



POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER

UPDATE '88

Employee Newsletter

Friday, August 19, 1988

Survey Comments

The following are comments that our guests have written on surveys gathered by Marketing Research Department.

- Bruce Lee was excellent, funny, and informative.
- Mary Peters was pleasant.
- The women in our group liked "Alfred" (Alfred Grace) and the men liked "Lisa" (Lisa Bradshaw).
- Our guide was excellent! "Ula", Queen of the guides.
- Having people out front to answer questions was a good touch.
- It was very disturbing to have people taking flash pictures during the night show.
- I was disappointed in not being allowed to take flash photos of your wonderful night show.

Stephen Christensen

Who Are You?

Just a friendly reminder to all employees: Please start wearing your name tags if you are not doing so now. If you have lost yours please notify your supervisor so arrangements can be made for replacements.

Employees Respond To Emergency

On Friday, August 12, 1988 a guest of the Polynesian Cultural Center suffered a heart attack during the evening show and later that evening passed away. It was a tragic event for the family who was on vacation here in Hawaii and we express to them our deepest sympathy at their loss.

The employees that were on hand during this situation are to be commended on the very efficient, professional and caring manner in which they dealt with this emergency. The First Aid employees who responded immediately; the Security and Usher employees who assisted in clearing the way for the ambulance; the night show employees who remembered that "the show must go on" and did exactly that; the light crew that provided the necessary lighting for the medics; and to Dorian Moe who handled those guests whose view of the night show was temporarily blocked.

Once again, THANK YOU for responding in a very efficient, professional, and caring manner.

Good Work

Mahalo to Allen Lolotai of the Custodian department who responded without hesitation when a guest dropped a glass soda pop bottle. The guest remarked "Oh wow, how efficient." Way to go Allen, keep up the good work.

Aloha Week Ribbons

ALOHA WEEK is September 19th to the 24th. Special Projects has ALOHA WEEK ribbons for sale now. Each ribbon sells for only \$2.00. The ribbons are worn as a symbol of ALOHA during ALOHA WEEK. We encourage you to purchase and wear your Aloha Week Ribbon all week long, some island sponsors offer special incentives to those wearing the ribbon.

Is It Worth Your Money?

You'd better check your paycheck stub to make sure your current address is correct. If not, go directly to Personnel and make the changes now. Department secretaries are encouraged to take changes, please direct them to Personnel as soon as possible.

Welcome Treglowns

We're glad to have you here!

The Next Issue of UPDATE Will Feature:

The Flag Ceremony

Security Promotes a Patriotic Atmosphere

Honoring Our Polynesian Pioneers - Buried In Utah

Editor's note: Published with permission from the Laie News, Ken Brown, editor

Situated between the Cedar Mountains and the Stansbury Range lies a dusty desert where once thrived a tenacious group of two-hundred and twenty-eight pioneers. Today, this desert lies 70 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, UT. Over the years this desert area hasn't changed much and still sustains life forms that can exist in an arid climate with extreme temperatures. The name these hardy Polynesian settlers gave to their beloved desert home was Iosepa, which means Joseph in Hawaiian. The town was named after Joseph F. Smith who became the President of the LDS Church in 1901.

The first Polynesian gathering place in the Palawai Valley on the Island of Lanai failed. Later a permanent gathering place was established in Laie in 1865. Because Laie lacked a Temple at that time the Polynesian Saints felt a desire to "Gather" with the Saints. Many felt that they could better serve God by fellowshiping with the Members and helping the bulk of Church members build a temple. In 1867, Napela, the first Hawaiian baptized into the Church, received permission from his government to visit Utah Territory, returning home he gave an excellent report on Zion. Napela's report strengthened the Hawaiian course to "Gather" in Zion. Later Hawaiians went to Utah with the returning missionaries, finally settling in Iosepa, Tooele County, Utah.

Iosepa consisted of 1,900 acres. Families drew lots for their properties and all shared the use of a school and church. Then the center of the town was Imilani Square. Large springs of good water provided sustenance for livestock and the surrounding mountains supplied wood for fencing, fuel and timber to build their homes.

The Polynesians strived to maintain their way of life. However, because taro couldn't grow in the desert area, the Hawaiians found a poi substitute in wheat flour. Carp was also bred in ponds and served as a substitute for shellfish. Limu, (a fresh water variety), was gathered in cluff ponds. These foods made possible weekly hukilaus much to the delight of surrounding communities. Timpie, the nearest railroad station was about 45-miles away.

In 1908, Deseret Evening News reported 100 Hawaiians, 13 Samoans, 6 Maoris, 1 Portuguese, 5 half-cast Portuguese, 3 families of Scotsmen and several English families.

When the Salt Lake Temple was near completion in 1882, a special fast to collect offerings

for the Temple yielded \$1,400. The following year twenty-nine Polynesians were given the privilege to enter the Temple. Missionaries who had served throughout Polynesia addressed them in their native tongue.

In 1915, James H. Walles, State Inspector for town sanitation stated, "Iosepa stood as a whole, the very highest in cleanliness both in street and yard."

The greatest killers were pneumonia, small pox and diphtheria. Three isolated cases of leprosy were also discovered.

