

Five LHES Class Reunions Celebrated on the 4th

The perfect time to bring together five LHES Classes from the past. The classes of ‘63, ‘68, ‘73, ‘78 and ‘88 all met to celebrate on Pineapple Festival weekend. Anywhere you were on Lana‘i, you’d have heard hooting, hollering and wild, late night carryings-on as former classmates hugged, cried, talked story, ate (and drank) their way through an extra-long July 4th weekend.

Class of 1963 Reunion

by Herman Calbero

The 4th of July is the perfect time for Lanai’s Grads to have Class reunions, add in the pineapple festival and you have an awesome week-end of celebration. The Class of 1963 did just that. The Class celebrated their 45th reunion with a Bang and the fireworks. We had 22 classmates attending, one coming from as far away as Wisconsin and one attending for the first time since graduation. This class is the most close-knit that Lana‘i has grown, having mini reunions throughout the year here on Lana‘i, in Honolulu, in LA and Vegas.

This year’s gathering included a lot of fellowship, just plain talk story, entertainment at the Senior Center, a ride on the expedition for a tour of Maui, a Bar-B-Que at Alberta’s Beautiful Farm, and Picnic at Manele Beach. We now look forward to our next BIG Five-0 celebration.



Left to right: first row- Lynne Ota (Funada), Charles Yara, Aldegunda Bermudez (Tolentino), Mamo Fernandez (Iona). Second row- Nancy Lantz (Belez), Julian Dahang, Peter Agliam, Ben Dalde, Doris Quon (Anbe). Third row- Herman Calbero, Melvin Mitsunaga, Creighton Nobui, Micheal Colunod, Albert Kawai, Anthony Asuncion, John Park, Paul Oda, Wayne Kim. Not pictured but present- Alberta de Jetley (Morita), Dinah Del Rosario, Nani Wilson (Kanipai), Leslie Oyama, Harvey Okazaki.



Left to Right: Nancy Lantz (Belez), Aldegunda Bermudez (Tolentino), Paul Oda, Doris Quon (Anbe), Ben Dalde, Wayne Kim, Julian Dahang, Royalene Fernandez (Iona), Anthony Asuncion, Lynne Ota (Funada), Herman Calbero, Peter Agliam, Charles Yara, Melvin Mitsunaga, Michael Calunod.

Class of 1968

by Diane Irons

Out of the 50 classmates who graduated at LHES in 1968, 26 returned on July 4th to celebrate their 40th class reunion. Classmates returned from as far as Utah and as near as Oahu. Twelve of the classmates reside on Lana‘i.

The events began with breakfast at Blue Ginger on Friday. Besides the hugs and screams of joy, the conversation was endless. After breakfast the group headed for the cemetery where they placed flowers and said prayers for classmates Gwen Hubin and Carmichael Ozoa. They proceeded to the Lana‘i Cultural & Heritage Center. Following Kepa Maly through the room of pictures and artifacts brought back many memories for all of the classmates. In the evening they all gathered at the Pineapple Festival to continue to enjoy local food and entertainment. After the Festival, many gathered at Leslie Tamashiro’s family home to continue to reminisce and to sing karaoke. They were joined by many other alumni.

Highlight of the second day was dinner at Hale Kupuna. The food was delicious and conversation was enjoyed by all. Entertainment was provided by classmates; Eunice De Renne who danced a spiritual hula dedicated to Gwen Nelson’s family, Sandra Masuoka and Dennis Pavao danced additional hula numbers. Alfred Lopez and John Kauwenaole entertained everyone with songs as they had always done in high school. During dinner Leslie took pictures of each classmate along with a picture of their graduation picture. He then presented a slide show at his home after the dinner. The memories created were endless.

The weekend ended with a beach party that lasted all day and through the night.

Although it all had to come to an end, they will all remember the laughter, the hugs, and conversation. They all have emails so each can continue to stay in touch. The group is already planning to return in two years on their 60th birthday.



Seated: Laverne Hamauku Kanno, Sheila Awakuni Eligado, Linda Ocalada Ishizaki, Mildred Lui Nybo, Pete Tolentino, Gwen Mendes Nelson, Nora Miranda Raboy, Barbara Benanua Fernandes. Standing: Wallace Tamashiro, Eunice Turqueza De Renne, Jimmy Cayan, Barbara Tom Cave, Timmy Catiel, Tina Tabura Lopez, Al Lopez, Dennis Pavao, Diane Del Rosario Irons, Larry Agliam, John Kauwenaole, Andrea Sarocam, Frank Pagay, Sandra Alonza Masuoka, Andrew Dela Cruz, Leslie Tamashiro, Albert Morita, Michael Del Rosario

“You’ve Got a Friend” in the Class of 1973

by Doreen Pascua

Celebrating their 35th class reunion over the July 4th week-end, LHES Class of 1973 had such a blast they’re already at work planning the next reunion, to take place in two years. It all started Wednesday the 3rd when Renee Miranda “Burchard” (“laughter” and “shaka signs”) arrived at the Lana‘i airport. She and Stephanie “Pagay” Cortez planned the reunion, with much help from their classmates, families and friends here on Lana‘i.

