



Upon Kalaepohaku



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(The Saint Louis Class of 1962)

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AS WE SPEAK

14 issues down, 4 more to go. 115 different classmates profiled, including the “Pulse of ‘62” page. Hope you’ve found some pleasure in reconnecting. Thank you for participating.

Martin Charlot is creating a 140’ x 4’ mural for the Lobby of the soon-to-be-opened Disney “Aulani Resort” in Ko Olina, Oahu.

“The Saint Louis Man”, “Ethics and Citizenship”, “AP Economics”, “Genre Literature”, “Student Leadership”. So what? These are 5 of the 35 courses being offered for the first time this school year at Saint Louis.

Remember our Class Website (www.saintlouis62.org).

CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

Randy Chun has lived in many places in the U.S. After obtaining a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from Santa Clara University and Master’s in Urban Economics from San Jose State University, Randy worked in Washington, D.C, as an urban planner for 5 years, and then, over 25 years in the high-tech industry in California. Randy held a variety of management and research positions with internet start-up companies utilizing his background in economics and telecommunications to build domestic and global networks. His extensive experiences in data communications brought him and his wife, Pamela, to a senior executive position in Denver, Colorado.

A tennis enthusiast, Randy has two daughters (Sara and Rebecca) who live in California and Iowa. He continues to find satisfaction in the quiet life of retirement, but he and Pam both enjoy travel-



ing and exploring various parts of the U.S. and Europe.

OUT WEST

Chester Regidor attended UH-Manoa for two years, and then relocated to Cali-



fornia. Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965, he served 20 months in Virginia.

Chet’s engineering career started in Los Angeles, and included several

stops before he joined Chevron Hawaii where he is still employed as Lead Piping Designer.

Chet married Joy, the love of his life, in 1971. They have four sons and seven grandkids. Joy and Chet are not avid travelers, but Chet’s job has taken him to Canada, Mexico, Alaska, and most of the Western U.S.

Chet’s most enjoyable pastimes are his grandkids and cycling. He and Joy are looking forward to participating in future 50th Reunion activities.

50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION UPDATE 50th Anniversary Reunion in 2012.

Look for a letter in the next 30 days confirming our 2012 reunion dates (week of May 20th) and outlining the major activities scheduled for that week. We are currently negotiating for special lodging, car rental and airline rates. We have already received discount proposals from major hotels and car rental firms. More later. **Class Gift.** At our class meeting/social on January 21, 2011, we decided on a Class Gift objective of \$100,000. As of March 18th, our pledges total \$42,186 with the median pledge at \$1000. Our top donation/pledge to date is \$3500. We need your kokua now to reach our \$100,000 objective by May, 2012. If you have already decided to donate, please send your pledges in today. The pledge form can be downloaded from our class

website at www.saintlouis62.org or contact **Larry Woode** at laulani@aol.com (ph.# 808-685-2797) for a form.

OVER THE PALI

Dennis Wong worked for Coca Cola in Atlanta, Kansas City, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, San Diego, Bellevue, and Honolulu, obtaining a Production Management degree from Georgia Tech along the way, and retiring after 27 years as Plant Manager. Three years later, he set-up a local bottled-water plant, managing it until 2009.

Never content to be idle, Dennis has helped classmate, **Michael Lau** in his



shark fin fishing endeavors, often having to use a 50 calibre machine gun for protection against pirates. Furthermore, he’s been known to golf 5-6 times a week and visit Las Vegas bimonthly.

Nowadays, Dennis spends quality time doting on his three children, Durleen (39), Dennis (37), and Darian (35).

CLASSMATE PROFILES—RON LEE

Ron Lee has been coaching football for 40 years. He’s coached at Kalani, Kaiser, Willamette, Saint Louis (with brother, Cal), University of Hawaii (under June Jones and Greg McMackin), and now again at Kalani.



The highlight may have been during the heyday at Saint Louis. “That was a great time,” Ron says. “It’s hard to match the kind of joy we had winning those (twelve) state championships, earning national recognition, and feeling the spirit at the school.”

