**strategic plan**

The Board received a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation to put together the WAFF Strategic Plan, 2012-2015. We have identified seven major goals and have put together action plans to carry out these goals over the next three years.

- **Increase membership**
- **Strengthen finances**
- **Increase the Endowment to $200,000 by 2015**
- **Increase the number of volunteers participating in events**
- **Improve communications to members, alumni and the community**
- **Evaluate all events**
- **Devise a Board of Directors**
- **Support Waimea High School needs and priorities**

We have formed four committees. They are:

- **Membership**: Alice Brown, Noko Ho, Ed Nakajo, Shionn Murakawa, Katie Uyeda
- **Finance**: Arla Koga, Lyna Mura, Cary Vees, Janice Nitta, Rudy Tanaka
- **Volunteer**: Basilio Fuertes, Katie Hardwick, Adela Ochirang, Lisa Hiroaka, Blynn Hiroaka, Irene Munroa, Blanche Suga
- **Communication**: Tasha Danny, Irene Munroa, Blynn Hiroaka, Blanche Suga

If you are willing to serve on one of these committees, please complete the enclosed Membership Form and return it as indicated, or contact one of the committee members.

**president’s message**

Aloha, Waimea Alumni & Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Foundation projects over the years. Your generosity in donations and time has enabled the Foundation to support the students of Waimea High School.

- We have enabled school clubs and related groups to fundraise totaling more than $105,000.
- We have given grants for school projects totaling more than $73,000.
- Since 2003, the Foundation has presented scholarships and awards to graduating seniors totaling more than $35,000.

We couldn’t have done any of this without the help of our supporters and friends. We sincerely appreciate your help and ask for your continued support.

We continue to recognize deserving individuals who have given much to their school and/or community through our annual kalo. This year’s General Membership Meeting and Luau will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012 on the front lawn of the campus. The meeting and program will begin at 4:00 pm with a kalo dinner to follow.

This year, the Board received a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation. With this generous grant, we were able to contract Naikne Nakumua of NOK Project Planning and are in the process of putting together a Strategic Plan for the Foundation.

Planning for the 2013 WAFF Carnival will begin in August, 2012. The meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesdays of each month at the Waimea Neighborhood Center beginning at 6:30 pm. We need volunteers for all the committees. If you can help, please come.

The WAFF Board of Directors meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Waimea Neighborhood Center beginning at 7:00 pm. All alumni and friends are welcome.

There is so much information that we want to convey to you but we need to limit what we can include in this issue, but we will send you more information in our later issues. We are sending this issue via the US Postal Service. If you wish to receive future newsletters by e-mail, complete the Membership Form and return it to us.

Hope to hear from you or see you at our meetings. Mahalo,

Janice F. Nitta
2012 WAFF President
2012 WAFF Carnival
A Huge Success

The alumni classes were ready; the food was prepared, the games were ready, and the stage was set! With the crowds coming and going, The 2012 Walmeck Alumni and Friends Foundation’s annual carnival drew in hundreds of people from all walks of life. Current students, teachers, parents, future Menhennie, politicians, supporters, and of course fellow alumni were among the crowds.

