



## CLASS OF 1952 REUNION

*Submitted by Helen Takenouchi*

It has been 62 years since we graduated from Lanai High School. We decided to celebrate this milestone with a mini-reunion on both Maui and Lanai the week of May 12th through 16th. Here's what we did:

**May 12, Monday:** Kiyomi Akahoshi Kunishige, Hatsue Higa and Helen Kaya Takenouchi and her husband, Frank flew into Kahului and headquartered at the quaint Maui Seaside Hotel. We called Jaime and Lu Dugay, however, they had family commitments and could not join us. The weather was raining heavily the entire time on Maui. Frank wanted to go fishing but the rain defeated him. His friend took him out one day to fish on the other side of the island, but still no luck due to rainy and windy weather.

**May 13, Tuesday:** We spent the day walking and browsing the entire Maui mall and the open market. Happily, Hattie also ran into some relatives at the mall.

**May 14, Wednesday:** Our entourage packed up and drove to Lahaina where the rains had finally stopped. Kiyomi and Helen walked around the historic town square while Hattie watched our bags at the ferry pier and Frank returned our car rental. Finally, we boarded the noon Expedition ferry bound to Lanai. The ocean was a bit rough, but no one got sick during the 45-minute ride. When we disembarked at the Manele Small Harbor we were all amazed with the changes there. It didn't look at all like Lanai. In fact, Kiyomi said it reminded her of northern Maine's ferry harbors.

Greeting us and providing rides up City were classmates Molly and her husband, Howard, and Stanley and his wife, Midori. How wonderful to see familiar faces and our home island! We looked for a place to lunch, however, both the Blue Ginger and Canoes eateries were closed until 2:00 p.m. Luckily there was the 565 Restaurant where we lunched over hamburgers. Our group split up – Frank to go fishing and the rest of us to settle in at our accommodations. Later that evening, we ate sushi made by Molly and chicken hekka cooked by Stanley and topped the night with talk story and laughter over our good old days.

**May 15, Thursday:** We had breakfast at Canoes and recalled when it was Tanigawa's in our days. Frank went fishing again! No fish story yet! The rest of us walked around the town square; then over to the school grounds. We didn't recognize any of the school buildings (remember we had the old wooden buildings) and it just

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## LACA: Chair Person Needed for Next Year's LACA/Vegas Reunion

*By Donna Ching*

This is my last reunion as "chair" person, we have over a thousand members. Next!! Contact [info@lanaiconnection.com](mailto:info@lanaiconnection.com).

Thank you to all that have helped with the reunions in the past and present.



### Welcome New LACA Members

Tony Sanchez, Class of 1961  
Fred Ballesteros, Class of 1954

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looked entirely different. We met **Mr. Kinoshita**, the principal and he mentioned he is related to our absentee classmate **Edith Kinoshita Gikui**. It sure is a small world!

The rains started up again as we made plans to dine at the Hotel Lanai. Helpful folks came with umbrellas and towels to dry us all off. Molly and Howard, and Stanley and Midori also joined us for an enjoyable dinner and more talk story at the Hotel Lanai.

**May 16, Friday:** It was still rainy. Kiyomi and Helen ventured out to the Blue Ginger restaurant for breakfast. Hattie wasn't feeling well and wisely stayed indoors. Later that afternoon, both Kiyomi and Hattie departed for Honolulu. Also, Stanley and Midori flew to Honolulu and met up with **Richard Miyazaki** and his wife on a jointly planned trip to Japan. Molly folks invited the rest of us to a delicious supper and I must say that Molly is still a great cook!

**May 17, Saturday:** Helen and Frank attended the Buddhist church service in the morning then lunched with the visiting Maui minister and some of the church ladies at the Manele Bay Hotel. It was pricey yet delicious! Then we packed our bags to catch our flight back to Honolulu.

Our time on Lanai was beautiful and relaxing. Molly, Howard, Stanley and Midori were wonderful hosts. We all wished we could stay longer, but as we know, all good things must come to an end. Our mini-reunion started off with eight classmates. Sadly, our classmate **David Funada** had passed away during this time. Cancellations were reluctantly made by **Stanley Juan, Henry Pascua** and **Marcellino Sugitan**. Also, **Ruth Teraoka** caught a bad cold and could not join us either. That left us three classmates for the reunion – Kiyomi, Hattie and Helen. Luckily, our classmates on Lanai - Molly and Stanley could join us to total five classmates for the Class of '52!!! In retrospect we feel this may be our last reunion, but who knows maybe we'll all meet again in Vegas!!!



**Class of '52 Potluck Dinner  
5/15/14 on Lanai**

(L to R) Stanley Oshima, Kiyomi Kunishige,  
Helen Takenouchi, Molly Sakamoto,  
Hattie Higa



**Dinner at Hotel Lanai on 5/16/14**

Frank Takenouchi, Midori Oshima,  
Howard Sakamoto spouses of our  
classmates.



## Class of 1953 Alumni News

By Rosita Viduya Hueu

Our heartfelt thank you to **Roger and Helen (Yamato) Vaughn** of New Mexico for their recent donation to our class fund and to **Earl Honda** for his continuous service since 1953 as class treasurer.

Friendship is one of life's greatest blessings. We hold dear not only the memories of classmates who have died but also their late spouses. They have passed on but are not forgotten. We are grateful to those who supported, gave generously, and participated in our class activities. Thanks for the memories. (Names of

deceased classmates were listed in the February issue of the Lanai Connection.)

