



Celebrating the Triumphant Return of the 30th Annual Palolo Chinese Home Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament

After more than two years of waiting due to the pandemic, we were thrilled to finally tee up our 30th Annual Palolo Chinese Home Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament on May 13.

Held at the Ala Wai Golf Course—back where it all began three decades ago—the tournament brought together both old and new friends for an important cause. With the help of our talented team, this year's honorary chair, Paul Taniyama, and the entire Golf Steering Committee, the tournament was a resounding success.

Mahalo to all our sponsors, donors, players, and volunteers for helping to make this year's tournament one we'll never forget. The funds raised will directly support the Home's operational costs, educational training, and care services provided to kupuna and their families.





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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO | DARLENE NAKAYAMA

A YEAR OF “QUICKLY
PIVOTING AND ADAPTING”

On July 27, 2022 during our Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) annual meeting, it was stated that organizations must now “Quickly Pivot and Adapt.” This is so true for us all. The past year has brought many changes, and we appreciate everyone’s ongoing support of our Home’s efforts. We are finding that coming out of COVID is, at times, harder than some of the challenges faced during the pandemic itself. Like with many other businesses, PCH has been experiencing a need for trained staff, such as nurses who are focused on caring for our residents and families, in much greater numbers.

Palolo Chinese Home’s mission is:

*“To educate, support and
Care for seniors, and their families,
By providing a continuum of quality care,
In a culturally sensitive family setting”.*

We want to ensure that the Home is here to provide ongoing quality care to our seniors today and in the future! To maintain our mission, PCH is diligently working on recruiting and retaining staff. PCH also depends on the generosity of its volunteers and donors.

Support for the ongoing work of PCH comes

through many vital channels, such as our annual Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament. We wish to thank the Tournament Committee for championing the Home’s Golf Tournament for 30 years, along with all our dedicated Honorary Chairs. We applaud Gordon Au for his steadfast support of PCH, spanning more than three decades. Thank you to the late Carolyn Yap Ballou, PCH’s former Administrator, for her work and vision in establishing PCH’s golf tournament with Gordon.

Mahalo nui to all our generous sponsors, donors, and golfers for making this year’s tournament comeback such a success after a two-year pause. Our volunteers and staff also devoted countless hours gracefully “pivoting and adapting” to create an enjoyable, seamless event. We also send a “special shout out” to the staff of the Ala Wai Golf Course, Jessi Chen, and the L & L staff. Your hospitality of our staff, volunteers and golfers is commendable.

An adaptable approach was also needed in PCH’s planning for our Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and 4th of July festivities. With the help of Kana Vance, PCH’s Activity Coordinator, Steven Yim, Manager Food Nutritional Services and the culinary team, and our volunteers with their talent for creating celebratory greeting cards, these events were made memorable for our residents.

At last, but most importantly, thank you to Pauline Nnawuba, PCH’s Chief Operating Officer, and to all the Home’s managers and team members. Your collective support of our mission in caring for Hawaii’s seniors and a readiness to put in long workdays in their service is much valued and respected. We are humbled by your ability to pivot and adapt so gracefully to any challenge, and our residents, families, and community applaud you!

Darlene H. Nakayama



Palolo Chinese Home Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament Honorary Chairpersons

The PCH Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament is attributed to dynamic duo Carolyn Y. Kwon (PCH Administrator) and Gordon S. K. Au (PCH's insurance agent and youngest Director). Aiming to expand fundraising efforts beyond the "Pride of Palolo" craft fair that typically garnered a few hundred dollars, Carolyn sought out the advice of Gordon, who simply replied, "Get me a golf course, and I will get together a tournament for you." In a matter of three days, Carolyn did just that. On April 25, 1991, the inaugural PCH Dynasty Invitational was held. The event grossed \$32,600 with \$17,900 netted to the Home, and as they say, the rest is history.



In Memory of
Carolyn Yap Ballou



George J. Fukunaga
1991



Stanley W. Hong
1999



Ron Mizutani
2007



Kimo Kahoano
2015



Hiram L. Fong
1992



Warren K. K. Luke
2000



Dr. Lawrence Tseu
2008



Russell Lau
2016



K. J. Luke
1993



Arthur S. K. Fong
2001



Dr. Ming Chen,
OD FACS
2009



Tyler Tokioka
2017



James C. Wo
Robert C. Wo
1994



Allen B. Uyeda
2002



Masaichi Tasaka
2010



Gordon Au
2018



C. T. Wong
1995



Mark H. Fukunaga
2003



Lester K. M. Leu
2011



Gladys Lee
2019



Wallace W. Y. Wong
1996



Daniel B. T. Lau
2004



Victor Lim
2012



Paul Taniyama
2022



Henry B. Clark
1997



Clarence Lee
2005



Sam K. Yee
2013



Lily K. Yao
1998



Jerry Manin
2006



Steve Uyehara
2014



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The blessing of "long life" is universally celebrated. At Palolo Chinese Home, the Chinese character for longevity (shou) has long been used as our symbol. By adding two brush strokes, the artist, the late Clarence Lee, incorporated the Chinese character for people or mankind (ren), and the result is an image of a roof embracing long life — our wish for you. The unbroken circle signifies our mission of continuous care and respect for our kupuna (elders).

Summer 2022



STARS, STRIPES & CELEBRATIONS AT PALOLO CHINESE HOME

It's been a busy few months at Palolo Chinese Home with celebrations for May Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Fourth of July. While we weren't able to host more in-person events, we did our best to make our residents feel special. These creative festivities kept both safety and fun in focus.

This May Day, our residents shared in special crafts, and honored Hawaii's distinct tradition that May Day is Lei Day! On Mother's Day and Father's Day, our culinary team prepared special meals for our resident parents. The amazing PCH Women's Auxiliary volunteers handcrafted special Mother's Day greeting cards and goodies, as well as gifts for the male residents and participants in our SDC and PWP programs. Members of the Hawaii Lions Club also presented handcrafted cards made by the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club to our resident dads on Father's Day.

Most recently, we celebrated the 4th of July with summertime favorites like pulled pork sliders with house slaw served on fresh baked buns and homemade chocolate brownie pie for dessert.

