



SILVERSWORD

Friends of Old Maui High School

Winter 2011

FRIENDS' LEADERSHIP CHANGES, MISSION CONTINUES

Roslyn Lightfoot Replaces Barbara Long as Board President



Friends' President
Roslyn Lightfoot

Late in 2003, organizational meetings began for the non-profit group Friends of Old Maui High School. Many of those volunteers involved in these early discussions – and the ensuing campus cleanup days -- are still dedicated to the original mission: to preserve, protect and rehabilitate the historic campus, rebuild the 1920 Administration Building, and create a needed education and training facility at the school, to honor the legacy of MHS 1944 grad, Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink.

Founding Board members, including Jan Dapitan, Paul Ueoka, Ruth Mukai, Kathy McDuff and Barbara Long were joined by many others as they established Friends' mission, incorporated as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation, and began letting Saber alumni and the community know that Old Maui High School was again destined for greatness.

Now, some eight years later, with many initial tasks completed, Barbara Long has stepped back from the Presidency, and turned leadership over to a very-qualified new Friends' President, Roslyn Lightfoot. Roz has been a volunteer from the start, while she served as Executive Director of the Maui Historical Society and Bailey House Museum. She is currently Executive Director of the A&B Sugar Museum in Puunene. Roz has devoted many hours to Friends' MHS Archive Collection, and has logged, filed and indexed hundreds of items of memorabilia, yearbooks, and photo-



Past President
Barbara Long

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Old Maui High School Centennial Planning Committee NEEDS YOU!

Old Maui High School is preparing now to celebrate its Centennial in 2013. Although the event is two-years away, preparations are beginning to take shape and new ideas are needed. If you can devote a little time to help in the development and organization of this gala event, now is the time to get involved! There is also a need for volunteers to help out on the day of the event. No prior event-planning experience is required. We need your ideas and enthusiasm throughout the planning stages. You can decide what level of involvement is right for you. Contact Rich Lucas at (808) 579-9287 or by email at rich@oldmauihigh.org if you want to help.



MHS ARCHIVE SPEAKS VOLUMES

Gift to collection document Saber history

In the secure file cabinets at Friends' MHS office are hundreds -perhaps thousands- of photographs that have been donated to the Archive by alumni and their families. In black & white and color these bits of paper are priceless documents illustrating the story of Old Maui High School. Thanks to the generosity of many, who have given treasured year book, photographs and other items to the Archive Collection, the spirit and history of Old Maui High lives on.

One recent gift of 1951-1954 year books and photo albums of MHS class of '54 reunions was made by Stanley Tamashiro, who also donated his well-worn Maui High Class ring.

Stanley's graduation year book calls him a "valuable guard" on the Sabre basketball team -a team that won the 1954 MIL championship! And the class reunion photos graphically illustrate the condition of campus and school buildings in the early 2000s -valuable insight into the effort and success of recent preservation and restoration work.

Some of Stanley's donated photos are shown on page 5 of this issue. Mahalo Stanley Tamashiro and all the other Archives donors who have shared their past to enhance the future of Old Maui High School.



"Take it!" yells James, and Stanley obliges with a neat shot.
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Friends' Profile: Rich Lucas, Program Manager

If you have called the Old Maui High office in the last several years, the voice on the other end of the phone is Richard Lucas, Friends' Program Manager. Rich handles the day-to-day operations of Friends.

While not a Maui High School graduate (he attended high school in the Chicago area), Rich has a deep dedication to Old Maui High School and the preservation efforts of Friends. "It is inspiring to see the devotion and love that the alumni have for this school. It is a story that we have to preserve for future generations," according to Rich. "I am honored to be a part of this endeavor."

With this issue of the Silversword, Rich has also taken over the responsibilities of editor of Friends' bi-annual newsletter, Silversword.

Rich brings a varied background to his job. A retired attorney and environmental activist, Rich also owned and operated his own historic preservation contracting firm in Colorado. He and his wife Kathy are currently in the process of rescuing an historic building by moving it from Paia to their land in Haiku. "Historic preservation is a labor of love. It is often more economical to replace a building than to restore it," Rich says, adding: "But the restored building holds stories and history that would be lost if the building is demolished."

Rich is optimistic about the future. "We have a dedicated Board and very strong support from alumni and the community. That is the foundation for a bright future for Old Maui High School."

