

# Upon Kalaepohaku

(The Saint Louis Class of 1962)



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## INTRODUCING “UPON KALAEPOHAKU”, THE SLS CLASS NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE GENTLEMEN OF 1962

(Missing are Brian Clarke, Gary DeMello, Tony Candido, Steve Watarai & PJ Silva who resides in LV)



The 12 members of our class, who volunteered to write this quarterly Newsletter, did so because we believe it’s about time to face the fact that many of us feel alienated after 45 years of apparent neglect. It’s about time that amends were made.

Therefore, it is the bold mission of this Newsletter to welcome everyone back to the Class of 1962 & St. Louis School (SLS), & to engage you with the sort and variety of news that will:

- inspire special memories;
- share contemporary school happenings & classmate updates;
- connect individuals &/or groups with one another; &
- generally stimulate the feeling of belonging to a family.

You will notice from the column titles, that subjects are selected to achieve a real sense of community. Look for us again in April & every 3 months thereafter at least through 2012. Let us know what you think.

### CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

Aloha from “The Ninth Hawaiian Island”, Las Vegas. This column will present a round-up of news and stories about our guys who have set up a base away from our Hawaii “roots”. You can reach **PJ (Pat) Silva**@

<http://web.mac.com/alohapjs/iWeb/%2762%20CRUSADERS/Welcome.html>

As a first item for this newsletter, you may be interested to hear about someone who was always unique in his views and actions. **Martin Charlot** has gone on to many artistic achievements. He has been living in the L.A. area for about 15 years.

Last spring, he came down with spinal meningitis which put him into a coma for more than a month. After almost six months of rehab, he is mostly mobile and functional. By the time you read this, he will have been back in Hawaii to introduce the launch of an illustrated book about a large mural he created for the McDonalds store at Windward Mall, back when **Pat Kahler** ran the McDonalds operations in Hawaii



In future issues, look for stories about others from our “immigrant population” who still hold memories about our life and times back in Paradise. If you have ideas about yourself or others which the rest of us should know about, contact PJ at his website (above).

### OUR MILITARY MEN

Fall of 1958 saw Saint Louis 9<sup>th</sup> grader’s enrolled in something called ROTC – a mandatory two year course unlike any other in the curriculum. Most of us met our two year requirement and got out – just like the “draft” – but what was the purpose of this course? Leadership development emphasizing discipline, responsibility and respect for duly constituted authority was the objective of ROTC. The class of ’62 has significantly contributed toward serving our nation in the military. We had the “draft” and most of us “did our thing” and got out just like we did in ROTC. However, we have classmates who made the military a career either on Active Duty or with the Guard and Reserves. These classmates

rose through the ranks and assumed increased positions of responsibility in various leadership roles. Future newsletters will highlight these leaders, other classmates who served in the military, as well as reflect on our ROTC experience in school.

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

By now, you should have received the letter dated January 11, 2008 addressing our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion planning. Things are progressing smoothly, and we’re certainly grateful for the many classmates who have volunteered their valuable time to make our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a memorable success.

As we mentioned in the letter, we have formed a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Committee. So this may be an opportune time to specifically address how we’re organized.

Our reunion chairman is **Mike Crozier** and under him are five subordinate committees: Activities (**Stephen Watarai**); Finance (**Warren Chee**); Administration (**Dennis Lau**); Gift and Class Newsletter (**Rupert Hunt**).

**Larry Woode** is assisting with the planning & coordinating of reunion events and serving as the vice-chair of the Gift Committee. Also, an integral part of our organization is the group of twenty-six classmates who serve as coordinating liaisons. Although this group is organized under the Gift Committee, it is intended to assist all committees in enhancing information flow between the committees and all classmates.

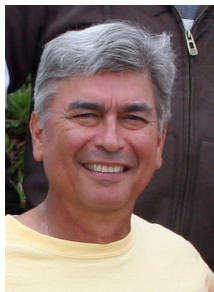
Anyway, that’s our make-up. *Pau* for now. Looking forward to seeing you at the March 14<sup>th</sup> get-together. We guarantee a lot of memories and fun. *A hui hou*

### CLASSMATE PROFILES

This section sketches the lives of representative classmates since their 1962 graduation from SLS.

## RONALD STASZKOW

Ron Staszkw married Dianne Hormel immediately after graduating from St. Mary's College in 1966. These days, they enjoy visiting their five children and ten grandchildren. Ron taught Math and coached



track for eleven years at De La Salle High School, Concord, California. He spent the next thirty years at Ohlone College in Fremont, California. Ron credits SLS's Bro. Raymond Dotzler for his love of mathematics.

