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LACA Las Vegas Connection

California Hotel and Casino

We look forward to partying with you on:

Date: October 13, 2007

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Place: Ohana and Maile banquet rooms

Cost: \$40 member/spouse

\$50 non-member or signing up as a new member

Deadline for payment and sign-up is August 15.

The event continues to bring together from all parts of the mainland and Hawaii former Lanaians, alumni, and supporters/guests who are non-Lanaians. It's a time for class reunions, family celebrations, and rekindling fond Lanai memories. Preliminary plans drawn up by Co-Chairs **Randy Piena, Rosita Hueu** and the Steering Committee include the following things to do:

1. **Tuesday, October 9 – Saturday, October 13**

Sonny Dalde welcomes anyone interested in golfing at various courses to call him at 398-5913 for details.

2. **Friday, October 12: Vegas Vance Shopping Tour**

Enjoy shopping for the oncoming holidays or omiyage at Trader Joe's, Felles Parades and Meadow's Mall. On the way back to the hotel, drop off at Premium Outlet for more shopping and have lunch at Makino Chaya. Catch the bus shuttle from Premium Mall to return to the hotel. Shoppers who opt not to drop off at Premium Mall will return to the hotel.

For more details contact Vegas Vance at: (702) 892-8111 or vegasvance@aol.com.

4. **Saturday, October 13**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Pasta Pirate

Contact Persons and attendees without designated Contact Person are requested to pick up name tags. Distribution should be made prior to the scheduled evening event.

Everyone is welcome to drop in and view Lanai High and Elementary School's Master Plan which will be displayed by **Reynald Butch Gima**.

Ukulele craftsman, **Pedring Dugay**, and his helpers will be selling raffle tickets \$5.00 for one ticket or \$20.00 for five tickets. You could be that lucky winner!

5:00 p.m. Ohana and Maile banquet rooms

Set up time for committees and musicians

6:00 p.m. Festivities begin!

In the spirit of aloha, attendees are requested to wear a lei.

Great Entertainment ~ Delicious Buffet ~ Priceless Fellowship!

10:00 p.m. 'Til We Meet Again – A hui hou!



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Awards Recipients

The vision of the Lana'i Alumni and Community Association 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. Congratulations and best wishes to the 2007 LACA recipients who received their awards at Lanai High School's Awards Assembly on May 25!

\$2000 Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship

Monique Oriol will attend Azusa Pacific University

\$1500 LACA Vocational Scholarship

Rhea Bulaoat will attend Kapiolani Community College

Spring Divina will attend Kapiolani Community College

Oliver Etrata will attend Leeward Community College

Nicomedes Raqueno - Post graduate school information, issuance of scholarship and check are pending.

\$1000 Suzanne Pascua Damian Vocational Scholarship

Oliver Etrata

\$300 Student School and Community Service Award

(Kiyoshi Minami Awards and Grants)

Monique Oriol

Donovan Ozoa will attend Chaminade University

Our Latest Contributors

LACA thanks each of you for your generous support! Since our '06 April issue, we have received contributions from the following members:

Ricarte Dadez, Robert Garcia, Robert Godinez, Francis & Rita Nagamine Goshi, George T. Higa, Hatsue Higa, Harold Hokama, Gerarda Engbino Janowski, Las Vegas Golfers c/o Doreen Salangron Burnham, Nona Armstrong Minami, Ismael Naanep, Maisie Nunotani Nagaishi, Ruth Fukushima Nakasone, Bruno Oroyan, Margaret Osako Platt, Joe "Foxy" Ricamara, Randy Sanches, Wallace Tamashiro, John Tanodra, Annette Niibu Tijerina, Herbert Watanabe, Lillian Yamamoto (non Lanaian), Joann & Donald Yanagi (non Lanaians)

New Club Membership

New club categories will be discussed at the August board meeting. The November issue will list donors who have contributed \$5000 up. Congratulations to the new members who achieved Club Membership after May 2006.

Lanai Hale Club: \$1000 and up

Hatsue Higa

Doreen Salangron Burnham

Bruno Oroyan

Randy Sanches



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2. 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.
3. Please mail either or both checks to:

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To enforce the new procedure of knowing a year in advance who the incoming president and vice president will be, nominees will serve one year as directors while going through orientation sessions at board meetings. Volunteers and nominees are needed as directors and 3rd vice president in 2008 to keep the administrative cycle in motion. Why not give it a try? The board of directors serves as chairpersons or are members of a standing committee.

Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in February, March, April, June, August, September, and November. The annual general membership meeting and social is held in May with date and place to be announced. Members and class representatives are welcome and encouraged to participate in the proceedings at 6:00 p.m. at 1064 Sand Island Parkway.

Ko'ele - Reflections of Lana'i's Past

By **Kepa Maly**, Cultural Historian & Resource Specialist

For most people who grew up on Lana'i, Lana'i City was home. Depending on our age, there were also other small camps, such as Miki Camp and Kaumalapa'u (Harbor) Camp which were also home to some of us. Then there was Ko'ele, which in the 50 years before construction of Lana'i City, was the heart of Lana'i—a ranching community, which for a time, also served as the “official” seat of the island, with a post office, manager's office, store, and the homes of people who worked for the Lana'i Ranch. By 1925, the Lana'i Ranch operation took second seat to the growing Hawaiian Pineapple Company operations, and establishment of Lana'i City. The ranch itself continued operations on decreasing acreage until it was closed in 1950.

For most of us on Lana'i, there was an allure to Ko'ele which some considered magical. There was a sense of familiarity when turning on the bend along the road, and the old ranch homesteads and pasture lands came into view. The families of Ko'ele were always hospitable, and many wonderful memories of gatherings, roundups, talking story, and fellowship at Ko'ele are shared by old-timers of Lana'i. This historic and familial landscape has changed significantly since the 1990s. Today, only four buildings remain as a reminder of this significant facet of Lana'i's history. Two homes (originally brought up from Keomoku Village – Maunalei Sugar Co.), stand on the sloping grass lands. Though not in their original location, the homes are all that remain of some thirty homes and facilities that once made up the Ko'ele community. *Ka Lokahi* Church, opened in 1930, is another reminder of the importance of this community to the people of Lana'i. And though the church was also moved from its original location to accommodate the resort development, seeing *Ka Lokahi* gives us a sense of history and familiarity with place. The fourth building from the old ranch is a hothouse, situated near the old reservoir. Now, except for our memories, these features and the open grass lands are all that is left of the physical remains of the ranching community at Ko'ele.

With the passing away of our elder Lana'i natives and residents of Ko'ele, we stand to lose the last two homes of Ko'ele to resort expansion. The families of with ties to Lana'i have an opportunity to speak now, and participate in planning for the future of Lana'i. If we believe that preservation of the two remaining homes of Ko'ele is something that would be of value to residents and visitors alike, we need to write to, and speak with Mr. Murdock and others in the Castle & Cooke community. While the homes may not necessarily serve as residences, it is possible that they may be developed into a place where people may gather and learn about the ranching history of Lana'i. The homes could be developed as an outdoor education center, and be the base for work on resource stewardship programs around the island. Much like other historic features in resort settings, these last two Ko'ele Ranch Homesteads could also serve as a unique setting for visitor functions, providing all who come to Lana'i with a unique, one of a kind experience.

If you feel that protection of this landscape and the homes is important, please make your voice heard, and thoughts known. Mahalo nui!

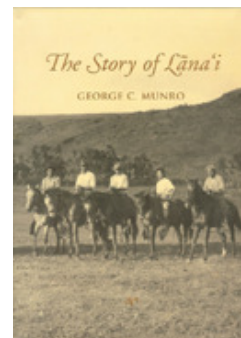
“I ka lokahi, ko kakou ola ai!” (Our wellbeing is in our unity!)



The Story of Lana`i

By George C. Munro

The Story of Lana`i features the writings of George C. Munro about his experiences on Lana`i in the 1910's through the 1930's. A naturalist and rancher, George C. Munro's extensive and thorough review of the island of Lana`i is presented to a larger public, thanks to the efforts of Munro's descendants his grandson and great grandson, **Richard and Rick Towill**, who edited and published his manuscript.



Features of the book:

Hardcover book, 7.5 x 10.75 inches, 268 pages

176 historic photographs and illustrations from private family collections

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LACA member, **Coochie Tanodra Cayan**, who can trace her Lana`i family back six generations, found the book to be a stunning connection to her past.

