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## FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

by Ray Nosaka

There will be many activities going on during the next few months that you may want to be involved with in one way or another. For example, the 1998 AJA National Convention to be held on July 2 - 5 will require many special events committees to do the preliminary and carrying on of planning for the Luncheon/Banquet, Memorial Service, Tours, Transportation, Chapter Night activities, and the Dedication and Unveiling of the Brothers in Valor Monument at Fort DeRussy. Henry Kuniyuki, Chairman of this Monument Committee, has announced that the time of the ceremony on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> has been changed to 9 a.m. from 4 p.m. (as was previously printed). Please read the articles written elsewhere in this issue for further information regarding the convention and the other events. Then, on October 17<sup>th</sup> there will be the unveiling of the WWII Veterans Monument and Luncheon Banquet to be held in Los Angeles. It is hoped that many Islanders, as well as Mainlanders from all states will be present for this long-awaited occasion. The festivities are expected to continue for a few more days as the celebrating contingent moves on to Las Vegas from Los Angeles for our 12<sup>th</sup> Mini-reunion on October 18 - 22. If you are asked to help, please say YES.

Mahalo to the following PPP volunteers who collated and sent out the January/February issue on January 29: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Mary Hamasaki, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuchi Hayashi, Ed Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Shigeru Inouye, Etsuo Katano, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Jane Matsunami, Sadashi Matsunami, Y. Mugitani, Joichi Muramatsu, Saburo Nishime, Tom Nishioka, Ray & Aki Nosaka, Tom Nosse, Takeichi Onishi, Leo Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Hiromi Suehiro, Ken Suehiro, Ukichi Wozumi, Marie Yoneshige, and Kaoru Yonezawa.

## FEBRUARY BOARD HILITES

by President Joe Muramatsu

The meeting was called to order promptly at 10:00 a.m. After the preliminaries of accepting the minutes of the previous meeting, accepting the Executive Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report, we went into the heart of our meeting.

First on the agenda was the report for the Scholarship Committee. Sakae Takahashi, Chairman, reported that we should have professionals run the show of investing the \$100,000 that we set aside for scholarships. After some discussion, including questions about whether we can withdraw any funds from the principal or not, it was decided to give Sakae authority to negotiate with the Hawaii Community Foundation to manage the funds. We are in good hands when they are Sakae's hands. The Sons and Daughters Education Committee will administer the actual scholarship competition for now. In addition to the \$1,500 for scholarship already approved in the 1998 Budget, the Board voted to give an additional \$5,000 in scholarships this year. This will leave the \$100,000 intact for investing with the professionals.

The Apartment Building is 100% occupied. There was a suggestion that we purchase a few plastic chairs for Turner Hall to hear comments from members about their comfort.

The Club 100 Bash for the July convention will be held on July 5, 1998, immediately following the Memorial Service at Punchbowl. Ted Hamasu requested \$5,000 seed money to help fund the events. To attend, you must be registered for the AJA National Convention, the joint event of the 100/442/MIS/1399. There will be a hospitality room at the Clubhouse on July 3 and 4. Be sure to read the article which follows.

Ted Hamasu reported that the Long Range Planning Committee got a letter from the attorney and they are now looking at other options for the club, rather than changing into a civic organization.

There has been a request by the Japanese American National Museum for financial assistance to ship material from the "Bento to Mixed Plate" exhibit to Los Angeles and other sites on the mainland and to Sao Paulo, Brazil. Please send your donations to the Club office and mark your check "JANM."

The Board approved \$600 to host a mahalo luncheon for PPP volunteers who assist in collating our newsletter.

A request from Ala Wai School for a set of American and Hawaii State flags was approved.

There were several invitations to events from JCCH that were left to each Board member to decide whether he would attend or not. Another invitation the club received is to the testimonial dinner honoring former Governor George Ariyoshi on March 19, 1998 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Cost is \$100 per seat. Any takers?

The LA Monument committee requests that all members look at the list of names posted on the window of our office to see that their name is spelled correctly. Also, check to see if all names are included.

The unveiling of the Brothers In Valor Monument is set for July 4, 1998 at Fort DeRussy. Further details regarding parking, time, and transportation between the monument site and the Hawaii Convention Center for the AJA National Convention Banquet will be announced in future issues of the PPP.

Sons and Daughters are very much involved in our AJA Veterans National Convention. If you have a son or daughter who wants to get involved, now is the time.

The production of Ed Sakamoto's play, "Our Hearts Were Touched With Fire" will coincide with the Convention. We urge you to attend the play with your sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

April 18, 1998, is Food Bank Collection Day. Please bring non-perishable goods to help the needy. You may drop off your items at the Clubhouse anytime before April 18.

Our next Board meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. to give representatives from the Veterans Administration time for a presentation. Thanks to Shinko Nohara (C) for setting this up for us. The VA is reaching out to World War II-era vets, especially the "buddaheads."

Here's hoping for a quick recovery for Jimmy Ishimoto who suffered a stroke.

