



A TREAT FOR THE EYES . . .

Or at least a treat for Dr. Alan Faulkner's audience who seemed to enjoy his speech which included short video segments on various aspects of vision. We found him to be congenial, informative and responsive to questions asked. Dr. Faulkner is pictured at left.

Our next meeting featuring a guest speaker will be in February. The guest speaker scheduled for that meeting is Bob Sigall, who has spoken to us before.

THE EYES HAVE IT

Kudos to Carol Suyderhoud who found us yet another interesting speaker; **Dr. Alan Faulkner**, founder of Aloha Laser Vision, who spoke to a group of 48 members and guests on the importance of regular eye check-ups. There are eye diseases that are not evident until the damage has been done but an eye test would uncover the damage at an early stage. Among eye diseases, glaucoma is known as the silent killer because it can lead to total blindness. Without regular eye check-ups, the patient will be unaware of the disease until severe damage has occurred. That is because the damage starts at the periphery of the eye and is not readily noticeable as it slowly creeps toward the center. If the other eye is still in good condition, and the bad eye deteriorates even more, the brain compensates by letting the good eye dominate, and the patient remains unaware of the problem until there is only limited vision in the center of the eye. The deterioration cannot be repaired but it can sometimes be stopped by one treatment or another. There are specialists who can determine what is best for the patient.



Next Meeting—ANNUAL GALA

December 3rd, 2017

Last chance to sign up!

See pages 9 and 10 .

Another eye disease that can go unnoticed in its early stages without regular check-ups is macular degeneration. It is also known as AMD, i.e. age related macular degeneration. However, Dr. Faulkner explained that you can check your own eyes for AMD by using an Amsler Chart. Don't let it take the place of your regular eye check-up but if you happen to have a computer, as many of us do, you may want to check it out. The chart consists of a grid made up of squares with a black dot in the center. If the grid changes in any way, when you look at the dot with either eye, you need to see your doctor sooner rather than later. The easy-to-follow directions are listed with the chart. AMD will not cause total blindness, as does glaucoma, but it does make it impossible to see anything well.

Dr. Faulkner says there are as many different specialists for the eye as there are for the heart. Some doctors specialize in the retina or the macula which are at the back of the eye, whereas he specializes in the "front of the eye". He explained how quickly cataract surgery can be completed these days—in minutes, and how many choices the patient has in choosing a lens to suit his or her needs. You can choose to have good distance vision and wear reading glasses, you can choose to have one eye with good distance vision and the other with a focus comfortable for reading or a special lens to do both. He indicated it is important to have good communication between you and your doctor as to the results desired and the probable effects of your choice.

Have you ever been told you have a cataract but it is not ready for replacement yet? I had heard people say they were told to wait and then I heard it myself during my last eye exam a few months ago. I asked Dr. Faulkner what "ready yet" meant. He explained that it is a Medicare insurance policy requirement. Medicare requires that the vision in your eye must deteriorate to a reading of 20/50 in order to qualify for coverage for cataract surgery. However, there is such a thing as an ADL exemption. It means if you have not yet reached that level of deterioration but feel that a cataract is interfering with your daily routine, your doctor can complete an ADL (Acts of Daily Living) form to satisfy the insurance provision, thus allowing you to have coverage for the lens replacement procedure before you reach the 20/50 mark.

The eyes mirror the health of your body. During an eye exam, doctors can often see a patient has diabetes even though patient does not yet know it. As for what you can do to improve the health of your eyes, according to Dr. Faulkner, one of the best things is to exercise and maintain nutritious eating habits. Eating foods high in omega 3, for example, which we've all heard is good for our circulatory system, bones, and overall health, is also important for the eyes. If you are not into eating leafy greens, you really ought to be taking a high quality omega 3 supplement.

Dr. Faulkner's office administrator is his wife, Gloria. They also have two sons, Christopher and Justin, and a rescue dog, a husky named Neo.

Elections were held at this meeting. The 3-year terms for President Darlene Laster, Vice-President Ed Gencarelli, and Treasurer John Medlock are nearing the end. All three chose to stand again and all were reelected. In addition, Clare Takayama agreed to run for a board position and was duly elected at the meeting. Eva Kama and Owen Oshima are retiring from the board. We thank them both for their many years of service.

Mahalo to Henry Blakstad who once again provided door prizes. Kimo Corral, who used to be in charge of our group before he was promoted to Assistant Dining Room Manager, dropped by to say hello. He is pictured with Dorcie Sakuma and Aggie Von Brimer in the meeting photos which begin on the following page.



Darlene & Lee Laster with Dr. Alan Faulkner (Ctr.)



Sue Jaques



Jade Sen and May Tsukiyama



Akiko Munro, Vivian Tanaka,
and Yoko Hiltbrand



Charlotte
Yamashiro



▲ Front: Tomiye Nakamura & Betty Keliia.
Back: Elaine Keb, Iris Inouye & Shirley Motas



John & Nobuko Loncar



◀ Lillian Yoshioka and Diane VanderZanden
with Roy Stocks.



Dorcie Sakuma and Aggie Von Brimer
with Kimo Corral of WCC.