The parties started up like a blast from the past, with dancing to the rhythm of the Cha-Cha slide, electric slide, through the Midnight Hour that made Dancing to the Music a special Time for Us to remember. High points included the karaoke contest, balderdash night, driving the clay shooting carts and pole dancing (they might not have actually gone through with this last, but they thought about it!).

Classmates in attendance: Renee Miranda “Burchard”, Frances “Dimples” Alboro (both from California); Easter Estives, Brian Hubin, Claudette “Mamo” Huerta and Stephanie Pagay Cortez (from Maui); Caroline Zaan “Rzonca”, Leslie Miyamoto, Charlene Honda “Kobayashi” and Marsha Akuna “Whitmore” (from Oahu); Albert Ranis represented Moloka‘i; Paul Alconcel, Erwin Ozoa, Bernadita Giron, Doreen Eharis “Pascua”, Bernadette Ohashi “Dumlao”, Leilani Spitalsky and Edna Tanodra (from Lana‘i).

Saturday night’s gala to remember started with 70s decor, Claude Huerta’s awesome sounds, Nida Ige’s delicious buffet, and entertainment from the class of ‘73 and their families.

Laughter, love and true friendship, being so Precious and Few, this class will be back with more stories for us in 2010. On the drawing board: golf tournament, clay shooting, spear fishing and goat hunting (what a bunch of kidders these guys are, at least as refers to the goats!). They send out big Mahalos to everyone who donated gifts and helped make their reunion memorable. Special thanks to Claude Huerta for the perfect musical accompaniment, and their families for putting up with them tippy-toeing home in the wee hours. And to Joe Kaakua: your place was the essence of this class reunion, Da Bomb!



From right to left: in front are Bernie “Dumlao” Ohashi and Claudette “Mamo” Huerta Hermance, and behind second row are: Bernie Giron, Renee “Miranda” Burchard, Frances Alboro, and Leilani Spitalsky.



Front row: Bernie “Dumlao” Ohashi, Renee “Miranda” Burchard, and Charlene “Honda” Koboyashi, second row: Frances Alboro, Easter Estives, Bernie Giron, Doreen “Eharis” Pascua, Marsha Akuna, and Stephanie “Pagay” Cortez, and back row: Caroline “Zaan” Rzonca, Leslie “Sadao” Miyamoto, Erwin Ozoa, Paul Alconcel, and Albert Ranis.a

Class of 1978

by Susan Titcomb

Here’s how we spent the weekend.

Friday the 4th: At Pine Fest. We all gathered at the booth where three of the classmates were selling goods, Ann (Taguchi) Sakagawa, Jeda Hanog and myself.

Saturday the 5th: At federation camp. Lots of food and laughter.

Saturday evening: Susan’s house

Sunday the 6th: Potluck at Jeda’s house. Played some pool and reminisced about high school and looked at Homecoming pictures of days back when.



Sitting front: Jeda Hanog, Susan (Ozoa) Titcomb; standing Charlene “Charlie” Kaaiakala Ann (Taguchi) Sakagawa, Robert “Booboo” Enfield, John Degamo, Dale (Kaiakamalie) Philips, Tony Dual, Mary (Manuel) Simpson, Pamela Alconcel



Jeda Hanog, Pamela Alconcel, Regina Ayonayon, Mary Simpson

Class of 1988

by Flora Vila

Lana‘i Class of 1988 20th reunion on July 3 - 6, 2008, was filled with great times and fun memories. Thursday night was Stag and Karaoke night at Henry Costales’s house. It was the first time we saw classmates that we have not seen since the day of Graduation Ceremony.

Classmates from afar joined the reunion, Mitchel Bandalan from Pennsylvania, Molly Tamashiro from Seattle and others from the neighboring islands. We had such a great time reminiscing the old times, fondly remembering our silliness and bringing each other up to date on what has happened to us since we went our separate ways.

On Friday, we had breakfast together and we took a trip to the cemetery and paid respect to our departed friends and classmates and snorkel sail in the afternoon. Friday night was reserved for the Famous Lana‘i Pineapple Festival, a time to talk story with community members and visitors and enjoy local cuisine and entertainment.

Hang loose at the beach on Saturday, our children played together on the sand, swam, crab hunting while we looked at old school year books and photos, and remembering the good times we had.

The reunion was a weekend filled with laughter, good times and surprises that brought the class closer together once again.



Front: Maura Hill, Mitchel Bandalan, Heidi Valdez, Loraina Seghorn, Flora Vila, Henry Costales, Divina Sequerra, Mary Ann Tamashiro, Yvette Sarme. Back: Jay Ballesteros, Wendy Kaopuiki, Alex Batoon, Anthony Baldeviso, Junior Asuncion, Pua Manuel, Wesley Sabado, Alan Royce Batoon, Merlito Ganir



Class of ‘88 at play