



# The Lana'i Connection

## Da Tabura Braddahs and the Amazing Food Truck Race

*Via The Pineapple-Coconut Wireless and Mom "Helen Tabura"*

Last year, I got a call one day from numbah one son, **Lanai**, telling me that he and his brother **Adam** are going on a two month cross-country competition with the Food Network's "The Greatest Food Truck Race." My immediate reaction was "WHAT? What for? My Son said, "RACE!" Me: "What kine Race?" My impatient Son: "Ma, don't you watch the Food Network show?" Me: "No!"

Then Lanai explained how a friend asked him to do this food truck race and they decided to include his chef brother, Adam. Naturally, Adam asked, "What's in it for me?" Number 1 Son explained \$50K and a Food Truck if we win! There were details and rules for the race including elimination of teams.

Meanwhile, I am the worrying Mom concerned for their regular jobs. Lanai explained it's like the Reality Show of food truck cooking. Both Tabura boys wanted to do it and said they would work out the details with jobs and family. My advice was on point to Lanai, "Well, you're all men and if that's your decision then go for it! Only one thing braddah, NO FIGHT with your brother! If you do he is going to walk off!" Later, my Chef son called and expressed the same mana'o that this would be a good experience for both of them.



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*Amazing Food Truck Race, continued from page 1*

Evidently, competition was going to be fierce with eight food trucks going cross-country and cooking and selling their creations within the specific rules for each stop! Little did I know how intense this food truck race would be and its impact of Aloha in action upon our extended family and friends (new and old) across America, in Hawaii nei and on our little island of Lana'i.

Before you know it, they are in California and preparing for the Great Food Truck Race. The first competition stop was in Beverly Hills. The Food Network gave each team a budget per meal to prepare and to sell. The negative risk of that first week was if any the team was eliminated the first week they would be out immediately!

The first day competition in Beverly Hills was to make and sell hamburgers for \$25.00 a plate and sell 25 plates. The Aloha Food Truck sold nine (9) plates and the other teams sold 10 and 11 plates. Luckily, there were no eliminations and the race was on! Yippee!



Next - San Francisco -- they did not do too bad selling plates and was still in the race!

Onwards to Oregon where they learned really fast about the competition. They would call friends and the Pineapple-Coconut wireless went out over the Internet and the team even created a page on Facebook to update everyone on the team's stops and progress and where to buy the food!

The incredible support of the Hawaiian expats community at each stop throughout the race was overwhelming; it made the boys cry in appreciation! Thankfully the guys also survived the stress of being with each other 24/7. Many calls went back and forth with motherly advice to both sons "no fight"... "you came this far, cool head"... "cool head and relax"... and so on.

Initially, Chef Adam told brother he would be in charge of Sales and Marketing and collecting the money. Friend Shawn and third guy on the team was the driver and responsible for gas, water and oil, plus check everything before the daily journey. Shawn also assisted Chef Adam with tasks like buttering the bread,

washing the veggies and other assorted cooking tasks. Eventually, Lanai did the promotions and collected the sales while Chef Adam focused on cooking. The guys adjusted to working, cooking and selling from the food truck's limited space with minimal disagreements (that's another story of three braddahs working in a small food truck).

Meanwhile, the Food Truck race is getting huge attention from Hawaiians living on the Mainland and they show up to support the Aloha Truck Team with music, hula and eating all the food creations!!! At home, it becomes a weekly gathering with family and friends to cheer them on! Everyone was excited to see how well the Hawaii team was doing!

Toward the 7th week, Lanai called and told me what a genius Adam is. I asked, "... I am so happy it took you this long to figure him out and what a compliment. Thank you Son."

Two days later, Chef Adam calls and compliments his brother saying, "Mom, you have a gifted son! Ma, he knows so much

people in this world! Amazing my bradda!" I said happily, "Thank you for complimenting him that is nice, Adam."

That brotherly appreciation of each other was one of the best outcomes of the food truck race by working together and focusing on what they each did best - Adam with his food expertise and Lanai with his networking expertise!

Right now the Aloha Food Truck is in Los Angeles and the team is overwhelmed with the offers for it. There had been some promotional events and perhaps more in the future. The food truck race was a life experience for the three guys to compete with others, to make new friends and to see the Aloha Spirit in action across America!

Mahalo from this relieved and happy Mother and to the Food Network for giving them that opportunity to broaden their horizons. Mahalo nui loa i ke Akua for taking care of all them throughout this exciting adventure and journey.



## Cheers for Molokai and Lanai High School



On January 29, 2014 a fundraiser was held to supplement the athletic transportation budgets for Molokai and Lanai High Schools. The street party was fully hosted with heavy pupu and cocktails by Murphy's Bar and Grill and Hukilau throughout the evening from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Attendees helped themselves to savory island delicacies, beverages and also enjoyed lively top-notch entertainment.

Rallying to the call from the Downtown Athletic Club Hawaii was former LHS Alumni **Les Tamashiro, Jacob Hueu** and **Ricky Tamashiro**, pictured with **Governor Neil Abercrombie**.



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## “BLOCK 35 OF YORE”

Roy A. Del Rosario class of 1945

Reflections whence I had lived the southeast end of Lanai City known as Block 35, where I grew up from age 9 to 17 except it was not always Block 35. Current Lanaians will attest my presumption to be credible. Utilizing datum derived from an old map & coupled with what I remember back then, my phenomenal memory lends credence to the origin of block 35.