Patti Jacoby & Cal Murata



Harlow Urabe, Eva Kama, Fred Shigenaga
and Calvin Murata.



Kiddy De Coster &
Dan Del Monte



Jan Newhart, Henry Blakstad
and Clare Takayama



Choy Lewis, Darlene Laster, Al Chun
And Marie Jahnsen



Ulu Jung, John Medlock, & Liz Kearins



Clare Takayama and
Pat Wagner



Ellen Shikuma and Elaine Keb-Bodine



Eva Kama and Carol Wong



Ken DeHoff



Denise Mazzanti, Carol Nezu, Carol Suyderhoud



Carol Massie



Marie Jahnsen & Regina Suyderhoud



Lillian Yoshioka, Katie Yoshioka
and Mae Takahashi

APPLICATION OF COMMON SENSE IN CULTURE CLASH

In looking through my archives, I came across a story from my most frequent contributor, Jack Smith. (We should all have memories as good as Jack's!) We've had many e-mail chats over the years and I've filed away some of his stories. This particular story seems appropriate to our "politically correct" times.

It was after I had been at the DTW (Detroit) office and we had all settled in, having gotten acquainted with each others personalities, that Marilyn came to see me. She was having problems with Jake in trying to get him to follow instructions. I watched their interactions for awhile and finally called them into my office together so they could address the problem face to face. I informed them no one would leave the office until I understood the problem between them.

After some coercing, I finally got Marilyn to fully explain the problems she was having with Jake. I turned to Jake and asked him what his problem with Marilyn was. He said he did not appreciate Marilyn pointing her finger at him whenever she asked him to do something or show him something.

The situation became clear: Jake was an Iraqi who had transferred into DTW from Baghdad. (DTW has a large Iraqi community.) To have a woman shake or point her finger at him was absolutely unacceptable and not tolerable. The solution: I instructed Marilyn never to point a finger at Jake again. I advised Jack that he was no longer in Iraq and that he had better get used to the customs in the US where woman are just as equal as men and have the same authority as men in the same capacity.



They both looked at each other, had a big laugh over the past years of frustration because of their misunderstandings, hugged each other, tears all around, and all was good after that.

PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS

To those of you who like to keep your directory updated: **Jeff Kriendler** reports he is at the same address but has a new apartment number. He is now at 17N. Because he has moved within the complex several times, I asked him if he was playing "musical condos" and he replied that he was "upwardly mobile" and "closer to heaven". Jeff is co-author, with James Baldwin, of the beautiful "coffee table" book, *Pan Am; Personal Tributes to a Global Aviation Pioneer*. . . . Seattle



member **Charlotte Larson** and her husband, Chuck, are visiting The Netherlands. Included in their itinerary is the World Wings 2017 convention, held in Amsterdam from October 19th—22nd. Charlotte is a member of the Seattle Chapter of World Wings and she is also an associate member of our Hawaii Chapter since she was born and raised in the islands and was initially based here with Pan Am. Therefore, she represented our chapter since, sadly, none of our local members could attend the convention. Before the convention began, she and Chuck met a few other friends, one of whom was PAA member **Grace Nakata**, with whom they explored Amsterdam. She sent photos, including the one on the left of her and Grace enjoying a mug of chocolate with a chocolate spoon.

Grace has made her home in Paris for many years. Like many Pan Amers, Charlotte and Chuck have enjoyed traveling extensively and, as Charlotte says, "We want to continue seeing the world until we can no longer walk!".

. . . **Ken DeHoff** is planning to retire in December. He is the Executive Director of the Pacific Aviation Museum. He has always been a great supporter of Pan Am, overseeing the development of our Pan Am exhibit at the museum. During his tenure, he increased the museum staff from 23 to 75 and expanded the number of aircraft owned by the museum from 7 to 45. Ken is pictured at right. We will miss him greatly but wish him well in his retire-



Ken DeHoff



ment. . . . Welcome to new member **Dorcie Sakuma**, who attended the meeting as a guest of Aggie Von Brimer. By the end of the meeting, she decided to join the Aloha Chapter of the Pan Am Association. Dorcie has been active in the Hawaii Chapter of World Wings and currently serves as Secretary. Dorcie is pictured on the left. She lives in Honolulu and can be reached at dorciesakuma@yahoo.com or at 808-783-2850.

RENEWAL REMINDER FOR A FEW

We received a few messages from members not sure if their dues were due, an easy item to let slip. Only **annual members** need to renew. To save confusion, I will list those annual members who have not yet renewed for next year as if October 27th:

Anusewicz, Thomas	Gonzales, Abe	Mitsuyama, Alice	Smith, Herman
Baumgartner, John	Kaneta, Norman	Mowll, Robert	Stables, Donna
Corley, Susan	Krause, Daen	Mullahey, Mike	Van Epps, Lloyd Lee
Franca, Herman	Liu, Lawrence	Noble, Anne	Young, Charles K.
Gangloff, Claudette	Look, Bunny	Oshima, Vern	Young, Sylvia

You may use the form on page 8 to renew. The next newsletter will be the last issue of 2017.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .



As we approach deadline for this issue, October 27, 2017, we received the following obituary, written by Carol Corzine Yarborough, "friend for life" of Bert Torrance, one of our long-time members. Carol had talked to his wife and son less than an hour before they called back to say he was gone.

Today a light in the lives of those who knew and loved **Bert Torrance** went out. Bert, known as "BT" to most of us in Honolulu, passed away peacefully in his home on Balboa Island, Newport Beach; his wife Charlotte and son Tom by his side. He was 93 years old. Charlotte asked that I let the Pan Am people in Hawaii know of his passing, as Honolulu played a very special role in their lives.

In 1970, Bert was named Senior Sales Manager for Hawaii, where I had the privilege of working as his secretary. Working with Bert was the highlight of my 20 years with Pan Am. His hard-driving work ethic and wonderful sense of humor were priceless! Later, Bert moved to the airport as Managing Director-Hawaii (where Choy Lewis worked for him).

In the *Aloha Clipper* of December 5, 2004, Bert paid tribute to his wife, Charlotte Erramouspe, who had been a Customer Service Representative in Los Angeles in 1948. When Bert and Charlotte were dating, he once told me, he used to carry a scrap of paper in his pocket with Charlotte's last name written on it as he not only couldn't pronounce it, he couldn't spell it. That ended when she became Mrs. Torrance. After they married, they moved to San Francisco where she worked in Customer Service and then Crew Scheduling until 1952 when Bert was transferred to the City Ticket Office in Tokyo. Little did Charlotte know that this was to be the first of many transfers.

The next transfer was to Bangkok in 1954; then to Saigon in 1957 where they stayed for 2 years. This was followed by a move to Manila in 1961. Following that, they were off to Singapore where they stayed until 1966. The next transfer was a big shock—to Cleveland until 1969. Then Pan Am decided to send Bert to Saigon to be Technical Adviser to Air Vietnam. No wives were allowed then so Charlotte moved back to Singapore. The Air Vietnam contract ended in 1970 and Bert was sent to Honolulu for 3 years before being transferred back to Los Angeles.

In 1975, Bert accepted a vice-presidential position with Budget Car Rentals in Honolulu. But within a few months, Pan Am pressured him to return to the “family”, offering him the position of Vice President—Northeast at the Worldport at JFK. He remained there until his retirement in 1980.

The Torrances spent several retirement years in Oregon, Lake Tahoe, and Tucson, ultimately putting down roots on Balboa Island in Newport Beach, California. Two years ago when I was visiting the Torrances, Bert took me into his office and gave me all the Pan Am correspondence and memorabilia he had saved over the years. He said, “No one would want this stuff but you!” That was Bert....a real treasure...He will be missed by all who knew him.—*Carol Corzine Yarborough...friend for life.*

Hideko “Hedi” Sakata, who worked in Reservations at Pan Am, passed away on September 15th. Though she was not a member of our Aloha Chapter, she was well-known and loved among her co-workers. She loved to travel and did so extensively when time allowed. She is survived by her husband, Tom; sons, Randy and Dale (spouse Yasuko); daughter Shirley Tottori (spouse Leland) and 4 grandchildren.



The 747 Flies Off into the Sunset

United Airlines has scheduled the last flight of the Boeing 747 passenger aircraft for November 7th. The flight will depart from San Francisco for Honolulu. Celebrations are planned before departure and after arrival. From Nov. 7th, the only 747 flights operated by U.S. carriers will be cargo flights.

2017 Schedule

- November 28—Board Meeting Only
- **December 3—Annual Gala** Luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel.

2018 Schedule

- January 23—Board Meeting Only
- **February 27**—General Member Meeting
- March 27—Board Meeting Only
- **April 24**—General Member Meeting
- May 22—Board Meeting Only
- **June 26**—General Member Meeting
- July 24—Board Meeting Only
- **August 28**—General Member Meeting
- September 25—Board Meeting Only
- **October 23**—Annual Meeting
- November 27—Board Meeting Only
- December—Annual Gala date pending confirmation.

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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).

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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 Kaelepu Drive, APT F, Kailua, HI 96734-3309



Announcing a Gala Christmas Luncheon

It is not too early to plan for the Annual December Gala. This year's event will be a Brunch Buffet, which is a mix of brunch and lunch. It includes, but is not limited to, a selection of fruits and juices, mini breakfast pastries, several salad choices, cold buffet items (assorted sushi tray, selection of cheeses, and seafood, etc.) and hot selections, which include, skirt steak, southern style chicken and waffles, mahimahi, potato Benedict or poached eggs Florentine and an assortment of desserts.

What: A festive Brunch Buffet

Date: Sunday, December 3, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. Social Hour; 11:00 Buffet

Place: Ballroom in the Hale Koa Hotel, 2055 Kalia Rd. in Waikiki

Entertainment: Dave Kawamoto and his Friends—The same great band that entertained us last year!



Reservation Form—Annual Gala, December 3, 2017

Name & Dept. _____ \$50.00

Guest _____ \$50.00

Guest _____ \$50.00

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

Total enclosed _____ \$ _____

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 10:00 AM. Cash bar will be available and buffet will begin at approximately 11:00 noon. 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 \$6.00 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.

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