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Building Manager Transition

By now most of you have probably learned about the recent change in our building manager position. Bob Christensen, our previous Resident Manager (RM), has loyally served Holomua for the past two years, and we thank him for his diligent service. However, due to several factors including a recent change in labor laws, the Board decided it was time to part ways with Bob and eliminate the RM position. We regret the hardship this placed on Bob due to losing both his job and residence, but as always the Board makes these decisions in the best interests of the Association and does not make them lightly. In place of the RM, the Board has chosen to hire Holomua Site Services to handle our day-to-day on-site management. (Coincidentally, they have the same name as our condo, but there is no relation.) They are an experienced, locally owned company providing a wide range of management and maintenance services for properties on Oahu. Since we no longer have to pay rent for the RM's condo or the position's associated salary and benefits, we will see a substantial net savings annually.

Philip Yee is currently assigned to be our site manager, and you can read more about him in the next article. His on-site office hours are Mon/Tue/Thu/Friday mornings 9am-12pm, and Wednesday afternoon 1:30-4:30pm. His email is HolomuaAOAO@holomuasiteservices.com, and his office phone number is **426-7659, extension 30**. You can call this number during normal business hours Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm. Also, this number can be used for building-related emergencies at any time (press "1" when prompted). If no one answers, leave a message with your name, phone number, the name of our property "Holomua condo" and the type of emergency. Someone will call you back as soon as possible. Note that Phil might not be the one answering the phone after hours, as they have a pool among several managers to respond to emergencies quickly. Also note that our security guards (now provided by a new company, Andrews International) continue to be on site daily 9pm-5am. During these hours, you may contact the guard on duty at 291-8283.

Annual Meeting Coming Up!

The Annual AOUO Meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 14** in the 7th floor Activity Room. Doors open for registration at 6pm, and the meeting begins at 6:30pm. All owners are encouraged to attend, as we have several positions on the Board that are up for election. Please be sure to RETURN THE PROXY FORM that you will receive in the mail this month, regardless of whether you will be at the meeting. If we don't receive enough proxies, the meeting will have to be cancelled and rescheduled at our expense. Thank you for your participation!

Remember that while Holomua Site Services and our security guards are here to assist us with any building or community-related matters, owners are still primarily responsible for their units. For example, you should not be calling them for assistance with your unit's smoke alarm, appliances or other fixtures contained within your unit. Also, in an emergency you should call 911 directly if you need police, fire or medical assistance. After the authorities are contacted, you may then contact site management and/or security to inform them of the emergency if needed. This is particularly important if you need to report someone trespassing or damaging the common areas: call police immediately, then inform the site manager and/or security.

We appreciate your understanding in these matters as we adjust to the new management setup. Let's all work together to ensure our Holomua community continues to be a great place to live. Mahalo!

Meet our new Site Manager: Phil Yee!

Phil has been working for Holomua Site Services since the company was founded about five years ago, when it branched off from another company named Property Care. He serves as a supervisor of site managers at other properties, so we are lucky to have him as our on-site manager. Phil's previous careers included IT work for the nonprofit Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii, and several roles at a wastewater system design company (project management, production department, etc.). Most interestingly, he graduated from Kapi'olani Community College's Culinary Arts Program, but he didn't like slaving away in a hot kitchen. He continues to pursue his cooking interests on the side, particularly in the area of pickles (Japanese, Korean, Chinese, etc.). He also enjoys fishing and hunting. Please welcome Phil to our community at Holomua!

Year Of The Rooster

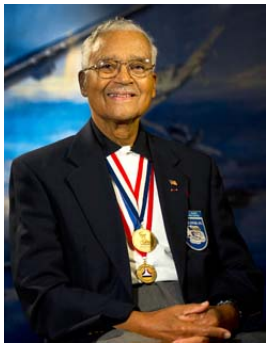
According to the Chinese zodiac, Jan 28, 2017 – Feb 15, 2018, marks the year of the Rooster. This is the 10th animal in the 12-year cycle. Those born in 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993 and 2005 all come under this sign. People born in the year of the Rooster may have these positive traits: loyal, sociable, generous, observant, hardworking, resourceful, confident, active, healthy. Roosters may also have these negative traits: cranky, fussy, vain, materialistic, self-absorbed.

Luckiest things for Roosters: numbers 5, 7, 8; colors gold, brown, yellow; flowers gladiola, cockscomb; directions south, southeast.

Unlucky things: numbers 1, 3, 9; color red; direction east.

Regardless of your zodiac sign, may the New Year bring you peace, harmony, health & good fortune!!

An Inspiring Day at Pearl Harbor



On February 3rd, the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island held a special "Hangar Talk" event featuring keynote speaker Col. Charles McGee, one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen who fought in World War II. At 97 years young, Colonel McGee is clearly a member of the hallowed group we call the "Greatest Generation." He owns the impressive US Air Force record of 409 combat missions flown across three wars: WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He has been honored with a lion's share of individual medals, including a Bronze Star and multiple Legions of Merit, Distinguished Flying Crosses and Air Medals.

The Tuskegee Airmen hold the distinction of being the first African-American aviators ever to fly for the US military. Not unlike Hawaii's own Japanese-American 442nd Regiment and 100th Battalion, they faced racial prejudice, discrimination and harassment despite their willingness to serve their country. They overcame these barriers and fought with dedication and valor, becoming one of the most decorated units in US history. This includes a Congressional Gold Medal awarded by President George W. Bush in 2007. To learn more about these American heroes, you can watch the 2012 movie "Red Tails" inspired by their story, featuring stars Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding, Jr. and David Oyelowo.

Colonel McGee's son Ron was also in attendance and spoke briefly of his experiences as a retired Air Force major and commercial pilot/trainer for Boeing. He imparted two pieces of wisdom to the audience, some of which he learned from his father. First, in striving for your goals: "Don't accept anything less than perfection. If the airline system was 99.999 percent accurate, there'd be an accident every four days." Second, to help guide you to success, follow the 4 P's: Perceive – envision your goal; Prepare – get as much education as you can; Perform – always strive for excellence; and Persevere – keep at it to achieve your goal. May these wise words from two great men inspire us all to succeed in our daily lives.