



Friends of Old Maui High School

SILVERSWORD

Winter 2005

Restoration Underway at Old MHS Grant to fund Cleanup, Planning & Design



An EPA Special Purpose Grant secured by Senator Daniel Inouye will be used by co-grantees Friends of Old Maui High School and Community Work Day Program to begin the restoration and re-use of the historic administration building at old Maui High School, with a two-year workplan, beginning October 2005.

The \$248,000 grant will fund extensive site work, including clearing and composting invasive trees and shrubs, and careful removal - to the bare concrete walls - of all structural debris within the 1921 building. Usable materials will be recycled, and the sturdy walls will be evaluated while concepts and designs for the future Patsy T. Mink Center will be conceptualized. The clean-up will include a training component, which will provide qualified, experienced workers to assist in future historic preservation work.



The Friends and CWD will work together with their partners in government, business and community, to enhance the dollar value of the EPA funds. Our progress will be reported regularly, so alumni, partners and supporters will know how the project is going, and how they can help. Part of the grant funds will be allocated to document the history of old Maui High School, to ensure the historic, cultural, architectural and social impacts of Maui's first co-educational high school are well remembered and celebrated.

From the start of preservation efforts in 2003, an enormous amount of work has already been done to mitigate the effects of neglect and deterioration at the school. The EPA grant will move the project closer to the Friends' goal to rehabilitate the 92-year-old landmark, and give it new life and purpose. As the Patsy T. Mink Center, it will honor the life and legacy of the late U.S. Congresswoman and political powerhouse, a 1944 MHS graduate, who championed education, equal rights and opportunity for all.



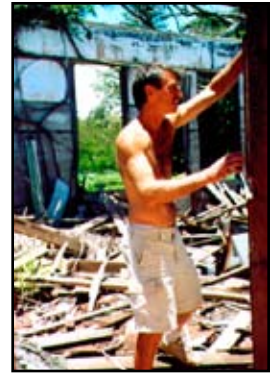
Yes, it IS a big job! But we are confident that, with your support and the help of all who love "our dear island school", we will accomplish our goal. Please join us and help make it happen!

PHOTOS (from top): The beautiful arched entry to historic 1921 MHS administration building, photographed by Tony Novak-Clifford for HONOLULU Magazine; Friends' info booth at Plantation Days Festival, staffed by Jean Igarashi, ('58); Honolulu Star Bulletin reporter Gary Kubota works on a feature story with MHS alumni Sylvia Harima ('45), Spencer Shiraiishi ('45) and Ruth Mukai ('47) at the Friends' MHS office.

FRIENDS ACTION UPDATE

Programs...Progress...Participation

Clean-up continues Maintaining cleanliness and safety at the H'poko campus is an ongoing, cooperative effort by scores of volunteers, who work diligently to deter vandalism, upgrade Friends' meeting rooms and Archive Center, clear debris and litter, salvage recyclable materials, and cut back rampant plants. With five CWD-sponsored clean-up days annually, and many more hours of volunteer labor by alumni, professionals and groups, the MHS administration Building and surroundings are welcoming and beautiful. Come out to H'poko and see for yourself!



In the news HONOLULU Magazine featured Old Maui High School in its August 2005 issue, as one of 9 *Most Endangered Historic Sites in Hawaii* a list compiled by Historic Hawaii Foundation, because "landmarks . . . remind us where we came from, of the times and people who shaped the islands." The article notes the Friends' goal to re-use the Dickey Building as the Patsy T. Mink Center, a community resource that will "perpetuate the educational goals of the late U.S. Representative and Maui High graduate".

On-line at last Want to see yearbook photos from the 1940's? Want to know when the next Campus Clean-up is scheduled? Want to read about history, tradition, and 60 years of events at old MHS? Then go on line to oldmauihigh.org and check out the Friends' new website! It's a work-in-progress, and we need feedback, so let us know what you think!

Class of 1970

The spirit still lives MHS Alumni come back. In October, the Class of 1955 held its 50th Class Reunion, including a Walk & Talk visit at old MHS, and presented their class gift to the Friends, to support restoration of their alma mater. The Class of 1970 held its 35th Reunion at the H'poko campus, with a day-long clean-up, and a well-attended picnic, with special guest and MHS grad, Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa. The Class of 1965's 40th Reunion included a work day in November, as alumni painted shelving in the Archive Collection room.



