

The Lana'i Connection

An Appeal for LACA & PSHF Funds

by Rosita Viduya Hueu

A heartfelt thank you to those who responded to the appeal posted online and coverage in **Alberta de Jetley**'s community newspaper, Lana'i Today, for donations to the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation. At this time, we are reaching out to LACA's general membership of over 1,000 members for their assistance in awarding scholarships, awards and grants to students and faculty members of Lana'i High and Elementary School and help in defraying the association's operational expenses.



Times are hard so whatever you can donate, no matter what the amount, will be greatly appreciated. Since 1995, it has been through the generosity and support of 335 LACA members and 31 non members (retailers, friends) that LHES has been the beneficiary.

LACA was formally established in 1995. Up to 2008, the following monetary funds were presented to LHES recipients:

\$2000 Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship

\$1500 LACA Vocational Scholarship

\$1000 Suzanne Pascua Damian Vocational Scholarship

\$1500 Kiyoshi Minami Classroom Activity/Project

\$500 Professional Improvement Award

\$300 Kiyoshi Minami Student School/Community Award

Dwindling donations compelled cutbacks and reduced the awards for the past school year to \$1,000 Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship and \$1,000 Suzanne Pascua Damian Vocational Scholarship. LACA will continue to make budget adjustments and reduce or increase monetary awards based on the general membership's support.

Won't you please kokua and send in a donation? If you've never donated, now is the time to increase the number of donors and help make a difference in the lives of Lanai's youths.

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For a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check payable to: Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation or PSHF and write "for LACA" on the bottom left hand corner of your check.

For a non tax-deductible contribution, your check should be made payable to: LACA.

In addition to LACA's operational expenses, your donation will pay for the maintenance of our website at *http://lanaiconnection.com/blog* and publication of The Lana'i Connection.

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LACA Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to **Bryan Etrata**, recipient of the \$1,000 Suzanne Pascua Damian Vocational Scholarship and to **Richard Gima**, recipient of the \$1,000 Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship!

Bryan will enroll at Honolulu Community College and work for his Associate in Applied Science degree. He will major in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. He aspires, after earning his degree, to get a good job, be able to support himself and not be dependent on his parents.

Richard's goal is to double major in International Business Relations and International Journalism . He has been accepted at Richmond, the American International University in London. He comments, "that growing up on Lana'i has opened up many opportunities to further my global pursuits. I was very fortunate to travel in high school to many countries, and I hope that I will be able to share this knowledge with my community and school."

Best wishes and much success to Bryan and Richard in furthering their education and for a bright future!

Online Postings on the Lanai Connection blog at http://www.lanaiconnection.com/blog

Popular Vegas Vance Tours: Tour Guide, Vegas Vance aka Vance Cannon will donate an oil painting to be auctioned at the LACA Las Vegas Connection on October 9 at the Cal provided transportation requirements are met for a tour or show. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to LACA. Log online for list of Vegas tours, shows, prices, and annotation on Vegas Vance.

E-Newsletter Archives: The Lana'i Connection newsletter archives feature issues dating back to April 2002. View them by clicking on the **e-Newsletter Issues** tab at the top of our blog page or navigate to http://lanaiconnection.com/blog/newsletters/

Lanai Culture & Heritage Center - http://www.LanaiCHC.org

An excellent historical website, "Honoring the Past, Enriching the Future," is maintained by **Kepa and Onaona Pomroy Maly**. Together they have worked on historical and ethnographic studies. Kepa is the Executive Director of the Lanai Cultural and Heritage Center and Onaona is an Archival Researcher, one of the many roles she assumes.

On April 22, 2010, Kepa and Onaona were presented with a prestigious award from the Historic Hawaii Foundation, the Historic Preservation Commendation "for the outstanding preservation efforts on the island of Lanai." Kepa is one of the stellar alumnus of LHES Class of 1972. Congratulations to Kepa and Onaona!



