

Puerto Rican 'Menudo' hits Hawaii

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Workers celebrate Center anniversary

More than 500 Center employees gathered together Saturday morning, October 13 at 7 A.M. in the Hale Aloha theatre to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of PCC and to talk about the state of the corporation.

The meeting was conducted by Vice President of Product Cy Bridges. Speakers included Sophia Turaga, Supervisor of the Fijian village and Food Service Manager Emily Kaopua. Sophia addressed her remarks to all Center employees saying that, "The little things we do eah day are the important things. It doesn't matter what you position is but how you carry out your duties." She also stated that we are in a people service and should love not only the guests but each other as well and seek to build each other in the good things. Sophia reminded workers that no matter what position you are in at the Center you can still apply the gospel principles to that job, because we are there for a reason.

Emily expressed her gratitude for the opportunity of being employeed at the Center and commented on different people and experiences at the Center over the years. She stated that we should be appreciative and honest in our relationships with our fellow employees, being patient in carrying on our duties, saying, "No one has been more disdained than God but yet he carries on.

General Manager Ralph Rodgers began his comments by pointing out that the people we work with are also the people we live with and go to church with, saying, "We work and live close together. If anyone in the community gets a rash everyone knows about it."

He apologized for the past lack of communication in certain areas and expressed his plans for more careful and extensive communication in the future.

Plans for the future discussed that we would help meet the challenge of capturing the repeat visitors, including: remondeling of the Gateway restaurant and creation of a new menu, distribution of a new souvenir booklet and general improvement of service.

Also discussed were salary evaluations and automatic pay adjustments beiginning January 1 that will cost the Center an additional \$900,000. The pay adjustments include regular automatic yearly raises effective on date of hire and bringing BYU and

Menudo has following at PCC



Menudo, the popular Puerto Rican music group visited PCC, Thursday, October 18, adorned with aloha shirts and haku leis, they sang their way down the lagoon on a double hulled canoe, learned how to do the Tahitian Tamure and participated in a Fijian kava ceremony. Group members include: Robby Rosa, Roy Rosello, Ricky Martin, Ray Leon and Charlie Masso.

Menudo, the popular Puerto Rican singing group visited the Center Thursday, October 18. Their day at the Center included filming spots for Japanese and American TV, conducting a press conference with Oahu's high school journalists and a short performance in the Pacific Pavillion prior to "This is Polynesia." The group, described as greater than the Beatles, was founded in 1977 by a young talented man named

Edgardo Diaz. Boys interested in joining the group must be at least 12 and usually leave the group at age 16. The group is in Hawaii to perform at the Neil Blaisdell Center on the last leg of their cross country U.S. tour. Menudo has been named Youth Amvbassadors for UNICEF for 1985 and gave their first benefit concert in Washington, D.C. prior to their fall tour.

PCC student wages to the same level.

General Manager Rodgers expressed his appreciation and love to all Center employees, paraphrasing our purpose her by saying, "We have to put on the show and help people grow."

Special continuous service awards were given to employees as follows:

10 Years--Winona Enesa, Epanaia and Marjorie Christy, 11 Years--Sione Lavaka, Haunani Kaanaana, Jay Akoi. 12 Years--Ilaisaane Latu. 13 Years--Lagalaga Alo. 14 Years--Vaelua Purcell, Gloria Kamae. 15 Years--Theresa Nona Warner, Elisa Teriipaia, Vendy Oura, Sereima Damuni. 16 Years--Tony Haiku, John Ah Quin. 17 Years Cy Bridges, Oliana Tautu, Pele Tautu, Emily Kaopua.

18 Years Sophia Turaga, Apimeleki Turaga, Papa Pu Tihoni, Ofa Talakai, Josephine Moeai and Fia Mau.

Prize drawings were conducted with

the following winners: Breakfast for two at Sam's--Kenneth Bagamanta, \$50 gift certificates for Daiei--Elisa Teriipaia, Pattie Wilson, Francis Aki, Jr., Stormy Fonoimoana, Reiko Purcell, Yamagata, Gladys Lindley, Lillian Pulusi and Suitupe Aiolupotea; Dinner for 2 at the Safari Steak House--Sione Latu, Champeaux Sunday Brunch--Magasoa Tua, To nights and three days at the Hvatt Tua, Two nights and three days at the Hyatt Waikiki--Ropiha Campbell, Sr., Dinner for two served by the General Manager--Kelva Boone, Two nights, three days and \$40 of food at the Turtle Bay Hilton--Lufi Purcell, Two nights at the Waikiki Sheraton and dinner at the Hano Hano room--Tauamo Malufau.

