

## PUNAHOU CLASS OF 1959 - JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 BULLETIN



Welcome to our new format of our consolidated 1959 Alumni Bulletin for the year. As always, Jan and Karl will collect our quarterly updates and photos and submit them for printing in the Punahou Bulletin, and forward them to Jon at the same time for inclusion in the class notes section of our own web site at [www.lff1.org/punahou59](http://www.lff1.org/punahou59) password **pun59**.

The space for words and photos in the Punahou Bulletin is very limited. Our online version of our Bulletin Notes has no restrictions on space so we will include all submissions and photos submitted by classmates. Here are the consolidated class notes for January – December, 2017.

We put new postings at the front and continue to include the previous updates for the year towards the end, to give each of us a review of the entire calendar year. We will enhance the **In Memoriam** section to include all classmates who have passed in the current year, shown at the end of the consolidated bulletin.

Please send us your family photos, and also remembrances and we will include them in the In Memoriam section.

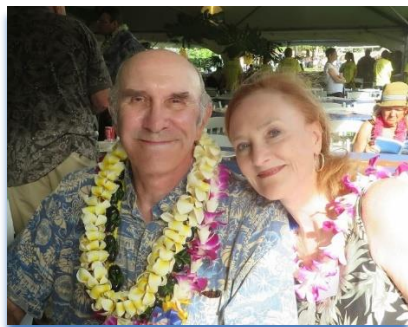
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*Me kealoha pumehana, (our warmest regards)... Karl, Jan and Jon*





## Winter 2017 - '59 Bulletin:

Mother nature was not very friendly this last three months – weather has been unsettling all over the mainland – the West coast with high heat and, as you know, hurricane Harvey hit Texas hard, then flew over to Tennessee where Ann and Frank Young survived Harvey's winds but a few trees fell, along with 5"+ of rain, and the winds blew like crazy. The power was out for more than 12 hours. Bad timing, sons, Dennis & Kit were in town for Ann's and son Dennis' birthdays. Clean up will be slow as several trees went down, one immense beech. That alone will take many days to do safely with running chainsaws and wood splitters.

Good thing Bridget and Art Dederick visited Frank & Ann last June. Seems Frank put in a request for good weather and it was delivered. Meals were delicious and stories flowed. A lovely slice of heaven on earth. No vineyard but plenty of wine. They had a great time.

A week after Harvey, Irma went crashing down on the many islands in the Caribbean and Florida, where several of our classmates live– we heard from Susan Johnson Matuszak saying they were hunkered down in their home. The day after Irma hit she wrote saying they were very lucky, no damage to the house and never lost power but were without the land line for a while. Her final message about the storm was *"I'm back to as normal as possible for me!"*

We have tried checking with the others, Bruce Tomas and Sally got through fine as did Gretchen Ann Bacon – but we weren't able to reach the other two.

Not only were there the horrors of the hurricanes but preceding them there was the eclipse that covered some of the lower 48 states, not sure who had the best sighting – Janet Hughes Turner and Fred were able to recline in their back yard to watch the once in a life time event. Ann and Frank Young had a similar view by their pool, then there were those of us in northern California who couldn't see the sky for all the fog, very disappointing.

Tom Chun and Jan Collins Moreno organized a small luncheon for those of us who not only attended Punahou but started high school together at University High – Eric Herrick and John Cooper, along with Johns' wife Kathy joined Tom and Judi at the Menlo Circus Club where we sat on the lanai with constant chatter of times at Punahou and UHS. Wish that more of the nine who transferred with us could have joined us.

Jon Larson and Karen had Elsbeth McKeen stay with them while in the Bay Area for her recent treatment in the Stanford University Medical Center's pioneering study on Glaucoma using new stem cell techniques to regrow damaged retinal nerves. We have good news –

looks like the treatment is doing some good. Beth is in good spirits and is happy with the progress. She still has at least two more appointments in the next few months, so keep your fingers crossed for continued success.