2010 Board of Directors

The board of directors meet at LACA Hawaii, 1064 Sand Island Parkway, the second Wednesday in June, August, September, November, February, March, April or May depending when the Annual Membership Social is held. The function of the board is to formulate the goals of the Lana'i Alumni and Community Association, to plan its programs, and to manage its operation.

It's been gratifying welcoming incoming first-time directors and the return of past personnel. Installed as incoming directors on May 12 at LACA Hawaii were returnees: Marge Morita Asato, Rosita Viduya Hueu, Nickie Morita Oshiro, and Ruth Fukushima Nakasone. They join incumbents: Coochie Tanodra Cayan, Donna Reyes Ching, Monica Cockett, Suzanne Pascua Damian, Bruno Oroyan, Jean Piena, Susana Sanchez Kincaid (Lanai), Linda Pascua Degamo (Lanai), Bill Ruidas (Maui). Sports Coordinator Jacob Hueu serves as Security when the board meets.

The meetings since last year have been conducted on rotation by a Director/Facilitator and will

continue until volunteers step forward and serve as officers for the vacant positions. Coochie Cayan is Recording Secretary, Donna Ching is Treasurer and Rosita Hueu, is Adviser. Positions open are: President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary. If you would like to give it a try, contact anyone on the board.

What use to be simple refreshments at the end of the meetings has now evolved into potluck dinners topped with talking stories about "before time in Lana'i" and catching up on the latest happenings with family, classmates and friends. You're welcome to attend the meetings and enjoy the bounty of food.

LACA has been fortunate in having **Robert Kinoshita**, owner and president of Kula Sand, LLC, furnish the meeting site for LACA. We also deeply appreciate the assistance and support from the Kula Sand personnel. Thank you very much!

Ho'omana'o Makou'o Lana'i! Lana'i, We Remember!

Change of Address?

Due to new postal regulations, undeliverable mail is assessed a fifty cent penalty by the USPS. Therefore, if you have moved or changed your address, PLEASE help us avoid this cost by sending your new address to: **Lanai Connection P.O. Box 515, Pearl City, HI 96782**

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We thank you in advance for helping LACA save on postage costs.

Donna Reyes Ching, Editor Donna Shiroma Nakasue, Webmaster

Job Well Done!

What better place to recruit new Lana'i Alumni and Community Members then at the reunion dance held at the Old Bowling Alley on July 3. **Susana Sanchez Kincaid, Linda Degamo**, and **Alfonsa (Goring) Lopez** mixed business with pleasure as they signed up new members from the '50's, 70's and '80's. Through LACA, members are able to make a difference and give back to their alma mater, Lana'i High and Elementary School, and to the community through scholarships, awards and grants. Mahalo, Sue, Linda and Goring!

Our Latest PSHF and LACA Contributors

Several donors designate their contributions in various ways: in memory of a loved one, or a friend, or incommemoration of a significant event. In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Allas, Jesus

Arakaki, Richard - in memory of his wife, Lillian

Shimizu Arakaki

Damian, Suzanne Pascua

Eligado, Alex

Eugenio, Fay Nagamine

Hidani, Eiko Nishimura

Higa, George

Higa, Hatsue - in memory of Richard Sorida

Hirota, Janet Hirai - in memory of Kengo Takata,

DOE administrator/District Superintendent

Hokama, Eddie & Mitsue Akiyama

Hokama, Harold

Hueu, Jacob & Rosita Viduya

Itakura, Betty Nakafuji

Juan, Stanley

Kawakami, Richard

Kimura, Mazie Akahoshi

Kula, Rufina Rabbon

Matsui, Edward

Matsui, Paul



As of January 2010

Our heartfelt condolences to those of you who lost a loved one or a dear friend.

