



# The Lana'i Connection

## LACA Concerns

The transitional administrative process envisioned to be effective as of May 31, 2009 did not materialize. With no one to fill the position vacated by outgoing president **Rosita Viduya Hueu**, the board approved the implementation of the following administrative roles and schedule as of July 1, 2009. President Hueu installed the incoming officers and director on June 10:

2009 Co-President Pro Tem: **Monica Cockett, Jean Piena**

2009-'11: President Elect/Recording Secretary: **Coochie Cayan**

2009-'11: 1st. Vice Pres./Treasurer: **Donna Reyes Ching**

2009-'12: Director Bruno Oroyan. Unable to be present at the installation were the Lana'i Director **Susana Sanches Kincaid** and **Linda Pascua Degamo**.

**Rosita Hueu** will serve as Advisor.

Incumbent directors: **Suzanne Damian, Michael Del Rosario, Bill Ruidas** (Maui)

Coordinators: **Jacob Hueu, Pierce Myers, Nickie Morita Oshiro**

Webmaster: **Donna Shiroma Nakasue**

2010: Meeting Facilitators will be **Suzanne Damian**, February 10;

**Bruno Oroyan**, March 10

2010 April 24: Annual Membership Social (Day function)

2010 May 12: Board Meeting, 1064 Sand Island Parkway

2010 June 1: New fiscal year begins

After the demise of our founder the late **Thomas Nunotani** in 1995, LACA has existed for 14 years and rendered annual scholarships, awards/grants and bonded through fellowship events. The future of the association rests with you. Needed for next year will be new directors and prospective officers. Food for thought: Volunteer as a class or as a group of compatible friends and assume carrying out the worthwhile activities. Contact any board member if interested, in offering suggestions or nominating someone.

Due to the economic recession, dwindling donations from LACA members compelled the reduction of financial assistance to Lana'i High and Elementary School and in publishing two issues instead of three of The Lana'i Connection. Cutback was made to the Thomas Roy Nunotani Scholarship from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Unavailable for this school year are funds for the \$300 Minami Student Award for School or Community Service, \$500 for Professional Improvement, and \$1,500

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**Interested in Membership?**

Life Membership to LACA is only \$10! Cost to replace membership card is \$5.00.

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### 2010 NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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**LACA CONCERNS***(CONTINUED FROM PG. 1)*

LACA Vocational Scholarship. Available will be the \$1,000 Suzanne Pascua Damian Vocational Scholarship.

Members are encouraged to sign up as E-subscribers and go online at [www.lanaiconnection.com/blog](http://www.lanaiconnection.com/blog) to decrease mailing costs of the newsletters. Articles and photos not covered in the hardcopy will be posted online.

Your participation is vital and crucial in sustaining LACA. Please kokua and become a board member!

## Club Categories

A heartfelt mahalo for your generosity and concern to our Alma Mater and to LACA. Donations are cumulatively recorded and members are eligible for contributory memberships in the various Clubs. Regrettably, due to the economic crisis and rising postal costs, we will temporarily suspend mailing Club certificates. Your understanding will be appreciated.

### **Contributor Club – up to \$99**

Sharen Hashimoto

### **Century Pineapple Club - \$100 up**

Anonymous Donor

William S. Olsen

Ruth Cockett Stormo

Donna Tanodra Willingham

Yasuko & Kathleen Duhaylongsod

### **Golden Pineapple Club - \$500 up**

Rowena Jean Belez

Karen Nobui Katagiri

Posthumous: Chuck Shimizu

### **Lana'i Hale Club - \$1,000 up**

George T. Higa was presented his certificate at the Annual Membership Social

## Our Latest Contributors

*Since April 2008, we would like to thank the following for their generous donations.*

**Coochie Cayan, Donna Ching,  
Monica Cockett, Suzanne Damian,  
Lloyd Funada, Rosita & Jacob  
Hueu, Betty Itakura, Ruth  
Nakasone, Bruno Oroyan, Jean Piena, Joyce Saki**



## How to Contribute

For a tax deductible donation, please make your check payable to: PSHF (Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation) and write *For LACA* in the bottom left-hand corner. Your contribution will be utilized for scholarships, awards, grants and financial support to LHES. If you're not concerned about a tax deduction, please make check payable to: LACA. Your contribution will be used to pay for operational expenses, the maintenance of our website, and the publication of *The Lana'i Connection*.

