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# The Gift Of Giving – a Part Of OTS Culture



**J. Roger Morton**  
President and General Manager

## Operators of The Quarters



**Operators Joel Kekahuna (top left), Filiki Tupuola (top right), Darrell Yago (bottom left) and Edwin Dela Rosa (bottom right) share the spotlight. Read more about them on pages 11 and 14.**

For some cultures, the giving spirit happens during a specific time of year. Each culture has its holidays, festivities, and traditions when people give thanks for what they have and give gifts to others. For Hawaii residents, it is “local-style” to give gifts throughout the year. From the yearly birthday gifts, baby showers, and wedding showers to the “omiyage” (the gifts that everyone gives when they return from a trip abroad); it is a part of the Hawaii culture.

Here at OTS it is a normal occurrence to see people giving their well-earned vacation days to a fellow employee in need, chipping in for a retirement gift, or making someone’s birthday extra special. The giving gene is in the OTS DNA.

In fact, did you know that OTS employees donate well over 200 pints of blood

every year. In 2012 we gave 233 pints of blood – an increase of 25 pints over the previous year.

The OTS Aloha United Way Day has been an almost yearly event where our employees get to compete in a team-building activity, eat delicious foods donated and prepared by employees, and contribute to some of Hawaii’s nonprofit social service organizations. This year many of our managers were very good sports and took the time to sit in the dunking booth for the “Dunk Da Boss” activity. Through your generous donations, we were able to raise \$18,995.92 for some very worthy charities, even in the midst of a very slow economy.

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# Transit Transfers

**Benjamin Chun**, Lead Mechanic, was promoted on 10/1/2011. Benjamin was previously a HEM - Body Shop and has been with OTS, Inc., since 8/28/1989.



**Glenn Santiago**, Asst. Superintendent of Maintenance - Pearl City Division, was promoted on 12/16/2011. Glenn was previously a Lead Mechanic and has been with OTS, Inc., since 3/13/1995.



**Tracie Coelho**, Field Operations Manager, was promoted on 10/1/2011. Tracie was previously an Asst. Superintendent of Transportation - Kalihi Division and has been with OTS, Inc., since 10/1/1994.



**Bruce Sagawinit**, Instructor, was promoted on 1/1/2012. Bruce was previously a Bus Operator and has been with OTS, Inc., since 4/4/1998.



**Therese Tokumi**, Sr. Transportation Clerk, was promoted on 10/16/2011. Therese was previously a Clerk Typist II and has been with OTS, Inc., since 10/25/1993.



**Severo Bolosan**, Lead Mechanic, was promoted on 2/24/2012. Severo was previously a HEM - Electrician and has been with OTS, Inc., since 10/16/1987.



**Robril Tingcang**, Asst. Superintendent of Transportation - Kalihi Division, was promoted on 11/1/2011. Robril was previously an Instructor and has been with OTS, Inc., since 6/18/1994.



**Tracy Kim**, Superintendent of Transportation - Kalihi Division, was promoted on 3/1/2012. Tracy was previously Asst. Superintendent of Transportation - Kalihi Division and has been with OTS, Inc., since 8/2/1988.



**Daniel Ahuna**, Superintendent of Maintenance - Pearl City Division Superintendent of Shops, was promoted on 12/16/2011. Daniel was previously Asst. Superintendent of Maintenance - Pearl City Division and has been with OTS, Inc., since 1/2/1990.



**Derek Ganiko**, Lead Mechanic, was promoted on 3/16/2012. Derek was previously a HEM - Running Repair and has been with OTS, Inc., since 9/2/1998.



**Darrell Kaninau**, Asst. Superintendent of Shops, was promoted on 12/16/2011. Darrell was previously a Maintenance Foreman and has been with OTS, Inc., since 6/7/1976.



**James Dickson**, Asst. Superintendent of Transportation - Kalihi Division, was promoted on 4/1/2012. James was previously an Instructor and has been with OTS, Inc., since 10/7/1976.



**Frederick Lau**, Lead Mechanic, was promoted on 9/16/2012. Frederick was previously a HEM - Body Shop and has been with OTS, Inc., since 7/28/1980.



**Richard Takeuchi**, Lead Mechanic, was promoted on 5/1/2012. Richard was previously a HEM - Running Repair and has been with OTS, Inc., since 9/27/1999.



**Franklin Butcher**, Asst. Superintendent of Maintenance - Pearl City Division, was promoted on 11/1/2012. Franklin was previously HEM - Lube/48k Inspection and has been with OTS, Inc., since 12/1/1977.



**Keith Lum**, Instructor, was promoted on 6/16/2012. Keith was previously a Bus Operator and has been with OTS, Inc., since 3/12/1994.



**John Poentis**, Lead Mechanic, was promoted on 11/1/2012. John was previously a HEM - Electrician and has been with OTS, Inc., since 6/1/1993.



**Eugene Oyadomari**, Asst Superintendent of Maintenance - Kalihi Division, was promoted on 8/1/2012. Eugene was previously Acting Foreman and has been with OTS, Inc., since 6/16/1980.