## **1998 AJA VETERANS NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE**

Be expecting a mailing from the Convention committee in the next few days. Important information will be included, as well as registration form, souvenir sales order form, and a "survey" to find out how many will be attending some of the other events. They are expecting a huge crowd, so please help them out and respond by the deadline. Remember, the mailing will be from the Convention committee, not from Club 100, so don't throw it away when you get it. The deadline is March 15. After March 15, there is a late fee, so don't delay.

At the Convention Steering Committee meeting, they announced the souvenir items that will be on sale and also the contents of the registration packet. Every adult who is registered will receive a note pad, pen, suntan lotion, phonecard, program booklet, vinyl luggage tag, magnifying glass, name tags, and other items, all imprinted with the Convention logo and placed in a plastic carrying bag. The sons and daughters who are working on the convention preparation are putting in many hours to make sure that everything goes smoothly.

Some of you may have heard that parking at the Convention Center is limited. But, don't let this keep you from registering for this historic occasion. The Convention Transportation Committee is planning to have parking and shuttle buses for those on Oahu who are attending the Convention. The same kind of

arrangements are being made for the Memorial Service on July 5. Be sure to read each issue of the PPP to keep informed of all the latest news about the Convention.

## **CLUB 100 SPECIAL EVENT DURING AJA VETERANS NATIONAL CONVENTION:**

The news you have been waiting for: The "Clubhouse Bash" will be held at the clubhouse on Sunday, July 5, 1998, following the Memorial Service at Punchbowl. The nice thing about being at the clubhouse is that we can stay as long as we want. Heavy pupu, liquid refreshment and lots of time to talk story are being planned by Ted Hamasu and Hajime Yamane and their committee members. Remember, you will need to show your registration badge for the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention. A reservation form with details about admission cost, program, transportation, etc., will be in the April Issue of the PPP.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**by Drusilla A. Tanaka**

***Mahalo*** to the following donors for their thoughtful gifts to Club 100:

- \$20 from Mary K. Hamasaki
- \$50 from Robert Haruo Takei (A)
- \$50 from Club 100 Dance Club
- \$100 from Helen Nikaido
- set of black and white prints of Misora Hibari from Stanley Kimura (C). He was the official photographer when Hibari was here in 1950.

**The PukaPuka Parade** received donations from the following:

- \$50 from Warren and Millie Fencil (Honorary C) and 34th ID
- \$25 from Seiko Arakaki
- \$25 from Midori Hirano

**Welcome to new Life Members:**

- Robert S. Sato (C-Mainland)
- Joe Shinichi Oshiro (A)

**Congratulations to the following who will join the Octogenarian generation in March:** Robert Karasaki (A), Asao Kase (HQ), Haruto (Ronald) Kuroda (B), Robert Sakoki (B), Tsukasa Santo (B-Hawaii), William S. Takaezu (B), and Charles Tanaka (B). A belated happy birthday to Toshio "Lefty" Mizusawa (Rural) and Saburo Nishime (D) who already hit the big 8-0.

**Thank you very much to the following special volunteers:**

- Bernard Akamine for installing a safety rail in the men's restroom
- Stanley Tanaka for converting the door to the stall so that it swings out and makes it easier for those using a walker or a wheelchair
- Yoshiyuki Mugitani for re-re-converting the door to the stall after a "menchune" re-converted the door to its original design

## **INFORMATION CENTRAL:**

The most recent requests that have been received by this office include information about field commissioned officers of the 100th (National Organization on Battlefield Commissions); an inquiry about POWs and MIAs who died in captivity, requests for WW2 photos for Bishop Ara's book. The most interesting request came from Excor Company, a Japanese film and commercial company that has been in Honolulu for 18 years. They are assisting a producer in Japan with a documentary about Misora Hibari. They called Club 100 because they knew that Hibari's first trip outside of Japan was to Hawaii under the auspices of Club 100. They were looking for photos and hoped to interview a few veterans about her trip. We had no trouble locating photos, but trying to identify the people in the pictures was difficult. If you remember Hibari's visit in 1950, please call the Club office.

Please feel free to call the Clubhouse office if you have questions about the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention. If we don't have the answer to your question, we'll be happy to find out for you.

**Occupational Hazards:** Not everything is easier with hi-tech computers. For example, most computers are capable of checking the spelling of the words which are typed. But, it is helpful only if the words you typed are in the computer's dictionary. Of course, most of the surnames in the PPP are not in the computer's dictionary, so when I run a spell-check, it stops on most of the surnames and some first names and gives a "correct" spelling. If I'm not careful, the name will be changed to the "correct" spelling. For example,

Higa becomes high, Mitsuo becomes mist, Iwai becomes Iowa, Sakae becomes sack, Aoki becomes amok, and Nosse becomes noose.

So, if you see me hanging from a high noose, don't run amok while you pack your sack and go to Iowa to enjoy the mist. You'll know that my finger pressed the wrong key!

## **AJA BASEBALL -- ETHNIC PRIDE AND TRADITION**

**by Ted Hirayama**

This is the theme of the AJA Baseball Memory Exhibit now featured at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii Historic Gallery on Beretania Street. It started on February 17 and will run through March 21.

