of reverence."

In summary, we are being reminded that the blessings of Heaven come as we properly prepare for them (through obedience, repentance, etc.), and as we pray and respond to promptings that come through the spirit. The influence of the spirit is essential throughout. We cannot progress or grow or develop in the ways the Lord wants without His spirit guiding us along the way.

### **Contrasting Realities**

Now let me contrast these uplifting feelings, thoughts, and blessings with some painful realities we face here at the Center. Here are some samples of what a few people are doing: borrowing PCC assets without proper permission; acting as though PCC assets are personal property; working fewer hours than those for which paid; putting in less effort than an honest day's work; trying to get away with as little real work as possible; lying; taking food and drinks beyond properly allowed amounts; personally keeping tips from guests; inappropriately participating in the preparation or drinking of kava on PCC grounds; using sick leave like it is vacation time; using sick leave for anything other than a real illness; covering up for others who violate the Code of Conduct; knowing about improper behavior and not taking action; not producing the best one is capable of nor expecting the best of others; swearing and using other forms of inappropriate language towards others; treating others as unimportant or like second class citizens; employees showing disrespect for those in positions of authority; managers and supervisors showing disrespect for those they should be leading; letting anyone "get away" with things; because they are our friends; or relatives; or because we are afraid to address the issue or the problem; expecting higher levels of performance from others than from ourselves; not keeping the commandments; not fol-

lowing PCC policies; or not abiding by the Code of Conduct; "working" with the Bishop once a year...just long enough to get his signature on the ecclesiastical endorsement...and then going back to old habits, and old patterns of inactivity, and only partially living the principles of the gospel.

These are only samples of what some are doing. Fortunately, we are talking about a relatively small percentage of our people.

### Consequences

Now here are some of the consequences of this behavior...all of us are paying a price!

We experience fewer of the blessings of heaven. We deprive ourselves of the influence of the spirit...the Lord is constrained in giving us help...Satan's influence is stronger. We have more problems, more difficulties, more obstacles, more barriers, more challenges than would otherwise be the case.

Not living the gospel constrains the spirit, and restrains the blessings of heaven.

### Blessings Needed

We need the blessings of heaven in our work, and in our lives. We need the influence of the spirit in everything we do. We cannot accomplish what the Lord wants here without His spirit. We cannot do what needs to be done without doing it in His way. We need to align ourselves with the principles of the gospel. We need to align ourselves with God's laws, so we can be entitled to His blessings. We need to stand up for what's right every day in everything we do.

Mosiah 18:10 – "Now I say unto you, if this be the desire of your hearts...ye will serve him and keep his commandments, that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you?"

Mosiah 2:36 – "And now, I say unto you, my brethren, that after ye have known and have been taught all these things, if ye should transgress and go contrary to that which has been spoken, that ye do withdraw yourselves from the Spirit of the Lord, that it may have no place in you to guide you in wisdom's paths that ye may be blessed, prospered, and preserved..."

### Commitments

The strength of the Spirit's influence in the Center and the power of heaven's blessings are in direct portion to unified and dedicated

living of gospel principles. We must bring the Spirit into our lives personally, at home, and at work. Then the Lord will pour out His blessings upon us more abundantly.

Let each one of us recommit to living our lives in harmony with the principles of the gospel, and to seeking for and listening to the promptings of the Spirit.

Let each one of us do all in our power to ensure that the standards we are supposed to abide by at the Center are kept. Those who violate these standards need an immediate change in attitude and behavior...simply put...there should be sincere repentance...now! Some may choose to or may need to be invited to leave the Center.

### Conclusion

All of you who work so hard, and who are doing your utmost to keep the commandments, and to be good examples, and to set high standards of performance, are deeply appreciated.

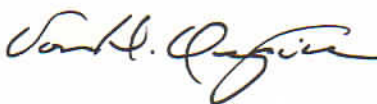
It is because of you that the PCC has been blessed.

How wonderful it is to know that we have the promises of the Lord as we carry out His will...for He has spoken to us,

"...there I will be...for I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up." (D&C 84:88)

Now let us feel a brightness of hope, and a renewed commitment. Yes, let us rejoice in the blessings of Heaven, which have been showered down upon us. Let us rejoice in the opportunities God has given us. Let us show our gratitude each day by the way we live. Let us conquer evil by our individual and collective righteousness.

This is my prayer for us all. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Von D. Orgill  
President



Bruddah Sam enjoys visit to his old working place.

## Local Kine Grindz Goes Polynesian

"The PCC Ali'i Luau is Winnaahs!" was all that could be heard when Bruddah Sam decided to visit his old workplace and highlight the ono food at the Ali'i Luau on an upcoming episode of Local Kine Grindz, the popular show that highlights local restaurants.