Recently retired, Ron does yard work, plays golf, travels, and writes (his first book, "Developmental Mathematics", is in its 7th edition, "Math Skills").

## MICHAEL WONG

Before SLS, Michael Wong attended Lunalilo Elementary & Kaimuki Intermediate.

After SLS, Mike entered UH-Manoa. Then, in 1968 he was recruited by United Airlines into a 35-year service career as a Flight



Attendant. Simultaneously, Mike completed his B.A. in Psychology & Sociology in 1973. Nowadays, he works for himself; he's a Certified Home Inspector & owner of "Home Inspection Team Hawaii".

Mike remembers St. Louis especially for the life-long friends he made, including **Mike Coleman, Mike Crozier, Allan Ano, Sam Ho, & David Young.**

Although proud of his professional achievements, Mike is especially committed to his life at home. Married to Edwina, father of Michelle & David Kaleo, & grandfather of three (3), he admits, "My retirement goal is to watch my family grow with a glass of champagne in my hand & the sun setting behind me."

## THE SALTY CLUB

The Salty Club evolved in the sophomore year of the Class of '62. Serendipitously one day, then Brother James Mifsud provided a lasting lesson of the Marianist value, "to educate for service, justice, and peace". This column seeks to highlight Men of the Class of '62, who live for service, justice, and peace.

**Noa Emmett `Auwae Aluli** has dedicated much of his life to service and justice. A sampling of his many accomplishments includes his 31 years of medical service to the people of Molokai, serving on community advisory boards, such as the American Liver Foundation and Kamehameha Schools, being a founding member of the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana, which ended the bombing of the "sacred" Island, and chairing the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission.

He attributes this passion for service and justice to his "Catholic training and education", from the "Priests, Brothers and Sisters of Maryknoll, Saint Louis, and Marquette".

## OVER THE PALI

If you drove in to St. Louis from the Windward side during our high school years, or currently reside "over the Pali", this column is about you.



**Allan Freitas** has always been a vintage car enthusiast. His first car was a 1953 Studebaker coupe, modified with a Packard V-8 engine and sold when he purchased a 1930 Ford Phaeton Touring Car for \$10.00. Allan drove this car to school from 1960-62.

Since SLS, he's received a Honolulu Community College Associate Degree; married Joan, the "girl of my dreams"; fathered two sons; & retired from the Honolulu Gas Company after 40 years. In addition to important family commitments, Allan looks forward to finally completing his Ford Phaeton rebuild. Would you believe he visited Hot Rod

Shows in Las Vegas, San Dimas, & Pleasanton, California in August?

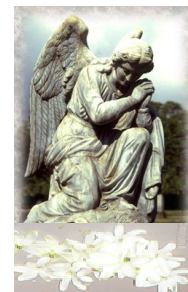
## NEWS & STORIES FROM SLS

This column presents news and brief narratives about our school today. More detail may be found at [www.saintlouis-hawaii.org](http://www.saintlouis-hawaii.org) or by e-mailing [tmiyashiro@saintlouis-hawaii.org](mailto:tmiyashiro@saintlouis-hawaii.org). There will be stories pertinent to the Class of 1962 and about the Class of 2012. Why 2012? After 50 years, our class will participate in the 2012 graduation ceremony for the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders. In fact, several of our classmates have already returned to their Alma Mater: **Larry Woode** tutors 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Math; **Randall Kam** tutors 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Math, Science, and U.S. History; & **Rupert Hunt** mentors (talks story one-on-one) with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or tutor, call **Tom Miyashiro** (739-4869) or e-mail (above).

## 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*



Vincent Badayos	Allan Lum
Charles Bernard	Alfred Moniz
Abraham Ching	Garet Pai
Warren Davis	David Perez
Lawrence DeCosta	Charles Sham
Robert Escalera	Ronald Sismar
Michael Lau	Daniel Ukishima

## RECENT DEATH

**ORAN A. SATTERFIELD, JR.**, passed away Dec. 28, 2007. Survived by wife, Josephine "Josie"; sons, Oran III, Sean, and Chad; daughter, Jana Focht.

## IN THE FAMILY

**Mercedes (Mercy) Ho**, the wife of **Sam Ho**, passed away January 3, 2008. They had been married 32 years. Mercy is survived by 2 sons, Eli & Samson, & 4 grandchildren.