



The Lana'i Connection

Class of 1959 Celebrated their 55th Class Reunion

Submitted by Lea Nobui Suzuki



Front Row: Luther Tyau, Sonja Okamoto Tyau, Marge Morita Asato, Lea Nobui Suzuki
Back Row: Sherry & George Ramaila, Isabel Tadios Ralar, Wendell Suzuki, Carol Nobui Pajari, Patty Oshiro

Class of 1959 - Two Reunions in one year!

Submitted by Lea Nobui Suzuki

The Lanai High School Class of '59 celebrated our 55th year reunion twice this year. Our first reunion was held earlier in the year on Oahu at Apolonia Agonoy Stice Beach House to accommodate those who could not make it to reunion scheduled for September 26th in Vegas. The Vegas reunion was at the Garden Court Buffet, Main Street Hotel & Casino, where the Class of '58 joined us with a total of 28 classmates & friends.

The festivities began honoring our late classmates by ringing a bell in remembrance as each name was read. Marge Asato did a good job handling games with some difficult questions for those of us who have not lived in Hawaii for a while. We had prizes galore and everyone left with a bagful of goodies filled with gifts and favors generously shared by their classmates.

That evening our class of '59 hosted a fun-filled LACA Slot Machine Tournament then the following day was our enjoyable LACA Lunch Banquet, for which we filled two plus tables. Donna Reyes Ching & her Ohana did an outstanding job arranging and coordinating

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*Class of '59 Reunion, continued from page 1***Thank you Class of 1959**

by Jeri Hirayama Iba, Class of 1958

The Class of 1958 were invited to join class of 1959 for their 55th anniversary in Las Vegas on September 26, 2014 at the Main Street Garden Buffet for lunch. **Marge Asato** as MC did a terrific job of coordinating games, party favors and prizes. Class of 1958 **Carol Ann Fujimoto, Mae Takata, Irene & Jerry Seawright** would like to thank the class of 1959 for inviting us. We had a terrific time.

everything! Everyone commented on how much fun they had. Afterward we gathered in Lea's Suite for "talk story" & it was amazing how people could remember details of our childhood days. So much fun and laughter was had by all.

Those in attendance were **Janet Anbe Otani, Alan Dumling, Joanna Endrina Timbreza, Francis Goshi, Mary Lapitan Fierro, Lucena Magaoay Ramirez, Marge Morita Asato, Lea Nobui Suzuki, Sonja Okamitsu Tyau, Laraine Saranillio Avery, Harry Yamatusuka, Gloria Obado Reyes & George Ramaila.** Class of '58 was represented by **Irene Dalde Seawright, Jeraldine Hirayama Iba, Mae Morita Takata, Carol Ann Tsumura Fujimoto & Emidgio Jamero.**

We are looking forward to more fun and laughter as we will celebrate our 75th birthdays in 2016.

Breaking News

By Donna Reyes Ching

Effective May 31, 2015 I am relinquishing my positions as Treasurer and Editor of the Lanai Connection. If you're interested in filling one or both of the positions, please direct inquiries to:

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Marge Morita Asato has volunteered taking over the Membership Database. Thank you, **Rosita Hueu** for helping to teach her. Marge also have been my co-signer for checks through my years as treasurer. My Dad **Vince Reyes** picks up newsletters from the printer to be folded at the LACA building & helps me deliver to the post office.

Currently, the following serve as Directors: **Marge Asato, Coochie Cayan, Monica Cockett, Suzanne Damian, Linda Degamo (Lanai), Susana Kincaid (Lanai), Ruth Nakasone, Bruno Aroyan, and Bill Ruidas (Maui).**

My service through the decades has been a labor of love for the Lanai Alumni and Community Association. I am deeply grateful to the general membership and my Ohana for the confidence placed in me during my tenure.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your splendid support, generosity, enthusiastic participation and cooperation throughout the years. My best wishes and much success to the board of directors and general membership as you go forward to successful achievements.

**LANA'I HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING 2015 & SPECIAL NEWS**

Compiled by Phyllis Coochie Cayan

A new tradition is born as alumni **Juan Degamo** started a wonderful singing contest for the high school classes. All classes competed in singing our dear Lana'i High Alma Mater. The best singing was awarded to the Sophomores, Class of 2017. Judges were alumni **Max Kincaid** ('70), **Darren Lopez** ('77) and **Donovan Ozoa** ('07). Kudos to all the singing classes!

The homecoming basketball games were exciting as the Pine Lads matched their court skills against the Molokai Farmers. Many alumni, community and students cheered at both games whereby the Pine Lads won both games! Go Green & Gold Go!

