



HAWAII VOYAGING

Not only Hawaii but the world was captivated by the recent round-the-world voyage of the *Hokule'a*.

Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner, Executive Director of the Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy, will be our speaker at the August 28th meeting. Be sure to attend and learn about the people who have kept alive ancient skills.

A VOYAGE OF HER OWN

Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner became involved in voyaging in 1995 when she first stepped foot aboard the voyaging canoe Makalii and has been sailing ever since! While working towards a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology, she sailed aboard the tall ship *Tole Mour* as a therapist working with at risk youth. In 1999 she was a watch captain on the E Mau voyage to return Master Navigator Mau Pailug to his home in Micronesia. The voyage took place over three months and covered nearly 3000 miles. Mau is credited with reviving the art of way-finding throughout Polynesia.

After the voyage, Mau's one request to the young voyagers was to return home to Hawaii and share their knowledge and experience with others. In 2000, Bonnie helped to open the charter school, Halau Ku Mana, and started a sailing program. In 2002 the school launched the sailing canoe, Kanehunamoku, as a living classroom.

Bonnie holds a 100-ton masters license with sail endorsement and is the Executive Director of the non-profit, Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy, which teaches leadership and the ancient arts of sailing and way-finding to learners of all ages.

She will share stories from the canoe and about the work she and her crew do at Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy.

The luncheon meeting is scheduled for 11:00. It would be helpful if you can arrive on time, leaving time for checking in, getting seated and having your photograph taken before the luncheon begins at 11:30. The earlier we get to the buffet, the shorter the line. Also, it is a tremendous help if you send in your reservation by August 24th. As usual, the fewer people "paying at the door", the faster check-in will be accomplished, thus leaving more time to chat with your friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

PAN AM'S ALLURING ARCHIVES *by Terry Webber*

If you can imagine that 1,600 boxes of Pan Am history are nothing more than stacks of dull documents, you'd be wrong. Probing into the company's tenderly preserved archives at Richter Library on the University of Miami's campus is an enthralling journey of discovery into the life and times of the world's most glamorous, most innovative, most provocative airline.

Welcome to the library's new Kislak Center reading room where you will literally be *touched* by history: Hand-scribed letters from Charles Lindbergh to Juan Trippe; yellowed newspapers telling little known tales of Pan Am's daring feats; photographs and maps you never imagined existed.



Richter Library at the University of Miami



Dian Groh and Becky Sprecher
doing research at the library

You might even discover personal history, as did Becky Sprecher when she and fellow stewardess, Dian Groh, visited the archives in October 2015. They were on a mission to source information about Pan Am's flying boat era for our July 28, 2018, release of *Hunting the Wind*. Out of the proverbial Pan Am blue, Becky stumbled upon a long lost relative, Captain Bill Winston, who had flown the "boats". Serendipitous!

Worldwide news that Pan American had gone into bankruptcy on December 4, 1991 was inconceivable, especially to anyone who had ever worked

for the company. The Pan Am family had not only been a part of history, it had *made* history for sixty-four years. Employees past, and at the time current, grieved as if a close family member had died. How could an institution as iconic as Coca Cola—an airline that had proudly borne the American Flag—simply cease to exist? Thanks to the formation of the nonprofit Pan Am Historical Foundation (PAHF), plus the astute personnel at the Richter Library, it didn't.

PAHF members in the New York area collected more than 85,000 boxes of Pan Am records. From that overwhelming stash, 7,385 boxes were shipped to Richter's climate controlled warehouse once the connection had been made with the Richter Library. Later, more than 100 Pan Am volunteers, guided by the library's staff, whittled the boxes down to 1,600. Then they sorted, reviewed and began organizing the extremely valuable collection of papers, photos and audiotapes.

Pan Am's archives comprise the library's largest collection. For this reason, and in order for boxes to be transferred from the warehouse to the viewing room, anyone wishing to delve into the archives must first write, or go online to select and request specific themes and/or subjects, then submit the information to Richter, along with the date of your visit.

Pan Am ceased operations on December 4, 1991. Every living Pan Amer remembers that fateful day the same way most people recall where they were, and what they were doing, when Presi-

dent Kennedy was assassinated, when the Columbia Space Shuttle exploded, and the horror in New York City on 9/11.