Conceptual drawing of the Patsy Takemoto Mink Center at the Old Maui High School campus, from the Master Plan prepared by Friends' planning consultants Chris Hart and Partners



A New Day, A Larger Vision

Old Maui High School has seen many changes over the past seven years, from the renewal of the campus to the clearing of debris from the administration building. Friends has been the moving force in saving the campus from destruction and neglect, and has been instrumental in developing the Master Plan for the future of the site as the Patsy Takemoto Mink Center, continuing the education legacy of the historic school.

Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa (a 1969 MHS grad) has a bold vision for the future of the campus, including the development of a social services center to provide treatment and training for adults and children with developmental or substance abuse challenges. These are needs that have gone largely unmet in the past.

Friends' representatives and their planning consultants attended a meeting in April with the Mayor and his staff, and discussed how Friends and the administration will

work together for the development of the entire campus. Friends will continue to oversee and maintain the "historic" campus (with the school buildings), while the social services center is to be located on the former agriculture fields and the athletic fields.

Mayor Arakawa indicated that the County will initiate needed land use changes for the site, and will work to develop a water source and a sewage system.

The County's assistance in providing essential infrastructure for the campus will significantly aid Friends in its mission to preserve and restore the historic campus. While this is a long-range project, the commitment by Mayor Arakawa to this site is welcomed enthusiastically by Friends. We look forward to an effective partnership with the County in reusing the Old Maui High School campus.

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graphs while training others in the task. She brings a new perspective and valuable community experience, as well as business skills and knowledge, to the programs and projects that make Friends a dynamic, successful organization.

Barbara Long will continue to serve on Friends' Board of Directors, with continuing and new members, to support our new President's efforts and work with staff, commu-

nity and government to move Friends' mission forward. Yes, times are hard. Anticipated rehabilitation of the Administration Building, and development of a campus water source are among the projects that must be slowed or delayed. But with new leadership, determined volunteers, support from Alumni, community and county officials, we will work toward a new life for our dear island school.

Class of 1951 Hosts Reunion at Old Maui High School

Members of the Maui High Class of 1951 gathered and reminisced at the Old Maui High campus on May 1, 2011 reinventing their school days as part of their 60 year reunion on Maui.

The celebrants began the day with a flagraising ceremony, just like in their high school days. After photos were taken, the group walked over to the Friends' Archive and Meeting Room, where members of the original 1951 May Day Court were introduced, and singing and dancing were enjoyed by all. Old year-books were available for viewing, along with various displays commemorating the history of Old Maui High School. A program followed with music, introductions, and a box lunch. A Friends' slide show illustrated the school's history, events and rehabilitation, narrated by Barbara Long. It was a day of sharing memories and renewing old friendships.

Patricia Cabral, on behalf of the class, presented the missing boy's bathroom doorknob to Friends for the permanent Archive Collection. The purloined doorknob has been the Class of 1951 "perpetual door prize" for the past ten years, and is now a part of the OMHS permanent archive.

Approximately 50 alums and guests were in attendance, and a fine time was had by all.



Class of 1951 participates in the traditional flag raising ceremony at the Old MHS campus



The original 1951 "May Day Court" reunites for a performance at their 60th class reunion

Friends of Old Maui High Directors and Officers Elected

At the FOMHS annual meeting on May 21, 2011, two new directors were added to the Board – Sally Iwankiw and Elizabeth Ayson, PhD. Sally is the director of Horizons Academy in Haiku. Elizabeth is the former principal of Iao Intermediate School. The Board is very pleased to welcome these two highly-qualified individuals.

At the FOMHS Board meeting in July, officers were elected for the 2011-2012 term. The officers are as follows:

President – Roslyn Lightfoot
Vice-President – Jan Dapitan
Vice-President – Kathy McDuff
Treasurer – Paul M. Ueoka
Secretary – Ruth Mukai

The remaining Board members are:

Barbara Long
Mary Evanson
Audrey Rocha Reed
Charles Aruda
Elizabeth Ayson
Sally Iwankiw

The Board expressed confidence that Friends will move forward in its mission to restore and rehabilitate the Old Maui High School campus under the leadership of this new slate of officers.

The Spirit Lives On Centennial to Celebrate 100 Years of Maui High History

Old Maui High School is not just a treasure to the alumni who attended school here. It also stands as a reminder to the entire community of a simpler time on Maui, when students "hitched" rides on the railroad train to get to school, and football players ran the field in bare feet. It was a time when singing the school song was "cool" and growing food for the school cafeteria in the ag fields was not prohibited.

