Aloha 'Oe, Barry Taniguchi

Longtime Museum trustee and beloved friend Barry Koji Taniguchi passed away on September 20 at Queen's Hospital in Honolulu after an illness. Chairman and CEO of KTA Superstores, over the years Mr. Taniguchi also served on many business, community, and health- and human-services boards and organizations, giving generously of his time, knowledge, and experience. He is survived by his wife Sandra and their five children, Tracy, Toby, Terri, Amanda, and Ryan, as well as seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

His decades of service were recognized by the community with many awards. To name a few, in 2015 he received the Living Treasure of Hawaii Award from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. That same year he was inducted into the Hawaii Food Industry Association's Hall of Fame. In 2016 he received the Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations Lifetime Achievement Award.

Barry served on the Museum's Board of Trustees for many years, most recently as Treasurer. Museum President and Executive Director Dr. Barbara Moir recalls that, although at first she was slightly intimidated by his iconic community reputation, "Barry always greeted me with a smile and a hug, and made me feel I was in the right place and doing a good job. And, as a weekly KTA shopper, whenever I told him about the excellent service and products I received from my favorite store, I could tell that this feedback pleased him very much. A very humble and modest man, Barry always recognized and acknowledged the contributions of others to the achievements that meant so much to him."
Born in Hilo on March 21, 1947, Barry started his career at the age of twelve as a courtesy clerk in the downtown branch of KTA, founded in 1916 by his grandparents Koichi and Taniyo. He graduated in 1965 from Hilo High School, where he was student council president. Former Museum trustee Bill Walter, a classmate who served on the student council with Barry, told the Hawaii Tribune-Herald that “he was Hilo through and through.”

Barry Taniguchi in a sampan during a Veterans Day parade, November 4, 2016.

Barry attained a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and became a certified public accountant in 1971 while working at the Haskins & Sells, CPA firm. Following employment as comptroller at the Realty Investment Co., he returned to KTA in 1983; he became the company's third president and CEO in 1989, succeeding his uncle Tony. According to Derek Kurisu (longtime KTA executive and friend), the construction of KTA’s Keauhou supermarket was the first project Barry oversaw; later, he also presided over the introduction of KTA’s top-quality Mountain Apple store brand in 1992.

A visitation and memorial service held for Barry on October 18 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin revealed the enormous influence and goodwill generated from decades of his business and community leadership—and from public acclaim and affection. Hundreds of people were drawn to the service, some waiting in line for as long as three hours, to pay their respects and give their condolences to his family. Bishop Eric Matsumoto of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission officiated at the service. He saw the crowds as “an expression of gratitude and appreciation and acknowledgment of Mr. Taniguchi’s tremendous contributions to society, to all of us.”

The Fred Koehnen Memorial Golf Tournament Fundraiser 2019!

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On October 26, 2019 the Museum hosted its 11th Annual Golf Tournament, the Fred Koehnen Memorial Golf Tournament Fundraiser. It was held on the beautiful greens of the Hualalai Golf Course at the Four Seasons. Thirty-three teams enjoyed musubi, donuts and coffee before a shotgun start at 8 am. Following the tournament, a fantastic lunch was provide by the Hualalai Grille and an awards ceremony ensued, with prizes donated by supportive local businesses.
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Richard Henderson, Chairman of the Museum’s Board of Trustees, remarked that “the Hualālai Golf Course was spectacular, the fairways and greens were perfect, and everyone had a great time.” And as usual, our Golf Tournament Chairman, Warren Lee, did a great job. Our thanks go out to Brendan Moynahan and his staff for again facilitating our annual tournament on their great resort course!

As always, we are grateful for the amazing support from the community which makes this event possible. The Tournament raised over $17,000 for the Museum, which will be used to benefit future endeavors including exhibits, educational programs, and museum tours for school children.

PHOTO GALLERY of 2019 Golf Tournament

Mahalo to those who made the Golf Tournament so successful!

Conservation of Artifacts for the New Island Heritage Gallery

For the new Island Heritage Gallery we needed to find a top-flight conservator to help the Museum’s collections staff conserve and prepare the artifacts for installation in the new cases. So we turned to the best: Conservator (and former Bishop Museum staff) Linda Hee. Her company is HANDWOVEN by Linda Hee, established in 1980 and based in Honolulu. Linda is recognized as among the best in her field. She has been a tremendous help with her knowledgeable experience and advice.

Linda Hee and volunteers, October 2019.
Linda Hee has an M.A. in Art Conservation, and an academic and professional background in both chemistry and art history. She is a member of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. For many years she was employed by the Bishop Museum and as a curator at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, working specifically on the conservation of art, ethnographic, and historical collections. Our artifact mountmaker on the Island Heritage Gallery project, David Kiyabu, another former Bishop Museum employee, has worked extensively with Linda over the years and holds her in the highest esteem.

In October 2019 Linda held a two-day workshop at the Museum, instructing a group of twelve volunteers, from both the Museum’s volunteer pool and students from the University. Everyone learned an enormous amount from this workshop, and since then they have been preparing and repairing artifacts, from safely polishing a coin belt to repairing holes in precious kapa.

Linda will be returning to the Museum at the end of January for one week, to aid staff with finalizing artifact conservation and installation preparation. Linda has been instrumental in guiding staff to have the artifacts in their best condition for display in the new state-of-the-art Island Heritage Gallery of cultural history, "telling the story of Hawai‘i, its islands and its people."

We extend special thanks to the volunteers who have assisted Linda in her work with Museum artifacts to be rehoused in the Island Heritage Gallery: David Freund and Pat Engelhard (metals); James E. Papa (coin belt, kapa); Angela Iuriagi (kapa, metals, and data); Bruce McClure (restringing tusk bracelet); Maureen Ota-McClure (restringing dog teeth lei); Teri Spinola-Campbell and Terri Maguire (work on textiles/work outfits); and Andy Wilson.

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