Pan Am's demise was tragic on many levels, but here's the good news. Pan Am's legacy is *alive and well* at Richter Library! Head of Special Collections, Cristina Favretto, and Special Collections librarian, Jay Sylvestre, whole-heartedly support our archives, as do their dedicated staff, and self-less Pan Am volunteers. Their ongoing mission to continue cataloging and digitizing 1,600 boxes is as daunting as the staggering amount of an additional \$6 million needed to complete the project.

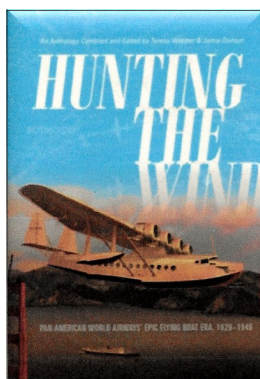
History has ruthless limitations. Let's face it, fellow Pan Amers, none of us are getting any younger. If you still feel the pride of having worked for Pan Am; if you feel passionate about the company who gave you the world; if it matters that your descendants understand that *you* were part of an important moment in world history—*now* is the time to take action!

You may not discover personal family treasures at the Pan Am archives, but your company's alluring, tantalizing, and intriguing legacy is right there at your fingertips! Spread the word about our priceless archives to your family and friends. Make donations, or consider adding a simple codicil to your will or trust to PAHF.

By all means, go online to learn more about the Pan Am Special Collections at <http://scholar.library.miami.edu/digital/exhibits/show/panamerican>. Or contact Jay Sylvestre by mail or phone: 1300 Memorial DR, Miami, FL 33146. PH: 305/284-3233.

Above all, remember, for as long as Pan Am's archives are preserved, *Gone But Not Forgotten* is not just a bumper sticker!

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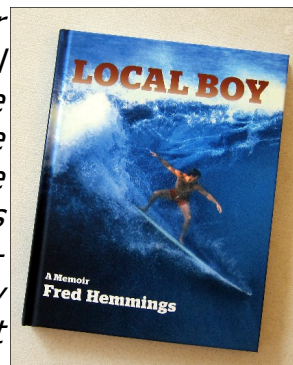
Teresa "Terry" Webber and Jamie Dodson edited a book on the flying boat era that has just been published. The title is *Hunting the Wind*. Parts of the book are based on documents found in the Richter Library. The book has just been released by Schiffer Publishing. It is available from Schiffer Publishing and can also be purchased on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble. The good news is that 100% of the book royalties will be donated to the Pan Am Special Collections project at the Richter Library. (You might start thinking about your Christmas list as the book could be a perfect gift for more than one person on your list.)



Terry Webber is active in Pan Am organizations and was a Honolulu-based stewardess. She makes her home in Kailua. Jamie Dodson is a career intelligence officer, teaches aviation history and is a writer. Dian Groh and Becky Sprecher (pictured on the previous page) also made contributions to the book. Both are writers, former stewardesses and both were based in Honolulu at one time. They have contributed articles to *Jet Wings*, the newsletter of World Wings International, Inc. Dian makes her home in Dickinson, Texas, and is the president of the Houston Chapter of World Wings. Becky (Snider) Sprecher makes her home in South Carolina and is also active in many Pan Am organizations.

STORY WRITTEN BY OUR APRIL SPEAKER

*In our May issue of Aloha Clipper, I wrote about the presentation given at our luncheon meeting by **Fred Hemmings**, a well-known waterman instrumental in shaping the surfing industry, and politician. Hemmings had brought some copies of his recently published book, Local Boy, A Memoir. I purchased one and found it to be a delightful read. The book consists of one- to three-page stories of events in his life, mostly in chronological order, beginning from his youth. One of the stories toward the end of the book had me and my husband laughing at the picture he painted with his writing. It is a "seniors" story that relates to our stage of life. With Hemmings' permission, we reprint it here:*



A few of my life's adventures—and misadventures—have been rather unique. Some may find this bizarre tale macabre. If you have a weak stomach or are otherwise delicate, you may not wish to read this.

It was 2003. My hip was completely worn out. At The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, a surgeon friend was going to replace the worn-out hip with a titanium joint. As always before an operation, I asked the doctor to tell me in detail what was going to be done. He explained that once I was under the anesthetic, they would roll me on my side, dislocate my hip, cut my flesh and saw off the very top of my femur bone—the part with the ball joint. They would then pound into the femur shank a shaft with a new ball on top, kind of like a trailer hitch. He also would fasten a new anchor point in the pelvis. In the customary visit by the surgeon before the operation I told him to please save the bone.

