

An Aloha Clipper Christmas

On the right is a table holding door prizes that were distributed by a drawing after lunch. In addition to the Disney characters, there were gift certificates, Pan Am memorabilia and other items.



A VERY MERRY GET-TOGETHER

On Saturday, December 1st, our association members and their guests enjoyed a holiday lunch buffet at the Waialae Country Club. It is the same location at which our 5 general membership meetings are held. Photos begin on the following page but first, a story about a shopping trip.

As those who usually attend our meetings know, Henry Blakstad has been donating door prizes for a very long time. He does it because, he says, he loves to make people happy. At various time he has donated stuffed animals, which members love to pass on to the grandchildren or great-grandchildren; delicacies such as macadamia nuts and packets of local coffees; ladies' handbags; University of Hawaii logo items; gift certificates from Starbuck's, Walmart and other places; and shopping bags. (In Hawaii we have a law that prevents stores from giving out bags without charging for them.)

We have been featuring Disney characters as our centerpieces at the Annual Galas for quite some time, thanks to Henry. For pickup and delivery, he receives help from Jan Newhart and President Darlene Laster and her husband, Lee. When Jan sent me photos of this year's trip to the Disney store, I thought they should be shared. In the photo on the left, Henry makes a selection. On the right, the "kids" who had fun in the toy store are worn out after selecting the table centerpieces and other smaller items. Lee, Henry and Darlene rest outside the store near a garden area with bags of goodies.



Annual Holiday Lunch, Dec. 1, 2018

The Waialae Country Club was festively decorated and everyone enjoyed the feeling of a happy event as they entered the lobby and then the dining room.



◀ L to R: Ellen Shikuma, Lee and Darlene Laster, Owen Oshima, Lori Dilay, Carol Suyderhoud, Marie Jahnsen, Harold Chow and his daughter, Leona Kobashigawa.

▼ L to R: Yoko Cahill, Gordon Rezentes, Richard Rezentes, Sharlene Brunell, Lani Hearn, Diane VanderZanden, Gary Rezentes and Henry Blakstad.



▲ Yoko and Ron Cahill with one of the "101 Dalmatians."



▼ Eva Kama, Ellen Hiromoto and Jade Ing Sen.



◀ Henry Blakstad with a painting of Santa which he completed many years ago.



◀ From left: Jade Sen, Aggie Von Brimer, Glori Ino-Strassberg, Eva Kama, Nancy Yamachi, Lillian Yoshioka, Betty Santoki and Mae Takahashi.

▼ From left, David Alama, Mina Ito, Dina Ogata holding son, Koby, Clinton Ogata, Elizabeth Kilbey, Patrick Tobar, Jimmy and Marina Chong. Inset: Christine and Donald Oyadomari.



◀ Left to Right: Roy Jardine, Harvey Kalani (seated), Gary Akita, Rodney Sunada, Fred and Jeanette Belen, Carol Kalani and Shirley Akita.



◀ From left: Adele Low, Diane Komagome, Myrna Chun Hoon, Geri Kahale, Jill Nakagawa, Clare Takayama, Pat Wagner (seated), and Kathy Ching.

▼ From left: Elaine Keb-Bodine, Sachi Kato, Shirley Silva, Dan Del Monte, Kiddy DeCoster, Al Chun, Shirley Motas, Patti Jacoby, Iris Inouye and her mother, Tomiye Nakamura.



▼ Around the table starting at left: James Saffery, Edwin Moriwaki, Jane Moriwaki, Cindy Maeva, Thomas Maeva and Harold Shishido.



◀ Calvin Murata, Sue Jaques, and Harlow Urabe.



▲ From left: Lawrence Liu, Sylvia Barros, Irene Neal with her 747, Jimmy Chong (standing), and Ray and Debbie Imada. At the same table at upper right: Tom Smyth and Joan Davis, with Howard Wiig and Patrick Tobar in lower photo.