**Vera Vierra**, Superintendent of Transportation - Pearl City Division, was promoted on 11/1/2012. Vera was previously Asst. Superintendent of Transportation - Pearl City Division and has been with OTS, Inc., since 11/1/1997.



**Brent Sarria**, Maintenance Support System Manager, was promoted on 8/1/2012. Brent was previously Technical Equipment Coordinator and has been with OTS, Inc., since 10/7/2009.



**Irwin Wong**, Asst. Superintendent of Transportation - Pearl City Division, was promoted on 11/1/2012. Irwin was previously a Road Supervisor and has been with OTS, Inc., since 3/23/1991.



**Charles Lee**, Maintenance Manager, Paratransit Services, was promoted on 9/12/2012. Charles was previously Asst. Superintendent of Maintenance - Pearl City Division and has been with OTS, Inc., since 1/4/1988.



# Retiree Corner

**Hiram Manoi,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 9/1/2011.  
Manoi had  
33 years of service.



**Hermene Kozlowski,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 12/1/2011.  
Kozloski had  
21 years of service.



**Roy Nagamine,**  
HEM - Air Conditioning,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Nagamine had  
11 years of service.



**Paul Meierdiercks,**  
Lead Mechanic,  
retired on 9/1/2011.  
Meierdiercks had  
32 years of service.



**Bob Krause,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 12/1/2011.  
Krause had  
28 years of service.



**Leonora Chang,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Chang had  
15 years of service.



**Penny Chapman,**  
Manager, Safety & Risk  
Management,  
retired on 10/31/2011.  
Chapman had  
19 years of service.



**Thomas Balasbas,**  
2/C Trades  
- Bus Stop Crew,  
retired on 12/28/2011.  
Balasbas had  
38 years of service.



**Robert Derricotte,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Derricotte had  
20 years of service.



**Rome Acopan,**  
Asst. Superintendent,  
Maintenance - Pearl City,  
retired on 10/31/2011.  
Acopan had  
38 years of service.



**Marilynne Nascimento,**  
Sr. Bus Pass Clerk,  
retired on 1/1/2012.  
Nascimento had  
29 years of service.



**Rodrigo Sabug,**  
HEM - Running Repair,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Sabug had  
23 years of service.



**Guillermo Colon,**  
Maintenance Support  
System Manager,  
retired on 10/31/2011.  
Colon had  
31 years of service.



**Victor Cardenas,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 1/1/2012.  
Cardenas had  
28 years of service.



**Roger Takahashi,**  
Service Attendant,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Takahashi had  
26 years of service.



**Warren Naguwa,**  
HEM - Transmission Shop,  
retired on 11/1/2011.  
Naguwa had 31 years  
of service.



**Joby Lee,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 1/1/2012.  
Lee had  
18 years of service.



**Lowell Miura,**  
Lead Mechanic,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Miura had  
24 years of service.



**James Muneoka,**  
Superintendent of Shops,  
retired on 11/1/2011.  
Muneoka had  
37 years of service.



**Loreto Macadaeg,**  
Paratransit Operator,  
retired on 1/1/2012.  
Macadaeg had  
13 years of service.



**Wendell Kimura,**  
HEM - Machinist,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Kimura had  
26 years of service.



**Clarence Stevens,**  
Dispatching Supervisor,  
retired on 11/1/2011.  
Stevens had  
37 years of service.



**Robert White,**  
IT Technician,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
White had  
11 years of service.



**George Naweli,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Naweli had  
31 years of service.



**Larry Kanda,**  
Lead Mechanic,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Kanda had  
29 years of service.



**Roy Tsutahara,**  
Service Station  
Supervisor,  
retired on 5/1/2012.  
Tsutahara had  
30 years of service.



**Clayton Mizo,**  
HEM - Air Conditioning,  
retired on 7/1/2012.  
Mizo had  
34 years of service.



**Alan Lee,**  
Steam Cleaner,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Lee had  
38 years of service.



**Randy Fernandez,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 5/1/2012.  
Fernandez had  
31 years of service.



**Harry Ginoza,**  
HEM - Overhaul Shop,  
retired on 8/1/2012.  
Ginoza had  
32 years of service.



**Thomas Rabe,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Rabe had  
38 years of service.



**Walter Kelekolio,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 5/1/2011.  
Kelekolio had  
22 years of service.



**Albert Akana,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 8/1/2012.  
Akana had  
55 years of service.



**George Nahale,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Nahale had  
32 years of service.



**Clifford Ito,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 5/1/2012.  
Ito had  
18 years of service.



**August Rodrigues,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 8/1/2012.  
Rodrigues had  
28 years of service.



