



The Lana'i Connection

Class of 1960 70th Birthday Celebration



Front row: Billy Ruidas, Lowell Lee, Edith Quiray, Maggie Luczon, Angie Perez, Linda Recarte. Back row: Frank Soriano, Vic Sabino, Vic Pajente, Rita Goshi, Joy Enfield, Janet Miyashiro.

The Class of 1960 celebrated their 70th birthday in Las Vegas on November 2nd and 3rd of 2012. Classmates, spouses, and invited guests enjoyed a tour to Laughlin for a day of shopping and gambling. Our tour bus driver Julie happens to be originally from Waianae, HI. She had a pleasant local hawaiian personality and there was never a dull moment.

Saturday was also filled with fun and games. CONGRATULATIONS to **Edith Quiray, Maggie Luczon** and **Jaunita Vergara** who were the winners of the slot tournament. In the evening, we all met at the Main Street for a buffet dinner and gift giving. We had so much fun enjoying each others company, the party continued in Angie Perez suite with more ono goodies and memorable times together.



Standing L-R: Rita Goshi, George & Shirley Ito, Edith Quiray, Linda Recarte, Maggie Luczon, Angie Perez, Janet Miyashiro, Billy Ruidas, Joy Enfield. Front row kneeling: Frank Soriano, Lowell Lee, Vic Pajente, missing Vic Sabino

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LHS 75th Anniversary Schedule of Events

By Jaughn Degamo

Friday July 5, 2013:

- ~ **9:00 am** - Opening of March 1988 Time Capsule (LHES Outdoor Stage.) *Open to ALL to witness and be present. Ceremonies and program to take place in the school cafeteria at 3:00pm.
- ~ **12:30 pm - 5:00 pm** - LHES Foundation Ice Cream Parlor (LHES Cafeteria)
- ~ **12:30 pm, 1:15 pm, 2:00 pm** - LHES Campus Tours (LHES Campus)
- ~ **3:00 pm** - *Welcome Back Alumni Program and Ceremony with guest speakers and entertainment by students and alumni (LHES Cafeteria)
- ~ **3:00 pm - 5:00 pm** - Display of 1988 Time Capsule contents (LHES Cafeteria)
- ~ **3:00 pm - 5:00 pm** - LHS Alumni Class check-in, registration and information booth (LHES Cafeteria)
- ~ **6:00 pm - Pau** - LHES Alumni Reunion BBQ and Potluck, Oldies Karaoke and Throwback Dance Party V (Old Bowling Alley)

Saturday July 6, 2013:

- ~ **8:00 am - 10:00 am** - 2013 Time Capsule Class Container Drop Off (LHES Cafeteria)
- ~ **10:00 am - 11:00 am** - Classes meet for PARADE (County Parking Lot)
- ~ **11:00 am - 12:00 pm** - LHES 75th Anniversary Celebration PARADE (Around Dole Square)
- ~ **12:00 pm** - Parade ENDS back at County Parking Lot (Everyone to sing the LHES Alma Mater)
- ~ **3:00pm** - Annual Pineapple Festival BEGINS (Dole Park)
- ~ **3:00 pm - 6:00 pm** - LHES 75th Anniversary Celebration CONTINUES with fun and games and exciting entertainment and performances by LHES alumni and students (Dole Park)
- ~ **6:00 pm** - 2013 Pineapple Festival OFFICIAL opening with National Anthems
- ~ Fireworks Display at conclusion

Sunday July 7, 2013 "Aloha Day":

- ~ Open to all LHES Alumni classes to make this last day as they wish. Just like old times - go to Hulopo'e "Manele" Beach Park? Keomoku? Naha? Federation Camp? Kaumalapa'u Harbor? Lana'i Hale?
- ~ See you for the CENTENNIAL Celebration in 2038!

LHS 75th Anniversary Schedule of Events (continued)...

**Times and Events are subject to change without notice*

Aloha fellow LHS Alumni! We are still on the lookout for CLASS CONTACTS. If you know that your class is planning to hold a reunion (whether big or small) during this weekend, please let us know how we can get a hold of you to give you information as it becomes available.