Between early & late 1920's the southeast corner of the city was mostly cleared area with only a row of eight houses scattered within the vicinity. It was likely than the area might have not yet been designated as a numbered block nor was the road fronting it had been given a street number or name.

I was 9 years old when we resided at block 33. Our home was fronted by Lanai Avenue. Other families in our row I remember were the **Godínez, Daniel, Sipe, Mano & Endrina's**. Close to us were the **Petaluna** family, **Funada's** & **Morita's**.

Between 1938 & 1940 – the area adjacent to Block 33 across from the baseball park & Lanai Avenue was cleared off to accommodate families that were being relocated from Kikki Camp at Palawai Basin. When all the houses from Miki Camp were completely situated at the newly cleared site, it became a new home for the

summer seasonal employees & dubbed as the new block 33. Henceforth the old block 33 became the new block 35.

In the ensuing years all the bachelor type houses in block 35 gradually converted into family type abodes where the **Goshi's, Pagay's, Ohashi's, Enfield's, Alboro's, Obado's, Del Rosario's, Tadios, Dimaya's** lived.

A small Army Signal Corps unit arrived in 1942 where a temporary billeting area for the military unit was housed until a small army camp was developed in the pineapple field between the city & Kaumalapau.

I left the island 58 plus years ago to enlist in the US Marine Corp in 1952. I hardly can recognize anybody now.

Residents of Block 33/35 well into their golden years are likely to recall & still able to “talk story” growing up block 35. As indicative by the brown & yellow T-Shirt they proudly wear, sporting “ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS, BLOCK 35, PLANTATION DAYS”...

*(Due to limited space, A full view of Roy's almost 3-page long write up will be posted on [Lanaiconnection.com/blog](http://Lanaiconnection.com/blog).)*





**My name is Richard (Ricky) Macabio.** I grew up on Lanai along with seven other siblings. My mom was Rose Santiago and my step-dad was Placido Malunay, the plumber. I currently live on Maui and try to go back to Lanai as often as I can to fish, hunt, or just get away for a while.

There seems to be familiar talk these days when I go back and the phrase goes like: "Oh, you don't live here anymore, do you?" At best it reminds me that I am no longer a resident. At worst it makes me feel like I'm not welcomed. As you can guess I find that kind of language hurtful because not only did my parents make Lanai what it is, so did our whole family. We are just one story out of many others whether or not they still live on Lanai. Not only was I a plantation baby but I also worked the pineapple fields during the summer for about \$1.25 an hour.

I'm really happy to see Mr. Ellison bring more jobs and improve the lives of those still living on Lanai. As I wait for the boat going to and from Lanai, I hear the conversations of those who are trying to get a foothold on the island. They speak openly that there is money coming and they want to be on Lanai to get their share of it. What's sad to me is that they can get a driver's license with a Lanai post office box number and now they are the "kamaainas" instead of me.

I feel that I have paid my dues many times over to be called a Lanai Boy and I still care deeply about what happens to my island. I am not looking for an economic opportunity, only to be able to still enjoy the island of my childhood. One of my most prized possessions is a photo taken of my daughters with their Tutu Rose down at Manele a few months before her passing.

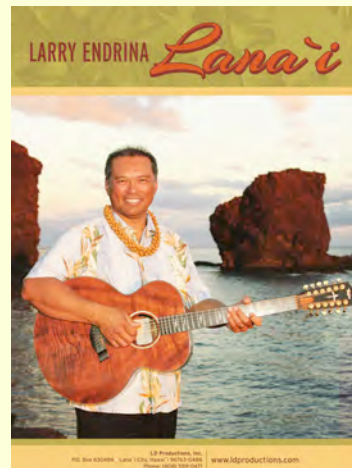
I have no issues with change but it should always be for the better. There are many others who no longer live on Lanai. I would hope that our contributions will be treasured and now thrown out and forgotten like an old pair of slippers.

Mahalo, **Ricky Macabio**



## Artist: Larry Endrina

### CD: Lana`i



Larry's latest recording "Lana`i" is a compilation of his favorite songs, including tributes to his Mama and Papa. Kauna`oa musicians are **Matthew Mano, AJ Vargara, Claude Huerta and Garek Eligado.** His sisters **JoJo**

**Timbreza, Christine Hickman and Francine Costales** joined him on Wailele `O` Akaka. Nephew and niece, **Duane Feig and Tisha Lincoln** additionally lent their beautiful talents. Original songs Lana`i and Haleakala Sunrise were arranged and composed by Larry and Matthew. Larry is an accomplished musician who has performed on Maui, O`ahu and the mainland for many years. He has been performing at the Four Seasons Lodge at Koele and Four Seasons Manele Bay Resort for more than 20 years. Individually the 14 songs have significance to Larry and his home island of Lana`i. All photos are on the island of Lana`i by photographer **Ron Gingerich.**

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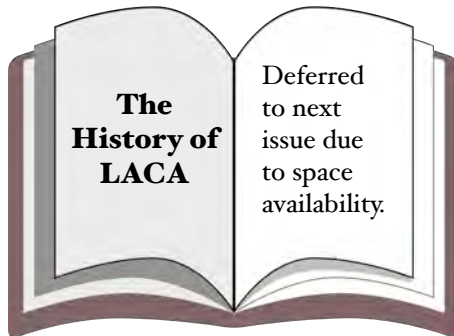
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*(I apologize if I missed your name,  
please send me an email or letter to be  
posted in the next newsletter, I did not  
have a notebook with me at the time you  
were handing me your contributions.)*

**“Mr. Aloha”: Randy Piena**

**Randy** who had to cancel his trip to attend LACA/VEGAS Reunion due to illness, we'd like to share about this wonderful man who embodies the Lana'i Spirit & has given of his time to LACA.



