



WINDOWS *of* OPPORTUNITY

"Recognizing Potential, Rewarding Determination"

Jonathan Tarr Foundation

Fall/Winter 2008



Honoring Thomas M. Buchenau!

Mayor Jerome Stocks presented the City of Encinitas Proclamation to Thomas M. Buchenau, 2008 Humanitarian Award Honoree, at the 6th Annual Sharing the Aloha Spirit Gala. The Polynesian themed evening was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego. Proceeds of \$25,000 raised at the event will help fund Windows of Opportunity Scholarships and outreach programs for Class of 2009 Seniors graduating from high schools offering alternative education curriculum, including AVID.



Beth Atuatasi, Thomas M. Buchenau, Robin Tarr, Michael Woodey and Mayor Jerome Stocks.

Adventures with Where You Want to be Tours www.wheretours.com

Marc and Darlyne Menkin, Owners, offered a fun and fast paced scavenger hunt in the historic Gas Lamp Quarter of San Diego for JTF students, parents and JTF board members. Wearing red Santa hats, the group learned team bonding, time management, and problem solving. Picture: Steve and Noralie Lannon, Stephanie Kohatsu, Sherry Yardley, John D, Robin Tarr, Nikolas Lannon, CJ Lannon, James Alburty 2004 Grossmont HS, Almarie Cavinta, Clark Pagaduan, Christa Garcia and Richard Juliano.

2008 Hawaiian Holiday

4th Annual 2008 Hawaiian Holiday for 2 was donated to JTF by Don and Colleen Weir of Kailua, HI., with the winning opportunity ticket drawn on December 6 at the Makaha Sons Holiday Concert in San Diego. Over 40 beautiful gifts were part of the drawing. Proceeds from the fundraiser to benefit JTF Class of 2009 Windows of Opportunity Scholarships. Thank you to Tula Striffler and Tula Productions for holding hands with JTF!



Steve Klosterman and Mike Woodey

- 1st Prize 4th Annual Hawaiian Holiday for 2
Steve Klosterman, Encinitas, CA
- 2nd Prize Ukulele/Case donated by Dr. Alice Dyer
Sam Simpliciano, Chula Vista, CA
- 3rd Prize Designer Quilt donated by Barbara Shepard
Lincoln Kiao, Carson, CA
- 4th Prize Hula Ipu Gourd donated by Anne Blankenship
Rosey Delaney, San Diego, CA



Where You Want to be Tours

Upcoming Events:

- JTF Board Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2009
6:30pm at Mark Twain HS
- 4th Annual Kumu Open House
for San Diego County Educators
Thursday, February 19, 2009
4pm to 6pm
University of San Diego



- Scholarship applications due
April 1, 2009
- 7th Annual Ohana Picnic
Sunday, May 17, 2009
1pm to 4pm
Glen Park Cardiff by-the-Sea
- Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival
June 6, 2008 at Quail Botanical
Gardens in Encinitas, CA

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In these tough economic times, Jonathan Tarr Foundation is asking you once again to hold hands with us in "Recognizing the Potential and Rewarding the Determination" of those students graduating from high schools offering alternative education curriculum, including AVID. *Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. 501 (c)(3) Non-profit FEIN#33-0951993*

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Get Well Wishes!

John D. Chase, JTF Charter Member, is recovering at home after a lengthy hospital stay and physical therapy.

Alicia Simpliciano, 2001 Bonita Vista HS, is recovering from Hodgkins Lymphoma. She graduated from San Diego State University and is currently working on her Masters in Education at National University.



In Deepest Sympathy

Tom Lujon, Simi Valley, CA
Childhood friend of Michael Woodey.

Donations have been sent to JTF in memory of dear friends and family.



"Beyond the Reef, Island Voyagers"



Pacific Islander Festival Association

"Beyond the Reef, Island Voyagers" was the theme for the 14th Annual Pacific Islander Festival weekend in Mission Bay in San Diego drawing over 100,000 visitors. Chuck and Veronica Baker, Michael Woodey, Robin Tarr, Evelyn Kheo and Leslie Mason manned the JTF information booth. Windows of Opportunity Scholarships have been awarded to PIFA scholars since 1999.



Katie Martin, Miss Pacific Islander Festival 2008, danced a beautiful hula at the JTF Gala.

www.pifasandiego.com

JTF Students attend TASK Dinner

JTF Recipient, **Moeagogo Solomona**, 2004 Hilltop HS, recently graduated from UC Irvine in political science. He was a guest speaker at the TASK Awards Banquet for outstanding Samoan Students in San Diego. Robin Tarr was presented the **TASK 2008 Humanitarian Award** on behalf of Jonathan Tarr Foundation.



