

Upon Kalaepohaku



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AS WE SPEAK

Attention puzzle enthusiasts...you'll enjoy author/educator, **Ron Staszko**'s "Your Mind in Retirement" on the "Pulse of '62" page.

Also look for the first of four "News and Stories from SLS" columns about what's happening at Saint Louis today.

Did you know...Saint Louis Sophomore (Class of 2012), Byung Hee Chun, was 7th in the world among 1.13 million students who participated online in the recent World Math Way. He was the highest ranked U.S. entrant. The next highest was 43rd; only three from the U.S. made the top 100.

Chuck O'Fahey! Yes, we found former Bro. Charles Fahey at charles.oftahey@gmail.com. In fact, ten other faculty/staff have been receiving our Class Newsletter since 1/2008.

Also found...**Len Fellez** (by Seattle U. classmate **Clem Lum**) and **Robert Lewis** (via **Dennis Lau**). Our "Out of Touch" List is available on the Class Website www.saintlouis62.org, 24/7.

Just in... "An Open Letter to Classmates" from **Steve Kabei** on the "Ah Ha! Experiences" Website page.

OUT WEST

Focused on an Information Technology career, **Rolland Tang** finished a certificate program at Computer Institute, after achieving Junior status at Chaminade University and UH-M. Ready now, he started a Federal job and



joined the Hawaii Air National Guard (to beat the Draft). More than 38 years later, he retired as a Communications Maintenance Manager from the Federal service, and Chief Master Sergeant (the highest non-commissioned rank) from the HANG.

Rolland married Shirley 44 years ago. They have 2 sons, a daughter, 7 grand-

children and 1 great granddaughter. He helps one of his sons with a chrome plating business.

Rolland enjoys tennis, fishing, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. (He loves to harass the umpires and referees.)

So far, Rolland and Shirley have traveled to Alaska and Las Vegas, and are planning trips to Europe, China, and Japan.

50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION UPDATE

Family Day 2010. We're looking forward to a fun day with the many of you who will be joining us this Saturday, April 24th. Don't forget to bring your own beverages, lawn chairs, a cooler . . . and maybe some sunscreen lotion!

Future Events. We're still planning to participate in this year's SLAA Annual Golf Tournament. More information later.

Class Gift. Again, mahalo to all of you who have already contributed to the class gift. Our pledges currently total \$36,856, but we still need \$13,000+ to achieve our interim goal of \$50,000 by the end of this year. "Light is the task where many share the toil" (Homer). And we do need everyone's kokua. Please use the class gift form to send in your donation/pledge to insure proper crediting to our class. The form can be found on our web site at www.saintlouis62.org; or contact **Larry Woode** at Laulani@aol.com (ph# 808-685-2797) for a form.

CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

Following an adventurous life in the U.S.A.F. and Federal civil service, classmate, **Jerry Barboza**, resides in Sacramento, CA. Jerry enlisted in the Air Force after graduation, and his military assignments allowed him to see the world from cities on both coasts of the



U.S. to France, Japan, and Thailand. A highlight was his visit to Sapporo, Japan, to see the 1972 Winter Olympics. What great life experiences!

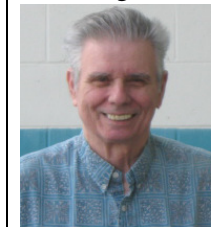
After 39 years in Federal Civil Service and the Military (law enforcement and logistics manager in the Stealth Fighter program), Jerry enjoyed a brief retirement and returned to work at his current job with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

He is married to Laure Swenson from Minnesota, and is the father of two stepsons and two daughters from a previous marriage, and the grandfather of 6, ages, 13 to 1. A frequent visitor to Honolulu and the Big Island, Jerry looks forward to the next class reunion event.

OVER THE PALI

"I learned the importance of being loyal, and having a good work ethic at Saint Louis." **Doug Mattos** was raised in Kailua and attended Saint Anthony Pa-dua.

Destined for a successful service management career, Doug chose to study at the College of San Mateo and the UH-M, and work nights in the hotel industry. A series of progressively responsible experiences with the Sheraton Moana, Ala Moana,



Halekulani, and Hilton Hawaiian Village hotels prepared him for his current executive position with Certified Management. Doug plans to retire in December, 2010, after 17 years, with the coveted Association Management Specialist and Professional Community Association Manager industry designations.

Hawaii Kai is home to Doug and his wife, Theresa, who have 2 daughters, Tamara and Tia, and 3 grandchildren. However, San Antonio, Texas, where his family resides, will be his next destination.