In Loving Memory

Hirao Oyama

Shirley Honda Oshiro

Lillian Shimizu Arakaki

Jackie Botelho

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

Honoring Others

Monetary gifts to LACA and PSHF were made by the following members in memory of or in celebration of a significant milestone of their loved ones, classmates and friends.

Ricarte Dadez in memory of **Polly Sorida Ah Cook**, **Helen Inaba Fujie** and **Victor Alcomindras**.

Hatsue Higa in memory of **Polly Sorida Ah Cook** and **Helen Inaba Fujie**.

Maisie Nunotani Nagaishi in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Dick and Shirley Nunotani Smith**.

2006 Circle of Excellence Award

By Lola L. Tanodra

Employees at Hawaiian Telcom have endured lots of changes through the years. When we became Hawaiian Telcom, our knowledge of the industry, our company, our union, our commitment to the community and our willingness to change was the ultimate test and challenge. By letting go and moving forward with all the changes, I was able to survive the turmoil. I was fortunate this year to be a recipient of the 2006 Circle of Excellence Award for the work that I do as a Business Service Off Line Support representative. Generally, I handle and fix orders that error out (for whatever reason), fix it and release it through the system processes. Typically, this award is given to top sales people; however, they also save a few “wildcard slots” and award them to employees outside of the sales arena.

The reward was an all expense paid trip for two (2) to Whistler Canada (April 11 – 14, 2007) and Vancouver, BC, Canada (April 14 -16, 2007). With so many family and friends to choose from ... *and I did try to call everyone ...* I ended up taking my sister Edna (Anna) with me.



There were about fifty employees plus guests on this trip. The first day in Whistler was chilly with blue skies, the next day it was grey and cold, however, on Friday April 13th it snowed all day long. We got to do the Husky's Dog Sled ride, pampered ourselves at the Spa and went to the top of Whistler Mountain where it was really cold.

On the way down of Whistle Mountain, the gondola stopped. There was no PA system or anyone else with us. Anna and I were stuck for a few minutes, *yikes....* Then the Gondola started up again and we made it down the mountain safe and sound.

When the company wasn't sponsoring a meal event, they gave us Canadian cash... So, of course, we went shopping... shopping and shopping. When the meal was on the company, we made sure we tried things we don't normally eat all the time. This meant I enjoyed my lox and bagels every breakfast. The city of Vancouver is especially nice and clean. It is very “eco” friendly. We ended up doing a lot of walking in and around Vancouver. It is a city to revisit.

Taking my sister, was my saving grace so I wouldn't have to talk shop all the time. When introducing Anna to other people, I would say, “this is my sister Anna, who lives on *Lanai*”... And wouldn't you know. Everyone was very interested in *Lanai*, whether they had been on the island or hoping to visit the island someday. Just the mention of *Lanai* makes for good conversation.

It was a wonderful trip!

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The view from our room at the Fairmount Château Whistler

Down Memory Lane

In celebrating the life of a deceased Lanaian, the occasion brings together alumni and friends who haven't seen each other for the longest time. With mixed emotions, we honor and pay our respects to the deceased then we rekindle Lana'i memories.

After the memorial service on March 24 at the Mililani Mauka Mortuary reception room sitting together were Lanaians from blocks 19, 20, 35, 44, and 46: **Rosendo Nacua, Suzanne Damian, Bruno Oroyan, Nobuo Goshi, James Shiroma, Myrtle Reponte, Joe Barino, Eusibio Sugitan, Connie Roach, Rosaline Robinson, Rosita Hueu, Jacob Hueu, Bobo Filomino and Robert Viduya.** Camp anecdotes abounded with quips like: "When there was trouble, the police came first to our camp (block 35.) Rosendo served in the Korean War. His comment was, "I married the enemy, came back to Hawaii and opened a bar in Aiea." The females remembered the public bath houses and the guys recalled the peep holes and how yesteryear children improvised on play equipment. There was enjoyment in playing in a sandbox without sand. The jovial mood and nostalgic fellowship spurred **Connie Amoncio Roach** to sign up as a new LACA member.

Dr. Daniel Anbe ~

It's great to read about former schoolmates in the newsletter even if they were not in the same class. It seems to me that so many of those who graduated around our time went into teaching. If my observation is true, it bespeaks to the quality of our teachers who must have been positive role models.

