



The Lana'i Connection

BREAKING NEWS: PSHF and LACA FUNDS

by Rosita Viduya Hueu

On January 14, 2011, the Lana'i Alumni and Community Association was informed that the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation, in compliance with IRS regulation, will no longer handle Donor Advised Funds (Restricted Accounts). In 1996, a year after LACA was formally established, President **Robert Kinoshita**, the late **Kiyoshi Mana Minami**, Awards Coordinator, and the board of directors, formulated a contribution plan with PSHF, a non profit organization.

With an initial deposit of \$1,500 by Treasurer **Randy Sanches** an account was opened with the stipulation that all individual tax-deductible contributions would go into LACA's Restricted Account with PSHF for the sole purpose of benefiting Lana'i High and Elementary School. Instructions would come from LACA as to when and to whom funds for scholarships, awards and grants would be made. LACA itself is not a tax-deductible organization because the funds are not used exclusively for school support purposes.

Facing the IRS issue, and after much discussion on February 9, the board of directors ratified the motion to have Lana'i High and Elementary School (LHES) be the depository for the balance in the PSHF fund. The transferred fund is to be utilized for educational needs by continuing the scholarship and awards program. Donations made to Lana'i High and Elementary School are tax-deductible.

A Donor Advised Fund is an account:

1. which is separately identified by reference to contributions of a donor or donors,
2. which is owned and controlled by a sponsoring organization and
3. for which the donor (or any person appointed or designated by the donor) has or expects to have advisory privileges concerning the distribution or investment of the funds held in the Donor Advised Fund or account because of the donor's status as a donor.

There are penalties which the IRS can impose on taxable distributions from such funds.

Contact any one of the board members if you have questions or comments to share: **Marge Asato, Coochie Cayan, Donna Ching, Monica Cockett, Suzanne Damian, Linda Degamo, Rosita Hueu, Sue Kincaid, Ruth Nakasone, Bruno Oroyan, Nickie Oshiro, Jean Piena, Bill Ruidas.**

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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

We ask for your continued support. In recognition of LACA's and the Lana'i High and Elementary School needs, there are two ways you can contribute.

For a *tax-deductible contribution*, please make your check out to Lanai High and Elementary School and write *for Awards* in the bottom left-hand corner of your check. Please send your mail to:



**Lana'i High and Elementary School
Attn. Mr. Pierce Myers, Principal
P.O. Box 630630
Lana'i City, HI 96763**

For a *non-tax deductible contribution*, make your check out to LACA. These funds will be used to cover operational expenses such as deposits to reserve banquet facilities in Las Vegas and Oahu for reunions and meetings, in maintaining a website, and paying for various invoices for activities and replenishing supplies. The printing and mailing of our newsletter is an expensive undertaking. Please mail your check to:

**LACA Fund
P.O. Box 515
Pearl City, HI 96782**

Mahalo nui loa to our webmaster, **Donna Shiroma Nakasue** for the times fees were waived for specific services. In the spirit of giving, we are grateful to those who have voluntarily "paid out-of-pocket" to cover expenses such as entertainment, door prizes, hospitality, and computer supplies. A heartfelt thank you for your generosity!

Scholarship Opportunity

Lanai High and Elementary School will be participating in Foodland's Shop for Higher Education scholarship program which will run from Feb. 9 to March 30, 2011. Help a Lana'i senior earn a \$2000 scholarship by shopping at Foodland and designating the school's code # 7563. For every Maika'i point you earn, Lanai High will earn a matching point! (For more information, visit the Foodland website at <http://www.foodland.com/our-community/shop-higher-education>)

Hawaiian Airlines is Maika'i

For every dollar you spend at Foodland, you receive one Maika'i Point. When you accumulate 250 Maika'i Points, you'll receive a My Rewards Certificate that you can redeem for various rewards, including 200 HawaiianMiles! Details online at <http://www.foodland.com/In%20Our%20Stores/take-skies>

Lana'i High and Elementary School Awards Recipients

Congratulations to the Lanai Middle School Band and Romeo Eleno, PE/Health Teacher in receiving \$500 each for Kiyoshi Minami Student Activity/Class Project Grant.