Now retired, Ron feels fortunate to coach again with long-time friends and loyal associates **Howard Peralta** and **Stephen “Shoj” Watarai**. Their coaching philosophy—based on discipline, sacrifice, and commitment—go back to Al Wills who coached them at Saint Louis and gave Ron his first job at Kalani.--B.C.

STEPHEN WATARAI

Stephen Watarai finished at the top of his police academy class in 1964.



When he retired, he was assistant chief of metropolitan Honolulu (Kalihi to Sandy Beach).

In 1999, Major Watarai was chosen Honolulu’s Manager of the Year for develop-

ing the “Weed and Seed” Program in Kalihi. Steve worked with federal prosecutors to rid Mayor Wright Housing of criminals, while also supporting leaders there to solve their community problems.

Steve coached football at Kaiser and Saint Louis with classmates **Howard Peralta** and **Ronald “Bra” Lee**. They took Kaiser from ground-level (nine kids at their first practice) to the Prep Bowl.

The only thing delaying his return to coaching with his Class of ‘62 buddies is the prospect of having his three grandchildren back in the Islands this fall.

--B.C.

NEWS AND STORIES FROM SLS

They performed Aida for sold-out audiences and five-star reviews at the 2005 Edinburgh Fringe Festival (the



Pictured left to right: Ryan Tang, Kyle Kakuno, and Michael Camacho

largest arts festival in the world). Two years later, their production of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast was recognized by the prestigious American High School

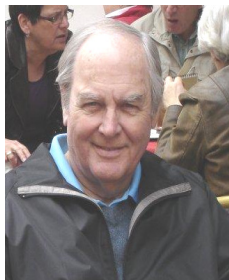
Theatre Festival as one of the top ten drama programs in the country.

The Saint Louis Center for the Arts has produced a dozen internationally-acclaimed plays since 2000; each the beneficiary of the “Kakuno Touch”. According to Saint Louis Theatre Manager/Drama Director, Kyle Kakuno, “Theatre has the power to change people; to be a healing agent.”. He challenges students to “join a storytelling team that touches peoples’ lives”. In fact, if you attended one or more of their March performances of Willy Wonka, you know what he means.

Waikele boy, Kyle credits the inspiration and support of two Saint Louis heroes, Father Allen DeLong and Mrs. Edith Leong.

SALTY CLUB

Notre Dame graduate in Engineering, **Jim Howe** joined the Navy after OCS.



In Vietnam, he ferried cargo, “like beer”, up and down the Mekong. After Vietnam, Jim was stationed in Hawaii. Disappointed for “not seeing the world”, he met and married his wife, Susan, in 1970.

Jim left the Navy and Hawaii for the West Coast and a career with the Bechtel Corporation. In 40-plus years, he has worked on projects, like nuclear and non-nuclear power plants. The Howes have been in San Diego for the past fifteen years.

Jim, the golfer, has been a volunteer marshal for “30 years” at charity tournaments in Southern California. While volunteering has not helped his game, he did get to stand next to Phil and Tiger at the 2008 U.S. Open. Jim must have been too busy marshaling to learn from the best.

OUR MILITARY MEN

Once upon a time, the prototype for G.I. Joe was forged with the commissioning of **George F. Sheridan, Jr.** from the UH ROTC. In September 1967, in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division, his

tour as Rifle Platoon Leader in the 199th Lt Infantry Bde, then as Rifle Company Commander with the 25th Infantry Division attested to his mettle, pluck and true



grit. George served eight years on active duty and 25 years with the Army National Guard. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army’s Ranger School, Command and General Staff College and the U.S. War College. He retired in 1999 as a full colonel working as the Hawaii National Guard’s Plans, Operations and Training Officer (G3).

Calling himself “truly blessed” for his life experiences, George places family then motorcycling as major interests in retirement. Already a veteran of five trips to the Sturgis Bike Rally, George and his wife Nora live in Keaau on the Big Island. When not motorcycling, travel to the Mainland for family (3 sons, 4 grandchildren) and reunions compete with the “country” feel and open spaces of the Big Island.

WE REMEMBER our deceased classmates for the brotherly love they shared with us.

“Happy are those who have died in the Lord! Happy indeed the Spirit says. Now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.” Revelation 14:13



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 Chester Regidor.**