*Dick and Sandy celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> in March, 2017 on the Big Island with their family. Dick remains in as good physical health as any of his men classmates, and Sandy looks as slim and gorgeous now as when Dick was able to secure her hand in marriage fifty years ago.*

Some flashback photos:



*Pam with her family up Haleakala on Maui before our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.*



*Liz in Mongolia this year.*

It is with sadness we report that Roger Lochbaum has passed away. Our own Diane Devereux Ackerson wrote:

*“Roger’s endless sense of humor, gentility, and generosity helped him get through Life which continued until he passed on September 24th. He was one of my special, close friends. We both went through so many hurdles – not atypical of Life but who knew? Miss Hall’s class never taught us how to get through deaths, divorces, cancers which we taught each other by default. Roger helped so many (recently John Moore, Ron Iwamoto) as he struggled for years with multiple myeloma and was an example of courage, class, and honor of how we humans over come so much together.”*



Jon Larson wrote:

*“Roger was one of the Maunalani Heights gang along with Jimbo Haley. I met Roger in the sixth grade at Liliuokalani school in Kaimuki and we both graduated on to Punahou together in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Roger quickly gained most popular status amongst his new classmates. Easily the largest of his classmates, he acquired the nickname of “Lumpy” which stuck on longer than he would have wished. Aloha nui old friend. We miss you. Our world is a smaller place without you.”*

Roger is survived by his lovely wife, Jeanette and their son, Milo Lochbaum, M.D. ('98), an anesthesiologist in San Francisco and two grandchildren.

Aloha nui Roger, our dear friend...

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## Spring/Summer/Fall 2017 - '59 Bulletin:

**Robby Robertson** sent us some intriguing information about the late **Kimo Tabor** (the full story is on Jon Larson's website: [www.lff1.org/punahou59](http://www.lff1.org/punahou59)). In the seventies, Kimo was hired by the Nature Conservancy (TNC), then still in formative stages here in Hawai'i. TNC had received a large donation and needed to find alternative Hawai'i land that merited preserving, to fulfill the wishes of their donor. By then, Kimo had hiked from the top of Maulua Nui to the bottom and noted the high concentration of native birds and a very rare Lobelia plant. He proposed that TNC apply the donor funds to purchase a portion of our land to which we agreed. Thus Kimo secured the first increment of the Hakalau Refuge, which is now owned and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Today, it encompasses over 32,000 acres and has become a priceless resource for re-establishing native forest habitat ensuring preservation of rare – and in some cases all but extinct – native birds and plants. It's a sanctuary that, thanks to Kimo and his inquiring mind, persistence and vision, my 'ohana was able to help create for all of us and future generations to learn from and enjoy.

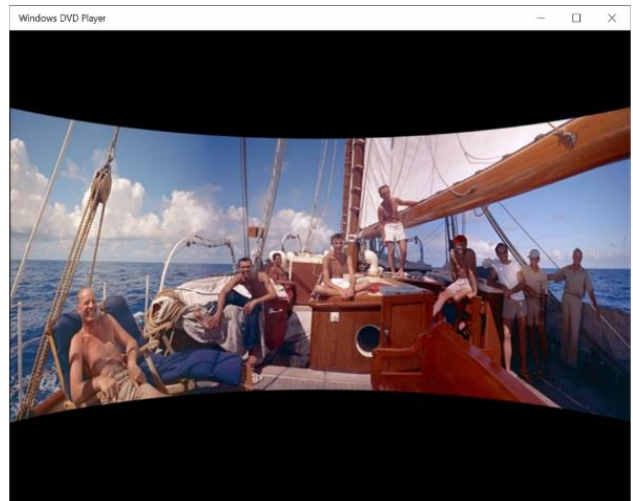
In the Fall 2016 Bulletin, there was an article about the global voyage of the double-hulled canoe, **Hokule'a**. After crossing the Pacific, Indian, and Atlantic oceans (think about that for a minute!) Hokule'a arrived on the East Coast of 70 Punahou Bulletin Alumni Notes When the voyaging canoe, Hokule'a, made a stop in Newport News, Virginia, Cynnle "CB" Ames '59 Petersen (center) crossed the York River to visit childhood friend Billy Blankenfeld (right) and his son, Bruce (left), who was the navigator for the next leg of the trip.