Kerri Glickstein, teacher, submitted the application to the Lana'i Alumni and Community Association for the school band. The fund will be utilized by grades 6-8 for a Band Day Camp on October 7-8, 2011. An excerpt from the application states: The plan is to offer this Band Day Camp every October for all band students at Lanai High and Elementary School as a means to educate our students and build the band program. By providing airfare, food and lodging, we will be able to attract the best instructors in every instrument category to work with our students year after year. Band directors from Oahu, Maui, as well as University of Hawaii at Manoa students will serve as instructors at this camp.

Romeo Eleno will use the fund to defray expenses for classroom supplies, equipment and resources. His purpose is: To provide Lana'i High School students the opportunity to learn about the importance of being responsible learners and decision-makers when it comes to their health, physically, mentally, and socially that will, hopefully, lead to a life without unnecessary development of diseases.

Read it online! Web Exclusive

Read **Richard Gima's** article, "How Fortunate We are to be Living in the United States!" Richard, an alumnus of Lana'i High and Elementary School, is the 2010 recipient of the \$1,000 Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship. On February 2 when political unrest and rebellion broke out in Egypt, Richard was in Cairo. The article is an account of his experience.



OUR LATEST CONTRIBUTORS

As of August 2010

Your thoughtful gesture and valuable support perpetuates LACA's Vision which is: *To promote good fellowship among all members of the association and to provide financial assistance to Lana'i High and Elementary School students and faculty members through scholarships, awards and grants.*

Several donors have made their contributions in commemoration of significant milestones or in memory of loved ones, friends, classmates, and relatives. Thank you very much!

Class of 1952

Class of 1960

Anbe, Dr. Daniel

Anbe, George

Anonymous donor

Dalde, Benjamin

Damian, Suzanne

Funada, Lloyd

Hidani, Eiko Nishimura: in memory of Mildred Kinoshita

Higa, George T.

Hokama, Harold

Hokama, Kay K: in memory of her sister, Larrie Higa

Iba, Jeraldine Hirayama

Janowski, Gerarda: in memory of her brother, Expedito "Toy" Engbino

Kunishige, Kiyomi

Kunishi, Cornelia

Lana'i Invitational Golf Club

Lantz, Nancy N.

Minami, Natsuko Nakama

Olsen, William

Oshiro, Richard & Nickie in memory of Chogoro

Oshiro and Jane Morita Higashi

Outhouse, Cyndy

Owen, Marilyn

Oyama, Kazuko

Sabino, Victor

Sugitan, Marcellino

Tamashiro, Yaeko H.

Tyau, Sonja

Contributory Club Categories as of August 2010

Congratulations to those who attained new club memberships and moved to the next donor's category!

Century Club: up to \$99

Oyama, Kazuko

Sabin, Victor

Century Pineapple Club: \$100 up

Hokama, Kay K.

Kunishi, Cornelia

Oshiro, Nickie

Outhouse, Cyndy

Owen, Marilyn

Tamashiro, Yaeko

Golden Pineapple Club: \$500 up

Iba, Jeraldine

Lanai Hale Club: \$1,000 up

Marcellino Sugitan

Platinum Club: \$10,000 up

Diamond Club: \$15,000 up

Suzanne Damian



THE DALDE'S ON LANAI

By Irene Tippon-Seawright

Anastacio Dalde, a handsome and suave Visayan man, organized a "one-of-a-kind" Lana'i women's string orchestra in the 1930's. The bass player was an attractive Ilocana girl by the name of **Trinidad Caluya**. A romance blossomed and soon they were married at the Sacred Hearts Catholic Church on Lanai in October 1939.