The 100th Infantry's baseball team is featured along one wall of the exhibit. Individually featured are close-up pictures of Kenneth Kaneko and Joe Takata and Hide Yamashita in the umpire section.

Followers of AJA baseball throughout the years will enjoy the pictorial and memorabilia display covering all the Hawaiian Islands from 1898 to the present, a total of 100 years.

Coincidentally this year, even the National Hall of Fame Museum in Coopertown, New York, acknowledged Hawaii's AJA baseball.

## **ABLE CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tommy Nishioka**

Since I have no news to write about Able Chapter, I thought this would be a good time to write about a person who should be recognized for doing an outstanding job of formulating and completing the program for the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion.

During the 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion, Ann Kabasawa approached me and said "Tommy, if you and Kazuto Shimizu will Co-chair the 55<sup>th</sup> celebration, I will be more than willing to do everything possible to help lay out the program for you." With that assurance from Ann, I reluctantly accepted her offer and that is how Kazuto and I told the Board that we would accept the Co-chairmanship for the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion.

Ann called her first meeting and invited all of her key personnel whom she had assigned to each committee. At this moment I had no idea how the program would turn out, however, as the months went by, things started to take place and before long, I was very satisfied with the results. Ann had done a marvelous job and many a night she spent her own time and money going to the Publishers, to the Pacific Beach Banquet Hall, etc., etc. She decided that we should publish a souvenir booklet coinciding with the reunion showing photos of our boys during the war days and how they look today. We thought that this was a tremendous idea as we could compare the before and after looks of the boys. Ann started to lay out the format as to how the book would look like and Kazuto took it to the Board and told the Board that we are formulating a souvenir booklet with no cost to the Board. Upon looking at the finished product, I felt that it turned out better than we expected considering the minimal amount of cost incurred in publishing. My only regret is that I wished that more of the veterans had submitted their old pictures.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to Ann and the hard working committees for a job well done. In closing, I would like to quote Kazuto Shimizu as written in the synopsis of the Souvenir Booklet "It is the fond hope of this Reunion Committee that this souvenir booklet can capture the essence of comradeship that permeated this reunion, that existed for the past 50 years, that exists where ever and whenever we meet".

See all of you at the 1998 AJA VETERANS NATIONAL CONVENTION in July.

## **BAKER CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Bernard Akamine**

Our household is bursting with pride and joy due to the graduation of our grandson from Oklahoma Baptist University. We were fortunate that we were able to travel to Shawnee, OK, to attend his graduation ceremony. The unique thing at this ceremony was, as the graduate's name was called, the family members in the audience were asked to stand while the graduate walked across the stage to receive his diploma. That was an indescribable experience. After the ceremony, Tyler was up to his eyes with the lei that we brought along. He really stood out among the crowd. I guess we showed the people in Oklahoma a bit of Aloha Spirit, as Tyler shared some of the lei with his professors and classmates.

On this trip, I was suddenly surprised by a leg cramp. I have been wearing strings on my ankles ever since seeing Stu Yoshioka with strings on at our 1995 Christmas party. The strings really work to prevent leg cramps. But, the string was gone. Luckily, I had a sewing kit, so I tied a piece of thread as a replacement. When I was telling this story to a friend, he informed me that dental floss works better than string because it's stronger. So, I guess there are other people who use this method to prevent leg cramps. On this same trip, it was winter time and very cold. Traveling in a van with seven people with the windows up, and heater on, it was nice and comfortable inside. One occupant kept waving a lit match around and I curiously asked why. Answer, "to burn off the methane gas...somebody just made a fart." For me sitting in the middle seat, I did not smell anything, so it must work.

The second event involving our whole family is our grand-daughter Carolee's entry into the Cherry Blossom Queen Festival. Because she "dorms" with us while she is going to UH Manoa, it is our job to keep her healthy and keep her in the right frame of mind. We realize the tough schedule she must undergo to prepare for the pageant.

Saturday, February 14, the Clubhouse was once again "full-house" with family and friends of Robert Aoki celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Haven't seen the clubhouse so full of people in a long time (except for the reunions). The food was ono, the music flowing, and the fellowship wonderful. I had to leave early, and heard I missed the "best" part—the hula by Janet Aoki and her "hula sisters" and the rendition of "Hawaii Aloha" with piano, ukulele and Robert's harmonica accompaniment. The cute little miniature "ipu" were purchased from a gourd farm in California near where Robert's sister lives and hand-painted by his sisters' families. Lots of love and aloha all around.

Surprised to see Harry Katahara at Robert's party, attached to a portable oxygen tank. He said he came down with pneumonia just after New Year's and landed in the hospital for 5 days. The pneumonia got better, but he developed emphysema. In his good-natured way, Harry refers to the portable oxygen tank as his "bento." Because of his health, Harry "retired" from being Baker Chapter's Mutual Assistance Chair. Prexy Hajime Yamane is looking for a replacement so Harry can take it easy for a while.

Our next Baker Chapter Family Night is Sunday, April 26. Robert Aoki is Chair and Roy Nakatani will assist. Phone in your reservations to Robert or to Roy.

