

the island school



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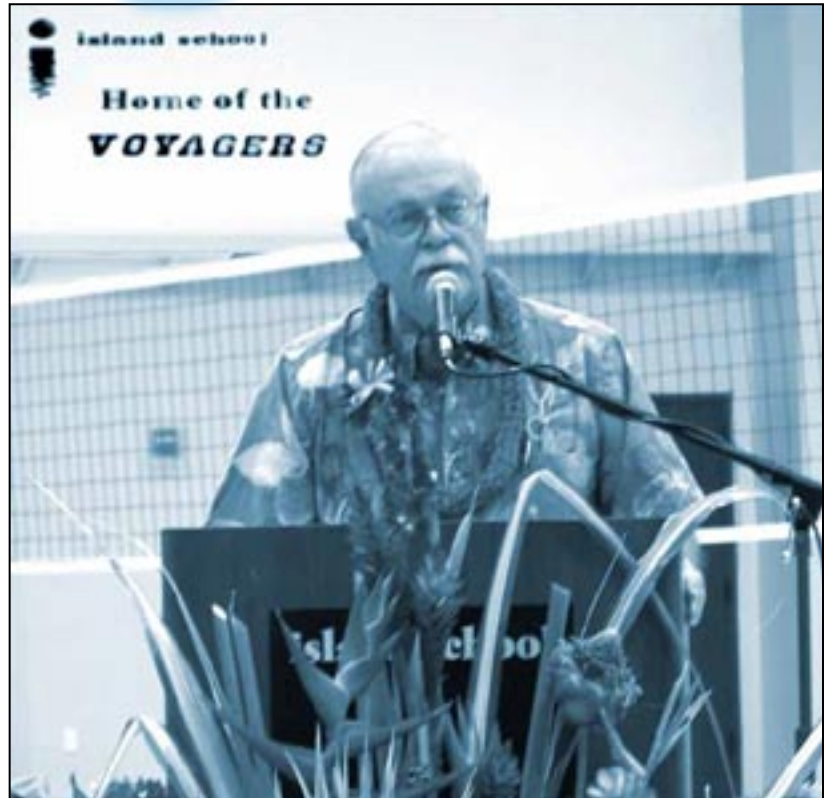
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Another Dream Comes True

Our Amazing Board of Directors

What's Ahead?

Island School Auction	Saturday, April 5
Jump Rope & Hoops for Heart	Friday, April 18
May Day Celebration	Friday, May 2
Sports Banquet	Tuesday, May 20
Memorial Day School Holiday	Monday, May 26
Aloha Assembly	Thursday, May 29
Senior Brunch	Saturday, May 31
Summer Blast-Off Last Day of School	Friday, June 6
Graduation	Saturday, June 7



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Raising Big Bucks – it’s a tough job, but somebody’s got to do it!



There is always another bridge to cross or another mountain to climb at Island School. Moving our campus from Kealia to Puhi took about five years of planning and fund raising. As soon as we got here, visions began forming for the expansion of our ten acre campus to our current 38 acres. The Board of Directors get these visions by participating in strategic planning sessions, like the one held in 2001.

In 2001, a Master Plan was developed that envisioned an optimal student population of approximately 500. It was determined that the numbers in elementary grades would remain about the same, while the middle school would grow and feed into an even larger high school. To increase our high school enrollment, the Board decided, building a gymnasium and expanding our athletics program were key elements.

In April of 2003, the Board hired Marts and Lundy, Inc., a fund raising consulting firm with lots of experience assisting private schools with capital projects. They helped to train our development staff and Board of Directors in the fine art of capital campaigns. The very first step was taken by our board members

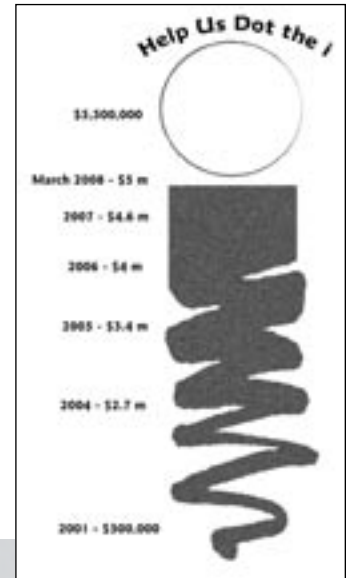
themselves, who reached deep into their pockets to donate a total of \$500,000. Their 100% participation in the campaign started the ball rolling. “When the Board is committed 100%, other organizations and individuals are motivated to lend their support,” explains Joan Shaw, Director of Development. Taking surveys and lots of research were required

to determine if the Kaua’i community was ready to help support raising \$5,500,000. Our goal looked realistic.