Pearl Ah Ho - Class of 1966
Virginia Barino Duterte - Community
Richard Choi - Class of 1946
Irene Enfield Young - Class of 1950
Ester Estives - Class of 1973
Debra Garalde - Class of 1976
Taneko Onuma - Class of 1943

Rosita Pajente - Class of 1938

Minami, Nona Armstrong - in memory of her husband, Kiyoshi "Mana" Minami

Nakama, Lorraine

Nakasone, Ruth Fukushima

Obado, Dwight

Oroyan, Bruno

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Piena, Jean

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Shimoda, Miyoko Nishimura

Stice, Apolonia Agonoy

Takahama, Tamotsu & Sally Sorida

Teraoka, Ruth Matsui

Viduya, Robert

Wilkinson, William

Funds Club Memberships

As of February 2010

Donations are cumulatively recorded and club fund memberships are based on:

Contributor up to \$99 – Mazie Kimura Century Pineapple \$100 up – Anonymous

Donor, Dwight Obado, Apolonia Stice, William Wilkinson

Golden Pineapple \$500 up - Margaret Platt

Lana'i Hale \$1,000 up - 22 donors as of 2009 **Silver \$5,000 up** - 1 donor as of 2009

Platinum \$10,000 up

Diamond \$15,000 up - Suzanne Pascua Damian

Mahalo nui loa for your invaluable monetary support!



With Our Deepest Sympathy

The Lanai Alumni and Community
Association mourns the passing of **Mildred Kinoshita** who died on Sunday, July 25,
2010. She was the wife of **Robert Kinoshita**, owner and president of Kula
Sand, LLC. Both have been extremely
generous and enthusiastic contributors
and supporters of LACA.

Susumu Nishimura, Lana'i Pioneer

by Miyoko Nishmura Shimoda

Susumu Nishimura, born on July 4, 1904, was from the outskirts of Lahaina town in Maui. At age 11, the family moved to Lana'i and settled in Keomoku near the old church. He spoke Hawaiian fluently having lived among Hawaiians in his youth. Attempts were being made at growing sugar cane on the island but it apparently did not succeed. He was married to the last picture bride from Japan, at around age 18 and soon moved to Koele where they lived until Lana'i City was soon developed. He was a cowboy for the ranch, a mail carrier on horseback delivering mail to Keomoku at night. He was a self taught man. When one of the contractors building the homes left Lana'i after three months, he purchased the car from him and started a taxi service which was very successful. One night the company garage caught on fire and he was able to save one of the trucks. He taught himself to repair it and became a very successful car repairman. He worked as a truck driver for the pineapple company. His mom had a watermelon farm in Keomoku so he helped by delivering the fruits to the barge that took the fruits from Kaumalapau Harbor (on the opposite side of the island) to Honolulu. He later worked as the theater manager. He also opened a service station with his brother Shigeo and ran it for many years until retirement.

Beside his wife and three daughters, his favorite was Kukula, his Boston terrier dog, that went everywhere with him. He was the longest living member on the island until he passed away at age 80. He loved Lana'i very much.

LACA Las Vegas Sign-Up Blooper



Lanaians are the best! No one pointed out the error on the form which stated the event would be on October 9, 2009.

That was last year! It should have been October 9, 2010.

I apologize for the mistake. Mahalo nui loa for your, "Eh, no big deal." -- Rosita



Healing Touch

By Miyoko Nishimura Shimoda, Class of 1945

Healing Touch is an energy balancing therapy that originated in Colorado and has been taught in Hawaii for over 15 years. It is offered free, by volunteers who are trained to any patient that requests it with permission from the doctor. It is a very relaxing treatment that helps the patient to heal faster. It is also offered to doctors and staff of the hospital.

I learned this therapy about 12 years ago and volunteered at Kapiolani Women and Children's Medical Center, Queen's Medical Center, in hospices, an elementary school on Teacher's Day, for the teachers, Camp Anuenue for cancer patients, cancer family members, Susan Komen races, and other community festivities.

