



PUKA-PUKA

MONTHLY NEWS

# PARADE

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FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

It wasn't long ago that we members were having a parents' day event to honor our issei parents. Now, it seems that it is our turn to be honored. We just can't stop the clock from ticking away the precious hours of our lives.

On Sunday, July 24th, the Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry sponsored a "Parents Appreciation Day" celebration at the Honolulu Country Club. There were over 225 members, wives, widows, children and grandchildren present enjoying the fun and fellowship. On the serious side, the winning essays were read by their respective authors (see copies printed elsewhere in this issue) and then the audience was delighted with a Japanese dance by Louise Morikawa and Joann Toma, and the hula dancing of several daughters and grand daughters. Then to the surprise of everyone, three brave guys (Warren Yamamoto, Kevin Kabasawa and Tyler Tanaka) after only three practice sessions, rendered their version of "Holo Holo Ka'a". Our thanks to Anela Shimizu, daughter-in-law of Fred Shimizu (B) for her patience and time in teaching the hula. Following this hilarious act, Kiyo Kimura continued to keep the audience in stitches with his "witty wisdom" and "G" rated jokes.

The Sons & Daughters did a fine job of carrying on what was started many years ago by their fathers, and we sincerely thank them for remembering us.

All year we look forward to the Mini-reunion in Las Vegas, and that time is almost here again. This year, the allotted airlines seats and the hotel rooms sold out fast. Those who will be leaving from Hawaii on September 18th for the fun city are: Akira /Pat Akimoto, Yoshio Anzai, Hideo Doi, Yukimi Fujikawa, Walter/Jane Furukawa, William/Janet Goo, Shizuya/Mavis Hayashi, Edward/Kay Harada, Marshall/Margaret Higa, Roy Honbo, Richard/Mildred Hosaka, Jesse Hirata, Bessie Ichimura, Fred Kanemura, Shinichi Kamisato, Robert Katayama, Peter Kawahara, Larry/Sumiko Kodama, Arthur/Frances Komiyama, Kiyoshi Kami, John Miyagawa, Takao/Chieko Miyao, Hisako Miyashiro, Earl Miyashiro, Masato Nakae, Suelo Naganishi, Claude Naganishi, Roy/Maisie Nakamura, Ray/Aki Nosaka, Hiroshi Shimazu, Kazuto/Lynn Shimizu, Iyono Shimizu, Ken Suehiro, Goro Sumida, Kazuo/Norma Senda, Fred/Nancy Takahashi, Stanley Takahashi, Mike/Beatrice Takahashi, Makoto Takiguchi, George Taketa, Charles/Jean Tanaka, Candy Tanaka, Tom/Chieko Tanaka, Motoyoshi/Shizue Tanaka, Dorothy Tamashiro, Seiji/Kay Tanigawa, Rikio/Evelyn Tsuda, Andy Urabe, Shigeru/Kazuko Ushijima, Jerry/Carole Yamaki, Fred Yamashige, Iris Yamato, Masao Yoshioka. Joining us for the banquet will be M/M Tamotsu Shimizu, M/M Tadashi Umamoto & M/M Harry Shimizu.

The list of our mainland buddies includes Joyce Brinz and guest, Ben/Mary Doi, Michael/Gene Doi, Allen Dong & guest, Mitsi Fuchigami, Warren/Mildred Fencl, Sam/Teruko Fujikawa, May & Takaye Fujita, Louis Furushiro, Henry/Elsie Hayashi, Mas Ishida & guest, Kow/Betty Ito, Roy/Mrs. Ito, Tom/Ruth Kasai, Tom/Mary Kawano, Tak/Shiz Kimoto and Mother, Kay/Mrs Kofashi, Nora Kim, Ed Kobata & guest, George/June Kurisu, Yeiki/Mrs Matsui, Buddy/Lily Mamiya, George/Sumiye Mizuno, Tom/Virgnia Mizuno, Ken/Hisako Miya, Larry/Jean Miyasato, Ken/Yoshiko Muranaga, Mark/Amy Nakazawa, Frank/Haru Nishimura, Jim/Ruth Oda, Henry/Fumi Sakato, Harry Sasaki, Ted/Mrs. Sato, Lloyd/Chuckie Seki, T/Mrs. Semoto, Francis Shiroma, Ben/Jean Tagami, Al Takahashi, Mas/Elma Takahahi, Douglas Tanaka, George/Mei Teranishi, Ralph/Lei Wakayama, Paul/Betsy Yasaki, Aileen Yoshino & guest, Toe/Molly Yoshino, Hank Yoshitake, & Ted Yoshiwara. Also, M/M Steve Brinza

ATTENTION; If you borrowed a video tape from the office and have forgotten to return it, this is a plea for you to do so now. All of these tapes made by Kunio Fujimoto are valuable items and will be placed eventually in the Sons & Daughters Library.

## VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the Baker and Rural Chapter members and spouses, and the regular Puka Puka volunteers who turned out to collate on June 30. In alphabetical order they are: Bernard Akamine, Otomatsu Aoki, Alfred Arakaki, Richard Arakaki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Ralph Fukunaga, Ted Hamasu, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Kenneth Higa, Saburo Inamasu, Shigeru Inouye, Susumu and Hazel Ishii, Walter Iwasa, Jane Kamikawa, Ken Kaneko, Kiyomi Kaneshige, Arthur Komiyama, Walter Moriguchi, Yoshikiyo Mugitani, Isao Nadamoto, Roy Nakayama, Saburo Nishime, Tom Nishioka, Ray and Aki Nosaka, Tom Nosse, Seie and Evelyn Oshiro, Susumu Ota, Masaharu Saito, Tamotsu and Yoneko Shimizu, James Shintaku, Ken Suehiro, Stanley Takahashi, Yukio Tanji, Masasuke Toma, Tom Tsubota, Jerry and Carole Yamaki, Iris Yamato, Marie Yoneshige, and Kaoru Yonezawa.

Punchbowl volunteers for July were: K. Yonezawa and T. Onishi, R. and E. Tsuda, S. and Y. Akita, S. and H. Ishii, and R. Tsutsui and J. Yoshida.

The One Puka Puka Talk Group was asked to speak at one of the lectures arranged for the participants in the Peace Boat program. The group, in appreciation, made a \$100.00 donation, to the Sons & Daughters Scholarship Fund.

## ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

by Tom Fujise

Here is Alfred Arakaki's account of the bull fight he witnessed on his trip to France...

### Bull Fight at Arles, France

Together with friends from Marseilles, we trained in the direction of Spain, to the quaint town of Arles. Roman history goes back to the heyday of Caesar, but it was during the days of Emperor Hadrian who ordered the construction of the Amphitheatre, stages, bath houses, aqueducts--things Roman that still exist today in all its splendor and wonder.

The "Festival of Rice" an annual gala event that attracts citizens and tourists to overflowing proportions. Everyone seems to be in festive mood. The main street is closed to vehicles. Restaurants were doing their cooking out on the street. Their huge pots measuring about five-six feet in diameter, all cooking *paella*, one of the main ingredients being rice. This area is the "rice basket" of France.

Around 4pm the town started to empty. Good thing our host from Arles had purchased tickets for us way in advance. The arena was brimming with eager spectators. The top area of "standing room only" was jammed. At 5pm, a half-dozen trumpets blasted in unison. A hush settled over the arena. All eyes were on the awesome bull that charged into the arena. Filled with hate, brute force, power and everything else menacing, it glanced around, aching to gore anything and everything.

The *banderillero* that first got the bull's attention ran for dear life. He just made it to the safety of the fence steps ahead of the charging bull, whose horns sent splinters into the air upon impact with the wooden fence. Repeats of the same by the *banderilleros* brings on huge crowd reaction.

Next, two *picadors* enter the arena mounted on well-padded and blindfolded horses, armed with fancy-looking spears, something like the *naginata*. The bull charges to gore the horse. The brute force of the bull is awesome. Portions of the horse is lifted off the ground--the rider hanging on for dear life is slammed against the wall. This planned maneuver and luck saves him from

landing on the turf. Instantly the *picador* regains his balance. With all his might, he jabs the spear into a vital spot on the bull's neck. With the yanking of the spear, comes pieces of red meat plus gushes of blood. At this moment, the bull's attention is caught by the *banderilleros*. One could sense the damage done by the *picador*. The bull's speed and strength has dissipated. The bull no longer seems as menacing. Yet his fighting spirit is just as strong. The *banderilleros* run in semi-circles--bleeding the bull more profusely. The front portion of the bull is covered with blood. After many attempts they manage to stick four more short spears into the bull's neck. By this time the blood is flowing from the nose, the tongue is hanging out, the knees are wobbly and start to buckle, it has difficulty holding its head up. Every now and then he trips onto his own nose and mouth, for he has lost most of his blood and strength. The blaring of the trumpets reawakens the spectators to I dunno what. I was feeling for the bull.

The *matador*, in all his Christmas tree splendor walks into the center of the arena. He walks over to the nearly dead bull. What keeps the bull still standing? With whatever is left in him, the bull makes token charges at the *matador*. At this point, the *matador* is studying the bull's instinctive movements. About half-a-dozen '*Oles* later, more blares.