Spring 2017 71 Alumni Notes the United States. One of stops was in the Newport News, Virginia area where they had some repair work done and interacted with local Native American tribes – part of their mission. **Cynnle Belle "CB" Ames Petersen**, who lives across the York River, stopped by to see her Hokule'a friends including Bruce Blankenfeld, the navigator for the next leg, and his father, Billy, who has been friends with CB since they "were small kids." It is both a big world and a small one. In October, Hurricane Matthew came galloping up the East Coast before peeling off to sea about the Virginia border (thank you!). There were a lot of downed trees and flooding, but all of our classmates who live in the areas affected by Matthew, and Hermine before, came out unscathed!



In September, (above) Karen and **Jon Larson** led 41 of Jon's Yale colleagues and their travel mates on a 21-day tour of the British Isles, including England, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, the Lakes District and London proper. A year earlier in September of 2016, they led 54 of his Yale classmates and partners on a three-week Tour de France to include Burgundy barging, the Loire Valley, Normandy and Paris.

**John Hoxie** had a visit with **Tracy Lewis** at his home in Hilo. Tracy, a retired realtor, now has a current passion of shooting sporting clays. If you haven't tried that – it isn't easy!



Sixty years ago (gasp!!) **Bob Liljestrand** and **Karl Polifka** (above) returned from their summer as stewards on the MV Te Vega, a 135 foot schooner under charter to a movie company. They sailed from Honolulu to Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora, Tonga, and Fiji experiencing environments which, like everything else, have changed radically over the years. Catering to a movie crew was in itself an experience whose description will be left to reunion stories. The picture is of **Karl** (left) and **Bob** during the filming of an equator crossing scene. The Cinerama film, South Seas Adventure, is still available. As **Bob** says, “*We made the cut.*”

Below is a link to a story about the return of the **Hokule’a** canoe to Hawaii after an round the world voyage. A moving and gripping story. [“Hokule’a Returns to Hawaii”](#)

The picture of **Frank Young** and **Doug Wilburn** was taken in Pigeon Forge, TN. **Frank** and Ann were there as a part of the annual Lions Club State Convention. **Doug** and Anne, the ever-traveling **Wilburn’s**, drove from NC to meet them. They wandered the malls, experienced great restaurants plus great camaraderie. **Frank** and Ann rode the monster Ferris wheel allowing a bird’s eye view of the Gatlinburg area damaged by fire.



Frank and Doug

Bridget and **Art Dederick**, also known as the ever-traveling **Dederick’s**, drove to Nashville, TN to meet up with old friends from their days at Headquarters European Command (EUCOM) at Stuttgart, Germany. They had a great time at The Grand Old Opry (including absurdly priced drinks), the Country Music Hall of Fame, and a visit to The Hermitage – President Andrew Jackson’s home. Then it was off to Tennessee Ridge to visit **Frank Young** where they toured his 50 acre farm in a John Deere Gator and had a great time catching up on what they’ve been doing. The **Young, Dederick, and Polifka** couples plan to get together in October in Williamsburg, VA – probably joined by **Cynn timer Belle “CB” Ames** and Dick Petersen who live just across the York River.



Frank and Artie at the Piggly Wiggly.  
Good looking legs guys.

