Class of 1992 Planning Reunion:

Sunday May 6th
At Magic Island.

The Class of 1992 Reunion is currently scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 6 at Site 32, Magic Island. For more information, contact Natalie Hiu, Patsy (Kirio) Saiki, Doug Ushijima, Brad Chong, Eric Young, David Frankel or Jackie Amai.

Fourth Annual All Class Reunion
At the Willows Restaurant
on Friday, September 28
Full Kamaaina Dinner Buffet.

Come one, come all, to the Alumni Association’s Fourth Annual All Class Reunion on Friday, September 28th. Get together with your friends and classmates and “talk story.” The special reunion classes of 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002 will be celebrating their 30th, 25th, 20th, 15th, 10th, and 5th reunions, respectively.

Enjoy the “old Hawaii” ambiance of the historic Willows Restaurant in Moiliili. The Reunion Committee has created a special Kamaaina Buffet Dinner menu to delight your taste buds. The full buffet dinner and a standard drink will cost only $45 for dues paid Alumni Association members and only $50 for non-members.

We will also be honoring one of our alumni as the Outstanding Alum of 2007 and Dean Soifer will be honoring another alum for contributions to the Law School as well. Send in the Outstanding Alum nomination form (on the back of the enclosed dues form) if you would like to nominate your classmate or friend for the Association’s prestigious award.

2007 Golf Tournament Set for Thursday, May 17th
at Hawaii Prince Golf Club;
Promote your Business by Being a Sponsor or Prize Donor.

Alumni golfers—mark your calendars! After a one-year hiatus, we are back! This year’s 20th Annual Law School Alumni and Friends Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, May 17th at the beautiful Hawaii Prince Golf Club in Ewa. As always, a sumptuous banquet dinner will follow, with many prizes and loads of fun. If you would be interested in serving as a Class Coordinator for your class, or in joining our Tournament Committee, please call Tournament Co-Chair Colin Kurata at 524-2900 or e-mail the Association (lawalum@hawaii.edu).

If you would like to promote your business or firm, be a tournament sponsor or prize donor, Contact Colin Kurata at 524-2900 or the Association by e-mail.
Alumni Association Pitches in at Waimea Valley Audubon Center.

On a beautiful January morning over 30 WSRSALA alumni, faculty, family and friends cleared the invasive and other non-native foliage from the area surrounding Pond #4 at the Waimea Valley Audubon Center. Ming Chi ('05) and two of his friends even jumped into the pond to remove unwanted algae. Some of the group, including Dean Soifer, also removed undesirable foliage from the Center’s hibiscus garden. After three hours of work, the group walked up to Waimea Falls to enjoy a picturesque lunch. Thanks to those who drove out to the North Shore to help restore Waimea Valley: Rosemary Fazio ('78), Jim Williston ('78), Calvin ('82) and Leslie Young (and their family members, Sara and Katie Young and Kaleo, Sean and Janelle McCabe), Greg Lui-Kwan ('82), Debbie Lee ('82) (and daughter, Vonne), Philip Lahne ('84) (and his wife, Pamela), Marc Garren ('97 V), Carter Siu ('99), Sat Freedman ('01), Steve Duck ('02), Jill Hasegawa ('04), Ming Chi ('05), Chris Ewan ('05), Levi Hookano ('06), Blaine Rogers ('06), Dean Aviam Soifer, Professor Mark Levin (and his son, Sam) and a number of law students and friends: Rebecca Delafield, Asami Miyazawa, Kim Plaushine, Everett Ohta, Ming Wong, Zachary Kondo, and James and Kevin Lu.


