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### We have a New Tennis Court!



by Craig Williams, Board of Directors

As many of you know we now have a new tennis court on the 8th floor. This project was undertaken for two specific reasons.

First, the 8th floor deck is our recreation deck, BBQ area, driving range and Koi pond as well as the tennis court but is also the roof of our parking structure. For many years this deck has leaked water into where cars are parked on the 7th floor. Even though frequent repairs were made this work was temporary at best. Before the new tennis surface was installed it was determined that the majority of the leaks were coming from cracks in the exposed concrete deck. Our old court was nothing more than paint on concrete. The contractor selected to provide the installation of the court surface did a survey of all cracks and then sealed them before applying the tennis court overlay. We now have a sound deck under the court and future leaks will be minimal at the least.

Second, we now have an actual cushioned surface for tennis that is approved by the International Tennis Federation and used at major tennis tournament venues around the world. In addition to performance characteristics of the court and to looking great the system comes with

## Today's humor

My daughter asked me if I was having fun doing the laundry.

I replied, "Loads."



CORRECTION to last month's newsletter: The Resident Feature was on Helen Skov.

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a 25 year warranty! This extended warranty covers leaks, delamination and material defects. Damage from misuse will be charged to the building.

This addition to the HPP property will serve residents and guests for years to come by providing a significant upgrade to our amenities.

Please take a minute to check out the court but remember: **No bicycles, tricycles, roller skates, scooters, skate boards, strollers or hard-soled shoes** that will leave scuff marks are allowed. Building management will be installing additional security cameras to monitor the use of the court as well as replacing the existing lighting with energy ef-

#### **Permanent Guest List**

Do you have recurring guests? Are you tired of contacting Security every time you expect them to visit?

Add them to your **permanent guest list!** 

The process is simple: Create a written request with the guests' names and submit it to the office for processing. This authorizes Security to provide your guests access to your floor without the need for you to call them. *Reminder:* All guest vehicles must be registered with Security.

### **Eric Hill: A Survivor Among Us**



In May 2009, **Eric Hill** suffered a debilitating stroke. How did he overcome his extreme health challenges and emerge the survivor he is today?

His tour of duty in Vietnam (with assignment to 3/187 of the 101st Infantry Battalion: Screaming Eagles) beginning in May 1969 occurred during some of the fiercest fighting waged in the war. Among the casualties he suf-

fered was exposure to Agent Orange resulting in severe burns on his back and shoulders. Eric spent six months in the rehabilitation hospital in Cam Ranh Bay. The war experiences taught him lessons in endurance, tenacity, hope and resilience. When he was in a state of helplessness after the stroke, he reached deep within himself and summoned the survival instincts and strengths which carried him through the war.

His active lifestyle on the Big Island and in Makaha as well as his daily surfing has also stood him in good stead in his recovery process. From 1994 to 2000, Eric won several championships in bodysurfing and handboarding.

Last but not least, Eric attributes his recovery to the encouragement and assistance of his friends and supporters within and outside the Honolulu Park Place community. He is thankful to the professionals of doctors, physical and speech therapists, and counselors who have attended to him since his stroke.

Eric's community service includes being a volunteer with the Hawaii Literacy Foundation, and serving as Santa Claus in the Mayor Wright Housing and Weinberg Village. Children (and adults) remember the glee he brought as Santa Claus at the Christmas parties at Honolulu Park Place.

During his two-year enrollment at University of Hawaii, Hilo, Eric completed courses in political science and agriculture. He then launched into a successful career in residential and commercial real estate sales and comprehensive property management culminating in his being principal broker and president of Honolulu Realty, established in 1990. Today, he does some consulting work for his company.

Reviewing his life, Eric positively affirms that "my job is not yet done."

-Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa (Photo: Gary Everest)



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## Why Not Treat Yourself to a Massage?

**Stan Sugai**, 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday. Phone 808-536-6979.

**Susan Lovinger**, phone 808-342-6402. Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 pm-9 pm; Saturdays, Noon to 6 pm. By appointment only. \$50/hour massage; \$80/hour & half. Gift certificates are available

## Five-star, healthy and delicious food!

Check out **The Real Food Cafe's** latest food photos on Facebook or Instagram! **Chef Heidi** offers catered meals for special occasions, personal chef services, cooking classes, and wine pairing dinners, **phone 271-7052.** 





"Of course I can eat donuts on my diet. My doctor says nuts are good for me!"

**HPP** Maintenance Staff

### **Rolando Agustin**

In 2016 when **Rolando Agustin** came to Honolulu Park Place to perform a job as a refrigeration technician for Sears, little did he realize that later on that year, he would have the good

fortune of being on the maintenance staff at this condo.

Rolando's regular duties include taking care of the swimming pool, jacuzzi, koi deck, and the fountain as well as A/C maintenance. At his present



position, he has been able to utilize the skills acquired from his prior work experiences and from the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program at Honolulu Community College where he earned his Associate of Science Degree.

Rolando is quick to acknowledge with appreciation that the HPP work environment supports his goal to enhance his skills set and to excel in maintenance work in collaboration with his helpful fellow employees and under the excellent supervision of **Walters Miranda**, the Operations Manager at Honolulu Park Place.

Like many of his co-workers, Rolando enjoys beach activities with his family. He is the proud father of four children. His wife finds it rewarding to operate a foster home for the elderly.

He has gained confidence in his workplace performance, and he looks forward to continued improvement as a member of the maintenance team. Rolando feels supported by his fellow workers and his supervisor, and he appreciates the opportunities to provide maintenance service to HPP residents.

-Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa (Photo: Gary Everest)