



# THE LANA'I CONNECTION

## Class of '56 to Honor Lana'i's Fallen Heroes

*Written by: Margaret Platt*

The Class of '56 will be honoring the 15 Lana'i veterans who gave their lives for our country with a display at the Lana'i Culture and Heritage Center. The presentation and opening of the veterans' exhibit is planned for December 13, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The veterans' tribute started with the remembrance of classmate Dalmacio Pascua in a booklet the Class of '56 published in 2004. The booklet featured members of the class and their memories of growing up on Lana'i. The caption in the booklet featuring Dalmacio's photo and the Vietnam Memorial Wall where his name is etched, says that he "represents all those from Lana'i who gallantly gave their lives while serving in the US Armed Forces."

When the Class celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on Lana'i in 2006, they produced a commemorative DVD with a special section dedicated to the 14 soldiers who gave their lives for our country. That tribute sparked the idea to share with the Lana'i community an exhibit dedicated to those veterans, which now includes a 15th.

Class members are now working with **Kepa Maly**, Executive Director of the Lana'i Culture and Heritage Center (LCHC), to set up the exhibit. It will feature photographs of the veterans, and inscriptions giving some details of their lives. Donations can be sent directly to the LCHC and will be gratefully accepted.

### World War II

**Pvt. Saul S. Dias**  
**Pvt. Shosei Kutaka**  
**Pvt. Choyei Oshiro**  
**PFC Wallace H. Oshiro**  
**PFC Nobuaki Tomita**

### Korean Conflict

**PFC Rufino Garalde**  
**Sgt. Yeikichi B. Itokazu**  
**PFC Kiyomitsu Kutsunai**

### **PFC Donald S. Miyajima**

### Vietnam War

**LCpl Narciso Bertomen, Jr.**  
**SSgt. Dalmacio P. Pascua, Jr.**  
**SFC Joseph Sarocam**  
**PFC Gilbert B. Suetos**  
**SSgt. Leonard M. Tadios**

### Iraq

**LCpl Blake A. Magaoay**

A problem was encountered, however, in the quest for information and photos on several veterans. No one was able to produce photos of Pvt. Saul Dias, PFC Kiyomitsu Kutsunai and Sgt. Yeikichi Itokazu. Additional information on Sgt. Itokazu was found on the Internet by Tony Magaoay, but more information is needed for Pvt. Narciso Bertomen.

We can also use any additional information and articles on any of our soldiers. If anyone has information to contribute, please contact:

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## LACA Annual Membership Social

May 16, 2009

Pearl Country Club

5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m

The Annual Membership Social gives us the opportunity to get together for fellowship, rekindle Lana'i memories and get an update on LACA's activities.

Deadline to submit sign up form/payment of \$35 is April 15, 2009

In 1983 our benevolent founder, **Thomas Nunotani**, envisioned a supportive and dedicated alumni association that would annually present a scholarship to a deserving Lana'i High School senior. Upon his demise in 1995, the Lana'i Alumni and Community Association was formally established with **Robert Kinoshita** as president. Thomas' legacy has lived on. Your generous donations have funded scholarships, awards and grants for the students and faculty members at our alma mater.



### Evening Program

- Fallen Heroes Tribute by the Class of 1956
- Armed Forces Salute by LACA
- Lana'i Culture and Heritage Center Update by **Kepa Maly**, Executive Director
- Distinguished Member Award presented to **Pierce Myers**, Principal of LHES
- Musical entertainment by **John Keola Kauwenaole** and Group
- Kumu Hula **Candy Pollack** dancers and singers
- Assorted raffles
- LACA Update
- Savory buffet and delicious desserts

Come, enjoy yourself and have a fun time. We look forward to seeing you!

Major Michael Chang, "Unsung Hero," and team with war-orphaned children in Iraq.





## RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW!

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Your understanding and continued support will greatly help to make LACA a very worthy organization. Please participate. There are two ways that you can make a contribution:

For a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check out to Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation (or just PSHF) and write *for LACA* in the bottom left-hand corner of your check. These monies will be used for scholarships, awards, and grants which annually amount to \$6,300.

For a *non-tax deductible contribution*, make your check out to LACA. These funds will be used to cover our expenses such as deposits to reserve banquet facilities in Las Vegas and Oahu, maintaining a website, and various invoices for activities. The printing and mailing of our newsletter is an expensive undertaking. Fiscally, our operating budget has ranged between \$6,000 - \$7,000.