The Alumni Association will be sponsoring a workday for Habitat for Humanity on the Leeward Coast on Saturday, July 21, 2007. More details will follow in our next newsletter. Pictured at right are some of the participants in our last “Habitat” project: Della Au Belatti ('03), Shawn Benton ('05), Kimberly Benton, Ming Chi ('05), Steve Duck ('02), Kirsha Durante (coordinator) ('04), Dennis Enomoto, Rosemary Fazio ('78), Stuart Kaneko ('77), Summer Kupau ('04), Kevin Lu, Teresa Lu, Greg Lui-Kwan ('82), Ray Marks, Mayvera Mataele, Maura Okamoto ('97), Betty Rosenberg, Gen Tamura, Jim Williston ('78), Keith Yamada, Mason Yamaki, and Wendy Yamamoto ('03). Not pictured, but also helping were Linda Chow ('88), Julie Padron, and Lori Ohinata ('90).

Rose Anne Fletcher, Class of 1989, Passes Away.

It is with heavy heart that we notify her classmates and friends that Rose Anne Fletcher, 44, of the Class of 1989 passed away on December 8, 2006 in Everett, Washington. Rosie was a graduate of Maryknoll High School in Honolulu, Seattle University (B.A., Psychology) and the Dower School of Real Estate, in addition to the Richardson School of Law.

Rosie worked as a Deputy Public Defender in Hawaii, a real estate agent in Arizona, and most recently for Verizon in Everett. According to an obituary published in the Honolulu Advertiser on Sunday, March 4th, Rosie “was a published poet, enjoyed traveling, sailing, scuba diving, horseback riding, skiing, redecorating, and most of all people.”

Rosie is survived by her parents, Mary Spellacy Fletcher of Waialua and Ken Fletcher of Washington State, her brothers Marty, Bill, Damon and Francis, and sisters Susie Tillery and Mary Beth Fletcher. Her family has requested that any donations be made in her name to Habitat for Humanity – 121 Habitat St., Americus, GA 31709-3498.

Prof. Kenneth K. Lau Passes Away.

Our condolences to the family of Prof. Kenneth K. Lau, 91, who died on January 30, 2007. Prof. Lau taught Contracts to the incoming Class of 1975 (graduating Class of 1978). Prof. Lau received his J.D. from the Univ. of Michigan Law School and his LL.M. from Harvard Law School. After leaving the U.S. Army as a Lt. Colonel, Prof. Lau returned to Hawaii where he practiced law and worked at the Legislative Reference Bureau before embarking on a long career at the University of Hawaii. At the University, Prof. Lau was in on the ground floor of the establishment of the East-West Center, and served as a Special Assistant to U.H. President Thomas Hamilton, as Vice President for Business Affairs, and as Secretary of the University, in addition to teaching many Business Law and Contracts classes.
Alumni Tidbits

If you have any news you would like to share with fellow alumni, just send the information by mail or by e-mail at walum@hawaii.edu

1977 – Our best wishes to Bruce Barnes and his wife, Ninan Zaluaga Barnes, on the birth of their son, Shawn Makani Zaluaga Barnes at Kaiser, Moanalua, on February 23rd. Shawn Makani weighed in at 7 lbs. 4.3 oz.

1983 – Congrats to Keith Tanaka upon his appointment and confirmation as a District Court Judge in the Second Circuit. Keith is a former deputy public defender who has been in private practice for the past 18 years, much of that time on Maui.

Jean Ireton was recently named Deputy Director (Corrections) for the State Dept. of Public Safety. Jean had most recently been serving as the head of the Honolulu Prosecutor’s Career Criminal Unit.

1985 – We tip our hats to Elizabeth Kent, Director of the Hawaii State Judiciary’s Center for Alternate Dispute Resolution, upon her receipt of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Peacemaker Award given by the Church of the Crossroads.

1990 – Our best to S. Kalani Bush, recently elevated to partnership in the Law Firm of Reinwald, O’Connor & Playdon, LLP.

1992 – Kudos to Glenn J. Kim for his appointment and confirmation as a circuit court judge for the First Circuit. Glenn presently serves as a deputy prosecuting attorney and supervisor of the Domestic Violence Misdemeanor and Felony units in Honolulu.