Following the meeting a breakfast of rice, eggs, sausage, fruit danish and milk and juice was served to Center employees by the Managemet Team members.

Aloha United Way



Dear Fellow Employees:

Aloha United Way is the local chapter of the National United Way Organization made up of more than sixty smaller non-profit organizations dedicated to helping and servicing those who are less fortunate than you and I. Many of the people who receive help from our donations are within our local communities here in Hawaii, such as Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council, Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Hawaii Heart Association, Disability Centers and more.

Someone once said, "Give until it hurts" while another said "Give until it feels good." Well, if you feel good about giving, give what you can without putting you and/or your family in a financial bind. The important thing you should remember is that you "Give." America was built upon the principle of "Giving so others could live."

lady Liberty stands for freedom for all Americans, as well as the rest of the world. Freedom of what? Freedom of all barriers of life which limit the fulfillment of our dreams.

Lady Liberty stands for hope for all Americans. Hope of what? Hope of a better future for all mankind.

Lady Liberty also stands for opportunity. Opportunity of what? Opportunity for all able Americans to bless the lives of the disabled and less fortunate.

A song writer once wrote, "He ain't heavy...he's my brother" and "No man is an island, no man stands alone." Yes, our desire and ability to enrich the lives of others enriches our own lives even more.

in my contacts with some of the people who benefit from your donations and help, the words of the Savior become more significant and meaningful when remembering what He said:

"Then shall the King say unto the righteous, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the World."

For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me. I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me."

So, my friends, as the end of the Aloha Unite Way campaign draws to a close on October 31, I leave it up to you to do what you feel you can do. However, dreams, hopes and freedom of many of our fellow Americans depends on you and I. You and I make the difference in the lives we touch.

-Sam Langi PCC AUW Representative

Fijian Day filled with color, music and culture



Fijian village workers sing and dance their native songs for fascinated guests who learned about the ceremonies music and food of Fiji, Saturday, October 13 at the Fijian Cultural Day. The day was in celebration of Fiji's independence from Britain. Highlights of the days activities included a fashion show by children of Fijian village workers, wearing a variety of Fijian costumes. Food tasting booths included taste treats like fried breadfruit and breadfruit salad. A very colorful and interesting day of activities, the Fijian village was filled with guests and workers.

Scones and Chowder sold

Two new food items have been introduced at the Center this week. Fried bread scones with butter and honey are now being served at the Mission Home snack area. Monday, October 15, chefs Ralph and Joan Rodgers cooked the first delicious scones quickly devoured by Managemet Team members and hungry guests. The scones sell for 40¢ each.

Monday, October 22 will see the introduction of Boston cream clam chowder at the KauKau and Lanai snack bars. The sea food treat is a delicious combination of clams, potatoes, celery, onions and a secret blend of seasoning.

Party for TVA children

Volunteers are needed to assist the ASBYU-Hawaii in conducting a Halloween party for TVA children, Wednesday, October 31 from 4 to 6 P.M. Parents and other interested volunteers who would like to help conduct games, judge contests and serve refreshments, please contact Harold Samu at 293-3555 or Debbie Crandall at 293-8222.

All TVA children age 12 and under are invited. Adults should accompany smaller children.

First Aid

The First Aid Station located at the Old Administration Bldg. has been temporarily located at the New Theater. They will be there until November 5th when they will return to the Old Administration Bldg. First Aid personnel may be contacted by calling ext. 3114.

Halloween parties coming

All Center employees are invited to attend the PCC Haloween Party. Full-time employees (30 hours or more) are invited to attend a costume dinner and canoe tour, Friday, October 26, 1984. Come dressed in costume (no masks). You must RSVP by October 19 to your department secretary.

Part-time employees are invited to a costume dinner and dance on Tuesday, October 30, 1984, and must RSVP by October 22. Partners are invited. Those working only 30 hours may choose either party but cannot attend both. Both activities will be held in the orientation building. The Friday night party will be at 7:30 and the Tuesday night party at 9:30

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