

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

October 27th is the date of our Annual Meeting, which includes the election of board members. Mark your calendar and send in your registration. A form can be found on p. 7, Guests are welcome.

The speaker scheduled to follow the brief meeting is Tom Anusewicz, pictured at left. His presentation should be of interest to all aviation enthusiasts. Continue below for his topic.

AVIATION HISTORY, SOME RELATING TO PAN AM

Next month's meeting on October 27th will feature Guest Speaker **Tom Anusewicz**. Some years ago, he worked for Antilles Air Boats. By means of a power point presentation, he will share his personal story with the airline which was owned by Captain Charles Blair and his wife, Actress Maureen O'Hara. In his talk, "Seaplanes and Flying Boats", Anusewicz will touch on early Pan Am days and, as the years went by, how flying boats and seaplanes continued to operate until the surviving aircraft found a museum so their stories could still go on.

Anusewicz has had a long career in the aviation industry. He has worked for private business aviation companies and is currently president of Oke'e Aviation Services at Honolulu International Airport. He has worked for other private business aviation companies in the past. He will include some stories of his experiences meeting the rich and famous during those years. We know you will enjoy hearing his presentation.

We would like to add a comment or two about Captain Charlie Blair. Many Pan Am employees will remember Captain Blair, who was involved in many aspects of aviation. The first time I met him was on a flight to Saigon during the Vietnam war. I was surprised to see him leave the cockpit immediately after landing, appearing to be in a great hurry. I was informed by the Station Manager that Blair had to go to Bangkok but would be back in time for our departure. A plane was standing by to take him to an important meeting there. I later



learned that Blair was a Brigadier General as well as a Pan Am pilot. Other people will remember Blair as a pilot who set many aviation records.

On the previous page is a photo of Charles Blair and Maureen O'Hara. Those of you who are going to the "Irish Spring" Pan Am event in Foynes may be interested to know that Maureen O'Hara made significant donations to the Flying Boat and Aviation Museum at Foynes.

We hope to see many members at this meeting. According to our association bylaws, October is the month of our Annual Meeting at which a report is given on the status of the association, candidates to the board of directors are voted on and it is the month that dues are due for **Annual Members**. We print that in bold letters because we often have lifetime members think they must pay again. We Life Members made a large one-time payment so we would not be bothered with "Dues are due" reminders every year.

REGARDING THOSE DUES AND ARPB ACCESS



Yes, I know it seems a bit early but dues for the calendar year 2016 are due in **October**. If you are an **Annual** member, please put a reminder on your calendar for any date the first week of October. (Some of us have to do that 4 times a year as a reminder to pay our estimated taxes. We no longer trust our memories for on time payments.) Or you can grab your checkbook as you read this and send in your check today. Most members know their status but if you cannot remember yours, please contact John Medlock (johnmiii@earthlink.net Phone: 808-664-0586) or Allan Mosher

(beegal@hawaii.rr.com 808-732-3636) to confirm your status. You may use the membership application form on page 8 if you need to renew. Please complete all spaces applicable and send with your check to John whose address is at the bottom of the form. You might want to consider becoming a Life Member to avoid these annual, and probably obnoxious, reminders. In addition to renewals, the application is also used for new members. We challenge all of you, Annual and Life Members, to look among your Pan Am friends who are not members and encourage them to join the Aloha Chapter. It would be nice to see our membership grow.

One of the advantages of membership for Pan Am employees who are receiving retirement checks from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) or any other Pan Am retiree program is easy access to travel with the Airline Retirees Pass Bureau (ARPB). An association member in good standing is not required to pay the first time fee of fifty dollars. Dan Blyth keeps finding new airlines with which to make discount agreements for his members. (Hawaiian Airlines is one of the carriers on the ARPB agreement list.) You can check out the ARPB website at www.airlineretirees.com. If you have questions, you can call ARPB at 1-800-266-6738 or email them at airlineretirees@hotmail.com. The office is located in Miami and the hours are 9:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday through Thursday, east coast time. On Friday they are open only until noon.

