



Upon Kalaepohaku



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(The Saint Louis Class of 1962)

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AS WE SPEAK

Belated congratulations to **Gary Tateishi**, who was named Hawaiian Airlines Employee of the Year 2009.

Last minute preparations are underway for our “Las Vegas, 2010” event. Is the Hospitality Suite stocked with enough wine, beer, and welcoming cheer? Is my camera packed and ready to capture all the memories? Oh well, if I can’t make it this year, maybe next?!

Read about Reunion catalyst, **Larry Woode** in this issue. So used to not being recognized by classmates, Larry often introduces himself, “You can find me on page 57 of our Yearbook.”

“Beyond the Golden Years” (refer “Pulse of ‘62”) is so contemporary and compelling; to contain it in one issue would be a sin. Look for Part II in January, 2011.

Classmates discover Pre-Contact (?) petroglyphs in a Kona lava cave. Photos on our Class Website www.saintlouis62.org.

CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

Val Ing retired in Dallas, Texas, following a long and well-traveled 31-year career with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

After graduating from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, Val began his federal government career at the Pacific Headquarters of the Exchange Service in Honolulu, and later transferred to the Headquarters in Dallas. As the senior store planner, he was part of a task group responsible for the development and coordination of shopping center new construction and renovation projects on military installations in the United States, Europe and Asia. He credits his education at St. Louis High



and training in the ROTC for a successful career in a line of work that required leadership, discipline and attention to detail.

Val has two sons, a daughter and a grandson, and spends his retirement visiting his son in Fort Worth, Texas, fishing in the winter for trout in Dallas area lakes and snorkeling in Lahaina, Maui.

OUT WEST

John Spencer, Jerry Barboza, Oran Satterfield, and Pat Viela, all enlisted in the Air Force with **Leroy (Roy) Thom**, after graduation. Roy served as an Air Policeman/Security Officer in California, Okinawa, and the Far East before



returning to complete two years at University of Hawaii-Manoa.

Always an aquarium fish fancier, Roy gathered experiences at several pet stores and then joined Pets Pacific, Inc. He recently retired as Warehouse Supervisor.

Roy and Barbara, the love of his life, were married for 36 years prior to her passing five years ago. Daughters, Dayna and Deena, a grandson and granddaughter continue to fill his life with pride and joy.

Big game hunting and playing on a competitive softball team are Roy’s passions. Spending time with his grandkids-priceless.

50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION UPDATE

Las Vegas 2010. Just a few days to go! Looking forward to seeing those of you who will be joining us in sunny Las Vegas. Don’t forget to “check-in” at our Hospitality Suite in the California Hotel. And *mahalo* to **Mike Crozier** for again obtaining a suite for our use and at no cost to our class.

Class Gift. We’ve started discussions to determine the final dollar target for our class gift and the possibility of earmark-

ing a part of the gift toward a specific project. We need and certainly welcome input from all classmates. You can send your comments/ recommendations to **Larry Woode** at Laulani@aol.com or via mail to: 91-221 Keaalii Way, Ewa Beach, HI 96706. And, we still need help in reaching our interim objective of \$50,000 by the end of this year. You can download a pledge form from our class web site at www.saintlouis62.org, or contact Larry at the address above or at phone number (808) 685-2797.

OVER THE PALI

Conrad Lopes attended parochial schools (grades 2-8) and St. Louis, living the principles, "Do not lie or cheat but give your best efforts to life's challenges.". He attended Pasadena City College and University of Arizona, graduating from Cal State University and Loyola Law School with Student Teaching Fellow Honors in 1970.

Conrad’s law practice as a sole practitioner, specializes in litigation, bodily injury and death cases with emphasis on maritime, railroad and airline cases in Hawaii and California. He’s especially proud of a landmark case in the Hawaii Supreme Court.



Married 4 times, Conrad has a significant other, 31-year-old Imelda.

Besides his passion for golf, business, traveling, black diamond skiing, exotic cars, open ocean racing boats and beautiful women, Conrad values time with his 3 children, Brian (45), Kailani (21) and CJ Joseph Lopes (18).

CLASSMATE PROFILES—DENNIS PERU

Dennis Peru has travel in his blood. He started hefting baggage for Hawaiian Airlines during college and ended man-

aging Qantas's Hawaii operation for 25 years.