Randy comes from an old time respected family of **Peter and Mabel Piena**, while at Lana'i High School, Randy was known as a lively, gutsy, spirited football player. He attended Lana'i High and Elementary School, but transferred to Leilehua High School as a sophomore where he earned the nickname “Bull”. In later years, he actively supported youth baseball and was an announcer at the baseball games in Waialua.

When LACA was established 18 years ago, Randy served as an ubiquitous and conspicuous emcee at our Vegas reunions and annual social gatherings held on Lana'i and Oahu. By popular request at socials, Randy entertained attendees with his vocal renditions of Hawaiian and popular songs.

To LACA's Man of the Hour who is also dubbed “Lana'i's Mr. Aloha” a heartfelt Mahalo nui loa for service rendered!

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**BACK  
TO  
OUR  
ROOTS***By Rosita Hueu*

The recent passing of **Benita Remiticado Ruidas**, age 90 and former Lana'i resident **Mitsuye Oga**, age 103, gives us a moment to reflect on Lanai's families of the past. Benita and Mitsuye were pioneers in the settlement of Lana'i in the 1930's. With their spouses and through personal sacrifices they nurtured their children to adhere to a strong work ethic and commitment to education that enabled them to be successful in their chosen professions. LACA, the Lana'i community, and society, have been fortunate recipients of the Ruidas and Oga legacies.

**Benita Remiticado Ruidas***By Bobbie Ruidas Mizono*

Mom was an inspiration. She didn't graduate from High School because of taking care of her younger siblings. When she married my dad, things changed.

She taught herself to type with dad teaching her the fundamentals on our old typewriter. He taught her to speak Filipino so they can "talk secret". She did crossword puzzles & dad would take over and finish it, what a team.

I remember when Mom wanted to learn to play the piano. She would study piano books we had and slowly self-taught herself to read notes. She didn't play well but she was happy.

Mom was an active member with U.E. (University Extension) where she learned a few tricks on cooking and sewing. Later in life she did a lot of crocheting - beanie hats, I.D. tags, booties, leis, & scarves. She said it was her therapy and so was piano playing.

If you knew mom, she always had a smiley face and always kidding around. She knew lots of stories to tell. Her theory was, "you treat others like how you want to be treated".

She will be missed.

**THE OZOA'S CROSSROADS IN LIFE***By Rosita Viduya Hueu*

The marriage vows pledged sixty years ago, "For better or for worse until death do us part," between **Eleanor "Sponge" Bayron** and **Vicente "Intang" Ozoa** came to fruition on January 18, 2014 when Vicente passed away on Lana'i. While we are saddened by the loss of Vicente, at the same time we are happy that Eleanor is with us and will continue as a living treasure...enriching our lives with her firsthand knowledge of changes and events impacting Lana'i for the past 60 years.

Vicente and Eleanor embody the spirit of "homegrown" Lanaians who through the decades have rendered invaluable service to their alma mater and community. In high school, as Pinelad (class of '51) and Pinelass (class of '53) both participated in sports and community-related class activities. And like many of their classmates, Vicente and Eleanor spent their summers toiling in the pineapple fields.

After graduation, Vicente served in the United States Marine Corps..."Semper Fi." Following that, he worked for Hawaiian Airlines, spanning a career of 32 years. Subsequently, Eleanor retired after 30 years as an employee of Pine Isle Market. Vicente's many years at Hawaiian Airlines enabled them to travel extensively to different states on the mainland. And yes, their favorite destination was without question, Las Vegas! During all of this time and up to the present, Vicente, Eleanor and their Ohana resided in the same house in a place fondly known as "Korean Camp."

We are truly grateful to Vicente and Eleanor for their efforts to make Lana'i community a better place to live. Through their strong religious faith, commitment and loyalty to friends, they have imbued their children with a sense of values to help develop productive and meaningful lives. We will miss Vicente's caring and personable demeanor. Vicente is survived by Eleanor, three sons: Alan (Kailua), Eric (Washington) and Duane (Lana'i). He is predeceased by daughter Adrienne.

Aloha Oe, Vicente. Rest in peace.





## In Memory of My Sister EDITH ETSUKO GIKIU

By Hazel Butterfiled – Class of '55

The loss of my sister, my very best friend has impacted me the most this past week. For many years, I arrived at Frank and Edith's home in Gardena at least three days before New Year's day to help Edith with the preparation of the shogatsu feast for the family.

It was a wonderful time together where she taught me how to prepare the different dishes such as the niku-maki tamago (marinated meat rolled over hard boiled eggs), nishime (oden), the ozone soup for good luck, futomaki sushi, tempura, and her most delicious potato macaroni salad. Edith's wonderful desserts were already prepared before I arrived. (All of my children have their Aunt Edith's recipes and think of her every time they bake.)

When I am alone, I can sense her presence to make sure I did everything right. Even in her absence, I felt I spent New Year's Eve with Edith with a toast of a glass of wine!

Edith was my Ne-san (big sister) as my Dad said I must call her when we were little. I remember my Dad saying that I was never to complain if she should spank me because the big sister is always right!

I remember being glad that I was too young to work in the pineapple fields when Edith was old enough to go hanahana. I always felt it must have been hard on her because she seemed so fragile.

