

# Upon Kalaepohaku



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(The Saint Louis Class of 1962)

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## AS WE SPEAK

One-third of you (64) responded to the recent "SLS '62 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Classmate Survey"... a really encouraging result. Your input will guide Reunion Week event scheduling.

Arrangements are being made with local airlines, hotels, rent-a-cars, and concierge services to offer special 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion rates for Mainland/Neighbor Island classmates... more to follow.

In case you didn't know, it was **Warren Chee** (refer "Our Military Men") who chaired the last 30 years of every-five-year Class of 1962 reunions.

Fr. James Mifsud passed away on September 29, 2010. More than 2,000 people attended his Cupertino, California services.

The SLS Math Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Hawaii Math Bowl Competition (Division A) and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Oahu Math League.

If you haven't read **George Sheridan's** "Return to Sturgis" on the Class Website ([www.saintlouis62.org](http://www.saintlouis62.org)), you're missing out.

Likewise, if you didn't experience the live UH Football broadcasts at the SL Alumni Clubhouse, UH Basketball is now in full swing. Contact **Pat Viela** or **Steve Kabei** to reserve a Class table.

## CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

It took several attempts to locate classmate, **David Dillon**, residing in Sarasota,



Florida, and living the life of a successful banker. David graduated from the University of Maryland following active duty with the Washington D.C. Air

Guard and USAF Special Forces Unit. One of his military experiences involved his guard unit's activation for riot control for the historic Vietnam War Protest March on Washington D.C.

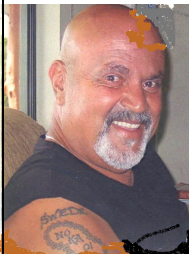
Following his military service, David entered the banking profession, retiring after 28 years at the Sun Trust Bank. He continued in the banking industry after opening a local community bank with trusted colleagues and investors, and continues to work with "productive and people-oriented" banking personnel.

A father of 2 grown children, David lives on a 7-acre ranch east of the Gulf of Mexico, and includes horses, sailing, auto racing, and ranch work among his pastime activities.

David has not been able to return to Hawaii since graduation. However, he misses the small-town experience he remembers from his Saint Louis years. We hope he will surprise us soon at one of our future reunions!

## SALTY CLUB

Author, local, regional, and national panelist and talk-show guest, **Dr. Len Fellez** is now retired after 30 years as a high school principal in the Seattle area. Seattle University-educated, Len taught high school while working on his graduate degrees, and ascended into a principal's position. Ever the athlete, Len coached high school teams in basketball, football, and baseball.



Len and his wife have homes on two continents and in Kona. They reside in Budapest for two months, in Seattle for six months, and in Kona for four months, while visiting one or more of their four children.

Through his public speaking, panel and talk show appearances, like Sally Jessie Raphael's, Len has served his community and the nation with his expertise in the areas of bullying in schools, children's self esteem, and parenting. He says, "I've been helping kids for 37 years!"

But he is quick to remind us that he's a local boy from Waialua.

## OUT WEST

**Dr. Bryan Man** has always known that a career in Education awaited him. 2 ½ years at USC, completion of a UH-M B.A. and M.A. in Sociology, and a PhD from UCLA provided the credentials. Humboldt State, Washington State, and the past 30 years at Chaminade (including a 5-year stint as Director, Masters in Counseling Psychology Program) offered progressive teaching and research environments.

Father of 2, grandfather of 1, Bryan is married to Lynette. He loves to travel;



has been all over; is partial to Europe and Asia...Thailand and Burma are favorites. Bryan spends his free time reading thrillers, novels, and planning his next trips.

One of his most memorable experiences was starting as varsity coxswain on USC's rowing team. He is looking forward to Reunion Week-2012.

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION UPDATE

**Las Vegas 2010.** Mahalo to everyone who joined us in Las Vegas! As usual, we had a great time. A special thanks to our event coordinators: **Warren Chee** and **Dave Young** for setting up the Golf Outings; **Jacob & Priscilla Vasconcellos** for again handling the Social Mixer and that fun trip to the Techatticup Mine; **Mike Crozier** and **Dennis Chong Kee** for providing the suites for our Hospitality Room and the Social Mixer; and to the behind-the-scenes team of **Tony & Geri Candido**, **Gary & Geri DeMello**, **Rupert & Collette Hunt** and **Larry & Nardine Woode** who collectively provided much of the labor, coordination and setup support for the reunion.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion in 2012.** Our participation in the Graduation Ceremony for the SLS Class of 2012 is scheduled for May 26, 2012. We will meet in a few days to formally kickoff our planning for this important event. Please join us at the SLAA Clubhouse on Friday, January 21 @ 6 pm. We need your input and *kokua*.