**Please mail check(s) to:**

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## Honoring Others

**Suzanne Damian** in memorial remembrance of the **Pascua Ohana: Jose, Simeon, Simon,** and a friend, **Adolfo Sanchez.**

**Jacob & Rosita Hueu,** in memory of their former Caldwell Avenue neighbor on Lana'i, **Kathleen Botelho Kuhaiki**



## LACA Vegas Connection at the Cal

Co-Chairs **Monica Cockett** and **Suzanne Damian** have planned an evening of good fun and fellowship for September 5, 2009. Gathering place will be at the California Hotel/Casino in the Ohana Banquet Room from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

### Reminder:

- The invoice is paid in advance and adhered to is the No Refunds rule to “No Shows.”
- Saturday, September 5, 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, Early Sign In, Maile Room
- Contact Persons, attendees without a group: pick up name tags 6:00 PM, Ohana Banquet Room
- Please provide centerpiece for your table.



### In Loving Memory

*Our deepest sympathy  
to those of you who lost  
a loved one or a dear friend.*

- **Asuncion “Dai” Bertomen Nakooka**, class of 1959
- **Kathleen Botelho Kuhaiki**, class of 1954
- **Isamu Honda**, class of 1941
- **Lavern K. Benanua**, class of 1962
- **Florentina Asuncion**, community
- **Josephine Allas**, community

### A Mini Guide To Lana'i

*“Good as a GPS... And Way More Fun”*

This friendly little book takes you on a nostalgic journey through the misty lands of Ko'ele, and for a stroll around Lana'i City: the tiny town where pineapple was queen.

You will find something of the geography & geology of the island, the history of Ko'ele Ranch, the Dole Plantation, and read about some of the people who left their imprint on the island.

It is written by Joana Varawa, who has lived on the island since 1976, and was the editor of the Lana'i Times from 1990 to 2007.

It is 50 pages, illustrated with line drawings, and costs \$10, which includes handling, mailing, and a personal note from the author.

To order a copy, email [miniguide.lanai@hotmail.com](mailto:miniguide.lanai@hotmail.com) or write to Joana Varawa, Box 630568, Lana'i, HI 96763, and include a check, cash, or money order. No credit cards though.



### Class of 1956: Lana'i Fallen Heroes Tribute

Related article by Margaret Platt in Lana'i Connection, Nov. '08.

Log on to: [www.lanaiconnection.com/blog](http://www.lanaiconnection.com/blog)

Thank you to our classmates, our families, and friends for monetary donations and remembrances. We would like to acknowledge the following:

**Coordinators:** Tony Magaoay, Betty Nakafuji Itakura, Margaret Osako Platt, Donny Tadios

**Steering Committee:** Charlotte Richardson Holsomback, Connie Wong Kunishi, Wallace Tamashiro, Faye Morikawa Yamashita, Loretta Canida Viduya

**Support Personnel:** Darren Dugay, Harvey Itakura, Robert Kinoshita, Marge Magaoay, Kepa & Onaona Maly, Rosita Viduya Huevo, Warren Osako, Libby Viduya, Ligaya Viduya Thomas, Robbie Huevo Carlos

**Families of Lana'i Fallen Heroes:** Yvonne Miyajima Belmodis, Anna Sarocam Byerly, Linda Pascua Degamo, Beverly Harbin, Alfred Kutaka, Ricardo & Iniang Magaoay, Asuncion Bertomen Nakooka, Richard & Nickie Morita Oshiro, Glen Oshiro, Patty Oshiro, Angie Sarocam, Lynette Suetos, Lucy Garalde Tabbal, Shinsuke Tengan, Grace Tomita Uchihara, Gina-Ellis Williams



Many thanks to Editor **Alberta de Jetley** of *Lanai Today* and Editor **Joana Varawa** of *Lana'i Times Community Email* for publicizing the forthcoming event. Since their publications, there have been revisions to: time, \$10 for lunch is eliminated, send sign up form to postal address.

