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'06 Dugay's Ukulele Drawing at the Plaza Hotel/Casino

It was time to draw the ticket for the sought after prize, an ukulele crafted by **Pedring Dugay**. *Chicken Hekka* musician, **Butch Alcantra** stepped forward and pulled the ticket. And the lucky

winner was **Darnette Gaboya Paakula**. What a touching moment that was! Her brother **Doug** was a musician with *Chicken Hekka*, but was stricken with pancreatic and prostate cancer and unable to travel to Las Vegas. As a loving gesture, Darnette will present Doug with all the ticket stubs so he can see how many attendees tried for the ukulele and how he emerged the winner. May it comfort Doug to know he is in our thoughts and prayers.

Looking Ahead: Positions Open

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TRACKING THE MARINE FALCON

We apologize for inadvertently omitting the following statements in **Dr.**

Ismael Naanep's heartwarming story which was published the November 2006 issue: *"There is a saying in Filipino that goes: 'A man who does not know where he comes from will never know where he is going.' I have now come full circle."*



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July 1 for August 2007
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LACA'S Annual Meeting and Dinner
May 12, 2007 * Pearl Country Club * 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sign up form due April 14, 2007 * Cost: \$35.00

LACA looks forward to an evening of fellowship with the pioneers, supporters, volunteers, and board of directors. We have much to be proud of and good reason to celebrate!

In the spirit of aloha, bid adieu to the outgoing personnel for their efforts, dedication and hard work in sustaining LACA through the years: Vice President **Jane Nakamura**, Corresponding Secretary **Annette Tijerina**, Treasurer **Donna Ching**, Directors **Gloria Reyes** and **Pinky Blanko** and welcome the incoming officers and directors.

- 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Set up time for committees and entertainers
Mary Chongie Carmack, raffle coordinator, welcomes donations of items and gift certificates.
- 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.: Buffet dinner
 Taste of LACA Desserts: An array of homemade as well as savory commercial desserts donated by members will be accepted and set up **Bruno Oroyan**.
 Entertainment will be by several first time performers at a LACA social. Musical renditions by **Sonny Popa** of Waipahu and his group will undoubtedly entice the audience to feel like dancing or name that tune.

It will give us a chance to mingle and thank those who have contributed to PSHF which administrates the funds allocated for scholarships, awards and grants to our alma mater and to those who have donated to LACA to help offset operational expenses. **Mahalo nui loa** for your generosity, cooperation, and understanding, through the years! For those who can join us, your presence at the function will make it special.

Shop for Higher Education



LACA extends a sincere thank you to **Juliet Garcia (Robert Garcia, '58)** for rallying members and supporters to designate Lanai High School for Foodland's Shop for Higher Education scholarship program. The program ended on March 27. Names of the recipients and participating schools will be published in the local newspapers.

Suzanne Pascua Damian

By Robert Viduya

Beginning with the Lanai High School Class of 2007, a new scholarship will be awarded to one of those graduates. The \$1000 scholarship will be called the **Suzanne Pascua Damian** Vocational Scholarship and will be awarded annually, thanks to the benevolence of Suzanne.

The establishment of this scholarship fund highlights Suzanne's history of undiminished, generous giving through LACA, for the benefit of students of Lanai High and Elementary School. Through her contributions, Suzanne has been a long time member of the Lanai Hale Club designating donations exceeding \$1000. As a charter member of LACA, Suzanne's total commitment and active involvement in many of LACA's projects have been truly inspiring.

Through this scholarship, Suzanne hopes to empower Lanai High graduates to further their educational opportunities. In this endeavor, we salute **Suzanne Pascua Damian**, a valued member of the LACA ohana.

Suzanne and her husband **Richard** have two children: **Anthony Pascua**, and an adopted Korean American son **James Cleavenger**, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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Please accept our apologies if your name is not listed or needs to be updated in the Club category.

LACA Membership Drive

Susana Kincaid and Eloise Mahaulu will focus on LACA's vision in reaching out to Lana'ians to become members: *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.*

The membership drive will be in conjunction with the Lanai Senior Health Fair on Saturday, April 28, 2007 in Dole Park. Approximately forty booths will be set up from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with crafts, foods and health related information for seniors. Chairing the event will be **Maggie Masicampo**.

Photo Archives

For decades, **Nickie Oshiro** has housed and organized LACA'S Photo Archives. Anyone interested in looking at the albums can schedule an appointment by calling her at (808) 488-2108.

