



HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

In spite of the newsletter arriving in your mailbox a little late, a crowd of sixty gathered at Waialae Country Club to hear **HPD Chief Susan Ballard**, pictured at left, speak at our first general membership meeting of the year. Read below for coverage of her presentation.

Henry Blakstad again donated door prizes which were given out at the end of the meeting. Our next general membership meeting is on April 23rd. See page 7 for more information.

HONOLULU CHIEF OF POLICE A STAND-OUT

Honolulu Chief of Police, Susan Ballard, likes to start her presentation by asking her audience what issues most concern them. As always with an airline group, no one was shy and hands went up quickly. Many topics came up and I will mention some briefly. However, the main idea I would like to convey is that we have a police chief who is well educated, well-trained and competent, with a no-nonsense approach to the job. She is exactly what we all want in a chief, and more.

Most of us do not personally know the character or personalities of those who are in contention for any office, let alone that of Chief of the Honolulu Police Department. When Susan Ballard became the chief on November 1st of 2017, she was probably the person most of us were hoping would get the nod because we were impressed that a woman could do so well among a group of officers in which some members still gave the impression they were part of "the ol' boys club". The "more" that she brings to the position is personality plus.

Ballard was both entertaining and informative as she walked the room, answering questions. At the right she listens to a person who was hit from behind by a drunk driver and felt the case had not been handled well. Ballard told her she should have contacted the Professional Standards Office (808-723-3775) or the Police Commission (808-723-7580). (Your report must be made within 60 days.)

Many of us wanted to know what Ballard thought of the bill, currently under consideration by the legislature, on the legalization of marijuana for recreational use. (Hawaii allows it for medical use only.) Legaliza-



tion of marijuana is just one more headache for the police department as, unlike inebriated drivers, it is nearly impossible to prove a driver in an accident was impaired by the use of marijuana. In both Colorado and Washington, the accident rate has increased since marijuana use was legalized in those states. (Statistics are not in for states who have legalized cannabis more recently.) More children have had to be treated at ERs because of accidental ingestion. The drug is known to be harmful to young people. Ballard said the majority of those who speak in favor of marijuana at hearings are people who have money in the game. Indeed, I googled the status of the bill in the Hawaii legislature and of the 12 items that came up on the first page, only one was an impartial report. All the others were posted by promoters of legalization.

Ballard also mentioned that the police department is understaffed. There are openings for police officers and civilians. The civilian jobs are in the Personnel, Financial, Communication, Dispatcher and Radio Shop departments. If you know of anyone who might qualify for positions in these departments, suggest they contact the HPD.

These are just a couple of the major topics that came up during Ballard’s presentation. Her “right hand”, Officer Nancy DeFoster, let her know time was running out and they had another appointment. We were sorry to see them go, especially because Ballard managed to find humor in the humorless situations with which the police have to deal. She is an exceptional speaker.

Ballard did say that we could support the police officers by writing to our legislators regarding bills such as the one on marijuana. I wonder how she feels about SB 557, which is now under consideration, which would make Honolulu a sanctuary city? It is known as a law that interferes with the police doing their job in some cases. As I say, time ran out. I think all who attended the meeting would appreciate having HPD Chief Susan Ballard speak to us again.



February Meeting at WCC

◀ Officer Nancy DeFoster, Carol Suyderhoud and HPD Chief Susan Ballard.



▲ Seated: Jade Sen Ing, Mae Takahashi, and May Tsukiyama. Standing: Betty Santoki, Glori Ino-Strassberg, Carol Wong, Aggie VonBrimer and Carol Nezu.



◀ Sumiko Allegar and Ululani Jung.



▲ Seated: Colette Ching (daughter of Al Chun). Standing: Carol Suyderhoud, Al Chun, Marie Jahnsen, Ellen Shikuma and John Medlock.



▲ Calvin Murata, Fred Shigenaga, Harold Chow and Harlow Urabe.



▲ Gwen & Larry Liu and Tom Anusewicz.



▲ Bob Hardy, Regina Suyderhoud and Denise Mazzanti.

▶ Lillian Yoshioka and Ellen Hiromoto.



▶ Seated: Dan Delmonte and Kiddy DeCoster. Standing: Ernest Oliver and Carol Souza.

▼ Darlene and Lee Laster.





▲ Sue Corley & Corinne Kong.



▲ Diane VanderZanden and Dawn Krause.



▲ Ed Gencarelli and Ululani Jung.



◀ Henry Blakstad, Sue Jaques and Patti Jacoby.



▲ Eva Voronaeff and Pat Vornab.



▲ Inger Højfelt and Joan Davis.

Jane Noe and Theresa Shelby. ▶



Charlotte Yamashiro, Katie Yoshioka,
▼ Audrey Maurer and Sumiko Carroll.



▼ Bob Lee and Mary Emerson.





▲ Gordon Rezentes, Corinne Kong, Dick Rezentes and Gary Rezentes.



▲ Ilona Benoit, Patti Jacoby and Inger Hojfelt



◀ Lee Laster (retired FBI Assistant Director) and Chief Susan Ballard.

▶ Liz Kearins, Helgi Funigalli and Audrey Maurer.



PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Carol Yarborough writes: I really enjoyed the article on Charlie Oda [in February issue]. I worked in the Sales Office with Charlie for 20 years. For many years, my desk was 3 feet from his. I spent New Year's Day with him, his wife Reiko, and family a couple of times. They celebrated in the Japanese tradition and invited me to be a part of it. Charlie was such a fine person—very low key, never demanding—just solid and always there. In all those years, I had no idea he was a champion swimmer! Amazing. . . **David Knight** writes that he has changed his email address to dknight987@gmail.com. He also reports that he had a kidney transplant at the end of January and is doing well, with the help of anti-rejection drugs. We wish you continued good health, Dave. . . The "Res Ladies" met for lunch recently. Seated (L. to R.): Tina Haight, Jane Nakama, Harriet Fong and Pat Wagner. Standing: Geri Kahale, Janice Casey, Diana Komagome, Jill Nakagawa and Elaine Higa. Missing from the photo is **Clare Takayama** who was in rehab after surgery for a broken femur in her right leg. She writes that she shattered it, requiring a steel rod. She claims she was helping to clean up on New Year's Day and really did not drink much wine. She was in rehab for well over a month and



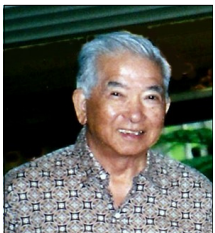


Tony Liu with a tray of his garlic clam bread.

is now home with family. We send our wishes for continued full (and fast) recovery. . . **Tony Liu**, son of Gwen and Larry Liu (Pan Am mechanic) who are pictured on page 3, was recently featured in *Taste*, a magazine about food. He got interested in cooking because he loved his mother's cooking. He enjoyed traveling to Europe and Asia with his parents on Pan Am and noticed his father always looking for interesting recipes to try out on holidays and special occasions back home. Tony enrolled in the culinary school at Kapiolani Community College. He was an avid surfer and one day, when he was working at a restaurant on the beach, he could look out and see the waves and realized he wanted to stay in the kitchen. He had the cooking bug, just like his

father, and eventually decided he needed to move on to the Culinary Institute of America. He worked with various chefs, each of whom had his own special cuisine. He honed his skills in New York and in Spain. He and his wife, Allison, have two young daughters. He realized he wanted more time with his family. He is the Chef at the Queensboro Restaurant in Jackson Heights which is just a few blocks from his New York home. For the full article, check out <https://www.tastecooking.com/new-new-american/> .

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .



Shiro Aoki, 96, passed away on January 15th. His wife, Evelyn, predeceased him. He is survived by his son, Steven who also worked for Pan Am, as a steward. Shiro had been Director of Food Services Pacific Division. He was also a member of the 100th Infantry and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team M Company. Private services were held.

Frederick Kaoru Hirayama, 85, husband of member Jane Hirayama, passed away on December 27th. He is survived by Jane; daughters Colleen (Dale) Mosher and Ann (Akoni) Shannon; sons Blaise (Auli'i) and Drake (Audrey); 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. He was a graduate of St. Louis High School (Class of '52). He retired from the Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Betty Spann, who used to work in Flight Service Scheduling, passed away on January 29th. She is survived by her husband, Lowell Rego. No other information is available.

The husband of Shirley Motas (Catering), **Vincente "Shorty" Motas**, passed away on February 3rd. Shirley regularly attends our meetings. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Shirley.

Joanne McBain Emmett, of the Phoenix chapter of World Wings International, sent word that a member of their chapter, **Lois Tomooka Mihaylo**, passed away on Sept. 6, 2018. Lois was based first in HNL and later in San Francisco. Those of us who remember her, can easily recall her ready smile and positive outlook. Joanne writes that Lois is survived by her daughters and grandchildren in Phoenix as well as family in Hawaii.

SCHEDULED SPEAKER FOR APRIL

Matt Levi, who owns a private detective agency and does investigative reports for KGMB and KHNL, will be our speaker on April 23rd. There will be a more thorough report on Matt Levi in the

next issue, but it sounds as if we will have yet another interesting meeting.

Sign up early by using the reservation form below.

WILL MARCH BE WARMER?

Our readers who do not live in Hawaii probably laugh at us but February has been a bit chilly here in the islands. For one, I have had to wear long sleeves and socks around the house. In fact I am wearing them now as I finish this newsletter on the first weekend in March. Yes, we know your weather is much colder but there is no way to heat up a chilly home in Hawaii.

Some of us relish actually being able to wear our "mainland clothes"; others long for more warmth. I'm torn as I just purchased a lanai set and it is too cool to sit outside so I just admire it from inside, through a closed sliding glass door.

2019 Schedule

- March 26—Board Meeting Only
- **April 23**—General Member Meeting
- May 28—Board Meeting Only
- **June 25**—General Member Meeting
- July 23—Board Meeting Only
- **August 27**—General Member Meeting
- September 24—Board Meeting Only
- **October 22**—Annual Meeting
- November 26—Board Meeting Only
- **December 7— Annual Gala @ WCC**



Luncheon Meeting Reservation

Next Meeting—April 23, 2019

Waialae Country Club

4997 Kahala Avenue

11:00 Social hour, 11:30 Lunch

\$30.00 per person (Includes tip and parking)

Please try to make your reservation no later than April 18*

Member Name _____ \$30.00

Guest Name _____ \$30.00

Total _____

Make check payable to PAA and send to:

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*If you think your check may not arrive by Feb. 18th, please notify 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.

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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

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- ☐ 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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