## **LACA Hawaii Block/Camp Holiday Bash!**

**Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009**

**Place: 1064 Sand Island Parkway**  
(see next page for map and driving directions)

**Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

**MEL CABANG!! --- MOM/POP STORES!! --- TASTE OF LANAI!! --- KANIKAPILA!!**

**In the spirit of ohana, let's get together and recapture Lana'i camp life! Fellowship with former neighbors from Stable Camp, Federation Camp, Kaumalapau Harbor Camp, the Ranch, blocks 30, 35, 22, 17, etc. Block/Camp Tent sites. Set up time: Saturday, Dec. 5, 7:00 a.m. Please provide your own tent/chairs for neighborhood hangout. (optional) \*Set up a Mom/Pop Store in your tent. Good time to sell holiday crafts. Donated desserts and snacks will be gratefully accepted and will go on sale under Taste of Lana'i. Patronize the concession stand for lunch.**

\*In lieu of a vendor's assessment, a voluntary donation made payable to *Kula Sand, LLC*, affiliate of the Lanai Alumni and Community Association, will be appreciated. For information on LACA Hawaii, log on to [www.lanaiconnection.com/blog](http://www.lanaiconnection.com/blog)

To adequately prepare for the gathering, please send in the sign-up form (insert). Direct inquiries to **Bob Kinoshita** at (808) 291-1349 or **Rosita Hueu**, Event Coordinator, at (808) 455-7605, [rvhueu@aol.com](mailto:rvhueu@aol.com). Lana'i Contact Persons are **Butch Gima**, **Susana Kincaid**, **Linda Degamo**. Emcee will be **Nelson Tamashiro**, telling stories will be **Kepa Maly**, **Herbert Watanabe**, and hopefully others. We welcome your suggestions. Program timeline/activities subject to change without notice as we are still formulating plans.

### **Preliminary plans include:**

- Musical entertainment: John Kauwenaole, A'A Mele
- Ethnic dances: Hawaiian, Filipino, Japanese
- Martial arts demonstration: Escrima by Robert Garcia's students
- Giving recognition to Lana'i Living Treasures
- Lanaians who have impacted the community; are exemplary role models
- Lanaians from various sectors: business, educational, civic, cultural, medical, military, etc. who have made significant contributions to society
- Recognizing old time and current retailers (or their business representatives/ohana)

Please bear in mind the time constraints so introductions will be brief. Person being recognized has to be present at the event.



## Map & Driving Directions to the site of the LACA Hawaii Block/Camp Holiday Bash

**Saturday, December 5, 2009, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

**1064 Sand Island Parkway, Honolulu**

- From **N. Nimitz Highway**, get onto **Sand Island Access Road**
- **Sand Island Access Road** becomes **Sand Island Parkway**
- Pass **Makepono Street** and **Ulupono Street**
- **1064 Sand Island Parkway** will be on your **Right**
- If you get to the Sand Island State Park, you have gone too far.



### LANA'I TIMES COMMUNITY EMAIL

You are invited to join with the over 650 subscribers to The Lana'i Times Community Email, a free online news service that keeps residents, former residents and interested folk in touch with what's happening on Lana'i. Please email your first and last name to [joanavarawa@gmail.com](mailto:joanavarawa@gmail.com) and we will add you to our list.





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## Honoring the past, enriching the future!

by Kepa Maly, Executive Director

We are humbled and privileged to report to you that support of the Lana`i Culture & Heritage Center (Lana`i CHC) has been great. Since opening our doors as a non-profit community heritage center on October 1st, 2007, we have hosted more than 4,500 participants in our programs; raised more than \$40,000.00 through community donations; received a commitment of \$50,000.00 a year for three years from Castle & Cooke, along with use of the present center; received a gift from Ho`opa`a i ka Na`auao in the amount of \$61,000.00; secured a \$30,000.00 grant from Maui County and the Hawai`i Tourism Authority; and received a major grant of \$750,000.00 from the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to help develop a permanent home for the Lana`i CHC.

Our goal is to ensure that the legacy of Lana`i remains an integral part of our community. Over the last ten months many efforts have been initiated and options explored to make a permanent home for the Lana`i CHC. After lengthy discussions between our board members with Castle & Cooke, program specialists and interested parties, we have determined that the most secure route for a sustainable future of the Lana`i CHC is to seek available property in Lana`i City on which to set the foundation of the heritage programs. The vision is to develop both fixed exhibits (more typical of museum settings for valued items) and living history collections, where Lana`i's residents and visitors can experience the heritage of Lana`i.

We are also planning a controlled archival collection storage and conservation area, and community heritage library, which will house historical documents, photos, maps, textiles and

other items of importance to Lana`i's people and past.

To make this community vision a reality, and to ensure that the programs are sustainable, we need the help of everyone who cares for Lana`i. Many hands will make the work easy to complete. We are now preparing to enter into a capital improvements fundraising campaign to secure a site, and your help is needed. If we are to protect and pass on Lana`i's history, we need families to donate cherished items reflective of the diverse cultural heritage of Lana`i. If we are to be good stewards of the artifacts and historical collections, and ensure that the rich history of Lana`i is passed on to future generations, we need a larger facility and financial support to offer the programs.