With the greatest task of organizing, planning, buying, setting up, and ensuring everything ran smoothly in the food booth, Lisa Sampaio Hiraoka did just that. For the seventh year in a row, the food booths had lines of hungry people just waiting to eat all of the delicious food that was offered like the Lou Lou dinner plates done by the WHS Menhennie Band Program and so many more. Besides the many other dinner plates, let’s not forget the other delicious offerings of Saimin, Pronto Pups, Flying Sauces, and Andagi. A special thank you going out to the following classes for their hard work and volunteering for running the booths. Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1994. Another special thank you goes out to the grillers for the main plate on both nights Patrick Pereira, Glenn and Cheryl Morimoto, and Mike Nakata; and Food Booth Assistants Phillo Badus, Bobby and Janice Tanita, Gordon Hadida, Scott Hanner, Bruce Hiraoka, and Brian Hiraoka. Clubs and organizations, both on and off campus, were given the opportunity to raise funds in the forms of games and snack booths. The WHS Cheer Team did the handbell, throw and basketball toss; the Robotics Club made shaved ice, popcorn, and did face painting; the JROTC Battalion entertained the little ones with their “keiki kome.” The Language Arts Department did a fish pond; the Spanish Club did a Spanish triva game; the Hula Club did a duck pond; the Class of 2012 did ring toss; and the Waimalea Project Graduation sold ice cream and cotton candy. These groups had the task of selling $500.00 worth of carnival tickets to “reserve” their space, were responsible for getting all of their necessary materials to run the booths, and assisted with the setting up and breaking down of the carnival booths. Needless to say, they all raised the needed funds. So, if you want to reserve your space for next year’s carnival, start sending a representative to our carnival planning meetings beginning in August!

Speaking about snacks, a really big shout out goes to the Class of 1963 with their fearless leaders Patsy Nitta and Kathy Ueda, for organizing, setting up, pricing items, and breaking down, the successful Country Store. Fresh orchids, books, clothes, electronics, fresh produce, plants, and best of all the fresh baked goods filled every nook and cranny. I remember hearing the classes saying that working the country store was like having their own little reunion. I hope they are able to do it one more time in 2013, as it would celebrate their 50th class reunion.

With all of the Menhennie pride in the community, those looking for something extra special probably found it in the Silent Auction tent. Fellow alumni’s businesses, West Kauai companies, and corporations, donated a little something to make it a special night for carnival goers. Menhennie Class of 1971 lead by Adela Oshinaga, and Davette Vee-Wise ran and organized the silent auction. There was even a lucky drawing for a handmade quilt donated by fellow alumni, or a two-night stay at the Waimalea Plantation Cottages. Thank you all who donated towards the silent auction.

Then there was the great entertainment that filled the stage on both nights of the carnival. On Friday night, there was Ron Tak, WHS Hula Hula, the 3 Js, the Menhennie Band, Tsunami Tail, and Danny Hamada and the Star Lighters. Saturday night’s Inup included now alumni John Medenine and Friends, the Waimalea Canyon Band, State Cheerleading Champions the Menhennie Cheerleading Team, Familiar Sounds, KuGA dance studio, and highlighting the evening was a performance by Halau Hula O Halili’u under the direction of Alumnae Kuuma Hula Doris Tanita. The class of 1979 was well represented on stage both nights as the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies were Edwin Vea and Kathy Taylor for Friday night, and Rhoda Liberal was the Mistress of Ceremonies on Saturday night.

So, a great BIG MENEHUNE MAHALO goes out to all of the volunteers who have spent their countless time and energy to make this carnival a huge success! The 2013 Carnival is set for February 8th and 9th. We’ll be looking for classes again to volunteer for food booths, setting up, cleaning up, food prep, and organizing other areas of the carnival. Meetings will begin in August, with monthly meetings to follow. Class representatives are encouraged to attend all of our meetings to keep updated with all of the processes going on. For more information, contact myself, Brycen Hiraoka at brycenhiroka@gmail.com.
**Lifetime Members**

