



RETIRED CLERGY FAMILIES' NEWSLETTER



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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy, 4:7 NRSV



Retired clergy and spouses from Oahu met for lunch on Valentine's Day, February 14 at the Waioli Kitchen. Left to right: Willis More, Alison Dingley, Pricilla Millen, Hollis Maxson, Ethel Maxson Greg Johnson (back) Teena Urban, Carol Connell, David Blanchett, Carol Arney.

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From the Editor

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News from Hawai 'i and around the world

Oahu Retired Clergy & Widows Lunch Gatherings



On March 7th the Oahu retired clergy family met for lunch. This time we were guests of Epiphany Church in Kaimuki, who ordered our Chinese bento lunches plus prepared a delicious Chinese Chicken salad and beverages. Since we were not in a restaurant, we had a better opportunity to talk story and tell a little about ourselves. After 2+ years of Covid isolation, we are again bonding as a caring community.

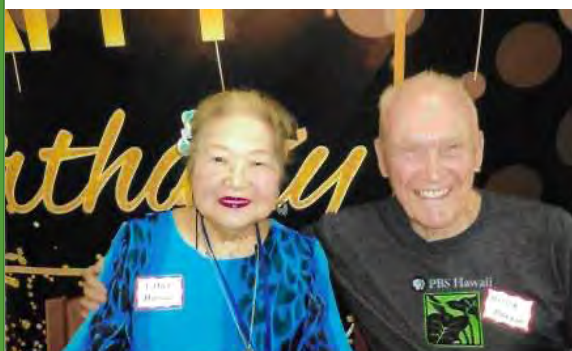
Front table: Mahi Beimes, Eugenia Park, Teena Urban, Norma and Frank Chun.

Back table: Carol Arney, Alison Dingley, Richard Shields, Ethel and Hollis Maxson, Willis Moore, and Robert Steele.



On April 4, we met again at Paesano's in Aiea. This time we were joined by Canon Sandy Graham, who graciously picked up the tab! You are welcome to join us any time, Sandy+! Left to right" Ethel Maxson, Frank Chun, Sandy Graham, Willis Moore, Alison Dingley, Norma Chun, Carol Connell, Karen Swanson, Teena Urban and Greg Johnson. I am holding the camera, so not in the picture. Note the book under Ethel Maxson's hand, there is a story about it on the Maui Page.

The May Oahu Retired Clergy gathering will be hosted on May 2nd by St. Clements's Church at 1515 Wilder, Honolulu. *The menu is yet to be decided.* This is NOT exclusively for Oahu clergy. If you are from another island or the mainland and you will be on Oahu the first Tuesday of *any* month, please check with Frank Chun (revfchun@gmail.com) or Carol Arney at arneycm@mac.com and we will be happy to include you.



Ethel Maxson shared this photo. It was taken at their home at Pohai Nani, at a birthday celebration. It was a special day for Ethel and Hollis, as it was celebrating Hollis's 94th birthday and their 70th wedding anniversary.!



Heather Mueller's report as Chaplain for the retired clergy on Maui, Molokai and The Big Island.



I went to Molokai for several days in March and spent some time with Lynette Schaefer.

Lynette is exercising at the pool most mornings and she is very active in her church. She participates in several church activities and has a very active participation in the ministries of the church. She has many friends with whom she interacts regularly, and her name and ministries are known to many folks on

the Island of Molokai.

I was very interested to see the book that she has written with her life stories. The book was hot off of the press and she gave me a copy. The stories are wonderful and include so many important events which she has shared with Scottie, her children and members of her congregation at Grace Episcopal Church, Hoolehua.

I also attended Grace on that Sunday and got to see several longtime friends.

Father John Lunn is leading an active congregation and is well connected to the community. He appears to me to be having a very satisfying life serving the people at Grace Church.

I am planning on gathering the retired clergy on Maui and Hawaii Island together for lunches sometime in May or early June. I have discovered that midday events work better than evenings for the kapuna folks. Some of us do not like driving at night and some of us like to eat our dinner meal early for health reasons.

I look forward to the gathering, in Seattle, with other chaplains in May. I am very appreciative of Laura Queen, Sean Scheller and the Church Pension Group for all that they do for us chaplains and the retired Episcopal clergy.

Aloha, Heather Mueller, Kula, Maui

The book Lynette has written was the main topic of conversation at our April Lunch. *Here's what Lynette wrote about it:*

"Mahalo Heather for sharing the idea of gathering memories for those who follow us. Here's my backstory:

The seed was planted for me when Scotty was dying and one of our goddaughters was sitting at the foot of our hospital bed in the living room, massaging Scotty's feet, with others gathered around us. She kept asking questions. I answered and Scotty nodded. Our niece Rachael was there. For the following Christmas she gifted me with a subscription to Storyworth, a means of collecting recollections.