**Judy Ho** Schultz wrote about some of her continuing activities which include entertaining at retirement and nursing communities doing, yes, tap dancing! Her dancing team also performed at the Missouri History Museum in May. They learn new dances during the winter and then spread their show to a senior audience in many venues. The “Senior Tappers Exhibition” will be the opening event of the Missouri Senior Olympics. Tap-de-tap de tap tap tap, clickity clack, tap tap. You have to stay busy and thinking!

**Denby Fawcett** published another great story, this time the role of lei makers during World War II. See: <http://www.civilbeat.org/2017/04/denby-fawcett-how-hawaiis-lei-sellers-joined-the-war-effort/> . Denby is a longtime Hawaii television and newspaper journalist, who grew up in Honolulu. Her book, *Secrets of Diamond Head: A History and Trail Guide* is available on Amazon. All of Denby's posted articles can be viewed at <http://www.civilbeat.org/author/denby-fawcett/> Jon Larson recalls giving Denby a carnation lei that matched the color of her dress and shoes for his first date, taking Denby to the Junior Prom at the Princess Kaiulani, driving his Mom's Buick Skyklark for the special occasion.

**Sheila Fletcher Kreimelman** and Art spent two months on vacation in Honolulu this summer. No teaching, no shows to work, just on vacation, and they escaped the East Coast heat. Here Sheila dines with Viki and Bob.







**The '59 Lunch Bunch** has been meeting monthly at Uncle's Fish Market and Grill on Pier 38 for four years. Here at the most recent get together are: **Susan Hata** and **Libby Orrick** (front), **Bob Akinaka**, **Tek Yoon**, **Merrill Johnson**, **Lyn Knox**, **Teddie Lam**, **Dana Anderson**, **Audrey Dobson**, **Alan Bush** and **Chris McKenzie**. PS; As a matter of custom and policy for the Newsletter and our Web site, we defer to the maiden names of our wahine. This is how most of us remember you best. We hope the ladies do not mind this custom.



Veteran deep sea fishing boat Captain Chris McKenzie, piloting his own Eleu, caught a 128 lb. Marlin in the Ko Olina Fishing Tournament on June 10th. Twenty-one boats entered. Eleu's catch took second place. First place was a 132 lb. Ahi. Ron Iwamoto was part of the crew.

## YEAR 2017 - IN MEMORIAMs

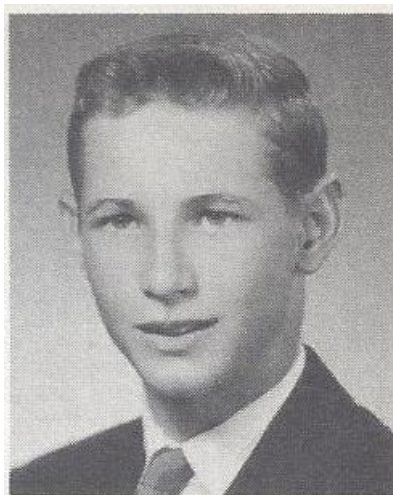


2017 has been a particularly difficult year for us, having lost so many of our classmates before their time and before we were ready to accept their and our inevitable passing.

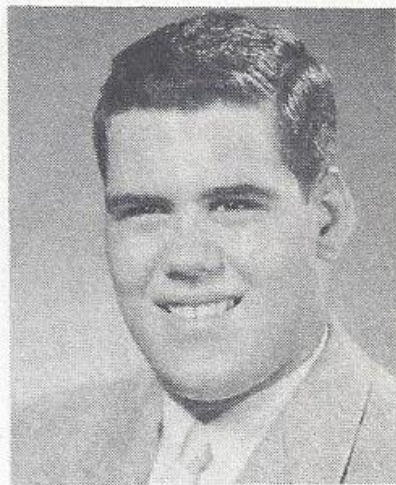
**Jimbo Haley, Sonja Mollenhoff Massey, Bob Hons, Stan Dzura, Ted Cleghorn, Jack Hastreiter, Roger Lochbaum,** and the closing of our **Iliahi Foundation** after 17 years.