When my Dad was laid off from work in Lanai, we moved to a farm in Waimanalo, O'ahu. Rather than live a harsh life on the farm, Edith chose to live with a family in Kaneohe getting paid \$5.00 per week. She attended Castle High School in Kaneohe. Later, when I started at Castle High School, it was Edith's senior year and she was a popular figure which helped me (I was so shy) in being accepted. Later after graduation, Edith and her girl friend decided to move to the mainland to find better work. They moved to San Francisco, however, after a few months, with prejudice still strong against the Japanese, they decided to move to Los Angeles. There they found good jobs and less social prejudices. Our family decided to follow Edith's decision and we moved to Los Angeles soon after.

In retrospect Edith's decision was good. Because otherwise she would not have met her future husband, Frank and raise her family. It was good luck for me too - as I also met my husband and raised our family. I guess it was fate!

Edith was working at the Sears Roebuck office when she met Frank who was the Art Director there. They were married for the next 57 years!

The best times were with our family. I lived in Harbor City just 15 minutes away from my sister and close enough to Dad and Mom. It was easy for our parents to drive down to see me and the children. Also, it was fun to go to Edith's and together make our weekly grocery list and go shopping. We spent only \$20 to \$25 a week for groceries with coupons in hand. And we were the last ones in our generation to enjoy listening to Japanese music.

It was exactly a year ago that I flew to L.A. to see Edith for another New Year's Day celebration. Unfortunately, I ended up at in the emergency room with terrible pains which resulted in my having a gall bladder operation. What a way to celebrate the New Year and without my sister!!! However, I am eternally grateful to Edith's children Shawn and Debi, and her grandsons, Joshua and Raymond for sacrificing their New Year's Eve to be with me.

I count my blessings that I had 75 years of cherished moments with my sister, Edith and to be with her till the end. She was also so blessed to have such a saint in her husband, Frank who lovingly cared for her.

Thank you all for loving her and remembering her. Rest in peace dear Edith.

### *In Loving Memory of Deceased Members*

We extend our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your loved one, friend or classmate.

**Felix Dugay '48**  
**David Funada '52**  
**George Yokoyama '53**  
**Tamotsu Takahama '44**  
**Connie Dahang Frazier '65**  
**Benita Remiticado Ruidas**  
**Mitsuye Oga**  
**Vicente Ozoa '51**  
**Abigail Toledo '53**





## LACA/Vegas Reunion 2013

By Gloria Obado Reyes and Jim Cummings

The 18th Annual LACA Reunion was held at the Main Street Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, October 11-12, 2013. Chairperson for the event was **Donna Reyes Ching**, with her mother, **Gloria**, keeping her focused, organized and offering moral support.

Almost everyone arrived by plane or car on Thursday and, after checking in at their respective hotels, roamed around seeing familiar faces, enjoying the casinos and relaxing in the Lana'i/Las Vegas way.

A LACA Golf Tournament, organized by **Bill Ruidas & Sharon Reyes**, kicked off the activities early Friday morning at the historic Las Vegas Golf Club. Participants arrived in the early morning and had a chance to stretch, mingle and get rid of the travel rust as they teed off on an enjoyable course. Competition was keen, but relaxed, and everyone had a fun day in the sun.

The next activity was a fun filled Slot Machine Tournament hosted by **Lea Nobui Suzuki & Jojo Endrina Timbreza** at the Main Street Casino. Winners were **Rene Malaluan, Lea Nobui Suzuki**, and, believe it or not, an unintended mystery guest. The unknown guest was not part of the LACA reunion group and, quite innocently, played with us thinking he was with his own reunion group. He was a bit surprised and probably embarrassed because he didn't return to claim his winnings. Lea and Rene (and the mystery player) generously donated their winnings to LACA.

The final "official" activity was the LACA Reunion Luncheon at the Main Street Social Hall, which was MC'd by **Alfred "Freddy" Tipon, Jr.** The luncheon reunion was full of laughter, reminiscing and a few tears of joy with everyone having a great time. Several special events and recognitions kept Freddy busy coordinating the activities.

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## Old Bowling Alley Building

By Myrtle Dalde Reponte

In the September 2013 edition, Lanai Today monthly news posted requests for feedback on what to do with the old bowling alley building in Dole Park on Lanai. I don't believe that any plans have been firmed up yet, so it's not too late to express your opinion.

I personally want to see the building remain in its present location, renovated and refurbished as close as possible to the bowling alley, pool hall, and snack bar during Dalde's Enterprises operation. Also to consider additional lanes and automated pin-setting, of course. An added wing could even include a community center as it is used today displaying pictures of the plantation rolling fields of golden pineapples which we were all so proud of.

Not because I'm a Dalde girl, but more importantly, because the bowling alley was Lanai's only source of daily recreation and gathering place to play, have a snack, meeting & greeting the seasonals, and just talk story. It was during plantation days when Lanai was as beautiful as it will ever be. It is so nostalgic of our good ol' Lanai days during our era of golden pines.

Today's population on Lanai consists of newcomers and the younger generation who never experienced any of this. They, no doubt, out-number the citizens of our era who still live there. Therefore, if we don't offer our feedback and attempt to preserve memories, the old days nostalgic scene may be gone forever. LACA members would agree, I'm sure, as we realize the younger set is not jumping into LACA activities with enthusiasm to continue leadership for continuity of its purpose and objective.

Granted, Mr. Ellison is doing great things for Lanai and its residents and he is making changes quickly for the betterment of the island and tourism. He is open to Lanaians' comments and opinions during this major overhaul. This is where we have a voice, so let's help him close the generational gap by maintaining Lanai's only history before it drifts away with what was once, The World's Premier Pineapple Plantation.