For more information please contact **Juan Jaughn Degamo** (CO78) at 808-559-0789 or at adjd82fordays@yahoo.com. Facebook: "Juan Jaughn Degamo"

BLEST BE THE TIES THAT BIND THE CLASS OF '51

By Maisie Nagaishi

Silver tresses or dyed, receding hairlines and protruding midriffs, the Class of '51, sporting canes and hearing aids and clutching their 40% off Senior discount coupons, gather at Makino Chaya in Pearlridge on September 13th to welcome home **George Morita**. Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks goes to **Jane Sakamura Nakamura** who spent countless hours coordinating this even, attended by 14 classmates and 2 guests.

Jane Lee Gabriel and **Vince Ozoa** made a special trip from Lanai. Also, the presence of "long time no see" classmates who left Lanai in their early teens and graduated from other high schools made the gathering extra special.

Conception Oroyan Asentista, Jane Kokubun and **Ruth Yara Oishi** joined the old faithful: **Bessie Honda Kiyota** who graciously provided the table favors, **Charles & Audrey Kwon, Jane Sakamura Nakamura, Maisie**

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Blest be the ties that bind the Class of '51 - continued from page 2

Nunotani Nagaishi, Paul Matsui, Sarah Choi Palisbo, Stanley Ajirogi who is our class photographer, and **Tommy Domingo Alas**. Our staunch supporter and widow of James, Ruth Nakasone, rounded out our party.

George gave the invocation before the meal and during the meal everyone gave a brief update on their career and family. What a contrast in our classmates – we have a great-grandmother and a grandmother whose eldest grandchild is still in elementary school so her babysitting days have not yet ended!

We paid special tribute to two of our ailing classmates. **Ruth Masada Manta** and **Flora Remiticado Bibilone**. (Read more about Flora below.)

Time did not allow us to reflect upon our 15 departed classmates. Yet, as our class circle gets smaller, we who remain find ourselves drawing closer to each other and “blest be the ties that bind...”



Class of '51: Stanley Ajirogi, Jane Kokubun, Maisie Nunotani Nagaishi, Charles Kwan, Jane Sakamura Nakamura, Tommy Domingo Alas, Audrey Kwan, George Morita, and Paul Matsui.



Mahalo, Flora Remiticado Bibilone

By Jane Sakamura Nakamura

With sincere appreciation and gratitude, the Class of 1951 acknowledges and honors **Flora Remiticado Bibilone** for her many years of service as our LACA Class Representative. She faithfully attended the numerous LACA business meetings and attended the various LACA sponsored activities which included the annual October LACA Reunion Weekend in the Maile and Ohana Banquet Rooms in the California Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas. Over the years, she enthusiastically volunteered as a photographer taking hundreds of photos of LACA members, their friends, families, and activities.

For our 50th Class Reunion held in Las Vegas on October 12, 2001, Flora did a fabulous job of compiling photos of our younger days in elementary school through high school, our spouses, our

Flora Remiticado Bibilone - continued on page 13



60th Class Reunion - Class of 1952

by Richard Kawakami

After a year of planning, we finally gathered for our 60th Class Reunion in LA, California. Classmates from Hawaii: **Kiyomi Kunishigi, Helen Takenouchi, Ruth Teroka, Hattie Higa** and **Henry Pasqua**. From Michigan: **Daniel and Donna Anbe**. From California: **Mildred Tanaka, Irene Bersamin, David Funada, Stanley Juan, Marcellino Sugitan, Barbara and Richard Kawakami**.

Our reunion events from September 24-28, 2012:

9/24 Light dinner at Delamo Mall, food court, in Torrance which was next to our classmate's hotel.

9/25 We traveled to Valley View Indian Casino for our FREE buffet after a 2-1/2 hr bus ride. Ate and talk story for 2-1/2 hours. Irene, Hattie and Ruth spent another 1/2 hr talking to avoid gambling and later sat in the hotel lobby to relax from eating too much. Our server set up our table for the 12 of us (usually only for "High Rollers." Winners were Kiyomi, David and Daniel. Kiyomi and I were on an Elvis machine. We all had a ball because it was hitting the bonus rounds the machine vibrates like crazy with his music.

