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## News & Events

### HONOR AND LAUGHTER

CTAHR's alumni and community partners were well represented at the recent 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Banquet. Representative Clift Tsuji and Senator Gilbert Kahele presented legislative commendations to honorees Arnold Hara, PingSun Leung, and Harold Tanouye, and CTAHR's 2002 Outstanding Alumnus Derek Kurisu (pictured, with Dean Sylvia Yuen) did—as expected—a fantastic job as Master of Ceremonies. Attendees were delighted by gift bags containing coffee from Kauai Coffee, candies from Hawaiian Host, tomatoes from Hamakua Farms, and pineapples from Maui Gold. Generous sponsors of the distinguished tables included Meadow Gold, Alluvion, Monsanto Hawaii, Aloun Farms, Hawaiian Host, Taro Brand, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Green Point Nurseries, Pioneer Hi-Bred, and Kona Sunset Farm...and it was proven conclusively in a riotous game that all Smart People are able to recognize the logos of these companies on sight. In honor of their support of the college, Big Island Candies presented the sponsors with beautiful boxes of their delicious cookies. The Directors of the Department of Agriculture, Russell Kokubun; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Richard Lim; and Department of Health, Loretta Fuddy, joined in the festivities, as did President M.R.C. Greenwood. Jennifer Sabas read a message from Senator Inouye, who was sorry not to have been able to attend—we suppose it's probably better that he didn't know beforehand just how much fun he'd be missing!



### GOING VIRAL

Joannie Dobbs (HNFAS) and Alan Titchenal (HNFAS, pictured) recently pointed out a problem with the Web's ease of repetition and replication in their column "**Health Options**" in the *Star-Advertiser*. They explain that once an error shows up on the Web, it's almost impossible to rectify it: Even if the original source is corrected, the wrong information has probably already been copied, pasted, Facebooked, tweeted about, or outright plagiarized by too many others to ever find and qualify. As a case in point, they discuss an error in the dosage instructions for iron supplements for infants: A press release from the American Academy of Pediatrics had erroneously printed a dosage recommendation three times the acceptable upper limit for infants—a dosage that would in fact be toxic. Alan and Joannie point out that though the original source had only had this information up for 12 days before correcting it, numerous Web sites were already posting it, and 6 months later, when they checked again, more than 25 were still recommending the potentially fatal dose. Just FYI, it's supposed to be 11 mg of iron per day, not 11 mg per kilogram of body weight—spread the word!



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## Grants & Awards

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### MILK MONEY

The Hawai'i Fresh Milk Industry (HFMI) has donated \$35,000 for a Legacy Scholarship Endowment to support students with an interest in sustainable dairy or other livestock production who are pursuing studies in the Animal Sciences program in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. The scholarship endowment was made possible by the joint efforts of the Hawai'i dairy producers on O'ahu and the Big Island, in recognition of the support given to the industry by the local community. It also builds on the dairy industry's commitment to nurturing the community: "The dairy industry in Hawai'i has a longstanding history of supporting the community it serves.... This endowment continues our educational efforts, investing in the next generation of leaders in our community," said Edward Boteilho, Jr., president of HFMI. He also points out that "This scholarship will be a lasting memorial to all dairymen and Dr. Chin Lee," a specialist in dairy science at CTAHR. Interim Dean Sylvia Yuen says, "This generous gift is an investment in the future—a legacy that will help grow and diversify Hawai'i's economy. Many bright and deserving students will be the beneficiaries"—and so will all those hoping for more local dairies in the Islands.



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## Spotlight on Our Community

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### ALUMNUS HONORED

Charles R. Figley, who earned his BS in Human Development (now Family and Consumer Sciences) in 1970 from UH, has been named the 2010 Fellow of the National Council on Family Relations. Charles, a leader in the field of trauma psychology, was also the first recipient of the American Psychological Lifetime Achievement Award in Trauma Psychology in Aug. 2009. He is Paul Henry Kurzweg Distinguished Chair and Professor and Director of the **Traumatology Institute and Psychosocial Stress Research Program** at Tulane University. Charles has published more than 200 scholarly works, including 20 books and 114 refereed journal articles that report on 35 research projects focusing on the stresses and resiliency of individuals, families and communities. He was also the founding editor of the *International Journal of Family Psychotherapy* and the *Journal of Trauma Stress*.



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## In Memoriam

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### TOKU TANAKA

We are saddened to report that Emeritus Poultry Extension Specialist Tokushi "Toku" Tanaka passed away on Sunday, May 15, at age 89. Toku earned his BS (1948) and MS (1953) from UH. Long after his retirement, he remained active in his department, working with the poultry industry and Extension staff. As an undergraduate he played baseball for the university; in

later years, he was an avid golfer, playing with the CTAHR golf club. One of Toku's greatest legacies was the 1972 publication of an immensely popular brochure, "Small Scale Poultry Production," which stayed in great demand until supplies were exhausted. He is survived by a niece and nephew. Our best wishes go out to his family.