61 Larry Aqera
62 Edward Bal
55 Carmen Mateo Bostick
73 Jude Cabanting
47 Felicidad Cagulawan
44 Janeiro Uyer Czar
41 Shigekio Miyagi Chock
57 Lemboni Callew Dクト
46 Clifford Calda
73 Wendell Dang
58 Norma Norina DaDaguer
408 Melinda Darada Dickens
47 Sadie Kabatens Doi
78 Lonnie Doi
426 Mandel Doi
49 Ruby Emura Doi
72 Stanley Doi
77 Steven Doi
72 Crystal Kanha Egusa
45 Hiroshi Enoki
48 Edna Aberu Estrella
76 Jarret Kagawa Fong
40 Alex Fuji
66 Kathleen Tashima Fuji
50 George Fuji
37 Shigeru Fujikawa
43 Gilbert Furado
51 Elaine Hanashiro Gakano
48 Ritchie Genny
53 Mary Mateo Gentry
41 Yuki Bola Gota
40 Dr. George Goto
58 Parey Yoshida Goto
47 Rangi Goto
40 Aiko Nakano Han
40 Nichan Hashimoto
72 Craig Hayashi
45 Malaki Kawakami Hatahisa
40 Valentina Hatash
42 Allison Hanako Kubotan-Higa
40 Karen Yokoyama Higa
48 Edith Masaki Hira
40 Fred Yoshimatsu Hiroyama
49 Betty Hirozawa
40 Masako Ohshiro Hitch
40 Hakoda Hontoki Ho
40 Garnet Suzuki Hokada
40 Helen Doki Honoka
74 Jolie Ibara
40 Salkyo Miyashiro Ichinaga
45 Tad Tadano Ito
42 Charles Itoh
41 Seizo Itoh
49 Tamiko Norimatsu Inoue
58 Howard Holssey
76 Jori Okada Ishihara
42 Masami Ishihara
42 Fumiko Ichida Itozaki
63 Brian Iwata
63 Alwyn Kitada
52 Donald Kanagawa
52 Ulian Katsura
63 Dennis Kauai
60 Rufus Kauhe
37 Keji Kawamura
761. Mazus Kawamura
58 Wallace Kawane
39 Yukiko Takashita Kawasaki
46 Janwah Kimoto
47 Masako Yamamoto Kimura
37 Suiko Hakoda Kimber
59 James Kitamura
55 Esther Matsuoka Kodak
76 Kans Kojima
44 Dr. Glenn Maguire Komake
75 Ronald Kouchi
38 Martha Sidana Kruse
72 Peter Kruse
72 Wendy Matsuda Kruse
50 Mitsuhi Kubota
45 Ryo Kubota
42 Saburo Kubota
43 Miyoko Kunikoa
41 Shuzo Kunikoa
63 Linda Ishibash Kuttun
66 Alvin Kyono
70 Maie Kagawa Lam
40 Janet K. B. Landfield
75 Corine Kubota Lish
40 Carmel Pangning Lee
48 Robert A. Lee Jr.
64 Arnold Leon
40 Michael Midrhee
60 Steven Miodou
40 Helen Martin Martin
40 Helen Matsui
55 Serioso Masaki
40 Barney Mateo
50 Marie Mounjou-Mateo
45 Howard Moudou
41 Saisei Matsuoka
40 Seiwa Matsuda
43 Takashi Matsuda
63 Dennis Matsumoto
41 Ann Sonoe Tatsuka Matsuda
50 Barbara Waterhouse McClord
50 Janice Okazaki McGraw
50 Alloice Sokado Medeiros
40 Alice Higa Miller
58 Allen Miyake
39 Shigotoki Miyazato
48 Fusao Miyayoshi
41 Norma Alko Shimbukuro
43 Miyashiro
46 Moromi Kokubo Monochain
51 Beatrice Ikahara Moreira
47 Glenn Monneta
53 Harry Munakos
63 Nelson Murakos
58 Joyce Alagi Nagata
40 H Barney Nakagawa
63 Jerry Nakagawa
42 Kikuyo Okumura
49 Nakamura
50 Roz Nakashima
59 Edwin Nakayama
63 James Nakayama
39 Katheron Yamamoto Nakama
37 Mardiana Gama Nahida
65 Gaye Nitta
60 Peru Nitta
67 Jeffrey Nitta
65 Norma Nohara
68 Kenichi Nomura
60 Doroteia Tsuchiya Nomura
50 Masayuki Oho
40 Yoko Odo
44 Mutaei Takukuro Ogata
38 Takako Inamura Ogata
48 Allen Okamura
40 Sokiko Okada Okhara
78 Jan Okishiki
70 Dantea Okino
53 Daniel Otsukamit
43 Wato Miyashiro Ono
48 Hideko Orie
43 Koyao Watase Otsuka
51 Kinya Otsuka
74 Joanne Ho Paragon
65 Dr. Isabel Patino
66 Dana Broccardo Pitto
59 John G. Robley
67 Jay Sakih
61 Dennis Sakoda
48 Yoshie Odo Sato
63 Karen Wing Scherfenstein
73 Clare Sawah Seaw
55 Arnold Shimazu
60 Maurice Shiraiwa
50 Roy Shimoishi
72 Sherman Shiraiwa
46 Michio Shimatsu
65 Blanche Izumi Suga
98 Jill Shimagi Suga
98 Leliani Castiwale Suga
95 Keith Suga
99 Kevin Suga
95 Maria Shimatsu Suga
93 Scott Suga
55 Kay Tamarabuchi
65 Clyde Tanita
63 Robert Tanita
78 Fr. Janice Tanita
73 Warran Tanita
40 Geraldine Jardine Tegawa
65 Gertrude Kamaka Toma
62 Kunio Teriba
78 Fr. Joyce Tomohomi
64 Vol Tsuchiya
40 Norma Udaka
64 Shigeru Uehara
75 Plidico Valentino
63 Carmen Mae Fuertes Vienta
53 Manuel Naakawa Vincent
49 Mark Yoshio Watsabe
52 Richard Watsabe
50 Helen Sue Waterhouse Wilson
66 Martine Wilson
45 Leslie Yaguchi
59 Yee Miyake Yamashita
70 Aimee Suzuki Yamamoto
49 Akimuto Yamamoto
50 Georga Yamamoto
42 Kinse Kishimoto Yamamoto
50 Tachiyama Yamamoto
41 Grace Seida Yamamoto
44 Tatsumo Yamamoto
47 Akiko Shiman Yamamoto
66 Dr. Harold Yamasse
46 Miuoka Hidaka Yonta
52 Sosko Yaitake Yoshida
55 Norman Yoshimoto
58 Fr. Friend

