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Polynesian Cultural Center



## Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

# Miss PCC Personality 1981



# WHODAGUY?



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1981 proved to be a year of varied events enjoyed by employees and guests alike. We hope for more of the same in '82!

# Happy Birthday

January

Lusiana Tawaqa	1
ipelimani Kanongataa	1
Lillian Silva	1
Mitchell Keliikuli	2
Uikelotu Kauvaka	2
Barry Young	2
So'o Tufaga	2
Mele Suaki	2
Ah Sheck Ho Kum	3
Ray Canianes	3
Gladie Lui	3
Moni Togiai	5
Evelyn Faux	5
Falefaaes Piula	6
Isiah Reff	6
pai Rareba	7
Henrietta Suapaia	7

# New Exhibit Gallery In Center

The Center administrative offices have taken on a new look with the addition of a permanent gallery that will be used for exhibits of artifacts, art, crafts, and photographs.

Large panels of cork and plywood were prepared and covered with a special textured fabric that will conceal nail holes. The panels were then framed with oiled koa that blends well with the furnishings of the executive lounge area where the gallery is located.

A track lighting system allows adjusting in spotlighting individual displays or can be used as a "wall-washing" effect, which provides an evenly lit surface for larger exhibits.

Visitors will be able to see a preview of a candid photograph exhibit shot entirely in the Center which will soon be on display on the BYU-Provo campus. Titled **Mana: The Spirit of a People**, the exhibit seeks to convey that special, elusive quality of spirit which is apparent in Polynesia.

This first exhibit will be on show through the month of January.



"As our newest student employee, let me show you how to clock in."



# Mexico's Former President Guest in Center

Monday of this week the Center hosted a group of special guests from Mexico. Headed by Senor Miguel Aleman, former President of Mexico, the group consisted of his children and grandchildren.

Senor Aleman is now the Minister of Tourism in the present Mexican government. He had attended an ASTA convention in Hawaii once previously, and had enjoyed Hawaii so much that he wanted to bring his family here. As he hadn't had the opportunity to visit the Center during his first visit, he made this his first stop.

Guide Neil Rose was on hand to

help as translator as Bill Cravens and Carl Fonoimoana greeted the guests at the Center entrance. Neil reports that the party were delighted with their Center experience, and were particularly appreciative of hearing the Canoe Pageant, which they rated "spectacular," in Spanish. There were a total of almost 300 Spanish-speaking tourists at the pageant that day, and when Neil concluded translating Tom Taurima's Maori Village presentation, the group gave them a standing ovation.

Neil explains that the Minister and his group are very much interested in preserving the culture of

their homeland, especially as many Mexican children now speak English rather than Spanish.

A family-oriented man, Senor Aleman, whose wife died just two weeks ago, chatted happily with his young granddaughters as they visited. The family even brought sandwiches and fruit with them because they thought they would have to miss out on seeing some of the Center if they took time to eat lunch in the restaurant.

Their sincere 'abrazos' or embraces of appreciation impressed Center employees who met them.

## RICH CHRISTENSEN TO NEW POST

Center employee Rich Christensen has accepted a new position with BYU-Hawaii Campus that will be effective February 1.

In his new position he will be working with the university's Business Manager, J.D. Willardson, and he will be able to draw from his wide experience with the Center's special projects.

We wish Rich all success in this new opportunity!



## Introducing:



### Elder J. Thomas Fyans

As a young man, Elder Fyans served as a missionary in Latin America and later became bishop of the Butler Ward near Salt Lake City. He was then called to be first counselor in the presidency of the East Jordan Stake, and later spent four years as president of the Church's mission in Uruguay.

Following his mission in Uruguay, Elder Fyans was called to the Church's Priesthood Missionary Committee. He also has served as

coordinator of the Church's Area General Conferences in Great Britain, Mexico City, Munich and Stockholm, and as managing director of the Church's Internal Communications Department. He currently serves as Zone Advisor in the Orient for the Church and is also the managing director for the Church's Genealogical Department.

Elder Fyans was born in Moreland, Idaho, but moved to Utah early in his life and became an executive for Z.C.M.I. Department Store. After 20 years with the store, he became director of distribution and translation for the Church and then administrative director for the Presiding Bishopric.

He has served as a director of several companies, including the Deseret Book Company in Salt Lake City. He also has been active in civic affairs, having been president of the Salt Lake City Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), national chairman of the Jaycees Speakers CommCommittee, and was selected by the Jaycees as one of three "outstanding young men" in the state of Utah in 1953.

