



# Aloha Gram

ASSOCIATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS

## Honolulu Chapter

### President's Message

Miles Tsuruoka, President

Thanks to Vivian Tsuji for conducting the March meeting. Work schedule conflicts prevented me from attending the presentation by the University of Hawaii Engineering students on their CubeSat project. It was something that I really wanted to learn more about. Much appreciation goes to Oscar Libed for coordinating the AITP/IEEE joint event which was another smashing success!

For April, rather than a technical session, we'd like to improve the philosophical portion of our minds with the intent of improving our leadership qualities.

Please come and listen to Dr. Kent Keith talk about the Paradoxical Commandments. We hope that they will inspire you!

### April Meeting

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Kent Keith, author of the book, "The Paradoxical Commandments : Finding Personal Meaning in a Crazy World" as our guest speaker on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ala Moana Hotel.

A graduate of Roosevelt High School, Dr. Keith has given over 600 public speeches, conference papers, and workshops on secondary school activities, law, planning, economic development, higher and lower education, management, servant leadership, and the Paradoxical Commandments.

He earned his B.A. from Harvard and was a Rhodes Scholar. In 1989, he was named President of Chaminade University. He is currently the Vice-President of Development and Communications for the YMCA of Honolulu.

### Chapter News

Mark your calenders for the July 17<sup>th</sup> AITP meeting. It's an election year and we are pleased to have Dan Boylan back again to present his take on the local political scene. His presentations are enlightening and often hilariously funny.

### Gartner Group Golf Tournament

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Gartner Group Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club. Starting time is 12:30PM Shotgun start.

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Enter individually or as a team. Several Gartner client teams have already entered! Format will be a 4 man scramble (NO Handicaps). A Gartner client 4 man team is only \$150 (one free entry & 3 @ \$50-what a deal!)

GREAT FOOD (box lunch, heavy pupus after), COCKTAILS, CIGARS, FUN and PRIZES!

#### ENTRY FEES

One FREE entry per Gartner client company	
ADDITIONAL Gartner CLIENTS	\$50
NON Gartner CLIENTS	\$60

Please submit all entries by Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>

Contact Dale Aiello at 808 531-5647 for more information.

## Microsoft NET

by Debbie Stelmach

I recently attended a Microsoft .NET presentation at the Hi-Tech Summit in March. This is Microsoft's new architecture for PC based application development. This product represents some new thinking on the part of Microsoft. The product strives to address a number of the implementation and troubleshooting problems often encountered with web and client server applications.

It lets developers use any number of front end development tools such as Visual Basic, Java, C Sharp, C++ and then pre-compile them into a standardized common language module. This module is not actual machine code like assembler but is a close cousin. This feature is suppose to help make the developed applications more platform independent and easier to distribute.

Next, there is enhanced exception handling. As an example, most PC and web apps communicate with other devices and applications. When those components fail to respond or return invalid information, it often resulted in generic runtime errors. Microsoft .NET is suppose to be better at identifying these types of errors and making the

information available to the developer.

The new product also offers better debugging capability using features such as trace.

The product also is avoiding the use of the Windows Registry. Adding or updating components in the registry was a source of many headaches and problems for developers. It was often necessary to shut down the entire machine to roll it into memory. In this product, such components can be copied to the appropriate directory. The next time the application needs it, the system will make a shadow copy of the module at run time.

What I found interesting is that all of the above features and functions are things that mainframes have been doing and doing well for decades.

For last 20 years, PC developers have fallen over themselves in an effort to differentiate their products from mainframe based systems and terminology. It looks like that trend is now changing. It's nice to know that mainframes aren't quite the dinosaurs some people thought they were :-).

## April Education Meeting

# The Paradoxical Commandments: Finding Personal Meaning in a Crazy World

Sponsored By:

*Honolulu Chapter of AITP*

**The Association of Information Technology Professionals**

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Kent Keith

Vice-President of Development and Communications  
YMCA of Honolulu

Wednesday April 17, 2002

Ala Moana Hotel

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Reservations Required

Reservation Line: 591-3550

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Discounted rate applies if reservation is placed on or before April 12

Members/students \$17 \$19    Guests \$23 \$25

Cost includes luncheon

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Here are a few of the Paradoxical Commandments:

- . People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.
- . If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.
- . If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

## Upcoming Events\*

Apr 3	AITP Board Meeting	May 1	AITP Board Meeting
Apr 4	Microsoft Big Day Seminar Small Business Server, Office, Windows, Windows Server and bCentral 8:00 am - 3:00 pm <a href="http://www.msbigday.com/">http://www.msbigday.com/</a>	May 15	AITP Monthly Meeting
		Jun 5	AITP Board Meeting
		Jun 19	AITP Monthly Meeting
Apr 17	AITP Monthly Meeting	Jul 17	AITP Monthly Meeting Guest speaker: Dan Boylan

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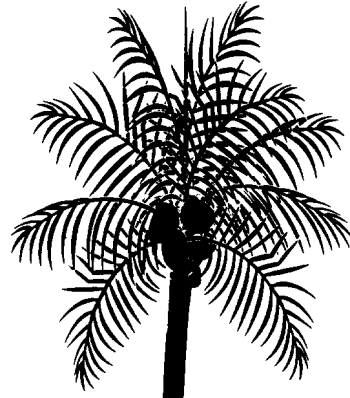
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