LACA Hawaii Photo Gallery

1064 Sand Island Parkway
"Lana'i, We Remember!"

Sharen Hashimoto coordinated the chronological placement of vintage and current photos of Lana'ians and Lana'i places of interest on January 27, 2007. **Nickie Oshiro, Buddy Richardson, Mary Ellen Richardson, Jacob Hueu and Rosita Hueu** categorized then mounted the photos on bulletin boards throughout the LACA Hawaii building. The on-going project is in need of volunteers who can help with captions and identifying individuals in the photos. Members are welcome to drop in when the board meets for their scheduled meetings the second Wednesday in March, April and June from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and look at the photos. Sharen can be reached at (808) 947-1593 or (808) 586-7155. Our thanks to **Nani Watanabe, Flora Bibilone**, and members for sharing many photos and albums that chronicled decades of events and milestones.

In Loving Memory

Our heartfelt sympathy to those who lost a loved one or friend.

Polly Sorida Ah Cook, class of 1952

Cesar Eligado, class of 1955

Helen Inaba Fujie, LHES faculty

Beatrice Tomoko Kodama, alumni

Mabel Ching Piena, former Lana'i resident

Request from Robert Park for the following announcement: **"Joseph 'Uncle Sonny' C. H. Park, 79, passed away on August 21, 2006 in Honolulu. Uncle Sonny was a retired U.S. Army Korean War and Vietnam veteran. During the Korean conflict he was a prisoner of war for over two years. He graduated from Lana'i High School."**



LACA Supporters,

On behalf of the Lana'i High Softball Team, we thank you for supporting the team at the HHSAA State Softball Tournament and being part of this memorable season. Your support of our team is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo,
LANA'I HIGH SOFTBALL

Handwritten signatures and names:
Coach Sami
Kimi
Shannelynn
Sally
Morgan
Nani
Nani 30 Sean

2007 LACA Vegas Connection at the Cal

Co-Chairs: Randy Piena, Rosita Viduya Hueu

Have you made your reservations? It's time once again to get together with Lanaians, LACA members, and families. Let's enjoy lots of kodak moments and have fun in Sin City in October. Randy and Rosita are receptive to suggestions.

***Subject to change**, plans include a **Vegas Vance** shopping tour with stops at Meadows Mall, Trader Joe's and Falles Paredes at a cost of \$25.00. A minimum of 24 shoppers is required to charter a small bus. The return trip will accommodate those who want to drop off at Premium Outlets and catch the shuttle which runs every 20 minutes back to the Cal. Others will be taken back to the hotel. Payment for the shopping tour is to be made directly to: *Vegas Vance Tours*. Check the timeline for due dates. For more information, log on to www.vegassvancetours.com or email vegassvance@aol.com.

Wednesday, August 15

1. Sign up form and LACA payment due.
2. On the form, please check if you want to go on the Vegas Vance shopping tour.
3. Designated and contact persons, please list a Vegas phone number where you can be reached should the need arise. (i.e., Availability of a Hospitality Room for LACA.)

***Saturday, September 1, Vegas Vance Tour**

"Adding an exciting new dimension to your Las Vegas visit."

1. Payment due for shopping tour.
2. Check should be mailed and made payable to:
 Vegas Vance Tours
 3032 Pearl Harbor Dr.
 Las Vegas, NV 89117
 Phone (702) 892-8111 for other popular Las Vegas tours.
3. LACA and alumni classes who have taken tours by Vegas Vance: '50, '52, '53, '59, '61.

***Friday, October 12, Vegas Vance Shopping Tour**

1. 9:45 a.m. Pick up at the Cal
2. 1:00 p.m. Return to the Cal or
3. Drop off at Premium Outlets to continue shopping or have lunch at Makino Chaya's.

Saturday, October 13, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. PASTA PIRATE

1. Early Registration. Designated and contact persons are encouraged to pick up table packets to avoid gridlock in the evening in the banquet room.
2. Ukulele raffle tickets on sale at \$5.00 for one ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets
3. Viewing of LHES Master Plan. Attendees welcome

OHANA & MAILE ROOMS

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| 5:00 p.m. | Committees set up time
LACA Security to check name tags for admittance |
| 5:30 p.m. | Disabled persons and caregivers admitted. |
| 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | Banquet, Entertainment by "Kimo and Friends," Program |

1. In the spirit of aloha, each attendee is requested to wear a lei.
2. Centerpieces will be provided by LACA and prepared per table by Alice Eligado Miyamura.
3. Voluntary donations of items or gift certificates for door prizes will be greatly appreciated.