“A pivotal moment in the campaign was when we received a matching grant from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation,” remembers Joan. We were able to take the Castle grant to other foundations and individuals and show them that their contributions would be matched up to \$500,000. Local businesses and corporations including Bank of Hawai’i, First Hawaiian Bank and Kukuiula Land Company joined in next.

Important to the success of any capital venture is grass roots support. Monetary donations received from many individuals and businesses have added up, bringing our goal within reach. Grass roots support is also often “in-kind” support, for example the additional acreage donated by Steve Case, the grading work donated by Goodfellow Brothers, and the painting provided by Unlimited Construction Services, Inc.

“We’re short of our goal by about \$500,000,” reports David Pratt. David and co-chair Hobey Goodale of the Capital Campaign Committee have



been at the forefront of this effort for 7 years now. “The end is in sight, but we can’t sit back and relax just yet.” The \$5.5 million goal does not include bleachers or the completion of the weight room or concession room.

Once the Wilcox Gym, access road, and Frear Center are all paid for, the Board will be setting their sights on the next mountaintop: finishing the gym and building more classrooms to accommodate the planned increase in students from 320 to 500!



Roger and Roberta Cable enter the Wilcox Gymnasium for the first time as guests at the Donor Reception, held in January.



Our Board of Directors



Island School's directors are non-paid community leaders who are essential to the institution's existence and success. They establish policies and set directions, hire the head of school to carry these out, oversee operations, raise money, and represent the institution in the community.

Twenty members comprise the current Board. They are business owners and managers with interests and expertise in education, real estate, forestry, law, construction, banking, communications, technology, and transportation. Several are retirees. Seven are parents or grandparents of students currently enrolled. It is a diverse, talented, and hard working group.

The Board operates on two levels: as a whole and in committees: executive (officers of the Board), academic affairs and activities, finance (business affairs), buildings and grounds, marketing (admissions, publications, and community relations), development (obtaining financial support through donations and grants),

membership, and personnel. The work of committees is reviewed and approved by the full Board, which meets six times a year.

Island School's growth and development over the past decade is a reflection of the effectiveness of its Board of Directors. For example, note the following statistics:

- ▶ **Enrollment** – from 170 to 340;
- ▶ **Programs** – from kindergarten through eighth grade to a full high school and a pre-kindergarten class;
- ▶ **Grounds** – from 10 acres to 38.4 acres;
- ▶ **Buildings** – from 7 to 10, including Carter Hall, the Samuel and Edith Wilcox Gymnasium, and the Mary D. and Walter F. Frear Center for Hawaiian Culture and the Arts;
- ▶ **Access to Campus** – from a single road to two, involving negotiations with Kaua'i Community College and Kilohana Management and the investment of \$500,000.

These are major accomplishments that would not have been possible without the efforts of the Board of Directors. Of course any school's focus is on the students and their families, and educational programs are provided by the faculty, administration and staff. Nevertheless all of these groups are dependent on the dedication and active involvement of the directors, the backbone of the institution.

by **Robert Springer**
Head of School

Development Update

Capital Campaign

\$5.2 million raised to date

Goal: \$5.5 MILLION

Purpose: campus expansion Phase I (includes Wilcox Gymnasium, Frear Center and access road)

Annual Giving

55% raised to date

Goal: \$75,000

Purpose: operations for 2007-2008 fiscal year

Annual Auction

To be announced

Goal: \$200,000

Purpose: operations for 2007-2008 fiscal year

Tuition Aid

\$12,600 raised to date

amount from Auction not included

Grants Received

Sept. 2007: \$125,000 from McInerney Foundation

Purpose: floor, bleachers, and basketball backstops in the gymnasium, and toward new access road

Dec. 2007: \$15,000 from Elsie Wilcox Foundation

Purpose: volleyball equipment

Dec. 2007: \$15,000 from G.N. Wilcox General Trust

Purpose: an electronic scoreboard in the gymnasium

Dec. 2007: \$2,000 from Mabel I. Wilcox Foundation Trust

Purpose: a new washer and dryer for the gymnasium



A Legacy of Caring

It's been a relationship lasting almost three decades – the Wilcox family and Island School. Following in the footsteps of Elsie H. Wilcox, this kama'aina family has a history of supporting education on Kaua'i and has been indispensable to the growth and success of Island School.