Juan Degamo also coordinated the Homecoming King & Queen Court with the following results: Senior King **Noel Urbano** and Senior Queen **Liane Michie Costales**. The other classes were represented by Freshmen **Adriana Cui Sanchez** and **Desmond Joseph Akio Ige**; Sophomores **Colleen Hanae Ang Sakuma** and **Blahyze Kaonohi Botelho**; and Juniors **Jayde Hokulani Fernandez** and **Shane Kaleikaumaka Hanog**. Congratulations all!

The annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, February 14th went on despite the heavy rains blessing everyone who turned out at the town square. The classes decorated floats and walked/danced/sang with

much gusto to the cheering crowd. The Class of 2017, the Sophomores added the Best Float and Best Dance Performance to their kudos!

Special mention of the Pine Lasses basketball team stranded on O'ahu due to weather. The Pine Lasses made it to the Girls High School State Basketball Championships and played fearlessly against Castle High School and Damien High School, ending in a consolation game against Molokai. Unfortunately, Molokai prevailed in the last minutes. Good job, Pine Lasses!

Last but not least on your next trip home to Lana'i, please check out the wonderful art mural painted by Lana'i's own middle and high schoolers under the guidance of community arts non-profit Urban 808, **John Prime**, **Michelle Fujie** and **Simon Seisho Tajiri**, the Lanai Community Foundation and Lanai Changes. The mural depicts a celebration of Lana'i's living environment, culture, and history. These are the next generations of alumni, of community leaders and they have shown their pride and aloha for Lana'i in this distinctive mural. Kulia i ka nu'u!

LACA Volunteers Needed for the Following Positions**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- **President** – shall serve as the chairperson of the Board and preside at the meetings of the Board and the Membership
- **Vice-President** – shall serve as the president during the latter's absence or inability and perform other duties as assigned by the President of the Board.
- **Treasurer** – shall receive contributions, make payments, perform related banking duties, and submit written reports at each regular Board meeting.

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Back Row: Frank Soriano, Edith Quiray, Mario Quiray, Vic Sabino, Scott Rearti



A Kokua Request to All LACA Members for the Lanai Academy of Performing Arts

By Alberta Morita De Jetley

As you may know, the State of Hawaii's Department of Education (DOE) uses a weighted student formula to determine how much funding each school receives. Small schools, especially K-12 schools in Hana and Lanai are always short of funding based on our student count to provide the teachers/custodians/administration the monetary help needed which results in the principals always scrambling to figure out how to manage what little money it receives.

We have been fortunate that Pulama Lanai, the company that runs Lanai for landowner Larry Ellison has given the school \$340,000 this school year. However, it is really the State's responsibility to provide our school with the money needed for our students and teachers.

For example of how Pulama Lanai's funding has helped this school year. The Lanai High & Elementary School (LES) hired a teacher, **Matt Glickstein**, whose salary is totally funded by Pulama Lanai. Matt teaches music to our students in all grade levels, working with about 300 students. Also, he is the director of the Lanai Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA), an organization he started more than two years ago to produce performances by the LHES students.

To date, his performing students have done three plays, with the last being Annie, Jr. One of the LHES classes in the past three years, also performed for the Dali Lama's visit last year. All in all, Matt is an exceptionally gifted teacher who has been able to draw out the very best in each child as witnessed in their outstanding performances. When he first started working at the school, Matt was an Educational Assistant to our Special Education students.

We have been told that Matt's position will no longer be funded for the next school year. LHES Principal **Elton Kinoshita** informed a group of concerned community residents that he can offer Matt Glickstein a part-time teacher's position for the next year and continue his musical studies and activities with the students.

Thus, we are organizing a larger group to include other Lanaians to kokua and to raise the rest of the funds to keep Matt at a full-time salary. We worked with Principal Kinoshita on that salary range. Our target goal is \$26,000 to augment Matt's part-time salary for a total of \$40,000 for the next school year.

Presently, Matt's wife, **Kerri**, is the school's band teacher. They are expecting their first child in June. At this time, Kerri would like to be able to take a year's family leave to stay home with their baby. Both Kerri and Matt are an integral part of LHES and our community in their dedication to offer music opportunities to all of the students. Without a full-time salary for Matt, we may lose both of them which would be a terrible loss to the school and community.

The board of directors for Tri-Isle Resource, Conservation, and Development Council is the receiving fiscal sponsor to help keep Matt Glickstein at LHES. Please donate any amount to this effort to help LHES keep Matt Glickstein at a full-time salary for the next year. The Tri-Isle Resource, Conservation, and Development Council, is a fully staffed non-profit organization which manages more than \$10 million in grant monies from federal, state and county sources and private donors, for small organizations in Maui County with a few clients from Kauai and the Big Island.