Keeping busy after retirement is great! Meeting many interesting people in the process and coming home happy when the day is over is the nicest thing that has happened to me.

My church activities on weekends, helping with Colleen Hanabusa in her campaign for congress also fill my other days of the week.

However, I shall always have time and space for activities involving our Lana'i and its ohana as best I can.

Mahalo to All Health Care Providers

The Lanai Alumni and Community Association cordially invites you to the Annual Membership Social on Sunday April 17, 2011. This year we would like to show our appreciation to Health Care Providers. The presence of those in the medical profession, caregivers (facility, private, family), health/wellness fields, would enhance the purpose of the event. The cost per attendee will be \$35.

We are grateful and honored to have **Dr. Daniel Anbe**, class of 1952, as the guest speaker.

Dr. Anbe attended Lana'i High and Elementary School and was the student body president in his senior year, 1951–1952. He attended the University of Hawaii as a pre-medical student and received his Bachelor of Science and medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and served as Chief, Division of Cardiolody at McLaren Medical Center in Flint, Michigan.

Come talk story with nurses: **Janet Anbe Otani, Rose Anbe Lugo, Rita Nagamine**

Goshi, Lorna Cabanilla Young, Irene Masocol Pacol, Miyoko Nishimura Shimoda, Gloria Obado Reyes; caregivers: Hattie Higa, Ruth Nakasone, Jane Sakamura Nakamura, Anita Haban-Nakamaejo of Comforting Hands Facility and many others. What better way is there to get free medical advice and answers to health related issues!

Bid for raffle items, enjoy the entertainment, eat to your heart's content at the luncheon buffet and best of all "make new friends and keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold."

Please take the time to submit anecdotes/ photos covering sad, happy, frightening, touching experiences, etc. which will be displayed for attendees to view by March 28, 2011. Mail to: Rosita Hueu, 1846 Hoolaulea St. Pearl City, HI or email to: ryhueu@aol.com.

Direct inquiries to Co-Chairs **Jean Piena** at (808) 845-8651 or **Rosita Hueu** at (808) 455-7605.

In Tribute to a Care Giver

by Nickie Morita Oshiro

One of my 1944 classmate, **Aiko Funada Nakasone**, has taken care of her husband, **Genkichi**, at home since he suffered a stroke fifteen years ago. Genkichi who is 90 years old is paralyzed. He cannot speak so there is no two way conversation. Several years ago, he could understand what Aiko was saying and would respond by smiling and gesturing. Now it's a blank stare.

Since 1995, Aiko tends to Genkichi twenty four hours a day with no days off even on holidays. Solely independent with no relief, she does everything: cooks, feeds, bathes, and dresses him. I think of her as an eighty four years old "live-in nurse." The doctor's appointment ritual involves pushing Genkichi in his wheelchair out the door and into the car, strapping him in, then driving to the clinic. It's like taking care of an overgrown child in an adult body.

He spends most of the day in his wheelchair and naps most of the time. No TV viewing for both of them and hardly any contact with others. On a lighter note, since we have our birthdays one week apart (my special day is on June 12), I make it a point to annually call Aiko on June 19 and wish her Happy Birthday.

To me, Aiko is a "wonder woman!" A terrific wife who accomplishes all the tasks with a smile and no complaints.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrants Half a century of togetherness. Congratulations!







Class of 1951: George and Kay Matsuo Nakafuji Los Angeles, CA July 9, 1960



Class of 1953:
Valentine and Ann
Aceret Tanodra
St. Anthony Church,
Kalihi
February 6, 1960











Class of 1953 Jacob and Rosita Viduya Hueu Sacred Hearts Church, Lana'i City June 19, 1960



Down Memory Lane

Class of 1952: Dolores Bayron Morris (deceased), Jaime & Lu Pagampao Dugay





Main Street, Vegas. April 25, 1999

Alumni News



Class of 1944

Relatives and friends celebrated the birthdays of **Fred and Evelyn Narito Caluya**, ages 85 and 83, in February at the Bird of Paradise Restaurant in Ewa Beach. Pictured with Uncle Fred and Aunty Evelyn are **Myrtle**, **James and Jay Reponte**.

