

Shared Vision

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President's Message



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Talofa and welcome to the year 2001!

Even though it's the second month of the year, it's not too late to set a New Year's resolution. I encourage everyone to strive and aim high to reach your goal. By being focused and determined, any resolution or goal can be accomplished. Let's start the New Year by saying, **"YES! I CAN!"**

There were many unforgettable events that occurred last year. A truly momentous event was

Ohana's annual Christmas party. The party was comprised of games, employee talent contest, door prizes, music, lots of food, and lots of good fun! In fact, by the compliments from the guests and employees, this was one of the best Christmas party Ohana ever had. I am happy to know that everyone enjoyed themselves. In as much, I would like to **THANK** Maricen and her committee for all of their hard work. They did such an excellent job!

As we commence on the New Year, I would like to inform everyone about the issues that Ohana is encountering. As all of you are aware of, the Bestsellers bookstore opened last month at the Honolulu International Airport. I want to reassure everyone that Ohana will be okay. The bookstore will not affect Ohana, just as long as we continue to work together.

I also understand that there are concerns about the Central Main store closing. Although, it is true that we will be losing a store, we will gain two more stores. There is nothing to worry about. I will do anything to protect Ohana. I also promise to do my best in operating and maintaining Blind Vendors Ohana to the best of my ability.

With today's economy, I believe that Ohana will continue to be successful and I hope that everyone feels the same way too. I would like to encourage everyone to continue to work hard and stay strong. Another important factor that leads to Ohana's success, is exhibiting the aloha spirit. That is why Ohana is scheduling mandatory customer service training classes for all sales associates. With everyone's cooperation and teamwork, Ohana can survive anything!

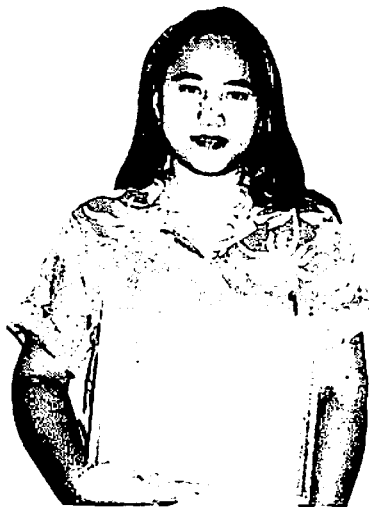
Pa'ahana Award Winners



Our first Pa'ahana Award winner is **Gena Gamayo**.

This friendly, outgoing and enthusiastic employee is to be highly congratulated for receiving this award for the second time.

Gena is married and a mother of an eight year old son, Clifford. Gena attempts to spend as much time as possible with Clifford. She volunteers at his school and accompanies his class on field trips. She takes him on shopping trips and is conscientious about him attending his karate class. Gena is also quite busy tending to her household chores since she and her husband acquired a new home in Ewa. She is very proud of her new three bedroom house.



Our second Pa'ahana Award winner is **Tricia Briones**. She is recognized for being a personable, responsible and industrious employee.

Tricia is married. She and her husband love to dance and frequent disco clubs. According to some sources, she is quite a dancer. Tricia also loves to sing, especially karaoke. Her favorite song is "Endless Love". She also enjoys singing Filipino songs. Another of Tricia's hobbies is reading, preferably romance books written in Filipino.

Ohana's Christmas Party



On Saturday,
December 2,

2000, Blind Vendors Ohana held its 6th annual Christmas party at the Pagoda Hotel. The prime rib buffet was most delicious, the entertainment was spectacular, the atmosphere was festive, the people were amiable and the door prizes were fantastic. This year the dinner and dance music was provided by Music Mix Productions.

The highlight of the evening was a talent contest where only groups competed. There were six entries; 1) Pacific Nashville Line Dancers doing the Electric Slide. The dancers were: Leonor Yonemura, Emelita Pua, Elizabeth Suliven and Paulette Beck. 2) Ichichin singing the Hawaiian Wedding Song. The singers were Rhonda Chinen and Garret Ichioka. 3) PMS singing O'Holy Night. The singers were Paz Cuyno, Maureen Sheedy and Stanley Mundon. 4) Choconilla dancing A'ama Crab. The dancers were Mai Samuelu and Robert Smith. 5) Origami singing and dancing Masese. Paul Fuchigami sang and Sa Ortiz danced. 6) Da Kine singing 12 Days of Christmas. The two singers were Erlinda Betonic and Les Sebelle.

