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President’s Message

Aloha, Waimea Alumni & Friends,

Last September, the Waimea Alumni & Friends Foundation celebrated our 20th Anniversary, with a special Mahalo Dinner and Golf Tournament.

Thank you to the hundreds of you who have supported us with your very generous donations and hours of volunteer manpower to help us achieve our goals.

Incorporated as WAFF (Waimea Alumni Foundation) in 1990 by members of the Class of 1937 and supported from the school and community, we became the WAFF (Waimea Alumni & Friends Foundation) in 1995.

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Major Accomplishments:

- The Foundation has provided more than $75,000 in grants to Waimea High School to support campus improvement and special school initiatives.
- Our carnivals have enabled school-related groups to raise more than $200,000 for their organizations.
- More than $35,000 have been awarded in Scholarships and Awards to deserving seniors.
- A Strategic Plan has been adopted. Goals and Objectives are being met.
- An informative newsletter has been published annually for the past 4 years.
- Business Partnerships have been established.
- A website (waimeahawaii.org) has been established.
- Our by-laws have been revised.
- A budget plan has been adopted.

Challenges:

- We are working to meet the 2020 goals of our Strategic Plan, particularly in strengthening our finances.
- We would like to update our directory. There have been numerous changes since we originally created our directory and there are still a few classes that are not in our directory. We use it to send out our newsletter and every year we get hundreds of returns. If you have a current class directory, please send a copy. Send a copy to jotte@Hawaii.rr.com or mail to WAFF, PO Box 478, Waimea, HI 96796. We are looking for contact information for the following classes - 1952, 1954, 1957, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1990 through 2014.
- We are hoping to broaden our base of Board members.
- We are also trying to establish class contacts for each class – individuals who are willing to serve as Board members or as a contact for getting volunteers.

Upcoming Events:

- The Board meets on the second Tuesdays of each month at the Waimea Neighborhood Center. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. All alumni & friends are welcome to attend.
- General Membership Meeting & Awards Dinner – Saturday, September 12, 2015
- WAFF Golf Tournament, September 12, 2015
- WAFF Carnival – February 5 & 6, 2016

In closing, I would like to thank my current hard-working fellow-officers and Board members for the support throughout the years and to all past officers and board members who served for many years. Special thank you to past presidents for their strong leadership in bringing the Foundation to its current state – Mycles Monigch, the late Ernest Morii, and Alvin Kyono. I would also like to acknowledge Naido Ho and Roy Miyashiro who have faithfully served as officers and/or board members since the beginning. Finally, thank you to the friends and families of our past and current board members for supporting us unconditionally.

With your continued support, I look forward to even greater achievements for the Foundation as we continue to support the students of Waimea High School.

Aloha,

Janice F. Nitta, 2015 WAFF President
**A BLAST FROM THE PAST**
by Joni Hamada-Patricio

The annual WAFF Dinner, celebrating our 20th year, started off with a beautiful Westside sunset and slightly breezy trade winds to cool off the humidity of the day. All the busy WAFF Menus were working hard prepping food, setting up for the event, making the "Blast From The Past" Dinner spectacular.

The evening celebration began with a steady stream of alumni, family, and friends checking in at the registration table to receive a collectible WAFF reusable bag and a lucky number for the drawing, a trip to two Las Vegas.

Under the big tent, were many food stations featuring the melt in your mouth prime rib, shrimp and pork. Side stations included rice, mashed potatoes, buns, noodles, fruit and vegetable salads, lots of tasty desserts and assorted beverages. Extended mahalo to the Alumni Chefs that cooked and maintained the various serving stations (Bobby Sunada, Connie Aumakua, Maurice Lani, Gay Baburao, Jackie Wong, Rui Souza and his WINS culinary students).

A mini-museum displayed memorabilia with photos and collages of the Waimea Sugar Mill, along with furnishings from camp houses, including a kerosene oven, kerosene stove, lamp, wooden stools, machete knives used to cut cane & cane stalks, palaka material any many other items shared by Larry Manalo.

As the many guests, alumni and friends enjoyed the dinner and music provided by John Mahi and Friends, Brycen Hiroaka, MC'd for the evening started the program. Principal Mahina Angayu extended a warm welcome and was followed by a brief meeting outlining WAFF's accomplishments and goals.

For the first time, a WAFF cookbook was put together by Adela Orbinang-You and sold at the event. More cookbooks are still available for $25.00. They are sold at The Mane Event in Waimea Town (front to Da Boore Shop) and Hame's Glass (Pali Industrial Park) or order it on page 6 of the newsletter.

The event wrapped up with awesome, live oldies music performed by Taste of Harmony - Angayu Brothers, under a star lit sky.