**Albert Kaai,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 4/1/2012.  
Kaai had  
37 years of service.



**Hermania Badis,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 5/1/2012.  
Badis had  
21 years of service.



**Raymond Andrian,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 9/1/2012.  
Andrian had  
39 years of service.



**Henry Nunies,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 5/1/2012.  
Nunies had 37 years  
of service.



**Joan Velles,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 6/1/2012.  
Velles had  
20 years of service.



**Roger Namiki,**  
Asst. Chief Storekeeper,  
retired on 9/1/2012.  
Namiki had  
37 years of service.



**Irwin Nakasone,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 5/1/2012.  
Nakasone had  
38 years of service.



**Gracie Sarault,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 6/1/2012.  
Sarault had  
34 years of service.



**Esther Aweau,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 5/1/2012.  
Aweau had  
39 years of service.



**Francis Kikuchi,**  
Bus Operator,  
retired on 7/1/2012.  
Kikuchi had  
18 years of service.



## **Bus Operator Class 187** Graduated November 4, 2011



Photo above (left to right): **Glen Nakamura, Richard Wan, Collette Sturges, Soe Saing, Sharon Freitas, David Tuffin, Kealani Pedro, Tim Aurio, Annette Kamai, Paul Perreira, Joon Choi.**

## **Bus Operator Class 188** Graduated November 16, 2012



Photo above (left to right): 1st Row: **Ruben Lualemana, Mellissa Rapisura.** 2nd Row: **Kin Chung Fong, Calvin Sueoka-Samalino, Travis Nishida, Elijah Chee, Joseph Quidachay, Robert Martin, Marc Ruiz, Brandon Hopeau.** 3rd Row: **Charles Paia, Arnel Madamba, Wayne Lee, Peter Rook, Jerry Smith, John Quisano, Michael Jen, Matthew Bellinger.**

## **Paratransit Class 40** Graduated November 25, 2011



Photo above (left to right): 1st Row: **Jason Quilit, Joseph Manog, Leslie Kauhane.** 2nd Row: **Denny Kuratsu, Danny Gervacio, Cassandra Ohelo, Medel Casamina, Chantell Keaunui, Michael Chinen, Jose Penera.** 3rd Row: **Philippe Baquiel, John Quisano, Loren Carpenter, Darrin Wilson, Trinidad Claussen.**

## **Paratransit Class 41** Graduated March 30, 2012



Photo above (left to right): 1st Row: **Sandy Mersberg, Robyn Antonio, Patricia Quiambao, Terrance Castillo, Caroline Ma Sun, Raymond Raquel, Jay Ishiyama.** 2nd Row: **Saulson Joseph, Gabriel Aio, Jonathan Sherlock, Jordan Moniz, Reid Kaneshiro, Timothy Lewis.** 3rd Row: **Jacob Kekahuna, Thadd Hawn.**

## **Employees showing Halloween Spirit**

Photo right (left to right): **Kaui Alcover, Tita Kim, Norma Godoy, Jon Nouchi, Joni Robinson, Donna Kubo and Nicole Cheung** ham it up for the camera. Boo!



# New OTS 'Ohana

Employee	Title	Date of Hire
PILLORATO, EMERSON	HEM - Running Repair	10/03/11
WESTBROOK, LEIGH	Temporary Service Attendant	10/10/11
SABUGO, JOEY	HEM - Electrician	10/17/11
AURIO, TIMOTHY	Bus Operator	11/05/11
CHOI, JOON YOUNG	Bus Operator	11/05/11
FREITAS, SHARON	Bus Operator	11/05/11
PEDRO, KEALANI	Bus Operator	11/05/11
SAING, SOE	Bus Operator	11/05/11
TUFFIN, DAVID	Bus Operator	11/05/11
WAN, RICHARD	Bus Operator	11/05/11
KAICHI, KEVIN	Utility Worker	11/16/11
SAKAMOTO, MARCUS	Paratransit Mechanic	11/21/11
CADAY, ROMEL JAMES	Utility Worker	11/25/11
BAQUIEL, PHILIPPE	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
CASAMINA, MEDEL	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
CHINEN, MICHAEL	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
CLAUSSEN, TRINIDAD	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
GERVACIO, DANNY	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
KAUHANE, LESLIE	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
KEAUNUI, CHANTELL	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
KURATSU, DENNY	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
MANOG, JOSEPH	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
OHELO, CASSANDRA	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
PENERA, JOSE	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
WILSON, DARRIN	Paratransit Operator	11/26/11
MIYAGI, TIFFANY	Paratransit Scheduler I	11/28/11
WONG, ANDREW	Software Engineer I	12/01/11
RUTKOWSKI, SHELDON	HEM - Tire Repair	12/01/11
ODA, WARREN	HEM - Radio Tech/Electrician	12/01/11
LEE, RODNEY	Technology & Planning Analyst	12/20/11
GREENLEAF, WAYNE	Paratransit Dispatcher	01/03/12
LOPEZ, REGINALD	HEM - Body Shop	01/03/12
KALANI, LEE ANN	Temporary Systems Engineer I	02/01/12
GOBEIL, NATASHA	Paratransit Scheduler I	02/07/12
AIO, GABRIEL	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
ANTONIO, ROBYN	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
CASTILLO, TERRANCE	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
HAWN, THADD	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
ISHIYAMA, JAY	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
KANESHIRO, REID	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
KEKAHUNA, JACOB	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
LEWIS, TIMOTHY	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
MA SUN, CAROLINE	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
MONIZ, JORDAN	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
QUIAMBAO, PATRICIA	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
RAQUEL, RAYMOND	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
SHERLOCK, JONATHAN	Paratransit Operator	03/31/12
GASPER, NOLA	Temporary Entry Bus Pass Clerk	05/22/12
NAONE, KAWIKA	Paratransit Mechanic	07/02/12
IBARRA, DOUGLAS	Technology & Planning Analyst	09/01/12
MARTIN DOLFO, ROYCE	Paratransit Part-time Fueler/Cleaner	09/25/12
FELIPE, ARIEL	Paratransit Part-time Fueler/Cleaner	10/01/12
YATA, DARRYL	HEM - Machinist	11/13/12
BELLINGER, MATTHEW	Bus Operator	11/17/12
CHEE, ELIJAH	Bus Operator	11/17/12
FONG, KINCHUNG	Bus Operator	11/17/12
HOPEAU, BRANDON-WADE	Bus Operator	11/17/12
JEN, MICHAEL	Bus Operator	11/17/12
LEE, WAYNE	Bus Operator	11/17/12
LUALEMANA, RUBEN	Bus Operator	11/17/12
MADAMBA, ARNEL	Bus Operator	11/17/12
MARTIN, ROBERT	Bus Operator	11/17/12
NISHIDA, TRAVIS	Bus Operator	11/17/12
PAIA, CHARLES	Bus Operator	11/17/12
QUIDACHAY, JOSEPH	Bus Operator	11/17/12
QUISANO, JOHN	Bus Operator	11/17/12
RAPISURA, MELLISSA	Bus Operator	11/17/12
ROOK, PETER	Bus Operator	11/17/12
RUIZ, MARC ALAN	Bus Operator	11/17/12
SMITH, JERRY	Bus Operator	11/17/12
SUEOKA-SAMALINO, CALVIN	Bus Operator	11/17/12

