



Polynesian Cultural Center

# UPDATE '90

Employee Newsletter

Friday, October 12, 1990

## Center Presents 1990 State Teacher of the Year Award!



Vice President T. David Hannemann, shown here with State Superintendent Charles Tuguchi and State Teacher of the Year Joyce Puuolani Gaston showing off her "carnation" lei.

In a special presentation at the State Board of Education meeting on October 4th, 1990, Vice President T. David Hannemann presented Joyce Puuolani Gaston, an elementary teacher from Maui. Mrs. Gaston is most well known for the reef walks she takes her students on. She is also known for experimenting with different ways of learning and getting students involved in education. Some of these experiences could even be classified as unusual. Although her methods may be unorthodox, she touches the lives of her students.

To the sounds of the native drums, which incidentally woke a few people up, performers from the Center honored Ms. Gaston with special cultural numbers from the Marquesas and the wero from New Zealand.

After the dances and wero a young couple representing Samoa presented the money

"carnation" lei (crafted by Eseta Toelupe) to Ms. Gaston along with a beautifully carved box as a token of honor.

An excited crowd of about 65 people were on hand for the Board of Education meeting. Some were even seen taking out camera and taking snapshots of our dancers. Even one of the Board members must have remembered our colorful presentations of the past, because he was seen taking out a camera to capture the moment.

After the presentation of the \$3,000 award that goes to the State Teacher of the Year the Maori warriors returned to do a "Haka". The finale of the presentation was the group singing a rousing "Bula Laie" and "PCC, My Polynesia, My Home".

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# Tongan Royalty Makes Surprise Visit to Center

A surprise visit was made to the Center by the Queen of Tonga's sister, Kaufo'ou, children of the late Honorable Afui & the Honorable Ahome'e on Monday, October 8, 1990. Dressed in traditional attire (they were here to attend a family funeral), the royal party embarked upon a late afternoon tour here at the Center.

After a special VIP canoe tour, gifts were presented by each village and the Tongan village gave a special performance for the royalty where they also joined in the festivities of dancing and singing. After dining at the President's private dining area the group concluded their visit with the "This is Polynesia" performance.



**Seated from left to right:** Mr. & Mrs. Viki Mataele (the niece of the King and Queen of Tonga; Vice President T. David Hannemann; Kaufo'ou Naufanu (The sister of the Queen of Tonga), Mrs. Ma'umalanga, Gary Pasina Lavaki. **Kneeling:** Aaron Farley (Tahitian Model)

**Standing left to right:** Palauni Ma Sun, Sunia Toki Ma'utakaua, Guide Tautai Moala, Tangimeimuli Kalaniuvalu-Fotofili, Afui( Kalaniuvalu-Fotofili, The Honorable Tu'ihetau Ahome'e, Solomone Tu'iniua Kalaniuvalu-Fotofili. Sione Latu, Verdetta Kekauokalani.

# Senator Fulbright Shares a Day a the Center

Former U.S. Senator & Mrs. J. William Fulbright toured the Center on Saturday, October 6, 1990. The Senator was in Hawaii to attend the Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Fulbright Association. While here, He also received an honorary doctorate from the University of Hawaii. Excerpts from and Editorial in the Honolulu Advertiser, Sunday, October 7, 1990 "Fulbright - His program helped Pacific Age" read:

"...Fulbright, now 85, was honored for a lifetime of achievements that include his efforts as a lawyer, scholar, university president, and an outstanding member of Congress who specialized in foreign affairs...

"But his passport to a lasting place in history is the law that he sponsored over 45 years ago to set up the Fulbright Program of educational exchanges. The Fulbright was one of the great educational achievements stemming from World War II. It has paid for itself many times over in international goodwill and in training tens of thousands of Americans and scholars from foreign countries.

Hosted by Vice Presidents T. David Hannemann and Mike Foley ( a Fulbright scholar, he was an instructor at the Instituted of Technology at Bangdun, IKIP - Teachers College at Bandung for 10 months) to an enjoyable twilight VIP canoe tour of the Villages and an outstanding demonstration by Ila Siilata of firemaking, coconut husking, grating and climbing at the Samoan village provided the Fulbright's with a good cultural experience. Considering his many achievements and international goodwill, it was a great honor to host this most accomplished man and his charming wife and guests.