As a director on the Tri-Isle council, I am personally pledging \$100 to kokua and I hope other LACA members will match my donation. Please make your check payable to: Tri-Isle RC&D and in the memo section of your checks, write it is for the Lanai Academy of Performing Arts or to the LAPA. Please mail to P. O. Box 630601, Lanai City, HI 96763.

With aloha from Lanai, an alumni and concerned resident, **Alberta Morita De Jetley**

Disclaimer: This is a private request and LACA in no way obligates itself or its members.



2014 – Another Memorable LACA Vegas Reunion

By Donna Reyes Ching

Amazing! Much to our surprise and delight, the number of attendees was 172 as compared to 120 the previous year. This shows the momentum for a good time as LHES alumni, former classmates, friends and families gathered to reminisce and recall memories of years gone by. Laughter and excitement abounded and enhanced the camaraderie!

A big mahalo to everyone that made it happen! As chairperson, I could not have done it without your support and hard work. Thank goodness for the internet! Communicating via high tech was not only FUN, but it also brought all of us closer together.

My sincere appreciation to the following for a job well done.

My family: Sue Obado, Gloria & Vince Reyes, Glenda Obado-Ito, Dwight Lui & Suzanne Obado, Sharon Reyes, Brad Landenburger, Earl Rodrigues, Garrett & Renee Malaluan

California: Glenn & Joice Dalde Alapag, Jane Garalde Primicias, Ben & Lei Dalde, Jay Reponte, Al “Freddy” Tipon (emcee), Brian Tabura, Sally Tabura Cadiente, Irene Dalde Seawright

Class of 1959: Lea Nobui Suzuki, Jojo Endrina Timbreza, Marge Morita Asato, Pedring Dugay, Sherry Ramalia, Laraine Saranillio Avery, Mary Lapitan Fierro.

Class of 1960: Angie Perez

Class of 1970: For rounding up their classmates - Ricky Macabio, Larry & Darlene Endrina

Support personnel: Al Lopez, Jr., Suzanne Pascua Damian, Sonny & June Dalde, Joy Maile Enfield, the Endrina Sisters, Rosita Viduya Hueu

Grand Prize Donors: Artists Mike Carroll (Lanai), Mae Morita Takata (Calif.) and Joice Dalde Alapag (Calif.) for their paintings; Carol Nobui Pajari (Calif.) for her custom made fabric bag; Mr. David Lebby and John Repetti of the California & Fremont Hotel & Casino for gift certificates for 5-night stay at the California Hotel & Casino and the Redwood Bar & Grill.

Donations & Fund Raising: Pedro “Pedring” Dugay, craftsman, for his ukulele raffle; Larry Endrina’s CD sale, Elaine Perry Dang who enticed attendees to follow suit and make matching monetary contributions. All proceeds are to offset LACA’s operational expenditures.

I can’t thank all of you enough for making our reunion another memorable Lanai affair via your hard work and participation. With heartfelt gratitude I bid you a fond aloha.

FACTS FOR THE LACA VEGAS 20TH ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

by Coochie Cayan, 2015 LACA/Vegas Chairperson

Aloha LACA members!!! Some quick facts for the 20th Lanai Connection in Vegas this year. Due to the early printing of this newsletter, some information is not available. It will be posted on our website as soon as details are confirmed. Or you may contact the LACA board of directors via the on-line newsletter or write to us at P.O. Box 515, Pearl City, HI 96782.

SLOT TOURNEY will be organized and coordinated by an alumni class who have experience in this activity. Details will be forthcoming on-line and in the August newsletter for interested folks.

GOLF TOURNEY will be organized and coordinated by alumni golfers who have experience in this activity. Details will be forthcoming on-line and in the August newsletter for interested folks.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON PROGRAM has open microphone time for any alumni who wants to share their musical talent, their witty humor and or their best memories of Lana’i High and growing up “small kid time” on Lana’i. No hilahila. Come and share your mana’o.

NAME TAGS may be picked up the day before in the LACA Hospitality Room hosted by LACA Director Susanne Damian at the California Hotel. More details in the next newsletter to remind you all.

PICTURE TAKING will commence after the luncheon buffet on Saturday, September 26, 2015 in the Ohana Room. One huge group picture is usually done for the event. Also, you can arrange a group picture with your classmates or family at the event with the photographer. A small fee is charged for photographs.