Remembrances of Helen Fujie

Dennis Hokama, Principal of Roosevelt High School

What I do comes from what I am, which is mainly my upbringing on Lanai. We (Lanaians like yourselves) are blessed. Helen Fujie was one of those significant “experiences” that contributed to our being what we are. She was an icon having started her teaching career on Lanai in 1939. The school was established in 1938.

She could never be described as typical. She was very avant garde. Remember how she dressed and the worldly discussions including sex? She was artistically talented and much, much more. I always believed that her quirkiness was attributed to what I felt was her brilliance. She taught about every subject offered at Lanai High and Elementary School, so the course context that many of you may have experienced would be very different.

A person’s passing is always very sorrowful, but as you examine their lives, it gives their life great meaning and cause for celebration. Helen Fujie’s lifetime on Lanai, her dedication to the school, all of her students, and her contributions to the community of Lanai is a testimonial to that.

By Rhea Schoenthal of Berlin, Germany

It was the year 2000 and I was visiting Lanai staying at the posh Manele Beach Hotel when the hotel desk called and said there was a woman downstairs who insisted on seeing me, a former school teacher, a Mrs. Fujie. ‘Mrs, Who? What? Me?’ I thought, consternated. I went to the lobby, more apprehensive than curious. I had left home in 1953, this was only the second visit home since, I hardly knew anyone here and I couldn’t for the life of me remember a Mrs. Fujie, let alone someone who taught me English.

And then I saw her. How could I forget. The first word that came to mind was HELEN! Exactly as I remembered her, almost 50 years ago, or more so. She looked the embodiment of the Hawaiian local with her conical straw hat, garlanded with bright flowers, and a red kerchief tied under her chin. She looked at once outlandish and native and the perfect centerpiece amidst all this opulence!



She had so much to say, my teacher. She told me about the art objects in the lobby such as the priceless, black antique palanquin which came from Japan and was used by the samurai. In fact, she said, the word ‘mane’le, the hotel’s name, meant ‘palanquin’ or ‘litter’ and was used by the ali’i (Hawaiian royalty) for transport. I was thrilled since I’m a pushover for palanquins, the samurai and kings and queens. She then handed me two volumes of Hawaiian spooky tales, which included a few stories by her and her husband, Roy Fujie and which upon reading later proved an unexpected source of local history and color. She then pointed to the gorgeous mural on the wall and said it was the work of a former pupil of hers. Helen was so erudite I believed her when she told me she was the only inhabitant on Lanai that knew Latin!

How she stunned me, Helen. I thought I had to drag myself down to the lobby to see her, and now I can’t tear myself away. When I’m at Manele Beach again, I’ll go into the lobby, admire the palanquin and pretend she’s still there.

Editor’s note: *Rhea Schoenthal is the professional name of Rosita Valdez, alumna of the class of 1952. In compliance with a request for an update, here is what she shared:*

After graduating from high school I went to the University of Hawaii for a year, then transferred to Ohio State University at Columbus Ohio, where I graduated with a B.A. in 1956, then to the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) where I got my MA at the Center of Japanese Studies. Then I returned to Columbus and got married to Klaus Schoenthal, a German Fulbright Student who was getting his PhD at Ohio State. I returned with him to Germany.

Learned German and did some stints as a free-lance journalist, translator, etc. I got a break and joined Time Magazine in the Bonn Bureau in (at that time West) Germany in 1970. We covered East and West Germany, Scandinavia and the East bloc. I retired at the end of 1996. In 2000 moved to Berlin which was now the capital of reunited Germany and where I have lived with my husband since.

LANAI HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lanai Alumni Association Scholarship Awards

Thomas Roy Nunotani, Class of 1952, was the founder of the Lana'i Alumni Association and served as general chairman from 1982 until his untimely death on January 11, 1995. Scholarship awards were presented in:

1988	\$1000
1989	\$500
1990	\$600
1991	\$500
1992	\$600

\$1000 Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship Recipients

The Lana'i Alumni and Community Association (LACA) evolved from the Lana'i Alumni Association. It was formally established in 1995 with **Robert Kinoshita** as the first president.

