Jean Rolles Receives Punahou Alumni Association Honor

By Dr. Richard Kelley

Readers will be interested to know that my daughter Kathy Carey was not the only family member to be honored this past week by Punahou School. I am proud to say that on Tuesday, the Punahou Alumni Association presented my sister Jean Rolles with the Charles S. Judd Humanitarian Award. Formerly known as the Hawaii Humanitarian Award, this prestigious honor is given to a Punahou alumnus or alumna who has made outstanding contributions to the community in Hawai‘i.

As Outrigger’s vice president of community relations since 1998, Jean represents our company in the community. But beyond her duties on Outrigger’s behalf, she also does an enormous amount of humanitarian work in her private, personal capacity.

As will be evident from the boards and organizations listed below, all of which benefit from her enthusiasm, dedication and generosity, Jean’s life is devoted to serving others.

She currently serves actively on the following boards:

- American Red Cross – Hawaii State Chapter – board member and vice chair
- C. Brewer & Company, Ltd. – director
- Chaminade University – regent

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guy whose uniform you shared did not play,” Kathy told Honolulu Star-Bulletin reporter Al Chase in a 1999 interview. And you know it? the Stanford
women’s soccer team went varsity after Kathy graduated.

Next, Kathy received her MBA and David received his combined law and MBA degree from Santa Clara University, and they returned to Hawai’i. David was hired by a Honolulu law firm, now called Carlsmith Ball LLP. And Kathy took her first step into a 12-year coaching career at Punahou, beginning as the coach of the junior varsity girls’ team. The highlight at Punahou was the varsity girls’ ILH Championship in 1989. She also played on several community soccer teams, including Leahi Soccer Club.

University of Hawai’i Wahine coach Pinsoom Tenzing encouraged Kathy to take advantage of the national coaches licensing program, and she became the first Hawai’i female and one of the few women nationally to attain her “A” level license.

Kathy then took a position as assistant coach at the University of Hawai’i and has since been involved in all aspects of the program, both on and off the field. Her tireless work, mostly on a volunteer basis, has helped raise that program from a club activity to a Division I sport. During her time there, the Rainbow Wahine have earned three Western Athletic Conference titles (2003, 2005, 2007), one WAC Tournament championship and an NCAA Tournament berth (2007). UH honored Kathy with the 2012 Charlie Ushijima Award.

Incidentally, the current UH Wahine head soccer coach is Michele Nagamine, a former member of our ‘ohana who served as a business development director for Outrigger Enterprises Group.

Over the course of her soccer career, Kathy has played on no less than seven – count ’em! – national championship teams. On one of those teams, she played at the World Masters Games, an international multi-sport event held every four years. Kathy has also coached with the Hawaii Olympic Development program and the American Youth Soccer Organization.

In addition to her involvement with soccer, Kathy has been a great mom who raised four wonderful children: Connor, Jessie, Maverick and Shannon, and she is a terrific cook! Next month, Kathy and David will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary!

Congratulations, Kathy! You have made such a difference in so many lives and achieved so much. We are all very proud of you.

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• Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation – trustee
• East-West Center Foundation – board member and co-chair
• Hawaii Opera Theatre – board member and vice president
• Hawaii Supreme Court Disciplinary Board – board member
• Honolulu Museum of Art – trustee
• Japan-America Society of Hawai’i – board member and past chair (1998-2000)
• Nature Conservancy of Hawai’i – board member and secretary
• Pacific and Asian Affairs Council – board member and vice president
• Pacific Forum – board member
• YWCA of O’ahu – board member

In addition, Jean shares her time, talents, wisdom and enthusiasm with many other community and national organizations, including:

• Shidler College of Business Advisory Council
• University of Hawai’i at Mānoa
• I’olani Palace – Docent for 35 years!
• Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. – National Committee for the Performing Arts
• Pacific Air Forces Civilian Advisory Council
• World Service Council, YWCA of the United States
• Yushinkai (Urasenke – Hawai’i)

As she accepted the Charles S. Judd Humanitarian Award, Jean made the following comments:

I am extremely proud to receive this award!

It is such an honor, especially since it was established in Dr. Charles Judd’s name. I was fortunate to have known Dr. Judd, and his son Kala was a classmate and good friend of my son Scott. There is no way I could measure up to Charlie Judd, but it is nice to be included in a category inspired by his public service.

What I need to say today is “Thank You” to Punahou, as I was fortunate to attend Punahou from kindergarten through 12th grade. I remember saving my 100 pennies in a jar to celebrate Punahou’s 100th birthday! And I also remember attending classes in some of the really old buildings such as Rice Hall and Dole Hall, and all the fun hours we had playing at the lily pond on campus.

Such hanabada days!

I will be forever grateful to Punahou for giving me an exceptional education so I was well prepared and had no problems adjusting to an Ivy League university, especially when I was only one of five girls in my class at the Cornell School of Hotel Administration.

My education has continued by being a volunteer involved with our community, and my world has been expanded by involvement in arts, sports, music, theater, the environment, the judicial system, schools, military affairs, health and service organizations, and international relations. Amazingly, most of these interests tap back to activities I participated in at Punahou – such as student court, stage manager and student government representative.

Thank you, Punahou.

And, to the Punahou Alumni Association, please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for this wonderful recognition.

Jean, the entire Kelley family takes enormous pride in everything you do for so many great organizations and the good of so many people. You are a pillar of our community.