Have a burning question? Want to have some open mic time at the luncheon? You can email **Coochie Tanodra Cayan** at ccayan@hotmail.com or write the LACA Board of Directors at P.O. Box 515, Pearl City, HI 96782.



2015 IS LACA'S 20 YEARS OF LAS VEGAS REUNIONS

Come celebrate!!! This year the Lana'i Alumni and Community Association aka LACA will be celebrating twenty years of reunions in Las Vegas! Mark your calendar to attend on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the California Hotel for a buffet luncheon and "talk story" about your favorite memories of Lana'i.

Robert Kinoshita, a founding LACA director expressed at a recent board meeting that "...Lana'i is a special place, a unique place like no other in the whole world...It's important to keep the LACA reunions to remind us of how special Lana'i is..." Another founding director **Juan Johnny Tanodra** agreed that several Lanaians were inspired to organize the LACA and to plan for yearly gatherings in Hawaii and in Las Vegas. For many members and their families, the yearly events was and continues as their class reunion

and or part of their family reunions. Current and also a founding director, **Suzanne Damian** added "...the early days we met at many eating places to plan the reunions...everyone who attends come away with renewed friendships..."

Come and talk story at this year's LACA Vegas event. The program will "talk story" of your best memories of Lana'i. It will be a big thrill to hear your stories – from picking pine to high school jinks to ghost stories to the many fishing and hunting stories – whatever you want to share.

Hele kakou!!! See you all at the 2015 LACA Vegas Reunion!

Please see the sign up form in this newsletter or on the website to sign up for the September event and for more information. This year's planning committee co-chairs are Monica Cockett (mcockett2@gmail.com) and Coochie Tanodra Cayan (ccayan@hotmail.com) or contact the LACA board at its mailing address P.O. Box 505 Pearl City, HI 96782.

Chicken Hekka Band

Mahalo in appreciation for tirelessly giving your talent and selfless dedication in filling our hearts with merriment to your music for decades.



Ben Dalde, James "Jay" Reponte, Glenn Alapag, Joice Dalde Alapag, Jane Garalde Primicias



Above: Sonny & Jun Dalde, Glenn & Joice Alapag, Jane Primicias, James Reponte, Ben Dalde



Classic - Wheelchair Kupunas Ready for our 2014 LACA/Las Vegas Gathering



Sue Obado, Norante & Marilyn Cunio
Fernandez



Hideko Saruwatari

Kupuna at LACA Las Vegas Reunion

The Kupuna attendees were honored and presented with lei at the LACA Las Vegas Reunion in September 2014. The recognition was in gratitude and appreciation for their support of one of LACA's membership purposes which is to participate in the civic, industrial, recreational, educational, and social activities of the Lanai community. Al Lopka's lyrics to the song "Lanai" evokes nostalgic plantation memories and via our kupunas' ohana lineage of linking the past, present and future.

Song of LANAI

By Al Lopaka
(Alton Lopez, class of 1981)

*Gentle breeze a blowing
Sets the palm trees swaying
Lanai, Lanai is calling me.
Rows and rows of golden pines
People there so very kind
Lanai, Lanai is calling me.
Where warm hellos on a Sunday morn
Makes you think of the place
Where you were born.
Sandy beaches, rocky hills
Like the road of life it feels
Lanai, Lanai is calling me.
Lanai, Lanai is calling me.*



Front Row L-R: Susana Sanchez Kincaid, Rose Preza, Alfonsa "Goring" Lopez, Soledad Obado

Back Row L-R: Hideko Saruwatari, Donna Tanodra Willingham, Norante Fernandez, Alfred Lopez, Sr., Cunsing Tanodra Miranda



Front Row: Gloria Reyes, Bill Avery, Vince Reyes
Back Row: Brad Landerburger, Sharon Reyes, Donna Reyes Ching, Laraine Saranillio Avery, Ray Rodrigues, Rene & Gary Malaluan



Front Row: Elaine Perry Dang, Alfonsa "Goring" Lopez, Alisa Baldeviso, Freida Sanchez
Back Row: Reachelle Haywood, Susana Sanchez Kincaid, Alfred Lopez, Sr., Tony & Faye Sanchez, Daniel Haywood, Tom Dang



Front Row: Al "Freddy" Tipon (Emcee), Meleah Garalde, Irene Dalde Seawright, Brono Oroyan
Back Row: Gloria & Sharon Reyes, Ronald "Ronny" & Lety Rabang, Joy Maile Enfiled, Donna Reyes Ching