As far as I can remember, our parents better known as "Tacio and Trining," were business-minded. I vividly remember a picture of our dad in the front yard of our home at Caldwell Avenue. He posed as a salesman, smartly dressed in a custom-fitted suit with a hat and a brief case. Dad sold tailor-made men's suits and hats. I also remember our mother's stories of when she was a youngster, helping the family's income by selling goodies made by our grandmother Caluya. Thus it groomed her to become a sales person selling women's dresses, hats and Avon® in our family owned barbershop in the 1950's to early 1960's.

In the 1920's, the main employment on Lanai was working for Dole Pineapple Company who cultivated pineapples and made Lana'i known as the World's Largest Pineapple Plantation. Dad was not only a field hand; he was a luna or supervisor. To me, our dad was gifted and special because he was bilingual. He not only spoke English. He spoke three dialects of the Filipino language—Visayan, Ilocano, and Tagalog. His multi-linguistic ability was a valuable asset to the company because most of the Filipino employees spoke either Ilocano or Visayan and it was necessary for the luna to be able to communicate in English on an administrative level and speak the language of those who worked in the fields.

While raising five children (**Irene, Myrtle, Benjamin, Anastacio Jr. "Sonny", and Joice**



Pictured with Anastacio and Trinidad (Caluya) Dalde are their children: Joice, "Sonny", Myrtle, Benjamin and Irene

"Darlene"), Dad and Mom were actively involved in many community activities including the Cub Scouts of America, Men's Baseball League, Little League and many Catholic Church activities. Dad was also a member of the Lion's Club and our parents were members of the Chamber of Commerce. In 1958, a rare opportunity was offered when the Dole Pineapple Company decided to lease its multi-entertainment entity to a private businessman. That was the beginning of Dalde's Enterprise. This was our father's ultimate dream... to be a true entrepreneur.

Dalde's Enterprise consisted of Lanai's bowling alley, a billiard parlor, a snack bar and the movie theatre. Our mom's sister, Lurita Viduya, Sr. aka Loretta, worked as a cashier at the theatre in the evenings, mom's brother, Benny

Caluya, was the projectionist at the theatre, while his wife Carmen was the usherette. Mom's younger sister, Flora (Garalde) Narito worked in the snack bar at the bowling alley with our mother. It turned out to be a very successful family venture.

In the 1960's, mom and dad retired from operating the various businesses and moved to California. They spent their retirement years traveling and enjoying their grandchildren and great grandchildren on the mainland. Dad, an avid LA Dodger fan, attended many games at the Dodger's Stadium and witnessed the Dodgers play and win the 1981 World Series. Some of the highlights of their travels were to the Philippines, to the 1986 World's Fair (Expo '86) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, camping throughout the Western states and numerous visits to Santa Anita Track and to Las Vegas, Nevada. They celebrated 50 years of marriage bliss until dad died in late 1989 and subsequently, mom died in 1996. Today, their survivors of five children, 13 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren, strive to perpetuate and carry on the legacy of our beloved Tacio and Trining Dalde.

**2011 LACA Calendar of Events****Happy New Year! Year of the Rabbit****January**

- Scholarship applications available at Lana'i High and Elementary School
- \$1,000 Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship
- \$1,000 Suzanne Pascua Damian Vocational Scholarship
- \$1,000 Kiyoshi Minami Student/Class Project grants awarded to Lana'i High School

February

- Lana'i Connection newsletter distributed
- 9 Board Mtg. at 1064 Sand Island Parkway

March

- 9 Board Mtg. at 1064 Sand Island Parkway
- 11 Scholarship applications due to Principal Pierce Myers
- 28 Mail sign-up form and payment to LACA for: LACA Annual Membership Social, Pearl Country Club, "In Appreciation of Health Care Providers"

April

- 15 Lana'i Committee selects scholarship recipients
- 17 LACA Annual Membership Social, Dr. Daniel Anbe, cardiologist will be the guest speaker

May

- 11 Board Meeting, 1064 Sand Island Parkway
- 20 LACA scholarships presented at Lana'i High School Awards Assembly

May (continued)

- 31 Project Reports and receipts are due from recipients of the Kiyoshi Minami Student or Class Project Grant

June

- 1 New fiscal year

July

- 5 Newsletter deadline for articles/photos
Email info@lanaiconnection.com

August

- Lana'i Connection newsletter distributed
- 10 Board Meeting, 1064 Sand Island Parkway

September

- 14 Board Meeting, 1064 Sand Island Parkway

October

- 1 LACA Las Vegas Connection, Ohana/Maile Room

November

No board meeting

December

Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!