The old boy scout picture of **Sammy Young** was very interesting. Was that taken at the territorial scout jamboree in Hilo on the grounds of Hilo High School? I went to that jamboree in 1948. We younger scouts were in troop 24. The Explorer (older) Scouts belonged to Troop 124. **Richard Watanabe** was one of the older scouts. I was introduced to cherry coke and sweet ice tea there. After the jamboree the scouts had a tour around the Big Island. We went to Hilo on two Hats Airline small twin engine Beechcrafts. I wonder if anyone will remember the trip? Troop 24 was very stronger in competition in the Maui County jamborees in spite of our relatively small numbers. We took the boat, Mana, to Maui for the jamborees.

Police Officer Asuncion ~

Celedonio Asuncion, a former police officer on Lanai back in the old days, recognized as the oldest Maui police retiree was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award during a recent Maui Police Commission meeting. After more than 32 years with the department, Officer Asuncion retired in 1971.

Officer Asuncion was joined at the awards ceremony by his family – daughters **Elaine Yamaguchi, Mattie Yoshioka** and **Felita Asuncion Gapero**; his son, **Cecil Asuncion**; son-in-law **Wayne Yamaguchi**; daughter-in-law **Peggy Asuncion**; grandson **Sean Asuncion**; caregiver **Ana Vaka**; and his wife, **Justa Quilingking Asuncion.** (Source: Maui News article submitted by **Eddie Hokama**)

Memories of A Dreamer

by Takeo Yamato, Class of 1950

Wanderlust

I have always had an urge to travel and see far off lands at quite an early age, perhaps at 12 or 13 years, but always kept it to myself. None of my friends or siblings ever knew about it because I was extremely self-conscious about it. I spent time in the library poring over national Geographic magazines, reading and looking at photos of foreign countries with sites within them that are historical, often photographed and enigmatic in some way such as Taj Mahal in India, the Sphinx and Pyramids of Egypt, Petra in Jordan, Angkor Wat in Cambodia and Machu Picchu in Peru. My wanting to travel was pretty much an obsession up to high school and probably the reason I never did well in high school.

(Editor's Note: Takeo is a global traveler and a skilled craftsman. Due to space limitation in the newsletter, we are unable to publish his comprehensive and interesting journal as submitted. Chapter synopsis will be published in subsequent issues.)

Class of 1952, 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Raymond and Mildred Esclito Barona** and **Stanley and Pearl Juan** on their 50 years of wedded bliss!

Frank and Helen Kaya Takenouchi

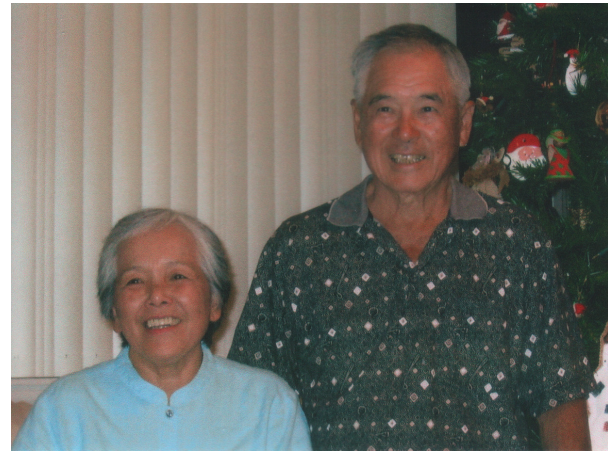
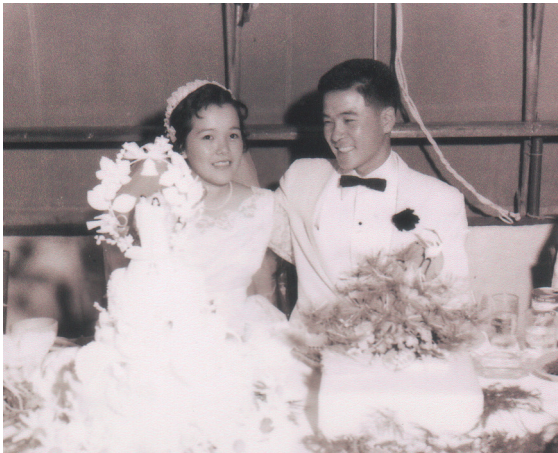
Then and Now



Frank and Helen were married at the Nuuanu Congregational Church

Toshio and Kiyomi Akahoshi Kunishige

Then and Now



Toshi and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this year. In our ohana, we have three daughters, a son and seven grandchildren. Our oldest daughter, Diane, is married to **Glen Miyamoto** and they have three children. Our second daughter, Carol, is married to **Lanny Ichiki** and they have two children. Jukl, our third daughter, is married to **James Carvalho** and they have two children. Bryan, our youngest is single and lives with us.