**Pictured here are the Senator & Mrs. Fulbright sitting in the far left front row seat of the canoe. Senator Fulbright is holding the cane.**



Photos courtesy of Network Photo



# The Polynesian Cultural Center

## 27th Anniversary Events

Saturday  
October 13, 1990

7:00 a.m. Whaling Wall Area  
Begin Anniversary  
celebration with door prizes,  
employee awards, talent  
show, and **Breakfast!**

I.D. needed for  
door prize tickets and breakfast

10:00 p.m. Loyal Garner Concert  
PCC Employee Price \$ 1.00  
two employee priced tickets  
(\$ 1.00) per employee but  
employees may purchase an  
unlimited number of general  
admission (\$ 3.00) tickets.



*\*Loyal Garner\**

Theater Snack Shop will be opened during  
the Loyal Garner Concert. Our service time  
will be from 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. We have a  
fantastic menu at very reasonable prices.

Hot Dog	\$1.25
12 oz Soda	\$.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Candies	\$.60
Chips	\$.60
Nacho's	\$1.00

Stop by and see us before the show!

### Door Prizes!!! Saturday Morning!

Society of Seven tickets  
Magic of Polynesia Tickets  
Charo show tickets  
Paradise Cove tickets  
Gift Certificates - T-shirts - Movie Tickets

*Must be present and have ticket to win.*



## **MAINTENANCE CORNER**

# Dredging Lagoon to Make Canoe Travel Possible

When the Ali'i Luau was first conceived the idea was to bring guests to the Luau by way of the waterway that runs behind the Pacific Pavilion. One hitch to that idea was that the bottom of the lagoon by the theater was so muddy and sandy that canoe travel was nearly impossible.



As a result, the maintenance department started on October 1st to dredge (remove) the silt, mud, and sludge from the bottom of the lagoon so that we can bring guests completely around the theater.

Here are a few of the workers who have "gotten wet" in this projects. Mahalo!

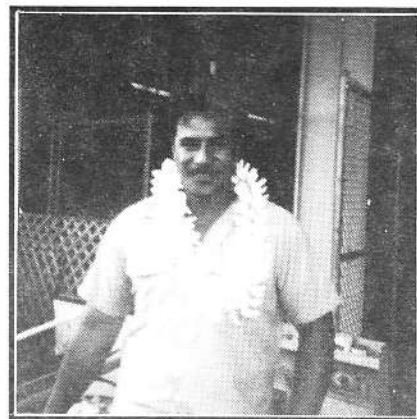
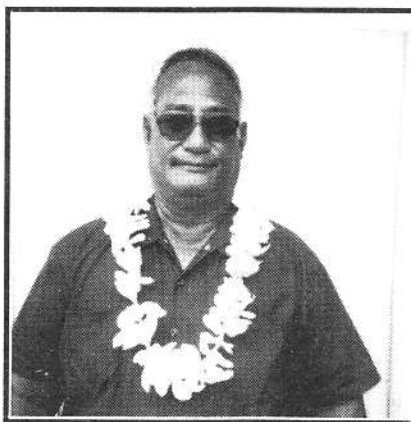
### **Tuavale Solipo Employee Of The Month September 1990**

Employee of the Month Tuavale Solipo has worked for the Polynesian Cultural Center since September 1980 during which time served and given of his time and talents as a Mechanic in the Auto Shop. His section to be employee of the month is most deserving.

The C-Team wishes to express their appreciation and support to Solipo for a job well done.

He and his wife have seven children, one of which returned home back in June from serving a mission in Guam.

**Congratulations Tuavale..**



### **Vanu Fonoimoana Employee Of The Month August 1990**

The Maintenance Department would like to congratulate Vanu for being the Employee of the Month (for the month of August 1990). Vanu's first job here at the Center was in 1969 as a Stage Crew Helper. Since then he has been working as a Plumbers Helper, Plumber, Construction Plumber, Apprentice Plumber, Plumber Supervisor, Plumber Foreman, Maintenance Worker, Maintenance Worker (skilled).

He is married to Blossom Iwalani Fonoimoana (from Kaneohe), and is the Father of six children.

As you can tell, Vanu's specialty is plumbing. However, he also likes to invent new things, write new songs, play the guitar, fishing, driving his new truck, and in his spare time (if any) cleans his yard.



## Prime Minister of Western Samoa Favors Center with a Visit

The Center was honored with a visit from the Prime minister of Western Samoa, the Honorable Tofilau Eti Alesana on Monday evening, October 8, 1990. The Prime Minister was accompanied by his lovely wife, Pitoua, along with his special entourage who accompanies him in his travels. The VIP tour, by canoe, of the villages (pictured here in photo courtesy of Network Photo), brought happy smiles and expressions of love and gratitude from the Prime Minister and his wife.