# The Gift Of Giving – a Part Of OTS Culture

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There are many individuals in the company who give of themselves by feeding the homeless and raising money for worthy charities. We have many stories listed in this newsletter telling of how the individuals and the organization as a whole have been making a difference in our community.

Thank you all for your generous hearts and always thinking of the community at large. May you all have a wonderful New Year!

## 2012 Rodeo Winners

Kalihi Operator Paul Fernandez has done it again, placing first in the Bus Operator Rodeo competition. Paul will represent OTS in the 2013 International Bus Rodeo in Indianapolis, Indiana from May 3-7, 2013. Paul is a nine-time first place winner, representing MTL/OTS in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1998, 2000, 2009, 2010, and 2013.

In the Bus Maintenance Rodeo competition, a new team claimed the top spot. The Kalihi Maintenance team of Constantine Benemerito, David Kaya, and Ronald Domenden

will also compete in the 2013 International Maintenance Rodeo in Indianapolis, Indiana from May 3-7, 2013.

Paratransit Operator Lance Amero placed first in TheHandi-Van Operator Rodeo competition. Three-time winner Lance will compete in the 2013 National Community Transportation Rodeo in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 2-7, 2013.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!**



Photo above (left to right): 1st Row: **Richard Mole, John Black, The Handi-Van Operator Rodeo Winner Lance Amero, and J. Roger Morton.**

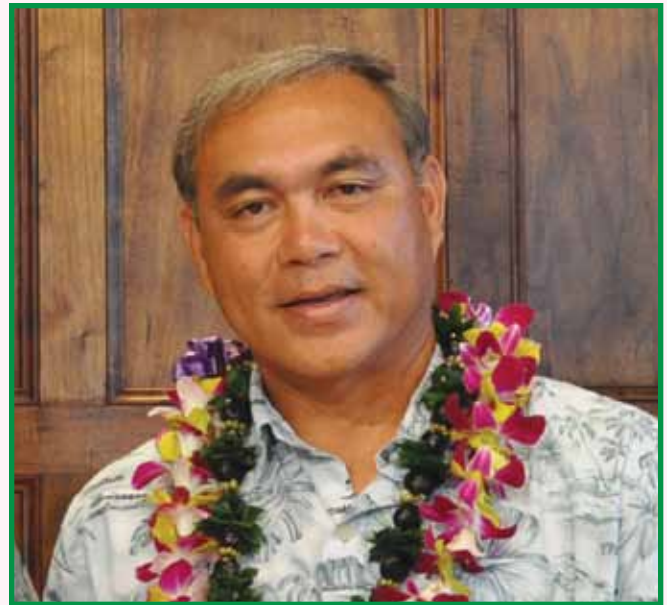


Photo above: **Nine-time Bus Operator Rodeo Champion Paul Fernandez.**



Photo left (left to right): 1st Row: **Eugene Oyadomari, Bus Maintenance Rodeo Winners Ronald Domenden, David Kaya, Constantine Benemerito, and J. Roger Morton.**



# ***Holiday Bash 2012***



## ***TheBus Rodeo 2012 - Pearl City Facility***



# Bus Operators Of The Month

# Operator Safety Awards

## KALIHI DIVISION

## PEARL CITY DIVISION

### November 2011

Jason Amuro  
Edward Gilbert Jr.  
James Zarriello Jr.

