

THE Villager

EMPLOYEE NEWS SHEET OF THE POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER



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Waikiki Personalities

PCC salutes the dedication of the girls at our Waikiki Office. Many of them travel quite a distance to get to the office and still manage to arrive on the job on time.

"The Villager" is pleased to recognize Lani Ako, reservationist and Puanani Burgess, Administrative Assistant. Both girls live at opposite ends of the island which requires much travelling to and from their job. Lani lives out in Hauula and travels by bus. Up at about four each morning she catches the 5 a.m. bus and arrives at the office at 7 o'clock. Such dedication !!

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WAIKIKI PERSONALITIES

Puanani is also cut from the same heroic mold. She lives in Waianae, begins her drive to the University of Hawaii at 4 a.m., carries a full class load (16 credit hours), maintains a 4.0 grade average and works in the afternoon. Still having time on her hands, she tutored a "D" student to bring his grades up to an "A"! To make things a little tougher, the boy is blind.

We want them to know we appreciate their efforts and are proud to have them on our team.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

STOP!!!!.....walking through the Dining Lanai to the Employee Lunch Area. PCC employees including constructionworkers persist in using the Dining Lanai as a short-cut to the Employee Lunch Area... pausing for an unauthorized drink at the bubbler machines.....walking into visitors during our busiest periods or falling over brooms and buckets during clean up.....ignoring signs and verbal requests to STOP!!!

"Eh bruddah, sistah--we on the same team only different specialty. Please kokua. No puka thru again---OK?"

WHO'S NEWS

PELE TAUTU, our longtime head timekeeper, well-known by all PCC, has been promoted. Look out for him as he supervises the roofing gang in the Villages. Pele decided he needed more sunshine and fresh air so he went looking for an outdoor job. He is now Roofing Supervisor.

RICHARD PETERS once employed as Laie Tours Guid who left to work in Laie Village Food mart is back again. This time as timekeeper replacing Pele at the window.

MOLIA SALANOA of Maintenance and COLINDA BARENABA of the Dining Lanai were married Saturday March 21. Much happiness to them.

VISA TAUILILI of Maintenance finally got married March 7. Too bad girls, he was hooked by an outsider.



CHIT CHAT WITH Elepai'o

Such an exiting week last week culminating with the introduction of the Center's new manager on Saturday morning in the amphitheater.

The luau in honor of Vern Hardisty Thursday, March 20 was really something! Such excitement! So reminiscent of ancient Polynesia with music and dancing, torchlights on the lagoon, a flotilla of canoes, crowds of people and an abundance of delicious food. The atmosphere that prevailed almost took one back to a time when celebrations such as this might very probably have happened. A whole new perspective unfolds as the canoes drifted with flower leis and gifts. The ancient tohua took on an aura of romance and nostalgia with the wind sighing a sad farewell; the warm kiss of the evening rain, a blessing from the ancient Gods, touching the cheeks of friends and acquaintances soon to be missed by the Hardisty family. An evening in paradise that will be recalled many times over.

A thousand thank you's to all who worked to make this luau a great success. Without the gracious support and cooperation of the entire PCC staff and employees it couldn't have been done. From all indications and individual comments everyone enjoyed themselves. Activities such as this and a willingness to work together is what makes PCC such a wonderfully unique, extraordinary place to work.

We will no doubt miss Vern and his family, though we should not dwell any longer on what is past. Let us be aware of the present which will determine the course of all tomorrows.

Let us welcome Bill Cravens with all confidence without hesitation. He looks forward to our support to maintain the upward trend in employee morale and overall PCC success.

WHAT'S NEW AROUND PCC

The long-awaited moving day has arrived. Hawaii and Tahiti have moved into their new villages. They are delighted with the spaciousness of the houses and are looking forward to the crowded summer days.

With the extension of the lagoon came a request to find some way to give it life. Therefore, two beautiful mute swans have been imported to polynesia all the way from the Indianapolis Zoo. Please take care of them so they will enjoy a long life and become contented enough to produce offsprings.



Have you wondered what Salome Uluave a Tongan weaver is doing weaving in the Maori Village, likewise Mom Logan in Tahiti? What is happening is a cultural interchange. Villagers are swapping ideas and teaching each other through this interaction. Such a marvelous idea to help develop a more profound appreciation of each culture.

"What will happen to the 'old' Hawaii and Tahiti Villages?" is a question being asked everywhere. If you would visit there today you will be invited to learn to play the ukulele with Tafili or sit under the lauhala tree and learn to sing polynesian songs with the musicians; look around for the various medicinal herbs and learn of its uses. You need wonder no more. Go on over and become involved.

Mahalo to Tavita Tufaga's wife for the beautiful lauhala mats she brought from Samoa to place in the villages.



WALT DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM CLUB®



EXPERIENCE DISNEYLAND!

Disneyland will welcome Magic Kingdom Club families during March with a variety of special Spring events climaxed by an old-fashioned Easter celebration.

Festivities begin on Saturday March 22, when Disneyland will host its annual "Spring Fling" featuring popular recording group, The Miracles, talented rhythm and blues singer, Carol Douglas, and the exciting rock group Tavares.

During the 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a. m. party, guests holding special tickets will also be able to enjoy unlimited use of Disneyland's more than 50 major adventures (except shooting galleries), as well as be eligible to win major prizes which will be given away throughout the evening.

Then, on March 23, Disneyland will kick-off an entire week of Spring holiday entertainment....day and night.

Among the talented aggregations scheduled to appear are, "The Rhodes Kids" for afternoon shows, and "Blue Swede"...an up-and-coming new rock group from Sweden...during evening hours.

Completing the Spring's activities will be Disneyland's Traditional Easter Parade, which will promenade down Main Street U.S.A. at 2 pm on Sunday, March 30.

This colorful pageant, staged in a circa 1900 setting, is one of the few old-fashioned Easter Parades presented in the nation and highlights music, decorated horseless carriages, antique bicycles and a variety of performers in turn-of-the-century costumes.

Except for special Spring vacation hours, Disneyland will be open from 9 a.m. to midnight, while Easter Sunday March 30, the Park will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Completing the month, Disneyland will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 31.

Just a reminder that the Disneyland Mini-Vacation features the Club's Magic Key theme park ticket books for all the adventures and thrills of Disneyland, accommodations at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge just across the street from Disneyland, plus your choice of "Goodtime Features" on the three or four night plan. The Disneyland Mini-Vacation is available as a two-night, three-night, or four-night plan from \$33.50 per person-double occupancy.

For more information on any of the MKC Mini-Vacations at Disneyland please contact Chuck McCutcheon at Ext. 137.

