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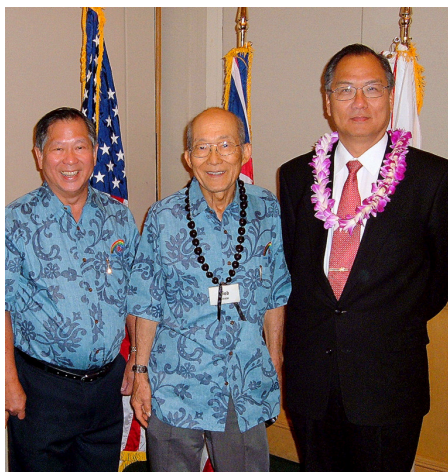
June Luncheon

On Friday, June 18, about thirty Aloha Chapter members and guests enjoyed the Hale Ikena buffet luncheon followed by a very interesting and informative talk by **Philip Wang**, the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu.



President from St. Louis High School. During high school, he conducted medical research projects in platelet function at Kuakini Medical Research Institute, and developed a computerized database of thyroid disease patients at the Straub Clinic through the Straub Medical Research Institute.

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Philip Tzann-Yeu Wang, right, our guest speaker as arranged by his friend, Wesley Fong, left, with Bob Kozuki, center, our Aloha Chapter President

He gave a lot of statistics on how prosperous Taiwan (ROC) is and how its economy is booming. Over 90% of the components of his new iPad that he proudly showed us are made in Taiwan. Quite a bit of Taiwan's success is attributed

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July Luncheon

Thanks again to our de facto Program Chairman, **Wesley Fong**, we have another outstanding, interesting and informative guest speaker scheduled for our July buffet luncheon at Hale Ikena on Friday, July 30.

Appropriately, the buffet is a Hawaiian luau since our guest speaker, **Kalani Brady, M.D.**, is the University of Hawaii Associate Professor & Interim Chairman for Native Hawaiian Health. His broad topic will be Hawaiian Culture.

Kalani Brady traces his roots to the Keli'ikanaka'oleaipolani family from Kaua'i. After spending his early childhood in various areas of the country as a military dependent, **Kalani** was raised in Hawai'i, graduating from St. Anthony's School in Kailua, and later as Valedictorian and Student Body Vice-



Dr. Kalani Brady

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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

Congratulation to two of our Aloha Chapter members who were recognized with very prestigious honors in June.

First, LTG **Allen Ono**, USA, Ret., the Chairman of our Board of Directors, was inducted into the AG Hall of Fame. LTG **Allen Ono**, also chair of the U.S. Army Retiree Council-Hawaii, along with 10 other top Army Personnel and Human Services leaders, was honored in a ceremony that marked the first inductees into the Adjutant General's Corp Hall of Fame at Fort Jackson, S. C., on June 11, 2010.

Memorials honoring the inductee's contributions to the Army and the AG Corp will remain on permanent display in the AG Corps Hall of Fame within the AG School.

And, secondly, as you may have noticed in the local weekly *MidWeek*, member **Wesley Fong** was selected as a Lifetime Distinguished University of Hawaii Alumnus. That is indeed an honor!

Congratulations to both of our exceptional members!



July Luncheon (continued)

Kalani attended Harvard University on a four-year National Merit Scholarship and Harvard National Scholarship, focusing on premedical studies and the performing arts. While at Harvard, he performed with the Opera Company of Boston, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and was soloist of the Harvard Glee Club for four years. He graduated with honors in Engineering and Applied Physics, and enrolled at the University of Hawai'i to pursue graduate studies in Public Health. In the next two years, he received his Masters and Doctorate, all but dissertation, in Biostatistics and Epidemiology before enrolling at the University of Pennsylvania to complete his dissertation work in acute lymphocytic leukemia and his medical studies in 1982.

He then returned to Hawai'i for residency training in internal medicine, and concurrent with

work in two of the O'ahu's community health centers, became the physician in residence at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. After a decade at the Royal Hawaiian, he transferred from that Straub satellite to the main King Street facility, where he practiced for eight years. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and Governor of the Hawai'i Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

In 2003, **Kalani** was appointed Associate Professor in the Department of Native Hawaiian Health of the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine, where he serves as Interim Chair since May 2009, and was Associate Chair from 2003 to 2006. For the past fourteen years he is the doctor on the weekly program "Ask the Doctor" on KHON FOX Channel 2 Morning News, hosted the fall 2005 PBS weekly medical show "UH on Call", and co-hosted the weekly medical talk show "Health in Paradise"

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Welcome to Our New Life Member

Charles L. McCauley, COL, USA, Ret.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|-----------------------------|---|
| July 18, 2010
(Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Bridge Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Hosts: Joan White and Harriet Weissman |
| July 23, 2010
(Monday) | Golf Outing, Leilehua Golf Course, Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa |
| July 30, 2010
(Friday) | 11:00 AM, Luncheon, Hale Ikena, Speaker: Kalani S. Brady, M.D., UH Associate Professor & Interim Chair, Native Hawaiian Health
Topic: Hawaiian Culture |
| Sept 16, 2010
(Thursday) | 6:00 PM, Twinning Joint Dinner with Las Vegas Chapter, Hale Koa Hotel |
| Dec 10, 2010
(Friday) | 6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner Party, Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel |

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Merrie Ladies August and November Events

Recently, a donation of sixty 8-inch artificial Christmas trees was given to the *Merrie Ladies*. Since the Aloha Chapter will be visiting Tripler's Center for Aging in November, it was suggested that the Ladies create patriotic Christmas trees to give to the veterans at the center. Our plans are as follows:

- ♦ PLACE: Kalihi Union Church (located on North King St., mauka side, just before Middle St.)
- ♦ DATE: Monday, August 9th
- ♦ TIME: 10 am - 2 pm
- ♦ DETAILS: A bento lunch from Makino Chaya will be served. The choices are 1) Garlic Ahi; 2) Chicken Katsu; or 3) Chicken Salad.
- ♦ PRICE: \$8.00 (This includes tax and a \$1.00 donation to KUC for the use of the church)

If we are unable to finish the tree decorating on August 9th, we will meet the first Monday in November to complete the project. If there is time at the November date, we will have other crafts the ladies can make for themselves. Please join us for a good time of fun and fellowship.

Please call **Charlene Towne** at 623-9731 or **Marion Von** at 732-3908 with your bento choice no later than August 4th. Mahalo, **Marion** 

June Luncheon (continued)

to progressively better relations—thankfully—with Mainland China (PRC).

This has occurred since of the election of Nationalist Party President Ma Ying-jeou in 2008. We had no idea that Taiwan and China had become so closely connected economically (just like the U.S., which is beholden to China now).

We were especially intrigued by the nuances of words and how important they are in diplomatic relations. For example, two years ago direct flights began between the ROC and the PRC and now there are over 300 “cross strait”—*not international*—flights a week.

Philip Wang said that he has really enjoyed his assignment in our Aloha State for the last 4 years and will be leaving shortly for a promotion to a posting with the ROC government in Taipei. We wish him well!

Mark 

ALOHA CHAPTER MEMBERS VOLUNTEER FOR THE GEN HERBERT E. WOLFF MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Gordon Cho,
Chairman

Aloha Chapter members, spouses, and family members gave up their Friday on 25 June 2010 to volunteer and assist with the 29th General Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS). Early estimates indicate that the effort resulted in raising over \$25,000 to assist with the operation of the Hawaii Army Museum located at Ft. DeRussy in Waikiki.



*Aloha Chapter Volunteers **Dick and Charlene Towne, Mary Cho and Stanley Furukawa**, next to Mary*




***Joe Magaldi**, left, in dark pants, and **Helene Webster**, far right, scoring the Putting Contest*

This year the event was chaired by chapter member **Gordon**

Cho. Chapter members **Hal Okita, Chuck McCauley and Lenny Katsarsky** also served on the HAMS Golf Committee. **Dick & Charleen Towne** managed the event Putting Contest with the assistance of **Hal Takenaka, Mark & Helene Webster, & Joe Magaldi**. **Mary Cho & Alice Fujiwara** worked at the event Registration Desk along with Alice's daughter-in-law, **Kerri Fujiwara** who came all the way from Houston, Texas to help with the Putting Contest and Mulligan Sales. Special prizes were awarded at all the Par 3 holes, to include a \$25,000 Hole-In-

One prize. Chapter members **Norm Fujiwara, Ken Yamada, Marion & Vernon Von, and Stan Furukawa** served as greenside monitors for these special holes. **Leroy Perry and Nelson Fujiwara**, Norm & Alice's son from a suburb of Houston, TX, worked the #10 Fairway to identify the male and female long drive winners. Soft drink delivery and photographic support was once again provided by

Les & Shirley Ihara. It is without doubt that the chapter volunteers were a significant ingredient to the successful conduct of the tournament. 



*Local Celebrities **Linda Coble** and **Kirk Matthews**, golfers and the humorous MCs for the Tournament Awards Banquet*



*Volunteers **Norm and Alice Fujiwara** with their daughter-in-law **Kerri Fujiwara** and son **Nelson Fujiwara** from Texas; they both also assisted with the tournament*



*Left to right, Aloha Chapter Volunteers **Marion and Vernon Von** at the Tournament Awards Banquet with **Helene and Mark Webster***

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

Chapter Party Bridge Program. The June party bridge session was held on Sunday the 13th with what Hosts **Lois Luehring** and **Coralie Vellis** thought would be of 4 tables ended up being only 3 tables because of 3 unexpected “no-shows”. It was the first time that “no-shows” resulted in reduction of tables played.

The high scorer for this session was **Trudi Ernst**, the only player scoring over 5000 points. Other top scorers in descending order were: **Dan Matthews**, **Shirley Ihara** and **Bev Jensen**. There were also two Small Slams bid and made, one each by partners guest **Midge Brooks/Bev Jensen** and **Phyllis Williams/John Kim**. Other regular players participating were: **Bill Ernst**, **Les Ihara**, **Lois Luehring**, and **Joan White**.



