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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 64 Years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, April 19th, at the Maple Garden Restaurant. The Maple Garden is located at 909 Isenberg (near the corner of King and Isenberg directly across from the Old Stadium Park) and there is free parking next to the Restaurant or street parking is available. The entrance to the meeting room is located at the rear of the Maple Garden building through the parking lot. Lunch is at 11:30 am and the program begins at 12 noon. This week the Honolulu Quarterback Club will begin honoring thirteen 2009 Champions of the Year. Since the Banquet of Champions has been cancelled due to the poor economic conditions, we will be honoring our champions on consecutive weekly Monday luncheons. This Monday, we honor two of the thirteen honorees as follows:

**Don Robbs - Recipient of the Les Keiter Award** - The Les Keiter Award was established in memory of world famous broadcaster Les Keiter and was created in 2006 for the Hawai'i sports media who were instrumental in helping establish the Honolulu Quarterback Club, and were equally instrumental in establishing the Sports Person of the Month award program. Yet until now, the media has not been singly recognized for its own contributions to sports in the Islands. The newly established award is designed to provide some much-deserved recognition. Don is selected for his excellent work in sports broadcasting for over the past 40 years mostly here in Hawai'i but beginning at St. Cloud State over 50 years ago. Upon arriving to Hawai'i in 1962, Don signed on with Radio Station K-POI and became one of the original "Poi Boys" along with broadcast legends, Tom Moffatt, Dave Donnelly, Bob "the Beard" and Donn Taylor. During his career he moved to Japan and was involved in that country's biggest PR firm for the 64' Olympics along with other assignments. Don returned to Hawai'i in 1967 and joined KHVH-TV (now KITV) as news anchor and also had a daily variety show. During this time he became involved with UH athletics, teaming up with Al Michaels and broadcasting UH football and doing "play by play" of some UH basketball games during the "Fabulous Five" era. During the same period, in the early 1970's, he teamed up with Les Keiter broadcasting Hawai'i Islanders' baseball. In 1976, Don left Hawai'i for ownership in a radio station on the mainland but it was ill-fated. Back came Don to Hawai'i as the KHVH News Radio Station Manager. The following year, he began his long tenure broadcasting UH Baseball. In the early 1990's, Don moved to PBS Hawai'i and there he became a corporate vice president of the company owning KHVH as well as broadcast stations in Guam and American Samoa. While involved in corporate America, he continued to broadcast sports as a side job. Then in 2000, he thought he could retire as CEO of Hawai'i Public Television but, that didn't last long as Cox Radio ask him to be a consultant to help build an all-sports radio station, ESPN1420. Don continues to work with the station, broadcasting UH Baseball "play by play" and UH football pregame and halftime shows. He thinks he is truly "semi-retired". This is Don's 34th season of UH baseball, making him the senior (meaning "oldest"?) college baseball broadcaster in the country. Recently he completed his 2,000th broadcast of Rainbow baseball and also had the honor of "calling" every "no hitter" by a Rainbow pitcher, every post-season game, including the College World Series in 1980 and watching dozens of future major leaguers play for or against the Rainbows. Over the years, Don has broadcast "play by play" of football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, horse racing, the Honolulu Marathon and even Sumo. Don will be at the Honolulu Quarterback Luncheon on Monday to receive his award.

**Pat Tanibe - Recipient of the Earl Galdeira Career Official's Award** - This award is named after long-time football officiating great Earl Galdeira, the only Hawaii official to be enshrined in the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame. The award is underwritten by a grant from Mrs. Fran Galdeira and the Galdeira Family. Pat, longtime coordinator and trainer of basketball officials in Hawai'i began officiating shortly after graduating from Iolani in 1957 and has been the dean of basketball officials in Hawai'i for over 5 decades. Pat retired from officiating last year after a long and illustrious career but is still involved since he is the "assignor" of officials for the PacWest and still continues to officiate high school and recreational games. Over the years, running up and down the court, he's officiated innumerable big-time college games, including the days of the "Fabulous Five", the Aloha Classic All-Star games, the star-studded fields of the old Rainbow Classic, and perhaps his most famous game-the Virginia/Chaminade contest, known as the "Greatest Upset in College Sports History". Pat credits the father of Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona with elevating his skills on the court. "Jimmy Aiona", Duke's dad, was the supervisor of the officials who was one of the pioneers here in Hawai'i. He continues to look for new young officiating candidates and is struck by the fact, recruiting is more difficult now-a-days since it seems that there is more harassment from the coaches and fans today. Maybe it's because fans of today are more sophisticated in basketball rules. One wonders how this happened! You'll be able to congratulate Pat in person at the HQC Luncheon where he will receive his award.

**THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED!**

**Come to our meeting & celebrate these speakers!**

There is very limited parking next to the Maple Garden Restaurant but there is plenty of street Parking.