We're exhibitionists Building awareness and support is crucial to Friends' accomplishment of our goal. To tell our story, Friends mails the SILVERSWORD newsletter twice a year to more than 3000 alumni and supporters. We staff info booths at community events, with displays and flyers, including the Sugar Plantation Festival, the Haiku Centennial, and the Maui County Centennial. Students at Maui Community College and Seabury Hall learned about the history and future plans for old Maui High, and a presentation was made to the Wailuku Rotary Club. The Friends' info



flyer was mailed to Maui Historical Society members, with the MHS Journal winter issue. And articles in the Honolulu Star Bulletin, Maui News and other media helped tell our important story to a wide audience.



This early photograph was discovered and donated to the Friends' Archive Collection by Darlene Rodrigues, MHS

Gift to Friends for MHS Archive Honors 1938 Grad Ralph Kiyosaki

A \$10,000 donation to Friends of Old Maui High School has been made by Robert and Kim Kiyosaki, to fund Archive Collection equipment and supplies, in honor of Robert's father, the late Ralph Kiyosaki, a 1938 MHS graduate.

Ralph Kiyosaki was state superintendent of schools in the 1960s (supporting higher pay for teachers - only \$5,330 a year when he took over), chair of the Redevelopment Agency after the 1960 Hilo tidal wave, and candidate for lieutenant governor on the 1970 ticket with

Samuel King.

A Paia native, Kiyosaki was a good student at Maui High, winner of the American Legion award for scholarship, and editor of the class annual, SILVERSWORD.

Friends will use the generous contribution to honor the MHS alumnus who became an outstanding community leader. When completed, the MHS Archive Collection Room will be formally dedicated to Ralph Kiyosaki, MHS 1938, whose lifetime accomplishments make us all proud.

President's Message

My alma mater is Olney High School, in Philadelphia, PA, class of '49. But since 2003, when Friends of Old Maui High School was born (with Community Work Day's Jan Dapitan as midwife), the 'dear old island school' has been my inspiration and my labor of love

Taking on this job enabled me to grow with the Friends, as we gained legal status and credibility, developed our mission, goals, and programs grew our board and advisory board, and began the incredibly varied and rewarding tasks designed to accomplish not only the rehabilitation of a 1921 historic landmark but the creation of the Patsy Mink Center.

I came to understand that preserving and restoring the school involved not just buildings but history, and not just memories but people - the thousands of MHS alumni and the love they still have for their school. Preserving and perpetuating that love, and the spirit that still shines bright, will make the end result better than we can imagine! Restoration of old Maui High School will save a landmark, carrying into the future the inspiration, enthusiasm and purpose of all those students who were lucky enough to attend this truly great school.

Mahalo to all who have given so generously of their time, their wisdom and their support! We have much to do, but we are equal to the task! May the holiday season and the New Year bring peace, accomplishment, joy and the satisfaction of a job well done!

With Aloha,

Barbara Long



The Patsy Mink Story...

Filmmaker Plans Documentary, Interviews MHS Alumni

Award-winning Hawaii filmmaker Kimberlee Bassford Met with classmates, relatives and friends of Patsy Takemoto Mink in September 2005, and visited the MHS campus, to get information and a “sense of place” for the hourlong documentary she will write, produce and direct, profiling the life and times of the late U.S. Representative and MHS 1944 graduate.

Bassford wants her film to celebrate the life of a woman “whose quest for social justice changed the American political and educational landscape forever.” To keep the memory and achievements of Patsy Takemoto Mink alive, Bassford will research, interview and film in Honolulu, Maui, Washington D.C. and Chicago. Through Patsy’s story, the film will teach us about Hawaii’s history, and how, with determination and passion, obstacles can be challenged and overcome. If you have information about Patsy’s days at Hamakuapoko, and at Maui High, please contact Kimberlee Bassford: phone (808) 735-2533 or makingwavesfilms@yahoo.com



Filmmaker Kim Bassford interviews MHS alumni Teruo Kakihara ('45) and Frank Domingo ('47) for the Patsy Mink documentary.

Memories, Friendships Strong at MHS 1955 Class Reunion



Classmates celebrated their 50th Reunion in October, including a visit to the H’poko campus, where they viewed photo displays, recalled school days and learn about the Friends of Old Maui High School’s programs and goals for their alma mater. The Class presented a check for \$2,305 to the Friends, to help support the restoration of the administration building and creation of the Patsy T. Mink Center.



We stand corrected Sharp-eyed alumni Betty Shishido and Helene Yamashiro Otani wrote to set the story straight. We called Patsy Mink a “Paia girl” in the Spring SILVER-SWORD, and while it is true that Patsy was indeed born at Paia Hospital, she lived with her family in their home near old Maui High, at Hamakuapoko. In fact, Helene Otani recalls that Patsy Takemoto was her Brownie Troop Leader at H’poko.