Every Monday they would send me a question and I would answer. It was a familiar process, since I used to start my sermon prep on Mondays before I retired. You can add photos too. When printed, you can choose between color or black and white reproductions for the book.

My target audience was our family. But Heather came for an unexpected visit, so I asked if she would like to see it. I gave her a copy which she held up for you to see at your meeting. She will now pass it on to the head of the Maui Police Department chaplains. I spent a wonderful season with them on my retirement from Grace Church.

Whatever format you choose, I encourage you to SHARE YOUR STORIES. It's been a wonderful process for me. The book is designed to be finished in one year, but I kept writing and tinkering so extended my subscription. Obviously, it was a great choice for me.

O ka mea maika'i malama, o ka mea maika'i 'ole, kapae 'ia (Keep the good, set the bad aside)"

Frank Chun decided to dig a little further...

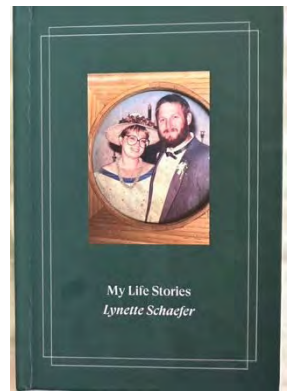
Hey Lynette,

I shared your (and Scotty's) "My Life Stories" book to the group at the Retirees' monthly luncheon yesterday. It was really well received!!

Folks then asked, "is it for sale?" How could they purchase your story? Lynette replied, "send her your land address, if you'd like a copy of her book."

Frank also found the "story worth" site, fascinating:

https://welcome.storyworth.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Prospecting-US-Search-BrandedKeywords-7.11.22&source_id=google&sub1=Prospecting-US-Search-BrandedKeywords-7.11.22&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIkdfvPaT_glVaBqtBh2WvQ2kEAYASAAEgJl-PD BwE&oid=44&affid=5



HI Now Weekender (February 4, 2023)



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On

February 4, 2023, on KGMB's "HI Now Weekender," Dr, Robert Steele announced that he & his wife are donating part of their African/American art collection of 55-prints(which they had collected over 50-years) to the Honolulu Museum of Arts. Their gift is in celebration of February's Black History Month.

View his interview here, at the 9:29 slot.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-Y6YCKplfQ>

Bob is one of our Retired Deacons, and he & his wife Jean, attend Holy Nativity Church,

On the Mainland and around the World!



From the Editor:

It is my goal to make this newsletter about the milestones and events of **all** our readers. There are a few of you who regularly send me notes and pictures to put in the newsletter. I welcome **MORE** of you to send me your news. Travels, special events...it's all good!

Just send me an email (with pictures attached) to arneycm@earthlink.net

Mahalo, Carol+

From Paula Rudinoff

I was in Venice for Christmas with my granddaughters, Sabryn, 20 and Chloe, 22. We had a blast. I arrived in Lihue on January 16 and will go to Seattle for a few days before returning to Italy on March 1. It's too cold in Venice in the winter for this island girl!



We have a new chaplain at St. George's Anglican Church in Venice, and she is American! The Very Rev. Lucinda Laird retired after 8 years at the American Cathedral in Paris and is now serving us. She's great.

An Eastern Red Bud Tree Announces Easter

April 8, 2023

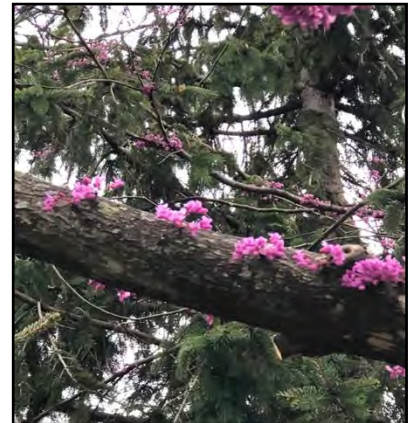
A letter from Tom and Jean Buechele

150-D Lake Club Circle

Hendersonville, N.C. 28792



Warm greetings and many blessings on this day before Easter. We are getting more settled in our new home in Hendersonville, N.C. The Spring season here has been spectacular: red bud trees, white and pink dogwoods, azaleas all flowering now around us on our daily walks.



