



# Upon Kalaepohaku



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## AS WE SPEAK

Special thanks to **Warren Chee** (Chair) and **Allan Ano** (Co-chair) for spearheading a very successful 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Louis Alumni Golf Tournament on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks also to all of our classmates, spouses, relatives and friends who participated in the tournament as either players, volunteer workers or contributors of cash or merchandise. We certainly appreciate their efforts in making this another memorable experience.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 4-8p.m.; and, join the Class of 1962 which will be recognized at our Alma Mater's "Coming Home" event... Keoho Plaza on the Saint Louis campus. Luau, \$10/person.

Condolences to the family of former Bro. Charles Fahey, who passed on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Tony Candido's** "Out West" profile of Reunion outreach catalyst, **pj Silva**, is revealing. Also, **Bryan Man** presents an insightful glimpse of prolific Newsletter writer, **Brian Clarke**, in "Salty Club".

Look for 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Hotel and Car Rental special rate links on our Class Website ([www.saintlouis62.org](http://www.saintlouis62.org)). ...Stay for recent Golf Tournament photos.

## CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

**Leo Torda** extended his education and training 4 years by enlisting in the U.S.A.F. This phase of his life brought extensive opportunities to experience the world far from Hawaii's shores. Leo served as an Inventory Management Specialist, travelling throughout the U.S. to bases in New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, New Jersey, and to Danang Air Base, Vietnam, during the escalation of bombing in the War.



After the war, Leo worked briefly at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, and acquired an A.S. degree in Applied Trades from Honolulu Community College. His 40-year career as a construction industry electrician was punctuated by retirement in Las Vegas.

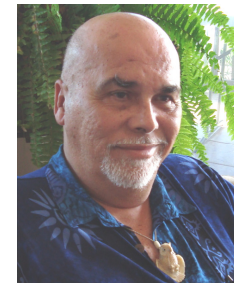
Father of 4 grown children and 4 grandchildren, Leo continues to work part-time as a gambler trying to beat the system. He also enjoys golfing, casino cuisine, karaoke, and travel (Hong Kong, Philippines).

Leo is ready to begin a new chapter in his life after meeting his fiancé during a trip to the Philippines. Best wishes and congratulations to Leo Torda.

## OUT WEST

Most know **pj (Pat) Silva** for his personal web-based messages encouraging Reunion participation. But, did you know:

He was an inaugural member of the prestigious UH-Manoa Travel Industry Management (TIM) Program...has traveled all-over the U.S., and multiple countries in South America, Asia, and



Oceania.;

He's a life-long blood donor...was on the staff of the Blood Banks in both Hawaii and Las Vegas...has donated more than

240 pints over the years.; and

He's a committed family man... recently returned to Hawaii to assume co-caretaker responsibility for his 91 year-old mother...is patriarch to his 2 daughters and 2 grandsons.

In fact, few will forget pj's leadership role in our "Las Vegas '09" Reunion event, and the comic assistance rendered by **Tony Candido** who hid his indispensable clipboard.

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

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Tournament.

Our class co-hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Louis Alumni Golf Tournament on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Coral Creek Golf Course in Ewa Beach. A special thanks to everyone who helped to make this a fun day. The net proceeds from this tournament goes toward our Class Gift.

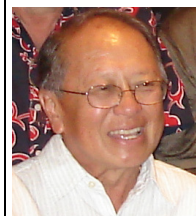
### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion in 2012.

A letter announcing the reunion week dates and agenda was mailed to all classmates on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Look for an update in the October newsletter.

**Class Gift.** We are awaiting an update from SLS, which incorporates the proceeds from the Alumni Golf Tournament. Based on an initial earnings estimate of at least \$8,000, our Class Gift totals should be at least \$52,000 in pledges with close to \$50,000 collected. However, we still need the help of more classmates to reach our final objective of \$100,000. The pledge form can be downloaded from our class web site at [www.saintlouis62.org](http://www.saintlouis62.org) or contact **Larry Woode** at [Laulani@aol.com](mailto:Laulani@aol.com) (ph# 808-685-2797) for a form.

## OVER THE PALI

**David Young** has traveled a lot. After earning an A.A. degree from Pasadena City College, then a B.A. at Chaminade, he was hired by United Air Lines. He retired in 2003 after 35 years.



Dave moved to Las Vegas nearly 10 years ago with his wife, Carol, also a retired flight attendant. They have 4 children: Eric (44), Liana (40), Matthew (21), and Nicholas (18).