Class of 1950

by Susana Kincaid

Preceding the great turn out for class reunions on Lanai during the summer, **Elaine Perry Dang** of Tucson, Arizona; **Susana Sanchez Kincaid** and **Takeo Yamato** both living on Lanai, met on July 1st at Momi Suzuki's Bed and Breakfast for dinner and "hana batta" talk story time. This trio, of the class of 1950, reminisced with Elaine's relatives and good friends. We managed to recall who our classmates were and the things we did.

Alumni News

Class of 1952

by Richard Kawakami

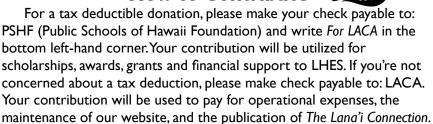
We met at Marukai Food Court on June 16th at 11:00 am. Present were **Eddie, Mitsue, Edith, Marcellino, Stanley, David, Irene, Mildred and Richard**.

- 1. Eddie brought Lemon Cream Pie, Mitsue -- Bing Cherries, Irene -- Mini Lemon Bites, Edith -- Krispy Cream Donuts, Marcellino -- Sushi and Cream & Raspberry Coffee Cakes, David -- Assorted Japanese Cookies, Stanley -- Okinawan Manju, Mildred -- almost homemade Mini Danish, and Richard -- Mom's donuts. I think this was our most productive day bagging "junk food." Mitsue was busy cutting up all the pastries.
- 2. We celebrated Mitsue's birthday with a delicious Lemon Cream Pie. We sang happy birthday after all the food were bagged because we forgot. Happy birthday to Molly, Stanley O and Allen
- 3. Travel News: Richard and Family headed to Vegas for our annual family reunion on July 9, 10, 11 & 12.
- 4. Health News: Marcellino has a doctor's appointment after our meeting. He is very confident to schedule an appointment after eating all the sweet goodies. Eddie's blood was found to be above normal range after he reduced his prescription to lower his blood thickness caused by excessive bleeding gums. David's knee problems are gone.
- 5. Garden News: Marcellino worked for 3 hours before the meeting. Richard harvested his 3rd zucchini this morning. All the vegetables are thriving in our warm LA weather. I noticed only 2 bees pollinating the tomatoes, zucchinis, bell peppers and eggplants. My bumblebees are back in their log bear home. Hopefully, they will help pollinate the vegetables.
- 6. LACA News: Class of '52 will be well-represented at 2010 LACA/Las Vegas.
- 7. We had a packed house at MFC today -- must have been the beautiful weather.
- 8. Mitsue was very excited getting ready to do some heavy shopping at Marukai. She said it was because she can only do it once a month. Eddie did guard duty watching all the bags while Irene, Mildred and Richard joined her.
- 9. I rushed this report out ASAP because I know Stanley is anxious to read it. He left early to be with Pearl or something. I missed a lot of news today--busy eating.

Next meeting on July 21st.

Mahalo nui loa to **Maggie Masicampo**, director of the
Kaunoa Senior Services, Lanai
Senior Center and the Department
of Human Concern, for the lovely
lei she made for LACA's
scholarship recipients, **Bryan Etrata** and **Richard Gima**. The
lei were presented by directors **Susana Kincaid** and **Linda Degamo** at the LHS awards
assembly on May 22, 2010.

How to Contribute



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Alumni News

Class of 1953

WASSUP?

by Eleanor Bayron Ozoa

It was a spur of the moment idea to get together planned by **Rosita Viduya Hueu, Jean Piena**, and me. Rosita got busy and made sure to contact classmates. Because Pete and **Nita Remiticado Vergara** were coming all the way from California, we decided to have it on a weekday on March 24.