The party was first greeted by the BYU-H/PCC Brass Band with the Western Samoan national anthem followed by greetings from each of the villages. The group dined in the Fale Talimalo in the Samoan Village and concluded with the "This is Polynesia" performance.

Accompanied by Vice Presidents T. David Hannemann and Cy Bridges, the Secret Service and other Samoan Officials from Honolulu and Western Samoa, we felt privileged to have these VIP's with us for a very memorable evening.

## New Market Research Surveyors

Twice a year Marketing Research conducts surveys throughout the Center collecting customer and marketing information. This information is then used in improving the Center and its marketing strategies.

To help accomplish this task, Marketing Research has just hired eleven surveyors, who had to go through a twenty minute interview and four hours of rigorous testing.

We would like to welcome the following surveyors to our ranks and offer them our full support:

Kimberly Crawford	Liz Acheson
Isadora Fatupaito	Vicki Hamrick
Jennifer Kaufmann	Russ Jade
Salaalii Mauigoa	Julie Shumway
Daralynn Wastena	Angel Wells

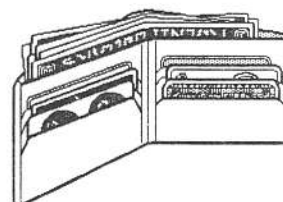
## Mahalo to Honest Employees!

On behalf of Hodori Hawaii tours, and a very happy Korean client, I would like to commend one of our employees for her stewardship and honesty.

This past Monday night following the evening show, Hae Jung Kim, an employee of the Housekeeping department, found a wallet left behind by one of our visitors. She promptly turned it in to her supervisor, Bob Willes, who handed it over to our Customer Service Department. This wallet had a large sum of money, in excess of \$1,000 in US and Korean currency.

A very grateful client, and relieved tour operator called me to thank our employees for their honesty in returning the wallet. Peter Park, president of Hodori Hawaii Tours was very impressed with the example that many of our employees portray.

I, too, would like to thank Hae, Jung and Bob for their dedication to their jobs, and their honesty and example that they show to all of us! Mahalo!

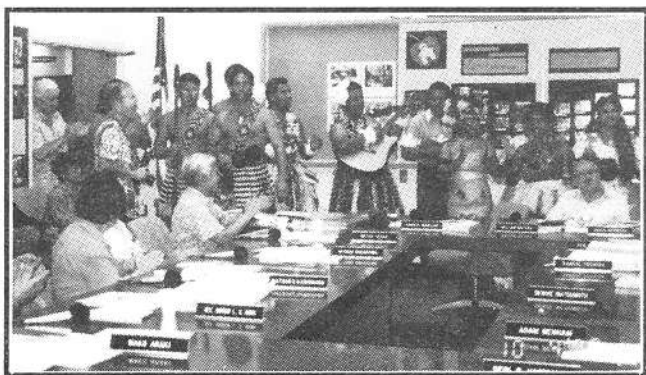


## More Teacher of the Year Pictures

While the village workers traveled to town on October 4th to present the "Teacher of the Year" award they seemed to have many great adventures. First, Mahalo to all those who went and took the extra time and energy. When the group arrived at the Board of Education building they had to set up, practice, and then wait for almost an hour until the meeting started. After the meeting started, the performance was filled



with energy and spirit. Tired and hungry, the group traveled to Kaneohe for dinner and to return home.



While they were at the restaurant there was also a birthday party for very large family. Our musicians played a few numbers for them... one thing led to



another... and soon we found ourselves putting on another whole show, right in the restaurant! Mahalo to all who went and did such a great job!

## Village Corner Employee Notes

### Birthdays

10/2 Ravai Fataiki	10/7 Lusi Unga
10/11 Pepe Nautu	10/11 Tiu Wesley
10/14 Lupe Akau	10/15 Barney Christy
10/19 Mahana Pulotu	10/24 Juliana Tere
10/31 Fetulele Zylkes	

### New Hires

Mary Ann Kaio-	Samoan Demo Guide
Kevin Oshima-	After serving his mission in Texas he has returned to the Hawaiian Village to work as a demo guide.
Tania Mahoni-	A new demo guide in Marquesas, sharing her knowledge of island herbs and their uses.
Lusiana Tawaqa	Transferred from the Marketplace to the Fijian Village.
Faleola Ofahengau	Transferred from the Marketplace to the Tongan Village.

### Fijian Cultural Week in October

King Cakobau of Bau unified the rival tribes in 1855, after years of warfare and his conversion to Christianity in 1854, through the influence of King George of Tonga.

When all attempts to organize an effective government failed, Ratu Cakobau and the chiefs of Fiji ceded the islands to Great Britain on October 10, 1874.