We hope that you might support the Lana`i Culture & Heritage Center, by sharing history and important materials of our past, and through contributions to our fundraising efforts. Your monetary donations are tax-deductible, and you will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to pass on the legacy of Lana`i's heritage to future generations.

The Lana`i CHC is presently located in the Old Dole Administrative Building (Room 126), at 730 Lana`i Avenue, and is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Special arrangements for off-hour visits may be made as well. For more information please contact us. Also, more information on heritage center programs may be viewed on line at [www.LanaiCHC.org](http://www.LanaiCHC.org).

**Mahalo a nui,**

**Kepa Maly, Executive Director**

*(Board members: Pamela Mae Alconcel, Martha Evans, Colbert Matsumoto & Gary Yokoyama)*

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## Mahalo for Services Rendered!

*Your unselfish deeds, dedication and hard work are appreciated.*

Outgoing directors: **Alvin Akiyama, Pinky Blanko, Mary Carmack, Sheila & Garek Eligado**

Outgoing officers: **Ruth Fukushima Nakasone, Randy Sanches**

LACA Security at 1064 Sand Island Parkway: **James Cummings**, non member, **Jacob Hueu**

**Joan Yamanaka**: non member, abundance of homemade crafts and baked products donated for raffles at the Annual Membership Social on May 16, 2009.

## Profile of Rosalinda P. Degamo

**Rosalinda Pascua Degamo** was born on August 27, 1936, in Hawi (Big Island). At the age of six she left the Big Island and moved to the island of Maui to live under the guardianship of her eldest sister, **Carolina "Helen" (Calixto) Sonido** in the small sugar plantation town of Pu'ukoli'i. At age 11 she then moved to the island of Lana'i where she entered the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Lana'i High & Elementary School (LHES) until she graduated in 1954.

In 1956 she married **Victor D. Degamo** and had four children, **Victor Jr.** (1957), **Juan** (1960), **Helinda** (1963) and **Calvin** (1965). All of whom are LHES alumni. Through the 1970's while raising her four young children through their formative and school years, she worked for Dole Company as a supervisor during the summer seasons and worked for the State of Hawai'i Department of Education's TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) Program during the school year. However, when the TESL program had ended and discontinued, she took a position as a Teacher's Aide and continued working for

Dole in the summers and eventually became a regular supervisor until the pineapple industry of Lana'i phased out in the late 1980's and ultimately retired in 1998 at age 62.

In the 1980's she was the Lana'i Alumni Association contact person with the late **Tommy Nunotani** as president. Through collaborative planning with alumni on neighbor islands, Linda had a vital role in planning for the Lana'i High and Elementary School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. In 1995, LACA evolved from the Lana'i Alumni Association. This year, she is one of the incoming LACA directors.

Currently, she is an active "kupuna" member in the Lana'i MEO (Maui Economic Opportunity) Program. In the program she enjoys playing the ukulele and dancing the hula where it has given her many opportunities to travel and entertain Senior and public events on Maui as well as locally on Lana'i with Hula Halau O Lana'i Ka'ula. In her spare time she enjoys cooking and baking and volunteering her time to help and aide her fellow senior cohorts at Hale Kupuna O Lana'i.

## Profile of John Keola Kauwenaole

After 33 years with the Honolulu Police Department, **John Kauwenaole** retired in December 2008. As a graduate of the LHES class of 1968, John left Lana'i to attend college in California and later at Church College of Hawaii aka Brigham Young University in Laie and majored in Police Science.

Since 1975, his service covered areas in East Honolulu, Pearl City, Waianae and Wahiawa. He worked in details like in Juvenile Prevention as a DARE Instructor and Traffic Enforcement as a Motorcycle Officer. In 1997 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. The following year, he was assigned as the first Weed and Seed Supervisor in the state. Weed and Seed is a crime fighting strategy that deals with gang and drug

activities in targeted locations. He helped communities rebuild by bringing into those areas service providers, city and state assistance agencies.

He worked tirelessly to decrease crimes in the public housing complexes in the Kalihi area. To combat drug dealing in Kalihi, he collaborated with the FBI, DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency), U.S. Marshalls, U.S. Attorney General, State Probation and parole officials.

It's no wonder he was nominated for the Sergeant of the Year and won the overall Officer of the Year award in 1999! As a retiree, he continues making an impact in Kalihi as a Reserve Police Officer.

