

The Lana'i Connection

2008 LACA Las Vegas Connection

Date: Saturday, October II

Time: 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Place: Ohana & Maile Banquet Rooms at the Cal

* KARAOKE * DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE * BUFFET * PICTURE TAKING *

"Eh, I nevah know he could sing dat good. You should have heard and seen him sing karaoke last night!" Sounds familiar? LACA members



and guests will have the chance to shine and dazzle the audience with their hidden talents at the annual gathering on October 11. Each table will have a book with song titles for participants and requests will be welcome for community singing.

Bruddah Guy Perez known to many in Las Vegas as the emcee of the Polynesian Show at the former Castaway Hotel/Casino and former DJ at a radio station will provide and handle the karaoke entertainment. He will be assisted by his brother Patrick. Guy and Patrick lived in Waipahu. They are the sons of Ted Arsenio Perez, class of 1951

We ask for your understanding regarding (1) payment for the event which is non refundable and (2)

vacating the Ohana/Maile banquet room by 10:00 p.m. The invoice which includes meals for attendees. audio equipment, etc. is paid in full to the California Hotel before the scheduled event. An option for

attendees who are unable to attend at the last minute would be to sell their reservations to others. Please inform the committee at Early Sign In at Pasta Pirate or in the evening of the change in names. The banquet room is reserved only for four hours. LACA will be billed \$200 for each additional hour.

Optional participation: (1) Donated door prizes should be given to **Jean Piena** who will be staying at the California Hotel or given to the door prize committee in the evening. (2) Each table is requested to please provide a centerpiece which will be awarded to someone at the table. In the past, the array of centerpieces were handmade crafts, boxes of cookies/candies, souvenirs or gift

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baskets. (3) Kanikapila: showcase your talent and perform on stage!

Strict airlines regulations, higher price to pay for extra luggage, inconvenience in transporting musical instruments and door prizes, necessitated LACA to consider alternatives that would ease traveling for attendees, committee members, and entertainers.

2009 LACA Las Vegas Connection: If airlines regulations pose no problem and you would like to provide entertainment or be responsible in transporting prizes from local vendors, drop a line to: LACA Vegas, P.O. Box 515, Pearl City, HI 96782. The board of directors will select September 12 or 19 for the next year's event. Your suggestions are welcome as the steering committee makes the effort to plan enjoyable events for you.

Co-chairing are **Jean Piena**, (808) 845-8651, email pienaohana @yahoo.com and **Rosita Hueu**, (808) 455-7605, email rvhueu@aol.com Deadline to send in sign up form and payment is August 15.

'07 HAWAIIAN PACKAGE GRAND PRIZE WINNER



Michael Caballero was the proud recipient and grand prize winner of the coveted 5 nights/4 days Hawaiian Package at the California Hotel.



Winner of the watercolor painting by renowned artist **Frank Gikiu** was **Suzanne Pascua Damian**.



Winner of the ukulele was **Terry Sallave** who is married to **Sonny Sallave**, an uncle of the Endrinas of Lanai. Terry resides in San Diego and is diligently learning to play the ukulele.



I have been very blessed to be able to craft and donate an instrument and raise funds to assist the students of Lanai. The Lanai High School Computer Lab is the sole beneficiary of the funds collected at the annual LACA Las Vegas Connection. The entire amount collected is forwarded to Lanai High School. The expense to build the ukulele is not deducted from the proceeds.

As long as I'm blessed and able to build a ukulele, I will be donating my time and effort to build a ukulele to benefit the students of Lanai High School. I have so many fond memories of growing up and attending school on Lanai that I feel this is a way of "GIVING BACK."

I really feel that Principal **Pierce Myers** initiated a big bonus for the students of Lanai when he created this program of a computer lab. I can't help but feel that the students are in a "WIN WIN" situation.

I would like to thank all those in the past who have donated generously to my ukulele drawing and in the future, a plea for your donation which will continue in helping the students of Lanai.

2007 MINAMI AWARD

The Language Arts 3, Junior English Class was selected as the recipient for the \$1,500 **Kiyoshi Mana Minami** Class Project Grant. According to **Ms. Melissa Monroe**, teacher, the grant will be utilized in purchasing a Dell projector and Lexmark printer, which will aid the students in doing their research project. They will do research on job markets, education, economy, environmentalism, and sustainability.

The funds will also cover expenses for a carrying case for the projector, printer cartridge, shipping, and a reception in the spring for students and the community.

