





"Onward to a Better Tomorrow"

Through good times and bad, meeting the challenges of World War II, the hardships of labor strikes, the dust and discomfort of early plantation camps life and the turmoil of adolescence, Maui High School students strove with determination and resourcefulness to achieve their better tomorrows.

Encouraged by their school motto, guided by principles of democracy, equal opportunity and the value of education, thousands of young students learned lessons that would serve them well as they became adults, parents and grandparents in an ever-changing world. Thousands of Saber alumni hold those school days close to their hearts, enjoying friendships and memories of early days at Hamakuapoko.

For the past five years, Friends of Old Maui High School has adopted the school's motto, as we have worked to return the once-neglected and overgrown campus to clean, proud and beautiful condition and build a better tomorrow for the school. We have reestablished ties with the thousands of Saber alumni through our Silversword newsletter and publication of The Spirit Lives On! – A History of Maui High School. And with the help of community organizations, hundreds of volunteers, donations and grants, Friends will continue to care for the campus and classrooms, maintain our office and archive, and pursue the future revitalization and reuse of the school, as the Patsy T. Mink Center for Environmental Education.

Friends is committed to preserving the site, structures and spirit of our "dear island school." As we work together with Maui County officials and planning consultants to prepare for the future, we must also meet the challenges of day-to-day maintenance and upkeep at the 23-acre campus. From funding and installing new sources of water and fire control, initiating needed land use changes and government approvals, reviving the agricultural fields with new plantings, repairing the failing walls of the 1928 woodshop, to clearing invasive trees and brush – Friends is diligently following in the footsteps of alumni to seek and achieve a better tomorrow for Old Maui High.

The centerpiece of the school, and focus of the Mink Center, is the historic 1921 Administration Building, victim of decades of neglect and vandalism, as well as destructive arson fires in 2004. Friends is dedicated to the reconstruction of this landmark building which so inspired generations of students. Grant monies have provided for structural analysis and for reconstruction plans and specifications for re-roofing and stabilizing the building, prepared by Glenn Mason Architects AIA, Hawai'i.

O! SAY CAN YOU SEE . . .

MHS Class of '47 restores a tradition

S ometime after Maui High closed, its flagpole disappeared. Once the center of daily flag-raising ceremonies, bugle calls and student assemblies, the now-empty space became part of the general disorder and disrespect suffered by the campus and school buildings. In 1997, when members of the MHS class of 1947 met to celebrate their 50th anniversary, classmates were dismayed at the condition of their alma mater, and resolved to do something positive to help it regain the pride and inspiration their school deserved.

Funds gathered then became the core of their gift to the nowrehabilitated school, and in 2007, just in time for the big Alumni Reunion, an '47 alumni committee joined with Jan Dapitan, Community Work Day Program and volunteers to re-install a new flagpole in the same spot as before, so that Reunion attendees could enjoy this reminder of their school days, complete with proudly-waving stars and stripes and the flag of Hawai'i.



One year later, in September 2008, more than 20 members of the Class of '47 and their guests formally dedicated the reinstalled flagpole, with a handsome bronze plaque at its base. With prayer, ceremony and song the flags were raised once more – the American flag which had once flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. – sent years ago to 1947 graduate Ruth Mukai by Maui High alumna Patsy Takemoto Mink – and a Hawai'ian flag, both flashing red, white and blue in the brisk trade breezes, atop the 20-foot pole.

It's wonderful to have the flags flying again! We salute the Class of 1947 and their Reunion Committee for making it happen: Mahalo Frank Domingo, Evelyn Matsuoka, Howard Matsuura, Ruth Mukai, Helen Tanaka and Sakai Uehara, and all the rest! Long may they wave!





YOU CAN HELP

Establishing the Patsy T. Mink Center at Old Maui High

Planners call it "adaptive reuse," meaning to preserve an important historic building by giving it new life and purpose. You could say that it's the ultimate in recycling – a process that improves rather than destroys, building a dynamic new institution on foundations that have stood the test of time.