**In Loving Memory of
Deceased Members**

As of August 2010

Our heartfelt condolences to those of you who lost a loved one, classmate, or friend. May the departed rest in peace.



*Josephine Kawwenaole
Julian Ruidas, class of 1933
Chogoro Oshiro, class of 1945
Alfred Leonillo, class of 1946
Jane Morita Higashi, class of 1948
Richard Watanabe, class of 1949
Leonard Lee, class of 1956
Hazel Maiobo Tanigawa, class of 1958*



In Appreciation of Health Care Providers



The painting on the Hale Nani entrance wall was done by a young artist, Joseph Labrador, formerly from Tamuning, Guam.

The Lanai Alumni and Community Association cordially invites you to the Annual Membership Social on Sunday April 17, 2011 designated as "In Appreciation of Health Care Providers." Health Care Providers, please spread the good news by calling your colleagues.

This event would be an opportune time to mingle and share experiences with individuals as well as with the offspring of Lanaians in the health/wellness occupations. In the spirit of thanksgiving, we can express our gratitude for services rendered. Many times acknowledgments are made at memorial services to those who provided solace and vital assistance in our times of need but they are not present at the services.

Dr. Daniel Anbe, who served as Chief, Division of Cardiology at McLaren Medical Center in Flint, Michigan, will be the guest speaker. Co-chairs Jean Piena and Rosita Hueu welcome volunteers to assist in carrying out the activities. Call Jean at 845-8651 or Rosita at 455-7605.

Come and enjoy the day bidding on raffle items, having a sumptuous lunch, ono desserts, delightful entertainment, and best of all revel in Lana'i fellowship! Be seein' ya!

Down Memory Lane

Photos courtesy of Dr. Wilkinson's son, Bill



Dr. Wilkinson, the plantation doctor in the 1940's was loved by Lanaians.

2010 LACA Las Vegas Connection

The following opening remarks and invocation delivered by Myrtle Dalde Reponte set the tone for the gala celebration on October 9, in the Ohana/Maile room at the California Hotel/Casino.

"The majority of us in this room are Lana'ians and those who are not, can by association, relate to our lifestyle and habits. God had a plan ... a special plan to create a small island. He hand-picked a precious few to live on this unique island and called it Lana'i. He tucked us away from big cities and modern conveniences to teach us how to depend on one another, to love one another and take care of each other. He made Lana'i a safe, protected haven ... then sprinkled it with golden pineapples, and taught us how to be home-grown and to live off the land.

Like the swallows that return each year to their nesting place at the famous mission of San Juan Capistrano, we Lana'ians, like birds of a feather, return year after year to flock together and reminisce with joy and laughter of the good ol' days of our nesting place through reunions and annually here in Las Vegas. I was told that the pineapple is a symbol of friendship. And tonight we're here because of pineapples and friends. How cool is that!

At this time, let us bow our heads and thank Him ...

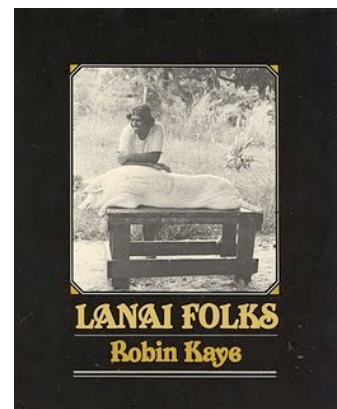
Lord God, be among us so we can thank & praise you for the good graces you provided us throughout the years. Thank you for making us a part of your precious plan for the island of Lana'i. We celebrate with you at this wonderful occasion, the rekindling of friendship and love, as we cherish golden memories of the good ol' days. Bless this food to nourish our bodies physically and spiritually. We ask that you continue to be a part of our lives forever, amen."