After retiring from the federal government as a heavy equipment mechanic, Toshi worked for the state in the maintenance department to supplement his retirement income. Toshi keeps busy golfing four times a week. However, this year, he puts less emphasis on golf and more on the food to bring and to be enjoyed at the 19th hole. Every Wednesday the golf bunch goes to the club for lunch.

I also retired from the federal government and keep busy by attending the Wahiawa Rainbow Club every Monday except during summer break and holidays. What do we do there? We invited speakers, go on excursions and partake in line dancing. I also take Tai Chi, hula and sewing classes for my mental exercises. We both enjoy working in the garden, but to keep peace in the family we have a division of labor: Toshi takes care of the vegetables and I take care of most of the flowers. I'm thinking of applying that same principle to the housework duties. That's 50 years of our marriage in a nutshell.

Class of 1952, Monthly Meeting

By Richard Kawakami

We met at Marukai Food Court on June 20th at 11:00 am. Present were Edith, Marcellino, Stanley, Jane, David, Eddie, Mitsue, Millie and Richard. Food and snacks were brought by Eddie and Mitsue - watermelon; Marcellino - sushi and hard candy, Millie - arare, Stanley - kalua bao and fresh coconut, Jane - fresh vegetable platter, David - almond fingers, Edith - peanut brittles and Mrs. Mays crunch, and Richard made Haupia delight cake. **Agnes (Tanigawa) Tomita** donated some delicious coconut mochi which tasted like Kulolo.

We celebrated Mitsue and Stanley's 73rd birthday with Haupia delight cake. Richard tried Pearl's recipe for the first time and the result was pretty good. We sang happy birthday to them and also to Hawaii classmates Molly, Stanley O. and **Allen Kuboyama**.

Casino Update. We decided to go to Harrah's Indian Casino on the 22nd of August by bus. As for Las Vegas: Jane returned a big winner but Kiyomi/Toshi only had fun. Richard/Barbara will be going 4th of July weekend, Stanley/Pearl, will go August 10-13 and Eddie/Mitsue will go August 16-20. Eight classmates are interested in attending the LACA/Las Vegas Connection in October.

We started a Class of '52 Garden Club with inputs from Kiyomi/Toshi, Helen/Frank, Jamie/Lu, Richard/Barbara, Stanley/Pearl and Marcellino. Sample vegetables include tomatoes, string beans, green onions, egg plants, corn, carrots, shiso, lettuce, asparagus, bell peppers, zucchini, snow peas, chives, swiss chard, nira, miuga, lemon grass, Okinawa sweet

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potatoes, bok choy, Chinese and mustard cabbage, basil, chili peppers, hyotan, kabucha and assorted fruit trees. I formed the club after Agnes Tomita gave us some hyotan plants. A vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of bulbs.

Health topics discussed were pills, needles, blood tests, searching for veins, loss of balance and hearing, fainting spells, cataract, diabetes and many more.

Next meeting will be on July 18th at Maruki Food Court. Please support Marilyn with your loving thoughts and prayers as she contends with her medical ailment.

Class of 1958 at Sizzler's

By Mejoie Jamero

On March 26, 2007, a small party of classmates met **Eva Soriano Lapez** who was vacationing in Hawaii from Vallejo, California, for dinner at Pearlridge Sizzler's. Present at our gathering were **Leroy Cabanilla, Monica Cockett, Carol Ann Fujimoto, Joyce Higa, George Higa, Jeri Iba** (who made this happen), **Emigio (Mejoe) Jamero, and Robert Viduya**. As we ate, we took pictures, talked stories of old times, of families, and of course, of other classmates whom we missed.



Several of us hadn't seen Eva since God knows when...she hadn't changed much. She looked good and still had her high school girlish figure. Mejoie's comment of Eva dying her hair as it was still black in contrast to those in the group who lost hair or like himself completely with white hair evoked laughter from the group. The stories and "disclosures" were many as we recollected our days growing up on Lana'i. While dinner was okay, the company among old classmates was the best. Not surprisingly, we kept Sizzler's open almost past closing time. We hope to see each other again and other classmates come October in Las Vegas. As for the future, we talked about a possible 50th Anniversary Reunion next year in LV. It was truly an enjoyable evening, thanks to Eva's heartwarming visit.