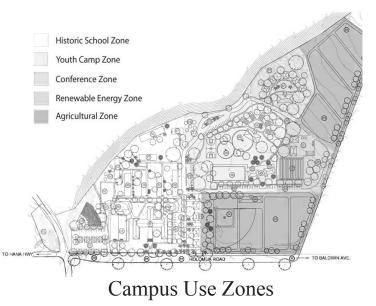
Plans for the adaptive reuse of Old Maui High School's 23-acre campus and remaining school buildings will build the Patsy Takemoto Mink Center for Environmental Education – an innovative and inspiring public facility especially relevant in these times of change and challenge. The Center will develop programs that will continue Mink's ideals and legacy.

As Hawai'i Congresswoman, and a 1944 graduate of Maui High, Patsy Mink addressed the graduating class of MHS in June 1965, saying:

"... as you search for your life's vocation, try to find some role in which you will be devoting yourself and the kind of work which not only utilizes your fullest potential, but also which you will enjoy and which enables you to appreciate the sense of contribution you are making towards the betterment of the lives of others."

Development of the Patsy T. Mink Center will involve careful planning and creation of policies and programs that focus on sustainable lives and environments, through job training, youth experiences, specialized seminars and technological displays. The Center will influence young and old, professionals and homeowners, teaching and guiding through example the many ways toward betterment of their lives and the lives of their families, their communities and their world.

Adaptive reuse of the historic campus and buildings will build on the inspiration and creativity of the past, forming new opportunities and improving the quality



of life for participants. A new organization will guide the establishment and administration of the Patsy T. Mink Center. While Friends of Old Maui High School remains committed to the preservation, revitalization and maintenance of the school, the new Mink Center group will oversee implementation of the Master Plan, develop community and government partnerships, initiate financial planning and funding, evaluate and create programs and operations, and serve as the governing body of the Center.

You can learn what the Master Plan says about the adaptive reuse of Old Maui High by going to Friends' website, at www.oldmauihigh.org and click on <u>Mink</u> <u>Center</u>. This will form the basis for planning at meetings of the PTM Center Task Force, beginning in February, as members of the community, alumni, government representatives, environmental and sustainability specialists, educators, architects, and others come together to form a Board of Directors and begin the exciting adaptive reuse of Old Maui High School.

You can help by participating. To receive information about Mink Center Task Force meetings, please contact Friends with your mailing address and telephone number, e-mail address and, if you are an alumnus, your graduation year. If you know someone who can help, please pass this information along. Let's work together to renew the spirit, inspiration and purpose of Old Maui High School!

THANK YOU, REUNION DONORS!

Somewhere in the outpouring of enthusiasm and myriad details attending the 2007 Maui High Alumni Reunion, the important list of generous donors was sidetracked. Here it is, at last – the names of the alumni, community supporters and friends who made donations toward the success of the Reunion, and to the goals and mission of Friends of Old Maui High School.

We apologize for the delay in recognizing the generosity of these donors – more than 600 strong – whose additional funds helped put Reunion efforts over the top, provided for a memorable celebration, and also gave the Reunion Committee and Friends the opportunity to set aside substantial "seed money" for the upcoming 2013 Maui High Centennial Celebration. Mahalo nui loa to all who helped!

Because of these pages of donor names, we have omitted our usual list of Friends' members/donors and in memoriam gifts. This list will re-appear in the next issue of SILVERSWORD, updated with names of those who contributed since June 2008. Friends relies on your support and financial contributions to carry out the important preservation, maintenance and communications work at Old Maui High. As "unrestricted" funds, your donations make our work possible, paying for essential materials, services and projects that ensure the preservation, rehabilitation and re-use of the school, and establishment of the Patsy T. Mink Center for Environmental Education.

