



# Na Makamaka O Ka Pana Ali'i O Hawai'i

(The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band)

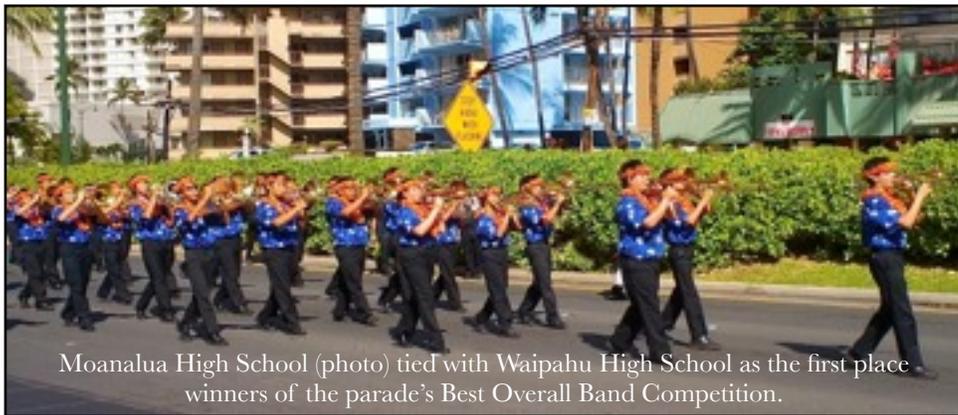
## Aloha Festival Floral Parade Band Winners

In its mission to support and perpetuate Hawaiian music, the Friends sponsored a band competition in the annual Aloha Festival Floral Parade on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Ten bands were judged on performance of Hawaiian music, marching precision, and appearance. Winning the first place **Kamehameha Schools' Award** was **Sacred Hearts Academy** under director **Keith Higaki**. The Friends' will award prizes to second place **Waipahu High School** under director **John Cravalho** and third place **Moanalua High School** under director **Elden Seta**.



Sacred Hearts Academy All Girls Band won the first place Kamehameha Schools Award in the Friends' Band Competition

**Moanalua** and **Waipahu** high school bands tied first for the parade's Best Overall Band Award.. **Sacred Hearts Academy** placed second and **Castle High School** under director **Arnold Alconcel** placed third. These bands will be given trophies by the Aloha Festivals Parade Committee.



Moanalua High School (photo) tied with Waipahu High School as the first place winners of the parade's Best Overall Band Competition.



The Friends' sign was carried through the parade route by Board member **John Hassler** and Friends' member **Moana Sanders**. The Friends' decorated vehicle followed closely behind.



Friends' chairman **Niklaus Schweizer** waves 'aloha' from the Friends' decorated vehicle driven by board member **Wayne Oshima**. Looking on is **Mitchell Hassler**.

## EXCITING HAPPENINGS!

**Royal Hawaiian Band TV Special October 22, 2012, 8:00 p.m. (after presidential debate)**

KITV, Channel 4, has produced a special on the Band to inform the public on its status and its facilities. **Clarke Bright** and **Aaron Mahi** will be interviewed. Mahalo to KITV's general manager **Andrew Jackson**.

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The Friends will again commission **Matt Cattingub** to arrange a new piece for the Band using traditional and/or contemporary Hawaiian themes.

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**Change of performance venue...** Because the Kapiolani Bandstand is being reconstructed, the 2:00 P.M. Sunday concerts are being performed at other venues. The schedule is:

Royal Hawaiian Hotel-Coconut Grove

**October 7, 14, 21, 28**

(Venue to be announced)

**November 4 - Concert to honor St. Maryanne Cope**

Ala Moana Center Stage

**November 25 (3:00 P.M.)**

Kahala Mall

**December 9**

For the Band's complete schedule and updates, please log on-line to [www.rhb-music.com](http://www.rhb-music.com).



**Parade Band Judges...** all musicians and very qualified in instrumental music and marching skills are from left: **Byron Yasui**, **Jay W. Junker**, and **Joseph Ruszkowski**.

*In Memoriam*



*Kyle Ken Hanki*

*May 16, 1956 - April 19, 2012*

**Kyle Hanki**, principal trombonist in the Royal Hawaiian Band, died suddenly on April 19, 2012.

In addition to being in the Band, Kyle was a free lance musician, who performed in the Honolulu Symphony and for local musical theatre productions, including the Canadian production of “Les Miserables.”

