



Aloha Gram

ASSOCIATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS

Honolulu Chapter

President's Message

Debbie Stelmach, President

By the time this newsletter goes to press, the dreaded Y2K will have come and gone. I hope your holidays were safe, crisis free, and quiet (yeah, right).

I commend those who decided to stick it out rather than opt for retirement or a career change. One positive note about Y2K, it prompted us to clean house. It's amazing how some code never seems to die.

My own weekend will be spent on call and a little overtime on New Years Eve to implement fee changes for the Motor Vehicle Registration System that I maintain (a 30 year old legacy system).

If you missed our Annual Banquet, try and make an effort to attend next year. It was lots of fun and a purely social event.

The Program Committee is busy at work lining up speakers for the upcoming year. Linda Lingle is scheduled for February. The group ARMA is interesting in joining us for that session.

If there are topics you would like to hear about, please let us know. If you have consultants or

vendors coming to visit, perhaps you might consider asking them to speak at one of our luncheons. Share the wealth and knowledge with your fellow chapter members.

Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

January Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20, 1999 at the Ala Moana Hotel from 11:30 to 1 pm. The topic and guest speaker was not available at press time.

Please check our website periodically and look for the meeting message from our list servers.

Annual Banquet

Highlights

A great time was had by all who attended the annual banquet and officer installation in December. Christmas center pieces decorated each of the tables along with cinnamon candies. An upgraded meal of roast beef, new potatoes, and apple pie ala mode was served. Several new and rarely seen faces were present. Lei-bedecked board members were installed into office.

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Board members were presented with certificates of appreciation by outgoing president, **Joel Kumabe**. Outgoing board members, **Celeste Rogers** and **Mike Elinski** were thanked for their service. New members, **Miles Tsuruoka** and **Sam Luke** were welcomed to the new board.

Mahalo to Prize Donors

Once again, **George Leong** - our chapter's number 1 Santa, out did himself again in providing door prizes for the banquet. A big mahalo to those who contributed prizes:

Sharon Elwell Cades, Schutte, Fleming, Wright	1 dz golf balls
Janet & Mike Elinski Human Resources Mgmt	1 gift certificate
George Leong EDP Products Co, Inc	6 pkg Mac Nuts 6 pkg Mac Nut Chocolate
Joan & Lee Lewellen	5 \$20 gift certificates
Rebecca Schell EMC2	4 coffee mugs 4 tumblers 4 pen/letter opener sets
Debbie Stelmach City & County of Honolulu	1 gift certificates at Side Street Inn
Pat Tsuji AXA Advisors	1 pkg Mac Nuts
Vivian Tsuji Data House	2 \$25 gift certificates

Awards Issued

Individual Performance Awards winners were announced. They include:

Glenna Young	IPA Bronze
Guy Inouye	IPA Gold
George Leong	IPA Triple Diamond

Plaques will be issued during the January meeting.

Joel Kumabe was issued a plaque as the outgoing president.

Our chapter's highest award, the Walter "Andy" Anderson award will be announced and presented in January. This is a service award given to an individual who has provided outstanding service

and commitment to the chapter.

Debbie Stelmach was presented with the plaques as the 1998 winner of the Walter "Andy" Anderson award.

Other Mahalos

Thanks to: **Diane Shelton** and **Conrad Cortez** for manning the check in table, **Miles Sato** for being our photographer for the day, **Mike Elinski** and **George Leong** for arranging games and prizes, and to **Joel Kumabe** for being Debbie's chauffeur.

George Leong Honored

George Leong of EDP Products was roasted, toasted, and honored at the annual banquet for his outstanding contributions and long years of service to our chapter. George was one of the founding members of the Honolulu Chapter back in 1956 (before many of us were even born and when punch cards were considered a user interface). Numerous members, past and present, shared their stories. George's son, Guy, was on hand to video tape the event.

George has always had a talent for getting new members involved on committees. Even though he doesn't hold an official office, he contributes enormously to the chapter. He's our liaison with the Ala Moana Hotel, a regular contributor to the Aloha Gram, and Santa Clause extraordinaire when it comes to rounding up door prizes for golf tournaments and annual banquet.

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George also has an attendance record that can't be beat - an amazing 28 years of perfect attendance. Major surgery was the only thing to mar that record. Even then, he was back at the meetings within a week of being released from the hospital.

Mahalo and congratulations George!! Wouldn't it be great if we could send some of George's cells to UH and have him cloned??

Chapter News

New Members

As a direct result of the Computer Expo, we've had an influx of new members. Please welcome:

- Jason Coats, IS Director of Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright
- Richard Polenday, IS Coordinator of Surgical Services for Queens Medical Center
- Les Miyamoto, Account Exec for Oceanic Communications
- Narayan Raja, Assistant Specialist for UH Institute of Astronomy
- David Kobashigawa, President of Pacific/Hawaii Computer Expo
- Lincoln Jacobe, Executive Director of Pacific News.Net/Computer Expo
- Michael Choi, student at HPU

Did You Know???

People on the Move

AITP'er **Jeff Bloom** was recently featured in an article published in Mid Week.... **Justin Ito** has been named director of information technology at Hawaii Pacific University. He was previously information technology manager at Safetran Systems Inc in California....Among the newly elected officers of Hawaii Venture Capital Association is **Peter Van Zile**, former AITP member and founder of his own software and

Chapter List Servers

AITP Honolulu Chapter is pleased to have two list servers available where members of the local IT community can participate and communicate with each other.