L to R: Kelani Blackwell, 2008 Valhalla HS, Melinda Fuimaono, 2008 Bonita Vista HS, Robin Tarr, Brittany Faiai, 2008 Audeo Charter HS, and Moeagogo Solomona, 2004 Hilltop HS.

Did You Know?

Jabari Hawkins, 2003 *Gompers HS, San Diego*, completed his first year at San Diego Community College then transferred to Fredricksburg, VA., where he is finishing an engineering degree at American InterContinental University.

Michael Hara, 2005 *University HS, San Diego*, graduating Cal Poly Pomona with honors, June 2009, with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. Michael led the Pledge of Allegiance at the 6th Annual Gala.

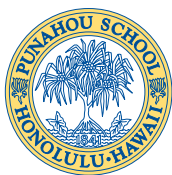
Briana Blackwell, 2008 *Valhalla HS, El Cajon*, performed a contemporary song accompanied by the Kalika Trio at the 6th Annual Gala. She is a reigning Miss Spring Valley and attends San Diego State University.

Brenda Guzman, 2003 *San Dieguito Academy, Encinitas*, has sung the National Anthem at the Gala for six years straight. She is a communication major at International University in Fullerton, CA.

Simione Lomu, 2008 *Chula Vista HS, Chula Vista*, performed original compositions on guitar at the Gala. He is attending Southwestern College.



Dr. Don Weir, President of the Univ of Hawaii Manoa Letter Winners Club and JTF Board Advisor, attended the 2008 Football Awards Banquet where **Dane Porlas**, 2004 *University HS, San Diego*, received his 4 year Letter Winners Award. He graduates in May 2009 with a degree in Travel/Hotel Management.



A note from Dr. Weir who coaches football at Punahou School in Honolulu: "The season is finally over with

Punahou HS winning the State Title on Friday night by defeating Leilehua HS 38-7." (President-Elect Barack Obama would be proud as he graduated from Punahou High School in 1979!)

Holding Hands with JTF Students!



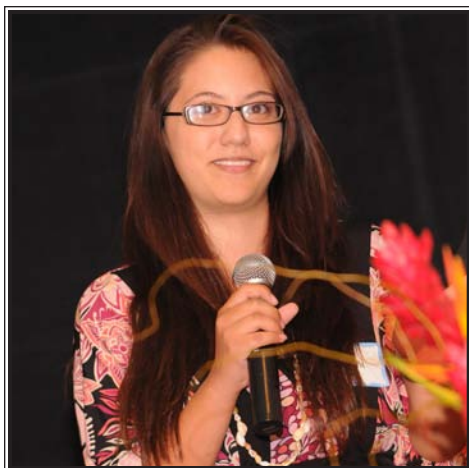
7 Charter Members of Jonathan Tarr Foundation attended the Gala: Tom Cordato, Jamie Crowley, Robin Tarr, Carolyn Erwin, Veronica Baker, Dot Saurer and Beth Atuatasi.



3 Humanitarian Award Honorees attended the Gala: Tom Buchenau, 2008 East County; Melyn Acasio 2007 South Bay; and Don Weir 2006 flew in from Honolulu.



Gala guests included Principals, Counselors, Teachers and Students representing San Diego County School Districts of Oceanside, Solana Beach, San Diego Unified, Grossmont Union, San Dieguito Union, Sweetwater Unified and Poway Unified as well as Sally Foster, Provost for Mira Costa College San Elijo in Cardiff.



2008 "Sharing the Aloha Spirit" Gala



Nicole Cruz and Robin Tarr

"My wife and I were first time members of the 2008 Gala Host Committee when I recognized Gil Cruz, my childhood friend from Kearny HS area of San Diego. We hadn't seen each other in over 15 years! He introduced me to his daughter, Nicole, 2008 JTF Scholarship Recipient from Mt. Miguel HS. What a memorable reunion!" -**Frank and Alicia Taitano**, Spring Valley, CA



Sherry Yardley, Gala Chair, sends her grateful appreciation to the Gala Host Committee Members, Volunteers, Guests, Students, and Donors who contributed to the success of the 6th Annual Sharing the Aloha Spirit Gala. Proceeds to benefit JTF Windows of Opportunity Scholarships and Outreach Programs. (Sherry Yardley and Michael Woodey)



"The scholarships touch so many young people, giving them hopes and dreams."
- **Allison Metzler**, Vista, CA



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Award winning Kalika and Halau Hula a Kawika lau 'o Leinani of Diamond Bar, CA performed Tahitian and Hawaiian music and hula.



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