### December 2011

Donna Kamakana  
Thomas Robinson  
Norman Visitacion

### January 2012

Martin Asuncion  
Jun Martinez  
Benjamin Tibas

### February 2012

Yvonne Chun  
Lorenzo Tadena  
Darrell Yago

### March 2012

Georrine Akiona  
Danilo Baron  
James Moore

### April 2012

Lelan Agcaoili  
Thomas Ayson  
Mark Makuakane

### May 2012

Terry Caberto  
Donald Chang  
Aaron Iramina

### June 2012

Howard Barona  
Stacey Melemai  
Anthony Peterson

### July 2012

Vernon Niau-Puhipau  
Robert Racoma  
Stan Sugiyama

### August 2012

Lenny Ota  
Robert Shinsato  
Eduardo Soria

### September 2012

Guy Gamurot  
Lene Manutai  
Robert Ongies

### October 2012

Wanda Kekua  
Keith Souza  
Herbert Titcomb

### November 2012

Philip Butay  
Charles McDowell  
Guy Yonehiro

### December 2012

Lynette Cazimero  
Galen Fujimoto  
Jason Mizuuchi

### November 2011

Joshua Cadelinia  
Daws Dymond  
Jack Solomon

### December 2011

Rodney Alesna  
Henry Barrett  
Arnel Tactay

### January 2012

Paul Dulatre  
Wayne Kaululaau  
Ioane Liufau

### February 2012

Kurt Respicio  
Ramon Robinion  
Charles Rokero

### March 2012

Ferdinand Hernandez  
Jaynette Quihano  
Richard Wai

### April 2012

Florence Mitsumura  
Roger Ramos  
Bert Takahashi

### May 2012

Pancho Gaoiran  
Ernesto Lozano  
Ringo Manu

### June 2012

David Aviles  
Nelson Diocares  
Herman Koko

### July 2012

Robert Ellazar  
Peter Liashenko  
Aaron Zoller

### August 2012

Laurence Caday  
Edwin Dela Rosa  
Rocky Reed

### September 2012

Gerri Farias  
Domingo Mendoza  
Rudy Topinio

### October 2012

Ethan Kahoano  
Edward Kealoha  
Randal Noguchi

### November 2012

Travis Caniete  
Senia Gurr  
William Samalino

### December 2012

Rogelio Cajimat  
Norman Kukona  
Jacqueline Kekahuna

### October 2011

Lincoln Alvarez 30  
Raymond Chun 21  
Ruben Colleado 36  
David Kilborn 21  
Edward Nakamura 35

### November 2011

Howard Barona 23  
Donald Chang 35  
Ethan Kahoano 31  
Vance Vidinha 21  
Jeffrey Vierra 20  
George Waikoloa 26

### December 2011

Terry Caberto 26  
Edwin Dela Rosa 20  
David Keaweehu Jr. 30  
Thomas Robinson 20

### January 2012

Eliezer Diocares 21  
James Lucena 20  
Richard Wai 31  
Benny Yadao 20

### February 2012

Dennis Meyer 34  
William Taguado 21  
Derrick Tanaka 29  
George Wong 23

### March 2012

Susan Bega 23  
Ernest Busboso 29  
Edward Kama 22  
Randall Noguchi 24  
Keith Souza 28  
Robert Vierra 27

### April 2012

Randy Fernandez 30  
Adam Lalau 20  
Herman Nunies 34  
David Paakaula 26  
James Reis 31  
Pamela Self 32  
Leti Tootoo 27

### May 2012

Wilfred Centeio 36  
Paul Coleman 20  
Michael Costa 32  
Jason Hoshida 21

### Years

### June 2012

Frederick Castillo 36  
David Kasaoka 38  
Dale Keama 24  
Benjamin Tibas 28  
Earl Wolfe 20  
Derwin Yamaguchi 31

### Years

### July 2012

Guy Gamurot 29  
Filemon Godoy Jr. 20  
Nathan Ioane 24  
Erik Kam 22  
Usala Mauga 21  
Darryl Valdez 26  
William Vasconcelles 23

### August 2012

Paul Fernandez 30  
Walter Fox 32  
Randy I 20  
Joel Kekahuna 21  
Michael Kennebeck 20  
Galan Yamaguchi 20

### September 2012

Joseph Iokia Jr. 21  
Myra Canianes 36  
Alan Farias 26  
Linda Kauhini 24  
Kenneth Pia 23  
Roman Richardson 27  
Herbert Titcomb 28  
Sitala Togiai 23  
Vance Vidinha 22  
Darrell Yago 21

### October 2012

Lincoln Alvarez 31  
Raymond Chun 22  
David Kilborn 22  
Edward Nakamura 36  
Curtis Yuh 20

### November 2012

Howard Barona 24  
Donald Chang 36  
Ruben Colleado 37  
Ethan Kahoano 32  
Jeffrey Vierra 21  
George Waikoloa 27  
John Young 21

### December 2012

Edwin Dela Rosa 21

### Years

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# Operator of the Quarter

## ***Congratulations Joel Kekahuna , Winter 2011 Operator of the Quarter!***

Joel Kekahuna has so many good memories during his thirty-six years at TheBus. It all started in May 1976, along with classmate Gary Bernard.

“The best part of my job is talking with and taking care of my passengers. I drive the 412 on weekdays from Panana/Makakilo, and I get my passengers to connect with the C and the 40.”