1996	Jay-Ed Guntang
1997	Ruselle Agtarap
1998	Marinel Agtarap
1999	Nicole Gima

Maui Lanai Connection (MLC) Scholarship Recipients

Maui Lanai Connection is a LACA network affiliate. **Nani Kwon Watanabe, President**

1997	Jaqueline Nartatez, \$500
1998	Hennessey Amby, \$500
1999	Young Wee Chun Scholarship, \$1000

\$1500 LACA Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship Recipients

2000	Annette Quilinquin
2001	Darwin Javier
2002	Michelle J. Fujie
2003	Musashi Andrea Dela Cruz
2004	Christine L. Caraang
2005	Christie Marlene B. Urban
2006	Michelle Nalani Del Rosario

\$1000 LACA Vocational Scholarship Recipients

2000	Anthony Ayonayon
2001	Joshua Ige
2002	Marliane B. Rarogal
2003	Angela Bolo
2004	Ronald J. K. Woolsey
2005	Mary Claire Bolo
2006	Rose Vie Ann Agcaoili

\$1230 Kiyoshi Minami Memorial Vocational Scholarship Recipient

2005	Amanda Cabatbat
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ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1948: Mystery Mountain House

By Sammy Young

During my days living on Lana'i my original name was **Kwai Wing**. Lanaians will remember me as the **Pake Boy**, son of the manager of the old Yet Lung Store. After getting out of the service my haole name, **Sammy Young**, was added. The first site of our store was where Pine Isle Market is now situated.

I like to remember the old times on Lana'i and my four classmates who still live there: Soon **Yai Choi Amaral**, **Winona Pavao Brown**, **Shirley Honda Oshiro** and **Ray Diyoko Higa**. Let me share the excitement we experienced in the mid '40's when Boy Scout Troop #124 of which I was a member saw this mountain house for the first time!

Flashback to the pineapple plantation years. Head for the old Palawai Basin and the piggery. Keep going until you get to the back of the piggery which is approximately three miles up the dusty, dirt road. This takes you get to the top of the old pineapple fields. Turn left toward pump well #1. From here, you hike a short way through the sticky, California grass.

There stood the mysterious mountain house where the weather, scenery and nature surroundings were just super! This mountain house consisted of open floors with an open kitchen with water pipe. The water was from a good size wooden water tank. Other features of the house included a loft, window and corrugated roof which kept the rain out.

I assume this mountain house was built by the Munro ohana for a weekend retreat. It was probably used, also, as a shelter by the forestry workers who planted trees along the hillside for water and soil conservation.

Aloha nui loa from Sammy, the Pake Boy.



Class of 1950

Shinsuke Tengan is the first guest to check in at the LACA Hawaii building at 1064 Sand Island Parkway. Shinsuke lives in Las Vegas and returned to Oahu for a nine days vacation. His classmates **Mary "Chongie" Carmack**, **Walter Manriki**, and **Robert Kinoshita** went over to talk story.

Class of 1952

Rhea Schoenthal aka Rosita Valdez was a tantalizing and graceful hula dancer in high school. When queried about her hula now that she's retired here are her comments:

Apropos Hula, since last November I have been dancing after all these years - hula again - I still have my Lanai hula certificates dated 1948 and 1950 - of all places in Berlin, and of all people, with a group of Germans who are all gone on Hula and Hawaiian culture. They recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of King David Kalakaua's visit to Berlin, where he stopped on his world tour. Last November a kumu from Oahu (Rich Pedrina) flew over just for a weekend workshop and we were joined by hula enthusiasts from all over Germany, but also foreigners from Mexico, Japan and Trinidad - that's the Caribbean. One of our German dancers, a young fellow, is originally from East Berlin. If the Berlin Wall hadn't come down, he would still be sitting behind it and would never have heard of hula. Now, he wears his Merrie Monarch shirt at practice and teaches me the steps. They all put me to shame. Aloha, Rhea

Class of '52 Hawaii Luncheon

By Kiyomi Akahoshi Kunishige

We met at Mililani Golf Course restaurant at 11:00 am. Present were: **Al Ah Cook, Millie/Raymond Barona, Suzie Damian, Hattie Higa, Kiyomi Kunishige, Ruth Nakasone, Hank Pascua, and Randy Piena.** Treats of See's candies, cookies, and home grown fruits were shared by Hattie, Ruth, Suzie and Hank. The group of small, moderate, and big eaters enjoyed their selections of chopped steak, mixed plate/salad bar, and sandwiches. "Regular" Mililani restaurant diner, **Robert Viduya,** stopped by to say hello and treated those who lingered to dessert. Next luncheon will be at the Camelia (Korean) Buffet, at 930 McCully Street. Suzie is in charge of making the reservation.