Our daughter Candace scolded me after the last issue of the PPP. She said her husband Karl made a whole bunch of lollipops and donated them to the Christmas party, but I did not acknowledge his donation in the last issue. Why? It wasn't on the list from the reception table because they got to the Clubhouse early and their donations were not recorded. Thank you, Karl for your hard work and talent.

At the January Baker Chapter meeting, it was moved, seconded, and approved that the Chapter reimburse China for the bread pudding he makes every month for our meetings. But, he said, "No need, that's my contribution to the chapter." Also at the meeting, the matter of decorating the graves at Punchbowl for

our Memorial Service was discussed and it was decided that we decorate the graves on Saturday morning and have lunch afterwards, the Chapter to pay for lunch.

After retiring for a few months, my wife returned to work part-time—she just couldn't stay idle, says she enjoys working on her clients' hair and it keeps her mind sharp. So, I'm Mister Mom, and do more of the cooking, now. I used to be a cook while I served in the Hawaii Army National Guard, so cooking is no problem for me, but, lately, my mind is not so sharp. I would forget something on the stove until it burns. Not to be defeated, I started using the microwave oven to do most of the cooking. Up to now, it was used mostly to heat up left-overs or to heat a cup of water for coffee. Using the microwave to cook is very safe because it turns off by itself, so no more burned food or a potential house fire. This Christmas I got a wonderful gift of a crock-pot slow cooker. With this, all the ingredients are put in and it will cook in 6 to 8 hours. There was a sign at the Clubhouse, "More Makule, More Pupule." I may be more makule, but I'm not beat, yet.

Hope to see all Bakerites and their family members at the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention in July at the Hawaii Convention Center. My daughter went on a site visit and she says it is an awesome facility.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS**

**by June Kurisu**

Belated but sincere wishes that all 100<sup>th</sup> members had a happy and opu-filling New Year's Day and managed to stay warm and not get seriously ill during the winter and are looking forward to a flowering spring and anticipating an exciting summer with days to be spent in Honolulu at the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention. Then too soon comes October when we hope everyone who can possibly make it will be in Los Angeles for the unveiling of the Monument and the luncheon before leaving for Las Vegas on the 100<sup>th</sup>'s "Winner Bus" (bus to be chartered for the Mini-reunion). We understand that our fearless leader, Ben Tagami, has invited the 442<sup>nd</sup>, MIS, and 1399<sup>th</sup> Engineers to join the 100<sup>th</sup> at the California Hotel. We can have another opportunity to see the folks we saw in Honolulu plus those who had other commitments and couldn't make it.

If our President Sam and First Lady Terri Fujikawa have been incommunicative for a spell here, it's because Terri's mother, Kane Nakamizo died in her sleep of a viral infection at Keiro. She lived a long and good life of 100 years. President Clinton sent her a congratulatory letter, the Mayor of Gardena presented her with a plaque, and she received a commendation from the Gardena City Council.

I talked to Fumi Sakato today, and she said that basically Henry is doing okay, which is good news for his former comrades-in-arms and his friends.

The 100<sup>th</sup>'s annual Valentine's Day dinner will be right on the day, February 14, which is after the press deadline, so it will be covered in the next issue. The torch has passed from Allan Dong, her father, to Beverly Picazo. She made the booking for us and planned our menu at Pacific Seafood Restaurant in Alhambra. See you there!!

Ending on a sad note – just got word that Lily Mamiya, the late Buddy's wife, passed away. She did not survive by-pass surgery. Our condolences to her family.

We sent in our registration for the AJA Veterans Convention in July. Hope to see you there, too.

## **CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Warren Iwai**

JOIN US FOR OUR MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING:

Date: March 16, Monday Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Flamingo Windward Restaurant  
Windward City Shopping Center (near intersection of Kamehameha  
Highway and Likelike Highway and Kaneohe Bay Drive) Kaneohe, Hawaii

Transportation (car pool): To join the car pool, meet at the Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m.

We are expecting a full turn out from Kaneohe, Kailua, Pearl City, and Honolulu. We will also have a chance to inspect the new H-3 and tunnels.

Our condolences to Hakaru Tao on the passing of his beloved wife, Dorothy. Hakaru, who was the transportation sergeant for Company C, now lives on Kauai.

All appears quiet and under control in the Company "C" sector. There is no report of any new sick call and those who were sick are all recovering and getting rejuvenated. The bachelors are playing it safe and not getting married, while those returning from Vegas still have a smile (or sort of) and those that are heading for Vegas, such as, the Shimizu's, the Onishi's, and the Suehiro's, are all eager and optimistic of their chances of hitting the mother-lode. So, everything is just honky-dory.

So, I'll see you at Flamingo Restaurant in Windward City Shopping Center, Kaneohe, on March 16.

LADIES CORNER: I have not received any news for this sector. It could be that they are totally exhausted from chasing the after-Christmas sale, after-New Year sale, after-Valentine's Day sale, and after-President's Day sale. Maybe we should invite them to our luncheon meeting at Flamingo.