Congratulations to the Junior English Class, Ms. Monroe, and **Shanthally Alboro**, class president.

THE GIFT OF GIVING

Your understanding and past support have helped



immeasurably to make LACA a very worthy and viable organization. Please contribute what you can. Every dollar helps!

I.For a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check out to Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation (or just PSHF)

and write "for LACA" on the bottom left hand corner of your check. PSHF gives your money directly to Lana'i High and Elementary School students and teachers for scholarships, awards and grants.

- For a non-tax deductible contribution, please make your check out to LACA. LACA contributions stay in our Treasury and pay for all of the operational costs we incur including *The Lana'i Connection* which is distributed to over one thousand members.
- Please mail either or both checks to: LACA Funds
 P.O. Box 515
 Pearl City, HI 96782
- 4. Donations are cumulative and place donors in the following club categories:

Contributor Pineapple – up to \$99 Century Pineapple - \$100 up Golden Pineapple - \$500 up Lanai Hale - \$1,000 up Lanai Hale Silver - \$5,000 up Lanai Hale Platinum - \$10,000 up



OUR LATEST OPERATIONAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008

LACA thanks each of you for your generous support! Since our '07 November issue, we have received contributions from the following members:

Dinong, Sandy
Calbero, Herman/Evelyn
Hueu, Jacob & Rosita
Lantz, Nancy B.
Loo, Sakae
Maly, Kepa & Onaona
Minami, Nona
Oga, Christine

Olsen, William Oroyan, Bruno Oshiro, Chiyoshi Oshiro, George Platt, Margaret Rowray, Eleanor Viduya, Robert

HONORING OTHERS

Honoring Others was initiated by **Maisie Nunotani Nagaishi,** class of 1951, when she designated her monetary donation in commemorating the significant milestones of her classmates. Subsequently, members are now donating to LACA or PSHF in celebration or in memory of friends, classmates and relatives

Monetary gifts to the Lana`i Alumni and Community Association (LACA) and Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation (PSHF) were sent in by:

- Class of 1953 in memory of classmate Eloise (Botelho) Mahaulu.
- Christine Oga in memory of classmate Lillian (Shimizu) Arakaki.
- Jacob and Rosita Hueu in memory of their parents Loreta (Caluya) and Liberato Viduya, Sr. and classmate Eleanor (Miyajima) Uchida.
- Nona Armstrong Minami in memory of her husband Kiyoshi "Mana" Minami
- Chiyoshi Oshiro in memory of his wife Shirley (Honda) Oshiro
- Susana Sanches Kincaid in memory of her brother Abondio "Bonjoe" Sanchez, class of '57, Lana'i High School basketball player "extraordinaire."

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Hatsue Nakafuji Shimizu, class of 1944 Christine Acol Ganab, class of 1945 Stanley Shiroma, class of 1948 Dolores Bayron Morris, class of 1952 Eloise Botelho Mahaulu, class of 1953 Eleanor Miyajima Uchida, class of 1953 Abondio "Bonjoe" Sanchez, class of 1957 Cyndi Shin Arruiza, class of 1965 Masashi "Mustache" Tsumura, Community



Hatsue Shimizu with spouse Riyogi and brother Tsugio Nakafuji, class of 1949.

In Celebration of **Dolly Jamero Babayan**'s Life Oahu Cemetery



Ist row: Lucena Ramirez, Trudy Wallace, Marie Perriera 2nd row: Jeri Iba, Monica Cockett, Maggie Luczon

In Loving Memory (continued)

The family of the late **Masashi "Mustache" Tsumura** would like to thank you for your expressions of sympathy, concern and caring. Your kindness and generosity were much appreciated and meant a great deal to the family.

"Mustache" was 96 years old when he died on February 14. He will long be remembered as one of the pioneers on Lana'i and for his many contributions which enriched the community and the lives of Lanaians. His children were **Carol Ann Fujimoto and Bob Tsumura.**

Many thanks to **Richard Nunotani** for donating one of the few photos he has of his deceased brothers **Tommy, Roger**, and **Stanley Nunotani** which was published in the '07 November issue. Mahalo to **Betty Nakafuji Itakura** who took the initiative in securing permission from Richard for her class and for LACA to acquire a treasured remembrance.

VACATION RENTALS ON LANA'I

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LANA'I HIGH SCHOOL PINELADS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL PROGRAM 2008

Aloha, Rosita and all the Lana'i Alumni Association Members!