Jean was nice to offer her home as the "get-together" place, so 14 of us gathered to have good fun. As the perfect hostess, she made sure there was plenty of ono food and kept saying, "Go eat, go eat!"

It was also Pete's birthday and Nita conspired with Rosita to purchase a round cake and lei for the birthday boy. Some of us took part in singing karaoke while the non-participants adamantly said, "No way!" No matter how nicely we tried to sing, our scores could never beat **Alejandro Eligado**'s score! **Teophilo Cabalo** kept hollering, "Juice! It's his machine!" We teased Hundro and threatened we'd get him the next time.

The years are going by too fast. We need to get together more often. Hopefully, the next time we meet more of our classmates will be able to join us and have good fun.

All good times come to an end. Soon we had to say, "Good-bye, see you next time."

Photo courtesy of Camille Cabalo, guest.

Sitting: Rosita Hueu, Nita Vergara, Rufina Kula

L-R: Janice Eligado, Eleanor Ozoa, Val Tanodra, Christine Oga, Jean Piena, Earl Honda, Nobuo Goshi, Teophilo Cabalo, Alejandro Eligado, Pete Vergara, Gus Ballesteros, Jacob Hueu carrying great-granddaughter, Hylee.

Class of 1968

About Curves in Waipahu by Bobbie Kauwenaole

Created specifically for women, Curves offers a complete fitness and nutrition solution. The Curves 30 minute workout exercises every major muscle group and burns up to 500 calories through a proven program of strength training, cardio and stretching.



Enhancing the Curves workout is CurvesSmart, your personal coaching system. CurvesSmart individualizes and customizes each workout by monitoring heart rate, workout intensity, range of motion and repetitions and then providing a progress report including number of calories burned!

Founders Gary and Diane Heavin, committed veterans of the fitness and advertising industries, are considered the innovators of the express fitness phenomenon that has made exercise available to more than 4 million women worldwide. They share a passion for and commitment to women's health and fitness. The Heavins opened the first Curves in 1992 in Harlingen, Texas. Their innovative, 30-minute fitness concept combined strength training and sustained cardiovascular activity through safe and effective hydraulic resistance. The club was an overnight success, as it gave women a supportive and comfortable atmosphere in which to work out. In fact, the company's unofficial motto became "no makeup, no men, and no mirrors."

Curves is about fitness, health, and moving away from disease. Curves is about gaining strength and losing weight. Curves is about reaching your goals in a community of support and encouragement. Curves is about strengthening women.

Curves was brought to Hawaiii n January 2001 by Sharon and Ross Rolirad in Kunia/Waipahu. **Bobbie Kauwenaole** became a member in March 2001 and started working at the Waipahu Curves (which was the first to open) in July 2001. **John Kauwenaole** became a part of Curves when Bobbie started to manage it in 2001 and when the facility was moved down to Waipahu by Don Quijote in 2004 they both helped with the construction work prior to the move.

On October 16, 2006 Bobbie and John became the owners. The membership is steadily growing and the women just love John, "the maintenance man!"

Do you have a story or photo to share? Here's how!

Among the most wonderful things about *The Lana'i Connection*. are the personal stories and photographs that members submit for publication in the newsletter or on our website. If you are interested in submitting an article or photo, please follow the guidelines below.

- 1. Scan photos at 300 dpi and save as a high quality JPG file.
- 2. Do not resize digital photos. Send it in the native size and resolution from your camera.
- 3. Please refrain from typing captions directly on the photos. Include captions in the text of the e-mail.
- 4. When sending multiple photos, please be aware of how large the combined size of your attachments are. We can accept e-mail with attachments up to 25 MB per message.
- 5. Always be specific about what you are submitting; for example, provide first and last names, dates (if applicable) and any other pertinent information for publication.
- 6. E-mail your articles and photos to the Editor for approval at <u>editor@lanaiconnection.com</u>. Questions may also be directed to this address.

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