

**From:** pghewitt@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: Sincere thanks!  
**Date:** October 18, 2019 at 11:10 AM  
**To:** lizking808@gmail.com  
**Cc:** jredmond@hawaii.edu

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Hello Liz,

We have a yum 8-day visit beginning on 13 Feb and will be celebrating our 15th Valentine's wedding anniversary at the New Otani Hotel in Wakikiki, somewhere between the Royal Hawaiiin and Diamond Head. Hmmmm ... the NEW Otani? Name seems dated :-)

Other than a snorkeling visit to Hanama Bay, we have no social plans and welcome meeting physics types.

If convenient, it would be nice to give a talk to cite the physics that I'm most passionate about. Interestingly, ELEMENTARY physics!

Looking forward to visiting the university that I loved teaching in way back in the previous century! Be nice if John Learned is still around!

Love and Good Energy,

Paul and Lil

-----Original Message-----

From: Liz King <[lizking808@gmail.com](mailto:lizking808@gmail.com)>

To: pghewitt <[pghewitt@aol.com](mailto:pghewitt@aol.com)>

Sent: Thu, Sep 26, 2019 12:50 am

Subject: Re: Sincere thanks!

Hi Paul,

Would you do us the honor of being our (AAPT Hi) guest for lunch or dinner during your February visit? I imagine that it will be a fairly intimate gathering - our meetings usually have an attendance of a dozen or so kindred souls. Please let me know if you have a favorite venue here, and what times/dates would work for you.

Hoping to meet you soon,

Liz

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 24, 2019, at 3:45 PM, [pghewitt@aol.com](mailto:pghewitt@aol.com) wrote:

Hello Liz,

Your kind letter is uplifting! Thank you!

My wife and I are planning to be in Honolulu for our Valentine's Anniversary in 2020. I hope our paths cross!

Hugs and Good Energy,

Paul

-----Original Message-----

From: Ms. Liz King <[lizking808@gmail.com](mailto:lizking808@gmail.com)>

To: [pghewitt@aol.com](mailto:pghewitt@aol.com) <[pghewitt@aol.com](mailto:pghewitt@aol.com)>

Sent: Mon, Sep 23, 2019 6:12 pm  
Subject: Sincere thanks!

Dear Dr. Hewitt,

As the current president of the local chapter of the AAPT, and I am writing on behalf of all of us here in the Hawaii section to warmly and enthusiastically thank you for your very generous donation! As I suspect you are aware, your long-standing support has allowed us to sponsor a prize each year at the science fair that goes to the teacher of a promising physics student. In addition, it helps to underwrite our meetings, where we share demonstrations and teaching ideas, build camaraderie, and also give cool physics door prizes to our members. We aren't exactly self-sustaining, and I cannot express to you how much we truly appreciate your kind consideration.

As an ordinary teacher, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you personally, as I owe you a debt of gratitude. I became a physics teacher the same way that many come to this position – namely, I was the junior member of my department when our physics teacher retired. Having no clout at all, I inherited his line, three levels of physics. I was terrified. I wasn't a physics major, and I didn't particularly enjoy physics in college. Although I was not any kind physics-phobe, I was certainly not confident in my ability to teach the subject. Your text, workbook, and next-time questions series came to my rescue. My school adopted your textbook two years into my life as a physics teacher, and the impact it had on my students was wonderful to see. Students at all levels really grasped the ideas when they were introduced conceptually; even my AP and IB Physics students benefitted from this approach. Your cartoons and gentle humor helped many timid students to overcome their fear of science. My first department head, the one who retired and landed me in this corner of the profession, gave me some excellent advice. I asked him how I could know if I was doing OK, and he said, "If your students leave the room liking science, then you've done your job." Thank you for helping me attain that goal.

Most sincerely,

Liz King Salz, President

AAPT Hawaii Section  
And 18-year veteran physics teacher

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10