**DECEASED**

48 Hirochichi Aokoa
51 Amy Morishita Arney
45 Richard Dov
73 Tatsuki Fuji
43 Monroe Gengo
43 Dr. Ben Hiroshi Hirano
37 Shuree Hirozawa
40 Rodney Husted
42 Masako Inamoto
66 Hiroko Okada Itinari
51 Eduardo Marapit
40 Norman and Florence Morinaga
66 Priscilla Murakos Nitta
41 Moto Okada
44 Spud Emilio Olivas
73 Yuei Ueoka Otsuki
50 Charles Bunji Shimoura
65 Danai Suga
73 Seiko Takahashi
48 George Togafu

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**NAME:**

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**M(A)IDEN**

**CLASS OF**

If you are not a alumna but would like to join the Foundation, please indicate your affiliation:

(e.g. WHS faculty or staff, parent of alumna, friends of WHS etc.)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

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Please accept my contribution(s) for:

**$_____** WAFF Membership ($10/year)

**$_____** WAFF Membership ($250)

**$_____** WAFF Endowment (includes scholarships, school grants)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Check any of the following as appropriate:

I would like to purchase tickets for the Alumni & Spirit Awards Lunch, Saturday, September 8, 2012 at $10 each. Pick up at ticket table.

I would like to make a nomination for the 2013 WASSP Award.

My nomination letter is included.

I would like to be a part of the **Membership**, **Finance**, **Volunteer**, **Communication** Committee.

Please email my newsletter instead of mailing a hard copy.

Please make check/money order payable to WAFF.
Mail filled out form with check/money order to:

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**Please join us today!! become a lifetime member!**
On behalf of the Waimea Alumni and Friends Scholarship Committee, it gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of the 2012 WAFF Scholarships, Ms. Kimberly Aguilar and Ms. Amber Fujimoto.

