

HPA Sea Turtle Research Program Assists With International Project

Marc Rice, director of the Sea Turtle Research Program at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, recently assisted with the satellite tagging and release of eight three-year-old hawksbill turtles at the Underwater World Singapore. The international project was conducted in cooperation with Underwater World Singapore, the Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium in Japan, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Hawai'i Preparatory Academy.



Marc Rice (right), director of the Sea Turtle Research Program at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, is pictured with one of the tagged hawksbill turtles at the Underwater World Singapore with (l to r) George Balazs, leader of the Marine Turtle Research Program, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA; Tomomi Saito, director of the Turtle Breeding Program at the Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium; and Tiow Aun Lee, marine biologist at the Underwater World Singapore.

"Being part of an international project that helps raise awareness of the plight of sea turtles in this part of the world was very rewarding," said Rice. "I am pleased that HPA could make a contribution."

Dozens of school children and visitors attended the send-off ceremony for the young turtles at Big Sister Island. The preliminary results of the turtles' movements will be presented at the Tenth Meeting of the Convention of the Parties Governing the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) being held in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010.

Rice also was a guest panelist at a multidisciplinary forum hosted by Underwater World Singapore, "Turtles Toward Extinction: How Late Are We? Is It Too Late?" Professor Peter Ng, director of the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, chaired the forum. ■

In Memoriam

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy bid a final farewell to three beloved long-time members of the 'ohana:



Marium Macion, director of security, died on August 18, 2010. Over the last 28 years, Marium dedicated his life to keeping HPA a safe place for everyone. He was HPA's North Star—a familiar presence at all HPA events welcoming event-goers to campus and making sure everything ran smoothly and safely. Marium treated everyone as if they were members of his own family, because to him, we all were family.



John Akina III, HPA site supervisor for Securitas, died on August 24, 2010. John, who worked at HPA for 12 years, was always available to lend a hand with a ready smile. Whether he was buying

diapers for new faculty mothers, greeting visitors to campus, or opening doors for all those who forgot or lost their keys, this kind, soft-spoken man never wavered in his devotion to keeping HPA a safe and special place.



Shirley Rizzuto, who served HPA in numerous capacities and made tremendous contributions to the school for 31 years, died on November 16, 2010. Shirley was known for her quick wit and for her willingness to volunteer her beloved husband, Jim, for jobs at the school, as she committed herself to supporting him as his right hand. Among her many roles, she served as a dorm parent, handled publications for the school, served as receptionist and secretary to three different departments at once, directed after-school activities at the Lower School during her husband's tenure as principal, and served as the school's director of public information. Prior to her retirement, she and Jim served as the school's college counselors. ■