When the first print-out of registrants came out for the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention, my name wasn't on it. But, our Executive Secretary made a phone call and received the "official" print out. So, my name and the names of about 300+ other Club 100 members and family members are listed, now. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention and at the Clubhouse.

## **F COMPANY NEWS**

**by Kenneth M. Higa**

Among the more than usual number of friends Seiso Kamishita met at Las Vegas were: Ken and Sachie Yoshimoto of Eleele, Kauai, and Satoshi and Alma Kashimoto of Aiea, Oahu. Seiso and Kay were in Vegas trying to win "big bucks" during February 2-6. Unfortunately, Lady Luck was not nice to them. A wise man once told me, "The safest way to double your dollars is simply to fold them over and put them in your wallet."

Tadao and Helen Seo are anxiously looking forward to their 13-day Alaskan cruise and land tour in May. They will sail from Vancouver to Anchorage and then travel northward to Fairbanks.

One of the many important sporting events held the past weekend was the State Boy's High School Soccer Championship at the Aloha Stadium on Saturday night, February 14. Charles and Ethel Nishimura, formerly of Honokaa, Hawaii, and now residents of Kaneohe, were among the approximately 1,800 fans witnessing the closely contested game between Moanalua and Punahou. If you see Charles strutting around like a young rooster, it is because Punahou emerged victorious by a narrow margin, 1 to 0. Charles and Ethel are the proud grandparents of Cory Tengan, a member of the "Gold Medal" team.

Update: Tetsuo Takeoka is no longer a patient at the VA Center for Aging at Tripler Hospital. The latest report is that he is in a care home in the Kalihi Valley area. Terumasa Igeta is still in the Center, but may be discharged shortly.

Reminder: The company officers for 1998 are as follows: Hakaru Taoka, President; Charles Nishimura, Vice President; Seiso Kamishita, Secretary, and Kenneth Higa, Treasurer. They were elected at last year's reunion.

The F Company function which was to be held on Friday night, July 3, at the Pagoda Hotel Iris Room in conjunction with the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention was canceled due to poor responses from the neighbor islanders. But there will be a "hospitality room" at the Clubhouse every day of the convention, so please send in your registration anyway! See you there.

Taps: Akio Kubota of Kapaa, Kauai, passed away on January 25 in Wilcox Memorial Hospital. He was the eldest brother of Takao Kubota. We extend deepest condolences to the Kubota families and relatives. May he rest in peace.

'Twas a beautiful Sunday on January 18, '98 that we gathered at Dot's to enjoy our Installation and New Year's "enkai" (banquet) with 83 members, wives, sons and daughters, their children and guests making up the crowd. Unofficially the banquet started at 10 a.m., but when the MC Kiyomi Kaneshige claimed the podium, it was almost 11. After he welcomed everyone and a moment of silence was observed and the invocation pronounced by Rev. Kenneth Higa, the time for lunch was at hand. The guests led the parade to the line with the usual "ono" spread by Dot's, and a big pot of good old chicken vege-soup put together by ex chef, Hachiro Shikamura, plus the many desserts donated by our ladies, hit the right spot for an outstanding luncheon.

After an hour of enjoying the food and fellowship, the President was called to give his New Year's address and to introduce our guests. First, he thanked Walter Iwasa for doing an outstanding job of organizing this banquet and also thanked the officers and their wives for their help in running the chapter last year. He followed this by introducing our mother club Prexy, Joe Muramatsu and his wife Katherine; our Exec Secretary Drusilla Tanaka and her husband Stanley; Hisae and Gary Yamaguchi from the Rural Chapter, 442 RCT. The lady guests received flower lei donated by Mrs. Yoshie Kubota, wife of Takao, with Kiyomi giving the lei Hawaiian style. He thanked and welcomed the widows of our members who passed away, for joining us. They were Mrs. Leatrice Dewa, Mrs. Marian Hayashi, Mrs. Midori Kanno, Mrs. Thimat Enga, Mrs. Jean Shimahara, and Mrs. Hazel Ishii. He expressed appreciation to see many of our sons and daughters and their children and they were introduced to the audience by their fathers and grandfathers. The Taoka Clan took top honors for attendance, followed by Hayashi and Saito Ohanas. You know, by having young people around, somehow it makes you feel a little younger?

A "Beyond the Call" gift was presented to Carole and Jerry Yamaki for their unselfish kokua to the chapter by opening their home for our annual picnic and also accommodating us at their conference room at the Westgate Center for our meetings.

The installation of officers was conducted by Kiyomi, after which the slate was presented to the membership and friends. The new (old) Prexy was called on to say a few words, so he called on the members to participate in our activities, so he can fill the requirements of committee reps that is needed at the mother club. There is a need for Rural Chapter representation on the Scholarship, Long Range Planning and LA Monument Fund Raising committees. Please kokua.

The banquet food delivery to our comrades that were not able to attend was handled by Harry Kamikawa, Walter Iwasa and Ted Hamasu. We thank these members very much. After a short intermission, we were entertained by Sally Nakano with a hula, "odori" (Japanese folk dance) by Kitty Hamasu, and Karaoke numbers by Sally Taoka, Gary Yamaguchi and Ted Hamasu.