While here, Eva visited her mom on Lana'i and spent her time with daughters Leona and Denise whose husband was being deployed to Iraq. She also enjoyed her granddaughter Stephenie. Brand new granddaughter, Alyssah, literally welcomed her grandmother by being born on the day Eva arrived in Hawaii.

Class of 1958 at Makino Chaya

By Carol Tsumura Fujimoto



During the month of May, **Ernest Pagay** and his wife Bertha from Long Beach, California visited with their families in Honolulu and on Lana'i. Yes, Ernest, called "Bozo" by his childhood friends, has finally joined the ranks of many of his retired classmates. Congratulations on your retirement, Bozo!

Monica Cockett, Carol Ann Tsumura Fujimoto, George Higa, Jeri Hirayama Iba, Emidjio "Mejoe" Jamero and Bozo met for dinner at Makino Chaya in Westridge for a feast and

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much reminiscing. We were able to remember quite clearly school days and growing up on Lana'i. It's hard to believe so many years have passed.

We all are looking forward to meeting again in October for the LACA reunion and our own Class of '58 reunion dinner on Friday, October 12 at the main Street Garden Buffet. Classmates reading this, we hope you'll join us. Let Jeri know that we need to save seats for you... guests are welcome.

Elaine (Perry) Dang Class of 1950

Elaine has been active in sports for her entire life, and has played softball in Hawaii, Japan, Illinois, the Azores (Portugal), and Canada. She is now a member of the US Senior Olympics Women's Slow-Pitch Softball team in Tucson, AZ. Her team, The Tucson Rancherettes, consisted of women in the 65 to 69 years of age group, which soon graduated to the 70 to 80 years of age group of very active seniors.

Over the years, Elaine has earned many medals, the most recent of which was the coveted Gold Medal in The Senior Olympics Summer National Senior Games in Louisville, Kentucky in June 2007.



Class of 1960 Celebrates its 65th Birthday

By Rita Nagamine Goshi

July 1, 2007, at the Plaza Hotel on Nimitz Highway, turned out to be a very special day for the class of 1960 as they celebrated their 65th birthday. After all, becoming eligible for Medicare benefits and other senior perks is indeed a momentous occasion.

Forty classmates and guests brunchd on a seafood buffet with ono desserts and even a birthday cake. When they weren't eating or talking story they enjoyed entertainment by a partial "chicken Hekka" group of **Jay Reponte, Joice and Glenn Alapag**. Serenaders included classmates **Angie Perez, Victorino Sabino, and Maggie Agonoy Luczon**. They have certainly honed their vocal skills to a new level. Vic's daughter, **Roxanne Costa**, danced a beautiful hula. Maggie continued to move everyone along as the class forever and ever able emcee with bingo and lucky number drawings. Las Vegas t-shirts and other prizes were generously donated by **Joy Maile Enfield and Rita Nagamine Goshi**. **Carolyn Onuma Flood** gave a Medicare quiz which generated much chatter and laughter. Everyone had a nice time except for a few disappointed friends, when **Billy Ruidas** would not give up his recently acquired beautiful pineapple jam fest T-shirt.

As the event came to a close, the refrains of the alma mater and Hawaii Aloha lingered, as goodbyes were said with thoughts of seeing familiar faces again in October in Las Vegas

Class of 1970: Comforting Hands Hawaii

Congratulations to **David and Anita Haban-Nakamaejo** in celebrating their 4th year in business as a provider of care services for seniors who wants to continue to live at home. Anita says, "Our services such as warm companionship, medication reminders, light meal preparation, light housekeeping, personal care and hygiene assistance, and most importantly respite for family caregivers, allows the senior to continue living at home. Our caregivers are highly qualified and carefully selected individuals, who are thoroughly screened, bonded and insured." For more information, please call 262-8586 or visit the website at www.ComfortingHandsHawaii.com.

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Jim Wilbert and former Executive Secre-
tary Myrtle Dalde Reponte reigned as the
Hale Koa's May Day King and Queen.



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from your friends and classmates!