



Mele Kalikimaka & Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Christina

Aloha Family & Friends,

The Laney's want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the beautiful Aloha State!

Time flies when you are having fun and even when you're not! Can you believe it is Christmas already and it is the year, 2003? We have been incredibly busy with our families and businesses.

Rick and Yumi are still together, both have mellowed OUT, mentally and physically. We don't have much money, honey, but we have each other and we have a lot to be grateful for! Good Friends and Family and a beautiful place to live! This has been the year of Yumi's family, ups and downs, requiring Yumi to travel to the Mainland a couple of times and Japan. Rick has been a good sport, holding down the fort and taking care of business.



Christina in Maui

Christina, aka, Mika is enjoying herself in Kihei, Maui. She moved from LA with a job opportunity but it didn't work out so she is part-timing it at the hotels in Wailea and working with students. She would love to get into a full-time guidance counseling or social working position. Also, graduate school looks like her future but in the meantime, she is taking some quality time in Maui!! She paddles with a local canoe club and we watched her compete here in the State Championships. Rick and I visited and helped her get set up in June and we had a great time shopping for Christina. Rick and I stayed at the beautiful Outrigger Wailea and it was nice. Also, snorkeling, eating & relaxing was on the schedule.



Yumi, Rick & Akebono



Rob, Yumi & JD



Yumi, Irene & Shirley
Cannery Row, Monterey



JD, 2003

JD is working for Repcor Hawaii which stocks hardware and products at the various Home Depot type stores. He really enjoys his job and is fortunate it allows him to have fun during the day hours. He goes surfing, visiting friends and of course, has discovered the nightlife since he is over 21 years old! Also, visited Christina in Maui in October. His free time may be limited once he goes on his own and gets a 2nd job???

A heart at peace gives life to the body.

~Proverbs 14:30

The Lord gives strength to his people;

The Lord blesses his people with peace.

~Psalm 29:11



Hawaii Gang: Irene's Birthday



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Yumi & Family

It has been a very active and productive year for Yumi's Real Estate business, still with Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties and this is Yumi's 25th Year! Yumi would love to hear from you so call or e-mail her. Yumi has been blessed with a great assistant, Puanani Koyanagi, to help her keep organized and to continue to provide excellent customer service. This has also allowed Yumi to take some need time



off to visit with her family in California and Japan. In April, Yumi visited her Dad's family in Reedley, CA to celebrate her Aunt Fusa &

Uncle Nob Takasaki's 50th Anniversary. Yumi's sisters, Shirley & Irene and her brother, Willie, her Mom and Dad all attended. There were relatives Yumi had not seen for 15-20 years! It was Shirley's idea for us to dress in Aloha wear in Reedley! We had a great time.

Yumi had to visit again in May because her Mom was not well, so another trip to the Monterey Peninsula! A bit of a scare but Mom is doing fine now. Yumi, her Mom, Shirley & Irene visited Japan: Osaka, Hiroshima & Tokyo in September to see their Aunty Tamiko who is very ill. We had a beautiful time with our Aunty Tamiko and the family. We



Tamiko, Hiroko (Mom) & Yasuko

are so grateful to have spent the time together, in laughter, tears and love. Please pray for Aunty Tamiko. God Bless you all my friends & family!

Rick's World

Rick, the computer geek, has been working on computer network installations and internet services for his clients. He has been fighting with viruses and hackers trying to get into the systems. He is building a state of the art CAD and Video Editing computer for his Christmas present. Yumi



bugs him to handle all her computer needs also. It gets a bit crazy but when 5:30 PM comes around, Akebono will interrupt Rick with his wagging tail and smiley face to take a sunset stroll and swim at Waterfront Park.

Our Church, The Father's House had a camping weekend at Waimanalo Camp and Beach Park this year. Rick is Mr. Camperman, the one who takes everything except the kitchen sink just so Yumi can have the comfort of home at the campsite. We called it our beachfront



Jesus is the reason for the season!

resort. It was a beautiful site with a lovely sandy beach and cool breezes. We stayed for 4 days and enjoyed doing nothing for one full day! A good friend, Lance Renka visited us from Santa Barbara and we've had fun catching up. Rick fixed up the "Yellow Submarine" and takes it out to explore and Video the marine life, reefs, ledges and caves around the Islands.



This year we have had the privilege of hosting our home church in our home and we have been blessed with the fellowship and prayers. You are always welcome, we usually meet on Wednesday evenings. Left, Rick is posing next to a model replica of the Hawaii Loa canoe. Rick did the "as built" documentation CAD drawings for the Hawaiian voyaging canoe. It's a beautiful work of craftsmanship using native wood components lashed together.



From our home to yours, we send our Aloha and Prayers. We as a family are praying together for our Country, family and friends. May you be blessed with **GOOD HEALTH** and **HIS JOY!** —Rick, Yumi, Christina & John-David (JD)—