Email your Friends’ at friends@oldmauihigh.org

WHO WERE THE “HOWLING HUNDRED”?

Putting together almost one hundred years of MHS history means sifting through scores of yearbooks, squinting at decades-old MAUI NEWS articles, pondering photos of now-demolished cottages and classrooms, and reading old Hi-Notes, MHS Handbooks and other publications. But our best source when it comes to documenting those industrious, exciting years is YOU....the students whose motto was “Onward to a better tomorrow”. . .who remember your days at Maui High and who now can help Friends prepare a complete and accurate history, so those memories will live on. Please help us answer these questions...tell us your tales of student days.. write us, or e-mail, answers to these questions and more.



Whose dog is this and what's its name?

And Thanks
for the
Memories!!!!



What team? Where are they coming from?



What is this building??

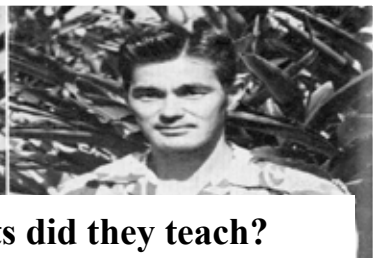


The sign says:
“MHS Radio
Broadcasting
System.”

What can you
tell us about
this??



Can you name these MHS teachers?



What subjects did they teach?



Mahalo to our NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

More than 300 have responded (as of 9/30/05), substantially increasing the Friends' resources helping fund preservation, restoration and communication projects! Your contributions and heartfelt letters of support greatly enhance the Friends' abilities to reach our goal to restore the historic 1921 MHS administration building and create the PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK CENTER, honoring the late U.S. Congresswoman and leader in the cause of equality and opportunity for all.

Mahalo to all present and future members and contributors! If you're not yet a member, join Friends now!

1932	Paul Dang	June Rekward
Nora Goodness	Harriette Holt	Betty (Tanaka) Shishido
1934	Betty Kegley	Stephen Sing
Munaki Morimoto	Josephine Kehoe	Jean (Uyzua) Tonaki
Robert Hughes	Jane (Shishido) Lau	Lois Tyler
1935	Shigeo Okuda	Marian Yokomoto
Kathryn (Savage) Cameron	Janet (Rattray) Page	Betsy (Komoda) Yoshida
Kunio Ogawa	Yukiko Sato	Alyce Yoshido
Cherry (Kiyosaki) Sakakida	Jerry Shishido	1948
1938	Eugene Takemoto	Clara (Rodrigues) Aucker
Asako Kato	Sadae Uyeno	Ty Baldwin
Clifford Kobayashi	Robert Watanabe	Doris Char
Haruyo (Morikawa) Kotake	1945	Lourdes (Ribucan) Cordeiro
David Souza	Emily (Pang) Akaka	Louis Dolim
1939	Marjorie (Coleman) Brookman	Betty (Yap) Dumaran
Nora Abe	Walter Cravalho	Elaine FooSum
Leslie Araki	Consuelo (Prito) Edquiban	Jane Fukunaga
Shiro Hironaka	Sylvia Harima	Ethel (Sakamoto) Ho
Larry Mayashiro	Edie Hubanks	Harold Honda
Fusayo Okita	James Itamura	Isama Iwaishi
Miyoto Onaga	Mac & Judith Magarifuji	Norma Joaquin
Champ Ono	Ralph Nikaido	Tom Kato
Tsuyako (Murakami) Sakagawa	Roy Ishiro	Miyuki (Yamamoto) Kimura
Mary Soon	Betsy Poentis	Mildred Kitagawa
Edith Sugano	Sueno (Murakami) Saito	Al Macapulay
Marjorie (Takishita) Tanoue	Charlie Tamashiro	Clara (Chinnohara) Matsumoto
William Tavares	Fred Trask	Tsuzuki Matsumura
Laura Wical	Alice (Suzuki) Yamada	John Mihara
1940	Esther (Abe) Yokoyama	Charles Mounce
Clytie (Rocha) Hewlett	Sally (Veoka) Yoshina	Akira Mukai
Dawn (Trask) Howell	1946	Ken Nako
Howard Murakami	Charles Crane	Noburo Sato
Shirley Murakami	Amado Malabon	Roy Shimabukuro
1943	Sadako Nikaido	Norman Taira
Thelma (Funayama) Hamada	1947	Elaine Taketa
Kenneth Ito	Sandra (shishido) Choi	Shigeo Wakayama
Robert Kiyosaki	Lillian Fuchikami	Edith Wall
Susan (Yang) Marcotte	Charles Gima	Nancy (Tamayose) Yamashita
Masao Motooka	Molly (Kono) Hamanaka	1949
Torao Mukai	Kiyoto (Stella) Hashimoto	Grace (Takahashi) Arata
Ruby Okafuji	Elaine (Shimabuku) Higa	Alice Kushimaejo
Grace Saito	Mae Hirata	Jimmy & Lucille Lawrence
Kosei Shinsato	Tamateru Kodama	Jane Lo
Isamu Takahashi	Rene Kurasaki	Robert Matsumoto
Yukie (Kigawa) Tsukamoto	Alfred Lacio	Patsy (Shishido) Matsumura
Takeo Watanabe	Jayne Machida	Leilani Matsumura
Don Yamaoka	Betty (Takaezu) Miyachi	Bobbie (Coleman) McDonald
Mamoru Yokoyama	Tom & Ruth Mukai	Lorrain (Kanemoto) Morikawa
Florence Yotsuya	Harold Nako	Jane Okano
1944	Esther Nishijo	Wallace Oshiro
Barbara Cook	Edward Nishimura	Clifford Saito