It is also the primary notification tool used by the chapter to communicate with its membership. If you are a chapter member, but am not receiving meeting announcements via email, please subscribe to one of the lists.

Discussion List

This is a non-restricted list. Those who join the list are able to post messages. The posted message will then be broadcast to all members of the list. AITP Honolulu chapter also distribute information about upcoming meetings and activities in our local IT community. Anyone may post information that is IT related (please, no advertising).

Announcement List

This list is a restricted list. The list owner is the only person who can post messages. List members can only receive the posted messages. This list is used by the AITP Honolulu chapter to distribute information about upcoming meetings and activities in our local IT community.

How to Subscribe:

It's easy to join. Just visit our chapter website at <http://surf.to/aitp-hawaii>. The bottom of the home page has instructions. Or, you can also join by visiting -

Discussion list: <http://aitphawaii.listbot.com/>
Announcement <http://aitpannounce.listbot.com/>

consulting firm.....**David A.K. Matlin** has been named general manager of TicketPlus Inc, the city's new ticketing agent. He was most recently with the University of Hawaii Athletic Department where he was involved with their computerized and electronic distribution of tickets.....The nonprofit human services agency, Catholic Charities installed AITP member **Sandra Ohara** as chairwomen. She is vice president of sales and marketing at ComTel Inc.

News from the Computer Whirl

Airline ticketing gets a boost
IBM and the airline industry is collaboration on new

technology that could make it easier to fly without a ticket.

At some domestic airlines, up to half of all passengers now use electronic tickets. Ticketless travel saves the airlines money they would otherwise spend handling paper tickets.

Unlike paper tickets, airlines can not honor each other's electronic tickets unless they establish costly links between their e-ticket systems. IBM and the International Air Transport Association plan to announce that they are developing a single system that would link all airlines that offer ticketless travel beginning next year. IBM officials said the system could help passengers who must fly on more than one carrier, for example, to reach smaller cities served only by commuter airlines or to link with foreign carriers on international trips. The system also helps ticketless passengers who must change airlines because of flight cancellations. Currently, most have to get a printed ticket from their carrier to present to the second airline.

Call George Leong at 486-8686 with your newsworthy information.

Two Digits for a Date

(sung to the tune of "Gilligan's Island," more or less)

by Andrew Miller

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale
Of the doom that is our fate.
That started when programmers used
Two digits for a date.
Two digits for a date.

Main memory was smaller then;
Hard disks were smaller, too.
"Four digits are extravagant,
So let's get by with two.
So let's get by with two."

"This works through 1999,"
The programmers did say.
"Unless we rewrite by then
It all will go away.

It all will go away."

But Management had not a clue:
"It works fine now, you bet!
A rewrite is a straight expense;
We won't do it just yet.
We won't do it just yet."

Now when 2000 rolls around
It all goes straight to hell,
For zero's less than ninety-nine,
As anyone can tell.
As anyone can tell.

The mail won't bring your pension check
It won't be sent to you
When you're no longer sixty-eight,
But minus thirty-two.
But minus thirty-two.

The problems we're about to face
Are frightening, for sure.
And reading every line of code's
The only certain cure.
The only certain cure.

[key change, big finish]
There's not much time,
There's too much code.
(And COBOL-coders, few)
When the century is finished with,
We may be finished, too.
We may be finished, too.

Eight thousand years from now I hope
That things weren't left too late,
And people aren't then lamenting
Four digits for a date.
Four digits for a date.

January Education Seminar

To be Announced

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Guest Speaker:
To be announced



Wednesday, January 19, 2000
Ala Moana Hotel
11:30 - 1:15 pm

Reservations Required/Cost includes lunch
Reservation Line: 546-2084
or send e-mail to: miles.tsuruoka@telops.gte.com

Discounted rate applies if reservation is placed on or before Jan 14
Members/students \$17 \$19 Guests \$23 \$25

Upcoming Events*

Jan 11	BOD Work Session Data House 5:00 pm	Jan 30 - Feb 2, 2000 Pacific Telecommunications Council Annual Conference www.ptc.org/ptc2000/index.htm
Jan 18	Computer Associates free workshops Hilton Haw Village http://www.cai.com/events/evaluate	Feb 2 BOD Meeting Data House Noon - 1 pm
Jan 19	Monthly Meeting to be announced	Feb 8 Bod Work Session Data House 5:00 pm
Jan 27	Computer Associates free workshops Hilton Hawn Village http://www.cai.com/events/evaluate	Feb 16 Monthly Meeting Linda Lingle

* Programs and dates are subject to change

To be listed here, please send the name of the event, date, description, and contact person to Debbie Stelmach at 527-6218 or send an e-mail to dstelmach@co.honolulu.hi.us. The deadline is the 25th of each month. They will be published here on a space-available, first come, first serve basis

The Aloha Gram is the monthly newsletter of the Honolulu Chapter of AITP. Paid advertising is accepted for at a nominal fee and we encourage letters or articles from our membership.

The deadline for article submission is the **25th of each month**. All articles should be submitted electronically either on diskette or sent within an E-mail.

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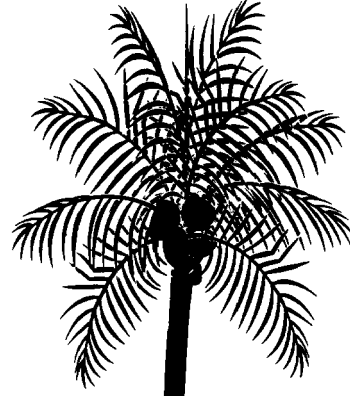
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