

LACA & MLC LOOKING AHEAD

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Resurfacing after a hiatus, the Maui Lanai Connection (MLC) has emerged with enthusiasm, a positive outlook and as a revitalized LACA network. Lanaians were invited to attend a meeting that was held at **Marian Recouerto Ching's** residence on Maui on February 5th. Presiding at the meeting was **Nani Kwon Watanabe** assisted by **Gloria Obado Reyes, Bill Ruidas** and **Makani Tabura**.

Topics discussed were on fostering fellowship, reconnecting Lanaians in Hawaii and on the mainland, the need to recruit new members, encouraging the younger generation to be active participants and the dwindling attendance at the LACA Las Vegas Connection. Under the assumption that a change in location and program will entice Lanaians to come together to rekindle friendships, next year's event will be held in Maui. *The annual LACA Las Vegas Connection will not be held in 2012.*

The MLC Planning Committee has drawn up the following preliminary plans.

2012 LACA MLC RECONNECTION REUNION IN MAUI

Date: Option #1: May 25-28, Memorial Day Weekend
Option #2: May 4-6

Place: Waikapu Community Center, headquarters and gathering place for three days
Maui Tropical Plantation or Maui Beach Hotel, May 26

Optional: Visit Lana'i on May 27. Travel by ferry on the Trilogy
One way fare: \$20, \$10 for senior citizens

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The MLC pledges its support to any class, group, or network, that coordinates a fellowship event locally or on the mainland. **Donna Reyes Ching**, class of 1979, volunteered to chair the *2013 LACA Las Vegas Connection*. For details, she can be reached at donnaching@aol.com.

Save another date, July 2013 and return to Lana'i to unearth a Time Capsule that was buried in 1988 during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Lana'i High and Elementary School. In the 1980's (under the leadership of Thomas Nunotani), class representatives were the liaisons and vital links at meetings and in disseminating information to alumni. In accordance with your type of LACA membership (alumni, community, or supporter), we welcome volunteers to serve as representatives and will reactivate the role of representatives. Please contact Nani or Gloria if interested.

The best is yet to come. Let the good times roll!