I encourage LACA members to email their opinions to Lynn McCrory: [lmccrory@pulamalanai.com](mailto:lmccrory@pulamalanai.com). Please include specific suggestions of what they would like to see happen with the old bowling alley building. This is our prime opportunity to be heard so let's speak up today.

Aloha and Mahalo!

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*LACA/Vegas Reunion, continued from page 8*

**Joice Dalde Alapag** & her Chicken Hekka Band, which included **Glenn Alapag**, **Ben Dalde**, **Jane Garalde Primicias**, and **Jay Reponte**, provided entertainment while everyone mingled, talked, laughed and ate.

We honored our Kupuna with Kukui Nut Leis adorned with painted pineapple images. These were presented to **Sue Obado**, **Suzanne Sanchez Kinkaid**, **Elaine Perry Dang**, **Donna Tanodra Willingham**, **Ted Perez** and **Henry Dulan**. **Norante Fernandez** received a UH logo Kukui Nut lei in honor of the UH game against UNLV held that same day.

**Bill Ruidas** & **Sharon Reyes** presented the LACA Golf Tournament awards. Low net winners were **Jim Cummings** (1st), **Freddy Tipon** (2nd) and **Garrett Malaluan** (3rd). Par 3 closest-to-the pin winners were **Bill Ruidas**, **Jim Cummings** and **Sharon Reyes**. **Sue Pascua Damian** donated the first Perpetual Highest Score Award Trophy. **Donna Ching**, our Chairperson, graciously accepted the award and said she will gladly give it up next year to another "deserving" winner.

What a surprise when a birthday cake, baked by **Rene Malaluan**, was presented to the class of '61, celebrating their 70th birthday. It was a tear jerking moment when they all sang "Lana'i", written and made famous by their late classmate **Al Lopaka**. Happy Birthday Class of 1961!

Donna stepped to the podium to give a brief description of LACA's functions and the challenges ahead, requesting volunteers and donations. While giving her update, she was pleasantly surprised by **Elaine Perry** and **Lui Obado** who provided a monetary donation to LACA and challenged others to do the same.

One of the highlights of the evening was when **Sue Damian** (Class '52), presented the grand prize of a Hotel stay at the California Hotel & Casino to **Linda Perez**. The 2nd prize of a dinner for two at the Red Grill Restaurant went to **Lloyd Funada**.

A big "Mahalo!" goes out to Lanai Artist **Mike Carroll** who donated a copy of his "Ironwood" painting. **Suzanne Obado** was the lucky winner. **Sherry Ramaila**'s beautiful handmade Pineapple Quilt went to **Joice Dalde Alapag**. **Myrtle Dalde Reponte**'s generous copies of her pineapple paintings got sold out on our Fund Raising table.

Special recognitions to: **Joy Maile Enfield** (Class '60) for her endless dedication and services to LACA/Vegas reunions & alma mater throughout the years. LACA thanks her for all she's done for decades. We would also like to recognize **Sue Pascua Damian** for her total commitment, generous monetary contributions & active involvement. Sorely missed was **Randy Piena**, who didn't make it to our reunion due to illness. **Glenda Obado-Ito** and **Sharon Reyes** presented speeches written by LACA's "ghost writer" **Rosita Hueu**, sharing a memorable flashback to the past. All of you are sincerely appreciated!

The 2013 LACA Reunion would not have been a success without lots of support from everyone who attended, those already mentioned and the following Lanai Ohana: **Henry Dulan** and **Lui Obado**, Musicians; **Sally Tabura Cadiente**, Name Tags; **Sonny & June Dalde**, Program Design & Photos; **Sue Obado**, Favors; **Al Lopez, Jr.**, Blessing; **Patty Oshiro**, Greeter; **Marge Asato**, **Joy Maile Enfield** and **Glenda Obado-Ito**, Logistics; and **Jeff Whaley**, Photographer.

**Frank "Paco" Primicias** thanks you for your interest in his Souvenir Video that will provide you with fond memories now and in the future. Thank you **William Ito**, **Glenda Obado-Ito**'s son, for sharing his photos.

Mahalo to all that participated in this 2013 LACA/Vegas Reunion! We sincerely hope you enjoyed this wonderful event. The 2014 LACA Reunion is set for September 27th to be held at the California Hotel & Casino Ohana Room, Luncheon at 12:00-4:00 pm. Anybody willing to help, PLEASE... you are most welcome!



Four generations of the **Gabriel Ohana** send you their best wishes for the New Year! **Benjamin Gabriel** is a 1948 alumnus. His wife **Jane** graduated from Waipahu High School in 1953 and has participated in LACA events as an entertainer.

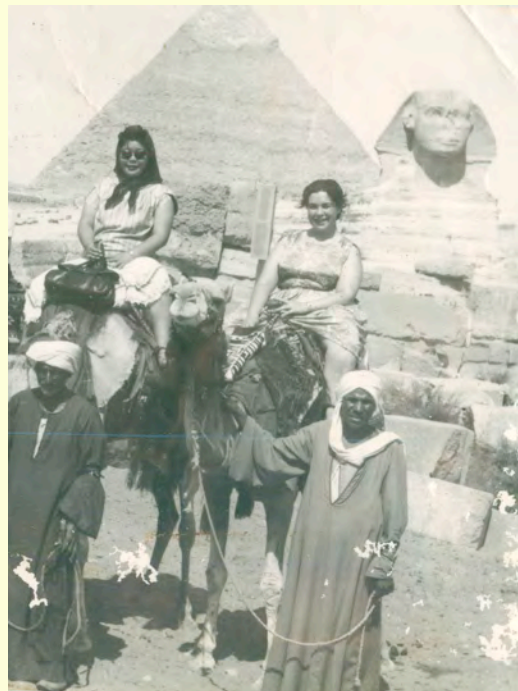
In by-gone years, Benny's parents were proprietors of the Gabriel Tailor and Laundry Shop, the site presently occupied by Blue Ginger Restaurant.



