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ALOHA FROM HAWAI'I...

Dear Pacific Islands Friends,

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou (Happy New Year)! As we begin a new year, we want to pass along warm wishes to you all! Winter is a busy time of year for us ...since it is cold in most parts of the country and Hawai'i and the Pacific islands remains temperate yearlong. Summers range in the mid 80s while winters average in the high 70s to low 80s.

This month we are happy to welcome the Oakland Museum History Guild to our PII family of group travelers. The History Guild chose PII as its travel coordinator to provide a custom program for their members on the history and culture of Hawai'i. Dr. Paul Christiaan Klieger, former kama'aina (local) and Bishop Museum

researcher, cultural anthropologist and Senior Curator of the Oakland Museum History Department, is the group's primary expert guide. Joining them as their local group leader is our own Gordon Pi'ianai'a, former Captain of the Hokule'a and Hawaiian and Geography expert. What a privilege to travel with these great resources!

This brings me to recognizing all the wonderful people that we work with...A big MAHALO to all of our group leaders, lecturers and expert guides, and our vendors for all your support in our educational tours. PII couldn't do it without you! And to our office team behind the scenes - Leslie, Kat, Sarah, Michele, John and Karen ... thank you for all your hard



work!

Finally - there is still time to sign up for the 2008 Festival of Pacific Arts in American Samoa in July. Join me, my daughter-Paige, and Amy Taniguchi. If you are interested, please contact our office.

Aloha,

Andrew Lockwood

President

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WHAT'S NEW?

One of the latest travel trends is "Togetherness"- vacationing with one's family or friends. Pacific Islands Institute has been providing intergenerational and multi-generational programs in Hawai'i for years and they are becoming increasingly popular.

Our HPU Elderhostel Intergenerational programs (more information in the Featured Programs article p.2), are intended for grandparents to travel, share and bond with their grandchildren; yet more recently, we are seeing three generations traveling

together on these programs.

It's the quality time together as a family unit while learning and traveling that leaves you with unforgettable memories.