We all met again for dinner at Rascals Restaurant, famous for their Chinese Chicken Salads and huge portions of food. Richard drove 4 women to drug store for shower caps and miscellaneous items. The conversation from them turned risqué enough to fog my windshield. Then we headed home to recuperate for tomorrow.

9/26 - We held our regular class meeting at Marukai Food Court, Richard distributed T-Shirts. We played Bingo and watched our 50th Class Reunion video at the same time--hectic but fun! Stanley won \$5. Ruth & Kiyomi won about \$3.50. Stanley drove Henry and Marcellino home and the rest of us went to the Galleria Mall and Trader Joes in



PHOTO: Class of '52 60th Reunion, Marukai Food Court Torrance.

9/27 - We went on a Hollywood Sightseeing private tour, included was lunch at the Farmer's Market and the new Grove. Our tour included: Famous Movie Stars homes (over 30), Hollywood Walk of Fame/Chinese Theater, Mulholland Drive, Hollywood Sign, Rodeo Drive, Downtown LA, J Town, Sunset Boulevard, and Melrose Place.

Our farewell dinner was at the Grand World Buffet in. The Hawaii classmates treated us to dinner so everything tasted much better. They also gave us gift bag containing Hawaiian Pictorial 2013 Calendar, Plantation Tea Cakes, Dishwasher Ball and Thermal Bag. Some classmates met at the Marriott Hotel after the buffet to talk story.

9/28 - Kiyomi, Helen and Henry left for Hawaii today. Daniel and Donna will leave on Sunday. Hattie and Ruth will return to Hawaii after the weekend.

We all had a great time and bonded after this reunion. Some considered this our best reunion

and talking about our 80 year old reunion. I will need a few days to recuperate. Thanks everyone for participating in this 60th CLASS of '52 REUNION in LA. SAYONARA!!



Class of '52 60th Reunion at Grand World Buffet

**UPDATES ON THE CLASS of '52 MEETING (JANUARY)***by Richard Kawakami*

The Class of '52 met at MFC on January 16, 2013 at 11:00 am. Present were **Stanley, Irene, David, Mildred, Takeko, Evelyn** and **Richard. Marcellino** was at home with the flu for the past week.

The following subjects were discussed:

- Snacks were shared by Stanley (Red Bean Manju), Mildred (Assorted Nabisco Mini Cookies), David (Quardiatini Coconut Cookies) and Richard (Lemon / Haupia Cup Cakes). Everything was delicious!
- We planned to celebrate Jane's birthday but she didn't show up -- so Mildred ate the birthday cupcake. Happy birthday to classmates Jane, Hattie and Kenneth!
- David is planning a trip to Hawaii in April and will try to meet his sister Jane on Molokai. Richard and Barbara may be headed for Vegas in February.
- Marcellino has the Flu bug. Mildred's blood test showed some abnormality, but a follow-up test showed good results. Takeko has a blood test scheduled (every 3 months) today after the meeting. Richard will have to schedule a kidney test within 6 months. Hope everyone has gotten their flu shot and take good care with any chronic conditions.
- We are skipping MFC next month in favor of going to a restaurant because Jane keeps complaining about not going anywhere else. Hope she can make it next month! Marukai installed a flat screen TV in the food court--maybe they heard our conversation!
- Mitsue was planning to attend today, but canceled this morning as she still feels uncomfortable after her son's recent passing.
- Stanley mentioned that Marcellino hung up the phone in the middle of their conversation. Pearl thought something may be wrong with him so told Stanley to check up on him. When he arrived there, Marcellino was just watching TV and said he thought the conversation was over.
- In closing, we all are really appreciating our heated seats in our cars, because it has been cold in California. I didn't think we would ever need it, but am very grateful now!

Next class meeting is on February 13th at Golden Pheasant Chinese Restaurant. The address is 1077 W. Carson St., Torrance 90502. See you there!

LHS PINELADS 1953

1st row: Liberato Viduya (guard), Cesar Eligado (forward, deceased), Tony Magaoay (forward), Teophilo Cabalo (guard, deceased), Ronald Fuchigami (forward).

2nd row: Jack Hokama (guard), Fred Honda (forward, deceased), Rodrigo Balderas (guard), James Pagay (forward, deceased).