## Welcome New LACA members

Rusty Maiohu (Class '59)  
Lloyd Funada (Class '60)  
Abigail Toledo (Class '53)  
Earl Rodrigues (Supporter/Lanai born)  
Garrett Malaluan (Supporter)  
Rene Malaluan (Supporter)

50 years ago, 29-year-old **Hattie Higa**, class of '52, went to Ethiopia and on the way she stopped off in Cairo...



## Class of '52

*By Kiyomi Kunishige*

We are turning a big milestone, we will be 80 years old in 2014 so the Class of '52 decided to have a reunion (probably our last) on Maui and Lanai on May 12 through 16, 2014. Three days on Maui at Maui Beach Hotel and two days on Lanai at Hotel Lanai and a private home. Two of us never rode the ferry so this is going to be a scary experience for us. On Maui, we plan to take a tour to the aquarium, see the famous sites and go shopping at the malls for souvenirs. On Lanai, we'll get together with **Molly and Stanley** and see what changes Ellison made on Lanai.

There will be six of us adventurous people going to Maui: **Stan Juan** is the only one from LA; **Frank and Helen Takenouchi**, **Henry Pascua**, **Kiyomi Kunishige** and **Ruth Teraoka** from Oahu. **Hattie** also from Oahu won't go to Maui but will join us on Lanai. She's probably avoiding the ferry ride because of sea sickness. We hope **Jaime** and **Lu** will join us at Maui Beach. They are busy watching their great grandchildren during the day so the only time they can join us would be in the evenings.

**Helen** made all the air, sea and hotel reservations for us. Thanks Helen, we're lucky you're in our class of '52!

## Class of 1952 Meeting

*By Richard Kawakami*

This will be our first meeting in 2014. HAPPY HOLIDAYS! We met at Marukai Food Court on January 15th at 11:00 am. Present were Stanley, Mildred, Marcellino, Irene, Mitsue and Richard. Charles Nakasone visited us again. He lived on Lanai as a child but seem to know everyone there and now live a few blocks for Irene. The following items were discussed:

1. Marcellino brought some Okinawa Sweet Potatoes (cooked in his rice pot), Irene brought Mini Apple Strudels and Richard brought assorted Donuts.

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***Class of '52 Meeting, continued from pg. 10***

2. Happy 80th birthday to Hattie, Jane and Kenneth.
3. David Funada's Memorial Service was held at 11:00 am on 1/11/14 at St. John Fisher Church. He was a quiet, gentle, humble person and generous with his friends. He was our classmate and regularly attended our monthly meeting. He usually brought for snacks some French or Italian pastry that I couldn't spell the name for my report. My favorite was the Manapua(it is not French). He was a Boy Scout and later enlisted in the Marines with some other classmates. He was very proud of both accomplishments. He was successful in business and enjoyed the good life with his wife, Elena. I am grateful to have known him and may he now Rest in Peace.
4. **Class Reunion News:** Stanley will be the only classmate from LA to be joining the Hawaii classmates on Maui and Lanai.
5. **Health News:** We are all recovering from the holidays from different ailments but now ready for 2014. Richard has his regular Doctor's appointment tomorrow.
6. **Travel News:** Charles Nakasone will be visiting Hawaii for a week.
7. Mitsue drove Mildred to the meeting today because she won't be driving for awhile per Doctor's orders. They got here on time because she drove on the freeway--very rare. She did much faster at doing her shopping.
8. The MFC was packed with seniors today. One group of women, one group of men, one group of youthful looking men & women (class of '52) and 2 other assorted groups.
9. I missed most of the conversation today because my ears are plugged up due to my cold.

The next meeting will be on February 19th at MFC. Please join us if in the area.

10.

**Class of 1958 & 1959 Get Together**

On Friday, October 11, 2013 the class of 1958 and their guests Class of 1959 got together at the Main Street Buffet at 11:00 a.m. for brunch. A wonderful and memorable time of fun and games were presented, which was provided by **Carol (Tsumura) Fujimoto** and the beautiful leis which she made for all the classmates.

Participants:

Class of '58: **Jeri (Hirayama) Iba** and **Carol Ann (Tsumura) Fujimoto**

Class of '59: **Wendell and Lea (Nobui) Suzuki, George and Janet (Anbe) Otani** with daughter **Claire, Pedring Dugay** with wife **Gloria; Harry Yamatsuka** with wife **Elsie; Gloria (Obado) Reyes; George (Pee Wee) Ramaila** with wife **Sherry; Richard and Lucena (Lulu/Magaoay) Ramirez; Stanley (Thor) and Joanna (Jojo/Endrina) Timbreza** and their granddaughter and **Marge (Morita) Asato**.

**Class of '62 – Birthday Bash**

*By Sally Tabura Cadiente*

It's time to mix in a few salads, practice sucking in the gut, and polish up the tales from our days of glory! A reunion celebrating our '62 classmates' milestone 70th Birthday is being planned in Las Vegas during the weekend of LACA event September 27th. As always, it will be a time to reflect on memories past, while making new memories for the future.