Kimberly Victoria Aguilar is the daughter of Victor and Priscilla Aguilar, and will be attending Abilene Christian University in the fall of 2012. She will be pursuing a degree in Exercise Science, with hopes of becoming an Occupational Therapist. She is the recipient of the Daniel Suga Memorial Scholarship. In her personal narrative to the scholarship committee, Kimberly says that a real challenge in her life has been adapting to becoming a “foster family.” Over the twelve years of being a foster family, the hardest thing was letting go of the kids that they’ve raised.

“I had grown attached to them; they were a part of me, just like my real brothers and sisters. But as hard as it was, I had to learn how to cope with the loss. Dealing with that type of loss is hard; it’s not as bad as when someone dies, but sometimes it felt that way. The way I overcome the displacement of being the center of attention as the youngest child was through the love of my family. As we continued to take in kids and give up kids over and over again, I was able to realize that we were making the lives of those kids better while they lived with us. My family had enough love to provide to those neglected children who desperately needed love. Whenever one of the kids left, we would remind each other that God had a reason for it. The time and effort we had put into their lives would eventually pay off and that there were more kids that needed our help. By taking new children into our home, I helped me handle the loss of the ones that left, even though I knew that these kids would also eventually leave too.”

The characteristics which best describe Kimberly are being a role model and being a leader. She says that by being both a leader and role model, she believes that she has been able to positively affect the students around her on a daily basis. She does this by using the Army’s Values acronym, LDRSHIP:

“I am loyal to my family and friends, committed to my Duty as a child, student, and sibling; I give and receive Respect by performing Selfless service for my school and community while maintaining my honor with the highest Integrity and demonstrating Personal courage by standing up for my beliefs and values which I brought up with.”

Amber Faye Fujimoto is the daughter of Wayne and Hazel Fujimoto, and will be attending Western Oregon University in the fall of 2012. She will be pursuing a degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education, with hopes of becoming an Elementary School Teacher or Counselor. She is the recipient of the Norman Takahashi Memorial Scholarship. In her personal narrative to the scholarship committee, Amber said that she is challenging part of her life was when she suffered from a concussion in elementary school.

“On a bright sunny day during the month of October, a few classmates and I were playing basketball at Bebe’s Elementary School when I apparently fell and accrued a slab of skin off of my cheek. I honestly don’t remember exactly what happened, but from what I was told I bled all over with a classroom before landing face first onto the black surface that lay below.”

The characteristic trait which best describes Amber is being a leader. With her experience of finding and learning to adopt to the headgear for soccer, it has made her more aware that there is usually more than one solution in most situations; and it has taught her to be flexible in numerous predicaments.

“Waimea High School hasn’t had a Winter Ball since my freshman year. It was my goal to bring the event back to the school and all though there were many obstacles to overcome, I was able to chair the committee that planned a successful and enjoyable event. Other around me seem to respect me for my leadership qualities and will sometimes ‘volunteer’ me for leadership roles.”

Lastly, if she could be any local food dish, Amber too said that she would be a Loco Moco.

Congratulations again to Kimberly and Amber on a job well-done. Each recipient received a $1000.00 scholarship on behalf of the members and board of directors of the Waimea Alumni and Friends Foundation, in hopes that their future endeavors. We would also like to congratulate the Manemehu Class of 2012, for being the next inductee to becoming Manemehu Alumni.

WAWF Treasurer’s Report June 19, 2012

| Checking Act Book Balance @ 6/2012 | $43,735.34 |
| Transaction of May 2012 | |
| Deposits | $1,000.60 |
| Interest | $.50 |
| Expenses | $3,771.33 |
| Checking Account Balance | $39,995.16 |
| GWN Securities Inc. | |
| Balance of April 2012 | $140,926.10 |
| Transactions (+/-) Month of May 2012 | ($3,076.49) |
| Investment Balance As of May 2012 | $157,849.61 |
| Total Assets @ May 2012 | |