3rd row: George Yokoyama-MANAGER, Alejandro Eligado (center), Clifford Cabanilla (center), Jacob Hueu (guard), John Park-COACH (deceased).

This great picture brought back lots of memories... Thanks **Cheryl Whittington von Kugler & Phyllis Tanodra Kinkaid** for suggesting we put this in LACA Paper... When this picture came about - A lil' Pinelass couldn't resist bragging about Mr. **Jake Hueu**. In addition to being an athlete, Jake participated as King for May Day, Junior Prom and Joseph in the Nativity scene for christmas... and while a Catholic in a Mormon college (Church College of Hawaii in Laie) he was selected as Most Preferred Man on the Campus. We're all so proud of his achievements in various capacities and I might also add he became a great teacher at LHS. As a LACA Member - WE can't THANK HIM & Rosita enough for ALL that they've done. She had him running!

Pleasant memories...



IN MEMORIAM

By Camille Cabalo

Teophilo “Phil” Cabalo was born to **Marcelo Cabalo** and **Juana Butad** on August 22, 1935 in Pukolii, Maui. With his father and his four siblings (**Marie Alboro**, **Alfred Garcia**, **Haime Cabalo**, and **Lala Enfield**), they moved to Lanai in 1939.

Phil Cabalo graduated from Lanai High School in 1953 with accolades such as student body Vice President in his junior year and as student body President in his senior year. He was also part of various sports such as football and basketball and had been an avid automobile fanatic. Later, he attended the University of Manoa until 1956 when he entered the Air Force, and honorably discharged four years later. Phil married to his first wife **Rosita** on August 17, 1963 and had two daughters, **Cynthia** and **Catherine**. He worked for a short time as an electrician’s apprentice at Pearl Harbor until he joined Burroughs as a field service engineer in the 1960’s. Later, he remarried in August 8, 1981 to **Cresenciana** and had two more girls, **Christine** and **Camille**. Phil was later promoted to field service manager until his retirement in 1990. His retirement years were spent happily playing golf and spending time with his granddaughter **Cierra**. Phil passed away on September 30, 2012 and leaves a legacy of love and laughter for all the lives he has touched.



Photo of sisters Myrtle Dalde Reponte (c/o '60) and Irene Dalde Seawright (c/o 1958)

Ever forget Your Class Reunion?

Irene Dalde Seawright left a message on my phone (I was at work & couldn’t pick up) asking if I knew **Jeri Hirayama Iba**’s phone number. She sounded quite desperate saying she’s in Vegas right now for her Class Reunion (Class of 1958) but something’s not right because she doesn’t see any of her classmates anywhere...

By the time I returned her call she had already gotten hold of Jeri & yep, she went the **WRONG WEEKEND!** It’s a good thing she lives in California & not on Lana’i. She couldn’t stop laughing as we spoke & I could hear her husband Jerry in the background telling me to “keep her there”... Irene was giving me her arrival time

on Oahu for the following week.

The weekend of her reunion she came home to Oahu & spent time with her sister **Myrtle**. It was a great reunion for the **Dalde**’s because the siblings were all together at one point & it just happened to be their sister **Myrtle & James Reponte**’s 50th Wedding Anniversary! Perfect timing!



Address Unknown

Over the past years I have compiled a list of the newsletters that were returned via the US Postal Service as "Address Unknown". I am requesting your help to update my LACA Membership database. I would appreciate if you can send me an email of any updated addresses you know of attention to **Donna Ching** at editor@lanaiconnection.com.