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*John Keola Kauwenaole, continued*

John and his wife Roberta have been married for 37 years. They are the parents of a son, a daughter, and enjoy their four grandchildren. His passion is playing music, going hunting and diving. His mom, **Josephine Kauwenaole**, better known as Aunty Pine resides at the Lana'i Community Hospital.

Best wishes for a well deserved and happy retirement, John!

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## Profile of Susana Reyes Sanchez

**Susana** graduated from Lana'i High School in 1950. The following year she got married in Honolulu to **Max Kincaid, USN**. Their three children are: **Max Kincaid, Jr.**, **Ramona Kincaid-Powell** and **Marina Longfellow**.

The family moved to California in 1957 and lived in San Diego and later in Bakersfield. Sue was active in the PTA and was the elementary school photographer. In 1961 the family returned to Hawaii. When her daughters Ramona and Marina were in scouting, she volunteered for three years as a Brownie Leader.

After being discharged from the Navy, employment opportunity beckoned and the family moved to Midway for two years and to Subic Bay in the Philippines for seven years. Max Jr., went back to Lana'i after six months and attended Lana'i High School. When he graduated his parents and sisters attended the commencement ceremony. Ramona and Marina both graduated from George Dewey High School in Subic Bay.

In 1975 the Kincaid family returned to live in Honolulu. Four years later, Sue's husband, Max, passed away. Sue attended Displaced Homemaker's Class and learned how to cope with her loss and deal with living after losing her life partner.

Sue worked for the Coast Guard Exchange from 1981 to 1995 and got very proficient at liquor sales and in time managed the liquor department. She enjoyed assisting customers in estimating how much beer and liquor they needed for their functions or

events. Of course, they never listened and always over bought and the overage was always brought back to the store. After 14 years at the Exchange she retired.

Sue is a member of the Lana'i Alumni and Community Association. She is one of the incoming directors and serves on the membership committee. During Tina Mendes' administration she was the Vice President. Meetings were held at Farrington High School.

She attended the first LACA event in Las Vegas in 1996 with her brothers and their wives. Through the years, at the annual reunion held either at the California Hotel or Fremont Hotel, she was an essential volunteer for various tasks: being in charge of the hospitality suite, registration (checking off names and issuing name tags).

This has become an opportunity for the Sanchez family to host their own mini reunions. She lost two brothers within two years, Adolfo and Bonjoe. The surviving siblings and their families still attend the LACA Las Vegas events as they have done since the very beginning. They continue to enjoy connecting with all the Lanaians in attendance, having fun and sharing memories. So far, they haven't missed a LACA Las Vegas Connection Reunion. Sue would like LACA members to realize that "buying a ticket does not insure a good time. It is up to us to make it fun."

Sue has returned to her roots and is once again a Lana'i resident. She derives much pleasure in actively participating in the senior programs.



## 2009 Annual Membership Social

Heartfelt gratitude to those who gave of their time and assistance. We couldn't have done it without your support!

*Helping Hands, \*Non members:*

\***Joan Yamanaka**, abundance of raffle items, baked goods, printed/collated program

\*Raffles: **Roberta Hueu** (Centerpieces) **Bunda, Kisha Carlos, Ruth Viduya Jimenez**

Donors: raffles, plants, crafts, desserts

\*Video: **Dereck Jimenez**

\*Rendition of "God Bless America: **Jade Stice**

Sign-In: **Marge Asato, Nickie Oshiro**

Name Tags: **Valentine Tanodra**

Desserts: **Suzanne Damian**

Invocation: **Ronald Fuchigami**, Former Bishop, First Ward in Pearl City

Hospitality: **Eleanor Ozoa, Rufina Kula**

Lei Maker: **Ruth Nakasone**

Musicians: **John Kauwenaole & Silva**

Class of '56 Tribute to 15 Lana'i Fallen Heroes: **Lucy Tabbal**, speaker; **Libby & Loretta Viduya, Ligaya Viduya Thomas**, organized Fallen Heroes album

Surprise Heroic Deeds Tributes, "This Is Your Life":

**Emidgio Jamero** reading commendation for Robert Viduya, retired Colonel; **Rosita Hueu** reading commendation for Richard Oshiro, 442nd Regimental Infantry Battalion

**Nickie Oshiro** acknowledging Sammy Young for the LACA Armed Forces Tribute held at the State Capitol in 2002 to honor the Fallen Heroes.