▶ From left: Carol Wong, Keiko Tamayori, Sumiko Carroll with her tall husband, Charlie, behind her, May Tsukiyama, Lillian Nishikawa, Jane Noe, Ilona Benoit and Marilyn Boock.



▼ Around the table, starting from front left: Tony Koo, David Bird, Laraine Yoshida, Chris Mau, Karen Hom, Herb Leider, Chutima Leider, Stephen Tenby, Hiroko Omori, and Faye Kozuma.



▲ Diane "Judy" De-therow Neroda with her husband, Jack. The Nero-das live in Dumfries, VA.

▲ Seated: Ernest Oliver, Carol Souza, George Mao, and Allyne Merrill. Standing: Al Ling and Bob Merrill.



▶ Eric Wong with Allyne and Bob Merrill.

▶ Liz Kearins, Sumiko Allegar and Marilyn Boock

▲ Seated: Harvey Kalani. Standing: Jimmy Chong, Leroy Tomasa and Diane and William Kaulu.



| EVENT | ROOM |
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| Pan Am Holiday Gala | Waialae Dining Room |
| Leah Abbot Baby Shower | Kahala Room/Lanai |
| JBA Construction Holiday Luncheon | Pool Lawn/Tennis Lanai |
| Zecha Bridge | Board Room |
| Mah Jongg ~ Wells | Women's Locker Room |
| Punahou Band | Waialae Dining Room |
| Dean Yamamoto Christmas Dinner | Diamond Head Room |



▼ Lunch is served.

▲ The two photos above were taken in the lobby of the beautiful Waialae Country Club.



NOTES ON PAA MOVEMENTS AND OTHER CHANGES

Arthur Wee has an address change. He and Patricia are now at: 107 Run O Waters Drive, Goulburn, NSW 2580 Australia. The mobile phone is 61 432 660 096 and email contact is pat.artwee@gmail.com. . . . **Rayma Kent** has moved to: 2001 W. Rudasill Rd, #3304, Tuscon, AZ 85704-2833. Her new email is: raymanew18@gmail.com. . . . **Sumiko Allegar** has changed her email server from aol.com to hawaii.rr.com. . . . **Quote of the day:** My own sister-in-law was attending a family dinner at the home of a close friend. Some old family photos were being shared. The friend's grandchild was heard to ask her mother, "Mama, how do you have pictures of your grandparents when they didn't have cell phones back then?"

AS THE YEAR COMES TO AN END . . .

This is the last issue of 2018. John Medlock, our membership record keeper, is on the mainland and unable to check his personal mailbox in Kailua. I do not know if some of you have yet to renew for 2019. The majority of our members are Lifetime members who do not need to renew. However, some of you are Annual Members which means you must renew every October in order to remain a member of our association. If you do not receive the January issue, it is likely that you have forgotten to renew. The next issue should be out and in your hands by mid-January, or before that if you receive the email version. Check with John if you have not received your copy by late January.

Our next General Membership Meeting is on February 26th. Chief Susan Ballard of the Honolulu Police Department has agreed to be our speaker at that meeting. You won't want to miss her presentation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of our Aloha Chapter of the Pan Am Association, I wish you

Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .

Gail Silva passed away on November 16th at the age of 75. She had worked in Catering for almost 20 years, starting in November of 1966. Kathy Asing wrote: "I worked with Gail at Pan Am for 17 years and we both lived in Kailua so we often shared rides to work, as well as sharing baby-sitting duties, etc. We became fast friends. I was happy to be there for her at her passing. She had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on October 2nd." Kathy added that Gail was a fun and happy person to be around. She worked hard and played hard. She loved to travel and after retiring from the *Honolulu Advertiser* [evidently her job after Pan Am], she took multiple cruises. She is survived by a son, Scott Silva, and two grandchildren, Kekoa and Cami Silva. A service is scheduled for December 8th at St. John Vianney Church in Kailua, with visitation at 9:30 and the service at 10:30.



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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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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

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