- Ahner, Eleanor Akie Ahner – Class of 1944
- Irene Ahuna – Class of 1969
- Liana Alboro – Class of 2005
- Theresa Alves
- Hennessey Amby
- Mary Akie Archer – Class of 1948
- Yuniko Awa
- Clyde Awakuni – Class of 1970
- Megan Bagoyo
- Gus Ballesteros – Class of 1953
- Manuel Banglos – Class of 1951
- Amanda Keani Barbadillo – Class of 2006
- Betty Barbadillo – Class of 1950
- Joe Barino, Sr.
- Tom Bouakeo
- Ryan Burke
- Steven Cabuslay
- Duke Cajala
- Ted Calunod, Jr. – Class of 1957
- Jocelyn Celcer – Class of 1959
- Michiko Chinna – Class of 1941
- Christine Clarabal Costales – Class of 1977
- Paz Cuyno – Class of 1954
- Julian Dahang
- Lauren Dela Cruz
- Randy Dela Cruz
- Marcus Duterte
- Christine Endo – Class of 1968
- Marilyn (Tacaderas) French
- Miguel Garcia
- Kelli Gima – Class of 2003
- Robert & Mercedes Godinez, Sr. – Class of 1953
- Jay-Ed Guntang
- Alice (Tomita) & Hisamitsu Haitsuka – Class of 1951
- Carole-Jeanne Hernandez – Class of 1967
- Jasmine (Libero) Heyl – Class of 1975
- Pauline (Nakachi) Hirasuna – Class of 1942
- Mildred Hokama – Class of 1941
- Joshua Ige
- Darwin Javier
- Rachel (Oyama) Jio – Class of 1943
- Amalia (Camero) Kettering – Class of 1985
- Emil Kildall – Class of 1959
- Diane (Chun) Kim – Class of 1939
- Evelyn (Sakaue) Kobayashi – Class of 1957
- Evelyn (Okamoto) & Harry Kobshiyama – Class of 1954
- Georgette (Catiel) Kunsunoki – Class of 1971
- Kwi Soon Lee – Class of 1944
- Susan Lord
- Barbara Mendes – Class of 1964
- Josephine Messina
- Katherine Minn – Class of 1941
- Pio Moniz – Class of 1989
- Rosendo Nacua – Class of 1952
- Mitsuyuki Nakao – Class of 1948
- Jacqueline & Collado Nartatez
- Clayton Niibu – Class of 1971
- Paul Oda – Class of 1963
- Chad Okamoto – Class of 1992
- Charisse Okamoto – Class of 1995
- Nolan Olsen – Class of 1969
- Mistue Osako
- Chitose & Chogoro Oshiro – Class of 1944/1945
- Mel & Emily Ozeki
- Rosita (Mendoza) Pajente – Class of 1938
- Pedro & Marmalita Perez, Jr.
- Jennifer (Hera) Pementel
- Abraham Preza – Class of 1972
- Rosaria Preza – Class of 1951
- Rowena Preza – Class of 1977
- Annette Quilinquin
- Pastor Remi Remiticado
- Tony Remiticado
- Carmela (Camero) Rice – Class of 1982
- Georgia (Ohashi) Rodrigues – Class of 1971
- Louie & Caron Romero
- Ann Sakagawa – Class of 1978
- Alan & Jacqueline (Cui) Sanchez
- Hattie Schreiber
- Ann (Vescaino) Seymour
- Judy (Ruidas) Shiroma – Class of 1968
- Carmelita (Giron) Soberano – Class of 1969
- Glenda (Nogami) & Siegfried Streufert – Class of 1967
- Su Sun – Class of 1945
- Teruyo Suzuki – Class of 1945
- Glenna Tello – Class of 1974
- Stepheny Pahi Van Horsen – Class of 2002
- Shirley Villaverde – Class of 1957
- Nani (Kwon) & Miles Watanabe – Class of 1970
- Richard Watanabe – Class of 1949
- David & Shari Willett – Class of 1969
- Irene Yamasato – Class of 1983
- Irene (Enfield) Young – Class of 1950



A LEGEND IS BORN

by Tony Magaoay '56

LOCAL BOY RETURNS



One half century ago, 22-year old Donald Matsui went home to LANA'I, the island of his birth; and began a legendary teaching career at his childhood alma mater - Lana'i High & Elementary School (LHES). In his sophomore year, he transferred to MPI, Oahu; became a wrestling and track star; and graduated in 1949. He went

on to Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota, where he received an education bachelor degree in 1953. After teaching one year at Moanalua Intermediate, Honolulu, he returned home in September 1954.

HIS CAREER

With a Physical Education credentials, he was hired as a PE teacher and the school's Athletic Director. He assumed the Head Coach of the Pinelads Varsity Basketball team and was assigned the



Junior class advisor for the class of '56. As if this was not enough for his first year at LHES, he served as counselor on eight student committees. For 58 years that included his substitute teaching, he continued holding multiple positions, until his retirement in 2012. This longevity of services in numerous capacities resulted in influencing the lives of hundreds of LHES students at diverse levels. This included over 130 boys who played basketball under his helm of 21 years as head coach from 1955-1971 and 1976-1979.

