



Upon Kalaepohaku



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(The Saint Louis Class of 1962)

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AS WE SPEAK

Joe Durocher's been hard-at-work placing the many additions & changes to our Class Website (the address has become a permanent part of our Newsletter masthead) including:

1. the exciting new Class Gift graphic;
2. over 40 "Family Day, 2008" photos taken by Reunion events photographer, **Randy Kam**;
3. one classmate's revealing impressions & photos of Kalaupapa & Kalawao; &
4. the launch of our Class of 1962 Souvenir Mug Sale (also refer attached flyer).

We celebrate a full-year of "Upon Kalaepohaku" issues with this fourth edition of 2008, and look forward to four more years. Please continue to share your comments re: how we're doing & what you want to read. Until our next issue in January, 2009, the writers wish you Seasons Greetings.

OUR MILITARY MEN

Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Tom

"hated" ROTC at Saint Louis until he realized that the Army was more than marching and cleaning the M-1 rifle. It provided him the challenge of contributing to our nation's defense and the satisfaction of



being in uniform for 40 years. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division as a 2nd Lieutenant and was a Special Forces Officer as a Captain during the Vietnam War. Jeff was in an A-Camp, 13 kilometers from the Cambodian-Vietnamese Border, and found himself working with more than 600 Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Montagnard mercenaries. Pictured is Jeff on a mission in search for a Special Forces MIA in the Fishook region of Cambodia. He con-

cluded his career in uniform with 12 years as a JROTC Instructor - not bad for a guy who "hated" ROTC!

CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

Our class has produced a wide variety of successes and adventures on many fronts. Here are a few sample illustrations. **Conrad "Butch" Lopes** has a lucrative law practice in S. Cal. He has taken golf as his "second religion", with much success.



Look for him at many of our future gatherings.

Al Silva has retired from a very successful banking career, to a golf

community in South Carolina. He flies his own plane to many spots on the East Coast and Midwest. He visits family and friends back in Hawaii during the winter months.

Dr. Bob Chloupek has double retired from his Public Health position and his Military careers in Indiana. He and his wife Mary "snowbird" their winters in Arizona.

50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION UPDATE Family Day - August 16, 2008.

Great weather, a scenic location, ono food and a gathering of longtime friends and their families made for a most enjoyable Family Day in beautiful Maunawili. Many thanks to our Social Activities Committee, and to **Dennis** and **Tina Lau** for planning and hosting a very successful event. Kudos also to **Danny Chong** and his group for the enjoyable music, and to the many wives of our Reunion Committee members who assisted with the welcoming and reception, food preparation and the host of other activities associated with this fun day. A special memento was presented to **Warren**

Chee on behalf of our class in recognition of his contributions as one of the principal leaders of our reunion activities



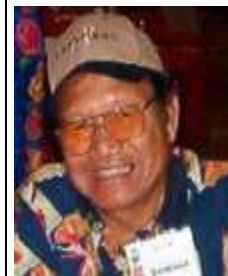
during the past 40+ years. Event photos are available on our class web site (www.saintlouis62.org).

Upcoming Events.

- November 20, 2008. Join us for a day of golf or link up with us later at the SLAA Clubhouse. You should have already received a flyer with the pertinent details. Otherwise, contact Warren Chee @ 808-521-4974 or **Stephen "Shoji" Watarai** @ 808-735-2276.
- Las Vegas in 2009. We're still planning on Las Vegas in September, 2009. We will have specific dates and further details by January of next year. Pau for now. Please join us. We're having lots of fun!

OUT WEST

Following graduation, **Sam Ho** and several SLHS '62 classmates attended Pasadena CC. There were enough of them to make a football team. This they



did, in the Intramural Program. Sam stated, "Pasadena CC was a stepping stone to the future (boozing, partying, no curfew, no one to answer to)." It

was a jumping-off point for some, and a live/let live signal for others. So, Sam enlisted in the US Army. After two tours in Vietnam and six years in the Army, Sam joined the US Postal Service. Several years later, he met his wife, Mercy. They have two sons, Eli ('94) and Sam-

son ('00), and 4 grandsons. Sam and Mercy traveled a lot (Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Hong Kong and all over the USA) before Mercy passed away this past January. He recently retired with 36 years of service. Sam's hobbies are gardening, walking, jogging and chasing his grandsons around. His message to fellow classmates, "Life is short! Make the best of everything; hug the ones you love; and live healthy."