Dave loves golfing, working once a week at Red Rock Country Club as a golf marshal for "golf privileges", and golfs about 2-3 times a week. He is looking forward to reuniting with his "Saint Louis Ohana" in 2012.

## CLASSMATE PROFILES—SIDNEY OSADA

**Sidney Osada** graduated from Gonzaga in 1966. He returned to Hawaii, joined the army reserves, started his accounting practice in 1974, and retired from it in 2005.



Now, he and his wife, Karen, like to take ocean cruises, sometimes including his grandchildren. He ticks off a long list of places they've been to, including Australia, Mexico, China, Japan, and Alaska. But he likes New Zealand best because it's the most beautiful and it has the friendliest people.

Sid ran five marathons in the 1980s and he's still jogging to keep in shape. But these days he mostly likes to watch his five grandsons (ages 5 to 16) play Little League ball. "It's more fun," he says with a laugh, "to sit back and criticize than to coach."—B.C.

## JON MIKI

**Jon Miki** started working for non-profit organizations in the 1960s before people knew about their tax advantages.



He's modest about his contributions as an accountant. But he cops to working for the Catholic Church before moving on to

other smaller non-profits.

Jon changed jobs for the challenges offered by the work. Between 1992 and retirement in 2010, he was an administrator for various native-Hawaiian health organizations, including the John Burns School of Medicine's Department of Native-Hawaiian Health.

Jon has four kids and ten grandchildren. Since most are on the mainland, he retired so he could more easily be with them a couple times a year. Retirement also gave him freedom to continue outrigger canoe racing—one of his passions for the past 16 years.—B.C.

## REMEMBER WHEN

Body surfing and the undertow attracted you to Sandy Beach...**Steve Williams & Jim Howe** would.

Parallel parking in Chinatown was the biggest challenge to getting a driver's license...**Jeff Ignacio and Rolland Tang** would.

Summer work meant "Pineapple Burn" days at CPC, Dole, or Libby's Cannery...**Tony Candido and Dan Kuni** would.

Finding net-less basketball rims at Kapaolono, Paki, Crane, or your favorite neighborhood park was not a surprise...**Dennis Chong Kee and John Spencer** would.

## NEWS AND STORIES FROM SLS

"It was a life-changing experience!"

This testimony represents student



Pictured left to right: Frank Ross, and Class of 2012 students, Kamuela Ueki, and Ranson Pomakai

evaluations of Kairos. Kairos is the Saint Louis Senior Retreat program. "A moment of God's time", Kairos presents a progressive series of sharing and self-discovery experiences focusing on the relationship between each student, God, and the community.

Likewise, all undergraduate students, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above, benefit from this paradigm-shifting classmate bonding initiative. The sessions vary in length from 1 day for the Middle School, to 3 1/2 days and 3 nights for Seniors.

Overseen by Campus Ministry staffers, Frank Ross and Errol Christian, the Sophomore and Junior agendas are student-facilitated, whereas the Senior program is guided by recent graduates. Says Outgoing Director Ross, "What happens at Kairos is what Saint Louis is all about...brotherhood. Your brother is your brother, is your brother."

## SALTY CLUB

**Brian Clarke's** Peace Corps experience (two adventurous years in Bolivia) set the tone for a service-oriented life. He taught history at our alma mater and has directed marathon and triathlon



trainings since leaving SLH in 1979.

"I don't have kids," Brian quips. "I have athletes." He also has four books - written in his spare time. The fourth is well-respected nationally, but each contributed to Brian's ability to train recreational endurance athletes to finish marathons without injury.

The field of recreational athletics was never lucrative. "I don't think I've ever grossed more than the yearly equivalent of \$10,000," Brian says. "Yet I have everything I want: interesting work, a home with a view, and a loving girlfriend." He might have added: a continuing life of service.

## OUR MILITARY MEN

Deciding to see the world, **Ken Park** enlisted in the U.S. Air Force immediately after SLHS graduation. As a signals intelligence specialist, Ken initially



served tours in South Korea and Thailand. Making inroads towards a military career, he served as an enlisted supervisor of a signals intelligence unit liaising with Allied South Korean forces monitoring North Korea.

Shortly thereafter, Ken was selected into the officer commissioning program. Ken mentions his tour as officer-in-charge of the Targets Branch at U.S. Air Forces Europe as another career highlight.

Currently residing in the United Kingdom, Ken and his wife, Gayna, have three sons and one daughter, six grandchildren, and one great grandson. Of note, Ken and Gayna's two oldest sons are USMC Desert Storm veterans. We thank all of them for their service.

## 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, Chester Regidor, and Leonard Sampaio.**

