

# Shared Vision

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## A BLESSING

April 6, 1995 marked the day that Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc. officially moved into its new offices. The new location is in the main concourse garden area. The Ohana staff, family, and friends all gathered together to have the offices, the lounge, the owners, managers and the whole staff blessed by Rev. Al Prudencio of Ka'makua mau loa Church in Kalihi. After the blessing, everyone was given a tour of the new offices, and then all gathered around the newly blessed areas to feast on some ono-licious food.

## OUR ANNIVERSARY

Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc. celebrated its first anniversary on Thursday, June 1, 1995. All employees were treated to a delicious chocolate cake. Sue Ishikawa graciously treated the office staff to some ono sushi. Beautiful floral arrangements were sent by Jeanette Tu and Warren Toyama.

The owners, managers, and their families sat down to a Hawaiian buffet dinner at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel on Friday, June 2, 1995. The food was delicious, and the company was outstanding.

The highlight of the first anniversary festivities was an informal dinner for the entire Ohana at the Pearl Harbor Yacht Club, organized and sponsored by Filo Tu. A 150-pound pig, and two 25-

pound turkeys were cooked in an imu for the dinner. A variety of other tasty dishes were served to complement this feast.

Entertainment was provided by Jim Kahue on the guitar, and Filo Tu and Tiny Uta on the ukuleles. We had lots of singing and dancing by Sa and other Ohana employees. It was definitely a night to remember!

Thank you Ohana employees for making this first year a tremendous success!!!!

## WELCOME ABOARD

Since our last issue in February, we want to say "Welcome" to these new employees:

**Sales-Neriza "Helen" Briones, Les Sebelle, Robert Buen, Brenda Bart, Eric De Lara, Samalalulu Ortiz, Lorna Kipilii, Robert Germano;**

**Whse-Marc Morikami, Tola Olie, Francis Rodriguez, Randy Hoo (Mgr.), Clifton Nii;**

**Acctg-Joy Toyama;**

**Janitor-Scott Nakachi.**

## ALL IS WELL

Thank you Ohana employees for responding to the Wellness Survey. We hear what you are saying! Some of your concerns have been dealt with, and we will continue to work on the others. The Ohana asks for your continued input. We appreciate the time and effort you all took to complete the survey.

## GOOD LUCK!

Eric Matsumoto, a part-time sales associate at Mahalo Newsstand, is now training for the vending program at Ho'opono. After a long delay, Eric may finally be on his way to becoming a licensed vendor. He may soon be leaving Blind Vendors Ohana to operate his own shop. Good luck, Eric!

## SUCCESSFUL SURGERY

Tommy Morikami: we are all extremely glad your surgery was a success. Tommy entered Queens Hospital to have surgery done on his nasal passages on Thursday, May 25, 1995. He returned to work on Monday, June 5, 1995.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go out to Filo and Jeanette Tu. They became the proud grandparents of a beautiful baby girl, Shantel. This bundle of joy was born on March 8, 1995 to her loving parents, Jeannie (who is Filo's daughter) and Jerry. As a side note, this young couple just tied the knot on July 1, 1995. Congratulations to all!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 31, 1995

Halloween Costume Contest

Nov. 23, 1995

Ohana Thanksgiving Lunch

Dec. 16, 1995

Ohana Christmas Party

December 1995

Shop Decorating Contest

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 1, 1995 marked one year of successful operation at the airport newsstands for Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc. We experienced many major challenges during the year, and came away with very positive results:

1 - We have a first-class administrative office where our management team is housed together;

2 - Our management team is set and ready to produce positive results;

3 - Our sales force and warehouse personnel are doing a great job of servicing the needs of the traveling public. Also, our accounting and office staff are quietly doing a good job.

4 - Ohana's relations with wholesalers have improved to an outstanding level.

5 - Our landlord, the State Department of Transportation, is very pleased with Ohana's performance in operating the newsstand concession.

As I reflect on Ohana's first year, I want to thank all of our employees for working so hard in making our company a success. Keep up the good work!

I also want to thank the officials of the State Department of Transportation for being so cooperative with our efforts. Mr. Owen Miyamoto, Barry Fukunaga, and their staff deserve many thanks for their assistance.

Thanks also go out to Mr. John Reed, President of DFS Hawaii, for the invaluable help given to us. DFS Hawaii's Ron Tang, Lynette Sakima, and others who worked with us are to be thanked for all they have done to help Blind Vendors Ohana.



My outlook for the coming year is filled with optimism for greater success. We are ready to go full speed ahead. Will you help me make this year the best Ohana Year ever?

## PA'AHANA AWARD

Ohana has adopted a new employee recognition program that will acknowledge a deserving employee each quarter. This special employee will receive a Pa'ahana Award for achievement and excellence. In Hawaiian, Pa'ahana means working hard with quality, dignity, and achievement. The recipient will be nominated by a representative committee made up of employees, managers, and supervisors. The award recipient will be given a cash award of \$25, and a certificate from the President. He/she will have their picture taken for an upcoming article in this newsletter, and for display in the front office. The first award will be announced in August, then in November, and then every quarter thereafter.

## PA'AHANA AWARD WINNERS!

Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc. is pleased to announce that there are four recipients of the Pa'ahana Award this quarter.

**Harry Nakagawa** is an ambitious and industrious warehouse employee. He enjoys his work, and is extremely grateful

to have a job with Ohana. His family includes his mother, two sisters, four nieces, and one nephew. To relax, Harry enjoys watching old classic TV shows like "My Three Sons".

Sales Associate **Gwen Wan** works during the swing shift. She enjoys working at Ohana and with her fellow employees. According to Gwen, "This job and the people here have helped me to cope with life". She has seven children, and is the proud grandmother of seventeen grandchildren.

A quiet and diligent employee, **Virginia Ibay** works in the accounting department. She also enjoys working at Blind Vendors Ohana. Virginia is the mother of two children, a son and a daughter. All of her free time is spent with her children. She takes them on many outings, and just tries to bond with them.

The main office of Blind Vendors Ohana is where you will find **Ruth Jamile**. She enjoys working with the owners, managers, and employees of Ohana. Ruth is the mother of three children, two sons and one daughter. She is also the proud grandmother of four grandchildren. Ruth is a very artistic woman. She creates many beautiful crafts including bouquets and center pieces.

*Congratulations Again!*