Those were busy times, with five flights a night coming through Hawaii. Now, four years into retirement, Dennis uses his travel benefits constantly to visit friends in places he loves.



His favorite city is Prague, where he has friends who have introduced him to the opera and other bohemian delights. He recently took his granddaughters on their first trip abroad (he's divorced, with two sons, eight grandkids and a great-grandson).

Dennis hosts travel tours (recently Turkey). But often he simply packs up and goes adventuring with travel buddies to exotic places like Borneo. "The world is my playground," he says.--B.C.

PAT VIOLA

Pat Viola is a vanishing breed of local Paniolo cowboy, hunter, and horseman.



His father taught him early about guns, bird-dogs, and the wildlife on Lana'i. Pat worked as a radio-operator, but the outdoor life was his passion.

Weekdays were filled with work, family, and animal care. He had six kids, four of whom raised steers in 4-H clubs. Weekends were spent on horseback at Tongg Ranch in the pastures above Makakilo. In rodeo competition, it used to take Pat and a partner eight seconds to rope a steer's neck and hind legs from horseback.

Nowadays, Pat does yard work and shoots pool because the old-style, Paniolo life on Oahu is non-existent. Pat feels fortunate to have enjoyed it while it lasted.--B.C.

NEWS AND STORIES FROM SLS

Class of 2012 Junior, Gabe Balais, appreciates his parents for sending him to Saint Louis. His "voyage of discovery" began in the 5th grade, when the reality of

his emerging independence signaled the opportunity for personal growth.

Gabe cites "Period 9" as an enlightening educational initiative. "In most schools, only the best or worst students seek a tutor. At Saint Louis, this invaluable resource is made available to everyone four times a week, every week."



In addition to its highly-regarded ROTC option, to which Gabe is committed, he is also thankful for Saint Louis's focused academic program. "A college-prep schedule of courses is developed by each and every Freshman, in concert with an assigned Counselor. Status and follow-up meetings are conducted at least twice each school year."

REMEMBER WHEN

Shave ice cost 5¢ (10¢ for Large) ... **Steve Kabei and Marshall Lee** would.

Hawaii Kai was a mullet pond and pig farms...**Mike Crozier and Danny Chong** would.

Relaxing with friends on the 2nd Road was what one did after lunch in the Cafeteria...**Philip Arthur and Mike Sullivan** would.

Mid afternoon P.A. announcements signaled the end of another school day... **Dennis Lau and Norman (Louis) Soares** would.

OUR MILITARY MEN

Larry Woode served three years in the Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG), graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1967. He entered active service with the 29th Infantry Brigade



(HARNG) in 1968, and went on to serve 20 years in the Regular Army. Career highlights include: his initial assignment as an armor (tank) company commander charged with providing road/convoy security along Hwy 19, Republic of Vietnam; then,

years later, as the Provost Marshal (Sheriff) of the Mannheim Military Community in West Germany—third largest military community in US Army Europe.

Retiring in 1988 as a Lieutenant Colonel, he subsequently worked as a DoD contractor, running battle simulation programs at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; then, eleven years in the real estate rental business.

Presently semi-retired and empty-nesters, Larry and his beautiful wife, Nadine, reside in Ewa Beach. The Woode's contribute key leadership to the SLHS '62 Reunion activities.

SALTY CLUB

Randy Kam saw active duty in the 29th Infantry Brigade, Hawaii National Guard; obtained a UH-Manoa BBA, using the GI Bill; did real estate appraising. Not satisfied, Randy entered the Pearl



Harbor pipefitter apprenticeship program. Thirty years later, he retired as a certified nuclear pipefitting instructor.

Along the way, he and wife, Sandra, raised two children, and have one grandson.

Randy keeps busy learning to play the ukulele and volunteering. He is a math tutor for **Tom Miyashiro's** students and an ADHD trainer at Saint Louis School. Randy also volunteers as a recreational therapist at Leahi Hospital and as a photographer for the Eyes for Hawaii Photography Club, covering Special Olympics and Kapiolani Community College events.

Got time? Ask Randy about volunteering to make a difference.

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please let us know about classmates who need our prayers. "Upon Kalaepohaku" invites our graduate community to collectively focus its healing intentions on these individuals: **Cyril Akashi, Al Dias, Reinier Kraan and Jesse Sartain.**