- **Mercedes Godinez (Robert Godinez, Oahu)**
- **Ron Kula (Rufina Rabbon, Molokai & Texas)**
- **Vicente Ozoa (Eleanor Bayron, Lanai)**
- **Richard Smith (Shirley Nunotani, New Mexico)**
- **Masa Higa (Marianne Teruya, Oahu)**

Our apologies for any omission.

## CLASS OF '52 MEETING (May 2014)

By Richard Kawakami

Meeting was held at MFC, May 21st at 11:00 am. Present were **Stanley, Mildred, Mitsue, Takeko, George, Richard and Jane Okimoto** whom we have not seen since 2013. Not present; **Marcellino**.

The following items were discussed:

1. Mildred brought a delicious cake, Stanley brought a large box of my favorite Manapua, Jane brought assorted Sushi (Tuna, Shrimp, Sea Urchin Eggs, Octopus) and fried Chicken on a skewer. She also shared her Miso Soup and Salad, Richard ate most of the sushi. Richard brought some spinach from his garden and surprised that everyone seems to prefer it over the donuts that he usually bring to the meeting. Everyone seems to be eating healthier food in our old age. I still love donuts.
2. We celebrated Stanley's 80th birthday with a Bavarian Lemon Cake from Victor Benes that Mildred bought. We didn't sing happy birthday to Stanley because he didn't wear a Lei like the lady from Kauai next door. The '55 grads from Kauai were sitting next to us and planning their Class Reunion and having a great time. Also, happy birthday to Millie, our classmate in Hawaii. A lady from Lanai (Rivera?) was with them because her husband Richard was from Kauai. George seemed to know them.
3. Travel News: Stanley just returned from Vegas, Mitsue is going there in May, Takeko is headed for Hawaii to attend a wedding, Jane is going to Harrah's Indian Casino on Friday and Richard is going to VV and Pala Indian Casino next week. Mitsue wanted to go there too but very inconvenient for her daughter to take her from

Temecula. Jane has a tiny green frog in her wallet. Richard has a 4 inch frog doll that travels to all the casinos and one in his front yard. Superstitious--NO. George returned from Hawaii after spending 10 days there. He said the weather was great.

4. Garden News: Richard's cucumbers are producing enough to make a weekly Kim Chee supply. Several zucchinis are about 5 inches long. Spinach are growing like weeds. Tomato plants are ready for church.
5. Jane requested that we go to another restaurant next month. Stanley mentioned that the Spot Restaurant next door to the place he picked up the manapua was pretty good. He enjoys oxtail soup that is a special on Tuesdays.
6. Takeko is deciding if she wanted to volunteer to co-chair for a Christmas program for their group. It involves making 12 items for the 12 days of Christmas with a Hawaiian theme. She was looking for an octopus as one of the items but concerned about the smell. Sounds like a lot of work but she did a similar project last year. I guess retired teachers (Ruth, Jane, Hattie, Stanley O, Richard M) still enjoy making crafts--maybe.
7. Mitsue spent awhile in Marukai but didn't buy anything. Very shocking news because her cart was usually full in the past. She mentioned that she rarely cooks now that she lives alone.
8. Other News: Faulty GPS, Korean dramas, Marukai membership cards, dirty slot machines, old people, smokers, health.

Next meeting will be at the Spot Restaurant in Carson on June 18th.



## FULL CIRCLE

By Suzanne Damian (Class of 1952)



I was born in Sprekelsville during the cane field plantation days delivered by a midwife as was many of us of that generation. I helped to care for seven siblings. Our home had a kitchen with dirt floors, an outhouse, and we gathered vegetables in the field. Then during the war our family

moved to Lanai. War time meant covering the windows with black paper so no light could be seen. There was curfew and sirens every night. I remember the emergency gas masks, the bomb shelters and the island's Japanese families being separated from us. Hardship faced everyone.

We all grew up together, whether Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Hawaiian, and so on. We were not taught to discriminate because we were all the same poor hard working plantation folks. We all ate home grown vegetables which my mom cooked it in a variety of ways for our family. Those plantation days taught us to be humble, forgiving as well as to be strong to survive the war time and hard work in the fields.

School lunches often had peas and carrots which I disliked. I only had two pairs of shoes growing up on Lana'i and both had to last as long as possible. I remember my first prom gown was white although during high school I wasn't allowed to go out alone

with boys. My father was very strict. I can still picture his leather belt, and guava or hibiscus branches smacking across my legs for childhood violations. In those days, it was not child abuse but the way all children were disciplined. Now I can thank my father for his strict ways as it molded me to understand family discipline was necessary with our large family.

Today, I can see how my childhood, my family and friends have all taught me to be more forgiving and loving towards all people and animals. I reflect on my poor youth to my middle age and now my senior years and see it as a full circle. A full circle from the hard plantation days to a more fortunate lifestyle today. I give thanks and give back to all who I can help.

There is a saying that says when you give it will come back tenfold. I believe that all kind acts will be returned many times over. That belief sustained me as I remember having my fortune told when I was in my 30s and it was read that I would have an illness. At that time, I prayed to change that negative fortune reading and by doing kind acts as much as possible. Now as a survivor, I believe that acts of kindness and a benevolent God has made me a better and stronger person today. Each morning, I greet the day with a smile, and give thanks as life is very precious and tomorrow is not promised. Yes indeed life is a full circle and we are all a part of that circle of life. God bless us all!