Front Row: Suzanne Pascua Damian, Marilyn Cunio Fernandez, Norante Fernandez, Coochie Tanodra Cayan
Back Row: "Thor" Timbreza, Jojo Endrina Timbreza, Trudy Duggan, Carol Sweet, Owen Wong, Derrick Lania



Front Row: Shirley Endo Laguna, Rose & Brian Tabura, Al Lopez
Back Row: Alde Tolentino, Earl Rodrigues, Ester Tolentino, Jane & Ronny Tabura, Tina Tabura Lopez



Front Row L-R: Natalie Cabuslay Avilla, Dot Mapano Tan, Fred Ballesteros, Susana Kincaid, Eleanor Bayron Ozoa
Back Row L-R: Freida Stewart, Francine Stewart, Candie Sanchez, Alisa Baldeviso, Donovan Ozoa



Donna Reyes Ching, Earl,
Marge Morita

Ukulele Winner! LACA/Vegas Reunion *Earl Rodrigues Ukulele Winner!*

Won from a raffle drawing at the LACA/Vegas,
total amount of tickets sold \$1,195.

Thank You, **Pedro "Pedring" Dugay**
(Ukulele Craftman), class of 1959, for your many
years of generous ukulele donation.

Earl is Donna's cousin, born on Lanai but
moved to Oahu as a child.



Pedro "Pedring" Dugay and
Vincent Reyes

Slot Machine Tournament Winners from our 2014 LACA/Vegas Reunion



Francine Endrina
Costales, Soli Dela
Calsada Masicampo,
Faye Sanches, Vince
Reyes (standing in for
Donovan Ozoa),
Eleanor Bayron Ozoa,
Cunsing Tanodra
Miranda.

Thanks Vince for being a
great sport.

Slot Machine Tournament Players



Ben Dalde, Joy Maile Enfield,
Rita Nagamine Goshi



Bill Ruidas, Edith Vergara
Quiray, Janet Mizomi Miyashiro,
Eleanor Ozoa



Cunsing Miranda, Soledad
Obado, Al "Freddie" Tipon



LACA/Vegas Golf Tournament



L to R: **Gary Malaluan** (golf co-chair), **Ronny Tabura** (Highest Score), **Earl Rodrigues** (golf co-chair), **Walleto Tolentino** (High Men), **Brian Tabura** (golf co-chair), **Dorinda "Pinky" Blanko** (High Women), **Rene Malaluan** (golf coordinator)

Slot Tournament Co-Chairs

Lea Nobui Suzuki and **Jojo Endrina Timbreza** presents prize to **Constance Miranda** with daughter **Nora Miranda Rayboy** at her side.



Dwight "Lui" Obado in The News Tribune, Tacoma Washington, Wed. Sept 17, 2014



DREW PERINE Staff photographer
Tacoma resident Dwight Obado, a 30-year Army veteran, tells VA hospital administrators Tuesday it's been hard to get dental and mental health help.



Welcome New LACA Members

Alisha Sipe Baldeviso

Lloyd Funada



Joy Enfield and Donna Reyes Ching

Mahalo for your dedication to our Alma Mater & Association, LACA Vegas contact person and especially looking out for our well being by handling security.



**Sally Tabura Cadiente & Roy Cadiente
50th Wedding Anniversary**



The Dalde and Garalde Clan



Juan Tandora Serenading Sister Connie



**Dwight Lui Obado serenading his classmates class of 1962.
Sally Cadiente, Carol Asuncion, Chris Hickman, Ronny Rabang, Roselie Nakamura, Mazie Kimura**



Debbie and "Kimoi" Sabino (class of 1960)



**The ever so popular Endrina Sisters
Jojo, Christine, Francine, Lu**



CLASS of '52 MEETING (JANUARY)

By Richard Kawakami

We met at MFC for the first time in 2015 11:00 am. Present were **Stanley, Marcellino, Mildred, Nita, Takeko & George, Mildred's caregiver Edith and daughter Emily** drove Mildred to the meeting. **Frank** dropped off one of Edith's many photo albums. Evelyn mentioned that she needed more advance notice to come to our meeting. The following items were discussed:

