



EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Polynesian Cultural Center ☐ October 10, 1980

Fijians to celebrate cultural day tomorrow

It'll be Fiji's "big day" tomorrow! Highlighting the Fijian Cultural Day festivities will be a contest during the Pageant of the Long Canoes, a kava ceremony and an exciting musical program at 1:45 p.m.

Starting off the day's events will be a devotional in the Fijian village at 9 a.m. which is open to all employees.

Special demonstrations going on throughout the day include the making of coconut oil, sennit rope and "lauhala" baskets, headbands and bracelets. Our friendly Fijian brothers and sisters will be inviting visitors to try their hand at making these crafts if they wish.

The traditional kava ceremony will take place in the village at noon. Following that will be the formal program at 1:45 p.m. in the open area near the Tongan village. Among those sharing their talents in the show will be men from the cable ship, "Enterprise," which is in port from her home base in Fiji.



Pretty maidens lined up to present the graceful "Seasea" or Fijian fan dance in last year's Fijian Cultural Day program. See story below for details on some of the exciting activities that our Fijian brothers and sisters have planned for this year's celebration.

The fun and excitement will continue at our canoe pageant. Participating canoes will be judged on their decorations and spirit of their performers, with special prizes going to the top three canoes.

For those of you unfamiliar with

Polynesian history, October is a very significant month in Fiji. On October 10, 1874, Ratu Cakobau (one of Fiji's kings) and high ranking chiefs ceded Fiji to Great Britain. Fiji remains an independent dominion of the British Commonwealth today.

Center to observe 17th birthday



In commemoration of PCC's 17th anniversary, Shop Polynesia and Hale Kuai are offering employees a special discount on all purchases made from Monday, October 13, through Friday, October 17.

By showing your PCC identification card to the cashier, you'll receive 40% off on everything except cameras, film and perfume (you'll be

able to get 20% off on these items). The special discount will be in effect from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

PCC's actual birthday will be on Sunday, October 12. On that day 17 years ago, the Center first opened to the public. We've nearly quadrupled in size since that time and with your love and talents, we are sharing the Polynesian way of life with more than one million visitors each year!

Visitor has fond memories of PCC visit

Occasionally, some of the visitors we befriend at PCC take the time to drop us a line when they return home. James V. Sherrill, Sr., his wife and a few of his friends visited the Center in August. So impressed was the group with our activities, shows and people, Mr. Sherrill felt compelled to write a letter sharing his thoughts with us. Excerpts from his letter follow.

Attention, golf buffs!

Enjoy golfing? Plan on competing for fun against your fellow workers at PCC on Thursday, October 23. That's the date of the Center's next golf tournament at the Hyatt Kuilima's course.

Tee-off time will be at 12:30 p.m. Participants will be charged \$14, which covers the green fee and cart rental. The tournament is open to men and women. All those wishing to play in the tourney must sign up in the Recreation office (located near Hale Kuai) as soon as possible.

Also being organized is PCC's own golf club. Membership in this club is open to all PCC employees and BYU--H faculty, staff and students. Dues are \$10 per year. The deadline to join the club is Monday, October 27. Call Recreation at extension 153 for more information.

"(We) took the canoe tour of the center and enjoyed our guide very much as he had a wonderful sense of humor. Wish we had caught his name so we could have written him personally. We got an opportunity to see and enjoy the Pageant of the Long Canoes and also the opportunity to visit the various villages and participate in some of the activities going on.

"Had a nice evening meal (and) finished off our evening by seeing the Invitation to Paradise show. I hope I can find the words to express how beautiful the show really was.

"The real joy the cast has putting on the show, the enthusiasm reaches out to you and makes your enjoyment that much more. The cast really enjoyed presenting their cultures for our enjoyment and education, and made it a lot easier understanding the background of the culture of the islands.

"When we return to the islands, this is certainly one place we will enjoy seeing again."

Not always will guests like Mr. Sherrill take the time to share their feelings about their visit with us at the Center. Without such feedback, it is understandably difficult at times to measure if we are doing a good job or not.

And because some of us hold jobs

at PCC which call for repetition, it then becomes difficult to maintain genuine enthusiasm at what we are doing.

But we must continue to do our best each time, everyday because the effort we make -- whether through a song, ticket sale or demonstration -- will be part of the visitor's impression of Polynesia and everything the Center represents.

How important it is we contribute to making this impression a positive one through the quality of our job performance and our sincere caring for our guests. That way, they will feel a respect for and desire to return to Polynesia...and know that they will be welcome and enjoy themselves no matter how often they visit.

Mr. Sherrill sums it up beautifully when he writes in the last paragraphs of his letter, "The real joy...the enthusiasm reaches out to you and makes your enjoyment that much more...When we return to the islands, this is certainly one place we will enjoy seeing again."

Lecture series season tickets

Pre-registration for the 1980-81 Know Your Religion lecture series will end on Sunday, October 12. Season tickets for all six lectures are available through your ward representatives. Prices range from \$4 for single students to \$25 for families. The admission charge at the door will be \$1.50 for students and \$2.50 for adults.

The lecture series is an important part of the Church Educational System's effort to assist Church members in strengthening their testimonies, increasing their knowledge of the gospel and fortifying their family relationships.

For further information on the outstanding speakers and topics that will be featured in the series, contact your bishop or the BYU--H Division of Continuing Education.

BYU--H Calendar

Friday, October 10

- Devotional, 10:30 a.m., auditorium.
- Ward Night. Consult your ward Young Adult representatives for details on the activities.

Saturday, October 11

- Movie, "Telefon," 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., auditorium. Admission charge. Second showing reserved for students, faculty and staff members -- BYU--H identification

card must be presented at the entrance.

*Wednesday, October 15

- Women's volleyball team meets the University of Hawaii -- Manoa, at the UH gym, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 16

- Women's volleyball team faces the University of Hawaii--Manoa, BYU--H gym, 7:30 p.m.