He is married to the former Helen Cook and has five daughters.

# Personalities, Performances



Opening of new Administration Building.



Cultural Days



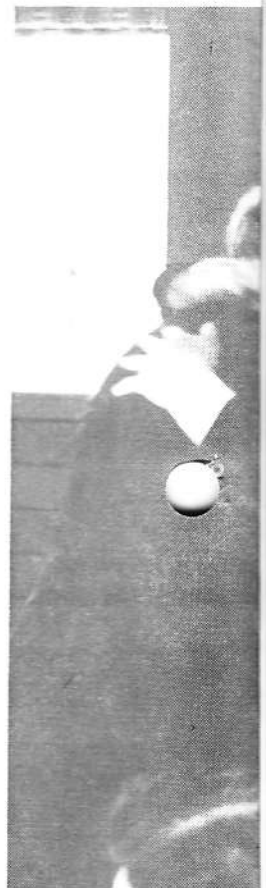
PCC Queen Contest



Elder and Sister Hinckley visit.



PCC goes to New York City.



President



Photos by Earl Millham,  
Vernice Pere, Loni Manning,  
Glen Willardson.



# aces of the Past Year.



Kimball visits Laie.



New Zealand's Consul-General visits.



1981 was the year of the Thursday Night Special.



It was also our 18th Birthday.

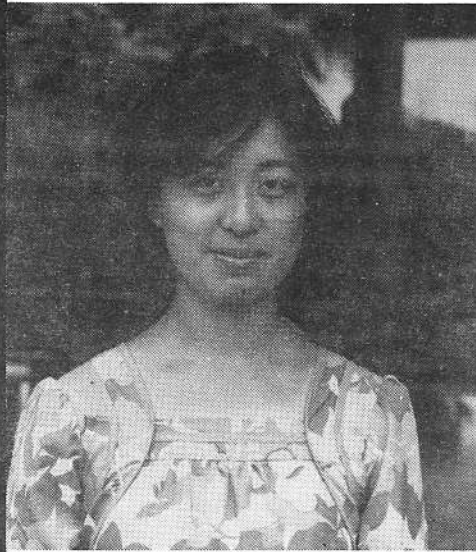


Egypt's Ambassador to the U.S. visited.



Mrs. George Ariyoshi, wife of Hawaii's governor brought her friend and family to the Center.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



**Chun Wang**

Chun F. Wang, from Beijing, China, is Cultural Orientation's Employee of the Month. Her supervisor, Charles Johnson, reports that Chun is a very good worker and is always eager to help our guests. He also adds that as far as learning the English language and speaking it, she is also the most improved worker!

Chun Wang was graduated from the Beijing Foreign Languages Institute in August of 1977, when she then worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing, China. She worked as an interpreter of English, mostly for the Foreign Ministry.

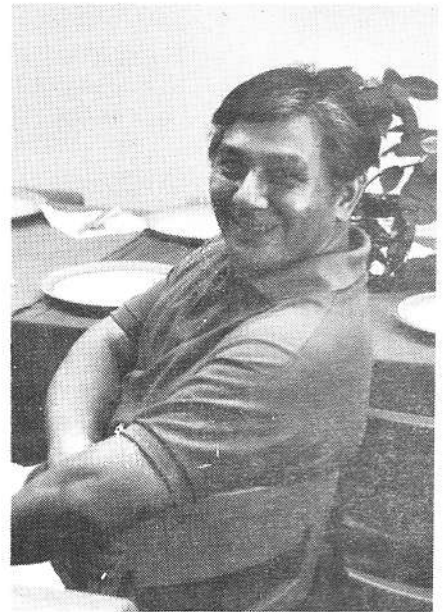
Chun Wang comments: "To study in the U.S.A. has long been my dream. I was so excited to have a chance to come to study in Hawaii." She adds that the friendliness and the variety of people in Hawaii impressed her deeply on her arrival here.

Commenting on school, she observes that "I met difficulties at school at first because of the sharp differences between the educational system that I knew of and the one here. Now I am getting used to school here and expecting several 'A's' from my classes."

Asked what the most difficult thing here is for her she replies with a smile, "Now the most difficult thing here is the food in the cafeteria and being away from my husband."

We offer our congratulations to Chun Wang!

## Feasts & Fun in '81



"Hey, where da food?"