We are so pleased to be close to Jean's cousin, Warren Johnson, and his wife, Linda, in Etowah, N.C. And we are planning to visit Tom's cousin Barb (Buechele) Morgan in Charlotte. A Ridgley Family Reunion is set for early August along the Blue Ridge Parkway too!

New friends and neighbors are welcoming us with their great southern hospitality. Hey Y'all ! However this is a community of folks from all over the country with experiences in all fields. New stories to share all around.

So glad to find the very welcoming Hendersonville Community Chorale singers and we have our work cut out to get ourselves ready for their Spring concert coming up in May. Jean found that there is a local wood carvers

group, and all kinds of fine craftspeople to appreciate. Tom offered to organize a Lake Pointe Landing Variety Show in July and will soon be teaching a basic Spanish Conversation class.

We've connected with St. James Episcopal Church here in Hendersonville, and Tom is scheduled to do priest supply ministry with the congregation at La Capilla de Santa Maria, just a mile from us, Sept.-Nov. of this year. So different for us to find this historic stone church full of young families, very well-versed in the all-Spanish liturgy.

Have a wonderful Easter and welcoming Spring. Catch us up on your news when you can.

Love Tom and Jean

Buechele's. @ 150-D Lake Club Circle Hendersonville, NC 28792

The chaplain's Team Travels Again



Your chaplain's team is off to the mainland this coming May. The CPG is hosting us in Seattle, WA for the annual Provincial Meeting of the Chaplains to the Retired Clergy. This is a chance for us to get the latest updates on the services and programs that are offered to the retired clergy, such as the pension (of course), the health and life insurance as well as the many

“perks” of being a retired Episcopal Clergy person.

It is also a chance to share with others doing the same ministry as we are, as well as networking, renewing acquaintances, worshiping, dining and exploring another part of our beautiful country. Personally, I haven't been back in Seattle since the '80s except for a plane change. I am sure we will be filled with new information for all of you when we return. If there is anyone in the neighborhood who would like to say hello to any of us, just drop us a line.

You can find all our contacts (email, snail mail, and phone numbers) on page 1 of this newsletter.



Spring Birthdays

Clergy

March

- *Gaylord Hitchcock* *March 3*
- *Michael Tinnon* *March 7*
- *Brian Nurdning* *March 10*
- *Hollis Maxson* *March 14*
- *Charles Cannon* *March 17*
- *Richard Tardiff* *March 19*
- *Gae Chalker* *March 20*
- *Mahi Beimes* *March 21*
- *Austin Murray* *March 21*

April

- *Brian Grieves* *April 2*
- *James Moore* *April 7*
- *Mary Tudela* *April 13*
- *Robert Nelson* *April 18*
- *Donald Hart* *April 22*
- *Lynette Schaefer* *April 23*
- *Lynn South* *April 24*
- *Heather Mueller* *April 28*

May

- *Debra Vanover* *May 5*
- *Gregory Johnson* *May 7*
- *Ed Bonsey* *May 26*



Clergy Spouses

March

- *Carter Kimsey* *March 1*
- *William Beimes* *March 3*
- *Gerrit Keator* *March 12*
- *Anne Aulenbach* *March 20*

April

- *Kit Hawkins* *April 6*
- *Mimi Wu* *April 7*
- *Andrea Baker* *April 8*
- *Kathleen Kagimoto* *April 21*
- *Jean Buechele* *April 25*
- *Jonathan Allen* *April 29*

May

- *Valerie Besenbruch* *May 4*
- *Marilyn Howard* *May 10*

Surviving Spouses

March

- *Roxanne Shoemaker* *March 5*

April

- *Paula Rudinoff* *April 4*
- *Belquis Laun-Shahin* *April*
- *Priscilla Millen* *April 21*
- *Eugenia Park* *April 24*
- *Margaret Cromwell* *April 27*

May

- *Teena Urban* *May 28*

Obituaries



KATHLEEN ULULANI DUNCAN Kathleen Ululani Duncan was born in Honolulu on December 12, 1928. Her parents were William Bruce & Kathleen Robbins Hopkins, she was raised in Kaa'awa, along with her six brothers and sister. She was a graduate of Saint Andrews Priory, Class of 1946. Ululani passed away peacefully at home overlooking Kaneohe Bay & Chinaman's Hat with her family & loving caregivers by her side. She was escorted into heaven by the Manu-o-ku navigational birds (her favorites) on November 16, 2022, at the age of 93.