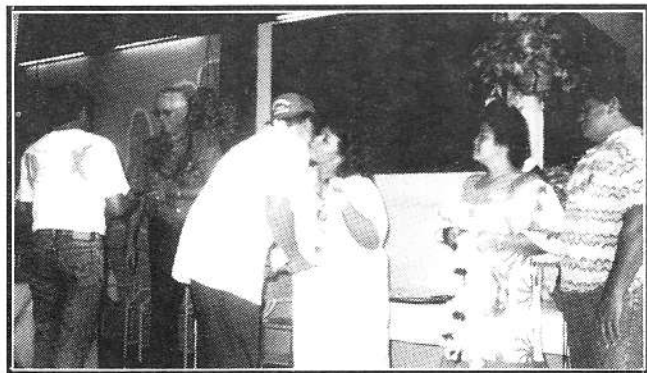
Ninety-six years later, in October of 1970, Fiji gained its independence. October has always been the month set aside by the chiefs and government since 1874 to commemorate the historical event that took place in Levuka the old capital of Fiji; and its independence in 1970. Fiji declared a Republic after two military coups in 1987.

The Fijian village will celebrate their cultural day here on October 20. Their celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with a devotion in meeting house. A brunch will be served immediately after the service. Different cultural presentations will be on the hour commencing at 2:00 p.m. with their daily routine of fashion show, song and dance, craft demonstration, derua participation, and a historical lecture at the meeting house.



## Gateway Corner

### More 100 Club Members



**The Gateway 100 Club continues to grow!** On Thursday, October 4, 1990 another 25 members were inducted into the club. As just a reminder, the 100 Club is for those Gateway workers who meet certain criteria in relation to punctuality, consistent attendance, and consistent job performance. These workers make up the solid core of dependable workers. Congratulations to:

Herbert Mataele  
Julia Crichton  
Migao Tevaga  
Pela Hikila  
Tau Moeai  
Pepe Faleolo  
Byron Zylks  
Vaitulu Taulafoga  
Vai Tapusoa  
Olive Mili  
Lani Tomasi  
Meere Shute  
Kim Sokia

Relly Coloma  
Karen Crosby  
Michael Villanueva  
Lea Tupola  
Mele Lavaka  
Aloha Griffenberg  
Loren Holly  
Nana Afalava  
Soifua Tauiliili  
Steven Wrathall  
Sulu Anaalii  
Leta Tuiaana

### Gateway Birthdays!

10/4 Damon      10/6 Diedra  
10/12 Christina      10/13 Cherae

Mahalo to all Dining Area & Luau crew for all the hard work. We appreciate all that you are doing. Keep it up!

Your Supervisors

# EMPLOYEE MENU

## Friday, Oct. 12

Teriyaki Pork  
w/Natural Sauce  
Mixed Vegetables  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

## Monday, Oct. 22

Deep Fry Chicken  
w/Gravy  
Corn  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

## Monday, Oct. 15

Lamb Curry Stew  
Tossed Salad  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

## Tuesday, Oct. 23

Beef Stew  
Tossed Salad  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

## Tuesday, Oct. 16

Teriyaki Wings  
& Drumsticks  
w/Natural Sauce  
Seasoned Peas  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

## Wednesday, Oct. 24

Fried Hoki Fish  
w/Tartar Sauce  
Salad  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

## Wednesday, Oct. 17

Pork Chop Suey  
Tossed Salad  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

## Thursday, Oct. 25

BBQ Chicken  
Peas & Carrots  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

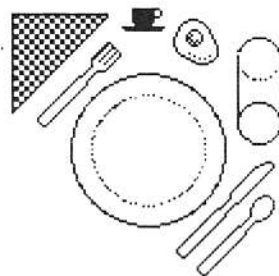
## Thursday, Oct. 18

Salisbury Steak  
W/Onions & Gravy  
Corn  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink

\*\* This menu is subject to change without prior notice.

## Friday, Oct. 19

Chicken Curry Stew  
Potato Salad  
Steamed Rice  
Cold Drink



# October 1990

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
7	8	9	10	11	Pay Day! 	12 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 Breakfast 10:30 p.m. Loyal 	13	
14	15	9:00 Introduction to Macintosh 	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	9:00 Fast Back (Backup Utility) 	23	24	25	Pay Day! 	26	27
Daylight Savings (Mainland time 1 hour earlier) 	28	9:00 PSI Request (Reporting) 	30	Halloween! 	Please sign up for classes with Lei Cummings (3161) 1 week prior to the class you want to attend.			

*Happy 27th Birthday  
Polynesian Cultural Center*