Although Kyle was an accomplished musician, his passion was teaching. He was a low brass private instructor, and lectured at the Punahou Junior School.

Clarke Bright relayed his sentiments: “We are saddened with the loss of a dear Band member. Kyle truly appreciated his job with the RHB. He considered it an honor to privately teach many young musicians. Kyle’s legacy will live on through his students and the many, many musical moments he shared with the Band. Our blessings and prayers go out to his endearing family. Kyle will genuinely be missed”

The members of the Friends would also like to extend their condolences to Kyle’s parents, Gary and Yoshiko Hanki, his family, friends, and members of the Royal Hawaiian Band.

**New Band Members**



These newly hired Band members were selected out of 60 applicants. From left: Allan Ward, Thomas J. Ricer, and Mark Miyamoto. Congratulations!

**Bandmaster’s Message**

Aloha Friends:



It continues to be an honor to serve the city as Bandmaster of the Royal Hawaiian Band. We are grateful for the contributions and continued support of the FRIENDS. The annual meeting in March proved once again how important the Friends are to the success of the RHB. A healthy spirit of encouragement, support and confidence in the future exuded from all present.

We are going through a season of transitions. We congratulate **Wayne Oshima** and **Bill Wiley** on their retirements and grieve for the passing of **Kyle Hanki**. While we say aloha to them, we welcome new additions to our full-time membership.

Through arduous auditions with some of the most respect adjudicators in the state, and with the assistance of **Mayor Peter Carlisle** and the **City Council**, three new Band members were selected: **Thomas J. Ricer** (tuba), **Allan Ward** (percussion) and **Mark Miyamoto** (trombone). Their combination of musical skill and a genuine desire to serve will allow the RHB to continue its community impact for many years.

Please feel free to visit our website – [www.rhb-music.com](http://www.rhb-music.com). It is an honor to partner with the Friends in musical service to our community. We look forward to your continued support. The future continues to look Bright!

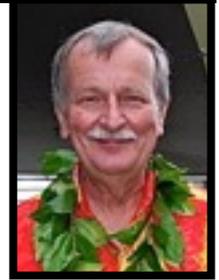
A Hui Hou,  
*Clarke*



*The Band...always on the go, rain or shine!*

**Happy Retirement!**

Bill Wiley came to Honolulu from the East Coast, where he graduated from the New England Conservatory and performed with prestigious groups like the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops.



After performing part time with the Honolulu Symphony, Diamond Head Theatre, and Royal Hawaiian Band as well as teaching at Punahou School, Bill won a full time position as percussionist with the Band in 1990. In 1994, Bill became a staff arranger.

According to Clarke Bright, “He truly is one of the most gifted members of the Band. We could count on him to: arrange in various styles; add expertise to the Band with his diverse percussion skills; and rely on his masterful emceeing. We will never be able to duplicate his interpretation of “Spongebob Squarepants” at elementary school concerts. We wish him well in his retirement.”

Bill and his wife will divide their time between their Diamond Head condo and their Maine farm house. He can now devote his time to his website [www.bandgeeksonline.com](http://www.bandgeeksonline.com), as well as lead and play marimba in his eight piece band, “Taco Willie and the Refried Beans.”



**Congratulations to the Royal Hawaiian Band! Band Director Clarke Bright and FRHB President Toni Lee pose proudly with the Na Hoku Hanohano Industry Award trophy, which was presented at the Na Hoku luncheon on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the Ala Moana Hotel.**

## Meet the FRHB's Board of Directors



**1st row from left : Milton Kamakani I, Antoinette Lee, Jean Serikawa, and Niklaus Schweiser. 2nd row from left: David Bandy, Jay Junker, Ethel Iwasaki, William Souza, and Clarke Bright. Missing: John Hassler, Wayne Oshima, and Ricardo Trimillos**

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band is composed of intelligent, talented, and eclectic personalities. Their common bond is the perpetuation of the Royal Hawaiian Band and the preservation of Hawaiian music and culture. This column will provide you with a glimpse into their lives.

**David Bandy** is currently completing his Ph.D program in music education at the UH at Manoa. Prior to his academic pursuit, he was the Entertainment Manager for Walt Disney Entertainment in Orlando, Florida. Recently, he was the chair of the 2012 band competitions in the Aloha Festivals Floral Parade.