1995, 2000 & 2002 – Our congratulations to Wil Yamamoto (’02), Greg Kugle (’95) and WSRSLA Treasurer Wendy Miki (V’90) on finishing within the top 500 Hawaii finishers at the Honolulu Marathon held in December of 2006. As reported in the Honolulu Star Bulletin, their finishing times, respectively, were: 3:03:45 (19th locally and 133rd overall); 3:19:55 (59th locally and 231st overall); and 3:55:17 (348th locally and 1,632nd overall). If we missed anyone, please let us know.

Richardson Law School Moot Court Teams Garner National Recognition, Including Top Honors in Native American Competition.

In February, the Law School’s Native American Moot Court Team took first place at the 15th Annual National Native American Law Student Association’s Moot Court competition held in Minneapolis. Two Richardson students, Anosh Yaqoob and Scott E. Hovey, Jr., placed first in the best advocates (team) category, and Anosh earned second place in the best individual oralist category. A second Law School team in the competition, Moani Crowell and Greg Schlais, also advanced to the final eight. Derek Kauanoe was also in the Law School’s delegation. The National Native American Law Students Association was founded in 1970 to promote the study of Federal Indian Law, Tribal Law and traditional forms of governance, and to support Native Americans in law school.

The Law School’s Client Counseling Team was first runner up at the defending champion and host University of Nevada Las Vegas Law School in the ABA Law Student Division’s Client Counseling Competition. Our team included 3Ls Shyla Cockett, Shayna Lum, and Kristin Bryant, and 2L Joshua Strickler. The competition simulates a law office consultation in which law students, acting as attorneys, are presented with a client matter. They conduct an interview with a mock client and then explain how they would proceed further in the hypothetical situation.

The Law School’s Jessup International Law Moot Court team and its Environmental Law Moot Court team also did well in regional competitions. Check out the Law School’s website (http://www.hawaii.edu/law/) for more details—go to “news,” then click “more.”

Help Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii’s Housing Support Legal Program.

It is often assumed that the State’s homeless have no need for legal services. In fact, legal services for these individuals often means the difference between their remaining homeless and securing housing. VLSh’s volunteer attorneys, through the Housing Support Legal Program, conduct legal clinics at homeless transitional and emergency shelters throughout Oahu to provide legal counseling and education on consumer credit, landlord/tenant, and employment law issues.

For each of the three types of workshops offered, VLSh has a manual to distribute to the residents so they have a more in-depth resource to keep for reference. VLSh is asking volunteer attorneys to give a 45 to 60 minute workshop focusing on the issues addressed in the manual, and other relevant information. VLSh asks that the attorneys remain for up to 30 minutes after the workshops to answer questions. For detailed information on scheduled seminar dates and locations, please contact Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii at (808) 522-0676 or via email at vlsh@vlsh.org.

Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal Symposium on Friday, April 13 – Pandemics.

On Friday, April 13, The APLPJ will be holding a symposium at the Law School (Classroom 2) entitled: “Outbreak in Hawai’i: Realities and Legal Consequences of Public Health Emergencies,” to address the potential legal and other problems that would be caused by a pandemic affecting Hawai’i. Speakers expected to participate include Ernest Abbott, former General Counsel for FEMA, and Dr. Kate Gaynor and Mr. Bart Aranoff, MPH, of the Hawaii State Department of Health, and a representative from PACOM. For more details, check APLPJ’s website http://www.hawaii.edu/aplj or send an email to aplpj@hawaii.edu.

Lawyers’ Slow-Pitch Softball League BEGINS Again in May of 2007

Sign up today.

The Lawyers’ League Slow-Pitch Softball League is open to all law students, law school graduates, full time employees of law firms or law organizations, and their spouses.

Season: May – September 2007

Games: Saturdays: 1:00, 2:20 & 3:40 pm.

Join a preexisting team or organize your own team by contacting: Michael Ragsdale @ 780-5426 [michael@davislevin.com] or Will Copulos @ 536-0500 [wcopulos@copuloslaw.com].