Class of '52 California Luncheon

By Mildred Tanaka & Eddie Hokama

On a beautiful clear day we had our class lunch at the Marukai Food Court. Assorted pot luck munchies for the day included fruits, mochi, pastries, candies, and arare.

Present were: **Jane Okimoto, Marcellino Sugitan, Nita Vergara, Edith Gikiu, Stanley Juan, Millie Tanaka, Eddie/Mitsue Hokama.** Discussions and announcements (* also by Kiyomi's group) included:

- ◆ Sad news of the death of **Rose Kim Alcomindras'** husband, Victor, who died of liver cancer.*
- ◆ The Alaskan cruise and attendance to the October LACA event may be dropped due to lack of interest.*
- ◆ Those present seemed interested in a one or two days bus trips to the Indian casinos.
- ◆ Eddie and Mitsue were happy to see **Charlie Kwan** after all these years and shared photos of their recent trip to Vegas.
- ◆ February birthday wishes were extended to: **Marilyn Fernandez, Jaime Dugay, Suzie Damian and Richard Kawakami.***

Next get together for lunch will be on Wednesday, March 14.

Happy 50th Anniversary!

Richard and Shirley Nunotani Smith

Source: Current-Argus New Mexico newspaper

Carlsbad —**Richard and Shirley Nunotani Smith** of Carlsbad celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 20, 2006. The couple was married in Bayard, New Mexico in 1956. The Smiths have three children: Owen I. Smith of Albuquerque, NM, Dawn T. Cude of Amarillo, TX and Mark T. Smith of Carlsbad, NM.

Shirley was born and raised in Lanai City, Hawaii and attended the University of Hawaii. Dick was born in Santa Rita, NM and raised in Hurley, NM. He spent two years at Missouri Central and two years in the army at Ft. Monroe, VA. The couple met when both were attending Western NM University where they graduated from in 1958.

The couple moved to Carlsbad from Silver City, NM in 1960. Shirley was a school teacher for 26 years before retiring. She now volunteers at the community kitchen and enjoys line dancing at the senior center. Richard spent 18 years working at a potash mine and 11 years in real estate before retiring. He is a life-time member of BPOE 1558.



Happy 50th Anniversary—continued

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vaughn

Silver City – **Roger and Helen Yamato Vaughn** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 5, 2006. The couple was married in a little church in Bayard, New Mexico. The couple met when both attended New Mexico Western College in 1955. The Vaughns have six children: Marylee of Silver City, Laura Barela of Santa Fe, Dianan Munoz of Silver City, Leslie of Jacksonville, FL. Janice Vaughn of Silver City, Roger Vaughn, Jr. of Peoria, AZ. They have 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons.

Roger was born in O'Donnell, TX and raised in Hurley, New Mexico. Helen was born and raised in Lanai City and attended the University of Hawaii and New Mexico Western College. Rather than juggling child care and college, Helen chose to be a full time stay-at-home mom and raise their children.

Roger worked for Kennecott Copper Corporation at the Chino Mines Division in various capacities: chemist, metallurgical engineer, systems analyst, Precipitate Operations Superintendent, Mines Plant Maintenance Superintendent.

Now as retirees, Helen asserts Roger is a jack-of-all trades and master-of all as a mechanic for his daughters in Silver City and as a handyman in home maintenance. They spend time their time at the Wellness Center Gym, baby sit and dote on their great-grandson, 2 ½ years old Isaiah.

As a sequel to the anniversary article, best friends, Helen & Roger Vaughn, Shirley & Dick Smith celebrated their anniversaries by going on a 7 days cruise on the Carnival ship, Glory, to Eastern Caribbean. Port stops were at Nassau in the Bahamas, St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Island, and St. Marteen at Netherland Antilles. It was such an exhilarating experience that another cruise is planned for next year.



Class of 1957 Planning for their 50th Reunion

By Shirley Sakoda Long

Jackie Botelho, Shirley Sakoda Long, Gladys Shinoda Lee, Bobby Tsumura and Robert Hirayama met at Zippy's Restaurant on Oahu and started the ball rolling. Pot lucks, karaoke, dinners at the senior home and Four Seasons Hotel, hiking, visiting the school, swimming at Hulope, obento lunch picnics are some of the activities planned. Surveys and pictorial pages are already coming in as the Class of 1957 plans its reunion on the island of Lanai for July 19, 20, 21, 2007. Save those dates! We are still looking for **Stanley Kaopuiki, Rogelio Naanep** and waiting to hear from classmates with their surveys and pictures for the memory book.



