

EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Polynesian Cultural Center

☐ December 31, 1980

New Sales Manager Named



General Manager Bill Cravens announced this week the appointment of Jim Bassett as the Center's new sales manager.

Honolulu-born, Jim is a graduate of BYU-Hawaii and worked at PCC for several years before pursuing a 10 year career in the hotel business.

He joined the Center's Waikiki Sales staff in April of this year and as Sales Manager will be filling the position vacated by Glen Willardson.

A warm aloha and welcome to Jim as he takes on this new responsibility!





Staff Award Winners

One recent staff Christmas Party held a special treat for several PCC employees as they were given special awards for outstanding performances in their jobs.

Each canoe leader in the Canoe Pageant evaluated his workers and submitted one name as worthy recipients of the awards. They were judged on their professional approach to their jobs and how this affected their willingness to perform well, their promptness, support of their leaders, and their committment to the best presentation they can give to Center visitors.

Each award winner received a personal journal with their name engraved on the cover. Full congratulations go to these employees, as well as a sincere mahalo from the Cultural Presentations department and Panesi Afualo, coordinator of the Canoe Pageant.

Samoa -- SUSANA MASOE

Tahiti -- NAN KWAK

Hawaii - KAIWI CHUNG-HOON

Tonga -- UIHA MUSIE

Maori -- LANCE WATENE

Fiji -- MELE VANISI

Alii -- DAREN KINGI

What are your New



Duke Nihipali "Finish my Freshman year and then go on a mission."



Sun Kashiwabara "I want my husband to get well in the New Year."



Tigi Tapusoa "I'm going to play raquetball every day in 1981."



Meleane Makahununiu
"I resolve to tour around the world!"



John Ah Quin "I resolve to visit Canada."



Charlene Horomona "To live most to serve best."



Kyle Alo "I resolve to become more financially independent."



Epenesa Purcell "To learn more about First Aid."



John Kaina "I'd like to go flying."

Year's Resolutions?



Marge Christy "I resolve to attend every one of my church meetings."



Kirk Garcia "I resolve to lose weight!"



Amelia Latu "I resolve to become manager of Hale Kuai!"



Keith McFarlane "To help my wife during her pregnancy."



Taulai Soliai "I resolve to get along with my fellow-workers."



Tiloi Lolotai "I resolve to work out every day. (except Sunday)"



Peleisa Nunu
"I want to further my education."



Harold Palimoo Jr.
"I'm hoping to lose my opu!"



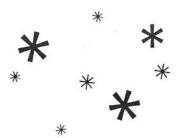
Natalie Edmonds " I resolve to make more money!"

Halau Openings!

Bill Wallace, Division Manager of Cultural Presentations, announces that the Center's Halau now has openings for new members. The Halau has established itself locally as it has contributed to many festivals and programs within PCC and in the wider community.

Bill sees the coming; year as an exciting one for the group with even more participation; in community events including the prestigious annual Merrie Monarch Festival.

Persons interested in joining the Halau are welcome sto attend the bi-weekly rehearsals and are invited to contact Bill. Rehearsal times are Thursdays at 5:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the PCC Main Theater.



Combined *
LAIE/BYU-HC STAKES

NEW YEARS EVE ** DANCE

"Ring Out the Old Ring in the New"

December 31, 1980 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Sunday Dress Required Ages 14 to Adult



Letter of the Week

Every week the Center receives letters and comments from guests about their experience here. Many times over, the same services are performed by employees without any recognition or thanks from our visitors. At this time of year, it is appropriate to print this letter, received just a few days ago. In

many ways it typifies the attitude and willingness of all of you as you perform your jobs daily, and so it is a timely thank-you that can be extended to all of you from all of those other guests who went away equally touched by your spirit but who were not able to write their feelings as well.

December 17, 1980

Polynesian Cultural Center Laie, Oahu, Hawaii 96772 Public Relations Manager

Dear Sir,

On November 29, 1980 my mother, grandmother, and I visited the Cultural Center. We enjoyed the exhibits and the talented performers in the shows, but what made our visit exceptional was the courtesy of one of your guides-Bruce White.

My 81 year old grandmother doesn't hear, and walking is very difficult and tiring for her, so we had a wheelchair for her. Bruce not only pushed that wheelchair all over the Center and gave an informative tour, he went out of his way to help my grandmother understand what he was saying. He gave her one of his scripts to read and he spoke very slowly and distinctly so that she could read his lips.

Our trip to Hawaii was primarily for my grandmother, and all the Hawaiian dances, costumes and customs interest her. Bruce was so polite and understanding about her handicap, and he made it possible for her to comprehend so much more than she normally does with a tour.

I really appreciate Bruce's concern and his way above average consideration and helpfulness. He made it possible for my grandmother to really enjoy her visit to the Center. I sincerely hope that you will thank him again for us. We were very fortunate to have him as our guide, and you are fortunate to have an employee like Bruce White.

Sincerely,

Sherie E. Williams 8360 Hendrie Long Beach, Ca. 90808

Washington Specialist to Visit

Mrs. Bess Hawes of the National Endowment for Culture and the Arts in Washington will be visiting the Center on January 8. She is primarily interested in the preservation of Folk and ethnic arts, and will be interested in meeting people who are engaged in working with various mediums to preserve their traditional arts.

Employees and community members who are interested in weaving, pottery, carving, painting, etc. especially in presenting cultural themes and heritage in their work, are invited to contact Howard Lua of the Cultural Education Department for details of Mrs. Hawes visit.

Personnel from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts will be visiting in conjunction with her tour, and a presentation by her will be made on the afternoon of January 8 in the Chief's House of the Maori Village.