The *matador* requests permission from the judges for the act of "*coup de grace*". Granted, more blares. The *valet d'epée* approaches the *matador* with several swords from which he selects one. After several more '*Oles*, the moment of truth. The bull, four legs wobbly, barely able to keep his head above ground, makes his final token charge, is met head on by the *matador*, who without flinching, jabs his sword to the hilt, leaving only the handle visible. The bull drops to the ground inches away from the *matador*. The spectators go beserk. Everyone seems to be waving a white cloth. Minutes later one of the judges replies in this similar fashion. Pandemonium rocks the arena. Having received the gallant bull's ears for his fine performance, the *matador* circles the ring, waving his trophy, much to the spectator's delight.

To me it was no Bull Fight,... rather "bull shit". By the way, the *Paella* dish was very *'ono*.

## DOG CHAPTER NEWS

by Helen Nikaido

Stella Nakayama is doing a lot of traveling nowadays. Whenever I talk to her, she's either getting ready or got back from a trip. Recently she had gone to the west coast, got to ride the Amtrak train. Big deal, she says.

I received the following feedback from Kay Harada and Mildred Hosaka on the Dog Co. reunion in Hilo. Members arrived in Hilo on Friday, the 24th, from Maui, Kauai, and Honolulu. The early arrivals headed for the golf course while the rest went to the hotel to relax, etc. Friday nite was the friendship nite at the AJA Veterans Council Clubhouse on Haikai Street. Cocktails began at 6:00pm. Club members' wives prepared various pupus, *warabi*, *kakuma*, etc. An interesting dish was "*shirae*" made with *kakuma*. As usual, some members got lost getting tot he clubhouse. Food was catered by Kay's Kadota Drive-Inn.

Saturday nite was the banquet at the Stratton Restaurant on Banyan Drive which is walking distance from Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Cocktails began at 6:00pm and buffet dinner at 7:00pm. After dinner, Roger Kawasaki donated door prizes for all the outer island members' wives. Mrs. Larry Tanimoto donated a cake for the occasion. The rest of the evening was spent socializing with one another.

Sunday, members drove to the Veterans cemetery but were rained out. Maui members left early in the morning. The rest did their own thing till their departure time. Both Mildred and kay agreed that it was a very nice reunion, lots of barking, growling and howling.

The participants to the reunion were as follows: Hilo-- M/M Tarush Yamamoto, M/M/Motoyoshi Tanaka, M/M Takao Miyao, M/M Barney Miyazono, M/M Tsugio Kaisen and family, M/M Kodak Kodama, M/M Sanji Ishimaru, M/M Sakae Wakakura, M/M Tom Kadota, M/M Hideo Kami, M/M Harumi Mende, M/M Susumu Hata, Mrs. Larry Tanimoto, M/M Roger Kawasaki, M/M Megumi Kitano, Mr. Hachiro Kuroyama, Mr. "Thug" Yamamoto, plus Sons and

Daughters of Hilo chapter. Oahu-- M/M Conrad Tsukayama, M/M Edward Harada, M/M Kazuso Yoshioka, M/M Hiromi Urabe, M/M Jitsuri Yoshida, M/M "Doc" Hosaka, Mr. "Mahut" Kondo, Mr. Iwao Fujimori, M/M Ken Mitsunaga, Mrs. Mary Hamasaki, Mr. Wally Chinen & family, Mr. Etsuro Sekiya, Mrs. Rhoda Kawamata and sister. Maui-- Mr. Wataru Michioka, Mr. Miles Shiroma, M/M Toshio Iwami, Mr. Fred Yamashige. Kauai-- Mr. mako Takiguchi, M/M Kiyoshi Teshima, M/M Tommy Matsushige, Mr. Kazuo Senda, Mr. Maxie Mukai, M/M Kazuo Mizuno, Mr. Masao Yotsuda, Mr. Larry Sakoda, Mr. Jack Hada.

Thank you Mildred, Kay and Ed Harada. Ed gave me the list of all who were there.

Next year's reunion will be on Kauai about the end of June.

Dog chapter luncheon is tentatively scheduled for August 26th. It will be at Shogun at the Pacific Beach Hotel. When everything is finalized, you will be contacted.

"Biffa" Moriguchi's Japan Sea Coast tour meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 7:30pm at the clubhouse.

## **HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS**

**by Jimmy Maeda**

The Honorable Riki Amano, Judge of the Third Circuit Court on the Island of Hawaii will be the principal speaker at the Hawaii Chapter's annual memorial service on Sunday, September 25, at the Hawaii County Veteran's Cemetery #1, at 10:00am. The 49th Annual Memorial Service will also commemorate the first day in combat of the 100th Infantry Battalion, in southern Italy, September 29, 1943. Others participating in the service will be Mayor Stephen Yamashiro; Motoyoshi Tanaka, president of Hawaii Chapter; Yasuo Iwasaki; Hawaii County Band; and James S. Maeda.