Lanai High and Elementary School Update by **Pierce Myers**, principal

Distinguished LACA Member Award to Pierce Myers by **Bill Ruidas**

Recognition to ukulele craftsman, Pedro Dugay by **Apolonia Stice**

Recognition to LACA Benefactor, Robert Kinoshita by **Rosita Hueu**

Pearl Country Club: **Michael Tao and catering staff**

## Alumni News

## Making a Difference

**Meet Frank and Helen (Kaya) Tankenouchi, class of 1952.** After 30 years of service to the Federal government both finally retired. Frank was an electronic technician with the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center and Helen was an employee of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service working in the accounting department. Later, Helen worked for and retired from the law firm of Matsumoto, LaFountaine and Chow (now called The Pacific Law Group.)

Both are actively involved with their church, the Aiea Hongwanji Mission. They formed a group comprised of 10 volunteers to render service to elderly people.

The group helps with the shopping for the homebound and does home visitations. With one woman who is unable to go out, Helen spends two hours a week playing scrabble, doing warm-up exercises and spending an enjoyable time conversing. Another woman just wants the Tankenouchi's to visit while she does most of the talking! A wife is given respite and free time while Frank spends time with her husband who has Alzheimer's.

Both Helen and Frank say, "It feels good to be able to spend time and help elderly people. If anyone is interested in being a volunteer, we welcome them with open arms."

Helen's sister, **Matsuko Matsumoto**, class of 1946, is a longtime resident on Lana'i.



*Alumni News***LACA Alumni News****by Rosita Viduya Huen**

It's been sixty-three years since the Class of 1946 graduated from Lana'i High School and sixty-two years that the Lana'i High and Elementary School logo has existed. Herbert Watanabe, an exemplary alumnus who has excelled in educational, community, and church endeavors, designed the logo. In retrospect, Herbert is a LACA Charter member and belongs to the Lana'i Hale Club comprised of \$1,000 up donors.

I was delighted when Herbert responded to my voice phone message and accepted to relate the history of the Lana'i High and Elementary School logo.

**History of the LHES Seal****By Herbert Watanabe**

During the 1945-1946 school year, I served as a member of the Lanai High School Student Council by virtue of being the Editor-in Chief of the school yearbook, KA HOKU. The student body president was Goro Hokama. During the course of the year, I realized that Lanai High School did not have a school seal or logo.

Upon graduating from Lanai High and just prior to my departure from Lanai to attend college in Wisconsin, I set out to design a school seal. I presented the proposed seal drawn in black ink to Sakae Nakama (now Sakae Loo), a good friend, and suggested she introduce the proposal of adopting the seal for Lanai High School.

I was delighted to learn that the seal I designed was adopted by the Student Council of 1946 – 1947. The president of the student body then was **Shigeto Minami**. The seal as originally designed and adopted depicts “the original alma mater.” During the 1945 – 1946 school year, the school's alma mater was lengthened by what is now the first verse which starts *Lanai High our alma mater, pleasant memories ne'er forgot*.

The seal I designed depicts pictorial symbols from the original alma mater where the lyrics start out...

*In the isle of golden pine* (the pineapple)...

*torch to Hawaii's youth* (the torch)...

*Lanai High in splendor shine* (the rays in the background)...

*Tropic mountains echoes ring* (the mountains in the background)

The six stars represent the six grades 7-12 that make up the student body of the high school division.

ASLH stands for the Associated Students of Lanai High.

1938 is the year the high school was established.

A few years ago, the students of Lanai High altered the original seal by adding a Norfolk pine. The pineapple, torch, mountain, rays, ASLH, six stars all remain on the seal. The Lanai Alumni and Community Association (LACA) continues to use the original design.

Of Interest: The school colors of Lanai High School were originally Black and Gold. That was due to the influence of many of the teachers in the early years who were alumni of McKinley High School where the school colors are Black and Gold. We even had a song that started with Black and Gold is waving...a song sung at McKinley High School to this day. Lanai High School colors changed to green and gold to reflect the colors of the pineapple.

The current site of the school was once a thriving vegetable garden that was a business venture of the Minami family (Kiyoshi Mana's dad) that provided much of the vegetables for Lanai.