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## 2014 LHS Alumni Class Reunion and Pineapple Festival Weekend

By Juan Degamo

Traditionally held during the 4th of July / Pineapple Festival weekend since 2009, the LHS Alumni Class Reunion Weekend this year was attended by twelve (12) alumni classes all celebrating Lana'i's rich plantation past. Classes who came HOME that weekend of July 4-6 were the class of 1964 (Celebrating 50 Years), 1967, 1970, 1972 (Celebrating turning 60), 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982 (Celebrating turning 50), 1984 (Celebrating 30 Years), and 2004 (Celebrating 10 Years) were represented in full plantation pride in the 2014 Pineapple Festival's "Plantation Parade" on Saturday July 5th around historic Dole Park. It was quite a sight to see as parade participants were dressed in pineapple picker garb wearing cover pants, arm guards, aprons, gloves, bandanas, straw hats, rubber boots, goggles, and water bottles looking like they all were on their way to the labor yard. Seeing people dressed in these pineapple picker work clothes brought back many fond memories of a bygone era of when pineapple was KING on Lana'i working in the pineapple fields in the summertime. Oh what memories what memories. Next year the 4th of July / Pineapple Festival / LHS Alumni Class Reunion weekend will be July 3-5, 2015.





## The First 50th Class Reunion of the Baby Boomers a Great Success!

By Lance Nobui

The LHS Class of 1964 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion during July 4-6, 2014. We are the first class of eighteen Baby Boomer classes to celebrate a 50th reunion. The reunion was a wonderful series of events beginning on Friday with the Fourth of July community celebration, that included a Welcome Back karaoke and dance potluck, followed by dinner at the Senior Center. Saturday included a visit to the Lanai Cultural Center then participation in the Pineapple Festival. Sunday was spent touring Maunalei Gulch. The fifty years that have passed, and changes that have occurred, only enhanced our spirits in reestablishing relations like we did so many years while growing up on Lanai. As is the case with all reunions, after the initial period of reacquainting and learning about each other's fifty years, we spent fond moments recollecting our years on Lanai and what it means to each of us. We all agree that time has passed very quickly and we have some words of wisdom for future celebrants. That is, to cherish each moment from your past, present and all the time to come.

Each of us traveled a long way in 50 years. Our Senior Class Motto was "Learn Today and Lead Tomorrow" which was so important in formulating our lives after leaving high school. Life on Lanai prepared us well with lessons from LHS but also the lessons we learned from the many family, friends and community members that guided us during those years. Today, our special recognition and thank you again goes to our parents (who were our special dedication on page 4 of the 1964 Ka Hoku) because without them we would not have had the motivation, structure, support and encouragement to pursue the many opportunities in our lives. Even if most of our parents no longer survive, we know their spirits are with us and they know how grateful we are for their lessons. The Class of '64 thanks our parents and all the people of Lanai that were a part of our lives and gave us the direction we needed for success. Very importantly, there are educators that require special mention like **Ms. Kubo (Akahoshi)**, **Mrs. Helen Fujie** and **Mr. Patrick Esclito** who served as class advisors/counselors during our senior year. Also, many others played a major role educating us in our high school years, such as **Mr. Jacob Hueu**, **Mr. Stanley Oshima**, **Mrs. Molly Sakamoto**, **Mr. Howard Sakamoto**, **Mr. Donald Matsui**, **Mr. George Ito**, **Mr. Edward Kuboyama**, **Mr. Robert Saiki**, **Mr. Albert Murota**, **Miss Vivian**



Left to right: Everett Cabanilla, Stewart Oyama, Patrick Obado, Edna (Allas) dela Cruz, Lance Nobui, Betty (Hobdy) Applebaker, Kanoe Macario (Evelyn's granddaughter), Evelyn (Tolentino) Calbero, Eric Onuma, Myrna (Awa) Bedford, Michael Kawasaki, Billy Park

**Matsumoto, Mr. Elbert Ryan and Mrs. Sylvia Mitsunaga**, (Please know that there were many others but this article would not have the space to accommodate everyone). These educators gave us the knowledge and confidence to look ahead and become good contributing members of society. Thank you all.

On Commencement Evening in June 1964, there were 38 of us that were in the graduating class. However, there were many other students that have been a part of "our class" through the years, but for greater opportunities or circumstances, left our class before June of 1964. We include them as "our class". If we have inadvertently omitted someone from this list, please accept our apologies because some memory lapse is typical of our age group. So, our class is as follows (by high school names): **Lorraine Agliam**, **Edna Allas**, **Antonio Arucan**, **Myrna Awa**, **Placido Ballesteros**, **Everett Cabanilla**, **Eulogio Cabotaje**, **Julia Dahang**, **Danny Del Rosario**, **Alvin dela Cruz**, **Jimmy Fernandez**, **Jane Hayashi**, **Elsie Hayashida**, **Glenn Herolaga**, **Elizabeth Hobdy**, **Roger Hubin**, **Michael Kawasaki**, **Norrine Kubota**, **Gary Largo**, **Leslie Lukela**, **Francis Miyamoto**, **Al Donna Nishimura**, **Lance Nobui**, **Patrick Obado**, **Aileen Oda**, **Fernie Olsen**, **Eric Onuma**, **Warren Osako**, **Glenn Oshiro**, **Sidney Oyama**, **Stewart Oyama**, **Estella Ann Pagay**, **Penny Remilya**, **William Park**, **Phillip Ruidas**, **Francine Sagawa**, **Paulette Samonte**, **George Stegmuller**, **Carolyn Suetos**, **Jane Tesoro**,