Joel’s advice for new drivers is, “A good following distance equals good judgment, so enjoy many safety awards.” By the way, Joel has twenty-one years of safety

awards under his belt, so he knows what he’s talking about.

Joel has also dedicated thirty-six years of his time as an umpire for little league baseball, Pony League and Babe Ruth League (formerly PAL League). Joel’s goal is to make sure all the kids play, the managers stay fair, and follow the rules. Joel also gained a five-degree black belt while living in Japan, prior to working for TheBus.

Joel is a father of three and a grandfather of five.



Photo Above: **Winter 2011 Operator of the Quarter Joel Kekahuna.**

## ***Congratulations Darrell Yago, Summer 2012 Operator of the Quarter!***

Kalihi operator Darrell Yago graduated from Bus Operator Class 112, along with Galen Fujimoto and Darryl Ohelo back in 1989.

After twenty-three years behind TheBus wheel, Darrell has settled into driving Route 9, one of his favorite routes. “I like my job because I like people,” says Darrell. “I say ‘hi’ when passengers board the bus, and some may not respond at first. But if you tell them ‘hi’ every morning, they eventually tell you ‘hi’ back. And people will wave to you while you’re driving TheBus even if you don’t drive their route anymore, but they remember you, and vice-versa.”

Darrell’s advice to new drivers is, “Do what you have to do and do it BY THE BOOK! Do what your trainers have told you to do, and you’ll have a long career here.”

A Mililani resident, Darrell is married with two children, a 23-year old son, and 18-year old daughter. Darrell loves watersports and is training for the February Hawaii Law Enforcement Regatta on the Big Island. Thanks to equipment from Walter Fox, Darrell practices at Keehi with operators Leighton Kauahikaua, Peter Helsham, Ben Tibas, Darryl Valdez, Ernest Racoma, and Keith Garlock.



Photo Above: **Summer 2012 Operator of the Quarter Darrell Yago.**

## ***Congratulations Edwin Dela Rosa, Fall 2012 Operator of the Quarter!***

“If you take care of the job, the job will take care of you,” says Pearl City operator and Fall 2012 Operator of the Quarter, Edwin Dela Rosa.

With twenty-one years of seniority, Edwin graduated from Class 121 with John Makilan and Gordon Nakasone. Route 52 has been a favorite route, especially when it circled the island, and now Edwin has the 52 on weekends and the 53 and A on the weekdays.

“I love coming to work, seeing fellow operators, seeing my passengers, and getting them to their destinations safely.”

Exercise plays a big part in staying healthy to be ready for work, so Edwin works out at the facility or at the YMCA when he can.

A Waikale resident, Edwin is married with two children, a 15-year old daughter and a 9-year old son.



Photo Above: **Fall 2012 Operator of the Quarter Edwin Dela Rosa.**

# *In Memory of . . .*

**Alfred Torricer** passed away on October 10, 2011. Mr. Torricer was employed with OTS, Inc., on December 11, 1993. He retired on April 1, 2011, as a Bus Operator, with 18 years of dedicated service.

**Wilfred Sasaki** passed away on November 3, 2011. Mr. Sasaki was employed with MTL, Inc., on August 1, 1979. He retired on September 1, 1999, as a HEM - Body Shop, with 20 years of dedicated service.

**Gregory Keliinui** passed away on November 24, 2011. Mr. Keliinui was employed with MTL, Inc., on March 10, 1984. He retired on September 1, 2001, as a Bus Operator, with 17 years of dedicated service.

**Douglas Oshiro** passed away on December 7 2011. Mr. Oshiro was employed with MTL, Inc., on June 9, 1975. He retired on July 1, 2002, as a HEM - Running Repair, with 27 years of dedicated service.

**Benjamin Antone** passed away on December 18, 2011. Mr. Antone was employed with MTL, Inc., on July 1, 1970. He retired on April 1, 2006, as a Lead Mechanic, with 36 years of dedicated service.

**John Gouveia** passed away on February 20, 2012. Mr. Gouveia was employed with MTL, Inc., on December 1, 1981. He retired on November 1, 2007, as a Service Attendant, with more than 26 years of dedicated service.

**Delphin Angeles** passed away on April 25, 2012. Mr. Angeles was employed with MTL, Inc. on March 1, 1973. He retired on June 1, 2004, as a Bus Operator, with 31 years of dedicated service.

**Roland Coelho** passed away on June 5, 2012. Mr. Coelho was employed with MTL, Inc., on January 2, 1986. He retired on May 1, 2006, as a Lead Mechanic, with more than 20 years of dedicated service.

**Evon Konanui** passed away on June 12, 2012. She retired on December 12, 2004, as a Paratransit Operator, with 17 years of dedicated service.

**Clint Kanahale** passed away on June 16, 2012. Mr. Kanahale was employed with OTS, Inc., on April 1, 2000. At the time of his passing, Kanahale was a Bus Operator, with 12 years of dedicated service.

**Rose Sugai** passed away on July 27, 2012. Ms. Sugai was employed with MTL, Inc., on September 1, 1987. She retired on May 1, 2000, as a Sr. Inventory Clerk, with 13 years of dedicated service.