HIS FAMILY

At LHES, Coach Matsui met elementary teacher, Kitoshi Kodama; married her in 1955; and they eventually had three children (Dorrye, Darryl Brian). Their combined dedication to serve the students never faltered even while raising a young family. Mrs. Matsui



routinely supported her husband away from the public limelight. Married for over 57 years, Donald & Kitoshi, grandparents of 2, can be seen taking daily walks together near their home in Lana'i City.

HIS CHARACTER

Coach Matsui is a humble man. Instead of attending a recognition dinner in his behalf, he would rather socialize with friends at Manele Beach and "talk story" about old times.



Where should we place him among renowned basketball coaches of all times? We could describe him as: "What John Wooden is to UCLA, Donald Matsui is to LHES." The statement can be backed up by the players. The boys he coached arose out of the woodworks of a small town USA - Lana'i City - and now men, have become outstanding leaders and respectable citizens in the nation's communities.

TRIBUTE

To pay homage to Donald Matsui for his years of dedicated coaching, teams from the past planned



a surprised honorary banquet. Organized by a committee of players from '70 & '71, the affair was held at the Natsunoya Tea House on Oahu. The coach refused to attend the family dinner, until his children convinced him that a few players from the 1971 team was coincidentally going to be there for a reunion gathering. The players would be delighted if the coach happened to show up.

MAHALO COACH

At the banquet room entrance, the 1971 team greeted the coach and his family with handshakes and hugs. The coach was elated. Then he saw them - the legendary 1955 to 1958 group - sitting at the far end of the room. As humble as he has been all these years, he could not hold back his emotions. He knew instantly that his players had huddled for one last time to honor him. His "grand entrance" was so touching that Master of Ceremony Nelson Tamashiro failed to announce their arrival.





THE BANQUET

Nelson Tamashiro '70 Master of Ceremony

As gifts were presented to Coach Matsui and memories from the past reminisced throughout the evening, a legend of a Lana'i Coach was beginning to surface.



Legendary Group of the 50s

Stephen Pahente '56, Tony Magaoay '56, Coach Matsui, Libby Viduya '55, Robert Viduya '58. (Missing Paing DelaCasada '57)



Hawaii USA Credit Union
Certificate of Appreciation
Presented by: Liberato Viduya '55
and Ricky Oyama '70



Maui County Commendation Letter
Presented by Chuck Boligmo '71



1971 State "A" Basketball Runner Up Trophy
By Doug Daguary '71, Chuck Boligmo '71, Kent Tamashiro '74,
Greg Alonzo '72, Phil Camero '71, Ricky Tamashiro '71

Basketball
Pine Lads
Signatures
Presented By
Nilton Oyama '79
Tony Magaoay '56
Paing DelaCasada '57



Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle Letter of Commendation
Presented by Colbert Matsumoto '71



... the years and also our lives
passed away with us like as if it
were unto us a dream.

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LACA/ LAS VEGAS CONNECTION

Saturday, October 12, 2013

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The California Hotel - Maile & Ohana Room

Las Vegas, Nevada

Buffet Meal

Featuring “Lana'i Talents”

LACA has gathered in Las Vegas, Nevada for 17 years straight. Last year there was a break in that streak but connected on Maui in May which also turned out to be a memorable fun event. Please make your reservations early. The Maile & Ohana Room can only accommodate up to 200 people comfortably. Deadline for sign-up is August 31, 2013. Time was changed this year due to California Hotel is having their own in-house event that evening.

REQUESTING everyone's participation to share your talent and help make this LACA/Las Vegas Connection a memorable event for all. Please contact **Suzanne Damian** at (808) 292-7435 or **Donna Ching** at editor@Lanaiconnection.com or **Gloria Obado Reyes** at reyesobado@yahoo.com to have your name added to our program.