Ululani was the loving wife for over 66 years to Reverend Rudolph A. Duncan until his passing in 2017. For many years they enjoyed traveling the world together visiting close friends & family. She was a wonderful mother to her children, Lynn (Scot) Kennedy, Stan (Patricia) Duncan, and Debbie (Joseph) Turgeon. A loving Tutu to Keana (Adam) Dreher, Koa (Kahana) Duncan, James K. Duncan, Noelani (Brant) Elliott, and Joe (Taylor) Turgeon. A proud great grand-Tutu to Melia Elliott, Kiya Elliott, Joe Turgeon, MacLaine Turgeon, Tatum Turgeon, Duke Dreher, Duncan Dreher, Aiden Dreher, Waimeli Duncan, and Hanalei Duncan.

She always had a smile on her face and will be remembered for her kindness and joyful spirit. She was a talented cook, enjoyed entertaining, always the life of the party and a gracious host. She especially enjoyed listening to her brothers sing & loved to dance. Her favorite hula was Pua'mana, which brought us all great joy. She loved to garden and was very talented at creating beautiful flower arrangements that she loved to share with her Ohana. She was very proud of her Hawaiian heritage and for many years she was an active member of the Daughters of Hawaii. She especially enjoyed participating in Queen Emma Summer Palace's annual fundraising events, making beautiful haku lei & pu'olu along with her fellow daughters.

Ululani lived a full and blessed life. Her sweet smile & aloha spirit will always remain in our hearts.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Hawaiian Memorial Park in Kaneohe



Duncan children, **Stan** and **Lynn (Kennedy)** wear lei for the occasion. *Their sister **Debbie (Turgeon)** had passed in 2018. Frank+ Chun (who was ordained with Rudy in 1968) officiates.*

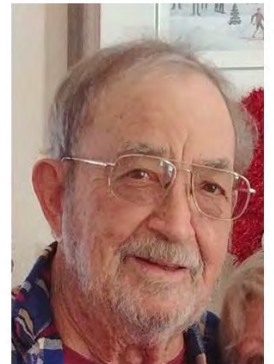
Stan, at the table where Ulu and Rudy's urns have been placed.

THE REV. CHARLES SHERMAN BURGER

The Rev. Charles Sherman Burger departed this life on February 3, 2023, in Boise, Idaho.

Born on May 29, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri he was the son of Joseph Eagleton Burger and Eleanor Dorothea (Kleinschmidt) Burger.

He was a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, CT where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and served as chairman of the Campus Community Chest charity drive his senior year. Following his graduation in 1960, Burger was employed by the Hawaiian Electric Co. as an advertising specialist in the Promotion Department. His military service included tours of duty with the 25th Infantry “Tropic Lightning” Division at Schofield Barracks, and the 227th Engineer Battalion, Hawaii Army National Guard at Fort Ruger.



In 1963 he enrolled at the Episcopal Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA, receiving his Master of Divinity degree in 1966. After his ordination to the priesthood, Fr. Burger was assigned to be the first vicar of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Lihue, Kauai. He was called to be Rector of Holy Innocents’ Church, Lahaina, Maui in 1968. There he also served as President of the Lahaina Restoration Foundation, the ARC of Maui, was appointed to the Maui County Liquor Commission, and was a chaplain of the Lahainaluna High School varsity football team. During his tenure at Holy Innocents’, the parish built a new parish hall, established a pre-school, added a second story to the Rectory, and constructed a parish administration building.

Fr. Burger moved to Nevada in 1983, where he was Rector of St. Paul’s Church in Elko, and Priest-in-Charge of St. Barnabas’ Church in Wells. He and the former Leah Diane Lawson were married at St. Stephen’s Church, Reno in 1984. The following year he was called to be Rector of St. Thomas Church, Sun Valley, ID where he served until his retirement in 1997.

In retirement the Burgers became full-time RVers, traveling throughout the western U.S. and Canada. They also toured extensively in the British Isles, Scandinavia, continental Europe, Russia, Israel, and Egypt before settling down in Garden City, Idaho in 2012.

Fr. Burger was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Joseph Burger, and his son Andrew Kealoha Burger. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Diane; by sisters Dorothy Lesniak, Marjory Burger, and Lynn Long; two brothers Robert Burger and John Burger; six children Robert Burger, Christopher Burger, Michael Burger, Matthew Burger, Amanda Burger, and Kim Dias; ten grandchildren; two stepchildren; James Lawson and Anne Queirolo; and four stepgrandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity in Meridian on March 2 at 11 a.m.

His cremated remains will be scattered at sea directly in front of the Holy Innocents’ Church, Rectory, and Pre-School in Lahaina, Maui at a later date. Charitable contributions in his memory may be made to

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