ANOTHER STORY FROM PERRY BROWN

In the last issue we covered the presentation given to us by Aviation Accident Investigator Perry Brown. Due to space limitations, we could not include all his stories but here is another one we thought you would enjoy. His first such story was about some ham radio operators who wanted to

establish a ham radio station on Kingman Reef, which is an uninhabited atoll about 35 miles NW of Palmyra. There were two Lodestar Twin Otters in Honolulu and they chartered one of them to take them to Palmyra. Piloting the aircraft was a pilot who was with a major commercial carrier (not PA), doing the trip on his own time. He had never flown that particular aircraft and, when they arrived, they crash landed. One woman was injured so they contacted the Coast Guard. When the Coast Guard arrived, they were all offered transportation back to Honolulu but only the pilot and wounded passenger accepted. The others decided to continue with their plans to take their gear to Kingman Reef by boat. They figured they could charter the other twin otter when they got back to Palmyra. It turned out that the other twin otter was grounded for mechanical reasons. What to do? A doctor in the group bandaged his own hand and they called the Coast Guard again to report that the doctor needed to be rescued. The Coast Guard picked them up, but later discovered the doctor was faking his injury. The group was required to pay for their rescue.

PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Ramona Chiya forwarded a message about a new ad for Emirates which features Pan Am in the "golden age of air travel" It is quite a tribute. If you have access to the web, you can find it at <http://www.businessinsider.com.au/emirates-is-attacking-its-competitors-by-evoking-the-golden-age-of-air-travel-2015-6>. . . . While on the subject of interesting on line links, I include a YouTube link that is making the rounds. I received it some time ago but it is making the rounds again, even showing up on a United retiree newsletter a few days ago. It is a short but very interesting video of Captain Ford's flight around the world in 1941. If you have not seen it, it is well worth checking out. The link is www.youtube.com/embed/Ms84WfJwII. (The last two letters are small "L" and capital "i"). The video lasts just over five minutes. . . . On August 14th, **Jack Smith** celebrated the 65th anniversary of his first day on the job at Pan Am as a Traffic Rep III. After 2 weeks of indoctrination, he showed up for the graveyard shift where he was supposed to work with an experienced agent. No one was around when he arrived as the swing shift employees had left. Thinking it was the last shift of the day, he began working on the office clean up work when he received a call from **Sam Lum**, upstairs in RES, asking when he was coming up for the reservations information for the morning flights. Jack told him he had no clue what he was talking about. Sam gave him a very fast on-the-job training session and Jack learned that the graveyard shift was actually the first shift of the day rather than the last one. He said that without Sam's help, the morning departures would have been a disaster. Jack's potential must have been obvious as he stayed with Pan Am for 36 years. . . . **Dawn Krause** attended our last meeting at Waialae Country Club and handed in her check for membership. Dawn lives at 3795 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, HI 96816-4445. Her email address is aloha-dawn808@gmail.com and her mobile phone is 808-383-1702. Welcome, Dawn! . . . Welcome, too, to **Marilyn Doyle**, pictured on the next page, who is a returning member after an absence of a couple years. She and Tim make their home at 46-135 Nahiku Place, Kaneohe, HI 96744-3625. Her email address is tim1544@aol.com and home phone is 808-235-8093.

WORLD WINGS CELEBRATES FIRST NISEI CLASS 60th ANNIVERSARY

The Hawaii Chapter of World Wings International held a luncheon at the Oahu Country Club to honor our Nisei members, especially those hired by Pan American World Airways in 1955, sixty years ago. Featured guest speakers were **Dr. Christine Yano** and **Bob Sigall**. Dr. Yano, a University of Hawaii anthropologist, is the author of the book, *Airborne Dreams*, which contains many stories Nisei stewardesses shared with her during her research on the uniqueness of their careers

with Pan American. Bob Sigall was interested in learning about the group for future research for his books and *Star Advertiser* column on local people and places. He quizzed the audience on some unique and little known facts about aviation and Pan Am's own history. Following are a few photos from the luncheon, all of which feature several members of our Pan Am Association.



▲ L to R: Glori Ino, Cynthia Hiranaga, May Tsukiyama (who was in the first Nisei class) and Rita Degnan



▲ L. to R. Mae Takahashi, Author Bob Sigall and Chapter President Betty Santoki.

▼ Marilyn Doyle, Lillian Yoshioka and Mary Emerson



Agnes VonBrimer and Diane VanderZanden ▼





▲ Catherine Bue, Cynthia Tsujiuchi, and Inger Hojfeldt

▲ Seated: Marilyn Boock and Judy Awakuni. Standing: Elberta Usui, Gerry Nakamitsu, Kay Okamoto Ideue and Gwynne Mineshima

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

Sharlene Brunell recently came across an old photo album, with pictures she saved from her Pan Am days. She passed it on to me. Here are a few photos from the album, containing pictures of some of our current and past members at work or at play in the golden, olden days:



▲ Front: Wanda Camara and Hedi Sakata. Standing: Sharlene Brunell, Geri Kahale, Calley Morgan, Jane Nakamitsu, Harriet Fong and Margaret Shigemitsu.