The winners were:

- 1st--PMS
- 2nd--Origami
- 3rd--Da Kine
- 4th--Choconilla



Judges for this contest were Les Levitt, Manya Levin and Leticia Wong.

To culminate the evening festivities, employees and guests were invited to dance.

It was quite obvious that everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Much mahalos go out to the Christmas party committee for a very memorable evening. The committee members included Erlinda Betonio, Evelyn Racpan, Lily Delos Santos, Brenda Bart, Calmond Tang, Ira Roces and Maricen Tugaoen. The M.C. for the evening was Jim Kahue.

It's a Girl!

"SHE IS SO PRECIOUS AND CUTE!", says proud mother Evelyn Racpan. Of course, Evelyn

Oliver Jackson

speaks of her brand new daughter, Rianna. Rianna was born on Friday, December 22, 2000, at 3:05 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital. She weighed in at 4 pounds, 12 ounces and 17 inches in length. She has dark, brown hair and according to Evelyn, looks just like her daddy Jack.

Ohana extends its congratulations to Evelyn and Jack and our best wishes to Rianna for a long, happy and healthy life!



It's a Boy!

Our congratulations go out to Paul and Linda Fuchigami on the birth of their son, Paul Taketo. Little Paul arrived on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at 8:45 a.m. at Kapiolani Medical Center. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 inches in length. Both parents agree

Little Paul looks like Linda. "He is so cute and precious", says proud mommy Linda.



Operations Manager's Message

The following article was written by Blake Nakanishi. He is the Operations Manager of Anderson News. Please read this article carefully and get yourself acquainted with the display of hardcover, paperback and trade paperback books, so you can assist our customers with their selection of reading materials.



Garret Suzuki

Hardcovers and Trade Paperbacks

By: Blake Nakanishi

In our efforts to provide to our customers a large selection of products, we have created new and expanded sections for hardcover and trade paperback books. New racking from Anderson News have been added to Central Main, Y-Con, Diamond Head and the Inter-Island Terminal. The new and expanded sections feature the latest releases from the New York Times Bestseller list along with selection from Oprah's Book Club. In many cases, you will notice that the hardcovers are written by the same bestselling authors we sell in the paperback sections. The custom in book publishing is to have a new book printed as a hardcover with the paperback edition to follow a year later. Oprah's titles have been the phenomenon of the book world within the past three years. You probably notice her symbol on each of the covers. Most of her featured

titles are released as trade paperbacks. Trade paperbacks are oversized books that sell at a price between a hardcover and regular paperback. Because of the size of the book, trade paperbacks are easier to read due to print size and quality. The reason for our expansion into these product lines is the understanding that we need to provide our customers as many choices as possible in order to meet their need for reading material. Each of our customers face a long flight back home and having the right book for them makes the time go faster.

HAPPY NEW YEAR Resolutions



Can you believe the year 2000 is over and 2001 is already moving along quickly? And it's time to think about making these New Year resolutions again! Tired of repeating the same resolutions about losing weight, getting healthier, staying in shape, spending less and saving more? Although these are good resolutions to follow, you

may want to ask yourself some different questions that could lead to your making other resolutions for improving your life:

- How can I become a better employee and person?
- How can I get along with my co-workers and friends?
- How can I feel happier about myself and others?
- How can I be more successful on and off the job?
- How can I have less stress at home and at work?

What resolutions did you make? What kinds of commitment and effort will you give to your resolutions? What kinds of resources are available to help you with your resolutions and implementation plans? Some professional resources you might consider using through your health plan is a doctor or counselor; or try a fitness consultant, banking, investment or tax counselor for advice on such matters. Non-professional resources include other family members, friends, church or club members. After you have made all your New Year

resolutions and plans....remember that only you can make those decisions to stay on the path to achieving your objectives. Finally, remember to enjoy all the big and little accomplishments you made during the year.



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