**Jack Hastreiter** passed away on May 20 after a long battle with cancer. **Jack was a long time** Delta pilot. He is survived by Didi, his wife of nearly 50 years, three children and 15 grandchildren. A Navy pilot, he moved on to Delta Airlines and later Boeing as an instructor.

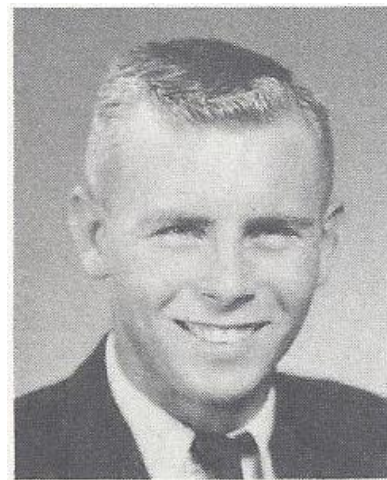
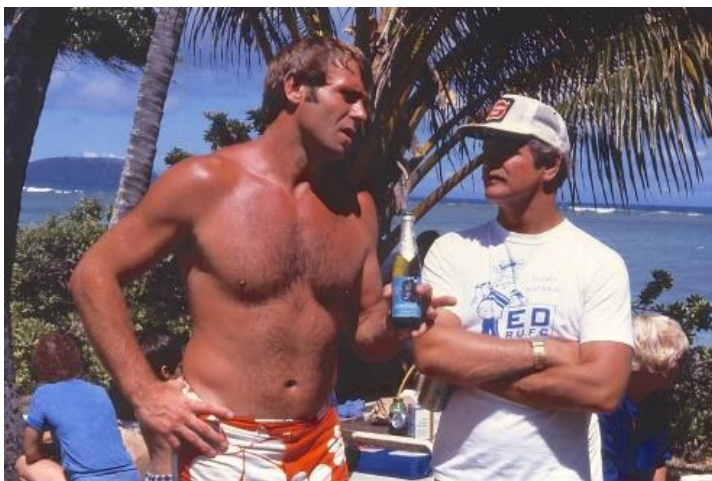
**Dave Moore** described him as a de facto leader of Barbers Point Navy kids and an excellent surfer. He had a full and interesting life that touched many corners.



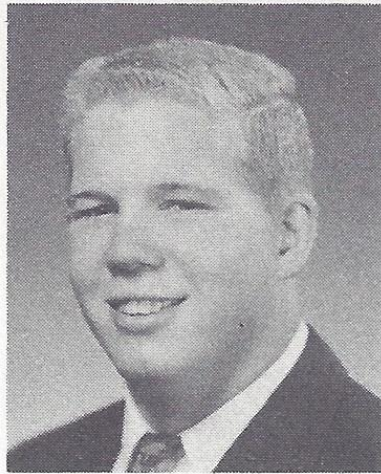
**Robert “Bobby” Hons** passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 20. **Bobby** was one of the Wilcox dorm gang that included **Kent Whitman, Hugh Willocks, Richard Cartwright, Dickie Furtado, Harlan Cadinha, Henry Ayau, Ian Thain, John Hoxie,** and **Kelly Greenwell**. **Bobby** was a founding partner in Willocks Construction Company and had an extremely good reputation in the construction business. He is survived by spouse Pamela and three children.



**Stan Dzura** died in a medical care facility in Kona on May 26. There are no immediate family survivors. This link; <http://www.calbears.com/news/2017/6/6/rugby-cal-legend-stan-dzura-has-died.aspx> from the University of California at Berkeley is an excellent description of the remarkable and inspiring life that Stan led. He left a wide wake of inspiration and admiration wherever he went and will be missed by all.



Stan at one of our '59 reunions on Kahala Beach.



