

Lōkahi Hoe 2010

Honoring Michael Cushnie and Iwa Bush

What can we say about Mike and Iwa?

- That they are deservedly well-known individually as outstanding paddlers, coaches and teachers?
- That they have given unselfishly of their time and energy to the paddlers of Lōkahi Canoe Club?
- That they have set an example of how to paddle passionately, compete intensely and win with humility?

Yes, we can say all this and more.

Michael was one of the founders of Lōkahi in 1980 together with Dickie Chow, Randy Fernandez, Marshall Giddins, Jerry Kahler, Willie Luahiwa, Bill Tsuji, and John Wong. Mike has served as Head Coach for Lōkahi for at least half of the club's 30 years.

Iwa is an accomplished paddler and steerer whose spiritual flow of energy balances Mike's analytical approach to paddling. A successful and busy artist with her own company, Iwa designed our regatta medal and brings her artistic sensibilities to the club together with her paddling expertise.

While we understand that Mike and Iwa may want to explore life outside of paddling with Lōkahi, we hope they remember that, after all, paddling with Lōkahi IS life.

We appreciate all that Iwa and Mike have given and continue to give to Lōkahi; their values and attitudes infuse the club and make us all better paddlers and better people.

Mahalo and aloha nui loa, Iwa and Mike!