



# Alii Holo Kai Newsletter

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Here are highlights since our last newsletter. This includes a recap of past events, i.e. Diving with Dad, Chop Suey Meet, US Nationals, and announcements addressing future events. National Beach Cleanup, AHK Xmas Party, Hawaii Fishing & Seafood Festival, Kumu Hunt and next years Tako Hunt. **Read on!**

## DIVING with DAD June 20, 2010 by Dennis O

Alii Holo Kai has had many memorable meets over the years – too many to remember. Yet, this year’s dive with your daddy meet has to rank right at the top. Why? Was it because there was a record turnout of ‘ohana along with

the overflowing kaukau and drinks? Could be! Was it because the wind and waves gave the keiki a most unforgettable experience? Searching, swimming, and giving 100% effort in less than ideal conditions for less than cooperative creatures is not exactly stuff for the faint hearted. The tricky cross currents and choking wind chop did not make matters any easier. It challenged the will and skill and endurance of every participant that dared to go out. Could be too! Was it all the ‘opala (rubbish) that the keiki found and dragged back? Sure made one proud to see that impressive mound of trash. Very well could be too! Or was it because there was for the very first time a RAFFLE? Yes, that has to be the reason why! >>>>>>>>> Read “ It was a night to remember” in this Newsletter.

Diving with Dad was again held at Kokololio Beach Park. It was the kind of Hawaiian summer day that tourists



travel from every corner of this globe and pay big bucks to relax on the beach and let the sun and surf soothe their souls. But the ocean conditions were not exactly ideal for diving. Wind generated waves, cross currents, and sloppy chop made for difficult hunting – not the stuff for couch potatoes. Nevertheless, over 40 diehard dive teams dove in and gave it their best shot. All returned safely with pride and satisfaction on every face no matter what was caught - fish, tako, or plastic ... because the purpose of the day was to spend quality time with one’s daddy and family. Without a doubt, bonds and memories were formed that will last a lifetime.

After all divers safely checked in and iced down their stringers of fish it was time to grind. Lunch was better than “Mickey Dee’s”. Homemade hamburgers and hot dogs hot off the grill complete with fries and chips – UUUUUUUUUU ... ONO! Various fishing tales circulated

the tents. "Saw dis beeg kumu undah da rock ... shoot'um ... buggah came off ... so excited ... but I still got'um." Then it was show time. What did you catch? Assorted trophy catches (happy faces too) for the flashing cameras – flounder, kumu, po'opa'a, manini, hinalea, ahole, toau, taape, tako and more. Prizes? Had plenty! And super nice kind too! No one went home without a prize. It was especially good to see all the

'ohana hanging out, socializing, and just having a grand time.

Many MAHALOS to all who made this meet one of the best ever - from the generous donors of so many prizes and dedicated organizers and tireless volunteers to all the happy families, friends, and keiki. And, not to forget, MAHALO to every raffle ticket buyer that opened his/her heart and moneybag and gave what far exceeded what anyone had hoped for.

## It was a night to remember!

July 29<sup>th</sup>. by Amy Yonashiro

On Father's Day, Alii Holo Kai raised over \$3000 to purchase school supplies for the children at the Next Step shelter in Kakaako. When we learned that the project was given to another group, we did the next best thing for the 23 school-age children (ages 5 – 17) . . . we took them shopping for school clothes!

On July 29 we met for dinner at the McDonald's on Keeaumoku St. That was a huge treat in itself. We had some very happy children sitting with their Happy Meal boxes, chicken nuggets and French fries. The group then walked over to Wal-Mart where each child was paired with a volunteer. **Kurt Taguma**, his nephew **Shane Isono** and



*Terry and his two young shopper*



*Matching outfits*

As I waited at the register designated for our group, I saw board shorts, jeans, socks, shoes, Spiderman underwear, striped boxers, colorful panties, ruffled skirts, sundresses, belts

**Terry Yonashiro** were among the volunteers. Each adult had one or two young shoppers and was given a spending limit based on the child's age. As I

waited at the

and a purse pass through the scanner. There was excited chatter as the children carried out their own shopping bags filled with newly purchased treasures.

The group was given 40 minutes which was easy for some but not for most. The problem wasn't how to stay within their budgets but deciding which color blouse or shorts. Some of the parents, especially of the younger children, accompanied the group but they were not allowed to shop for their child. Most parents did their own shopping throughout the store or waited at the register for their children to return. The idea was to



*Shane, Kurt and their friends*

let the children choose what they wanted to wear to school.