▲ Bob Mowll and Meta Palenapa



► Wanda Camara (far right) with her daughter, Roy Lee.



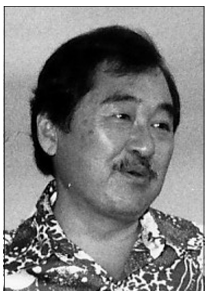
◀ Lois Matsuyama, Mimi Cloyd, Sonia Lim and Stanley Fonseca



On the next 2 pages, we repeat the information on the December 13th Annual Gala for those of you who may have missed it since, in the last issue, it followed our usual last page.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .

Gilbert Iwanaga, a long time member of PAA, passed away on August 28th at the age of 84. He started with Pan Am in Passenger Services in 1959. He later became a Reservations/Ticket Office Manager. In 1986 when Pan Am left the Pacific, he became a concierge at United Airlines. It was a program designed to take care of the company's major frequent travelers. A concierge would assist the VIPs when flights were delayed, rebook them when necessary and offer them special services. Iwanaga spoke Japanese and one customer assigned to him was the well-known Japanese entrepreneur, Genshiro Kawamoto. Iwanaga is survived by his wife, Jennine, a son who lives in Hawaii and a daughter who lives in Washington State. The photo on the left is from our archives.



In our previous issue we announced the passing of flight attendant **Lee Manfredi** on August 19th. Her daughter, Chelsea, who lives in Los Angeles, was here in the islands to help her mother after she was in at-home hospice care. She has now organized a memorial service that will take place at Thurston Memorial Chapel at Punahou School on **October 17th**. Visitation will be at 1:30 PM and the service will be at 2:30 PM. A reception will follow the service. Suggested donations are the University of Hawaii Foundation, the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, or Special Olympics, Hawaii.

Levi Chang worked in Cargo, Passenger Services, Load Control and Reservations during his Pan Am years—and possibly even other departments. He passed away on August 28th. He was a graduate of St. Louis, class of '62, and is remembered by fellow employees as "smart, popular, kind and a humorous fellow; a good family man, educator and a fine employee". He was a sports enthusiast and refereed games, and often served as a timekeeper or a linesman at football games at Aloha Stadium. His son, Timmy Chang, was a quarterback for UH under June Jones. After Pan Am, Levi Chang became an educator and served as principal of Nanakuli High School. A service for Chang will be held on **October 7th** at Direction of the Lord Catholic Church in Waipio Gentry. Visitation will start at 8:30 with Mass to follow at 11:30. Lunch will be served after Mass.



Annual Gala 2015
December 13, 2015
Hale Koa Hotel, 2055 Kalia Rd., Waikiki
Featuring Local Entertainer, Kanoe Cazimero

It is time to book your seat(s) for our Annual Gala. A reservation form is below and details are on the next page. There is room on the back of the reservation section if your party is larger than 3. If you prefer to get your own group together, it would be helpful if your group nominates one person to be the "table leader". That person can list everyone in the group and set a deadline for everyone to send a check to Carol Suyderhoud, as directed. When each person sends in his/her check, he/she need only mention that they are at so-and-so's table so we can match it up. If any group has less than 10, we will attempt to fill the rest of the seats with people from the same department.

Reservation Form—Annual Gala, December 13, 2015

Name & Dept. _____ \$55.00

Guest _____ \$55.00

Guest _____ \$55.00

(Add separate list of guests or use back of form if more space required.)

Total enclosed _____ \$ _____

Gated Lobby drop off required for handicapped? If so, name of driver and guests: _____

Need a ride? Contact Carol Suyderhoud at 396-5225.

Make check payable to: **PAA.** Send to:
Carol Suyderhoud, 7503 Maka'a Street, Honolulu, HI 96825-3127

HALE KOA HOTEL INFORMATION

ON ENTRANCE, PARKING, BEVERAGE PAYMENTS, ETC.