The Lana'i Boys varsity Basketball Pinelads along with the Coaching Staff would like to thank you for the great support and reception that we received during the first nights basketball game against Farrington High School and throughout the entire stay while in Honolulu for the 2008 State Boys Basketball Tournament. Your cheers and encouragement during the battle between the Governors and the Pinelads really charged up the boys and gave them that extra boost to fight to the final buzzer. The Lana'i Alumni members truly was our sixth player in the Chargers' Gym! We are so grateful to have such awesome support and love from all of you and want to let you all



know how much we truly appreciate it! The encouragement from people and the stories that you shared with the boys and coaching staff were priceless! We, the players and staff take for granted the simplicity and lifestyle of Lana`i, which you all miss and cherish. The Lana`i Alumni Association has showed the team how precious the island of Lana`i is and how great a little community can be.

Thank you all for the dinner that you hosted for our mighty Pinelads and for your presence, all of the snacks and desserts were so wonderful! We would like to thank all the members for their kind contributions and donations for the success of our trip to Oahu. The \$1740 check and the many more contributions made by the alumni members were used for meals while on Oahu. The team also received the basketball tournament t-shirts and booklets paid for by many donors from our islanders of Lana`i. While on Oahu, the Lana`i Pinelads were housed by the Kamehemeha Schools at Kapalama Heights, and practice time was allotted for the Pinelads at Kekuhau`pio Gymnasium.

Again, we would like thank all who made our trip a success and memorable. We love you all and wish you good health! God bless you all and keep you safe!



I-r:Thomas Stuck, Henry Eskaran Jr., Larry Icalla, Jimmy Fernandez Jr., Richard Batoon

From the Athletic Department Athletic Director: David McHugh

The Coaching Staff: Jimmy Fernandez Jr., Thomas Stuck, Larry Icalla, Christian Yumol, Henry Eskaran Jr., and Richard Batoon.

The Pinelads Seniors: Elmer Agtarap, Chris Ganer, Russell Lamay, Dustin Donato, Matthew Tan

Juniors: Phillip Bolo, Renan Espiritu, Claighton Haban Sophomores: Bryan Etrata, William Haban, Tumayne

Fauate'a, Lorenz Valdez, Bryce Kaaikala

Freshmen: Ryan Fauate'a, Mark Louie Espiritu, Neil

Maltezo, and Jordan Agtarap

Aloha and with Love, LHS Coach Jim Fernandez



P.S.

Hope to be part of the 2009 State Boys Basketball Tournament next year! Cross your fingers!



NEW CULTURE & HISTORY PROGRAMS ON LANA'I

On October 1st, 2007, the new Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center (LCHC) opened its doors in the old Dole Administration Building (Room 126) on Lana'i. By December 31st, more than 1,055 people had visited the center, and the numbers continue to grow. The LCHC is a Section 501(c) (3) charitable, non-profit corporation (private operating foundation), dedicated to the perpetuation and appreciation of Lana'i's rich cultural heritage and natural history.

The LCHC has its roots in programs initiated by residents, community organizations and Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC, in the mid 1980s. Today, we are actively working to fulfill the vision and ensure that everyone who lives on, or who visits Lana`i has the opportunity to experience the unique heritage of our island home.

Mission & Programs

The Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center seeks to inspire people to be informed, thoughtful and active stewards of their heritage by preserving, interpreting and celebrating Lana'i's Hawaiian heritage, natural history, diverse cultures, and ranching and plantation era histories.

As a part of the programs of the LCHC, we are working to preserve and display artifacts of traditional cultural value to the Hawaiian people and island of Lana`i. The collections also focus on items and history representative of Lana`i's ranching and plantation eras—

including the islands' diverse ethnic populations. Historical plantation era documents and family memorabilia have also been donated to the LCHC. These combined collections represent the cultural diversity of the island and enable us to share facets of Lana`i's history with present and future generations—honoring those people who have come before us, and upon whose successes we stand. The program initiatives also offer assistance in interpreting and caring for the unique natural landscape of Lana`i.

As we are working to build a new museum/heritage center (now looking at the old Post Office site), we need your help. We are hoping to add historical records, photographs, artifacts, and cultural memorabilia to the LCHC collections. We are planning a formal curatorial/archival collections facility with which to care for the material culture of Lana`i's people. Please join us and help us perpetuate knowledge of, appreciation for, and programs to ensure preservation of Lana`i's unique heritage and legacy.