CLASSMATE PROFILES – ALLEN CAMARA

Allen Camara attended Pasadena City College for two years, majoring in Civil Engineering.

After college he got into the restaurant business with Jolly Roger (Waikiki), and advanced to Vice President of Human Resources and Operations for JR's 35 Hawaii restaurants. Allen spent 25 years with Jolly Roger before retiring in 1997.



He currently has a home-based business selling custom-made quilts and gift items on the Internet, at craft fairs, and trade shows.

Allen and Ipo—his wife of 40 years—have a daughter, Kris, and a 5 year-old grandson, Kala`ipono. They enjoy traveling on the Mainland in Kris' 54-foot motor home.

The Camaras plan on relocating to Sacramento next year to be closer to Kris and her family, and to travel the Continental United States.

CHARLES AMONG

Charles Among got in on the ground floor of the data processing industry



more than forty years ago. The computer center where he currently works, processes welfare money for the Department of Human Services. But his work extends beyond his title of Computer Operations Manager. Charles discovered years ago that he could get things done and save his

department money by using prison labor and equipment from other state agencies.

As a result, Governor Cayetano gave him the DHS--*Sustained Superior Performance Award* in 1999. In his acceptance speech, Charles acknowledged 15 prisoners he brought to the ceremony.

Charles' sons from his marriage with Irma Frias (Sacred Hearts '62) graduated from SLHS. He likes taking walks with his current wife, Carol, and their puppy, Lucky Girl.

THE SALTY CLUB

Gary Nishikawa saw the bright lights of Hollywood, earned a BS in accounting from UCLA, and returned home for a career. During his 41 years at the international accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche, Gary earned an MBA from UH-Manoa, joined the Army Reserve, married Marie, raised Kevin and Wendi, and ascended to Partner-in-Charge of the Audit Department, Personnel Partner, and Professional Practice Director.

Gary also found time to serve others. He chaired the Hawaii State Board of



Public Accountancy and the Advisory Board of the School of Accountancy of UH. He was president of the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants and the

Hawaii Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Now retired, he consults part-time and teaches Advanced Accounting at UH.

NEWS & STORIES FROM SLS

As freshmen, we wore a LONG sleeve dress shirt and tie EVERYDAY. For our senior privilege, we could wear a SHORT sleeve dress shirt. Today, students wear a long or short dress shirt and tie only on THURSDAYS (formal dress day). We have to specify dress pants, dress shoes, dress socks, etc. because there are so many options now. The monthly Masses, assemblies with special guests, etc are scheduled on Thursday.

Students may wear "formal dress"



everyday. Some students are mandated to wear normal dress" for dress code

infractions like no belt, not tucking in tuck-in shirts, etc. Students still try to wear their pants very low like _____ (fill in your name if it applies).

OVER THE PALI

Norman Soares attended Saint Patrick School. Along with a number of



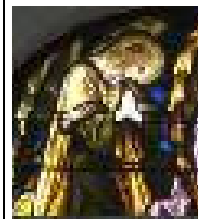
SLS classmates, he worked at the Ala Wai Service Station. After graduation, he continued working until he became a licensed mechanic. This was

the start of his productive career as an auto, truck and bus mechanic on Oahu, Kwajalein, and Molokai. While living in Kailua, he became interested in model trains, "Big Foot type" 4x4 trucks, and assisted in the general maintenance at St. Anthony of Padua parish.

In 1965, Norman married Patricia Vierra. They have four children: Howard 43, Lisa 41, Gary 39 and Tricia 36.

His main interests now are assisting Richard Marks doing repair work on cars, trucks, buses, and conducting Damien Tours in Kalaupapa, Molokai. When home in Kailua, he enjoys catching up with friends, family, and his seven grandchildren: Eric, Willie Boy, Chanel, Nani, Sheldon, Kawika and Noah. Norman is one happy guy!

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, Herbert Ohta, & Mike Chow.**