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Left to right: Everett Cabanilla, Myrna (Awa) Bedford, Eric Onuma, Stewart Oyama, Patrick Obado, Julia (Dahang) Oyama, Betty (Hobdy) Applebaker, Linda (Pagay) Rivera, Billy Park, Edna (Allas) dela Cruz, Michael Kawasaki, Evelyn (Tolentino) Calbero, Warren Osako, Lance Nobui

**Jessie Tesoro, Edith (Puanani) Tolentino, Evelyn Tolentino, Tom Urpanil, Jr., Ricky Washauer, Pee Wee Weaver, and Alan Yagi.**

Our lessons on Lanai ensured that each of us became a contributing member of society and we will leave this world better than when we were brought into this world after World War II in 1946. Our class song was “He” but another class favorite was “Climb Every Mountain” and we did. How have we contributed in the past 50 years? All of us have found our niche and worked diligently for five decades. Most of us are certified “household engineers” that prepared the future generation that will take our places in society. We can tell you without a doubt that the next generation will do as ours have and will leave this world better than when we brought them into this world. Many of us went on to a wide variety of professions that included educators, medical specialties, marketers, customer service/salespersons, corporate specialties and executives, religious

servants/leaders, civil/military service and also entrepreneurs of our own businesses. We share this with everyone to give re-assurance, like classes that preceded (and succeeded) us, that even small town Lanai continues to produce some of the best. There are no doctors or lawyers amongst us but we can assure you that we are doing our part to ensure that these professions will continue for years to come, especially the medical professionals.

The class of 1964 “learned” and “led” as we committed ourselves to do 50 years ago. For several years now, most of us have begun the next stage in our lives, which is retirement. Whether it is the joy of being a remote control specialist and/or couch potato, indulging in a newly found or long lost hobby, community volunteer or traveling to see the world, we are content with how life has been formulated from our Lanai roots. For many, it also means experiencing the joys of being a grandparent and for a few extra fortunate ones, great-grandparents.

This was a great setting to celebrate our reunion events. Some of us “practiced” a little before the main events and gathered on Tuesday and Wednesday before our Thursday surprise gathering by the generous offer of **Stewart and Julia Oyama**. Of course we met at Blue Ginger for breakfast meetings. **Michael, Lance and Stewart** played the great, well-renowned, free golf course called Cavendish. Anyone that does not play Cavendish is missing a great opportunity.

On Friday, we started our formal reunion with a gathering at the Senior Center. We all knew this location to be the former public library. Attending the dinner were **Edna (Allas) and Chole** (granddaughter) **dela Cruz and Everett and Fran Cabanilla, Betty (Hobdy) and Dan Applebaker, Stewart and Julia (Dahang) Oyama, Warren and Susan Osako, Michael and Shauna Kawasaki, Lance Nobui, Patrick and Billye Obado and granddaughter Aulii Olsen, Myrna (Awa) Bedford, Evelyn (Tolentino) and Herman Calbero with Wendy** (daughter) **and Kanoe** (granddaughter) **Macario, Billy Park, Linda (Pagay) Rivera and Eric Onuma**. We took a moment to honor and remember those classmates that have passed on to eternal life and had to leave us way too soon. They are **Jane Hayashi, Roger Hubin, Al Donna Nishimura, Phillip Ruidas, Francine Sagawa, and Jessie Tesoro**. We’re still processing the 50 years of history we received. The best part is seeing that after all these years, none of us look like our pictures in the “annual” but we are all better looking than 50 years ago. It was fun to see that **Julia and Stewart, Evelyn and Herman** (and others) are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary soon.

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When we met for breakfast at Blue Ginger, we recalled the old days when Tanigawa's, the Lanai Inn, Sportsman's Bar and Lui's Restaurant were the only restaurants on the island. How nice it is to see that Lanai has changed from a plantation town to one with world-class venues. We also learned that we might have to save up a few Social Security checks to eat at a couple of the resorts. But, we all felt great to see these changes.

Classmate Warren arranged for us to visit the Lanai Cultural Center. We were so proud to learn that Warren is one of the mainstays of the center. The center showed the life on Lanai before, during and after our years growing up on Lanai. We toured with much laughter in seeing the good old days picking pineapples but also shed tears of sadness knowing that those wonderful years are now just memories. We are grateful for **Warren, Kepa and Onaona Maly, Albert Morita, Simon Tagiri** and others that are saving the history of Lanai.

Our Saturday afternoon activity was participation in the Pineapple Festival: so many of us have heard about this wonderful event but have not been privileged to attend. **Julia, Evelyn** and **Stewart** organized the #1 team in the parade and what a terrific and memorable occasion it was. Those that braved the parade were **Stewart, Edna, Michael, Lance, Billy, Eric, Betty, Linda, Everett, Patrick** and **Myrna**. What a treat it was to see so many familiar faces from the past but it also brought sadness to know that many others should have been out there with us or watching along the route. After the parade we all gathered at the Senior Center for treats and refreshments.