**LIGHTS, MUSIC, ACTION!!!**

You already know that the food will be oro, and yet, there is something that brings together all alumni of Waimea High School back for an amazing carnival. Changing up the menu just a little bit this year, the alumni foundation still reached over generations of classes, the youngest this year is working on celebrating their tenth year reunion; all working jobs by jobs towards a common cause. Raising money for the betterment of the school which we all love so dearly, as well as awarding annual scholarships for our graduating seniors, allows the foundation to keep doing what we’ve been doing all these years.

Various school clubs and organizations raise money to cover costs which come up throughout the year, by still playing games that appeal to all ages. The wonderful and ever popular country store, always please. Local fresh produce, baked goods, knick knacks, and the foundation’s cookbooks and t-shirts, brings joy and fulfillment to the countless donors. Yet, we cannot forget the silent auction tent with all its goodies. Having a donation of flat screen high definition televisions, was enough to keep the kids climbing up and up with excitement. Up until the last minute, people were still trying to outbid one another for a chance of winning not only the TV, but hotel stays, free rounds of golf, a HD home sound system, and gift certificates to Kauai’s restaurants.

The entertainment tent, brought back families to perform for the first time in years. Alumni from off island came down to donate their time, just to play for the crowd to the sounds of year past. Featuring everything from our very own Manahune Marching and Concert Band, to cultural performances of Filipino, Japanese, Okinawan, and Hawaiian ancestry; the crowd stayed tuned to listen and relax under the stars.

If it wasn’t for the hard working volunteers if not only the foundation, the Manahune Booster Club, the various classes, and the school clubs and organizations, the carnival would never be a huge success. We thank all of you who came out and helped in the little and big ways that you did. Save the date, because next year’s carnival is set for Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6, 2016! Join us again as we keep blooming blue and support our future Manahunes.

**WAFF Treasurer’s Report April 30, 2015**

- Checking Acct Bank Balance @ 3/31/2015: $41,582.76
- GWH Securities Inc. Balance of April 2015: $176,278.76
- Total Assets @ April 2015: $217,861.52
2014 WAFG GOLF TOURNAMENT

The WAFF and WAIMEA HIGH SCHOOL would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you who played, sponsored, donated, or assisted in any way with the 2014 WAFG Golf Tournament.

Winners of the inaugural WAFF Golf Tournament were a father – son team of Jimmy and Kanu Kawahalau with a net score of 58 and a close runner-up finish by WHS and UH Baseball teammates of Ross Kaguri and Carl Furutani with a net score of 59.

It was a wonderful day of golf followed by the WAFF Annual Dinner with great entertainment and onion-fish soup.

Thank you for supporting WAFF and Waimea High School.

For more information contact: Leo Angau, Golf Chairman and WHS Golf Coach 808-639-2911

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scholarship recipients

Joshielab Gabino received a $1000 WAFF Scholarship and plans to attend Kauai Community College, pursuing a degree in accounting to become a Certified Public Accountant. “Attending college after high school means a big deal to my family. They’ve immigrated from the Philippines in the 1990’s to seek a better way of living. As teenagers, attending college was possible for my father, but not for my mother, as she grew up with eight other siblings, making finances difficult to balance. Seeing that made me appreciate my mom, encouraging me to help her by applying for as many scholarships as possible.”

“If I could be any ethical food dish, I would be Filipino lumpia. It is a crispy spring roll, filled with minced and sliced carrots, cabbage, green onions, garlic, and chopped pork, seasoned with soy sauce, salt, and black pepper. This simple combination of ingredients wrapped in a fried egg roll wrapper makes the flavors balance nicely. Everything that I juggle in my life is balanced in an organized manner: family, friends, school, employment, and as a member of church and four school clubs. Having all these responsibilities shows my capability of balancing and committing to several different tasks well, just as how various flavors balance nicely in a lumpia.”

Daisy Coloma also received a $1000 WAFF Scholarship and plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa, pursuing a degree in nursing, and a career in pediatrics. “When I was five years old, I went to the emergency room because I was dehydrated and wasn’t eating enough food. I was terrified. However, the pediatric nurse who took care of me was very kind, caring, and gentle. To this day, I still remember her because of her caring attitude, she made me feel relaxed and calm. I want to give back to my community because it has given me so much love.”

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2015 WAFF

Alyssa Vex received the $1000 Daniel Suga Memorial Scholarship and plans to attend Colorado Mesa University pursuing a degree in social work. “I am passionate about making a positive impact in children’s lives...I hope to inspire and move children and their families to get through anything and everything that life throws at them.”

“If I could be any local ethnic food dish, I would be pork, peas and pineapple. I would be the pork, the peas would be my family, because you never know how many peas there are going to be in the pod. My family is always growing and we are very close with each other. The pineapple would be my friends. Before a pineapple is cut to make the dish, it is somewhat large and heart-shaped. My friends have big hearts and we will always have each other’s backs. When you just put those three components together, you have a dish full of love, and this is what my life is like: full of love and with such amazing people in my life.”