1. Happy birthday to classmates **Daniel, Hattie, Jane** and **Kenneth** for January. These are the first of the 81 year old class of '52 classmates. Stay healthy.
2. Travel News: **Nita** and **Pete** are headed for Virginia in a few days to celebrate Nita nephew's wedding. The groom to-be had his stag party in Vegas and the bride to-be celebrated her shower in California. Nita and Pete are headed for Vegas to celebrate Pete's birthday. Stanley is also headed for Vegas to meet brother Kenneth in May. Takeko returned from Japan in December after spending 10 days on a cruise there. The weather didn't cooperate with them as they encountered a severe typhoon storm. The cruise line offered all passengers a refund and approximately 500 passengers departed the cruise. Takeko and some of the remaining passengers continued on the cruise. Bon Voyage. After her cruise, she had to complete her annual Christmas program project of making crafts for her organization. Sounds like a lot of work but she enjoys doing it and it keeps her active and healthy. Daniel is headed for Montana February to probably ski for the last time. Donna will pass on it this time and just enjoy the warm lodge life. I guess she has recovered enough to travel.
3. Mildred's caregiver spend 4 hours a day with her. I told her to drive Mildred to our next meeting in April and she graciously marked it on her calendar. Very nice person. They had to leave early because she had another assignment after our meeting. Marcellino also had to leave to meet his caregiver at home. We don't realize that father time is catching up with us. Mildred and Nita kept repeating their story to each other because both were hard of hearing in the same ear.
4. Nita spent some time talking story about her large family and how she spent her years growing up and being raised by her sisters because her mom passed when she was only 1 & 1/2 years old. She was grateful to them but had her favorite sisters. Our classmate Fred is her favorite brother. She mentioned that Pete does the cooking, laundry, gardening and cleaning so she is bored. Don't look down at a gift horse and just enjoy your life now!
5. Other news: Korean Dramas, old VCRs, shopping mall food court and bathrooms, onions, new improvements, on Lanai, Fred R auto accident, Indian Casinos, healthy food, cataract surgery, maid service, 99cents store, giving cane to a stranger and etc.

Next meeting will be on April 15th at MFC. HAPPY 2015!!

Class of 1952 August Meeting

By Hattie Higa

It has been a while since I have been in the loop; but, I am now back.

Rosita Valdez left a week ago to be with her brother in Ala Moana and should be in the L.A. area with her sister **Eleanor**. **Ruth Matsui Teraoka** took it upon herself to help me out and she was here daily to take us places: Bishop Museum, Academy of Arts. Ko Olina. Lanikai/Kailua, Kaneohe, (2x). We went out every day. The days she couldn't make it, **Ruth Nakasone** came when she was free. How about that for classmates? I couldn't do all; but, waited for them. My legs and walker just couldn't go everywhere. I believe I gained 10 pounds eating out everyday,

My best to **Fred** and the **Remiticado family**. I remember Fred and his wife when they joined for one of our

reunions. The Remiticados are "ohana". I used to see **Marie**, and **Flora** and the nephew **Makani** was my personal trainer at one time. And I see Lanai on tv.

I guess you all read about our 80th birthday trip to Maui and Lanai. **Helen, Frank**, and **Kiyomi** were super caregivers for me. It was good to see the **Oshimas** and **Molly** and her husband. They really took good care of us. I ended up in the hospital after we returned and I still haven't quite recovered.

Rosita Hueu: we did come by one Saturday; but you must have been gone...no cars were in the garage.

Talked to **Daniel Anbe** and **Donna** has had her shoulder replacement and is in therapy now.

I did go to the endocrinologist. He and the hematologist that I am not having kidney failure. Both have checked out the kidneys and I am ok. No dialysis for me.

Have gone on long enough... Aloha, Hattie

**Class of 1953 Alumni News**

By Rosita Viduya Hueu

Greetings from the Honda Ohana!

Joy to the World! Grandparents **Earl and Nora Honda** pictured with their grandchildren **Zander** (4), **Maile** (8), **Zadie** (10) and **Laney** (7) send you their seasonal best wishes.

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Patrick Obado, Billye Obado, Ruth Nakasone, Alice Niibu, Monica Cockett, Donna Ching, Annette Niibu, Marge Morita, Vince Reyes.

**Class of 1953 Alumni News**

By Rosita Viduya Hueu

Sixty-Two Years Ago: Baseball Team Photo

In 1953, the Lanai High School team participated in the *Nello Perry Summer Baseball Tournament. Emerging victorious, the coach ***Gilbert Matsui** received the championship trophy from the sponsor, ***Richard Tamashiro**. The championship team was comprised of: ***James Pagay, Elpedio Vergara, *George Yokoyama, Jacob Hueu, Philip Nieves, Rodrigo Balderas, Alejandro Eligado**. Missing from photo: ***Haime Cabalo** and **Nobuo Goshi**. Included are the Matsui's three children. *(The asterisk * denotes deceased participant)*

**Thanks for the memories!**

Not a alumni or a Lanaian Donna Reyes Ching. We want to say how much we appreciate all that you did for us LACA Members over the years! So proud of you. Represented us well.