*Alumni News***Class of 1959: 50th Reunion**

by Gloria Obado Reyes

Reunion started on July 2nd with a class photo at the Lanai Hongwanji. Thursday night - reminiscing at **Lea Nobui Suzuki's** house. Friday - Moonlight Picnic at "white sand" Manele Beach. Saturday night - we joined the class of '62 at the senior center. That was a blast! Entertainment was provided by **Henry Dulan, Roy "Elvis" Sakamura, Roy Kimokeo, Lui Obado, Christine Endrina, Millie Oliva, BJ & Sherry Ramila** & a surprise duet by **Mrs. Sue Obado & Henry Dulan**. Sunday - Brunch at

Manele Golf Restaurant and our reunion ended with a finale picnic at **Apol Agonoy's** beach house the following weekend on Oahu.

**Fred Ballesteros** class of '54 (celebrating their 55th years) joined our class get together. **Pedring Dugay** (reunion head) said this guy has got to be an honorary class of '59 member.

Thank you all for a most memorable 50th!



*L-R front row:* Pedro Dugay (Reunion coordinator), Janet Anbe Otani, Leatrice Nobui Suzuki, Apolonia Agonoy Stice, Edna Kurashige Egami, Harry Yamatsuka, Roy Kimokeo, Ralph "Elvis" Sakamura, Mildred Yagi Sakaue, Harold Sakaue. *Back Row:* Sonya Okamitsu Tyau, George "PeeWee" Ramila, Marge Morita Asato, Gloria Obado Reyes, Stanley Duguay, Francis Goshi, Roy Okamoto, Jojo Endrina Timbreza, Richard "Cadoy" Sabino

**Class of '54  
Crashing 1959's Party  
Photo**

*Kneeling front row:* Fred Ballesteros (54), Bob Hera (54), Pedring Dugay (59)

*Back row standing:* Gloria Obado Reyes (59), Dorothy Dahang Mapano (54), Evelyn Okamoto (54), Phyllis Morita McFadden (59), Apolonia Agonoy Stice (59), Pat Hera, Augustina Dugay Acoba (54), Maggie Agonoy Luczon (60)





*Alumni News****Class of 1979: 30th Reunion***

The Class of 1979 celebrated their 30th class reunion on Lanai during the weekend of July 17 – 19, 2009. Events included a welcome gathering at the Manele Boat Harbor on Friday night followed by joining up with the Class of 1977 at the old bowling alley for some dancing. On Saturday the class regrouped for a class photo up at the Lodge at Koele followed by a banquet dinner and more dancing at the Manele Bay Hotel. Class Advisor, Frank Chester was an honored guest at dinner. On Sunday the class spent the day at Manele beach the class even managed to fit in a few games. After a weekend full of reminiscing, laughter and tears we bid each other a fond aloha as we each went our separate ways.



***Photo taken by: Travis Turquesa***

***Front row:*** Nilton Oyama, Joseph Lee, Chester Ohashi, Rocky Sanches, Charles Park, Elviro Atacador, Jason Fabrao, Richard Battoon, Henry Eskaran, Jr.

***Back row:*** Mindy (Collado) Ho, Leonor Amby, Leilani (Manuel) Cabiles, Valerie Hubin, Dodie (Abafo) Suetos, Ada Oshiro, Celeste (Kaikala) Magaoay, June (Dombrigues) Gomez, Cheryl (Whittington) von Kugler, Felisa Ayudan, Jonie (Hera) Sarme, Cindy (Burgos) McCluskey, Marilyn (Magaoay) Dimaya, Lisa (Ranis) Kaniho

***Class of 1952: June Meeting***

***by Richard Kawakami***

The Class of '52 meets monthly to compare notes, share good food and talk story. We met at Marukai, Gardena, CA. Classmates who attended were: **Edith Gijikiu, Mitsue Hokama, Richard, Eddie Hokama, and Marcellino Sugiitan.** Birthday 'gal at 20 years plus' Mitsue also shares the month with non-attending classmates **Molly Sakamoto, Stanley Juan and Allen Kuboyama.**

Class updates included:

- Richard's blooming vegetable garden producing green tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumber and green onions. Eddie added his pohia is growing taller.
- Eddie and Marcellino continue to strive for better health in their various health issues.
- LACA/Las Vegas will see Eddie, Mitsue, Natsuko Yoo & daughter, **Irene Asuncion, Ruth Teraoka and Ruth Nakasone.** Other classmates have scheduling conflicts. The economy has impacted classmates from traveling much this month, too.

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*Alumni News****Class of 1952, continued***

- More economic tips: Richard received rebate checks from the city for energy efficient refrigerator (\$65) and washer (\$300). He also filed application for "Turf Removal" at \$1.00/sq ft for approximately 800 sq ft. Other areas with brick and concrete or astroturf are exempt from this program. Why? Still conserving water.
- Talk story ranged from the above to converter box problems, exercise programs, Molly's gambling luck in Vegas, discussion on Lanai Newspaper, birds bothering us for food, increased auto licence fee, proposed license fee based on weight of auto in Hawaii, Mitsue's Vegas dream, Patsy & Elaine Perry, dating school teachers, Honda's funeral.

