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A Message From Diane Plotts

Thanks to all who obviously took a great deal of care and time to write special wishes for our holiday edition of the Hemmeter Report. It is gratifying to know that you all enjoy the Hemmeter Report and feel it is worthwhile enough to contribute to. It is your newsletter, and we do hope you will continue to provide information to Troy and Carolyn.

Hemmeter Corporation Moves

On November 4, 1976, the Hemmeter organization set up offices in the newly built Hyatt Regency Waikiki. On January 16, 1988, after more than 11 years in that location, Hemmeter Corporation moved to 1441 Kapiolani. The 18th floor will be temporary quarters while we await completion of our new offices. The temporary quarters are conveniently located near the offices of Hemmeter Commercial Properties and Lawton & Umemura. Please come see us if you have an opportunity.

YPO Holds Meeting On Kauai

The Young Presidents Organization (YPO) is meeting at The Westin Kauai from January 30 - February 6. YPO is an organization whose members become presidents of their companies before they are 39 years of age. Chris and Patsy Hemmeter are serving as special advisors for the meeting. At press time, the keynote speakers were to be former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford.

L&U's Kevin Daley Addresses and Impresses Cub Scouts

Kevin Daley, model-maker with Lawton & Umemura, took time out of his busy schedule recently to introduce the fascinating world of architecture to Cub Scouts from Pack 223 in Kailua. The boys "oohed and aahed" when Kevin brought out his drafting and drawing tools. They were especially impressed with Kevin's "pin" box (where he stores straight pins) made from foamcore—the major material used in model making.

At least one boy was heard saying to his parents that he is going to be an architect. Thanks, Kevin, for supplying inspiration to some young minds!

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THE KING'S JUBILEE

The Westin Kauai Gala Opening Was Fit for Royalty

The gala grand opening of The Westin Kauai, held January 9-11, was a weekend to be long-remembered. More than 700 guests were treated to an array of events centering around the theme "The King's Jubilee."

Among the notables present were Governor John Waihee and his wife, Kauai Mayor Tony Kunimura and his wife, and the former Governor, George Ariyoshi, and his wife. Chieko Aoki, representing Aoki of Japan (new owners of Westin Hotels and Resorts), Harry Mullikin, chairman and CEO, Westin Hotels and Resorts; and Peter Morris and Joel Stone of VMS Realty Partners also were among the guests.

A lavish luau buffet beside the swimming pool on Friday evening began the weekend's festivities. Entertainment was provided by Palani Vaughan and His King's Own, and dancers. Frank Hewitt and his halau and Uncle Sol Bright also performed.

On Saturday, after spending the day enjoying the many wonders of The Westin Kauai, guests attended The Ali'i Ball, a black-tie dinner-dance

that was the highlight of the weekend. In keeping with the overall theme, everything from decorations to the attire of many of the guests reflected the color, pageantry, and elegance of Hawaii's monarchy period. Cocktails were served beside the Palace Court reflecting pool, in which a minireplica of the Iolani Palace gazebo was erected to provide shelter from the pool's geysers for the woodwind quartet that entertained guests.

Following cocktails, there was dancing to the Clyde Pound Orchestra, followed by a sumptuous dinner, a performance by The King's Guards of King's Village, and more dancing.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly guest conductor and piano soloist Peter Nero, who led the Honolulu Symphony in a glittering performance of waltzes, polkas, Hawaiian music, and selections from the movie "South Pacific." Also, Emma Veary sang the "Kamehameha Waltz." Near the end of the program, Nero and the symphony performed George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with Nero playing the piano and conducting the orchestra simultaneously. It was such a remarkable performance, Nero re-



Enjoying The King's Jubilee gala with Chris and Patsy are (from left to Mead Hemmeter and Sally Younge.

ceived a standing ovation. He also treated guests to a surprise solo—an improvisation of "The Man I Love."

Applause was long and loud after every number played that evening. Few in the audience realized that Nero had to learn the Hawaiian pieces while at home in Southern California because he had only two hours to rehearse with the symphony on Saturday afternoon. It was a tribute to both Nero and the musicians that the program was so polished.

The weekend's festivities ended Sunday morning with brunch and a Celebration of the Keiki at The Royal Boathouse, during which some of Hawaii's finest keiki performers entertained.

The grand opening celebration at The Westin Kauai was more than just a good time—it also was a benefit for a local charity. Hemmeter-VMS Company donated \$40,000 to the Kauai "Just Say No" anti-drug program.

Mahalo to Troy for her hard work and dedication in making this such an unforgettable experience.



ght) Mr. & Mrs. George Hemmeter, and Chris' brother and sister,

Highlights of 1987

A recent interview with Chris Hemmeter published in Honolulu magazine outlined, among other things, some of the Hemmeter Corporation's activities of the past year. It is easy to understand the sense of urgency and challenge that keeps us as members of the Hemmeter team moving at a furious pace. Here are the highlights:

February: Ruff Callaghan & Hemmeter Co. in Chicago was formed to provide hotel and resort development acquisition, financing, and management services for Hemmeter Investment Co.

April: Hemmeter Investment Co., a partnership, was converted to Hemmeter Corporation. Purchase of the 727 jet. Purchase of Armed Forces YMCA building for \$11 million to renovate and convert into Hemmeter Corp. headquarters.

May: Offer to buy Bank of Honolulu.

June: Hemmeter Corp. pledges \$1 million to lure America's Cup races to Hawaii, plus additional \$1 million if local businesses come up with matching funds.

July: Bank of Honolulu declined offer.

August: The Westin Maui opened.

September: Agreement to purchase Hawaiian Airlines announced. The Westin Kauai opened. Offer to purchase Galen Building downtown approved.

October: "Black Monday" stock market crash makes timely financing of Hawaiian Airlines unlikely.

November: Mutual termination of Hawaiian Airlines buyout agreement announced.

Of course, there has also been heavy involvement associated with Kauai Phase III and IV, Monarch Beach, and Key Biscayne. Reorganization activities within our various companies, new accounting systems, and various office moves throughout the year combined to make our lives very exciting.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

New Year's Message

Editor's note: Due to space constraints, the following New Year's message was held over from last month's Hemmeter Report.

"Be a P.A.L.—Prevent a Litter" is the Humane Society of United States' campaign this year to make people who haven't yet neutered their animals more aware of their need to act. When you let your pet bring unwanted animals into the world—guess who pays? Pet overpopulation (more than 70,000 puppies and kittens are born each day due to the uncontrolled breeding of our pets) leads to many of the abuses and cruelties suffered by companion animals throughout this country. Progress has been made in efforts to reduce pet overpopulation, but the HSUS campaign is one in which each person can make a difference—either by having their own animal neutered or by getting involved in their community's animal problems."

-Dawn Rakity, Hemmeter Development, Kauai.

Welcome to...

Bess Altfeld, Art Program Coordinator; Carleen Yedo, Project Secretary, Waikoloa; and Lynne Kimball, FF&E Secretary, Hemmeter Development.

Congratulations to...

Chuck Rogers, Hemmeter Development, on his recent promotion to Vice President, Finance and Administration.



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