Then it was Sunday morning and the final activity for the Class of 1964. We took a journey that was not offered 50 years ago; a tour of Maunalei Gulch. It was the usual bumpy ride to Maunalei that most of us have forgotten what it is like to ride on Lanai roads. The tales of Maunalei Gulch came to life for us on this day. What a treasure.

Upon return to the city, we had to head our separate ways because our great weekend came to an end. We know that we will always cherish the memories from 50 years ago, the spirited 2014 Pineapple Festival and the wonderful memories of this great 50th Reunion weekend. The Class of 1964 would like to give a special thank you and congratulation on a job well done to **Julia and Stewart Oyama, Warren Osako, Michael Kawasaki** and **Evelyn and Herman Calbero** for planning, organizing and executing a great series of events. We are also very grateful for those like **Warren, Albert** and **Kepa** that continue to live and save the legacy of Lanai's past, present and future.

Again, to those that have proceeded us thank you for your guidance and support. For those that follow in years to come, keep up the good work and, as the Class of 1964 will tell you, be proud of your Lanai roots.



Left to right: Fran Cabanilla, Everett Cabanilla, Patrick Obado, Billye Obado, Aulii Olsen (Obado granddaughter), Betty (Hobdy) Applebaker, Myrna (Awa) Bedford, Kanoe Macario (Calbero granddaughter), Edna (Allas) dela Cruz, Julia (Dahang) Oyama, Warren Osako, Michael Kawasaki, Evelyn (Tolentino) Calbero, Billy Park, Eric Onuma, Lance Nobui





## 55th Anniversary Class of 1959 Reunion Bash

By Apolonia Agonoy Stice

Thanks to all the participants at our 55th High School Reunion held July 12th. The moon was full...we should have had a moonlight picnic just like the good old days sitting around the Bon Fire... Do hope that those who missed our Oahu reunion held at **Apolonia's** beautiful beach home will make an effort to attend the Vegas celebration during LACA/Vegas gathering this September...it should be fun!

**Stanley** won **Pedring's** handmade beautiful clock. Lucky Pinelad you! Our brains were wreaked playing games with lots of nice prizes.

Don't forget to take the banner to Vegas. Special thanks to **Hilton Lui** for saying the blessing before the meal and remembering all of our classmates who have left us. We miss them especially the recent death of **Mildred Oshima**. He also gave a benediction asking God to keep us safe and healthy.

Happy 55th Anniversary! I suppose our next big reunion will be when we celebrate our 75th birthdays.



L: Stanley Duguay, Sonya Okamitsu Lyau, Joanna Endrina Timbreza, Gloria Obado Reyes, Janet Anbe Otani, Hilton Lui, Apolonia Agonoy Stice.

B: Marge Morita Asato, Lucenia Magoay Ramirez

## Class of 1959 Memories

By Apolonia Agonoy Stice

Nineteen hundred fifty-nine was an historic year for the Territory of Hawaii. After many years of attempting statehood the Territory finally became the 50th state on the 21 August. Other events followed with the election of William F. Quinn becoming the first governor of the State of Hawaii. In business and economics Henry J. Kaiser drew plans to develop Hawaii Kai and Ala Moana Shopping Center opened with Sears being one of the anchor stores. Included in the Arts/Science categories were James Michener's publication of "Hawaii", the eruption of Kilauea Iki, Don Ho's performance at Honey's in Kaneohe and the showing of "Gidget" which brought the surf culture to the screen. In world events the "Kitchen Debate" between Nikita Kruschchev and Richard Nixon was held and Fidel Castro lead a successful revolution in Cuba. The songs that were played came from Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife", Frankie Avalon's "Venus",

Connie Francis' "Lipstick on Your Collar" to name a few.

Amidst all of this came the graduating class of 1959...what a year and what a class! We were 49 graduates who marched to Pomp and Circumstance in the old Lanai gym. Our guest speaker was **Ke Nam Kim**, a brother of one of our classmates **Harry Lee**. We were honored to have him. Approximately a third of us went on to college, business school, and nursing schools on Oahu and on the mainland. We became teachers, engineer, nurses, medical technician, FBI agent, telephone supervisor..... We served our Country in the Army, Peace Corps and AID.

Fifty-five years have gone passed us since we said aloha to Lanai High School but many memories still linger. Many of our friends are gone but they will be remembered when we reminisce, laugh and gather at our reunions. See you all Friday, 26 September, at the annual LACA Reunion in Vegas.





## Myrtle's Legacy Lives On

By Gloria Obado Reyes



**Myrtle Dalde Reponte**, my beloved Lanai friend and Caldwell Avenue neighbor, passed away peacefully at home on April 7, 2014. She was surrounded by her loved ones as she went home to be with the Lord. Myrtle was born on the island of Lanai and was an alumnus of the class of 1960.

She had no formal art lessons but would pick up the brush and create her own style of acrylic and water color paintings. She was inspired by her younger artistic sister **Joice Alapag**.

Myrtle's paintings depict the Lanai plantation era of the "golden pineapple" and the beauty of Hawaii which she shared with family, friends and LACA. Her paintings have been displayed in the Honolulu Academy of Arts and at Kaiser Permanente Hospital.

Mahalo nui loa, Myrtle. In the spirit of aloha, your legacy will live on. Rest in peace, my friend.