The long-awaited Bingo game was started with Tamotsu Shimizu in charge. We must thank Harry for purchasing all the Bingo prizes, which he does very efficiently. We made sure that everyone received a prize by collecting the cards as they came up for their prizes. After the Bingo, we pulled lucky number door prizes until all the prizes were given away and closing time was near. We all sang "Hawaii Aloha" and "Aloha Oe," led by Kiyomi and then parted.

We'd like to thank our members, wives, and guests for their generous donations of goodies and \$\$\$.

They are M/M Furuya, 1 bag rice, 1 pack coke; M/Hamamoto, 1 case beer; M/M Hamasu, 1 case beer, 1 quilt, 2 jackets; M/M Hayashi, peanuts; M/M Higa, \$10; M/M Iwasa, 1 case 7 up, \$20; M/M Jinnohara, \$20; M/M Kamikawa, Fortune cookies, 7 box macadamia nuts; M/M Kaneshige, 2 packs coke, box tangerines; M/M Kashimoto, box Japanese cookies, coco-mochi, 3 packs saimin, paper towels, 2 box macadamia nuts; M/Kihara, \$5; M/M Kubota, 3 lei, \$20; M/M Masatsugu, \$70; M/Matsumura 2 cases beer; M/Mizunaka, sweet potato bars, soda, 7 packs popcorn; M/Mizusawa, 1 case beer; M/M Nakano, peanuts, short bread cookies; M/M Ota \$15; M/M Saito, 3 anthurium plants, \$20; M/M Shikamura, big pot of soup; M/M Shimizu, ohagi, choco candies; \$25; M/M Takeshita, 1 bucket senbei, case juice, 2 macadamia nuts; M/Tanji, case beer; M/M Taoka, andagi, \$30; M/M Tokairin, case beer, camelias, \$20; M/M Yamaki, dessert, box chocolate, \$20. We thank our guests for their most generous donations. They are M/M Muramatsu, \$25; M/M Tanaka, case soda, \$20; M/M Yamaguchi, 18 pack beer; Mrs. Thimat Enga, \$15; Mrs. Kanno, case saimin; Mrs. Ishii, \$20; Mrs. Hayashi, \$20 and \$20 to PPP.

In case I failed to mention your donations, please feel free to call me at 455-3341 in the afternoon. Some days I go golf 's why. We are very fortunate to be blessed with many members and wives who are very generous with their donations and we are extremely grateful to all. *Arigatoo gozaimashita.* (Thank you very much.)

Our next meeting will be held at Zippy's of Wahiawa on 20 March 98 from 11 a.m. See you all there. When we visited Rudy to deliver the banquet food, he needed the help from his wife to come to the door to meet us. Gambare, Rudy.

According to Walter, who took the food to James Shintaku, James has difficulty moving about and needs a wheel chair to move around the house, and needs constant attention from Alice. James, gambatte, we're all rooting for you.

Hope to see lots of Rural Chapter members at the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention in July.

## HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

by Jimmy Maeda

The Big Island AJA Veterans Council had their annual get-together on January 21, at Mina Restaurant, located in the Hilo Shopping Center. The affair was to welcome the new representatives to the council and say "thank you and good-bye" to the outgoing. George Taketa, President of the Club 100 Hawaii Chapter, will be the President of the Council. The other officers are: Motoyoshi Tanaka (Club 100), Secretary; Shige Shindo (Interpreters Club), Vice President; and George Mukai (442<sup>nd</sup>), Treasurer. Wataru Kohashi (442<sup>nd</sup>) is the out-going President.

During 1997 the major projects of the Council were building and maintenance. The work completed included: repairs to the roof, installation of tile floors and purchase of a new stove. Officers of the Sons and Daughters Club were invited to the dinner meeting. The group will be in charge of the 1998 Christmas gathering.

Question: How many Hawaii Island Chapter members are registered for the 1998 AJA National Convention at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu? Deadline is March 15.

Note: The following editorial was printed in the February 15, 1998, issue of the Hawaii Tribune Herald. Permission was received to re-print it in the PPP.

### **El Nino brings Big Islanders to their knees**

The Big Island is going through the driest of a dry spell probably in history, thanks to El Nino. Farmers are suffering from crop losses; home catchment systems are drying up and residents have to pay hundreds of dollars to water haulers to replenish their water supplies.

Unfortunately, there is no sign in sight that the dry spell will end soon. In fact, Mauna Loa Observatory Director Russell Schnell told a gathering Friday that the drought may continue to cause havoc in the next 90 days if not longer. If Schnell's prediction is true, the impact could be devastating to our island.

There is nothing we can do about El Nino, unfortunately.

However, we can at least do something to soften its impact.

First, we should strictly follow the water conservation measures declared by the county—no car washing and no lawn watering, for example.

And we must be extremely careful about fire hazards. Several hundred acres of dry grassland already have been lost to brush fire. Hazards to homes will increase as the dry spell continues.