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Maui Hi= Potes : KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE



First published in October 1925, the Maui Hi-Notes was compiled weekly by student staff, and was published in the Maui News, as well as in newspaper format circulated on campus. It was an excellent training ground for future journalists, writers and photographers, as well as an invaluable source of detailed information about Maui High School – from

enrollment numbers and development of new school facilities, to Sabers' athletic achievements and school government and organizations.

Two <u>Maui HI-Notes</u> Supplements were published, the first in 1938 for the twenty-fifth anniversary, and another in 1963, for the 50th (Golden) anniversary of the school. Friends is fortunate to have copies of each of these priceless booklets, each one packed with details about Old Maui High School. Unfortunately, the Supplement ends with 1963; no later copies of Hi-Notes exist in Friends' archives. If you have copies of the school paper after that date, Friends would be thrilled to borrow and copy them, so that a more complete record would be available to share with alumni and historians.

Here are some excerpts from the <u>Maui Hi-Notes</u> Supplements, sure to bring back fond memories of campus activities:

1941-42 The Shop building, 129' x 32', cost the county \$9,000 to build.

1943-44 Maui High won the basketball Inter-Island consolation trophy; Mac Magarifuji starred on the team.

1947-48 The County fair booth was constructed by the shop boys, decorated by Mrs. Thelma Watson's art classes with blue and white pennants and cellophane pom-poms.

1951-52 The phys-ed boys began using the new 40' by 60' phys-ed building; it had 32 showers, 250 lockers, and a 400-gal. water heater.

1954-55 A dance was held at the Paia Gym to raise money to finance a trip to Honolulu by the Speech Kindlers Society.

1955-56 MAUI HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL TEAM TOOK FIRST PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE MIL FOUNDING!

1959-60 Participants in the weekly radio program, "Maui Hgh School On the Air" over KMVI were Jane Ogata, Stanley Sakugawa, Paul Cup Choy, James Suehisa, Audrey Kinoshita, Irving Uradomo, Doralei Morreira, Carol Ewing and Leonard Andaya.

1961-62 FBLA sponsored typing contest winners were (beginner's division) Julia Sato, Juliana Higa, and Nora Watanabe, and (advanced division) Shirley Espania, Betty Jean Takatani and Jane Inouye.

Copies of the two <u>Maui HI-Notes</u> Supplements are available for perusal at Friends' Office and MHS Archive, in the former business ed classroom behind the Administration Building. Please phone us at 808-579-9287 for office hours. Of course, Friends' awardwinning history of Old Maui High – <u>The Spirit Lives</u> <u>On!</u> – is still available by mail, for an in-depth retelling of the story of Old Maui High School. Order via the form on page 7.

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If you can, please help Friends by giving back to Old Maui School! Your donation, no matter how large or small, will help preserve and give new life to the school that gave you so much! Your dollars will support Friends' programs, volunteer work, and keep the revitalization on track toward creating the Patsy T. Mink for Environmentaal Education.

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Friends has, to date, proposals for grant funding from state and federal sources and from alumni and community foundations, for more than half of the funds needed for this important task. And while we are gratified by the strong support for this project, the current economic downturn may result in distribution of these grant funds being delayed or even denied. Fortunately, thanks to protective measures taken to coat the exposed metal rebar in the administration building walls, Friends is confident that, when sufficient funds are released, the strong concrete walls will be standing ready for the roof, floor and preservation "mothballing."

Friends' Board of Directors, our campus and office team, and our many volunteers, pledge that Old Maui

High School will remain safe, secure, clean and welcoming. We will continue our efforts toward creating a world-class environmental education facility, honoring the work and legacy of Maui High's most noted graduate, Patsy Takemoto Mink, while continuing preservation and agriculture projects, planning for the 2013 MHS Centennial Celebration, and keeping all of you informed about the past, present and future of Maui High.

Your support has made – and will make – Friends' work possible! May the New Year bring renewed energy and progress toward our goals and, with your help, bring a brighter tomorrow to Old Maui High School.



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