### In Loving Memory of Deceased Members

Our deepest sympathy to those of you  
who lost a loved one, classmate or friend  
since February 2014



**Ethel Chang Au**, community member  
since July 2000

**Harold Hokama**, Class of 1949

**Charles "Charlie" Kwan**, Class of 1951

**Myrtle Dalde Reponte**, Class of 1960

**Sammy Young**, Class of 1948

**Helen Onuma**, community member since June 2002

**Matilda Asuncion Yoshioka**, Class of 1969

**"Squeeky" Oyama**

**Shared by David Lee.** I have been reflecting a lot on the past and realizing that age is no longer creeping but galloping upon us. Where I thought in my immature stages of 20s and 30s and 40s that I had no regrets, I am learning that I do have a lot of regrets. The author is unknown (perhaps someone will recognize it)

### THE TIME IS NOW

*If you're ever going to love me, Love me now,  
While I can know the sweet and tender feelings  
Which from true affection flow.  
Love me now, while I am living.  
Do not wait until I'm gone  
And then have it chiseled in marble.  
Sweet words on ice-cold stone.  
If you have tender thoughts of me,  
Please tell me now.  
If you wait until I am sleeping, never to be awoken.  
There will be death between us  
And I won't bear you then.  
So if you miss me, even a little bit,  
Let me know it while I am living, so I know and treasure it.*

## Loving Memories of Charles Kwan (Class of 1951)

By Jane Sakamura Nakamura

**Charles "Charley" Kwan** was born on the island of Lanai on July 8, 1932. Tragically, his beloved mother passed away when he was still an infant and had to be cared for by older siblings, the Kwan Ohana, and by neighbors and friends. He lived on Maui and Molokai as well as Lanai where he attended Lanai High and Elementary School. He graduated from Lanai High.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army. He was sent to "the States" for training. He worked very hard and studied hard so he was promoted regularly until he attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. He was put in charge of training the young Americans from many different states and he did commendable work to his satisfaction. He shared some anecdotes of his experiences which demonstrated the molding of his character as

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he had to be very strict, sticking to high standards, learning to be tolerant of all the different types of upbringing but not accepting anything but the best from the soldiers he trained. He worked hard to earn the respect of those he trained as well as the respect of his superior officers. Charley also served his tour of duty in Korea.

Charley married the love of his life, **Audrey Quon How Kam**, and they raised a family of four daughters. He always referred to his daughters as "Charley's Angels" and they are lovely girls. They are all married and gave their parents four sons-in-laws, **Donna-Lei and Roger Williams, Carolyn and John Estores, Bobbie and James Herras, and Annabelle and Sonny Baqui**. They have 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Charley is survived by one older brother, **Sam Shin** of Lanai. Other siblings predeceased Charley.

A month before he left us, he called me and said, "We should have a get-together again, time is short. We don't have to wait till somebody comes back from the mainland. We can get together even if there's just a few of us." I told him he was right and I would call **Bessie Honda Kiyota** and **'Maisie Nunotani Nagaishi** to discuss his suggestion and get back to him. He must have had a premonition about his limited time but we didn't have a chance to make plans at that time. Donna-Lei, the eldest "Angel," called us one by one to inform us when her father passed away. She said that her father Charley had a sheet of paper on his desk with our names and phone numbers (class of 1951) with specific instructions to call each one when he was gone. Loving Memories of CHARLES KWAN.

**Class of 1970**

By Ricky Macabio

Lanai High School class of 1970 is planning a reunion at the LACA in Las Vegas this year. Most of the Class of 1970 was born in 1952 so we are all Territory of Hawaii babies. We are also under the Chinese Astrological sign of the Dragon. That makes us passionate, confident, fearless, and not to be trifled with.

Many Pine Lads and Lasses have come before us and many will after. We take our place with pride and honor as we represent what is best about Lanai's past, present, and future. We give our aloha to all as we reach another milestone in our lives. The Lanai High class of 1970.

**A Surprise Visit to Adeline Viduya**

**Adeline Viduya Uyeda** was pleasantly surprised with a visit by **Gloria Obado Reyes** and her cousin **Irene Dalde Seawright** on March 3, 2014 at her home. Adeline's joyful smile, resiliency, and the sharing of remembrances of growing up and going to school on Lana'i made it a poignant visit.

**Class of 1955**

By David Lee

The class picture you see is only the "A" group. If you don't understand, ask one of the old guys. This photo was from the 1952 Annual and fixed up by **Leroy Fernandez**, a really multi-talented alumnus now living in Pukalani, Maui. Another talented Maui girl, **Roselle Bailey** (remember Lt Lindsey?) has several Hula Halaus, here in Hawaii, the mainland and Europe, all active. Check out her Foundation's website [www.kaimi.org](http://www.kaimi.org) You'll be surprised how much this wahine has accomplished.

FYI: Ukulele is getting popular in Europe. My guess is partly because of Brother IZ, he's BIG in Europe. His "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" song was a Number One hit for awhile.

I named Leroy & Roselle because they did not graduate with the class, neither did I. Yet we stay connected in the Lanai Ohana spirit. Some others were **Fred Honda**, Mid-Pac Institute & **Charles Ito**. Ito was Freshmen Class President, after his term transferred to Hilo High. Sadly, he died alone at home on Lanai not long ago. He has an estranged daughter. I hope she knows. I for one will always remember him as a friend. Our class is getting smaller, as our years increase. We need very much, to stay in touch. 'THE TIME IS NOW'



1st row; left to right: Ulalia Cabalo, Lorna Cabanilla, Violet Enfield, Solidad Dela Casada, Ella Awa, Rosaline Bersamin, Frances Ikeoka, Ayako Akiyama, Lorraine Akamine, Ann Miyazaki.