Harley Brydges received a $1000 WAFF Scholarship and plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Hilo, pursuing a degree in business and political science. She aspires to become a lawyer. “I want to work in government or law to help those who feel like the government doesn’t care about their opinion...I want to be the voice for people who feel they aren’t heard.”

“If I could be any food dish, I would definitely relate to lomi-lomi salmon. Lomi-lomi is defined as “to ooze” among many other terms. Whenever I see people sad or feeling down, I am always concerned and try to make them feel better, to help soothe their feelings. The salmon would represent the strong side of me. Salmon swim upstream, and like that I am determined and strong in every situation I come across. Tomato is sensitive, sometimes sweet and red, which could stand for my attitude of being a genter side. When I am also sensitive, sweet and loving. Like the onion, I have a strong and remarkable personality, similar to the way the lomi leaves a smell on one’s breath. Lastly, the green fruit is lettuce. I would not be in the lomi if I were green elsewhere than our island of Kauai. Green onion also adds a unique flavor to the dish, the same way I like to add flavor to life in general.”

Mella Takasugi received a $1000 WAFF Scholarship and plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa, pursuing a degree in nursing and a career in pediatrics. “When I was five years old, I went to the emergency room because I was dehydrated and wasn’t eating enough food. I was terrified. However, the pediatric nurse who took care of me was very kind, caring, and gentle. To this day, I still remember her because of her caring attitude, she made me feel relaxed and calm. I want to give back to my community because it has given me so much love.”

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Cookbook & T-Shirt Order Form

Please make check/money order payable to WAFF.

$12.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED

Check any of the following as appropriate:

☐ I would like to purchase tickets for Saturday, September 12, 2015 at $30 each. Pick up at ticket table.

☐ I would like to participate in the WAFF Golf Tournament at Kauai Lagoons Golf Club, Saturday, September 12, 2015, 7:00AM. Registration: $300 per team. $300 transferable to the Waffen Mac Scramble $100 Contact: leonih@yahoo.com/639-2039

☐ I would like to make a nomination for 2015 WAFF Spirit 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.

Mail filled out form with check/money order to:

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P.O. Box 475 • Wafen, HI 96796-0478 • info: Waffenkauai.org

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TOTAL ENCLOSED

Welcome to the 2015 Waffen Alumni & Friends Foundation Newsletter. We hope you find this issue informative and engaging. As we continue to grow and evolve, we are always looking for new ways to connect with our members and friends. We encourage you to check out our events, programs, and initiatives and to let us know how we can better serve you.

The Waffen Alumni & Friends Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your donation is tax-deductible. We are always looking for new members and donors, so please consider joining or renewing your membership today.

Check out our website at www.WaffenKauai.org for more information on our events, programs, and initiatives. You can also follow us on Facebook at Waffen Alumni & Friends Facebook for the latest updates.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the future.
DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2015
PLACE: Kauai Lagoons Golf Club
DATE: Check in at 7:00 am • Shot gun start at 8:00 am

ENTRY FEE: $110.00 (includes: green fees, cart & bento snack). Players may purchase a WAFF luau ticket for an additional $25.00. WAFF’s 21st anniversary luau dinner will be held that evening on WHS front lawn - good food and entertainment for all! Golf awards and prizes will be given out at the luau; need not be present to claim your prize(s). We will contact/notify all winners.

PAYMENT DUE SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

FORMAT: Tournament will be 2-man scramble. Players may purchase up to three (3) mulligans at $5.00/each. Proceeds from mulligans will go towards Waimea High School golf team uniforms. There will also be Men & Women Longest Drive, par 3 holes closest to the pin, and a special fundraiser game for WHS golf team. Game and prize will be announced at check-in.

HANDICAP: Teams will play at 20% of combined handicap

TEE SPONSORSHIP: $100 per hole

* ENTRY FORM: Please complete, and return with payment (checks payable to WAFF; no cash please) to: Leo Anguay, PO Box 464, Waimea 96796 or drop off at WHS Office. Any questions? Please call Leo at 808-639-2039.

PLAYER 1
TELEPHONE
HANDICAP

PLAYER 2
TELEPHONE
HANDICAP

(optional) dinner tickets @$25/ea_______ total enclosed_______

Waimea Alumni & Friends Foundation is dedicated to promoting and developing educational opportunities at Waimea High School by raising funds for scholarships, innovative school projects and capital improvements. By involving alumni and friends, we strengthen relationships with each other, Waimea High School, and the Westside community. We encourage you to join WAFF and to help support Waimea High School.