### **Ted and Marilyn Janssen '59 Cleghorn**

Ted passed in December of 2016. Marilyn reports *“Ted had been ill for many years and was on HOSPICE. Through his illness he was so positive and if you asked him how he was he would reply “I’m FANTASTIC”. He fought his illness very quietly and always had a smile on his face. He’s the bravest man I’ve ever known and I miss him.”* We bid a fond aloha to Ted and offer our sincere condolences to Marilyn and the entire Cleghorn family.

### **Sonja Mollenhoff Massey**



Warm words of remembrance from some of Sonja’s many friends are printed here from amongst an outpouring of grief over the sudden and too early passing of our dear classmate Sonja, loved by all...

It’s with great sadness that I have to pass along that Sonja passed away early Saturday, April 8th. She was sleeping peacefully with family close by. She suffered from complications after a lengthy bout with multiple myeloma, an incurable, but treatable cancer that works on blood and bone marrow. Originally diagnosed in

2010/2011 this didn't slow her down from multiple adventures with the Punahou/Holo Holo gang. She progressed through a succession of treatments, never losing her great attitude and wonderful demeanor. **Scott Massey**

I cannot express words better than Sandy has in how we all have seen Sonja in our lives. We all loved her as a friend from Kindergarten on and our travel group is no exception. Jean is an avid picture taker and has put together this wonderful show of Scott and Sonja on the different travels we took. I know you will enjoy seeing and remembering Sonja in our happy times together. Aloha **Dick Ednie**

I have nothing but fond memories of a very special lady. My first real encounter with Sonja was on Ong Ho (Tiger Island) in the Mekong Delta. While exploring the island she had come across a preschool which she was excited to tell me about. She returned back to the school with me and when I saw the excitement and joy on her face surrounded by the children I knew that she had to be a very loving person. **Jean Matsuo**

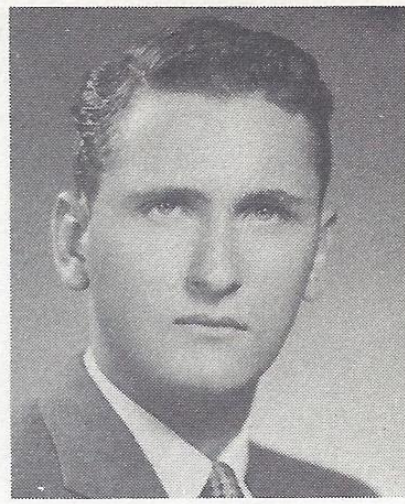
**Sonja Mollenhoff Massey** was an exceptional person her whole life. She was naturally beautiful, in body, smile and soul. I summarize her as being an incredibly inclusive person, without guile. She wanted to include all, anyone, everyone into a world of confidence, of being at ease with those around them, accepted and acceptable. I was lucky enough to feel her human warmth, to call her friend. Few carried themselves with the grace, and the Grace, that flowed naturally through Sonja.

Sonja was a gift to Punahou, and the class of 1959. How does this happen? So many people cross our lives, so many personalities, and then a tiny few shine out, early on, and then Forever! Never to be forgotten. Sonja was one of those. Thank you Scott, for making Sonja happy and 'complete'. Thank you for bringing her on the HoloHolo trips to reconnect with Punahou and reach out to our world. Thank you for your photography Scott, (carrying that heavy camera) recording our trips, re-living them, flashing random countenances to the fore.

Sonja shone, embracing each of us, yet not dominating our adventure. That too is a work of art the Massey's gifted to each of us. Sonja was not so sheltered she missed the misery that life can bring. She was not unaware of emotional anguish and physical pain. We remember her disappointment when unable to hike Bhutan's Tiger's Nest Monastery. But now, quiet leader that she was, we will all, one day, follow again.

