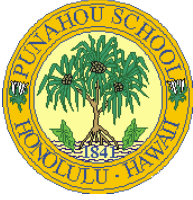


Punahou Class of 1959



**CLASS NOTES FOR THE SUMMER EDITION  
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**Bob Akinaka, Alvin Narimatsu '58, Ray Schoenke, Roy Imai, Benny Samson, Cecil Albao and Wally Arakawa.**

The Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Banquet was held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on January 23rd. **Ray Schoenke**, one of six inductees and our class football legend, hosted his entire family as well as several of his Punahou football teammates from our class and the class of 1958. In the picture from left to right are **Bob Akinaka**, Alvin Narimatsu '58, **Ray**, **Roy Imai**, **Benny Samson**, **Cecil Albao** and **Wally Arakawa**. Also attending the event were Larry Johnson, Dave Fairbanks, Kale Ane and Walter Dods -- former Punahou Trustee. It was a great evening for **Ray** and his family and a great tribute to Ray and all the awardees.

Ray played for the Dallas Cowboys (1963 – 1964) and the Washington Redskins (1966 – 1975). After his football career he established an extremely successful national insurance brokerage firm (Roy Imai ran the Honolulu office) which was sold in 1998. Ray has been involved in a long list of well-known boards and commissions including helping to form the Special Olympics for which he received the Kennedy Family Award from the Joseph Kennedy Foundation. In 1998 he was a candidate for Governor of Maryland. A very distinguished career!

In from **Diane Devereux** Ackerson is news regarding the 2015 Garden Club of Honolulu's Major Flower and Horticulture Show at the Honolulu Museum of Art. The theme was "Paradise" and the third-place-winner of "Perfection Terrarium" class was **Diana Jardine** whose entry, like others, was an extremely well-planned and executed symbology of the life around us. Also received was a news article featuring **Paula Bartels** Grupido who runs an iconic motorcycle shop, founded by her late husband, in Kanehoe. The article describes more than the ups and downs of the motorcycle business (no pun intended) and focuses on the superb and friendly service, long-term employees, and exceptional customer loyalty. Still a biker? Go there!

**Andre Tatibouet** passed on an article from the University of Hawaii regarding Dr. **Robert "Wilky" Wilkinson**, Professor of Pediatrics, who was honored for his leadership in pediatric oncology through the Children's Oncology Group. This is one of many awards and recognitions for Wilky over the years – including being known as the "Father of Pediatric Oncology".

**Katy Cabot** Shoemaker achieved an unusual level of fame by being sort of featured in a local TV program that focused on the Rent-the-Chicken service that she engaged. You rent two chickens for six months, the company teaches you how to feed the chickens, clean the cages, and all that (we are not making this up). You get the eggs and the option to buy the chickens after six months. Her pet parrot Homer was not amused by the competition. In contrast to these docile East Coast chickens, another classmate (who will remain unnamed for security reasons) experienced the invasion of Hawaii warrior chickens who escaped all efforts to disrupt their destruction of yard plantings. So – we have quiet and not-so-smart chickens who may well be potential recruits for craftier, more organized, and violent brethren. There could be a lesson here! Stay on watch!

A reminder that the third Thursday of every month there is a 59er lunch-bunch at 1:00 PM at the Eagle Café at the Nimitz Center (1130 N. Nimitz Highway). Contact **Susan Hata** O'Connor (808-393-2303) for more information.

Our quiet and insightful **Marjorie Middleton** became Dr. Marjorie A. England, a distinguished member of the University of Leicester Medical School in Britain. She joined the Anatomy department soon after its inception and played an important part in establishing the teaching of Human Morphology to many generations of medical students. Following retirement, Marjorie developed and extended her artistic interests as well as her lifelong commitment to the role of women in science. She passed away earlier this year.

**Dick and Sandy Ednie** forward this photo taken on their annual tour of different countries in Asia, taken at the Semenggoh Nature Reserve and Wildlife Centre in Sarawak, Malaysia. The preserve was established in 1975 to care for wild animals which have either been found injured in the forest, orphaned, or were previously kept as illegal pets. The main aims of the Centre include rehabilitating wild animals who have been injured, orphaned in the wild or handicapped by prolonged captivity with the objective of subsequently releasing them back to the wild; conducting research on wildlife and captive breeding programs for endangered species; and educating visitors and the general public about the importance of conservation.



left to right **Dick Ednie**, **Sandy Ednie**, Jean Yokoyama, Judy Folk, Susie Folk Thain, Puchi Romig, **Merrill Johnston**, Lani Twomey. Dick, Sandy and Merrill are '59ers, Jean, Puchi, Susie are '58ers, Judy is '64 and Lani in '70. Missing are **Sonja Mollenhoff Massey** '59 and Lorna Larsen-Jeyte '58.

**Jon Larson** writes that he and Karen are enjoying their 50th Anniversary Year. “Since we don't plan to do this again, we wanted to make the most of it this time around. May 1<sup>st</sup>, Lei Day in Hawaii, is easy to remember as the actual date. Friends and family shared it with us at our home of 40 years here in Tiburon just north of San Francisco. We look forward to 11 days on the Princess cruising Alaska with our family and grandchildren in July. In September we are leading 50 of our Yale 1963 classmates and spouses/partners on an 18 day Tour de France which will include three days in Normandy, three days in the Loire Valley, seven days barging canals in Dijon/Burgundy, and four days in Paris.” Jon is planning a similar Tour de France in September 2016 for Punahou '59 and other Punahou Alumni. Stay tuned! He stays busy running his small family non-profit [Larson Family Foundation](#) and his venture capital company [Investment Recover Partners](#) for himself and 28 Partners, funding startup companies and managing them to liquidity (or more often to failure).



**Jim Haley** reports that the original vision and mission of the [Iliahi Foundation of Hawaii](#) has been successfully accomplished. All seeding, growing, outplanting and tending operations are now completed. Over two thousand native Hawaiian trees and plants outplanted since 2000 are growing in the Waianae and Koolau. Education programs for children will insure future generations share the commitment to the environment. **Jim Haley, Susan Hata O'Connor, Ron Iwamoto, Jon Larson, and Judith Flanders** Staub '58, were among the founding Punahou members. All remaining cash has been gifted to other non-profit organizations for their activities supporting the mission of preserving and enhancing the native plant and tree species of Hawaii. The Hawaiian plants and trees (some of which are approaching 30 feet now), have created by design a permanent seed bank in the Honouliuli Nature Preserve area in the Waianae Mountains on Oahu. In one of many special projects, Koa and Iliahi trees were planted high up mauka on Kualoa Ranch land in the Koolau by the Punahou class of 2009 the year before their graduation in preparation for their 50th class reunion and class gift. Were those trees mature, grade AA, and harvested today they would be worth \$3,500,000 according to a U.S. Forestry estimate. The board extends a huge mahalo to all of the Punahou 1959 classmates who assisted Iliahi Foundation operations over the years. A good job well done by all.



Iliahi Foundation founding board members are retiring.



Kualoa Ranch site outplanted in the Koolau.

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On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, October, January, and April you can read class notes and pictures as they were submitted to Punahou, about two months before they appear in the official Punahou Bulletin. This web site space is not limited, so we can include a lot of additional text and many more photos than the limit imposed for the Bulletin.

Go to the class website (address above) and sign in. Forgot the password? Contact **Jon Larson** at his email address [jon\\_larson@hotmail.com](mailto:jon_larson@hotmail.com) .



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