Kudos to co-chairs **Suzanne Pascua Damian** and **Joy Maile Enfield** for spearheading the enjoyable event. LACA is grateful to the Ninth Isle Serenaders: **Lance Babo, Joe Basebase, Flash Jensen** and **Kimo Wong** for the superb entertainment; to the entertainers for their delightful performances; to those who donated prizes; to the various committee members for their hard work, and from behind-the-scene volunteers for their assistance. Our thanks and appreciation to: **Marge Asato, Pedring Dugay, Joan Hanawahine, Rosita Huevo, Jeraldine Iba, David Lebby, Kay & Roy Okamoto, Cyndy Outhouse, Angie Perez, Linda & Ted Perez, John Repetti, Robert Rodrigues, Victor Sabino, Leatrice Suzuki, Jojo Timbreza, Jeff Whaley, Joan Yamanaka, Kathy Nemoto** and the Cal's catering staff.

"Lanai Folks" Commemorating The Land and People of Lana'i

by Kepa Maly, Executive Director, Lana'i Culture and Heritage Center

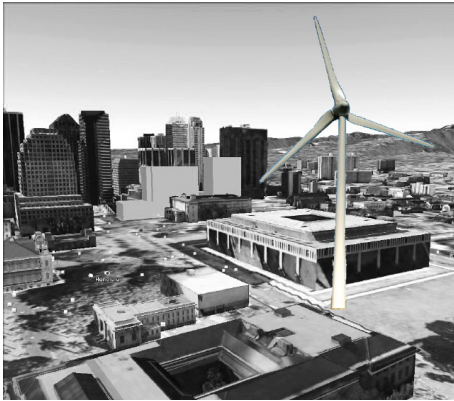
This important photographic book, documenting a significant span of the "Pineapple" Islands' plantation history, has been republished. Copies are now available for sale at \$20.00 per book at the Lana'i CHC. "Lanai Folks," originally published in 1982, was photographed and written by **Robin Kaye**, with supporting grants from the Hawaii Bicentennial Commission, the State Foundation on Culture & the Arts, the Hawaiian Historical Society, private Foundations and other organizations. The work has become a classic - a reminder of what has made Lana'i a unique place, worth caring for. Out of print for nearly 25 years, this publication of the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center, has been made possible through a grant by the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The author is donating all proceeds to the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center, to support the center's programs and promote awareness about the rich history of Lana'i. Visit the Lana'i CHC.org or email info@lanaichc.org. For more information, people may call the Lana'i CHC at (808) 565-7177.





A Message from the Friends of Lāna'i

by Robin Kaye



Aloha, fellow Lanaians. We know you've heard about David Murdock's plan to place 100 - 200 wind turbines out at the north end of Lāna'i. There's a new organization on Lāna'i -- Friends of Lāna'i -- dedicated to giving voice to the many Lanaians who strongly oppose this effort to make Lāna'i into an industrial wind power plant for Oah'u. This project would take over fully one-quarter of Lāna'i (22,000 of its 89,000 acres), with each of those turbines being as tall as Hawaii's tallest building -- the First Hawaiian Bank building in Oahu. Imagine driving down to Polihua during the day and weaving your way through fields of these giant turbines. Imagine camping overnight at Awalua, watching the flashing red aviation warning lights blink on and off all night, or hunting in that area, listening to the continuous whomp whump whump of the whirling blades while searching for some very skittish game.