Seeking those Lana'i kine stories: plantation days, hana-bada days, fun times

Announcements: reunions, anniversaries, recognitions

Entertainment: Music, dance, any talent of sorts (please keep it G-Rated)

On Friday, October 11th the banquet packets will be available for pick up from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. by the Contact Person-CP by name on top of the LACA Las Vegas registration form. Everyone is welcome to use the Hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evenings. You are welcome to hang around to talk stories, reminisce, and share your snacks & drinks.

In Loving Memory

Ralph Piena, Class of 1948

Martin Esteban, Class of 1952

Teophilo “Phil” Cabalo,
Class of 1953

Mary Reyes Cagasan, Supporter

*Please submit LACA member names to
be remembered to
editor@Lanaiconnection.com.*

Mahalo to...

Thank you to all who shared their stories for The Lana'i Connection newsletter, **Donna Shiroma Nakasue** for putting together the newsletter, **Coochie Cayan** for reviewing and editing the articles, and the newsletter mail out preparation gang.

And also thank you to **Mr. Bob Kinoshita** for providing us a building to use for our gathering place.

The next issue is August 2013. Please submit your articles by July 15th to **Donna Reyes Ching** at editor@Lanaiconnection.com.

LACA LAS VEGAS CONNECTION AT THE CAL

October 12, 2013, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Ohana/Maile Room

Reservation Deadline: August 31, 2013

Contact Person (CP): _____ Group of: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

NO REFUNDS. CP's are requested to pick up table packets 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Hospitality Room on Oct. 11th.

Circle number if person is disabled. New Member pays: \$40 banquet + \$10 membership fee = \$50.

	\$40 Alumni, Class of	\$40 Member/ spouse	\$40 Community/ Supporter	\$50 New Member	\$50 Non-Member or Guest	\$15 Slot Machine Tournament 10/11 @ 6pm	Check Number(s)	Amount Enclosed
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SLOT MACHINE TOURNAMENT

*Hosted by the Class of 1959
Chairman: Jojo Endrina Timbreza*



Date: Friday, October 11, 2013

Price: \$15

Place: Main Street Hotel
Slot Machine Tournament Area

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.
Check-in at 5:30 pm (please be on time)



Class of 1958-1969 Vegas Reunion

By Lea Suzuki

What fun!
What fun! The October reunion in Las Vegas for the classes of '58 and '59 was a huge success if you measure the fun that was had by all. The number of people in attendance was small, three from the Class of '58 and six from the Class of '59 but

judging from the laughter and all the noise you would have thought you were at a LACA reunion.

Jeraldine Hirayama Iba, Carol Ann Tsumura Fujimoto and Mae Morita Takata represented the Class of '58 and **Alan Dumling, Joanna Endrina Timbreza, Marjorie Morita Asato, Sonja Okamitsu Tyau, Harry Yamatsuka and Lea Nobu Suzuki** represented the Class of '59. With family and friends there were 21 of us. The activities started out with the always delicious



buffet brunch at Main Street Station's Garden Buffet. After eating, the Class of '58 had some excellent brain-draining games for everyone to complete with generous prizes. Not only were the prizes generous but the three crafters shared wonderful gifts with everyone. We were having so much fun that we overstayed our time

limit at the buffet.

We met again at 8:00 that evening for a slot tournament. All during the tournament we were talking and laughing and making so much noise that people passing by were looking at us. The big prize of \$100 went to Robert Hirayama with four other winners and the consolation prize going to **Hazel Hirayama**, Robert's wife. We all agree that it would be fun to do this again.

Mahalo, Flora Remiticado Bibilone - continued from page 3



children, and our past reunions. She organized everything into a 68-page 50th anniversary booklet which was presented to every classmate who attended the event.

Unfortunately, all of Flora's activities came to a standstill when she became ill over 5 years ago. She spent several months in a hospital and nursing home environment, but now, she is back in her own home in Waipahu. She is being cared for by her devoted husband Richard, her ohana, as well as certified nurse's aides. Her mind and health may have declined over the years, but all the things she did with us and for us in the past remain.

At our mini-class reunion luncheon at Makino Chaya on September 13, 2012, we collected \$200 in voluntary contributions which we donated to LACA in Flora's name in order to recognize and honor her. May God grant her comfort and peace for all her remaining days.