Looking through the school archives, Wilcox family names appear from day one in all areas of the school's operations: as board officers and members, as major donors, as auction volunteers and guests, on the staff, and of course, as Island School students, parents and grandparents. Wilcox family member Pam Dohrman, is a former board member, parent and current Island School grandparent. She remembers visiting Morning Circle in 1978. "The genuine caring of the teachers at Morning Circle over thirty years ago still exists at Island School. Students continue to speak up in a nurturing and safe environment," she says.

"Gather a group of Wilcox family members in a room," says Karen Goodale, "and they'll do the right thing." Gather a group of them at the Auction, and they'll serve on committees, donate items, contribute to the financial aid fund, bid on things, and help tally the results. Hobey and Nancy Goodale's financial aid donations are legendary. Their daughter, Kathy Richardson, a board member for 19 years, expertly laid the groundwork for our well-organized Acquisitions Committee.

Kathy is also an active member of the Academic Affairs Committee. "One of the things Island School can be proud of is its innovative curriculum. It's gotten to the point where educators are

coming from other schools to look at what we're doing here." she says.

There's a good reason our newly completed structure is named the Samuel W. and Edith K. Wilcox Gymnasium. While the efforts of many individuals and foundations have contributed to this project, the Wilcox family alone raised over \$1,000,000. As President of our Board of Directors, David Pratt, who is related to the Wilcoxes by marriage, has worked tirelessly to lead the school's expansion efforts forward. Anyone observing David at a social gathering can only applaud his forthright fund raising strategies.

Six members of the Wilcox family currently attend Island School, including Pam Dohrman's grandson, Braden Beck, who is in 7th grade. His father, Hobey, attended back in the early 1980s. "Island School was an endearing part of my growing up," he says. "I continue to rely on friendships that were established when I attended Island School." Hobey remembers beach days and excursions in our small, blue and white VW bus. "These are the types of experiences being created today with my son, and that makes me happy."



HOBHEY AND NANCY GOODALE
Doing the right thing.

Island School Board Members

1976 - present

Jolly Bodine	1976-1977
Peggy Ellenburg	1976-1987
Lindsay Kamm	1976-1997
Rochelle Karter	1976-1982
Denise Kaufman	1976-1983
Diana Loomis-Dahl	1976-1982
Merlyn Ruddell	1976-1979
Vinny Bryan	1978-1979
Don Bodine	1979-1981
Pam Dohrman	1980-1983
Michael Salling	1980-1987
Rosemary Smith	1980-1982
Charlie King	1981-
Tim King	1981-1983
Kelsey Maddox-Bell	1981-1983
Leslie Dunbar	1982-1983
Lee Evslin	1982-1991
Margaret Littman	1982-1987
Steve E. S. Smith	1982-1983
Patricia Wentworth	1982-1983
Alexander Atchison	1984-1990
Fahy Bailey	1984-1988
Audreen Hiram	1984-1986
William Jopson	1984-1987
Julia Neal	1984-1987
Mel Ventura	1984-1989
Don Wilson	1984-1986
Shigeto Yamaguchi	1984-1991
Bill Taylor	1985-1987
Randy Abbott	1987-1991
Holbrook Goodale	1987-
Daryl Matthews	1987-1990
David W. Pratt	1987-
Sue Tuttle	1987-1989
David Proudfoot	1988-
Dale Saylor	1988-1989
Dennis Esaki	1989-1991
Ernest Nishizaki	1989-1990
Kathy Richardson	1989-
Gary Hooser	1990-2006
Barbara Hubbard	1990-2001
Cornelius Johnson	1990-1993
Klaus L. Kunter	1990-1994
Conrad Murashige	1990-1991
Karen A. Taketa	1990-1991
Steve J. Williams	1990-1999
Jan C. Rudinoff	1991-1996
Gretchen Goo	1992-1994
Sherwood M. Hara	1992-1997
Bradley T. Hirano	1992-2000
David Shackleton	1992-1993
Mary Lou Barela	1993-2007
Gary Hsieh	1993-1997
Margy Parker	1993-1999
Phil Scott	1993-2000
Lynn Netzer	1994-1996
Carole Wells	1995-2006
Millie Wellington	1995-1997
Eric Yee	1997-2007
Claudia Brown	1998-2001
Nancy Golden	1998-
Debra Blachowiak	1999-
Terry Kamen	1999-
Michael Hough	2000-
Steve Hunt	2000-
Henry Perez	2000-2004
Peter Robson	2000-
Sherman Shiraishi	2000-2002
Laurie Yoshida	2000-2005
James Guerber	2001-
Victor Punua	2001-
Jim Mayfield	2003-
Hannah Sirois	2003-2005
Bill Cowern	2006-
Laura Cushnie	2006-
Alan King	2006-
Wade Lord	2006-
Brad Snyder	2006-
Sonia Topenia	2008-



A Home for Hawaiian Studies

the Mary D. and Walter F. Frear Center



Grant Wells, contractor, shows off the almost complete Frear Center for Hawaiian Culture and the Arts.