**Mahalo nui loa!**





## WE GIVE THANKS TO ~

Everyone who has donated financially or volunteered services in carrying out LACA's goals. Non LACA members for their support and for several who gave their donations in loving memory of a friend or loved one:



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**LANA'I HALE PLATINUM \$10,000 up:** Suzanne Damian

*Please accept our apologies if your name has been inadvertently left out or mistakenly listed in the wrong category.*



## IN LOVING MEMORY

### *To Whom It May Concern:*

*This letter is to inform you that Chuck J. Shimizu passed away on July 26, 2008. He was the brother of Lillian Arakaki. My Father wanted to make a final donation to the association after his death. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$500.00 He really loved the island of Lana'i and had many fond memories of the island and its people.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Jane Soon (Chuck's daughter)*

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

**Gilbert Agaran  
Crispina Cambel  
Brian Kim**

### HONORING OTHERS

In commemorating significant milestones, monetary gifts to LACA were sent in by:

**Eleanor and Vincent Ozoa** in memories of their daughter, "Dolly,"  
and sister **Dolores Bayron Morris**

### *Aloha and Mahalo to Our Family and Friends*

*Adrienne "Dolly" Ozoa*

*August 4, 1957 – June 26, 2008*

*Although we were saddened that "Dolly" left us when she was still so young, our family appreciates all that you did – your generous offerings, the lovely flowers, all the food you donated, your kind words of sympathy, but mostly thank you for your presence and your love.*

*At the Mililani service on Oahu, there was such a large contingent of Lanaians, it seemed like a school reunion! Again on Lana'i, there were so many of you who were there for us. Now you know why they say Lana'i is unique!*

*To those who visited Dolly while she was in the hospital, Mahalo for all the goodies you brought for her. We cannot list all those who were there for us, but you know who you are. We don't know what we would have done without you. To the class of 1975: keep up that great spirit!*

*Dolly is at peace now, but remember to keep her in your hearts always.*

*Love and aloha, Vincent & Eleanor Ozoa Family*

### OUR LATEST CONTRIBUTORS

**Mahalo nui loa for your generous support!**

Ermie and Violet Barroga, Betty Nakafuji Itakura, William Olsen,

Bruno Oroyan, Eleanor and Vincent Ozoa, Chuck Shimizu, posthumous donation, Marcellino Sugitan, Ruth Cockett Stormo, Lana'i Invitational Golf Assoc.

Donna Tanodra Willingham to Lana'i High School via scholarships, awards and grants in behalf of the Tanodra, Dela Calsada, Timbreza families.





## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Las Vegas Ukulele Raffle Winner

by Pedro Pedring Dugay, ukulele craftsman

The lucky recipient of the Lanai High School Computer Lab/Manele Bay Ukulele Giveaway is **Jeraldine Hirayama Iba**, a class of '58 graduate of Lanai High School. She presently resides in Pearl City, Hawaii. Jeraldine does not play the ukulele but ukulele lessons are in line in the near future.

To the LACA members and guests who donated to the ukulele drawing at the LACA Las Vegas Connection reunion, a great big MAHALO for your participation. The students of Lanai High School are that much closer in reaching their goal of acquiring a complete portable mobile computer lab.

### Grand Prize Winners at the LACA Vegas Connection Reunion

Congratulations to **Mrs. Rosalita** (Barney, class of 1949) **Geralde** winner of the five nights, four days stay at the California Hotel and Casino! Sharing in her joy were her son Mark and brother-in-law Claudio, class of 1951.

Kudos to **Rod Sanches**, class of 1975, as the lucky recipient of the Pasta Pirate gift certificate of dinner for two. Family members joining Rod at the reunion were from the mainland and Hawaii.



## Redesigned Web Site - LACA

To: Rosita Hueu, Editor

From: Donna Shiroma Nakasue, Webmaster

Hi Rosita,

The LACA site has been redesigned. I hope you and the rest of the LACA members will enjoy it! The section where you currently see the softball articles, etc. is called the "blog." This is where you can make announcements, include late breaking news, and include articles and features that were not in the hardcopy newsletter (as I have done with the August 2008 web features). It will help the site look more "fresh" with new content.

The HOME, LEADERSHIP, and IN LOVING MEMORY sections are at the very top of the page. If you look in the right sidebar, you'll find a "LACA LINKS" section that has links to the membership form, membership list, and photo gallery. Below the title, you'll see LANAI HIGH & ELEM SCH, LANAI NEWS, and ANNOUNCEMENTS. Those are links to blog entries that fall under those categories.