*Seated, left to right are: **Phyllis Williams**, **Midge Brooks**, **Shirley Ihara** and **Bev Jensen**. Standing are: **Lois Luehring**, **Coralie Vellis**, **Dan Matthews**, **John Kim** and **Trudi Ernst**, the Champ*

The July party bridge session will be hosted by **Joan White & Harriet Weissman** in the Fahrni Realty Classroom on Sunday, July 18th. Those interested in playing but have not signed up need to contact Joan or Harriet by telephone, 681-6266 or 677-0120 respectively, or e-mail to: **Joan**, shoan@hawaii.rr.com, not later than Wednesday July 14th.

Shirley 

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Rates are subject to change without notice.

How Big is a Billion?

Not too many years ago, the politicians in Washington, D.C., were throwing around billion dollar budgets. As the late Senator Everett Dirksen allegedly said, “a billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you’re talking real money.”

How many zeros are there in a billion? It’s a thousand millions—that’s a 1 followed by 9 zeros. It may be a difficult number to comprehend. Putting that figure into some perspective,


A billion seconds ago, it was 1959.

A billion minutes ago, Jesus was alive.

A billion hours ago, our ancestors lived in the Stone Age.

A billion days ago, no one walked on the earth on two feet.

And, a billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes ago at the rate our government is spending it.

Our politicians in Washington are racking up trillion dollar deficit budgets now—that’s a thousand billions. A crisis is looming! Scary! 



Norm Fujiwara

June Golf Report

Woke up this morning to one of those “Glad to be in Hawaii” golf weather, however, just prior to leaving for the golf course, I received a telephone call from a player who was having some medical problems and was headed for Tripler Hospital. Wow, a bad omen, since everything seemed so perfect till the phone call. The weather continued to be superb as I drove to Pearl Harbor. Once there, all the players who had signed up for this months golf outing came at an even pace. Fifteen minutes before our first tee time we had all but one player ready to tee off. Since the missing player was in the first group, the flag officer’s group, we made some adjustment and moved a player from the fourth

group to the first group. Now with a four-some **Kelly Lau, Mert Agena, Ira Tagawa** and **Mel Soong** were able to begin our golf outing; they were followed by **Gordon Cho, Wesley Fong, Stan Furukawa,** and **John Holmes,** they were followed by **Charles Moriyama, Howard Okada, Ken Yamada** and **Vernon Von,** then a three-some of **Len Katsarsky, Honeyjean Katsarsky,** and **Ken Munechika,** brining up the rear were **Eleanor Paek, Sally Minami, Russell Fujiwara,** our son from Hong Kong, and yours truly.

A number of players were curious about our format for the day “Bingo – Bango – Bongo” a game not unlike the game of “Nassau”. For Bingo the winner would have a low net for the first nine holes (holes 1 to 9), Bango, the winner would have a low net for the back nine (holes 10 to 18) and Bongo would be the player with the lowest net score for all 18 holes. Thus, there was a tie for first place for “Bingo” between **Mert Agena** and **Sally Minami,** however when the tie breaker was applied, **Sally** came in second and **Mert** the winner, for “Bango” there was a tie for second place between **Charles Moriyama** and **Vernon Von,** and once again the tie breaker was applied and **Vernon** won second place, in first place was **Kelly Lau,** now for “Bongo” or the low net for total 18 holes, again a tie for second place between **Howard Okada** and **Sally Minami,** applying the tie breaker **Howard** won second place and **Mert Agena** in first place. I guess we can say that **Mert Agena** was the Grand Champion for the day. Congratulation to all the winners and a big Mahalo to all the participants.

The thought of the day: “Some people are so persistent, they’d have the last word with an echo.”

Our next golf outing will be on Friday, July 23rd. See you all at Leilehua Golf Course.

Aloha,

Norm



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on 'Olelo Channel 52 from 2001 until 2003. He is Editor of the *Hawai'i Medical Journal* since 2005.

Kalani was named Physician of the Year by the Hawai'i Medical Association in 2007, Physician of the Year by the Honolulu County Medical Society in 2002, Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2008, Scot of the Year by the Caledonian Society of Hawai'i in 1999, and received the Guy Milnor Award for Community Service the same year from the Straub Foundation. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, Board of Governors of the American College of Physicians, the Board of Trustees of Saint Louis School, the Board of Directors of the Pacific Health Research Institute, and the O'ahu Metro Board of Directors of the American Heart Association. He is listed with the Best Doctors in America, Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care (first edition and following), Who's Who in America, and Who's Who in the World.

Aloha Chapter, MOAA**RESERVATION FORM****Buffet Hawaiian Luau Luncheon****11:00 AM, Friday, July 30, 2010****Hale Ikena****Bldg 711, Morton Drive, Ft. Shafter 96858****Guest Speaker: Kalani Brady, M.D.****Associate Professor & Interim Chair, Hawaiian Health****Topic: Hawaiian Culture**

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