



Upon Kalaepohaku



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AS WE SPEAK

This issue contains a special third page. Captured in a group and assorted candid photos are indelible memories of Las Vegas, 2009. Special thanks to the Reunion Chairs and Mainland Team, including **Jake & Priscilla Vasconcellos** for hosting the Social Mixer.

The Reunion Committee is processing the Saint Louis Class of 1962-Future Reunion Activities Survey, which was completed at Las Vegas, 2009. If you couldn't be there, go to the "50th Reunion, Future Events" section on the Class Website, and register your preferences.

Also on our Website...oodles of photos from LV '09 @ "Reunion Gallery, 50th Reunion Events".

Congrats to **Emmett Aluli**, who recently received the 2009 Hawaiian Health Award from Papa Ola Lokahi for significant contributions to improving the health status of native Hawaiians.

Chair, **Dennis Lau, Steve Kabei, and Rod Imai** (Prayers & Condolences Committee) like it when there's nothing to do. They deserve a break after a busy 3rd Quarter. Mahalo.

OUT WEST

Brian Sasaki has always harbored a passion for computers. After a year at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, he moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he finished a special certificate in computer systems. Brian also met his wife, Madalyn, there.



During his nearly four-decade career, Brian worked as a Systems Consultant or Manager for Computing Systems, Inc (CMI), Data Technical Analysts (DTA), and Bacon Universal. He retired in 2006.

Brian and Madalyn, who have been married for 40 years, have a daughter, Michele. An avid bowler since he was

12 years old, Brian still maintains a 187 average. He has served on his Town-house Board of Directors for 25 years, currently as Vice President.

CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

It's time to meet another "Quiet Crusader" who claims that he doesn't do anything special.



After completing his military service in Special Forces, **Godwin Young** dedicated 24 years of distinguished service

to the Honolulu Police Department, doing patrol duty in the Windward districts; and finishing up as a plainclothesman on many special assignments.

Taking an early retirement, he and his wife, Vicki, moved to the Pacific Northwest to spread their wings and manifest his love of the outdoors and game hunting in it's many facets: birds, deer, elk and bear. He also does a lot of fresh and salt water fishing. He is completing plans for a hunting safari to South Africa in '11.

WAY TO GO, GODWIN !!!!

50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION UPDATE

Las Vegas 2009. What a fun week!

Many thanks to all of the attendees who collectively helped to make this reunion a very special and truly enjoyable event.



The attached photos say it all. Look them over. And, as our Committee

Chairman, **Mike Crozier** has so often stated: "Please join us if you have not already done so."

Class Gift. "What prodigious power a large body of men can put forth when they all work at the same task and are greatly interested in it". (William Sum-

ner) As of August 31st, our pledges total \$32,106. We're getting there, but we do need the kokua of more classmates. If you have decided to donate, please send in your pledge card or donation as soon as possible. The pledge cards can be found on our website www.saintlouis62.org, or contact Larry Woode at (808) 685-2797 (email: Laulani@aol.com). Mahalo!

OVER THE PALI

Born in Kailua, Oahu to an educated Irish mother and a Hawaiian father from Miloli'i, Hawaii, **Steve Kuna** followed a goal to make a contribution to the Hawaiian community.

The former Saint Louis athlete and Howard Law School graduate served in the 1978 Constitutional Convention as



Committee Clerk for the Hawaiian Affairs Committee which produced 102 bills in a 90-day period.

Steve authored the following and other proposed constitutional

amendments, which impacted Native Hawaiian rights and benefits: the creation of OHA; the abolition of adverse possession on kuleana parcels; made Hawaiian the official language for the State of Hawaii; and mandated the teaching of Hawaiian Culture, Language, and History in the public school system.

These constitutional amendments later became landmark provisions and have brought nearly one billion dollars in subsequent benefits to the Hawaiian community since 1980.

"It was gratifying to be involved in a major effort that benefited the Hawaiian community", Kuna said.

CLASSMATE PROFILES- VICTOR QUITAN

Although grateful to have been born in Hawaii, **Victor Quitan** feels

comfortable with the world as his back yard.