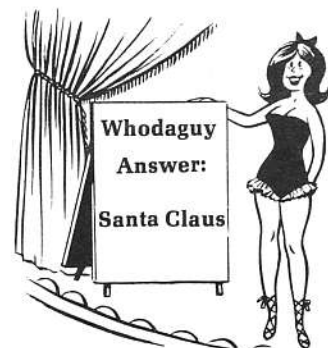
"Whoops, I think I swallowed my fork."

Update '82

is a PCC  
'cast of thousands'  
production!



"Aw, come on Sam, that's a fish story!"





# More '81 Events and guests



**Elder and Sister Monson**



**Elder and Sister Packer**



**Elder and Sister Maxwell**

Many Church leaders were among our guests this year, and they enjoyed the Center's programs.

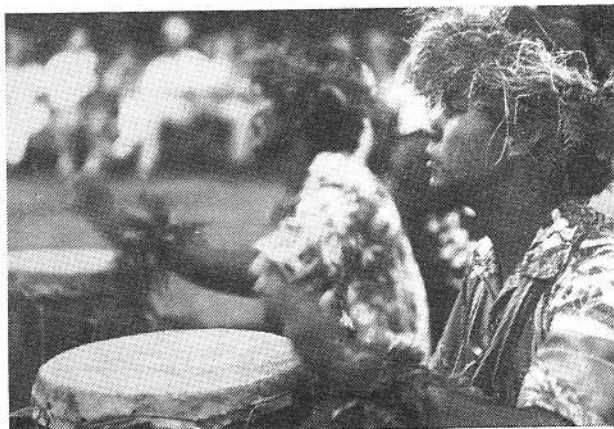
Another group of note was the Center's own Halau, which performed in the community before appreciative audiences and impressed them with the skill and authenticity of their dances.



**President and Sister Hinckley**



**Center Halau Participants**



**Kumu Hula Keith Awai**



# EDITORIAL

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**"Peace is only possible in a heart that loves.  
What we should seek is not peace itself, or  
happiness; what we should seek is to love."**

1982 reminds us that we are now only 18 years away from the turn of another century. The year 2000 will become a reality for most, if not all of us currently employed here in the Center.

1981 seems to have passed by more rapidly than any previous year, and tonight most of us will take time to reflect on our gains and losses of the twelve months just past.

We will chart our individual progress, counting our "successes" good and our "failures" not so. Perhaps our milestones of this year will be missions accomplished, degrees earned, houses built, books written, money banked. Are these really the things for which we should give thanks in the old year?

A genuine and popular member of our community learned as this year closed that he will not likely see the next one through. If that were our lot, would we be glad of material, career, or business gains? And could we expect 1982 to be a year of peace within us if our expectations for it include more of the same?

The quote at the top of this article is a simple statement of profound truth. Looking back on the 365 days we have just spent, we would do well to ask: What have I learned of real worth this past year? Have I learned to love? Have I gained peace in my soul? And can I hope to know these things in the coming year?

Editorials across the nation of late have focused on this desperate need of peace in our world. Scholars, statesmen, religious leaders, and parents have all recognized the threat of nuclear annihilation as a major reality of our time. How do we possibly prepare ourselves for a future in which such an event is conceivable? Is peace really possible on a world scale?

The writer of my original quote added: "The secret to everything lies in the individual soul. When mortals turn love into lust for power and position and wealth, they make peace impossible." These thoughts remind me of the writings of Thomas a Kempis, a German ecclesiastic from the 15th Century, who wrote:

**"There are those who keep themselves in peace and keep peace also with others, and there are those who neither have peace nor suffer others to have peace; they are troublesome to others, but always more troublesome to themselves."**

May we begin the New Year with peace in our hearts, attaining it by way of the pure love of Christ, and may it continue to abide with us throughout our days so that as this year draws to its close we may answer affirmatively those most significant questions: **What have I learned of real worth this past year? Have I learned to love? Have I gained peace in my soul?**

## BYU-HC Calendar

**Saturday, January 2**

Basketball  
Redlands University  
Cannon Center, 7:30 pm

Movie  
"Adventures of Robin Hood"  
Auditorium 6:30 & 9:30 pm

**Monday, January 4**  
New Student Testing

Orientation  
Cannon Center  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Basketball  
Maryville College  
Cannon Center 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, January 5**  
Registration

Concerts Impromptu  
Auditorium 9:00 - 11:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 6**

Classes Begin