**Clarke Bright** is the 22nd Bandmaster of the Royal Hawaiian Band. Before his appointment, he was the band director for the Kamehameha Schools for 13½ years.

**John Hassler** is an attorney for the State of Hawai'i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. His enjoyment of life is cooking, watching movies, and spending time with his family

**Milton Imaikalani I** is an original charter member and on the Board of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band.

**Ethel Iwasaki (Newsletter Editor)** is the immediate past Southwest Director and National Board Member of the Music Teachers National Association. Presently, she is a music teacher, church musician, and vice-president of the Institute of Ikebana Ohara School.

**Jay Junker (Secretary)** is a teacher in the Ethnomusicology Program at UH at Manoa and Executive Director of a small nonprofit organization focused on traditional arts. Being active in local music, he has produced numerous concerts, television and radio programs.

**Antoinette Lee (President)** is very active with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. She retired from the Department of the Navy after 41 years of service as an intelligence specialist. Currently, she is a *kupuna* at Manana Elementary School in Pearl City.

**Wayne Oshima** is "busier than ever" since retiring from the Royal Hawaiian Band in October 2011. He enjoys spending more time with his family and serving the Band's purpose by being on the Friends' Board.

**Jean Serikawa (Vice-President)** has been an *alakai*'i (teacher) at the Leilani Alama Hula Studio for 60+ years. She retired from the position of general manager and president of Star-Bulletin Printers.

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## President's Message

*Aloha mai kakou,*

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and that you have had a very enjoyable summer.

The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band continues to do great work in perpetuating our goal to help our schools play more Hawaiian music. Through the Aloha Festivals Floral Parade, we were once again able to generate interest in our high schools to play Hawaiian marches in competition with each other and win monetary prizes for their accomplishments.. *Hoōmaikāi* to **David Bandy**, Competition Chair, and his very prestigious judges for a job well done. Also, *mahalo* to Kamehameha Schools for the first place award.

The parade was live streamed. View at <http://channel808.tvalohafestivals>.

The theme for Aloha Festivals this year, *Hoōnui`Ike*, means to increase and enrich knowledge. The acquisition of knowledge - whether through formal education, one-on-one mentoring, personal quest or other means is empowering. Knowledge is like a *kukui lamaku*, a torch that glows brightly, lighting the pathway towards success and well-being.

Through these tough economic times, your membership continues to help us to bring this knowledge to the community and make a difference. Your dues enables the Friends to maintain major projects such as commissioning Matt Cattingub to arrange new Hawaiian music for the Band, financially assisting the Band's 175th anniversary celebration, and sponsoring "Bring Back the Music"

I continue to humbly ask all of you to recruit new member, so that we may double our membership in order to be strong advocates of the Band and perpetuate Hawaiian music and culture. **It is very important that we continue to tell our story to all of Hawai'i Nei about who we are and what we do.**

Aloha,

*Antoinette "Toni" Lee*



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**Niklaus Schweizer (Chairman)** is a charter member of the Friends. He is a professor of German at UH at Manoa and teaches Europeans in the Pacific in Hawaiian and English. In addition, he serves on the Board of Consular Corps of Hawai'i as historian and dean emeritus.

**William Souza** is a high chief and protocol officer for the Royal Order of Kamehameha I. Previously, he served as a member of the Historical Preservation Review Board and is now the chair of the St. Marianne Cope Committee.

**Ricardo Trimillos (Treasurer)** retired as professor in Ethnomusicology and Asian Studies and is the immediate past Director of the Center of Philippines Studies as well as past President of the East-West Center Association. Ric continues to supervise graduate students in PhD and MA programs in both music and Asian Studies. In his free time, he is pursuing a full program of consultancies and guest lecturer in foreign countries.



Board members and friends celebrate after the **Na Hoku Hanohano Music Industry Award** was presented to the Band at the May 22nd luncheon. Pictured from left.. 1st row - **Kimi Michelman, Toni Lee,** and **Charles Kapua.** 2nd row - **Bill Souza, Clarke Bright, Ethel Iwasaki,** and **David Bandy.**



**Ric Trimillos** rides in style in the Friends' decorated vehicle in the Kamehameha Day Parade on June, 9, 2012



**David, Ric, Wayne,** and **John** pose with the Friends' sign... the faithful volunteers for every parade.



**The Sounds of Aloha** barbershop group serenaded the Board at its September meeting.

**THE FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND**

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