CLASSMATE PROFILES— ALVIN HAMADA

Alvin Hamada loves Japan. Two 6-month university stints there in the 1960s enhanced his ability to speak Japanese.

Later, he landed a job translating programs for KIKU—the Japanese TV station in Honolulu. Alvin threw himself into his work, creating subtitles for the Japanese Superhero shows Rainbowman and Kikaida.

Kikaida earned the highest ratings in its timeslot, becoming such a phenomenon in Hawaii that *Time Magazine* wrote about it in 1976. He wasn't mentioned in the article, but Alvin's subtitles may have helped a generation of local kids appreciate Japanese enough to study it later in school.

In early retirement from his technical director job at KHNL, Alvin cares for his bed-ridden mother and disabled auntie. But he plans on someday traveling again to Japan. --B.C.



GEORGE SIMAO

George Simao retired in 2000 from GTE/HawaiianTel after 35 years of being intimately involved with the mechanical-to-digital revolution in telephone equipment.

George used his personnel management degree from UH to manage the hundreds of local workers who maintained the network infrastructure that enables Hawaii to communicate with the world.



He also coached youth baseball for 30 years, watching his four kids and four grandchildren develop in the sport. "I never coached a bad kid," he says. In the next breath he talks about his get-away-from-it-all "sanity cruises"—most recently through the Panama Canal.

George and his wife, Pearllette, care for her 93-year-old mother, and they enjoy being with the grandkids—baby-sitting the newest and following the rest as they play various sports at all levels. --B.C.

NEWS AND STORIES FROM SLS

You're addressing the Class of 1962. Tell us what's happening at Saint Louis today.

Class of 2012 Counselor, Pua Tuyay: "Don't you remember a special teacher who, because you felt so free to share your dreams and frustrations with him/her, made that school year especially worthwhile? Wouldn't it be magical



pictured left to right with Pua Tuyay: Frank Flores, Acen Cabral and Kameron Muraoka-Aiwohi from the Class of 2012.

if that school year happened to each and every student during his matriculation at Saint Louis?"

All Saint Louis faculty are encouraged to share their talents across the curriculum and campus. A Rutgers University volleyball player and graduate with a Masters in School Counselling from Chaminade, Pua, herself, invests in six other school activities.

"When students interconnect with staff regularly and in different school environments, they tend to feel more comfortable with them. Special bonds result. Today, this unique sense of community thrives at Saint Louis."

REMEMBER WHEN: Games We Played, Small Kid Time

You labored to sharpen the long-nose tip on your spinning top... **Tommy Loo** and **Al Chong** would.

You first performed the Around-the-World maneuver with your yo-yo...

Bryan Anzai and **Sid Osada** would.

You were allowed to bust a full circle of marbles with your prized bamboola ... **Nathan Ching** and **Jimmy Hamasaki** would.

You came way from the milk cover match with your tallest stack ever... **Alvin Katekaru** and **Jimmy Copelan** would.

OUR MILITARY MEN

The recent earthquakes in Chile caused some tsunami concerns for Hawaii citizens. At the center of that important emergency watch was our fellow '62 Crusader, **Ed Teixeira**. A 1967 Univer-

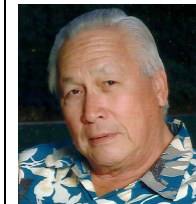
sity of Oregon ROTC graduate, Ed Teixeira first served a 26-year US Army military career garnering numerous command and staff positions in Korea, Vietnam, Germany, Japan and Hawaii.



He cites command of the 7th Battalion (8th Field Artillery Regiment), Schofield Barracks and Command of the Pohakuloa Training Center on the Big Island as highlights. Since 1993, Ed has served with the Hawaii State Civil Defense, where he is presently the Vice Director. He and his wife, Sammy, reside in Waimea, Hawaii, and are blessed with two sons and five grandchildren.

SALTY CLUB

These days, Dennis and **Warren Chee** hang out, just as they did as school athletes. Dennis is **Dennis ChongKee**,



successful electrical contractor, father of three, and husband to Suzanne. Dennis's journey after high school included 8 months at Pasadena City College, 1 ½ years with Hawaiian Air, and 4 years at the Electrical Union's (night) School. In 1971, he started his company, DNS Electric Inc., which he still runs today.

For Dennis, it wasn't just family and work. He gave back to the community by sponsoring sports teams at Hawaii Kai's Parks and Recreation complex. Dennis's company paid for team uniforms, equipment, and lunches for team members in volleyball, basketball, and baseball for 7 years.

Dennis: friend, family man, entrepreneur, patron of youth sports.

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, and Sidney Tanaka**.