**John Kaanapu** passed away on September 9, 2012. Mr. Kaanapu was employed with MTL, Inc., on December 18, 1969. He retired on July 1, 1993, as a Bus Operator, with 24<sup>1/2</sup> years of dedicated service.

**Marcelino Magalianes** passed away on September 27, 2012. Mr. Magalianes was employed with MTL, Inc., on August 24, 1974. He retired on December 1, 1997, as a Bus Operator, with 23 years of dedicated service.

**Owen Robello** passed away on October 14, 2012. Mr. Robello was employed with MTL, Inc., on January 3, 1969. He retired on October 1, 2000, as a Bus Operator, with 31 years of dedicated service.

**Opetaiia Matavao** passed away on October 8, 2012. Mr. Matavao was employed with MTL, Inc., on October 24, 1981. He retired on August 1, 2008, as a Bus Operator, with 27 years of dedicated service.

**Carl Yoshida** passed away on October 28, 2012. Mr. Yoshida was employed with OTS, Inc., on May 17, 1994. At the time of his passing, Yoshida was a HEM - Brake Shop, with 18 years of dedicated service.

## ***Thanksgiving Bash 2012***

Peter Bermudez of the OTS Bus Stop Crew and his wife Jenny, coordinated the 14th Annual Ko Olina Thanksgiving Outreach at the Pai`olu Kaiaulu Wai`anae Homeless Shelter on November 17, 2012. OTS employees and their `ohana helped serve turkey lunches and also donated toiletries for the residents.

Ko Olina Charities, the non-profit organization created by Ko Olina Resort, hosts the annual event which serves over 4,000 Thanksgiving meals for homeless and low-income families in West Oahu.



## 2011 Rodeo Winners Honored By Mayor

Photo right: **Mayor Peter Carlisle** poses with (left to right): **Lance Amero, David Dieudonne, Wayne Yoshida**, Director, Department of Transportation Services; **Derwin Yamaguchi, J. Roger Morton**, President and General Manager; **Lincoln Alvarez, Lisa Parker, Richard Takeuchi, Ray Baguio, Brian Lowery**.



## OTS Fishing Tournament 2012



Photo above: The 3rd Annual OTS Family & Friends Fishing Tournament was held the weekend of October 19-21, 2012. Over 80 contestants registered, hoping to reel in the “big one” and own “bragging rights.” The weigh-in was held at Pier 38’s parking lot between POP Fishing & Marine and Uncle’s Fish Market & Grill. It was a fun-filled day of food, entertainment, and lots of prizes! Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers who made this event a success!

## Aloha United Way - Dunk Da Boss Day



Photo above (left to right): **J. Roger Morton**, President and General Manager; **Charles Lee**, Maintenance Manager, Paratransit Services; **Tracy Kim**, Superintendent of Transportation, Kalihi Division; **Ralph Nishimura**, General Superintendent, Transportation - Kalihi; **Roy Dunlap**, Training Coordinator.

# Paratransit Operator of the Year

## *Congratulations, Filiki Tupuola, 2012 Paratransit Operator of the Year!*

Filiki Tupuola is currently a Paratransit Operator who is very instrumental in providing excellent demand responsive service for customers. He has been employed with Oahu Transit Services, Inc., since 09/27/92.

Mr. Tupuola is an exceptional employee, is easy to work with, and has a positive attitude daily. He is an employee who takes ownership and responsibility in his work and is to be commended for his hard work, job knowledge, and dedication. He serves our community with excellence and pride.

Mr. Tupuola works closely with his peers and supervisors. He exemplifies all the skills and values worthy to be selected employee of the year. Congratulations, Filiki Tupuola!



Photo Above: 2012 Paratransit Operator of the Year Filiki Tupuola.

# Paratransit Van Operators Of The Month

**January 2011**  
Violet Ahia-Young

**February 2011**  
Filiki Tupuola

**March 2011**  
Lavone C. Ikeda

**April 2011**  
Joann K. McKay

**May 2011**  
Johnny M. Romo

**June 2011**  
Gordon J. Abbott

**July 2011**  
Fred S. Uemura

**August 2011**  
Melody Bangay

**September 2011**  
James H. Price

**October 2011**  
Roman G. Villanueva

**November 2011**  
Michael P. Vea

**December 2011**  
Elena F. Paongo

**January 2012**  
Duncan C. McKay

**February 2012**  
Lance G. Amero

**March 2012**  
Demetrio S. Capulong

**April 2012**  
Valerie B. Ancheta

**May 2012**  
Raymond K. Shimabuku

**June 2012**  
George E. Biacan

**July 2012**  
Isaako Loa

**August 2012**  
Ernie T. Haili

**September 2012**  
Maximiano G. Jardim

**October 2012**  
Gary W. Nettles

**November 2012**  
Andrew S. Miller

**December 2012**  
Nina Schneider

## *Paratransit Operator Francis Silva Helping the Homeless*

**Ramona K. Silva, Director of Operations, Paratransit Services**

On a Saturday morning you can witness the heartwarming services of Paratransit Operator Francis Silva, who has unselfishly spent the last several years almost every weekend providing food for those in need at Keeki Lagoon Park.

