

## Mele Kalikimaka!



### A JOLLY GOOD TIME AT THE HALE KOA

Retired Captain David Kawamoto and his musician friends were back to entertain members and their guests at the Annual Gala at the Hale Koa Hotel on December 3rd. In the photo above, Dave is the one playing the clarinet. The audience obviously enjoyed the music as we noted many keeping time by tapping their toes.

It was our first mid-day gala and, in terms of participants, it was as successful as last year's evening event. As the photos in this issue indicate, people enjoyed the annual gathering of their fellow employees and guests. There is something infectious about seeing people mingle and greet friends they have not seen in awhile. Not many took their seats until the start of the buffet brunch was announced. In addition to being our first lunchtime gala, it was also our farewell to the Hale Koa Hotel.

President Darlene Laster announced that the December 2018 gala will be held at the Waialae Country Club. She also called Ken DeHoff to come to the lectern to receive recognition for his work in helping to bring the Pan Am exhibit to fruition at the Pacific Aviation Museum. DeHoff recently announced his retirement as Executive Director of the museum after serving there for 10 years. During that time, he proved to be a real friend of Pan Am. DeHoff and Laster are pictured in the photo on the right.







The sign on the left above welcomed members and guests to the Waikiki Ballroom at the Hale Koa Hotel. A large poster of the 747 stood on an easel near the entrance. Upon entering the ballroom guests were greeted with a cheery scene of tables set with candles, red and green serviettes and each with a Disney character centerpiece, the latter courtesy of Henry Blakstad, who was unable to attend because of health concerns. Thank you, Henry, for your many donations. We wish you improved health.



◀ Passenger Service: Outside the ballroom entrance, Carol Suyderhoud, Marie Jahnsen and Choy Lewis greeted guests, validated parking tickets and provided names tags and door prize tickets to set passengers on their way.

Just inside the ballroom, the Sales Department was waiting to entice passengers to upgrade their chances of having an even better flight. Sales agents are, from L. to R: Pat Wagner, Al Chun, Geri Kahale and Lee Laster. ▶



◀ Passenger amenities were given out according to a random selection of numbers. The passenger holding the number matching the one called was able to select a prize from the table.



## The Passengers

Photos of those who attended our 2017 Annual Gala are on this and the following pages. Do not look for your table numbers, as in the past, as the photos are entered haphazardly. That is because they were taken haphazardly. Many of the passengers showed up late and some almost missed the flight. However, with the help of agent Owen Oshima, I think we managed to get a photo of everyone, or nearly everyone, before the plane landed.



◀ Seated: Myrna Suemori, Thomas & Sally Ishii and Sonja Kawamoto; standing: Roland Aton, Jade Sen, Joe Enbovino, Harry Chang, Dave Kawamoto, Harris Ishida, and Katie Tamashiro.



▲ Wanda Camara, Clare Takayama and Geri Kahale



▲ Seated: Jade Sen, Aggie Von Brimer, Mae Takahashi, and Merle Miyamoto. Standing: Ellen Hiromoto, Dorcie Sakuma, Moke Strassberg, Glori Ino Strassberg and Lillian Yoshioka.

Jimmy Chong and friends: L to R., Jane & Edwin Moriwaki, Cindy & Thomas Maeva, Jimmy, James Saffery and Clifton Stewart.







▲ Pat Wagner, Adele Low and Lani and Jace Hearn.



▲ Seated: John and Nobuko Loncar. Standing L to R: Lillian Nishikawa, Katie Yoshioka, May Tsukiyama, Sumiko Carroll, Carol Wong and Liz Kearins.



▲ Seated: James Saffery, Mina Ito, Carol & Harvey Kalani. Standing: Fred & Jeanette Belen, Gary & Shirley Akita, David Alama and Clifton Stewart.

▼ Seated: Dan Del Monte, Kiddy DeCoster and Tom Anusewicz. Standing: Jane Thorp (daughter-in-law of Bob Lee), Bob Lee, Carol Souza & Ernest Oliver.

▼ Seated: Christine Oyadomari, Marina Chong, and Rodney Sunada. Standing: Donald Oyadomari, Jimmy Chong, Elizabeth Kilbey and Dottie Jardine.



▼ Alan Ling, George Mao and Tom Pavlinovic. Senka Pavlinovic was unable to attend because of health problems.







◀ Seated: Roy Stocks. Standing: Corinne Kong, Ilona Benoit, Diane VanderZanden and Jan Newhart.



▲ Warren and Tina Haight



▼ Seated: Tom Kawada, Thomas Kawamoto, Evon Kawamoto and Ellen Shikuma. Standing: Jean Kawada and Darlene and Lee Laster.



◀ Seated: Harold Shishido, Frank Kobayashi, Jane & Edwin Moriwaki and Cindy Maeva. Standing: Lawrence Liu, Vic Valentin, Calvin Murata, Harlow Urabe and Thomas Maeva.

Seated: Leona Kobayashigawa ▶ (daughter of Ethyl & Harold Chow), Harold Chow and Al Chun. Standing: Owen Oshima, Carol Suyderhoud, Marie Jahnsen, John Medlock and Ed Gencarelli. Ethyl Chow was unable to attend for health reasons.







▲ Seated: David Byrd, Herb Leider, Gee-Hou Goo, and Faris Cloz. Standing: Karen Hom, Shuko Fujita, Steven Aoki, Tony Koo, Chris Mau and Chutima Leider.



▲ Tom Pavlinovic, Way Won and Harold Tex Lee.



▲ Yoko and Ron Cahill



▲ Allyne & Bob Merrill



▲ Harlow Urabe and Sue Jaques



▲ Allyne Merrill with her brother Clifton Stewart.



▲ Leroy Tomasa and Irene Neal



▲ Audrey Sumida and Eileen Tiwanak



Dorcie Sakuma, Judy Awakuni, and Lillian Yoshioka. ►



## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .



We are saddened to have to add this note to our Christmas newsletter. Beloved member **Dolores Chang** passed away on the morning before our gala, December 2nd. She has always been an active member in our Pan Am Association and will be missed. She was 87 years old and is survived by her husband Raymond Chang. She is also survived by two brothers and many nieces and nephews, all in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she grew up. Dolores worked in the Catering Department at Pan Am for many years. A service will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at Oahu Cemetery on Nuuanu Avenue. The service is being coordinated by their Mililani Ohana who invite all to attend and to speak at the service if they so desire.

Dolores had been a Roller Derby skater when she met Ray, who was a young beach boy when they met. They married and settled in Mililani and each changed careers, with Dolores becoming a Pan Am employee. Ray is now 91 years old.



### AND BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS

On behalf of the Board of Directors of our Aloha Chapter—Pan Am Association, I wish all our members a lovely, cheery and warm Christmas season with your family and friends. We pray for your good health and thank you for your participation in association events. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings in the coming year.

### 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
- **Annual Gala**—TBA

### ADVANCE NOTICE

The scheduled speaker for the February 27th General Membership Meeting is our old friend, **Bob Sigall**, teacher, entrepreneur and author. He has spoken to our group in the past on two occasions. He has just published his fifth volume of *The Companies We Keep*, which will be available for purchase at the February meeting. A reservation form for the meeting will be in the January issue.





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### PAN AM ASSOCIATION—ALOHA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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- ☐ 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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