

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OF HAWAII

Annual Meeting
with presentation of the
Librarian of the Year
and
Excellence in Service
Awards

Thursday, February 19, 2015

5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Hawai'i State Library, 478 South King Street

Mark your calendar to attend the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i Annual Meeting and presentation of the 2014 Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Awards. This year's awardees:

Librarian of the Year

Baron Baroza, 'Aiea Public Library

Excellence in Service

Don Ramos,
Kahuku Public & School Library

The short business meeting will include presentation of the slate of officers and directors.

There will also be a presentation of the

FLH Volunteer of the Year Awards

to

Cynthia Lee, Shirley Naito, & Mitsue Stout

Music by Kevin & Kent

Refreshments to include desserts, coffee, and tea

Sponsored by **Liliha Bakery**

Join in the festivities!

Please RSVP by February 13 to 536-4174 or
admin@friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org

Registration form on page two.

**Friends of the Library
of Hawai'i Directors
and Trustees 2015**

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Ex-Officio State Librarian

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Director Nainoa Mau

**Proposed Slate of Officers
for 2015**

President Marlene Booth
Vice President Lynnae Lee
Treasurer Colin Lee
Secretary Keith Oda

Nominees for Board of Directors

Jane Dickson
Tabitha Mitchell
Rebecca Nadler
Alan Yamamoto

Our thanks to
Lisa Furuta
for their dedicated service
on the Board of Directors

Friends of the Library of Hawai'i's 2014 Volunteers of the Year

The Volunteers of the Year (2014) Committee has chosen three volunteers, all of whom are dedicated to their work for the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i (FLH). Today, FLH has over 75 year-round volunteers. If you would like to join us, please visit our website and sign-up!



Cynthia Lee was a first-line manager at IBM before retiring in May 2001. Her first taste of volunteering was the Annual Booksale that July, and she has been volunteering for and working with the Friends ever since.

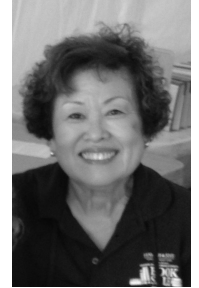
Cynthia is an important source of institutional memory for the organization, having both volunteered and worked on and off as staff over the past 14 years. She has seen the organization grow and change and has always been willing to provide assistance.

Mitsue Stout has been volunteering with the Friends since 1989 when the group of volunteers was only 20 or so. Mitsue retired as a school librarian at Waikiki Elementary that same year. She volunteered at the Annual Booksale each summer for many years while still working as a librarian.



If you love the cookbooks section at the booksales, Mitsue is the lady to thank. She has a passion for cookbooks, especially local cookbooks, and has been the pricer in that category since she began volunteering. Mitsue has also volunteered with Lyon Arboretum and Chamber Music Hawai'i.

Shirley Naito also followed the "natural course" from librarian to Friends of the Library volunteer. After retiring from the Hawai'i State Public Library System (HSPLS) in 1993, Shirley joined the Friends as a volunteer and later became a Director on the Board.



Up until recently, Shirley split her time volunteering for FLH and the Makiki Community Library where she volunteered for the last 15 years. Shirley continues with FLH as the head of the Childrens' section volunteers, which makes sense as she was Section Head of the Edna Allyn Children's room at Hawai'i State Library for many of the 23 years she was employed with HSPLS.



A Memorial Quilt was stitched with love by Kay Ferguson McClain, in memory of her late father, Tom Ferguson, an FLH volunteer for 15 years and a retired Colonel in the U.S. Army.

McClain followed the quilting tradition of making quilts from loved ones old clothes to help survivors grieve. Using her father's FLH Annual Booksale t-shirts, McClain created a beautiful memorial quilt, which she gifted to FLH. Each stitch has helped her through this process.

Native Books Nā Mea Hawai'i joins the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i again this year as a sponsor for the 2014 Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Program.

This beautiful kama'aina store located in Ward Warehouse features local products including clothes, jewelry, original works of art, and books.

Owner Maile Meyer will present a \$500 gift certificate to the Librarian of the Year & Excellence in Service winners at the FLH Annual Meeting.



Annual Meeting Reservation

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Number of attendees: _____ x \$5 per person = Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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Credit card reservations may be placed by phone: 536-4174. Please RSVP by Friday, February 13, 2015.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting but would like to cast a vote on the slate of officers and directors, please sign the form below authorizing a member of the FLH Board to cast a proxy vote in your name. This form must be received no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015.

The vote of _____ (member's name) may be cast by proxy by: _____

Marlene Booth, President Lynnae Lee, Vice-president Keith Oda, Secretary Colin Lee, Treasurer

APPROVE SLATE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS YES NO

Signature _____ Date _____

2014 Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Award Awardees

Baron Baroza Librarian of the Year

Baroza is the branch librarian of the newest Hawai'i public library, the newly relocated 'Aiea Public Library. He has been at the 'Aiea branch since 2012 and was instrumental in working through the construction of and move into the new library building which opened in July 2014.

In 2007, Baroza earned his Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Hawai'i and shortly thereafter began working at Hawai'i State Library as an entry-level librarian in the Library Operations section. In 2011 he left HSL to become the Young Adult Librarian at Kaimuki Public Library where he managed a large YA collection, and initiated new outreach programs.

Prior to working at the library system, Baroza worked for many years in the radio industry as the producer of the Perry & Price show on radio station KSSK.

"Mr. Baroza truly exemplifies what a public servant should be, and that is to serve the public. Throughout his tenure, [he] has always been pleasant, courteous, and professional in his capacity and interested in our comments. Mr. Baroza's receptive attitude makes us feel like we are valuable and important users/members of the 'Aiea Public Library. I strongly believe that under Mr. Baroza's leadership and guidance, 'Aiea Public Library will continue to be a focal point of the 'Aiea community."
- S.W.

Don Ramos Excellence in Service

Ramos started as a summer youth worker at Kahuku Public & School Library in 1975 through 1980 and was hired as a Library Assistant III in 1981 with dual responsibilities at the circulation desk and the media production room. In 1995, Ramos was briefly promoted to Illustrator/Photographer but later, due to reduction in force, was moved back to Library Assistant splitting his time in circulation and graphics.

Committed to his family and church, Ramos is also extremely dedicated to his work at the library. Known to be extremely crafty and creative, he is a go-to for assistance with displays and programs. He particularly enjoys graphic projects and 3-D displays.

Little known facts about Ramos: In 1983, he trained recently retired State Librarian Richard Burns to become Library Assistant IV at Kahuku P&S Library.

"The simplest way to describe Don Ramos is that he is an amazing human being: extremely nice, kind, courteous, friendly to everyone, professional, hardworking, generous, and talented. Don was already hard at work committing his time and energy to the library system from his high school days as a student helper and after graduation as a Production Room Assistant, and now an awesome Library Assistant III. I try my hardest every day to convince Don that retirement will be bad for him so we can hold on, a lot longer, to such a priceless worker." - Lea Domingo

Mahalo to the LOTY/EIS Committee for their dedication and passion in interviewing and choosing our winners!

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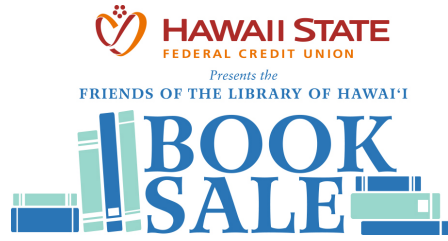
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Excellence in Service
2014 Awardees**



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