

# Upon Kalaepohaku



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(The Saint Louis Class of 1962)

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## AS WE SPEAK

This is where you'll find "breaking news"; where we'll place noteworthy Class, School, and/or other information that doesn't "fit" anywhere else.

### Class Website.

Thanks to **Joe Durocher** our website is up and running. Please check it out at [www.saintlouis62.org](http://www.saintlouis62.org) and let us know what you think.

### Visiting Graduates

Mainland classmates, **Jake** (& Priscilla) **Vasconcellos** (8<sup>th</sup> grade Reunion), **Nathan Ching** (Father's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday), **Ed Ferreira** (SLAA Golf Tournament), & **Jeff Ignacio** (Mother's 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday) returned to Hawaii this summer. Taking our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion mission to "reconnect classmates" seriously, the following Committee members hosted them @ various meal gatherings: **David Nakagawa, Mike Crozier, Stephen Kabei, Larry** (& Nadine) **Woode, Dennis** (& Tina) **Lau, & Rupert** (& Collette) **Hunt**.

## OUR MILITARY MEN

All-star running back **Howard Peralta** moved from gridiron to the fields of Vietnam where life changing experiences made a permanent impact on him. He was assigned to an Infantry Company and describes his tour of duty like that of the movie "Platoon". Howard was "tunnel rat", point man on patrols, called for "fire", and participated in numerous combat operations.



He was promoted ahead of his peers and assigned as a Platoon Sergeant. Howard

"extended" in Vietnam, received the Purple Heart, but didn't think he was coming home. He served as a Drill Sergeant and credits the military for accelerating his maturity and respect for life.

Howard is back on the gridiron coaching football as his way of "giving back", and is happily married to his love— Star!

## CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

**Joe Durocher** has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the IT field, while managing to create a strong family circle with his "high school sweetheart". He



has two sons and two daughters with a grandchild due in September, making for a total of 10 grandchildren. He has gone into "graduate work" with a great grand-

child as part of the clan. Joe and his wife Linda, are the executive couple for the Central California Marriage Encounter chapter. He maintains his Hawaii connections with frequent visits. Joe has helped develop the official class website, which was launched this month.

For a lot more info on this fine example of the ideals of our St. Louis Traditions, go to the website that **pj Silva** has created...[http://web.mac.com/alohapjs/62\\_CRUSADERS/Welcome.html](http://web.mac.com/alohapjs/62_CRUSADERS/Welcome.html)...go to "blog 2".

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

Aloha all. Lots of good news to report.

**Family Day 2008.** Come and join us at **Dennis Lau's** ranch in beautiful Maunawili on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know by July 31<sup>st</sup> if you will be attending. However, if you do not initially plan to attend but decide later that you can make it, please come anyway. We just ask that you give Dennis Lau a call @261-4490. We'll have lots of food, great company, and a lot of fun activities are planned. And there is no cost! Just bring your own beverages and please don't forget the lawn chairs.

**Class Gift Fund.** We're doing good! As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, we have received 21 pledges totaling \$20,290. And an additional 12 classmates have indicated their intent to make a donation/pledge. So far, the median pledge amount is \$1000, and this is a very favorable trend. Mahalo to all of you who have made a commitment to support the fund.

## OUT WEST

After graduating from SLHS, **David Nakagawa** decided to fulfill his military obligation in the United States Air Force. His four-year enlistment was spent in Mississippi and at Hickam AFB. Separating from the USAF on 1/11/67, David enjoyed one day off, then commenced an illustrious career of 33 years with GTE



Hawaiian Telephone Company, retiring as a local manager on 12/31/99. David is

happily married to wife, Eileen and has 2 sons and a daughter. He also has two grandchildren with one more on the way this year. Totally enjoying retirement, David has traveled to Alaska twice, to Japan, China, and Mexico. He also has been to Las Vegas several times. David loves playing golf whenever he can!

## CLASSMATE PROFILES – REGINALD LUKE

**Dr. Reginald Luke** is a math professor and passionate about it.

He loves teaching statistics to social science majors and plans to continue after he retires from college administration.

Currently Dean of Science, Mathematics, and Health Technologies at Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ, Reggie's life direction was set at Saint Louis by Brother Raymond Dotzler, who first gave Reggie the news that he was

"good at mathematics."

Later, at Gonzaga University (Washington State), Reggie received a classical education in theology, philosophy, and



mathematics, which has influenced his teaching style to include human interest stories that make math accessible to students.

Reggie's wife, Naichia, is from Taiwan. They met in grad school at Rutgers University, and have three children: Ming/symphony conductor, Bing/tax lawyer, and Ling/junior at Syracuse University.