Class of 1970

By Dot Eharis Yoza

Debbie Awa Williams who resides in Washington, visited her family and participated in a fundraiser walk for her nephew. Coincidentally, **Stephen and Alberta Keka Duarte** from Maui were here for business and **Warren Tolentino** from California, attended the memorial service on Lanai for his mom and was in between flights. I hadn't seen Debbie since she left Lana'i to attend school on the mainland at the start of our junior year in high school. Emails were sent out. This would be a good time to rekindle friendships and brighten Warren's day.

On November 9, 2006 several classmates gathered at Ige's 19th Puka to eat, drink, and enjoy the music of **John Basebase**. Party goers included: Debbie, Stephen/Alberta, Warren, Dot, **Ricky Oyama, Nona Dinong, Pinky Blanko, Rita Dombrigues Cabras, Val Kodama, and Robert Garcia**. Another party to look forward to will be the celebration of our 55th birthdays in 2007!

Beneficiaries of your PSHF Donations

Student Award for School or Community Service Grant

This grant provides for the following awards:

1. \$200 U.S. Savings Bond (cost \$100) 1997 – 2004
\$500 cash award in 2006
2. Certificate of Merit
3. Award Citation

Recipients:

1997	Ruselle A. Agtarap
1998	Lauren Dela Cruz
1999	No award given
2000	Nicole Fujie
2001	Megan Bagoyo
2002	Michelle Fujie
2003	Angela P. Bolo
2004	Ronald Woolsey, Jr.
2005	No award given
2006	Rose Vie Ann Agcaoili



Class Project Grant

1996	\$500 to Class of 1996 to install metal bowls and drainage for the school's drinking fountains
1997	\$500 to the Leadership Class and advisor Lynn Kahoolalahala to visit Maui County government
1997-98	\$200 for lighting/sound equipment for school dances \$200 for 6 th grade class to build computer furniture \$100 for kindergarten class in G-10 to "celebrate artist within a student."
1998-99	\$500 to grade 2 to purchase multiple copies of appropriate books for guided reading \$119.50 to kindergarten to purchase tapes and other supplies in learning about a healthy life style
2000	\$2,000 to support Lanai Elementary School literacy program, the California Early Literacy Learning (CELL)
2001	\$1,500 for continued support of the CELL program
2002	\$1,500 for Science Fair Project

Professional Improvement Grant

1996	\$300 to Carol Ah Toong and Patricia Hera to purchase Big Books for use in the literacy program
1997	\$300 to Dianne Preza and Allison Strain for Kindergarten Language Arts program
1997-98	\$200 for Middle School teachers (gr. 6-8) to attend Middle School Conference \$100 for kindergarten classes to purchase food and supplies for hands-on activities for meaningful learning experiences
1998-99	\$400 for Marine Science Education Project \$100 for Visitation from Professional Musician project
2001	\$453.84 to Robin Fancy to attend workshop in strengthening second grade program.
2003	\$481.00 to Romeo Eleno to attend workshop in Physical Education

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LACA Hawaii Holiday Craft Fair

LACA and non LACA vendors showcased a galore of homemade crafts, commercial merchandise and delicious foods at the 2006 Craft Fair held at Kapolei Middle School on November 11, 2006. Musicians **Jay Reponte** and his group, Farrington High School karaoke instructors **Jerry/Joan Momohara**, their two friends, dancers **Fely Gaboya/Jimi Miura**, and volunteer singers, livened up the day with superb entertainment. **Randy Sanches** was the affable emcee. Mahalo nui loa to the following for their support and assistance:

Vendors lay-out: **Myrtle Reponte**

Photographer: **Delaine Ige**

Liaison: **Donald Yanagi**

Door prizes: donated by many of the vendors

Insurance: **Robert Kinoshita**, president/owner of Kula Sand, LLC

Publicity: **Kylie Bagio, Donna Ching, Suzanne Damian, Rita Goshi, Jacob Hueu, Beverly Kaneshige Denton Miyamura, Jan Muranaka, Val Tanodra. Bill Mossman**, assistant editor, featured **Rosita Hueu's** interview in two Leeward newspapers regarding the association's affiliation with Lanai High and Elementary School and the financial assistance given by LACA.



See inside for more photos from this event!