The photos in the upper right corner of the screen are rotating, so each time someone refreshes the screen, they will get a new picture. Currently, there are 9 photos in there, but I can always add more in the future.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST  
WISHES TO PROUD PARENTS  
DONNA AND WES NAKASUE ON  
THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER,  
KRISLYN!**





## NEW ENGLAND FOLIAGE by Pedring Dugay

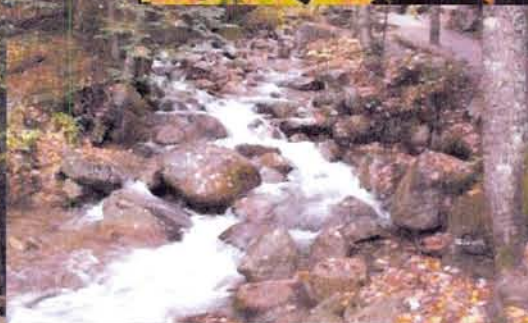
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Visiting New England the first two weeks of October gave my wife Gloria and me an idea of how beautiful the Autumn Foliage can be. The whole mountain and country side was just one of those OOOOHS, AAAWWHS WWOOWS, and LOOK AT THAT!! One thing we learned was that the changing of the foliage doesn't change its colors at a set time. A lot of the changes depend on how much rain had fallen the previous two seasons. Then there are the wind, rain and temperature factors. Some of the places we visited, all of the leaves had fallen off the trees. There were other places where the colors of the leaves had yet to peak. Then there were areas where the colors were at its peak.

Because of the variables, a minimum of one week should be allowed to really get to see and enjoy the foliage. Of course, getting to know someone in the area would greatly improve your chances of visiting the areas that are at their peak foliage. If the light condition is not favorable, a low cost tri-pod would definitely improve the quality of the photo.

To sum up the entire trip, I would say that the New England autumn foliage is a PHOTOGRAPHER'S PARADISE!

Here are the photos that I wanted to share with you.







## ALUMNI NEWS

### Class of 1952 – Oahu Luncheon/Meeting by Kiyomi Kunishige

The class of '52, Oahu, met at Mililani Golf Course Restaurant on September 16, 2008. Present were: Suzie, Randy, Richard, Eva, Ruth N., Hank, Tere, Kiyomi, and surprise guest Shannon (Richard and Eva's granddaughter). Suzie and Eva ordered the oxtail saimin, Richard - vegetable omelet, Randy - saimin, Hank - clubhouse, Tere - sweet sour spareribs, Shannon - Hawaiian chopped steak, Ruth - oriental chicken salad, and Kiyomi mahi burger.

Suzie's husband, Richard dropped her off at the restaurant. So I asked her if she still drives. Randy talked out of turn and he answered, "yes, she still drives her husband crazy!"

Randy's car is out of commission so his sister Jean dropped him off. He told his son to drive him to the restaurant but he had more important things to do like going to class.

Ruth T. called this morning saying that she wouldn't be able to attend. She's busy helping to take care of her grandson who is just two months old.

Randy has a great grandson who will be visiting in October so he's unable to go to the LACA reunion.

Richard and Eva will be going on a trip to South America next month. The cost of the trip is \$5,000 per person, including insurance.

Suzie brought delicious haupia and dobash cakes for Randy's 74th birthday today! He's a Virgo. So are Hank, Tere and Richard Damian. Suzie also gave each of us a bag of tangelos.

The waitress came to our table and said that Bob Viduya was buying desserts for our class. We, therefore, all ordered mango sorbet, except Hank he was too full. We all took the cakes home.

The next meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of November. Place will be decided at a later date.



### Class of 1952: California Group by Eddie Hokama

We met for lunch at 11 a.m on Wednesday, September 17 at the Marukai Food Court. Present were Edith, Jane, Mitsue, Stanley, David and Eddie. For various reasons, the regular attendees (Irene, Richard, Nita, Millie and Marcellino) were unable to meet with us.

Thankfully, it seems no one had any family or friend involved in the recent terrible Metro-link train crash in Chatsworth. It seems recent national news have been only bad, with crashes, storms, and economic crisis(bailouts). A survey of our classmates shows we all are okay health wise.

Jane plans a visit to Vegas in October but will not go to the LACA event. Mitsue and I have reservations for November, but it is very "iffy." David says that his retired wife, Elena, who was a nurse, will begin an assignment part-time administering flu shots at various locations in the southbay. Stanley brought a special T-shirt for insect control, Hawaiian style. I told him I would wear it to our next lunch.