Some might say -- as has the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Hawaiian Electric (HECO) and other power holders -- this is a small price to pay for getting Hawaii off of its dependence on foreign oil; that Lāna'i should just be quiet and basically "take one for the team." Friends of Lāna'i is an active advocate for renewable energy, but for this particular industrial wind power plant, we strongly urge you to object, loudly, frequently and to many -- and as often -- as you can. And here's why:

- It is NOT an employment generator. The short term construction jobs will primarily require highly skilled technicians, capable of working 250-300 feet in the air on a high-tech wind turbine. As for permanent jobs -- perhaps 15 - 20, again requiring a highly skilled level of technical capacity. [did you know that all six "permanent jobs" at Lāna'i's solar farm are filled by sheep?]

- It is of NO value in helping Lāna'i become energy sustainable, since none of the power stays on our island.

- It has the potential of destroying significant cultural resources, including heiaus, burial sites and other Native Hawaiian places.

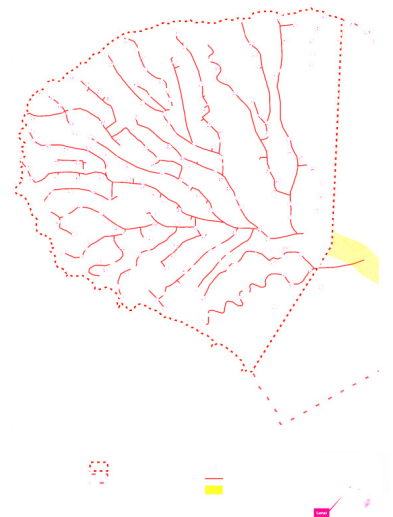
- It would be built right smack in the middle of the documented flight paths for the endangered U'au (Hawaiian Petrels.)

- It would require enormous foundations, each 60 feet in diameter and 10 feet deep, filled with over 1,000 cubic yards of concrete. Where will all that dug-out soil go when it rains there (or floods, as it did on New Years, 2005.)

- It provides NO economic benefits to Lāna'i. While you may hear the Company and HECO toss around the words "community benefits" (and "levelized rates"), none -- NONE -- have even been suggested by any of the folks who will reap all the profits. Murdock alone could bring in over \$250 Million EVERY YEAR from the sale of the wind in the Ka'a Ahupua'a to HECO. And we all know that as the owner of the privately-held C&C, he is under no obligation whatsoever to keep even one penny of that revenue on Lāna'i.

Friends of Lāna'i thinks of this Oahu's proposed industrial wind power plant on Lāna'i as an shining example of the worst of "Green Greed."

You may also have heard about the Company's recent threats of intimidation to those who speak out. Our goal is and will remain to remind people that they CAN speak out, and that CCR should keep their promise: "...the Company does not discriminate against, retaliate against, punish, threaten, penalize or otherwise restrain the right of any individual who engages in such activities or exercises such rights regarding Company's development plans, operations and activities on Lana'i as they affect Lana'i residents and its natural resources..." So please remember, and remind all your Lāna'i friends and family -- You Can Say NO! www.friendsoflanai.org



Alumni News

Class of 1945

by *Mieko Shiroma Norr*

The class of 1945 held a reunion on September 8, 2010 at Krazy Karaoke.

In the photo: (front) **Miyoko Nishimura Shimoda, Sueko Oyama Saiki, Marie Pascua, Sueko Higa Dote.** (back) **Akira Yagi, Robert Hahn, George Lee, Hideko Kurashige Saruwatari, Mieko Shiroma Norr.** Missing was **Richard Ignacio Gabriel.**

Next year, if possible, the class hopes to hold the reunion on Lana'i.

Krazy Karaoke has two locations (Pearl Kai and Honolulu) and is owned by **Malcolm Shiroma** whose father was a LHES graduate of 1944, **Steven Seiyu Shiroma.**



Class of 1950

Happy 80th birthday to **Robert Kinoshita**, Jan. 9; **Walter Manriki**, Jan. 10; **John Tanodra**, Jan. 26.

Class of 1952, California Group

by *Richard Kawakami*

Note: I just got back from a graduation dinner and am so full I can barely stay awake. So this will be a brief report.