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Your membership donation will help the Friends accomplish their goals -restoration of the Historic Old Maui High School administration building and creation of the Patsy T. Mink Center.

NAME (please print) _____ (maiden) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

I AM A MHS ALUMNUS, Class of 19____

MEMBERSHIP DONATION - please make checks payable to Friends of Old MHS

____ Individual/Family -- \$15 and up

____ Business/Corporate --\$35 and up

I want to help even more! Enclosed is \$ _____ as a gift.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Calvin & Jenny Yamamoto
Harriet (Ogata) Yoshimori
1950
Wallace Arakawa
Elsie (Yoshinaga) Crowell
Florence (Nakatsukasa) Fukumoto
Donald Haruko
Betty Hida
Helen (Domingo) Mercedes
Willard & Dixie Miyahira
Toshie Nako
Herbert Ohigashi
Michio Shishido
Teruko Smith
Helen (Miyashiro) Tamashiro
Robert Tsuji
Donald Watanabe
Stephanie (Satoko) Yayoshi
1951
Janet (Miikai) Cho
Edith (Nakashima) Matsumoto
Mildred Miyasiro
1952
Noboru Hironaka
Allen Matsunaga
1953
Kathryn (Honda) Fujioka
Dorothy Genn
Jane Inouye
Gladys Isobe
Nobuo Kanemoto
Nobuyoshi Komoda
Peter Leong
Clarence Matsumoto
Lawrence Mercedes
Harrison & Helen Miyahira
Betty (Akemoto) Mizuguchi
George Nagano
Larry Nakashima
George Otani
Hiroko (Marian) Pharr
Sally Viveiros

Robert Yamashida
Ellen (Maalea) Yap
1954
Alexander Bantilan
April Corioso
Grace (Saito) Fujimoto
Nora Morita
Alice (Yogi) Sasaki
1955
Edith Goya
Donald Karimoto
Dawn (Matsuoka) Moroye
Rita Palafox
Betty Takata
Larry Tomita
1956
Leonarda Asuncion
1957
Glenda (Ueoka) Ujiie
1958
Anonymous
Anonymous
Sylvester Baldovi
Corrine (Cambra) Blalock
Alfred Gima
Janet Honda
Kenneth Mijo
Wallace Murakanz
Robert Oyafuso
Stephen Petro
George Tanahara
1959
Charles Barclay
Amy House
Clarence Ishizu
Barbara (Carvalho) Silva
Sandra Suzuki
Harry & Janet Suzuki
Wayne & Ester Takakura
1960
Ronald & Stephanie Sakaki
Philip Valentine
1962

Ben Almasin
Morris Asato
Gerri Cantwell
Robert Rico
Homer Shiroma
Remedios Tamayo
1963
Harry Dobashi
Betty (Suzuki) Fujiwara
Roger & Gail Hasegawa
Florence (Takaki) Utsumi
1965
Evan Asato
Ruddy & Linda Bareng
Gail Hamai
Lorraine Ho
Faith Ito
Gloria Malunao
Daniel Shishido
Carl Watanabe
Danny Yamamura
1966
Jackie (Pias) Carlin
Al Imamura
Dennis Ishii
1967
Grace (Yogi) Ishii
Paul & Gwen Ueoka
1984
Joy Tamayose

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