With love & appreciation
from your family,
*Obado's, Reyes', Ito's,
Rodrigues', Malaluan's*



Class of 1965

By Helen Tabura

The Class of 1965 will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary since graduating from High School in Vegas... Please come & join us! Call **Neil Tamashiro** for more information, his phone number is 808-565-6373.



7th grade "Da B Class"

L-R: **Karen Oyama,**

Helen Tabura, Connie

Dahang, Patricia Sabino, Sharon Oyama, Placida Quicho, Junette Herolaga, Elonian Mock Chew, Priscilla Tamashiro

2nd Row: **Steven Garalde, Earl Sato, Carlos Alonzo, Pedro Perez, Gary Ohashi, Craig Sato, Mrs. Fujii**

3rd Row: **Harley Hirayama, Harold Tolentino, Floyd Vergara, Anastacio Dalde, Dennis Caluya, Alvin Alonzo**



The Class of 1960 had Lunch at Jon's Fish Market in San Diego

By Angie Perez

Front L-R: Casandra and Collin Tamashiro visiting son during Thanksgiving, Erma Mitsunaga, Roy Teruya fr. LA.

Back row L-R: Collins Tamashiro, Mario and Edith Quiray, Janet Miyashiro and Angie Perez.



L-R: Evelyn Sakuma, Karen Nobui, Lorraine Akamine, Soli Masicampo, Lorna Cabanilla

Back: Libby Viduya, Charles Kokubun, Thomas Yokoyama, Vince Tandora, Arsenio Ballesteros, Harold Ishiyama, Mariano Masicampo

Class of 1955

Lanai class of 1955 will be planning their 60th anniversary since graduation in Las Vegas on September 26, 2015. Please contact Lorna Young at: e-mail: kenofroggy@gmail.com or mail @ 163 Anapalau St. Honolulu, Hi 96825 if you are interested in participating in the reunion.



Lanai High School Class of '55 in 1949



Welcome Home Class of 1979

By Cheryl Whittington Von Kugler

I remember looking forward to the day after my high school graduation and being able to leave Lana'i. Like so many of my classmates, and many graduates before us, I for one did not envision a career in picking pineapples. Many of us had plans to continue our education and/or to secure a good paying job elsewhere.



While some classmates remained on Lana'i, most of us moved to Maui, Oahu, Kauai, the Big Island of Hawai'i while a handful of more courageous ones ventured to the mainland. No matter how far we all ventured or how long we stayed away - Hawaii was, is and will always be home!

In the past few years, my fellow classmate **Cindy (Burgos) McCluskey** with her husband returned to live on Lana'i; and most recently, **Jason Fabrao** and his wife, **Robin** have also returned to our island home. Welcome home our two classmates of the Class of 1979!!!

Class of '62 – 70th Birthday

By Sally Tabura Cadiente

Here we all are, representing the Class of '62 at the LACA Get together. **Lui Obado, Rosie Nakamura, Caroline Miyamoto, Sally Tabura Cadiente, Ronnie Rabang, Mazie Akahoshi Kimura, Christine Endrina Hickman**, all with our respective spouses.

Who could have imaged, all that time ago, that we would be together some 50+ years later, trading stories? Yet, here we are, laughing about old times, old friends, new times, and friends made along the way. We were blessed to have grown up together then, and we are blessed to be able to laugh and keep in touch now. Cheers! To good friends, good memories, and good times yet to come! Happy 70th Birthday to our Class of '62. Thank you **Donna** for having your cousin **Renee Malaluan** bake our Birthday cupcakes and decorated our table. What a special person to have on LACA Team!



1st row: Dwight Lui Obado, Rosie Nakamura, Carol Miyamoto Asuncion, Sally Tabura Cadiente

2nd row: Ronald Rabang, Mazie Akahoshi Kimura, Lety Rabang, Christine Endrina Hickman, Ben Asuncion, Roy Cadiente



Class of 1970

By Ricky Macabio

Aloha everyone. I wish to thank the Lanai High class of 1970 for helping out with LACA in Las Vegas event September last year. We also had a nice reunion with about a dozen of our classmates in attendance. Congratulations to **Pinky Blanko** and **Wallito Tolentino** for winning first place in the men's and women's division of the golf tournament. Maybe we should have entered the slot machine tournament as well. For those classmates who did not make it we hope to see you next time. As we reminisced the good old days we are always mindful of our classmates who have gone before us. They will always be missed and remembered with fond aloha.