A hui hou, Sonja Massey. **Sandy and Dick Ednie**

## Jim “Jimbo” Haley



With the recent passing of **Jimbo Haley**, co-founder and operations manager, the Iliahi Foundation [www.lff1.org/iliahi](http://www.lff1.org/iliahi) planting and tending seasons are now completed after 17 years. The seeds from their plantings and trees will continue to bring new life to the forests of the Waianae and the Koolau. In one of our many projects with the youth of Hawaii led by Jimbo, we assisted the Punahou class of 2009 to plant a very large grove of koa and iliahi trees in the mountains high above Kualoa Ranch on the northeast shore of Oahu. They plan to harvest at their 50th reunion to sell the koa and sandalwood for a hoped for \$1 million gift to Punahou. Our classmates that made all this happen include **Jon Larson, Jim Haley, Susan Hata O'Conner, Ron Iwamoto, Clayden Jim, Teddie Lam, Elsbeth McKeen**, Judith Flanders Staub ('58), and countless anonymous donations from '59. Please go to our '59 website at [www.lff1.org/punahou59/](http://www.lff1.org/punahou59/) and check out two links at the top of the index panel on the left. These are excellent videos of this project and the impact it will have for generations. Or just click below to view them directly from here.

[“Iliahi Foundation video”](#)

[Punahou Class of 1959 "Outside Hawaii" video](#)

Aloha friends of the Iliahi Foundation of Hawaii, [www.lff1.org/iliah](http://www.lff1.org/iliah)

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - 3:22 King James Version of the Bible first two verses

1 "To every thing there is a Season, and a Time to every purpose under the heaven:

2 A time to be Born, and a time to Die; a time to Plant, and a time to Harvest that which is planted;"...

Our planting and tending seasons are now over. Our great efforts and associations together over the past 17 years will now be harvested, and the seeds from our plantings and trees will continue to bring new life to the forests of the Waianae and the Koolau. (In just one of our many projects with the youth of Hawaii led by Jimbo, we assisted the Punahou class of 2009 to plant a very large grove of koa and iliahi trees in the mountains high above Kualoa Ranch on the northeast Shore of Oahu which they plan to harvest in 2059 at their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion to sell the beautiful koa and sandalwood for a hoped for \$1 million gift to Punahou in their name.)

"With the passing of Jim Haley, our co-founder in 2000 and manager of all Operations over the years, the day to day active operations of the Iliahi Foundation have ceased. All remaining assets including the shade houses we built have been turned over to the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii. Our remaining cash assets were gifted to the Malama Learning Center. Our legacy will continue on through:

- the memory of Jim Haley, the Punahou Class of 1959, and all of those who worked so hard on behalf of the Iliahi Foundation for the peoples of Hawaii,
- the continued work of the hundreds of young people educated through special Iliahi Foundation educational programs and activities,
- our Iliahi Foundation web site of photos and videos taken are a permanent record of our many activities over the 17 years. They are permanently funded and will be maintained by the Larson Family Foundation [www.lff1.org](http://www.lff1.org)
- and by the thousands of native Hawaiian species of trees and plants that were outplanted in the forests of the Waianae and the Koolau. They will continue to flourish and provide a permanent seed bank for those who follow us into the forests with the intent to continue our work to preserve, protect and enhance the species native to the Hawaiian Islands and the associated history and the culture of the peoples of Hawaii. We extend a big Mahalo to all those who worked with us in Iliahi Foundation activities over the years.

Me Kealoha pumehana,





Punahou 1959 outplanting of 11 species of native Hawaiian trees at Honouliuli Nature Preserve in the Waianae Mountains at our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2004.

Species of native Hawaiian trees which the Iliahi Foundation outplanted in its seedings and shadehouse nurseries and out-planting efforts in the Waianae and Koolau include:

1. 'A'ali'i -
2. 'Āweoweo -
3. 'Ewa hinahina
4. Huahuakō -
5. 'Iliahi - *Santalum freycinetianum*
6. 'Ilima -
7. Koa -
8. Lonomea -
9. Maile -
10. 'Ōhi'a Lehua -
11. Wiliwili –