Mr. Silva says he is committed to this service which helps homeless families so they can achieve lasting self-sufficiency! This act of human kindness is so uplifting and inspirational, that it got me thinking. . .



Photo Above: Paratransit Operator Francis Silva.

*Despite all of this year's trials and tribulations and the hard work ahead,, there is much to be thankful for. Our families, our friends, our health, and our future all provide both comfort and a catalyst for change, and making the world a better place.*

*Have A Safe and Happy Holiday!*

# Paratransit Safety Awards

## AUGUST 2011

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Castro, Thomas  
Dixon, Eric  
Tupuola, Filiki

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Parker, Lisa

### Seven (7) Consecutive Year Award

Cezar, Rueben

### Eight (8) Consecutive Year Award

Makahanaloa, Randy

## SEPTEMBER 2011

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

McKay, Duncan  
Natividad, Bryan  
Stone, Matthew

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Cassel, Abram  
Konohia, Winona

## OCTOBER 2011

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Quibodeaux, Ricky

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Gumapac, Tonette

### Eight (8) Consecutive Year Award

Roque, Benjamin

## NOVEMBER 2011

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Maghamil, Albert  
Woodward, Michael

## DECEMBER 2011

### Seven (7) Consecutive Year Award

Luckhaus, Martin

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Ahia-Young, Violet  
Anagaron, Ramon  
Iose, Fetausiai  
Viernes, Alan

## JANUARY 2012

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Llacuna, Leslie

### Eight (8) Consecutive Year Award

Gaea, Marian  
Kaina, Keolanui

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Cabalo, Norman  
Harvey, Desiree  
Ikeda, Lavone  
Miller, Andrew  
Pineró, Wendell  
Samski, Carol

## FEBRUARY 2012

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Dieudonne, David  
Perucho, Rudy  
Silva, Francis

### Eight (8) Consecutive Year Award

Paongo, Elena

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Loa, Isaako  
Suga, Joselito

## MARCH 2012

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Baker, Irene  
Fiori, Peter  
Turner, Jacob  
Uehara, Roy

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Mawae, Jonah  
Naile, Wendy  
Tabalba, Robert

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Bajo, Kathleen  
Capulong, Demetrio  
Gomes, Theresa  
Halli, Ernie  
Kawelo Darlene  
Ponce, Ariel  
Tanele, Mark

## APRIL 2012

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Kealoha, Terrence  
Keolanui, Maria

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Sipiil, Faapale

## MAY 2012

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

McKay, Duncan

### Eight (8) Consecutive Year Award

Biacan, George

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Nauahi, Gabriel

## JUNE 2012

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Petersen, Peter  
Sedillo, Lupe

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Bush, Sasha  
Kalamau, Ginger  
Remolacio, Warren  
Sagaysay, Joel

## JULY 2012

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Ancheta, Valerie  
Cadirao, Randolph

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Alama, Rodney Jr.

### Seven (7) Consecutive Year Award

Parker, Lisa  
Romo, Johnny

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Freitas, Robyn

## AUGUST 2012

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Sablan, Allan

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Dixon, Eric

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Makahanaloa, Randy

## SEPTEMBER 2012

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Castro, Thomas  
Tupuola, Filiki

### Seven (7) Consecutive Year Award

Cassel, Abram  
Konohia, Winona  
Wilms, Ralph

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Dahlin-Bringas, Doreen

## OCTOBER 2012

### Five (5) Consecutive Year Award

Hussey, Kyle  
Macho, Daniel

### Six (6) Consecutive Year Award

Laquihon, Mercedes  
Quibodeaux, Ricky  
Sione, Matthew

### Seven (7) Consecutive Year Award

David, Charlotte

### Nine (9) Consecutive Year Award

Roque, Benjamin

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# Calendar of Events

## January

- 1 - New Year's Day -  
Sunday Schedule (AZ off)
- 13 - Deadline to submit  
"Division Transfer" memos  
to Dispatch
- 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
- State Holiday Schedule
- 28 - Regular Run Sign-Up:  
Start Time 2:00 p.m. at both  
Kalihi & Pearl City divisions
- 29 - Regular Run Sign-Up:  
Start Time 9:00 a.m. at the  
Pearl City Division
- 29 - Regular Run Sign-Up:  
Start Time 2:00 p.m. at the  
Kalihi Division
- 30 & 31 - Regular Run Sign-Up:  
Start Time 9:00 a.m. at  
both divisions

## February

- 1 - Regular Run Sign-Up:  
Start Time 9:00 a.m. at  
both divisions
- 4-6 - Regular Run Sign-Up:  
Start Time 9:00 a.m. at  
both divisions
- 7 - Regular Run Sign-Up:  
Start Time 9:00 a.m. at the  
Kalihi Division
- 12 - Relief Run Completion:  
Start Time 9:00 a.m. at  
both divisions
- 13 - Relief Run Completion:  
Start Time 9:00 a.m. at the  
Kalihi Division
- 18 - Presidents' Day  
- Saturday Schedule

## March

- 3 - Effective Start Date of the  
March Sign-Up
- 26 - Prince Kuhio Day  
- State Holiday Schedule
- 29 - Good Friday  
- State Holiday Schedule