All classmates please contact **Rose Nakamura** @ 702-528-8246 or **Chris Endrina Hickman** @ 808-722-0202 for information.



## CLASS OF 1953

By Rosita Viduya Hueu

Spanning 78 years, **Bruno Oroyan** has experienced life's joys, trials and tribulations. Bruno remembers the day in 1947 when his family moved to Oahu. It saddened him to leave his Lana'i childhood playmates and friends **Marcy Sagon** and **Richard Tesoro**. Enrolling at new elementary schools posed problems. He attended Kauluwela for six months then continued at Aiea Elementary. Unknown to the family was the fact that the 6th grade classes were full and Bruno was placed in fifth grade. Later, as a Halawa Housing resident, he registered at Waipahu Intermediate and graduated in 1954 from Kaimuki High School.

His first occupation was with the 298 Army Reserve Infantry at Bellows which converted to Nike Missile. After his time with the military he accepted the position of being the appliance electrical technician on Kwajelin. In 1970, Bruno was employed by Sears and for 30 years was an appliance technician. He was the first recipient of the Sears Service Excellent Award and with pride still wears the jacket he received. He retired from Sears in 2000. As a retiree, but a "workaholic" he worked for Aloha Airlines and United Airlines. With his sister, **Conception Asentista**, (51) as supervisor he is the Kirby vacuum cleaner technician at her business in Aiea.

He asserts the turning point in his life came when our class invited him to class functions and got him involved in LACA activities. We reclaimed him as belonging to the class of 1953. Bruno has been a valued member of LACA. Through the years he has served as a LACA director, officer, committee member, and has attended events on Lanai, Maui and Las Vegas. On Sundays he is an usher at the Church of Resurrection in Waipahu and belongs to the Visayan Club.

With a zest for living he believes there is a reason why things happen and turn out the way they do. Bruno enjoys being with his grandchildren and gladly services appliances for friends when the need arises. We wish for Bruno "fair winds and following seas."

Dear LACA,

Thank you for the wonderful weekend in Las Vegas as we celebrated our special 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Your efforts in surprising us with a beautiful decorated ono haupia chocolate cake at the LACA banquet was the pinnacle of our celebration.

We were 16 classmates strong. Lots of laughter, tears, music, eating and SINGING, and catching up with our lives after 70 years, the weekend passed quickly. There were lots of ohana and friends of c-mates that supported and helped our celebration.

A special mahalo to our family & friends who helped make this event successful. Thank you to the **Obado-Reyes Ohana** for the table favors, to **Lea (Nobui) Suzuki** for the ono pineapple cookies, **Rose Nakamura** for the decorated pretzel that filled our tables as favors and **Rene Malaluan** for baking our special birthday cake and decorated our 2 tables with b-day balloons.

With wonderful memories and blessings, we are truly grateful.

Mahalo,

*The Class of 1961*



## Class of 1959 - "55th Anniversary"

By Apolonia Agonoy Stice

Fifty five years have passed since the Class of 1959 marched to the tune of Pomp and Circumstance in the old gym. Many of us can still recall who our partners were and some girls still think they marched with Roy Kimokeo. One thing is Roy cannot remember who his partner was that graduation night! Beautiful memories.

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**LACA-Vegas Picture taken 2010** - Front row: Pedro Dugay, Sonya Tyau, Lea Suzuki, Gloria Reyes, Jocelyn Lee  
Back Row: Domie Ballesteros, Carol Voss, Janet Otani, George Ramaila, Laraine Avery, Jojo Timbreza, Francis Goshi

### *Class of 1959, continued from page 12*

To recall those happy & memorable years at Lanai High School the class of 1959 will gather at **Apolonia Agonoy Stice's** beach home on Saturday 12 July from 1:00pm until the last kanakapila is done. The address is 41-921 Laumilo St., Waimanalo. It'll be a celebration with classmates & family. An encore reunion is also being planned in conjunction to the annual LACA/VEGAS Reunion September 27th, adding more memories to our now golden years. We're hoping many of our classmates will attend whether Oahu or Vegas.

## Class of 1960

Hello everyone! I am coordinating our class reunion get together to be held in Las Vegas. It will coincide with our yearly LACA get together which is September 27, 2014 (luncheon).

Our class will meet for a dinner buffet at the Main Street at 5:00 pm. After dinner you are invited to my suite for our usual chit chat.....BYOB and SNACKS!

For those who are interested, I have coordinated a Bus Tour to the Grand Canyon South Rim with Viator Tours on Sunday September 28, 2014. It will be an "all day" tour as it takes up to 3 to 4 hours to get to the Grand Canyon. We will also have 3 hours of free time to shop.

Cost for each person is \$71.99. Payment can be made by check or credit card directly to Viator Tours. A \$10.00 processing fee is to be paid prior to boarding the tour bus, meal voucher is included.

The above is basic information. We would need a minimum of 18 people to move forward with this plan. Please let me know if are interested. If you have any questions, you can email me at haunani41@yahoo.com or call me at (808) 640-0281. Deadline is by April 31, 2014.

Thank you and much Aloha,  
Angie Perez



Aloha All,

It's been almost four months since we last saw one another in Vegas. Want to thank all of you for the great company. This year has been memorable for me. Getting together, talk stories of the past, present and future and the jam session (that was terrific).

My sincere condolences to **Menang & Maggie & Ohanas** for the lost of their loved ones. Menang, thanks for introducing your brother **Felix** to us (**Patty, Nally, Joyce** and me) at the Cal restaurant.