From 1967 to his retirement in 1998, Vic was a flight attendant for United Airlines. "Those were the best years of the Industry", he says. "I traveled from New York to Melbourne and many places in between. Wherever I went I looked for interesting cultures, made new friends, and enjoyed delicious local foods."

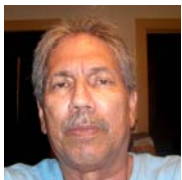


Vic moved to Maui in 1994 where he lives a busy single life. He's an avid golfer, he takes care of property he owns, and he maintains a vegetable garden.

He continues to travel especially to Japan (where he has friends), but he always has an eye open to new destinations and adventures.--B.C.

ALVIN DIAS

Al Dias lives a lovely, peaceful life in Hilo. Several times a year for fun, he visits his girlfriend in Thailand. "I live life to the fullest," he says. "Hopefully, I have a few more good years."



Al is undergoing chemo therapy for colon cancer. But far worse than the cancer was losing his son in a 1987 auto accident.

"That brought me back to the church because I felt the only way to see him again was to practice my religion.

"I couldn't be depressed. We are all going to die. So what can we do to get to heaven? I go to church, but I also do the best I can with people." --B.C.

NEWS AND STORIES FROM SLS

In January 2009, Project Focus started at SLS with PF director, Tracy Trevor-row, Ph.D., Chaminade University of Honolulu. PF is a free program for students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). PF provides as-



essment and non-drug treatment for students who are already being treated for ADD and those

suspected of having ADHD. SLS is one of four participating schools. PF is "brain-training" therapy which has been shown to be effective in improving attention and school performance.

Photo shows our own **Randy Kam**, being "hooked up" as part of the Trainer training program. He is a certified trainer now. If you would like to be a trainer, call Tom Miyashiro at 739-4869.

REMEMBER WHEN

Gary DeMello's White '51, **Conrad Lopes's** Black '51, and **Dennis Chong Kee's** Aqua '52---all Chevy's, circled the Oval.

David Nakagawa's White '51 De-Soto, **Michael Sugimura's** Red '59 Buick (with the big fins), and **Allen Camara's** souped-up Henry-J, parked on the 3rd Road.

David Freitas's Black '52 Ford ("Old Smokey") and **David Young's** White '51 Ford ("Can beat anything on 4-wheels"), smoked the competition.

OUR MILITARY MEN

Robert (Bob) Chloupek completed Medical School at Indiana University and entered the US Army Medical Corps, selecting a specialty in Public Health.

His 27+ year Army career saw key assignments as the First US Army Corps Command Surgeon responsible for coordinating medical operations on the West Coast and Far East. Later, as US Army Forces Command, Command Surgeon, he was responsible for the intricate staffing and readiness of medical units heading for the Gulf Storm conflict. Retiring from the Army as a full Colonel, in 1994, Bob worked in civilian medical leadership positions at the State and local levels, seeking to improve the quality of health care in hospitals and among physicians. Most recently, Bob served as medical advisor to the Las Vegas '09 SLHS '62 gathering---no deaths, injuries or hurt feelings occurred during this tenure of duty.

Bob and spouse, Mary, presently reside in Terre Haute, Indiana. Their two



children have blessed them with seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

SALTY CLUB

After almost three decades as a counselor/professor at Leeward Community College, two years with the Family Court, and 17 years as an H.P.D. reserve police officer, **Ed Lau** joined the likes of **PJ, Dave, Leo, and Jake** to live in the gambling



Mecca for most of Hawaii's populace, Las Vegas. He currently keeps active as an Aikido instructor at a recreation center there.

While at LCC, Ed earned a doctorate in adult education from Nova University. His Aikido and counseling skills came in handy during his 17 years volunteering as a car patrol officer in Honolulu and Wahiawa, where he had the satisfaction of quelling brawls and intervening in domestic issues. If that's not community service, not to mention risking one's life, what is?

A retirement well deserved.

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



Randall Almeida
April 4, 1944 – August 12, 2009
Walter Oszczakiewicz
November 18, 1944 – August 20, 2009

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**