Because we only had six attending today, we had lots of leftover goodies to take home. David brought a box of warm manapua. Edith brought horseshoe pastry. Jane brought white and brown chocolate candy. Stanley brought red bean cakes. Eddie and Mitsue brought seedless grapes.

Next luncheon gathering will be on Wednesday, October 15.



**50th REUNION for the CLASS OF 1957** by Shirley Long

You all come...and that is what 15 graduates of the class of 1957 and their spouses did July 19,20,21 2007 for the 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion on our dear island of Lanai. To launch this successful 50th reunion, the planning committee met at Zippy's in the summer of 2006: **Bob Hirayama, Bob Tsumura, Gladys Shinoda Lee, Shirley Sakoda Long and Jackie Botelho**. Jackie, who looked forward to this reunion, died a month before the reunion. A 60 page memory reunion booklet was dedicated to him. **Momi Perry Suzuki** was our gracious hostess for our first night pot-luck and again for left-over lunch after our visit with the school the next day. Oh, such ono kau kau, many happy memories and stories to share after not seeing classmates for years. Of course we had to have that barbeque at Manele (Hulupoe) beach for that is what we did when we were growing up. **Allen Kaiaokamaile** provided us with fresh grilled fish and out of this world teriyaki deer. We also visited the cemetery to share beautiful flowers provided from Bob Hirayama's yard for our deceased classmates and friends.

Our last evening, chefs, **Lillian Oshima Rivera and Gladys Shinoda Lee** fed us more delicious kau kau. The night was filled with karaoke singing and prizes made by Bob Hirayama who is a retired shop teacher and was the outstanding MC for the evening. **Eleanor Valdez Robles** treated us to her graceful hula dancing accompanied by her husband, Leo on the ukulele.

The class of 1957 donated a check for \$2,235.00 to our alma mater and was given a tour of the facilities. As most of you know, there are many good changes, but we did miss the old classrooms.

We were all happy and grateful that so many people came. In our hearts, our Lanai will always be Lanai no ka oi.

**Class of 1979**

**Donna Ching, RA - LACA member since 2001**  
**Daughter of Vincent and Gloria Obado Reyes**

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Retired nurse, **Irene Masacol Pacol**, is a seasoned global traveler. She has visited the seven continents (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America, Antarctica) and annually treks to distant places. Talk story with her and you'll be intrigued and fascinated with her diverse cultural episodes! Irene transferred and graduated from Hilo High School.

Elaine Dang Class of 1950 Sue Kincaid

**Aloha Friends of LANA'I**

We invite the members of LACA to subscribe to the new full color monthly print version of Lanai's only newspaper The Lana'i Times at a special LACA only rate of only \$35 per year, a savings of \$10 off of the regular rate of \$45. Please send your check payable to: The Lana'i Times, c/o Barry Osman, P.O. Box 630226, Lana'i City, Hawaii, 96763.

If you wish to also send a gift subscription, please note that with your check. Twelve monthly issues will be sent to you on the first (or as close as possible) of each month.

The newly expanded The Lana'i Times newspaper is not affiliated with the online newsletter, and is chock full of stories and color photos of your old friends and neighbors (with captions!) We look forward to bringing you the latest on the people, places and events of the Island of Lana'i.

Aloha,

**Suzie and Barry Osman**

Editor and Publisher

The Lana'i Times

Editor Rosita's comment: Log on to [www.lanaiconnection.com](http://www.lanaiconnection.com) and read the Lana'i Times newspaper which features five alumni classes who celebrated reunions on the 4th of July on Lana'i: Class of '63, '68, '73, '78, '88





## LETTER FROM A FORMER LANAIAN

This is Krista-Kelley-Hammond. I was born on Lanai in 1948. My parents were Wendell & Ruth Kelley. They both worked for Dole Pineapple Company. Would you be so kind as to please add me to your mailing list newsletter updates? I would love to be able to see just what is going on Lanai these days. I hope to retire on Lanai someday. I would love to be able to move back home again. I look forward to hearing from you with any information about Lanai.

You have listed (In Loving Memory) my Dr.'s name - William H. Wilkinson, MD. He was my Dr. on Lanai and then on Oahu. He lived across the street from us in Wahiawa. He delivered my sister in Wahiawa General Hospital.