Retirement is Great!

By Laraine (Saranillio) Avery, Alumni, Class of 1959

Bill & I have been enjoying retirement together. I can say we're inseparable! Unfortunately we spend too much time eating out and gaining weight. Like having breakfast every Wednesday with **Gloria Obado Reyes**, and her husband **Vince** unless something comes up. Friends would ask Bill, "what do you do now that you're retired?" His answers always the same, "Monday through Friday we don't do anything, then on Saturday and Sunday we rest." In actuality we do get out and about on Bill's motorcycle on weekends, go to the beach with our kids and grandkids, and to the movies. We spend a lot of time going to the doctors and picking up our medications.

We look forward to going to Vegas twice a year. This March we'll be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary in Vegas & going again in October for LACA. While in Vegas Bill rents a Harley Davidson Classic and we really travel! Last trip he put over 900 miles on the bike in four days. We went to a place called Oatman, Arizona. It's a very old town with wild but friendly burrows, (donkeys) that roams all over town. They would come right up to you for food. We also went north to Area 51 where ET was supposed to have landed. It was a long 3 hour run. We have taken trips to Red Rock, Valley of Fire, Bonnie Springs, Laughlin, Parump, Lake Mead Run and more on the motorcycles.

We have seven grand kids and one great grandchild, and another great on the way. They keep us active! My daughter **Patty** loves her work at The Four Seasons in Vegas and we look forward to having her home once a year. Just a short up-date on our retirement activities. It's great to be retired. Hope to see you Lanaians and classmates this October. Aloha!



Aloha from the Class of 1963!

By Herman Cabalero



We, the class of 1963 from Lanai High and Elementary School, remain the biggest class that the school has ever produced. We also have another BIG to celebrate and it is our big five O (50 years)!

Lanai has always been very close to our Hearts and our Hearts has always been close to each other! We have awesome reunions on Lanai every 5 years because that's where home is; as well as many other mini-reunions wherever and whenever we have an excuse to meet!

This class is the liveliest, loudest, and most fun group that Lanai has ever raised! So, if you're feeling down and bored this July 4th week, stop by at the Lanai senior center and you will sleep better from the pure exhaustion from the fun and laughter you'll experience! See you there!



65th Birthday Celebration

Was it the night? No the day? or Whatevas! but, the year 1947 our parents had a ball when these wonderful children of God were born! These children celebrated their 65th birthdays (2012). You all can't imagine when we all hit 60, 65 came so fast we don't know what hit us! Yikes! First of all, Medicare, AARP, HMSA Akamai Advantage Plan kicked in. WOW! The only thing we looked forward to was our \$10.00 one way to Maui on the Expeditions. Another good thing we look forward to is we can join MEO Senior Club and play Bingo and go to Maui 3 times a month to shop until you drop or just go and have lunch at McDonald's because we can! The MEO Transportation will take us shopping with free transportation, for Seniors only. McDonald's only because we are all on fixed income!

September 2012, some of us that live on Lana'i and a few from Honolulu and Florida who came home just to go to Maui for the day and paid our \$10.00 felt really good! ha! We all had lunch at the Pioneer Inn. We talk stories, teased each other, compared how many meds we take a day, all the aches and pains, and who's deaf and blind! It's like we never left each other all these years. After lunch some of us went shopping and others walked Front Street in Lahaina. We all caught the 3:15 p.m. boat back home, by then we were all tired, usually about that time we all need our naps, it was a good 45 minutes nap! Lucky this event was during the day if not by 7 p.m. one of us would start yawning by 7:30 we will be doing our Houdini Act (disappear) to go home!

Every time a classmate comes home we all try get together and pot luck and just see who got older and who look good in their old age and who have the most grand and great grand kids and who ended up in the hospital lately or who have the most white hair. Just to shoot the breeze and enjoy each other's company. It was such an enjoyable day, the company was great and the timing was all good!

Thank you class of '65 for a wonderful and fun day being with each other and we will do it again soon, not wait till we all no can walk! To all our Ohana and friends, make this new year a good one. Forgive, love, talk to each other, even if we no can hear, just talk, Be Healthy, Be Safe and Pray together or for each other. I will see you again, here or up there or in the air!



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