

# HONOLULU QUARTERBACK CLUB

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 69 years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, August 17, 2015 at the Maple Garden Restaurant, 909 Isenberg St., Honolulu, HI 96826:

**+ Jennifer Buffin – Associate Coach for Men's & Women's Swimming – University of Hawaii**

**+ Sui-Lan Ellsworth & Gary Bignami – Waikiki Swim Club Board Members**

**Jennifer Buffin – Associate Coach for Men's & Women's Swimming – University of Hawaii** – Coach Buffin has been the Associate Coach for the Men's and Women's Swimming program at the University of Hawaii since 2006. Her primary responsibilities have been Women's recruiting, fundraising, and team management, including travel, endorsements and budget. She has been responsible for maintaining the highest level of competition by ensuring that her student athletes have the proper resources to train and compete both at the collegiate and national / international level. In her coaching role she has been responsible for the sprint group over the last four years, during this time she has coached an Olympian, NCAA qualifiers and was named the National team coach for the Philippines where she has coached at two world championships, Asian Games and South East Asian Games. During the last season the Rainbow Wahine won their first ever MPSF Championship, the first MPSF title of any sport at UH. At these championships, the rainbow Wahine won 4 relays and broke three individual conference records, sweeping both individual and coaching awards for the meet and the year. Over her tenure Coach Jen has contributed to two conference titles, multiple individual team and conference records and NCAA qualifiers. Prior to UH, Coach Jen was the Assistant Coach at San Jose State University for three years, her alma mater where she earned her degree in Environmental Science and Biology. As an athlete, she competed for 15 years including two years at West Valley College.

Coach Jen will speak about UH's success in the pool, efforts to qualify UH Swimmers for the U.S. Olympic trials this summer, as well to prepare all our international athletes to compete in their nationals to make their Olympic teams. She will discuss the role community support has played in these successes and how others can help to support our UH athletes achieve their goals of becoming Olympians.

**Sui-Lan Ellsworth & Gary Bignami – Waikiki Swim Club Board Members** – Sui-Lan Ellsworth is VP Race Operations for Waikiki Swim Club. She is an avid recreational swimmer and advocate for safe & fun ocean & pool swimming. Sui-Lan will talk about Waikiki Swim Club's various ocean swimming events and the role volunteers play in the success of the Club. Gary Bignami is VP Communications and Waikiki Swim Club's webmaster. He will introduce the upcoming Guess Your Time ocean swim, a "fun swim" held as a benefit to support the University of Hawaii Swimming & Diving teams.

**The Maple Garden Restaurant 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. The luncheon cost is \$15.00 per person for members and guests which includes tax and gratuities. The food is fabulous!**

**THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED**

**Come to our meeting & celebrate this speaker!**

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