2nd row; Jacqueline Gomez, Charles Kim, Sa??? Kalawaia, Leroy Fernandez, David Lee, Mariano Masicampo, Arsenio Ballesteros, Vincent Dela Casada, Ernesto Kubo.

3rd row; Frederick Honda, Clarence Kimokeo, Ivan Morita, Cecilio Cuyno, Benjamin Lui, Harold Ichiyama, Charles Ito.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Golf Course:** *Painted Desert*

**Date:** *Friday, September 26, 2014*

**Tee Time:** *TBD (to be determined)*

**Cost:** *\$60 per Golfer*



**Deadline date for monies and headcount:** 8/29/14

Make check payable to Renee Malaluan.

Enclose golfer's name, phone number, email address, and handicap.

**Mail to:**

Renee Malaluan

1429 Laughing Larkspur Avenue

No. Las Vegas, NV 89031

**Contact Information:**

**Renee Malaluan** - Phone # (702) 218-9522. E-mail: [malaluan69@outlook.com](mailto:malaluan69@outlook.com)

**Brian Tabura** - E-mail: [Btabura51@gmail.com](mailto:Btabura51@gmail.com)



Good to have friends. Class of 1955. Names from the left: **Charles Kokubun, Lorna Young, Roselle Bailey, Rose Robinson, Betty Jane Rodrigues, David Lee**



Mahalo to Co-Chairs **Brian Tabura, Earl Rodrigues**, and **Gary Malaluan** for your help with organizing our LACA/Vegas golf tournament. (Application Enclosed)





## Irene Masocol Pacol (Class of 1956)



Greetings, everyone! My name is **Irene Masocol Pacol**. I was born on Lanai and attended Lanai High and Elementary School up to the fourth grade then moved to the Big Island. I graduated from Hilo High School and pursued a profession in the

medical field. My dream came true and I graduated from the St. Francis School of Nursing.

For the past three years, I have been fortunate in being a lay volunteer and go to the Philippines to render medical surgical and dental service with Aloha Medical Mission. Volunteers pay the costs for their plane fare, food, and lodging but transportation for the medical volunteers to and from the hospital is provided. Surgical and dental services are free of charge but people are required to bring their own food, water, bed sheets, blankets, pillow and toilet paper. Mission volunteers, also, must supply their own toilet paper.

Unpleasant but a realistic experience is the unavailability of flushed toilets and having to dispose of soiled toilet tissue in waste baskets. To remedy that problem in the Kabankalan Hospital where we worked, a bucket of water was poured down the toilet then flushed. Another medical/health procedure carried out

is seeing young boys who have just been circumcised walking around with their legs spread and playing with other boys.

My last mission of March 2014 was in the town of Kabankalan on the island of Negros.

Negros is divided into two parts: Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental. The sugar capital of the Philippines is Negros Occidental. After the mission, my friends and I traveled to the island of Palawan for rest and recreation. While there I learned that Filipinos, like the Japanese, spoke different dialects. The dialect of the muslim woman who came from Mindanao was Marano, in Negros it's Hiliganon, from Cebu it's Cebuanon, and from Palawan it's Cayonon. Although poverty stricken, people in the Philippines are resilient. They appear happy, strong, calm, very kind, respectful and gentle. They smile and raise their eyebrows in greeting others.

The past two years I went to the town of Talibon on the Visayan island of Bohol. In 2013 when the mission was over, I visited the town of Tabuelan on the island of Cebu in search of my father's family. It was such a thrill and gratifying moment when I finally got to meet my relatives!

I'm blessed in being able to make a difference as a medical missionary and give back to my roots in the Philippines. I am forever grateful that my parents came as immigrants to Hawaii and provided our ohana with better opportunities to succeed in life.



### Picture: Bill Avery and Joy Maile Enfield

Submitted by Bill Avery (Laraine Saranillo's husband)

For those of you that don't know it, **Joy Maile Enfield** has a wild side to her. Unbeknown to me, she always wanted to be a biker chick. I stopped by Pokai Bay in Waianae, where she was having a memorial service for her son. When she saw me pull up, she came out of nowhere and jumped on the back of my Yamaha Motorcycle. Before I could stop and shut off the engine off she said "Let's go!" I asked "where to?" She replied "I don't care, I just want to feel that power between my legs." I told her "to be a biker girl...you have to wear a bandana on your head, boots, and a tank top with no bra." She said, "forget it. Let's just take a picture." So here you have it.



## Class of 1960 News



**Angie Perez** proudly shared her daughter **Lynette Pagampao Reed**, Class of 1984 completing her first mini-triathlon at Mission Bay, San Diego on October 6, 2013. Despite a very cold morning, Lynette did an excellent 1 hour 20 minutes swimming, bicycling and running time!

On February 14, 2014, upon request of **Myrtle Dalde Reponte** about 18 classmates and their families gathered for Valentine's Day at the Mililani Golf Course restaurant. The luncheon featured door prizes including Myrtle's beautiful paintings and pictures. It was an enjoyable fun time for everyone despite Myrtle's long-term illness. A couple months later, the class was heartbroken on Myrtle's passing on April 7, 2014. Her zest for life is sorely missed and her memory lives on in our hearts.