For more information about the Lana`i Culture & Heritage Center, contact **Kepa Maly** at kepa@LanaiCHC.org; P.O. Box 631599 – Lana`i City, Hawaii 96763; or at (808) 565-7177. You may also visit our website at www.LanaiCHC.org for more information, access to our archives, updates on programs, and information on financial needs.

DOWN MEMORY LANE Can you identify the pretty bula maidens of yesteryear?





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CAREER DAY AT LANA'I HIGH & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Career Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 2

Scenes from last year's Career Day...





Alumni News





1950

Hear ye! Hear ye! Tentatively, the 60th Class Reunion celebration will be held on Oahu, August, 2010, body willing and in good health.

Contact person: **Robert Kinoshita.** Call (808)291-1349, email at bob-hcsr@hawaii.rr.com. To continue planning, a sign up of at least ten classmates is required.

Please let Robert know your weekend preference to have the reunion:

- a) August 6 8
- b) August 13 15
- c) August 20 22
- d) August 27 29



Robert/Thelma Kinoshita with family at the Sugar Bowl in. New Orelans

1951

Fred Camero celebrated his 80th birthday at the Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay on January 5, 2008. The Camero ohana was the first on the island to utilize the Hale Halawai Ballroom for the breakfast buffet.

Fred arrived as a sakada from the Philippines in 1946. His first job with Dole Pineapple Company was as a farmall operator, driving a high tractor to dig out the weeds between the rows of pineapple. He married **Rosita Magaoay**, valedictorian of the class of 1951.





1952

November 24, 2007 was the 50th wedding anniversary of **Raymond and Mildred (Esclito) Barona**. Their children Raymond Jr. Susan, Amy and Jon hosted a luncheon at the Oceanarium at Pacific Beach Hotel. Raymond and Mildred were presented with an interisland cruise on Pride of America which Millie says was "fantastic!"

A unique fact in the Barona ohana is that the granddaughters are exactly 12 years apart and born in the Year of the Boar. Pictured with grandparents Ray and Millie are **Dominque Marie Martinez**, **Tori-May Tajiri**, baby Julia Marie.



The occasion was the baptism of baby Julia at St. Patrick's church in Kaimuki.

Thanks to **David and Elena Funada's** generosity, we were treated in January to our first class luncheon at King's Hawaiian Restaurant: Mitsue, Elena, Jane, Edith, Milie, Stanley, Eddie, Marcellino, David, Richard (photo on following page)





LHS '52 CLASSMATES, OAHU

by Kiyomi Kunishige

We met at Spicy Ahi Restaurant (Korean/Japanese Cuisine), a small place just right for the seven of us: **Richard, Hank, Randy, Susie, Ruth N., Helen** and **Kiyomi**. Although **Ruth T.** was not feeling up to par she called to place advance reservation and was told it was not necessary.

As Ruth T. and Hattie had mentioned the food was very good! Hank brought homemade pipikaula which he prepared using flank steak soaked in his secret special sauce. It was delicious! Helen shared Hilo's famous chocolate dipped shortbread cookies and Kiyomi brought Frango hazelnut chocolates.

Ruth N. passed out copies of Rosita's email, *Subj: Lanai High Basketball Game/Reception*. The LHS Pinelads will be playing at Pearl City High School gym for the State's basketball tournament. This is the first time in 24 years the Pinelads will be playing in the State Tournament. A potluck dinner reception was planned for Friday, 8:00 p.m at the Hueu's residence.

Helen distributed the letter to classmates about the Lanai Reunion. We tried to talk about the Lanai reunion but it was too hard to hear what was being said. So Hank said he'll call us on this matter. He will be renting a house and will have a van. We mentioned that Martin who lives on the Big Island had planned to come to the reunion. Seconds later, Susie had Martin on her cell phone and he and Hank talked for a few minutes.

Randy just became a Great Grandfather. CONGRATULATIONS!

February birthday celebrants: **Marilyn** (2/6), **Suzie** (2/18), **Jaime** (2/18) and **Richard K.** (2/25)—all 74 years young except **Susie** who just made 73! Happy birthday to you all and many more to come!

Next month lunch will be on March 18, at the Korean Palace Buffet in Mililani where Makino Chaya used to be, 11:00 a.m.



1953

In the '07 November issue, **Richard Arakaki**, spouse of the late **Lillian (Shimizu) Arakaki** was erroneously identified as Richard Shimizu. We apologize for the mistake.