- Location is the Waikiki Ballroom across from the Warrior Bar
- Doors open at 5:30 PM. Cash bar will be available and buffet will begin at approximately 6:30. The menu is the same "International Buffet" which has been well received by our members in the past. If you have difficulty moving through a buffet line, please do not be concerned. Other members will assist you.
- Cash is required for all alcoholic beverages and soft drinks. Credit cards are not accepted.
- Photo ID is required, though not always checked, since the Hale Koa is a military facility. Your driver's license or other government-issued photo ID will suffice.
- Parking is available in the Fort Derussy parking garage across the street from the hotel and is \$5.00 with validation which will be available when you sign in at the ballroom door. Drivers with guests can drive to the front entrance, drop their guests at the front lobby, and drive from there to the garage. It is convenient for guests who cannot walk very far or who have trouble with stairs.
- **For the handicapped:** Drivers with handicapped guests can drive through the security entrance to the back lobby, to drop them off, and then proceed to the parking garage. The back lobby is closer to the ballroom where the gala will be held. The security person on duty will need to have the name of the driver and his or her guest(s) in advance. There is a speaker phone and the security person on duty will ask for names. If you are on the security list, the security person will open the gate for you. To get on the list, be sure and put the driver's name on the front of the reservation form below. Guest names may be added below.

Please retain the upper portion of this flyer for future reference.

Use this space for additional guests:

October Meeting Reservation

Next Meeting—October 27, 2015

Waialae Country Club

4997 Kahala Avenue

11:00 Social hour, 11:30 Lunch

\$25.00 per person (Includes tip, tax and parking)

Please try to make your reservation 3 or 4 days in advance, if possible.

Member Name _____ \$25.00

Guest Name _____ 25.00

Total _____

Makes checks payable to PAA and send to:

Carol Suyderhoud, 7503 Maka'a Street, Honolulu, HI 96825-3127

If transportation is required, call Carol at 396-5225 or contact her by e-mail at:

carolws@hawaii.rr.com.

NOTE: If you received this newsletter electronically and would like to attend the meeting, print this page or enclose a note with your check, stating what and who the check is for.

A LAUGH A DAY . . .

Daffy Definitions:

Beauty Parlor—A place where women curl up and dye.

Chickens—the only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

Committee—a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

Dust—Mud with the juice squeezed out.

Egotist—Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

Inflation—Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

Secret—A story you tell to one person at a time.

Skeleton—A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

Toothache—A pain that drives you to extraction.

Wrinkles—Something other people have....similar to my character lines.

COMING ATTRACTIONS 2015/16 Schedule

- **October 27**—Annual Meeting
- November 24—Board Meeting Only
- **December 13**—Annual Gala

All meetings will be held at the Waialae Country Club unless otherwise notified. The Annual Gala will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel.

2016

- January 26—Board Meeting Only
- **February 23**—General Member Meeting
- March 22—Board Meeting Only
- **April 26**—General Member Meeting
- May 24—Board Meeting Only
- **June 28**—General Member Meeting
- July 26—Board Meeting Only
- **August 23**—General Member Meeting
- September 27—Board Meeting Only

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Newsletter Items:

If you have any news item that would be of interest, please call Diane VanderZanden at 396-5293 or send mail to 500 Lunalilo Home Road, #26-D, Honolulu, HI 96825-1734 or by e-mail: alohadvz@gmail.com.

Members, we encourage you to print this page and give the application below to your Pan Am friends who are not members. If you are a former employee and not a member of the Aloha Chapter of the Pan Am Association, we encourage you to complete and submit the application below and help keep our association healthy. Thank you.

PAN AM ASSOCIATION—ALOHA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check all applicable boxes and complete all applicable lines.

- ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member
- ☐ Retiree—Pan Am retiree who received lump sum pension or is receiving PBGC checks.
- ☐ Associate—All other former Pan Am employees
- ☐ Ohana—Surviving spouse, child or relative of above; sponsored person with close connection to Pan Am (subject to BOD approval).

PRINT CLEARLY PLEASE

Date: _____

Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street Apt # City State ZIP code

Home Phone: _____ **Cellphone:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Would you like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, which is in color? Yes _____ No _____

Retiree/Associate: Dept: _____ **PAA Service:** _____ **Receiving Pension?** _____
of years worked Yes or No

Ohana: Pls. state category & PAA sponsor (See above): _____

The association directory is published every two years and is distributed to **MEMBERS ONLY**.

Do you wish to be listed in the directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No

May we publish your phone number/E-mail address? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Annual Membership: ☐ \$ 30 US Residents ☐ \$ 35 Overseas residents
Lifetime Membership: ☐ \$150 US Residents ☐ \$175 Overseas residents

Please make check payable to **PAA** (Pan Am Association) and send with this application to:

John Medlock, 411 Kaelepulu Drive, APT F, Kailua, HI 96734-3309