"No," he replied. "It's medical waste."

"Yes," I countered. The bone was part of my body and I wanted it.

After the surgery the doctor came to my room, checked me out and handed me a plastic baggie with the round head attached to a small part of the top of the femur bone.

Soon afterward, the bag with the bone in it ended up on the large desk in my Senate office at the State Capitol. It was a curious conversation piece. And no, I never made Portuguese bone soup!

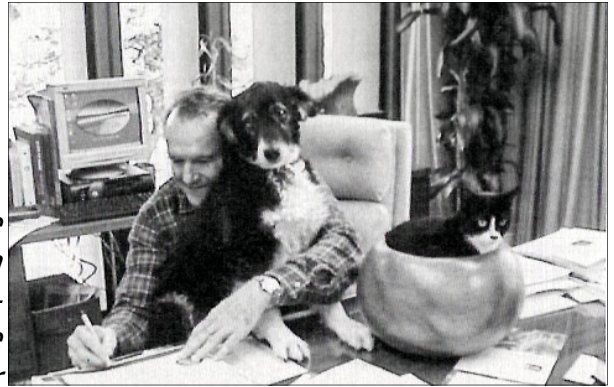
Frequently I would bring my best four-legged friend, Makai, to the office. Makai was a precious Portuguese water dog—loyal, handsome and very smart, like most Portuguese! Makai would sit at the foot of my desk and always greeted visitors with merriment. You know how dogs can make you feel as though you are the greatest person in the world.

So one fine day after my hip operation, I was sitting at my desk with Makai, when I had to go to the men's room. I limped out of my office, telling my office manager that I'd be right back.

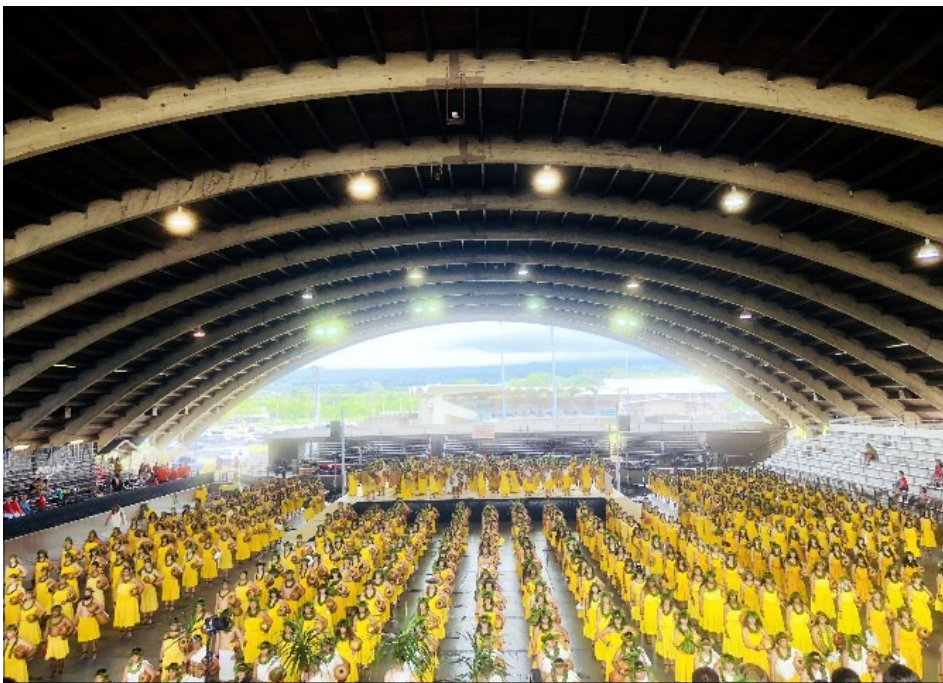
When I returned, Makai was lying in the middle of my office. He was chewing on my femur bone and in fact, had already consumed most of it. It looked like a cue ball that had been eaten three-quarters of the way through; bone crumbs were on Makai's lips. I howled. Staff members came running in and laughed, although guardedly. After a few moments, I was laughing too.