And let's all kneel and pray for rain!

## **SONS AND DAUGHTERS TID BITS:**

We need the help of all of you for the AJA Veterans National Convention in July. Please call Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841 if you can help.

## **DOG CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Helen Nikaido**

Robert and Kay Yoshioka and Sadashi and Jane Matsunami were not at our Christmas party and it's been quite a while since I last saw them, so I gave them a buzz. Talked to Kay and it was good to hear that she and Bob are fine. They are kept busy taking care of their plants and yard. Jane says she and "Matsu" are okay. They will be going to Las Vegas on February 26. Whenever they can, they go to Las Vegas to see their son Dennis who lives there and also to try their luck. Have fun!

Ed and Kay Harada were in Las Vegas on February 4. Talked to Kay after they came home. The weather was nice and she was very lucky on the first day. She said this is the first time since they started going to Vegas twelve years ago that she hit a royal flush. She couldn't believe it, on top of that, it was all hearts, too. Congratulations! It surely was a "Happy Valentine" gift to her.

Now and then I see "Japan" and his wife, "Mit-chan" at the Kaimuki Longs or Times Supermarket. They both look good and jolly as ever. We get to reminisce of the days of Club 100 Fishing Club. I remember their children, "Rocky" and "Vicki," Bernard Akamine's children, Drusilla, Candace, and Barton when we had the outing down at Waimanalo Beach. Do you watch Channel 2 News? There's a pretty reporter named Barbara Ho. She's the daughter of "Vicki," and the granddaughter of "Japan" and "Mit-chan." I remember Richard Oki who was a good cook and very particular—he didn't want to use high heat when frying the bacon because he didn't want the bacon to curl up. We couldn't care less because we were too hungry. I learned to eat ox tail stew. I used to imagine all sorts of things about the tail, but now I just love them. Gee, those were the good ol' days.

Dog Chapter members can be proud of Michael Harada, son of Ed and Kay Harada and his part in the Brothers In Valor Monument at Fort DeRussy. The monument will be dedicated on July 4 and will coincide with the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention. Have you sent in your registration yet?

1998 One Puka Puka Tour: There will be a meeting in late March. Anyone interested in going, please call "Biffa" at 737-7008 or 946-4286. He will notify you on the date and time. The itinerary is as follows: Leave Honolulu October 8<sup>th</sup> for Tokyo. From there we will go to Karuizawa, Nagano, Zenkoji, Matsumoto, Kamikoji, Kofu, Lake Yamanaka, Mt. Fuji, Fuji 5 Lakes, Kogane-zan, Kenru boat ride, Toyohashi, Cape Irako, Toba Pearl Island, Ago Bay, Nagoya and Tokyo. Return to Honolulu on Oct. 22.

## **KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tsugi Takemoto**

I talked to Muggsy Morikawa, our President, while we waited for seats on a plane to Lihue on a Saturday. Muggsy had no news except that the next meeting is on Sunday, March 15, 1998 at 11:30 a.m. at Sizzler's. Let us all rally around and put in your opinions. I found out why Mako Takiguchi wasn't at the January meeting. He had been in and out of the hospital and was still recuperating at home.

While on Oahu, Muggsy found out that you must sign up for the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention if you want to reserve a room at the Pagoda. According to the travel agent, there are still plenty of hotel rooms available, so use the registration form that came in the mail. (Editor's note: Tsugi's right. Please wait for the next mailing from the convention planners. It should be coming real soon to you.)

Our daughter, Lei Ann, goes to a day program for the mentally retarded and learns about daily living among other things. When the resident manager asked the girls when they crossed the street what they waited for, the answer was, "when the white man comes on." (Those of you who drive or only ride probably have no idea what that means.)

## **MAUI CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Tom Nagata**

Monday, March 9, instead of Tuesday, March 3, will be our next meeting at the Tasty Crust Restaurant. We were not able to get the early date, so please pass the word to your friends. The 11 a.m. luncheon meeting will be about our budget and program for the year. Wives and widows are welcome, but due to the limited space, you will have to sit at the other tables that you occupied at our last meeting.

Mother's Day Dinner Chairman Ben Takayesu has already made a \$100 deposit at Sandy's Restaurant, 1764 Wili Pa Loop, across the street from the manju shop and restaurant run by Sam Sato. Ben has a good program for the 6 p.m. Monday evening, May 11 date, so let us all attend and enjoy ourselves.

WWII veterans returned to Hawaii with souvenirs of the war, such as foreign currency, banners, pistols, etc. The largest souvenir that I saw was in 1972 when I visited the open air museum at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. This object was the "Anzio Express" railway cannon that the enemy used to shell Nettuno Harbor and Anzio Beachhead in the spring of 1944, and later was abandoned in the Civitavecchia railyard, a seacoast harbor west of Rome that the 100th Inf. Bn. occupied after Rome was captured. Somebody from the 34th Infantry Division with enough influence had managed to bring it home to America.

**Nisei Veterans Memorial Center**  
Island of Maui

The Sons and Daughters of Club 100, 442, MIS and other Veterans of Japanese Ancestry are building the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center. This center is to recognize the Japanese American Soldiers in World War II and the Japanese in Hawaii.