Although it's a few weeks away from completion, it's easy to envision Kumu Sabra Kauka and her students sitting on mats on the floor of their new classroom, making ti leaf skirts and learning how to weave lauhala. The Mary D. and Walter F. Frear Center for Hawaiian Culture and the Arts (Frear Center for short) is all about location. With

the Ha'upu Range as a backdrop, the building is situated serenely next to our picturesque reservoir. Built with approval of the third little pig, the Frear Center is constructed with sturdy concrete bricks and accented with a rough lava rock finish. From inside, students will be surrounded by beauty: ducks swimming in the pond, the magnificent sky and mountains all visible through the glass windows on one side; floor to ceiling sliding glass doors on the other, looking out onto Mt. Kahili and our new Wilcox Gymnasium, letting in the cooling tradewinds. It won't be long before audiences will gather to enjoy the lovely dancers of our halau perform on the specially landscaped hula pa (mound).

Making this building all the more wonderful is the fact that it was built by contractor Grant Wells. Not only is Grant an Island School alumnus, (1982-1988), but his parents, Carole and Terry Wells, built two portable classrooms on our Kealia campus that we moved to Puhi, and would still exist today had it not been for Hurricane Iniki! Obviously, Grant is following in his parents' footsteps and has made an important and lasting mark on the Island School campus.

The Richness of our Hawaiian Heritage

"Aloha kakahiaka," says Kumu Kauka, entering the classroom. "Aloha kakahiaka e Kumu Kauka," they eagerly respond.

The language, food, music and dance, the plants, the history, the aloha – Kumu Sabra Kauka shares it all with Island School's fortunate students. It's been 15 years, now since Sabra has been at the heart of Island School's Hawaiian Studies program. Traveling from classroom to classroom, hauling her bags of implements and instru-

ments, Kumu Kauka is always prepared to give her students an understanding of what it means to be Hawaiian. Soon, Sabra's students will come to learn in our new Frear Center.

This new building does not mean Sabra's students will always be on campus. She considers the entire island her classroom. This year's field trips compliment this year's May Day theme, which focuses on the Koloa area, from Maha'ulepu to Wa-



The Island as a Classroom: Kumu Kauka with her students on a field trip to Allerton Gardens

hiawa. So far they've visited Makauwahi sinkhole, Prince Kuhio Park, and Queen Emma's cottage at the National Tropical Botanical Gardens.

Up Close with Charlie King

Treasurer, Board of Directors



Most people in the community associate Charlie King with King Auto Center. He is also known as a generous sponsor of Kaua'i Hospice and many other organizations.

How did Charlie get involved with Island School? "I was simply asked,"

he says, which was the beginning of a relationship that has lasted 27 years! "What was important to me was to have a good alternative to the public system of education on Kaua'i. Island School has definitely performed in that respect," says Charlie. Charlie has also been an Island School parent – four times!

As Treasurer of the Board of the Directors, he's seen the school through some challenging times and ambitious capital campaigns. He worked closely with board president at the time, Lindsay Kamm, to move the school from its cramped-but-beloved quarters in Kealia, to its current, spacious campus. He continues to be involved as we near completion of Phase I of our campus expansion project.

Over the years, Charlie has contributed to the community and to organizations he admires. Married to golf pro, Mary Bea Porter King, he is involved in Junior

Golf, specifically, Hawai'i State Junior Golf Association, Kaua'i Junior Golf Association, and USGA Junior Amateur Championship. He also works with the Hawai'i Community Foundation. King Auto's sponsorship of the Fourth of July Hospice fireworks extravaganza is well-known and appreciated islandwide. He is also a leading member of the congregation of St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Island School is most fortunate to enjoy Charlie's wholehearted friendship and support. He admits to being proud that his work has contributed to a school that is able to serve the entire island. "[I get] satisfaction in the achievement of the school and the students," he says.

Why has Charlie devoted so many years to Island School? Charlie's reply: "They keep asking and I haven't thought of a good reason to say no."

Let's hope he never does!