And that's the grisly story of Makai and the femur. I may be the only person, of more than seven billion on the planet, who has been partially eaten by a dog and is still here to tell about it.

At right, Fred Hemmings is pictured in his office at the state capitol with Makai and his cat, Mele, in a koa bowl. Hemmings' book is available at www.fredhemmings.com. When I called to ask permission to use the article, Fred asked me to pass on his aloha to our members.

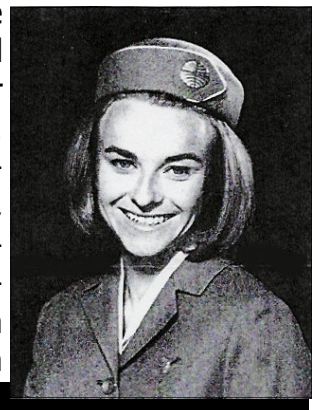


PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS



Inger Hoijfelt, one of several stewardesses who has developed a second life as a hula instructor, was featured in this column last issue. After I finished that issue, in which I had mentioned that she had attended a huge hula workshop in Hilo, she sent me a second photo. The workshop was held in the same venue in which the Merrie Monarch annual celebration and competition is held, i.e. the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. The event is named for King David Kalakaua, a fun-loving monarch who supported music and dance. Since that is quite an amazing annual event,

we thought her photo, taken at the workshop, would be of interest to our readers. Approximately five hundred people were involved in the workshop. She said she was so excited to be able to dance on that stage. Inger, who was born and raised in Denmark, has become more of a Hawaiian than many local residents. She is also an active volunteer with the Daughters of Hawaii who maintain the Queen Emma Summer Palace. . . Member **Beth Wilkins** sent us a note from her home in Wyoming saying she misses being able to attend our meetings. She stated it has been an unusual year for her but she is fine. She also included a note from Rana and Jai Mitchell informing us of the passing of their mother, Marleane Stella Mitchell (nee Thompson) who is pictured at right. Many of our flight attendant members will remember Marleane as the stewardess who was a volunteer for the Tom Dooley Foundation in Darjeeling, India. She taught Tibetan orphans and refugee children. She started a program, with Pan Am's blessing, for stewardesses to join her in doing volunteer work during their vacation time. Word spread and stewardesses from other airlines joined the program. Marleane began her stewardess career in



the early 1960s. . . . **Kathy Heirakuji** attended our last meeting and handed me an envelope of photos from 1984. They were taken when Pan Am employees were decorating a float for the Aloha Week parade. Her late husband, Richard, was one of people involved in the project. The float consisted of a giant bottle of champagne in a position to fill an oversized champagne glass. Four real first class seats were at the opposite end of the float and 2 real stewardesses served real champagne to the passengers enjoying the luxury of first class service. Some of our readers may remember who those lucky people were! Following are three of the photos which should re-vive memories in the minds of some of our members:



The Float



The Passengers



The Stewardesses

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .

We are saddened to report the passing of **Ethyl Chow** on July 13th. She was the wife of Harold Chow who served as our association treasurer for many years. When she was in better health, Ethyl used to join Harold in attending many of our functions. We will miss her. She and Harold had been married for over 62 years. Private services will be held.



NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR THE GALA LUNCHEON



Our 2018 Gala Luncheon will be held at the Waialae Country Club, where we also hold our General Membership Meetings, on Saturday, December 1st. The first reservation form will be included in the next issue. However, it is not too early to get your table group together if you prefer to sit with your friends or relatives. (The tables are rectangular, the same as the ones the facility provides for us at our regular meetings.)

Mainlanders, make your plans now for a Christmas break in Hawaii!

The reason these toys are critical as kids...



2018 Schedule

- **August 28**—General Member Meeting
- September 25—Board Meeting Only
- **October 23**—Annual Meeting
- November 27—Board Meeting Only
- **December 1**—**Annual Gala Luncheon**
Waialae Country Club

2019 Schedule

- January 22—Board Meeting Only
- **February 26**—General Member Meeting
- 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

Luncheon Meeting Reservation

Next Meeting—August 28, 2018

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 by August 24th.

Member Name _____ \$30.00

Guest Name _____ \$30.00

Total _____

Make check 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. Payment in advance of the meeting is appreciated.

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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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).

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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

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