**Class of 1974 Journal: 35th Class Reunion**

**Thursday, July 2, 2009:** Our first night together talking story and sharing memories with a BBQ hosted by **Wallace Hanog** and ended the evening at **Kent Tamashiro's** home. We revived our dance moves when everyone got up to do the Electric Slide & Cha-cha...Wow! some folks still can move!

**Friday, July 3, 2009:** Adventure called as classmates **Wallace Hanog, Natalie (Cabuslay) Avilla, Kent Tamashiro, Lola Tanodra, Anthony Parinas, Randy Sanches & Jennifer (Palolo) Lichter** sailed out of Manele Harbor on the Expedition to Lahaina escorted by a pod of delightful dolphins. **Gaylien Kahoohalahala** was aboard en-route to the mainland to await his 16th grandchild.

**Joy (Hokama) Helle** joined us in Lahaina for our class Sugar Cane Train ride. **Alvin & Karen Akiyama** chaperoned us (Alvin Akiyama was our Class Advisor since 9th grade). **Dolly Hinau** aka **Darlene Akuna** also met us there with an unexpected classmate, **Mary Lynne Urpanil-Loughran**. They had stopped at absentee classmates **Denise (Yoshikawa) Yamamoto & Nancy Nakoa's** work place to take their pictures and share with us!

At the Sugarcane train depot we met another Lanaian, **Lionel Mano** who works on the train. It was an enjoyable one hour ride despite a few sleepyheads. One unnamed person was napping and left behind! Lunch time found the boys and the Akiyama's at Genki Sushi and the girls at the Outback Steakhouse...so many choices!

We had so much fun enjoying each other's company that we almost missed the boat back to Lanai. **Tony Parinas** had a sweet surprise on the boat as he met up with his

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## Alumni News

### *Class of 1974, continued*

daughter **Aubrey** and grandchildren. Meanwhile back at Hulopoe Beach, **Julianne (Caluag) Mochchew** reserved a choice picnic spot for our class party... and we partied on!

**Saturday, July 4, 2009:** Another early morning breakfast at Coffee Works before our caravan tour to see: Petroglyphs, Mormon Monument, Solar Farm, picture-taking at the last pineapple picking machine #1 on the island, Bomb Hill, One Stone (Honopu), Lolo Hill, Kanepu'u Reserve, and Garden of the Gods... it was red dirt galore!!!

The class reconvened later at the Pineapple Fest - music, food, people - and marveled at the huge community spirit! We topped the evening with more music with classmate **Garek Eligado** and his band at Wally's house till 2 a.m... by now we were seriously sleep-deprived!

**Sunday, July 5th, 2009:** Our aloha class luncheon at the Challenge was attended by **Lola Tanodra, Glenda Obado-Ito, Natalie (Cabuslay) Avilla, Stanley Turqueza, Anthony Parinas, Kent Tamashiro, Wane Ayonayon, Wallace Hanog, & Alvin Akiyama**. Special mahalo to Natalie and Stanley who shared a video of Lanai when it was still the largest pineapple plantation in the world...our good old days!

Our class will meet again on July 14th at Ige's in Honolulu to plan our next reunion as well as bid Natalie aloha as she heads home to Las Vegas.



**Class of 1974 Reunion Photo**



# LACA Hawaii Block/Camp Holiday Bash

*Date: December 5, 2009*

*Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM*

*Place: 1064 Sand Island Parkway*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, former block/camp \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or cell number \_\_\_\_\_

***3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Kanikapila***

***Showcase your talent! Check type of talent:***

Musician \_\_\_\_\_ Type of dance \_\_\_\_\_ Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Ushering in the Holiday Spirit:***

- 1) I would be glad to volunteer and help. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) I will be a Taste of Lana'i dessert donor. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Tent **space** needed for our block/camp: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Our neighborhood will be selling holiday crafts or (other) \_\_\_\_\_ YES NO
- 5) I will be selling merchandise and need tent space \_\_\_\_\_

***Mail to: Rosita Huen, LACA HI  
P.O. Box 515  
Pearl City, HI 96782***

***Deadline: November 1, 2009 or earlier  
Contact your former neighbors  
and let the good times roll!***

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