Classmates Walter Goshi, Jacob/Rosita Hueu, Teophilo Cabalo, Marianne Higa, Christine Oga, met with Pete/ Nita Vergara on January 15 at Buffet 100 at Ward Warehouse on



Class of 1953 at Buffet 100



(Class of 1953, continued)

January 15. Pete and Nita were heading back to California after vacationing for a month on Lana'i. Guests were Violet/ Ermi Barroga. Missing from the photo is Robert Godinez.

55th Class Reunion Celebration will be at Jean Piena's residence during the summer (date TBA). For information, classmates are requested to get in touch with Jean at (808) 845-8651 or call Rosita at (808) 455-7605. Partake of delectable catered food, spend time talking stories and best of all, just enjoying each other's company!

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kula!

Dennis, the son of **Ron and Rufina (Rabbon) Kula** married Youmna (Al Bacha) in Dallas, Texas on December 22, 2008. The wedding was held at Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church.





A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY - MARS & SOLI

By Rose B. Robinson.

Little did Mariano "Mars" Masicampo and Solidad Tanodra know way back in kindergarten that they would end up together - and stay married for 50 years! Soli and Mars were high school sweethearts and on May 18, they will celebrate their Golden Anniversary! They are one of the first in our Class of 1955.

Mars left Lanai High during his sophomore year to attend Honolulu Technical School (now Honolulu Community College.) Soli remained on Lanai where she graduated from LHS. After graduation from their respective schools, Soli moved to Honolulu where she worked for Hawaiian Telephone as an operator, and Mars went to work for Hawaiian Airlines as an aircraft mechanic. He thereafter joined the Air Force and made it his career, gaining experience in the science of aerospace. But he didn't leave his love behind rang true and three years after graduation, they tied the knot at the Sacred Heart Church on Lanai.

Being in the Air Force gave them the opportunity to travel and live in various cities and countries. With their growing brood, which eventually became five children, they were either stationed or traveled to California, Japan, Vancouver, B.C., Washington, D.C., Illinois with their five children, Mark, Regina, Martin, Michael and Tommy. That was an adventure in itself!

After retiring from the Air Force after 20 years of service, Mars went on

to work for Ford Aerospace Company in Greenland, and at Vandenberg AFB in

California, where they finally settled in Lompoc. They now have 8+ grandchildren, and great-grandchildren so far. Mars is still working at the Chumash Casino in Santa Ynez near Santa Barbara, CA which he enjoys very much. Soli has retired from Wal-Mart where she worked a few years, but still keeps busy bowling and singing in chorales in her community. They both have been very lucky in Las Vegas where Soli won a \$25,000 jackpot playing video poker, and Mars has had his share of good luck winning jackpots (altho smaller) there, too. It couldn't happen to a nicer couple who deserve all that they receive. Congratulations!



1970

Congratulations to **Nelson Tamashiro** of Kaneohe for the hole-in-one on February 27 at the Navy Marine Course! Using a 5-wood, his classmate **Valerie Kodama**, witnessed the spectacular 168 yards shot which aced the 12th hole.



1979

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2007

In addition to the awards mentioned in the '07 November newsletter, **Donovan Ozoa** received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Lanai Lion's Club.

PINE LADS SUPPORTERS

Mahalo nui loa to the following for your generous monetary support! Contributions amounted to \$2,610 as of February 29. Asterisks denote participation in the potluck dinner reception at the Hueu's residence.

Anbe, Daniel, M.D Calero, Evelyn/Herman Kincaid, Susana **Oga**, Christine **Oshiro, Nickie Dalde, Ben/Naomi Kinoshita, Robert **Damian, Suzanne Kunishige, Kiyomi Piena, Jean Esteban, Martin **Lanai Golfers Association** **Reponte, Myrtle **Goshi, Rita/Francis Loo, Sakae Yamanaka, Joan A. **Hueu, Jacob/Rosita Matsuura, Bruce **Viduva, Libby Kawakami, Richard Minami, Nona **Nakasone, Ruth

Joining in the fellowship and/or adding to the delicious array of foods, were:

Blanko, Pinky
Hueu, Darren
Timbreza, Jojo/Thor
Carlos Robbie & Kisha
Jimenez, Ruth/Derek
Chur, Jami
Loughran, Marilyn/Shane
Flood, Carolyn/Dan
Miyamura, Alice/Haruo
Fujisaki, Nicole
Reponte, Myrtle/James
Timbreza, Jojo/Thor
Viduya, Robert
Yanagi, Donald
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