### RONALD RIBELLIA

**Ron Ribellia** likes working with kids. As an intelligence officer in the Air



Force, he used his off-time working with orphans in remote areas of South East Asia. "We scrounged wood and metal to improve the orphanages," he said. "In the Philippines

I read to them in English, showing that a Filipino could be educated, too."

Recently, Ron's sister brought him out of a second retirement (from selling cars) to assist her in supervising both Mililani McDonalds restaurants. "This is the best job I've had. I get to recruit, teach, and coach young people; to make a difference with things as simple as being punctual."

Ron met Kisana (from Thailand) while he was stationed in SEA. They have a son/electrician and a daughter/supervisor at HMSA.

### REMEMBER WHEN

**pj (Pat) Silva** won the Limbo contest @ the Elk Teens...the Bop & the Twist were the dances of choice.

**Ed Teixeira & George Soon** wore White Buck shoes...**Brian Watarai** preferred Oxfords.

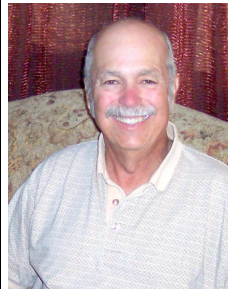
Scotty's hamburgers & french-fries were the rage ...ask **Mike Sugimura** and **Jesse Sartain**.

It was the time of our emergence as men of Saint Louis, citizens of the world. Remember when?

NOTE: Future columns will treat these & other late 50's and early 60's themes. If you have a favorite memory of our Saint Louis years, let us know about it.

### THE SALTY CLUB

What do **Leonard Sampaio** and **Blitz Harry** have in common? Both were on



our golf team. Leonard continues to golf twice a week in retirement. The Army Reserves took him to California and a career with

Security Financial Management Corporation of San Francisco, where he ascended to Senior Vice President and Manager of its San Jose office. Along the way, Leonard became a licensed realtor, insurance broker, real estate appraiser, and notary public. On top of all that, Leonard found time to give back to the community as a certified volunteer tutor for Project Literacy U.S.A. In his words, "where I had the pleasure of helping many students learn to read and write."

Leonard and wife, Shirley, live in Roseville, California

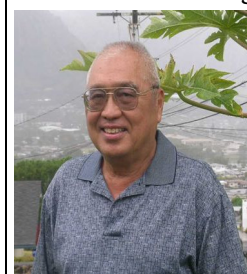
### NEWS & STORIES FROM SLS

Welcome SLS Class of 2012  
We have 66 incoming 9th graders. Add 84 continuing Middle School students, & we will start Fall Semester, 2008 with a total of 150 Freshmen Crusaders. (There were 224 Class of 1962 graduates.) First day of school is August 7, 2008. Would you guys like to welcome them with a banner (2 ft x 6 ft, \$150 depending on wording, color, etc.)? The banner might say "Saint Louis School Class of 2012 - Aloha from the Class of 1962". They would be able to use the banner at special functions, e.g. Homecoming and Ohana Festival. And /or we could host them to an ice

cream/cake social, i.e. pass out ice cream/cake from 10 am to 1 pm sometime in August. Please reply to **Tom Miyashiro** @ 808-7394869 &/or [tmiyashiro@saintlouis.org](mailto:tmiyashiro@saintlouis.org).

### OVER THE PALI

**Chuck Lee**, who lives in Kaneohe, attended Saint Ann's School. Lucky for Saint Louis, Chuck, a superb athlete, played baseball for 4 years. He, later, earned a BA degree from the UH, was commissioned through the ROTC program in June 1966, received an MA from Pacific Lutheran University and an MBA from Northwestern University. After a 20-year US



Army career, Lt. Col. Lee stayed active by first heading Kamehameha School's & then Saint Louis' ROTC programs for a total of 21 years, retiring in 2007.

Chuck and Anita were married in 1968 and together experienced tours of duty in Vietnam, Korea, Germany, and other duty stations in the USA. They are the proud parents of Cathy (38), John (34) and Mark (25), & grandparents of Joelle (4) & Jorryn (1).

Chuck enjoys golfing, & spending time with friends and family.

### RECOMMENDED "READS"

Business: "Good to Great" by Jim Collins

Self Help: "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz

History: "John Adams" by David McCullough

Favorites: "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini

Send us your Recommended "Reads".

### OUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please let us know about classmates who need our prayers. The Newsletter will invite our graduate community to collectively focus its healing intentions on these individuals: **Cyril Akashi, Herbert Ohta, & Joe Durocher.**