It's been forty years since the students walked the halls of Old Maui High School, but the devotion of the alumni to this school and this campus has not dimmed. Every week, visitors arrive at the campus and walk around the grounds, recounting their favorite stories from their high school years. Young children accompany their parents on tours through the displays and archives in Friends' office and are amazed at pictures of their parents and grandparents as high school students. Scholars come to research the archives to find information about former students or

about the school curriculum from "back in the day." Old Maui High School is not just buildings, trees and lawn. It is a living monument to the spirit of a community that built this school, the teachers that shared their knowledge, and the students who learned about the world and prepared for the future. And now it stands as a reminder of the past and a beacon into the future.

Take some time and visit the campus, if you can. Walk along the old sidewalks from classroom to classroom. Take a lap around the old track (with your doctor's permission, please). Reminisce. Reflect.

Preserving the Old Maui High School campus is not just about keeping old buildings from being torn down. It is about keeping memories alive. It is about honoring the past and those who came before us. It is about making sure that the Spirit Lives On.



Why preservation matters. Photos of OMHS buildings prior to the preservation efforts of Friends of Old Maui High School. Photos by Stanley Tamashiro '54



Principal Harris' 1930's Home Movie Screens at Friends' Annual Meeting

The first public screening of a 1930's home movie, featuring Old Maui High School as the background, was held at Friends' annual meeting in May. This rare footage shows several of the school buildings (some of which are now gone), as well as the campus grounds. The film was shot by then-Principal Arthur Harris, and featured two of

his young sons frolicking around the principal's cottage. There are also scenes showing construction of campus buildings, and the re-roofing of Classroom C. The film is approximately 3 minutes long. The film was donated to the MHS Archives by David Harris, son of Principal Arthur Harris.

MAHALO to our SABER donors Aug. 2010 thru Sept. 2011

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Nora Doi Morita	'54	IMO Ronald Fujiwara	'61	IMO James S. Yamashiro	'48
IMO Donald Doi	'52	IMO June Fujiwara	'67	Frances Otsu	'55
Gail Ainsworth		Doreen Hasegawa Kaibara	'66	Mary Robertson Oxley	'51
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Jane K. Akau		Wayne Kiyosaki	'49	Francine Nakagawa Paxson	'68
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IMO Joseph Freitas Abrew	'36	Robert Matsumoto		Eileen Oshiro Taketa	'64
Margaret Hale		Allen S. Matsunaga	'52	Glenn Tamanaha	'61
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Donald Haramoto	'58	Eva Matsaura Miguel		Paul & Gwen Ueoka	'67
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IMO Class of 1951					

Joining Old and New

The new Maui High School in Kahului reached out to Old Maui High alumni and friends to join in a celebration of the history and accomplishments of Maui High School over the past 98 years.

Maui High School in Kahului celebrated its 40th anniversary with a series of events from October 20th through October 23rd. Alumni who graduated from the Old Maui High campus were also invited and encouraged to attend. A banquet, golf tournament and homecoming activities were part of this gala event. A tour of the old Maui High School campus and archives was included as one of the events for old and new alumni. This was the first joint event for the two schools, and hopefully a prelude to cooperation on the old Maui High School Centennial Celebration planned for 2013.

Information and updates about the Centennial Celebration will be posted on the Old Maui High School website: www.oldmauihigh.org.

Support the Preservation and Re-Use of Old Maui High School!!

Your tax-deductible donation to Friends helps provide ongoing care for the campus, historic school buildings and vital Spirit of Old Maui High! Your dollars enable Friends to meet the many challenges as we work to revitalize and reuse the site and develop the Patsy Takemoto Mink Center!

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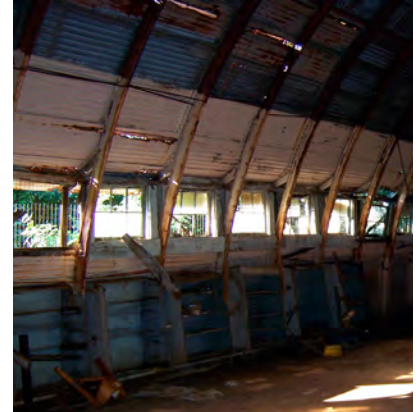
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Skeletons of the past around Old Maui High