James Halemanu expressed the true love the Polynesian pioneers had for their home in Utah: "O you, I am thinking dear home when I am away from home. Early in the morning I awoke, for the night dreams have kept me awake and thrilling in my heart what has happened, in the cottage dear home I was born. Iosepa with its beautiful mountains, the people of the land in a long sleep, in the calmness of their beloved home Iosepa my best home."

In 1915, President Joseph F. Smith announced that a temple would be built in Laie, Oahu and encouraged the Polynesian Saints to return to their beautiful Islands in the Pacific. Later the Homestead Act of 1917 provided land for farming in Hawaii and Molokai. However, the majority of the returning Saints settled in Laie and named a street Iosepa in memory of their home in Skull Valley, Tooele County, Utah.

The words that best describe the pioneers of Iosepa are: "For 28 years (1889-1917), Iosepa was their home. In spite of the climate, isolation, loneliness, sickness, hardship and death, their faith and courage never faltered. They overcame the coldness of winter, the summer's heat and enjoyed the new life of spring and the bounteous harvest of the fall. Their native songs and dances filled this beautiful valley with love and aloha. They made this valley 'bloom as a rose'. A few remained in Utah. Some on this consecrated spot, 76 died; the rest returned home to Hawaii, their beloved isles of the sea."

The living descendants of the Iosepa Polynesian Pioneers are few, however with your friendly support and kokua we will be able to accomplish our goals:
1) 1988 - Restoration of 76 graves (A matinee Concert of Prominent Hawaiian Entertainers, August 27, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Cannon Activities Center)

2) Iosepa Polynesian Pioneer Centennial Celebration 1889-1989 (Unveiling of granite monument at Iosepa Cemetery).

IOSEPA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

The Polynesian Concert of Stars



★ Al
Harrington

★ Loyal
Garner

★ Special
Guest Star

★ Genoa
Keawe

★ Al Roy

★ Andy
Cummings

PLACE: CAC BYU-HC, Laie
DATE: August 27, 1988
TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
DOORS OPEN: At 10:00 a.m.
BOX OFFICE: General Admission

--Adults: \$6.00
--Children: \$3.00

Reserved Seating

--Adults: \$10.00
--Children: \$5.00

TICKET HOTLINE PHONE: 293-3770 or 293-9369

Trivia Rules And Regulations

1. Competition is open to current PCC employees only.
2. One entry per employee.
3. All entries should be submitted in an envelope with your name, department, phone number and immediate supervisor.
4. All entries should be submitted to PCC Graphics (located at the Old Administration Building) before 5 p.m. the day of issue.
5. The entry with all the answers correct will be declared the winner.
6. In case of a tie, a random drawing will take place.
7. All winners' names will be printed in the next issue of UPDATE.
8. Winners will have one week from the date of announcement to claim their prize from Special Projects.
9. All judges' decisions are final.



Announcing the UPDATE Trivia Winner

Lupe Akau Maintenance Dept.
Immediate Supervisor -- Wesley Kekau'oha.

Lupe! Claim your prize from the Special Projects Department, you have one week to pick it up! Congratulations! Will Lupe make it two in a row??

Other participants included:

Lei Jenkins - Purchasing
Lindy Tufaga - Bus. Office
Gail Heffernan - Bus. Office
Mele Ongoogotau - Village Op.
Rose Wang - Compensation Spec.
Jack Fa'asou Jr. - Security
Luse Magalei - Theater

TRIVIA CONTEST Polynesian Triangle



Match column A to B

Column A

1. An Island in Perpetual Motion
2. The Cradle of Polynesian Culture
3. A Necklace of Island Gems
4. The Land of the Long White Cloud
5. The Last Kingdom
6. Beautiful Island of Mystery
7. Veiled by Time

Column B

- a. New Zealand
- b. Tonga
- c. Samoa
- d. Tahiti
- e. Marquesas
- f. Hawaii
- g. Fiji

Multiple Choice - Circle the answer.

8. Polynesian Cultural Center has land the area of (41, 42, 43) acres.
9. Laie was a Puuhonua, a Place of Refuge. True or False
10. The first chapel in Laie was dedicated on (1883, 1884, 1885).

Bonus Question:

For the first chapel dedication in Laie, (King of Tonga, King of England, King Kalakaua) sailed and anchored in Laie Bay and joined the festivities.

Answers To Last Week's Trivia

1. To make room for IMAX.
2. DATE: Friday, July 8, 1988.
3. Elder Marvin J. Ashton.
4. Located in the center of the Tongan Village on the elevated portion of ground.
5. Chief Alamoti Taumoepeau.

Life Is So Precious

We would like to acknowledge and thank **Brent Jesse** and **Dale Wells** from First Aid, Swing Shift, Security Department and the Theater Employees for their excellent service pertaining to the August 12th incident. Keep up the good team work and cooperation that maintains our PCC PRIDE.

The CPR Class for this month will be held on Tuesday, August 30th at 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Training Room.

There is a limit of 12 students per class. For more information call ext. 3016 to register or ask for Finau.

Let The Music Play On

On Saturday, August 13, 1988, the PCC/BYU-H Band performed at the Samoan Flag Day raising ceremony and parade.

Members of the Brass Band are to be commended on their excellent representation of the Church and PCC/BYU-H. The Band played the American Samoan Anthem as the flag was raised. Fa'afetai tele lava.