Five Alumni Recognized as “People who will Shape the Next 25 Years”

Five WSRSLAA alumni were recognized in the March 2007 issue of Hawaii Business Magazine as being among 25 people who will shape Hawaii’s next 25 years. Kapua Sproat (’98) (Visting Prof. at WSRLS and of-counsel with Earthjustice) graced the magazine’s cover. The story also recognized her fellow alumni Maile Shimabukuro (’00) (Hawaii State House Representative for Waianae, Makaha & Makua), Billy Kenoi (’96) (Executive Assistant to Hawaii County Mayor Harry Kim), R. Scott Simon (’98) (Associate General Counsel at Hawaiian Electric Co.), and Lea Hong (’91) (Director of the Trust of Public Land’s Hawaii Program). Congratulations to these five alumni on their well deserved recognition.
WHAT DO MY DUES DO?

Your $20 dues and event fees are the most significant sources of income to the Richardson Law School Alumni Association. Dues have not been raised in over 8 years. What did your dues do this past year?

1. GRADUATING CLASS DINNER
2. ANNUAL MEETING/WINE TASTING EVENT
3. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE PROJECT
4. LOBBYING, ETHICS AND SUNSHINE SEMINAR
5. FOUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS
6. ALL CLASS REUNION
7. DIRECTORY READY FOR PRINTING
8. ETE BOWL
9. WAIMEA VALLEY AUDUBON CENTER SERVICE PROJECT
10. PLANNING FOR 2007 BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT
11. WEBSITE
12. SUPPORT FOR LAW SCHOOL PROGRAMS

DUES AND DON’TS
Credit Card Payment Option Now Available through PayPal

Regular Payment by Check. Please do send in your 2007 Alumni Association Dues of $20. Don’t delay. Simply fill in the Membership Form below and send it in, with your $20 check payable to “WSRSLAA,” to WSRSLAA at P.O. Box 952 Honolulu, HI 96808. Without your support we won’t be able to continue to provide you news about your classmates and what’s happening at your Law School. December 2006 graduates are automatically members for 2007. Think you’ve paid your 2007 dues? Check our Website (http://www2.hawaii.edu/~lawalum/)

PayPal Credit Card Payment Option. We have recently established a credit card payment option through PayPal, whereby alumni who have a PayPal account may simply log on to: https://www.paypal.com/ and send their dues to the WSRSLAA using their credit card. After logging on, simply click the “Send Money” tab, enter the payment amount (“$20.00” in U.S. dollars) and designate the payee’s e-mail address as “wsrslaa@yahoo.com”). Please include your e-mail address and, under “note,” please let us know whose dues are being paid and any mailing address up-date we should know about. If you do not have a PayPal account, it is simple to sign up, and setting up a basic account costs you nothing.

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PLEASE SEND THIS FORM IN WITH YOUR ANNUAL DUES OF $20.00.
Checks can be made out to “WSRSLAA.”
Even if you are unable to join WSRSLAA at this time (or have already joined),
please send in the form if you have a NEW E-mail, mailing address or business address.
2006 GRADUATES ARE AUTOMATICALLY MEMBERS FOR 2007!
Nomination Form for  
William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association  
2007 Outstanding Alumni Award

RETURN BY MAIL: WSRSLAA  
POSTMARK/EMAIL DEADLINE: Tuesday, July 3, 2007  
P.O. Box 952  
Honolulu, HI 96808

EMAIL IN PDF FORMAT: lawalum@hawaii.edu

Nomination forms received after the deadline will not be considered.

Name of nominee: ___________________________  JD Year: ________
Address: ___________________________________  Phone: __________
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Submitted by: ___________________________  JD Year: ________
Address: ___________________________________  Phone: __________
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Describe the nominee’s professional qualifications and accomplishments (use additional pages if necessary):

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Describe the nominee’s record of public interest activities and service to the community, including service to the University of Hawaii, the Richardson Law School, the Alumni Association, and other organizations affiliated with the U.H. or Law School (use additional pages if necessary):

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Describe any other reasons that the nominee should receive the Distinguished Alumni Award (use additional pages if necessary):

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