Front Row: Jum Cayan, Dr. Wallace Nogami, Pinky Blank, Chris, Agliam, Marjorie Mendez, Wallito Tolentino
Back Row: Ricky Oyama, Andrew Miranda, Ricky Macabio, Larry Endrina



**Happy 90th Birthday ,
"Tansing" Tanodra Del Rosario!**
Surrounded by Family & Friends

Class of 1963

Submitted by Ben Dalde

This year our Class of '63 will be having our 52nd reunion in Las Vegas, coincide with the LACA weekend in September. We usually have our reunions every 5 years but this year will be a milestone for us because our classmates will all be turning 70 years old. Our classmates are spread out everywhere in the country but the Honolulu group have been pretty active. Whenever one of us is visiting from out of state, we would try to get together in Oahu for lunch. This Honolulu group have been trying to stay active and having fun by getting together at Aiea Bowl to have lunch and bowl few games. So far they've done it the last three months.

The picture attached is one of my visits from California where we had lunch at Nico's.



Around the table, Left to right:
**Lei Dalde, Herman Calbero, Melvin Mitsunaga,
Harvey Okazaki, Ben Dalde, Doris Anbe Quon,
John Park and Lynne Funada Ota.**



The ever so popular Larry Endrina & his wife Darlene

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at the Age of 93 (Announcement received from
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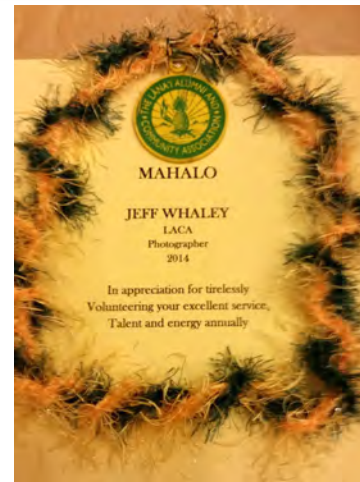
Vincent Ozoa ~ Class of 1951

Adrienne "Dolly" Ozoa ~ Class of 1975

Dwayne Ozoa ~ Class of 1981

Mahalo, Jeff Whaley

Thanks is such a
little word... no
bigger than a
minute... but there
is a world of
meaning &
appreciation in it.



Donna Reyes Ching and Lowell Lee, Class of 1960

Class of 1958 75th Birthday Bash

by Jeri Hirayama Iba

Class of 1958

The committee for the Class of 1958 will begin planning for their 75th birthday in Las Vegas for Friday, September 25, 2015. Classmates, please mark your calendar for this "Special Event". Having lost almost half of our classmates please consider making an extra effort to attend. More information will be sent after the committee meeting to discuss time, place, cost, etc.



Christmas Neighborhood Concert at the Buendia's

By Gloria Obado Reyes

Who would ever dream of watching Hawaii's top entertainer, **Melveen Leed** perform at her best friends' front lawn in December. WOW! Unreal but true.

The evening began with potluck dinner and munching on desserts throughout the night. As in the past, **Bobby and Fely Del Rosario Buendia** welcomed family, friends & neighbors, to their Christmas Kanakapila. We sat in our lawn chairs which stretched all over the yard, driveway, onto the street, and with neighbors watching from their porches. A humble evening for a moment I felt like I was on Lana'i, especially with my mom sitting to the right of me and my brother **Patrick** and his wife on my left.

The Christmas spirit was enhanced by their beautifully decorated home and yard with colorful lights by Bobby and the spectacular vocal renditions and hula dancing by super star, Melveen, accompanied by **Roland Aton** of the once upon a time **The Royal Drifters & Larry Debebar**.

Bobby and Melveen knew each other from their school days. Ever so humble, Melveen remains a Molokai country gal at heart and has annually given the Buendia's a cherished Christmas gift, a free holiday concert under the stars. Christmas was truly in the air! Mahalo, Bobby, Fely, Melveen, Larry Debebar & Roland Aston for a remarkable memorable festive celebration.



Connie Tanodra Del Rosario, Melveen Leed,
Sue Obado, Gloria Obado Reyes

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Joe Ricamara
Eleanor Ozoa – in memory of her husband Vincent and daughter Dolly
Howard and Molly Sakamoto
Ronald & Lety Rabang

Eiko Hidani – in memory of Rudolph Jimenz, Sr. (Chester Eon, IN)
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Richard Kawakami
Charles "Chuck" Hendrickson
Richard Arakaki – In memory of sisters-in-law Doris Kuboyama and Emiko Shimizu
Suzanne Damian
Tom & Elaine Dang
Ben Dalde

(I apologize if I missed your name, please send me an email or letter to be posted in the next newsletter.)

** Excuse if we did not take your names down at the LACA/ Vegas Reunion*



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