**Carolyn Onuma Flood's** mother, **Helen Onuma** passed on June 17, 2014. Mrs. Helen Onuma will be remembered by our classmates for

her attendance at our many class activities and reunions. Helen was active with the Lana'i senior citizens and loved to play the ukulele in their group! We will miss her too!

AIRMAN E3 **Aiden G. Soriano**, grandson of **Frank Soriano** and wife, **Rose** (Rodeo, CA.), great-grandson of Mrs. **Esmeria Galinato** (Lana'i City) is headed for his first assignment in aviation as an F-15 crew chief. Frank notes they are now three generations of serving our country – Frank in the USMC from 1963-1967 and a Vietnam Combat Veteran, his eldest son **Kelly** (deceased) served in the Coast Guard 1996 to 2000 and now Aiden in the Air Force.



## The Wright's 25th Wedding Anniversary

Submitted by Gloria Obado Reyes (Class of 1959)

**Vince & Gloria Obado Reyes, Richard & Marge Morita Asato, and George & Janet Anbe Otani**, were guests of **Dr. Philip** and their classmate **Anne "Archie" Garalde Wright's** 25th wedding anniversary on June 20, 2014. The lavish affair was held at the Kahala Hotel. Being local boys at heart, **Vince** and **Richard** wine and dined in their semi-formal social attire in aloha shirts. Willie K. entertained. A fun time was had by all!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By Donna Ching, editor@lanaiconnection.com

Regarding "Address Unknown" in the last issue, Mitsue Osako is deceased. I am her daughter, Margaret S. Osako Platt (msoplatt), class of 1956. I've been living in California since 1961, but go back to visit Lanai about once a year. I enjoy reading The Lanai Connection! Thank you all for publishing it.

Aloha, **Margaret**

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Hi Donna,

My name is **Betty Hahn Sun** (Class of 1943). Thank you for sending the Lanai Connection which I look forward to reading twice a year. In the Address Unknown section, I noticed my cousin **Katherine Minn's** name. She would be so happy to receive any notice about Lanai. We often talk about our days on Lanai. **THOSE WERE HAPPY DAYS!**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! My class (1970) we are planning a small get together at LACA/Vegas event this year. I was wondering if I can get the email address of the Treasurer who talked to us at the last event. Does she live in Hawaii? I was thinking of trying to get a member meeting maybe on Lanai or at LACA to discuss the issues facing the organization. It looks like the top three issues are money, membership & the future of LACA.

**Ricky Macabio**

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Dear Donna,

Thank you again for all the time, effort & sacrifices from you to LACA. Enclosed is a check towards LACA for operational expenses as you suggested in your presentation to the LACA audience in Vegas. Everyone I spoke to had a wonderful time & most importantly "Memorable". No one can take that away from any of us. Wish I could make it an annual event like many of my relatives and friends.

The second check is for you to decide what you want to do. It is for all the above mentioned and your commitment to all of us that benefit from LACA. LACA comes on the legacy of Lanai "The Pineapple Island" & our innocence of love amongst friends. All of that, thanks to you, others involved LACA Staff, your family that have given you the heart & work ethics to strive to make everyone happy.

My best to you & all the rest. Hopefully, we'll meet again at another LACA function.

Thank you so much,

**Lance Nobui**

P.S. Give my best to your Uncle **Patrick Obado**. If you can get him to LACA/Las Vegas when I am there, I'll commit to another donation.

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Hi Donna,

I just got informed of what is happening to the association. Sadly, I had feared that unless someone took the initiative to take charge. It would not survive.

I want to thank you for everything that you have done & accomplished after Rosita resigned. She has done a lot for the many years, which was for over five years. Having to take care of her family, her priorities were commendable.

If you want to continue with your efforts, let me know if I can contribute, such as if you need monetary contribution. My only objection is to use the treasurers' fund to support Lanai HS with it for student's academic achievements. Money for those type of recognition should come from fund raisers.

**Bob Kinoshita**

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**LACA LAS VEGAS CONNECTION AT THE CALIFORNIA HOTEL**

September 27, 2014 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm California Hotel & Casino Ohana Room  
Reservation Deadline: September 6, 2014

Contact Person (CP) \_\_\_\_\_ Group of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ NO REFUNDS

**CP's are requested to pick up table packets upon check in**

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 9/26 @ 6 pm	Check Number(s)	Amount Enclosed
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## Class of '62 Reminder

By Sally Tabura Cadiente

If you haven't already, it's time to make travel plans to Las Vegas for LACA, the weekend of September 26th. It's your best opportunity to catch up with friends, talk about old times, and maybe make some bento money at the blackjack tables.

For our Lanai High Class of '62 alumni, we'll also be having a bash to celebrate our 70th birthdays! So call the old gang to make sure they'll all be there, have your grandkids load up the smart phone with family pictures, and don't miss the best weekend of the year.

For more information, please contact **Rosie Nakamura** @ 702-528-8246 or **Chris Endrina Hickman** @ 808-722-0202.

Submitted by Darlene Endrina

The Lana'i Community Association established in 1945 is the oldest Non-Profit organization on Lana'i. LCA sponsors the Lana'i Pineapple Festival; the largest annual event. We could not provide these services without the generous support of the many individuals, businesses and volunteers.

MAHALO TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS.

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*Please accept our apologies for anyone that we may have inadvertently missed.*

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