**OVER THE PALI**

Where would you look for a world-travelling Hawaii State retiree?

If you couldn't locate him in South America, the Holy Land, Russia, or the "Down Under" countries, you may find classmate, **Clarence Moniz** at St. Joseph Church, where he's served as a Lector for more than 30 years. If not in Singapore, China, Japan, Egypt, or India, try any Oahu restaurant that specializes in Indo- Southeast Asian cuisines. You may have even sought him in Norway, Sweden, Greece, Jordan, or Portugal, but each time he was at home reading Mysteries and History, playing computer games or surfing the Internet.

You'd be wrong, however, if you assumed that Clarence Moniz didn't make time for a career. After graduating from Chaminade University, he worked 32 years in the State Unemployment Insurance Division, retiring in 1999 as a Quality Control Specialist.

Is there a world destination that he hasn't discovered?

**CLASSMATE PROFILES-- REINIER KRAAN**

**Reinier Kraan** has learned a lot about treating the currently dormant cancer that's invaded his body in the past several years.



He found a small German clinic that used an innovative treatment to quell the cancer's advance. His German doctor is also working with his local doctor to treat the cancer with chemotherapy. "Chemo sucks; it's worse than the illness," Reinier says.

Reinier's high school sweetheart and wife of 47 years has taken leave from her job to care for him while he fights for his life. He eats green vegetables, putters around the house, and walks for exercise.

"Having cancer makes you appreciate your life," he says. "The German treatment was expensive, but hopefully worth it." Eileen, his two sons, and grandson would agree.--B.C.

**ROBERT LEWIS**

**Bob Lewis's** current odyssey started in 1989 when he got divorced, retired from the insurance industry, and began traveling in a 24-foot travel trailer.

The trailer is equipped with a sitting room, kitchen, bathroom, and a couple of bunks. He stays in a nationwide system of RV parks open only to members, where he has friends who also love the nomadic lifestyle.



Bob recently began pursuing his American History passion via the Internet. Whether researching the Civil War or simply learning more about the judge that presided over a trial he served at as a juror, Bob likes to follow his interests.

He also likes roaming the continental US, but may have to return to Hawaii someday to care for his aging mother and stepfather.--B.C.

**NEWS AND STORIES FROM SLS**

Called "one of our living treasures" by President Walter Kirimitsu, Dean of Faculty, Registrar, and Archivist, Raymond Abregano echoes the often- heard theme of Saint Louis brotherhood... "Every student speaker at every Graduation since at least 1989, has credited this life-enhancing School gift."



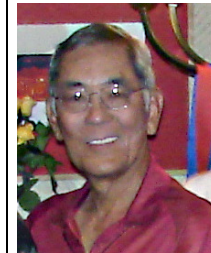
pictured left to right: Mitchell Nakano, Michael Philavong-Tam, Matthew Nakano and Ray Abregano in the Bro. Xavier Grotto; a Gift from the Class of 1951

"The character-building and values-focus of our School is well-known. However, few realize how seriously we take this mission. As partners with our parents, we not only promote responsible personal and civic behavior, we also identify and instill the habits that ensure the desired results."

During his 28-year career, Ray has been especially impressed with teacher and counselor commitment. "There are no Marianists on faculty (only one counselor). In fact, more than one-quarter are women. But, you know what? They all love Saint Louis!"

**OUR MILITARY MEN**

After two years at the University of Hawaii, **Warren Chee** sought career opportunities with the Hawaii Army National Guard. He obtained a commission through Officer Candidate School in



1967; and served an active duty tour in Vietnam. After Vietnam, Warren continued with National Guard at Company and Battalion levels of command. GI Bill education opportunities provided him with a pathway to finish his college degree.

Warren decided to resign from the National Guard after 15 years of military service to pursue endeavors to build a successful CPA practice. He credits his total military experience as the foundation for his career success in private practice; and expresses some regret that, but for a few more years of National Guard service, he could have also secured a military retirement.

Warren resides in Hawaii Kai with his wife, Carole.

**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, Jesse Sartain, & Chester Regidor.**