We met at Grand World Buffet at 11:00 a.m. on December 15, 2010. Present were **David Funada, Eddie & Mitsue Hokama, Mildred Tanaka, Jane Okimoto, Frank & Edith Gikiu** and **Richard Kawakami.**

1. Since it was a buffet, most of us didn't bring our customary treats except for Mitsue and Edith who brought candy treats. No doggy bags this time. We made up for that by eating a lot of food. Thanks, David, for picking up the buffet tab for our group. The place was packed with about 250 people for lunch.

2. Happy birthday to Hawaii classmates: **Helen Takenouchi, Rosendo Nacua** and **Ruth Nakasone.**

3. Next meeting will be on January 19, 2010 at Mitsuwa Food Court.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Alumni News

Class of 1952, Oahu

by *Hattie Higa*

Just returned from our Oahu based, Class of '52 monthly gathering. As usual, it was great to be together. I must say that we are blessed that we are still able to get together. We gathered at the Cattle Company in Pearl City. Present were: **Suzie, Henry and Teri, Richard, Kiyomi, Helen. Al, Ruth N. and Hattie. Ruth T.** was to attend; but called in sick. **Randy** was nowhere to be seen. The most popular entree was salmon. I saw a steak, a burger, and French dip. The sweet potato fries were really good. I think that is what I will order the next time I go. These are the best I have had thus far. Ruth N was working today; so, she just stayed long enough to eat and run. **Kiyomi** was wearing a beautiful ginger lei. I believe Helen made it in honor of her birthday.

We received many treats: Al brought his famous scallops (from Japan; none to be had around here), Al also brought HUGE star fruit, talented Teri brought us all a crocheted Christmas tree, Richard brought us candy (I think from Mexico), Ruth N. brought us biscotti, and Suzie brought us 100% pure Kauai coffee.

Next month (Tues., Dec. 14, 2nd Tuesday) we will meet for lunch at the Cattle Company again. Do bring a \$10.00 gift exchange.

Richard M. safely returned from his trip to Mexico. He was in the central area and the Yucatan. I wonder where the drug cartels were hiding when he went there. I think Al was talking about having gone to Texas to see his granddaughter play volleyball. Al, you should tell us all about it. It sounded like she is doing very well on a scholarship. Couldn't hear all that was going on.

Teri has had reconstruction on her face as a victim of an attempted burglary. Her bite is not well aligned; so, she is having difficulty eating all kinds of food. She is down to 78 pounds; and does need to put on weight; but, she still is her very pleasant self.

Class of 1958

HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF OUR CLASSMATES!

by *Jeannette Matsui Okada*

Thank you to our class reunion chairman, **Jeraldine Hirayama Iba** and her committee members, **Carol Ann Tsumura Fujimoto, Monica Cockett, Robert Viduya, George Higa, Emidjio Jamero & Mae Morita Takata** for an elegant sit-down birthday dinner for ten in a private room with classy waiters in black and white suits. It was nice to be served while we continuously chatted from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in the Bronze Room at Fremont Hotel/Casino on October 8, 2010.

It was a wonderful setting for those who hadn't seen each other since high school. There was much laughter from olden-days stories, family jokes and of course, games that teased our brains (anyway, whatever is left!)



(Back) Carol Ann Tsumura Fujimoto, Rosalinda Ballesteros, Bertha Pagay, Jeri, Jeannette Okada, Mae Takata, Irene Seawright Iba.

(Front) George Higa, Ernest Pagay, and Nobu Takata

Alumni News, Class of 1958 (continued)

We solemnly remembered seventeen of our beloved classmates who have passed away: **Stanley Nunotani, Richard Masada, Geraldine Masicampo, Raymond Trugillo, Marlene Morita, Mercedes Gillacone, Kenneth Higaki, Yolanda Lopez, Naala Iona, Juanita Endrina, John Recouperto, Clarence Richardson, Joyce Higa, Eleanor Timbreza, Billy Tadios, Angel Allas and Clara Pahente.** In loving memory, **George Higa** rang a bell as **Ernest Pagay** read each name.