Mahalo & Aloha , Krista (kalanai@wiktel.com)

Editor's note: If you remember Krista why not drop her a note at:

**Krista Ann Kelley-Hammond** 2341 160th St., Kennedy, MN 56723 or call her at (218) 674-4291



Ruth Kelley with daughter Krista 1997



Krista & David Hammond



Lanai Hospital in the 1940's



Wendell & Ruth Kelley's home—1953  
Krista on front door steps



### Barroga's 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Ernie Sr. and Violet Vergara Barroga, have invited family and friends to join in celebrating their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. The joyous occasion will be held at the Pagoda Hotel, C'est Si Bon Room, on December 14 from 11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Congratulations & best wishes to Ernie and Violet!





## Honoring the Past, Enriching the Future

Aloha mai.

Indeed, we are part of an amazing heritage in Hawai'i nei. One that has enriched all our lives. And from Lana'i, we share a particularly unique history. We are working towards securing a larger and better space suited to ensuring that Lana'i's stories, artifacts and family memorabilia are cared for and passed on to future generations.

We are very hopeful that families will share with us unique items reflective of Lana'i cultural diversity (such as cultural clothing), community/plantation photos, historical records, films, perhaps collections of things found while working the fields or hunting and fishing, and the likes. We have begun a process of accessioning and cataloguing all artifact/material culture donations to the museum records and family names. This will allow future generations to connect with their family's history and contributions to the collections.

Of course one other aspect of the work is ensuring that we can develop a sustainable program. So as we plan for the future, should there be any thoughts among Lana'i alumni and "expatriates" about endowments or such, your kokua would also be greatly valued.

Me ke aloha nui, **Kepa Maly, Executive Director** <kepa@LanaiCHC.org>

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### 2008 LACA Las Vegas Connection Reunion

Although the turn out was small, the consensus was that it was an opportune time to once again reconnect with or make new friends at the Cal on October 11. We are thankful to Kathy Nemoto, catering manager, for the use of the Ohana and Maile rooms to carry out the evening's activities and to her secretary, **Robert Rodrigues**, for his patience and assistance. Co-Chairs for the fellowship event were **Suzanne Pascua Damian** and **Elizabeth Jean Piena**.

Mahalo nui loa to the various committees and individuals who coordinated, volunteered, donated, and gave of their time for the LACA Las Vegas Connection Reunion. Please accept our apology if we overlooked listing your name. Email **Rosita Hueu** at [rvhueu@aol.com](mailto:rvhueu@aol.com) and the acknowledgment will be included in the 2009 April issue.

#### Karaoke Entertainment and folders:

The Perez Ohana: Guy, Patrick, Linda and Ted

Participants in karaoke

Jacob & Rosita Hueu: Discretionary fund to defray entertainment expenses



#### Door Prizes, Grand Prizes, Donations:

Joy Enfield: shopped in Vegas for multitude of great door prizes and centerpieces

Suzanne Damian, Rose Alcomindras, Millie Fetalvero: packaged door prizes

Vacation Hawaii: coffee mugs, purple tee shirts

Mary Carmack, Monica Cockett, Marlene Izumigawa, Jeraldine Iba: Door Prizes Distributors

David Lebbey (Vice Pres./General Manager) California Hotel Gift Certificate:

\* 5 nights, four days and for the LACA Hospitality Suite booked under Suzanne Damian

\* Hospitality Suite, Refreshments: Suzanne Damian, Ted Perez

\* Hospitality Posters: Victor Thor Timbreza

\* Pasta Pirate: Dinner for Two gift certificate

\* Pedro Pedring Dugay: Ukulele Giveaway

\* Robert Kinoshita: Calendar Giveaway



#### Sign In

Early registration: Jean Piena, Mary Carmack, Suzanne Damian

Evening registration: Susana Kincaid, Jeraldine Iba

Hand stampers: Karol Sweet, Trudy Duggan

**Name Tags** Attendees database/printing of program/name tags: Joan Yamanaka

Committee: Rosita Hueu, Jean Piena, Mary Carmack

#### Program

Timeline: Rosita Hueu

#### Picture Taking

Jeff Whaley: photographer

Photographer's assistant

**Delicious Buffet** California Hotel's catering staff

#### Essential Volunteers

Eleanor Ozoa, Marge Asato, Wallace Nogami.,

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Mark your calendar and book your air/hotel reservations early

Date: September 5, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Place: Ohana Banquet Room - California Hotel & Casino

Direct inquiries to Jean Piean at (808) 845-8651 or Suzanne Damian at (808) 292-7435