This building is to be used as a Community Center as well as for all veterans groups.

The museum will display souvenir, photos, and other artifacts.

After many hours of donated service with the County Planning Commission, Hawaiian Burial Group, and the archaeological study, the ground-breaking ceremony will take place on February 26, 1998, Thursday, at 11 a.m. at Kaneloa and Pio Drive.

List of people who donated to the Memorial Center: Club 100 Maui Chapter, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Arthur S. and Amelia Kurahara, Memory of Kiyoto Tsubaki, Willie and Janet Goo, Memory of Yeiko Goya, Memory of Tadayoshi Hamasaki, Memory of Noboru Hashiro, Toshio Iwami and Family, Stanley Izumigawa, Memory of SSG Lei S. Yamashiro, Memory of Hakaru Ogawa, Johnny Miyagawa, Minoru and Lillian Murakami, Masao and Chieko Sato, Miles Shiroma and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Danny N. Sugahara, Memory of Mamoru Takabayashi, Iwao and Miyoko Takamori, Fred and Helen Yamashige, Memory of Yoji and Ricki Yasui, Memory of Jerry Miyashiro, Memory of Shiro Yamato, Memory of Kihachiro Hotta, Eichi Endo, Memory of Yoji Yasui and Douglas Otani, Katsumi Hanada, Mr. and Mrs. Yeiho Higa, Kiyoshi and Itsuko Ikeda, Haruo and Sueno Ikeuchi, Isoji Iwaishi, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Iwamoto, Masami and Hisae Kagehiro, Memory of Rokuro Kamimoto, Wataru and Setsuko Kaneshina, Torao and Yoshiko Kawano, Memory of Ed Kina, Memory of Wallace Michio Maeda, Takashi and Eleanor Masuda, Memory of Capt. Sadami Katahara, Memory of Spark M. Matsunaga, Wataru and Kay Michioka, Toshio and Mitsue Miyamoto, Tamotsu and Annette Miyoken, Charles K. and Matsuko Mizoguchi, Memory of Kaoru Moto, Tsutomu Tom Nagata, Osamu and Irene Nakagawa, Edwin and Helen M. Nakashima, Memory of Tamotsu Hanida, Kunio Ogawa, Memory of Frank Tadashi Karakawa, Goichi Shimanuki, Memory of Sunichi George Oba, Shingo and Tsuyako Takahashi, Memory of Kenichi Tokunaga, Memory of Mitsuru Ujiie, Tom T. Yamada, Tsukio and Tomiko Yamagata, Memory of PFC Kaoru Naito, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitaka Ushijima, Takeshi Omuro, Memory of Willie Nakahara, Mitsugi Moto, Richard Iriguchi, Charles Yayoshi.

Any donation toward the Memorial Center is gratefully appreciated. Thank you and Mahalo.

Masao Sato, representing Club 100, has been on the Advisory Board for the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center since 1991.



**IN MEMORIAM**



Harry Miyamoto (D)  
passed away in January 1998 in La Crosse, Wisconsin

The Club 100 Ohana extends deepest sympathy to his children and his family in Hawaii. Inurnment will take place at Punchbowl at a future date. May he rest in peace.

**CLUB 100 MARCH 1998 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

ABLE .....	Saturday, March 28 .....	8 a.m. ....	Lounge
BAKER .....	Saturday, March 21 .....	10 a.m. ....	Lounge
CHARLIE .....	Monday, March 16 .....	10 a.m. ....	Boardroom
DOG .....	no meeting in March		
HQ .....	Tuesday, March 17 .....	9:30 a.m. ....	Lounge
HAWAII .....	Thursday, March 26 .....	11 a.m. ....	AJA Veterans Hall
MAUI .....	Monday, March 9 .....	11 a.m. ....	Tasty Crust
KAUAI .....	Sunday, March 15 .....	11:30 a.m. ....	Sizzler's
RURAL .....	Friday, March 20 .....	11:00 a.m. ....	Zippy's Wahiawa
BOARD .....	Friday, March 13 .....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> .....	Boardroom
GREEN THUMB .....	Monday, March 2 .....	10 a.m. ....	Turner Hall
MEMORIAL SERVICE COM. ....	Sunday, March 8 .....	10 a.m. ....	Boardroom
CLUB 100 "BASH" COMMITTEE .....	Sunday, March 15 ...	10 a.m. ....	Boardroom
KARAOKE FUN NITE .....	Friday, March 13 .....	6 p.m. ....	Turner Hall
Sons and Daughters BOD .....	Friday, March 20 .....	7 p.m. ....	Boardroom

**Deadline for submitting news for the April 1998 issue will be on Tuesday, March 17, 1998.**

**Attention all reporters: The July issue of the PPP will be mailed on June 18. Please submit articles by June 9. We want to mail the PPP in time for the July Convention.**

The Puka Puka Parade collating will be on **Thursday, March 26, at 8:30 a.m.**, B and Rural Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower and refreshments.

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