As if dinner at McDonald's and shopping at Wal-Mart wasn't enough, there was more . . . we were privileged to have two of Hawaii's finest from HPD – **Bryan Oato** and his friend Jason Boquer-Wintjen -- escort the group. As the boys tried to walk in step with **Bryan** to Wal-Mart, they asked if his gun had real bullets – “Yes,”; if they could see the bullets – **Bryan** showed them; if he could handcuff them – “Yes, but I would then have to take you to jail,”; the boys asked if he ever arrested someone – “Yes.” In between the questions, the youngsters were just happy to be walking alongside the officers. It was a pretty special moment.

The secret is out: **Bryan IS** one of Honolulu's finest and **Terry** loves to shop. Terry was one of the last to exit the store with his two boys and their goods in hand. The group assembled for more pictures and to say good-bye. The children and their parents were so appreciative of the club's generosity. It was heartwarming to know how much this excursion meant to the families. Hugs were exchanged and thank yous were repeatedly expressed to the volunteers.

I hope we will continue this partnership with the organization H5 (Helping Hawaii's Homeless Have Hope) and its volunteer coordinator Kapua Tani. This is a man

## **CHOP SUEY MEET! May 16<sup>th</sup> Da team effort for**

Older and newer divers This event was **cancelled**. Every effort was made to notify all members – and we apologize if you showed up to meet us at Haleiwa Park. Frankly, it was DA Kine Crisis with some members, conflicts and very low confirmations of attendance. We tried to notify everyone and Just NO CAN HELP! If U called to confirm your intent, then U were notified.

## **U. S. NATIONALS Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Greers Ferry Lake, Herber Springs, Arkansas..**

HIFC team from Hawaii Congrats to – Hanalei Adric, Braxton Fernandes, Calvin Lai Jr. came in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Hanalei came in 3<sup>rd</sup> for individual of 48 divers. AHK did not send any divers to the Nationals this year.

who gives from his heart. He cannot be compensated for the time he gives to this shelter and the residents. When he's at work, they call him Uncle when giving him knuckles or hugs. On his days off he is often found at the shelter. He understands how every little act of kindness makes a huge impact on the lives of these children and their families. The children were on the receiving end of the club's generosity but I think those who volunteered that evening also took home something, It was the feeling of doing good and making a difference in



*Bryan, Kapua Tani (Volunteer Coordinator) and boys someone else's life. **Mahalo Alii Holo Kai for your generosity!***

## **INTERNATIONAL CLEANUP IS ON SEPT. 25<sup>TH</sup>**

AHK will be at Kokololio Beach Park (between Haaula and Laie). Look for AHK Tent and Flag. The setup committee will be there before 8AM and will start registration. We will have the trash bags, and other tools for the cleanup and will be providing food. Bring your own drinks. Give Terrence a call or leave a message if you plan or even think you will be there with number of persons, plus youngsters. This helps us to plan the amount of food and other logistics needs. Anyone so inclined can bring their snorkels, et al and do in-water near shore cleanup. Awards will be made for various categories related to trash and cleanup. Club will provide bamboo poles, bait for the little keiki's to fish off the shoreline. Data recorded of fish caught then released. Keikis will be awarded prizes for catch. We can

all take steps to protect our ocean – everyone counts. Remember, cleanups alone can't solve the problem, therefore make efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink your connection to the ocean.

## **AHK XMAS PARTY IS OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

Reservation for the club at Natsunoya Tea House is confirmed and we will have the usual great menu, however, the call is out for additional fish for steaming; i.e. Kumus goats, smaller Uhus Mu's etc. Tako's We should be able to get the crabs and smaller fish, kole, aholehole, etc. for the pupu table, but can use Tako's. Call Terrence or Frank for drop off and freezer/storage of any donations to Terrence (8365009) or Frank (7321756). Be sure to clean da fish—Mahalo! Details will be provided with the next newsletter, but Santa will be there and as usual paid active members attend **Free!**

## **FISH AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL Oct.10<sup>th</sup>**

At Pier 38 Honolulu Harbor from 9 am to 4 AHK will have a booth and the committee will setup. Any members wanting to help man the booth contact Terrence for schedule and availability. More details with the next newsletter, be sure to attend if you, family, or friends have time. Lots of good information and displays, with food and entertainment – Come join us, over 20,000 happy people came last year.

## **KUMU HUNT Sunday Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**

Will be the last event for 2010. Start planning your strategy and get your application in early after you receive the next newsletter with the details!

## **TAKO HUNT JANUARY 2011.**

Details to follow in the next newsletter.

***Please give Terrence a call and advise on your intentions for the Cleanup- Yes, No, Not sure...so we will be able to feed and otherwise supply the needs more efficiently. If you miss calling, come join us, no pilikea, gather the opala! Also get da fish and tako needed to add to our Great Xmas Menu. See you there! And Dive Safely,***

*Frank*

Frank