**Jane and Paco**, I received the CD. Thank you so much... played it everyday, enjoying it with chuckle and tears. You did a great job, Paco.

**Joyce**, thanks for the phone call and your concerns about my health. Seen the doctor, took some test, waiting for results & got me some Tonic water.

*Class of 1961, letter from Dino continued on pg. 14*





## Blissful Milestones: The Vergaras



Former LHS athlete **Pete Vergara** married the vivacious song/cheer leader **Nita Remiticado** fifty nine years ago. What better place is there for a romantic and enticing getaway but Las Vegas! Congratulations to the happy couple who celebrated at Main Street Station on their 59th wedding anniversary, October 30, 2013!.



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**Saki**, could you please relay a message for me to Kimo and his wife. Thank them for the Opihi Shell necklace and his wife for escorting Nally and I to do some shopping.

Gloria, yes, you and your Ohana have done so much for this year LACA that I can only say Mahalo Plenty. Your Mom looks great. Much thanks to your classmates Jojo, Margie and Leatrice. Your class '59 has really given us (Class of '61) a lot of aloha, especially the cake!

Love,  
"Dino" Telomino



One joyful affair led to another as the jovial couple celebrated Nita's 79th birthday at the Main Street Station buffet. Happy birthday, Nita!

## Celebrations and Surprises

It's the real deal. A delightful and thrilling surprise for Nita was meeting Colonel Sanders when she went to buy Kentucky Fried Chicken in Los Angeles!





# VIVA LAS VEGAS!



Juanita Agaran, Nancy Perez, Laraine Avery and Pua Pascual



Tabura Family: Tina, Helen, Brian, Sally & Ronnie



Birthday Table - Pedro Dugay, Rudy Tabelisma, Lu Endrina Cassell, Rosie Nakamura, Patty Oshiro, George Ramalia, Isabelle Tadios Ralar, Bobbie Ruidas Mizuno, Carol Nobui, Amy Ruidas, Bill Ruidas, Sherry Ramalia



Jane, Nancy, and Saki



Gloira, Pua Pascual, Endrina Sisters, Jojo (slot machine co-chair), Chris Lu



Vegas Banquet Prizes





Lea Suzuki Slot Machine Tournament Co-Chair



Patty Oshiro, Marilyn, and Norante Fernandez



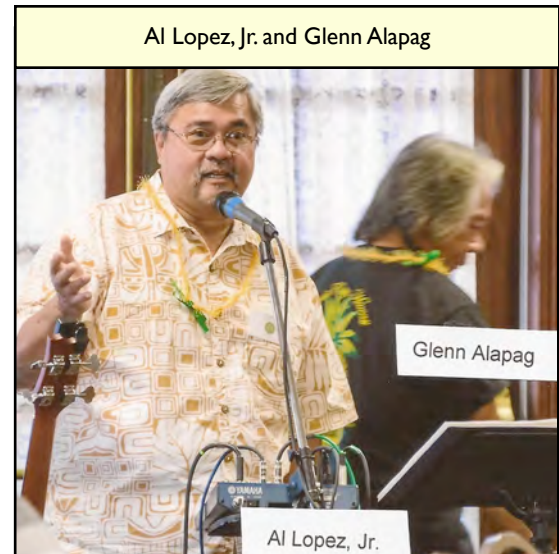
Gloria, Nancy, Amy, Dino and Nalehua



Joice Dalde Alapag, Freddy Tipon, Jay Reponte



Mars & Soli Masicampo, Sally Cadiente and Donna Tandora



Al Lopez, Jr. and Glenn Alapag

Glenn Alapag

Al Lopez, Jr.





Suzanne Obado, Lui Obado, Laraine Saranillio Avery, Vince Reyes, Dennis Pavao, Rene Malaluan, Gary Malaluan, Gloria Reyes, Sharon Reyes, Bill Avery, Donna Ching



Recognizing Joy Maile Enfield - her endless work - LACA/Vegas for decades. Glenda Obado-Ito presented her a lei.



Rene Malaluan with Cousin Dennis Pavao



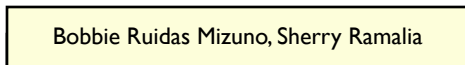
Chicken Hekka Gang



Henry Dulan



Vegas Slot Machine Tournament



Bobbie Ruidas Mizuno, Sherry Ramalia



Lui Obado





Song Leaders: Soli Dela Calsada Masicampo, Lu Endrina Cassell, Isabelle Tadios Ralar, Glenda Obado-Ito

### LACA'S Future

Aloha, I have been talking to Donna Ching (LACA Treasurer) and assisting her on issues facing our organization. We are looking at ways to put the word out about LACA's finances, membership, and its future. LACA has about 1100 members and we feel that you should get an update on where it stands as of today. Our main goal right now is to get the information out so that we can get feedback from our members and the rest of our Lanai Ohana. Please email your thoughts to my email address [sbhawaiian@yahoo.com](mailto:sbhawaiian@yahoo.com).

*Thank you, Ricky Macabio*



Aloha Oe, until we meet again.

### Golf Tournament LACA/Vegas Connection

**Brian Tabura** and his committee **Earl Rodrigues** are already planning a Golf Tournament for the upcoming LACA/VEGAS reunion on Friday, September 26, 2014. They are hoping a lot of you will join in. If you have questions, please email Brian at [btabura51@gmail.com](mailto:btabura51@gmail.com). Sign up form and details will be in the next issue.



**Reservation Deadline: September 6, 2014**

Phone	Email	NO REFUNDS

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

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