

# HAWAII PLANNING



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## Word from our Chapter President – Gail Atwater

Happy new year everyone, Chinese and otherwise. 2014 is shaping up as another productive one for our Chapter with a smorgasbord of relevant programs, opportunity to win planning awards and earn AICP credits, the APA National Conference in Atlanta and Hawai'i's statewide planning convergence, HCPO on Maui in the Fall.

This issue of our e-blast is ripe with announcements about national recognition for Hawai'i planning and planners. Don't miss the items about the Hawai'i State Pedestrian Master Plan and Kalakaua as a Great Street, both to be recognized at the APA National Conference in Atlanta.

Where will the next crop of Hawai'i-based awards come from? I asked Paul Luersen, who was involved in preparing both of this year's winning national award applications, to provide us an insider's view of the process. Follow his example and gather up your courage to enter a worthy project. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

For those of you who missed the 2013 World Town Planning Day event, DURP Chairperson Dolores Foley has provided some words and photos about the event. Speaking of DURP, Dr. Foley recently asked me to represent APA on a committee working to implement recommendations made during the accreditation review of DURP. Dean Minakami of DPP, chair of the Chapter's Public Affairs Committee, is our representative on the Office of Planning's State Land Use Boundary Review task force. Look for an update from him in an upcoming e-blast.

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Finally, it would be a remarkable 20-month period for any Chapter in which no less than four officers and/or Executive Committee members gave birth to a total of five future planners. It's just another sign of planners' great productivity and talent for multi-tasking! Welcome, little fellas, and thanks for sharing your Moms with us.

Julian Carlos  
Kalikoakeawe  
Alomar and Matteo  
Javier  
Kamamoakaupō  
Alomar

Mother: APA Hawai'i  
Treasurer Hilarie  
Alomar

Born April 25, 2013



Nicolas Camuso

Mother: APA Hawai'i  
Membership Chair  
Tracy Furuya

Born April 9, 2013



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Nishimura

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Born February 25,  
2013



Troy Reiji On-Hee  
Yuen

Mother: APA Hawai'i  
Vice President, Kimi  
Yuen

Born June 11, 2012  
(King Kamehameha's  
Birthday)



Until next time,  
Gail