Thank you to all who donated such unexpected gifts, beautifully crafted items and delicious cookies. Donors were Jeraldine, Carol Ann, Mae, Ernest & Bertha, George, Irene, Emidjio & Robert. Like Rosalina said, "It feels like Christmas!"

Those who met this year were **Jeri Hirayama Iba, Carol Ann Tsumura Fujimoto**, from Oahu; **Mae Morita & Nobu Takata, Ernest & Bertha Pagay, Irene Dalde Seawright**, from California; **Rosalina Tadeo Ballesteros** from Kansas and **Jeannette Matsui Okada** from the Big Island.

For those who missed the reunion, please join the group next year.

Class of 1960

by Edith Vergara Quiray

Wow, Class of 1960! We did it! All 27 strong. What a great 50th reunion we had in Las Vegas on October 8, 2010. We've had gatherings before, but this one took the cake. We had so much fun and it was worth all of the hard work, but we ran out of the talk-story time. That's okay because all the class mates who attended, especially the first-timers, left with renewed friendships and promises to keep in touch more often as the years go flying swiftly by.

Special thanks to **Pedring Dugay** for his generous donation of his one of a kind ukulele which was raffled off and to **Mr. George Ito** and his wife **Shirley** who lovingly presented the ladies of 1960 with beautiful Koa bracelets and DVDs. Other donations were also appreciated from the upper and lower alumni. **Gloria Reyes, Sally Cadiente, Helen Onuma** (our official Class Mother) and classmates were an integral part of our reunion which made it all the more special. Also in attendance were **Toshio Mitsunaga**, class of 1949, his wife **Haruko and Tamo Mitsunaga**, class of 1941.

Myrtle Reponte and Maggie Luczon did a bang up job of emceeing while the Chicken Hekka Group, lead by **Glenn and Joice Alapag** lulled us with songs of the good old days. A big hand to our hula dancers **Cyndy Outhouse, Doreen Hobdy, Sherry Ramaila, Linda Perez, the Caluya sisters, Carol Voss and Mona Buchanan** who sang several songs.

Memorial candles were lit by **Janet Miyashiro** and **Edith Quiray** in memory of our deceased classmates while **Angie Perez** did her beautiful rendition of You'll Never Walk Alone. We also want to thank **Flora Palumbo** for her help in getting us a huge discount on the onolicious feast that was served in The Main Street Social Club.

For all our concerted efforts, we were able to donate \$910 to the LACA Scholarship Fund. Our contribution has been deposited into the Public School of Hawaii Foundation which handles LACA's restricted account designated solely for the utilization of scholarships, awards and grants to Lana'i High and Elementary School.

The evening came to an end too quickly. As kids growing up on Lanai, who knew where mornings were fresh and dewy, the afternoons sunny or balmy and the rich glow of golden sunsets, we departed with a warm and satisfied feeling. For an hour or so we were just kids once more, enjoying what we do best, talking and eating.

We did it Class of 1960! We celebrated a half a century of togetherness and we look forward to our 70th birthday reunion. God bless and Godspeed. *(See back page for group photo.)*

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(1st row l-r) Vic Pagente, James Fuchigami, Frank Soriano, Sally Sakoda Murray, Maggie Agonoy Luczon, June Matsuura Ching, Edith Vergara Quiray, Collin Tamashiro, Myrtle Dalde Reponte, Bill Ruidas

(2nd row l-r) Carolyn Onuma Flood, Amy Oda Dalton, Janet Mizomi Miyashiro, Flora Dela Cruz Palumbo, Linda Daguay Recarte, Erma Mitsunaga Kawamura, Angie Perez, Rita Nagamine Goshi, Joy Maile Enfield

(3rd row l-r) Lowell Lee, Bob Hobdy, Bob Park, Douglas Herolaga, Jerold Matsui, Vic Sabino, Lloyd Funada
Missing: Melvyn Niibu