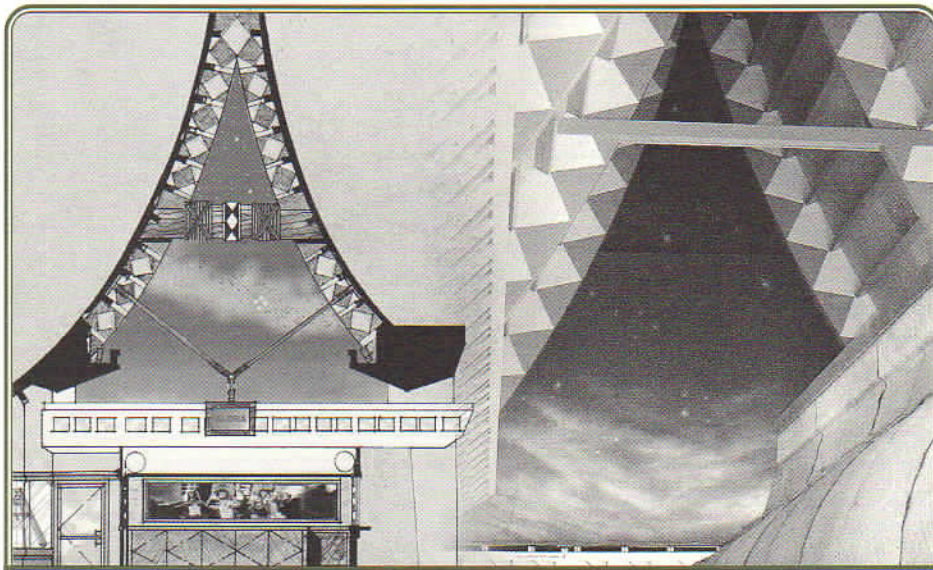
It was a PCC reunion of sorts, when host Sam Langi and producer/cameraman Ikaika Kimura, both former employees of the Center, returned to check out what's going on and highlight the food and fun at the nightly luau.

Sam joined the PCC as a small boy helping out in many different areas including food service, canoe guide and more. Ikaika was a photographer for Network Photo as he worked his way through BYU-Hawaii in the mid-1990s. Everywhere they went when filming, there was someone who remembered them.

"I love the PCC," said Bruddah Sam. "It's a magical place and I always tell everyone that when we talk about it. You just have to come here to feel it. It's my honor to come out and feature the PCC."

Most of the filming took place on the Ali'i Luau grounds and featured dancers D.J. Nawahine and Pume Ka'awa, and musicians Halam Ah Quin and Dorian Moe-Vineula, as well as an interview with Luau manager Raymond Mokiao. Then Sam ventured out on the grounds to film short pieces around the Center, including commandeering a guest canoe tour and taking them to the canoe landing to Samoa. It was surely a tour those guests will never forget!

Local Kine Grindz airs every Monday through Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on Oceanic Cable Channel 16. Check out the PCC episode when it airs starting Tuesday, July 30, through August 5.



Left: Illustration by Charlie Palumbo showing one of the giant murals depicting the horizon & stars. Right: Near completion, the southern horizons mural will serve as an example of navigation by the stars.

## Construction Update

Optimism is buzzing around the Center as visitor numbers are bouncing back to near normal numbers. With a vision for a promising fall season, the Center is currently revamping the front entrance as well as welcoming Rapa Nui to the Polynesian Island Villages.

The \$1.1 million entrance renovation will feature a museum devoted to the history of Polynesian migration through the Pacific and the islands within the Polynesian triangle. Two giant murals depicting the northern and southern horizons will serve as examples of navigation by the stars. The murals are currently being painted by Randy Blackburn. A hale wa'a, or canoe house, will host a small koa canoe and the necessary voyaging implements. Artifacts gathered from the Migrations Museum and around Polynesia will fill display cases. Petroglyphs with their meanings and an interpretive sign depicting the migration within the Polynesian triangle will decorate much of the entrance area.

Ticketing booths will be moved to the sides, enabling guests to browse around the museum for free. The entrance will also hold a courtyard area for visitors. As a final touch, native plants scattered about the entrance will welcome guests and introduce them to the Center as well as Polynesia.

"We are delighted to be able to move forward with this renovation," said Von D. Orgill, PCC president. "The renovation of the front entrance building and courtyard is the second phase of our plan to improve upon the overall experience for people entering the PCC. There will be more authentic décor and native plants. The entire project is designed as a welcome and introduction to Hawai'i and the rest of Polynesia."

The upcoming Rapa Nui or Easter Island exhibit will round out the Polynesian triangle at the Center. Once the exhibit is complete, a master rock carver will begin carving a Moai and give an oral history educating visitors on its significance. Moai statues are considered one of the Forgotten Wonders of the World. Once the Moai is completed, another one will begin to continue as a visitor attraction.



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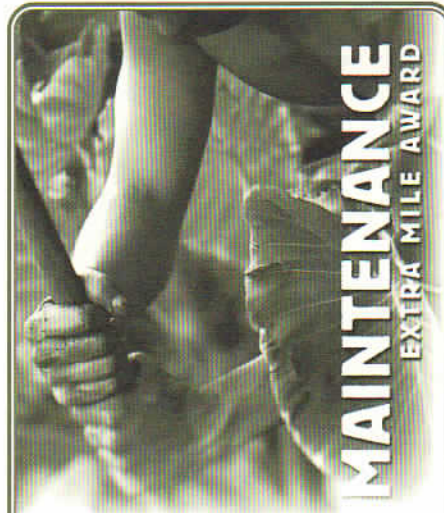
## PCC COOKING CORNER

### Janicc Morgan's Breakfast Eggs

8 slices bread	2 c. milk
1 lb. sharp cheese	1 tsp. salt
1 lb. sausage	1 tsp. dry mustard
4 eggs	1 c. butter/marg.

Break bread into pieces. Cut cheese into pieces. Arrange bread, cheese and meat into two layers. Melt butter and pour over bread. Beat eggs and add mustard, salt and milk. Pour over bread. Let stand in refrigerator 8-10 hours. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

To share a recipe, email Curtis Barlow at [barlowc@polynesia.com](mailto:barlowc@polynesia.com)



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