The 2,300 grave markers at Veterans Cemeteries #1 and #2 will be decorated with anthuriums and other flowers donated by anthurium growers and shippers in Puna and the Hilo area. Club members, wives, sons and daughters, grandchildren and friends are encouraged to turn out on Saturday afternoon, September 24, at 1:00pm to help decorate the grave markers. The memorial service committee is comprised of: Yasu Iwasaki, chairman; Stanley Ushijima; Motoyoshi Tanaka; Barney Miyazono; and Jimmy Maeda.

"HAWAII GOES TO WAR"-- This is a story of Hawaii in World War II. A pictorial exhibit of life in Hawaii from Pearl Harbor onward, is on display at the Wailoa Visitors Center, located on Piopio Street in Hilo. The exhibition will continue throughout the month of July. This display is from the Bishop Museum in Honolulu. The exhibits were brought to Hilo by the following organizations and individuals: AJA Veterans Council (Club 100, 442nd and Interpreters Veterans Clubs); Ronald Higashi, Doug Beatty, Wailoa Center and Bishop Museum. The public is invited to see the exhibits.

This year 1994 is the year of many World War II anniversaries--its time to reminisce and reflect, 50th anniversary of the events.

1. The Normandy Invasion of June 6, 1944 was a significant historical event for World War II. There were many events commemorating the invasion and the people who participated in it. There was good television coverage.
2. The capture and march into Rome by the 5th Army in Italy. The 100th Infantry Bn., 34th Division, and a part in the operation of the 5th Army.
3. June 25, 1944, the battle of Belvedere, Italy, which earned the 100th Infantry Battalion its first Distinguished Unit Citation. Bill Thompson, a former member of the 442nd Regiment, had an interesting article remembering the 442nd Infantry's first day in battle.

4. Month of Novembers, veterans of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regiment, wives, children and friends travel to France and other parts of Europe to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Lost Battalion in Southern France.

You be healthy and watch for the 50th anniversary of the End of World War II in September 1995.

Our prayer of sympathy to the family members of Wallace S. Yamagata of Hilo. Wally died on July 12, at Hilo Medical Center due to illness.

## MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

by Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter's family night was held on Friday evening, July 15, at the Kahului Community Center Recreation hall. Our telephone network groups 3 and 4 under the leadership of Akira Ishikawa and Stanley Inouye worked hard with their members and wives to prepare this dinner. The chicken *hekka* dinners were cooked in four woks. There were many donations of side dishes and pastries so that by dinner time the buffet table was loaded with goodies. Chapter president John Miyagawa called on Wataru Kaneshina to bless the food, and it was grandchildren and mothers first at the buffet table. There were 24 members with wives, 5 singles, 6 sons and daughters with families, and 4 widows of former active members. The rest of the evening was spent in playing bingo with Masao Sato and Eichi Endo in charge, with Akira Ishikawa assisting.

There will be a family picnic at the Kanaha Beach Park, Kahului, on Sunday, August 14, 1994. The noon lunch and drinks will be provided by Maui Chapter, and members will be contacted for a head count before then. As usual the treasurer will appreciate the help of members in collecting the \$5.00 assessment from their families.

## HEADQUARTERS NEWS

By Gary Uchida

Toshio Kunimura recently returned from a very enjoyable 3 week trip visiting his brother-in-law in Iwakuni, Japan. The highlight of his trip was fishing for *saba* which was plentiful. He also ferried over to Sado Island which is located near Niigata. Like most visitors to Japan, he also spent a little time taking in the sights of Tokyo. Son Scott and family kept the home fires burning while he was away.

Our prayers are for Richard Hamada. He is scheduled to undergo heart surgery on Tuesday, July 12. Chest pains necessitated a physical which showed a 40% blockage in one blood vessel and 90% in another. Richard's spirits are high. He remarked that he was going to the hospital for a short while to have his batteries recharged.

July 18, 10:00 a.m. A call this morning to Richard's home brought wife July to the phone. She said that Richard came home from the hospital just 10 minutes ago and that all went well with the surgery and he is doing very nicely. With July's TLC, Richard should be able to return to his buddies on the golf course in two to three months.

## LEST WE FORGET

Memories of past events seem to grow dimmer with each passing year. This column is intended to bring to our remembrance our Headquarters buddies who crossed the threshold into the great beyond after serving their country during World War II.. We start with:

**HAROLD TAMASHIRO** He passed away in 1976 at the age of 57. Surviving him are wife Dorothy, and sons Glenn, Randy, and Neal. All are residing in Honolulu. Harold served in the HQ Message Center headed by Edward Ikuma.

Next Headquarters meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 9:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Please mark this date on your calendar now.

**BAKER CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Evelyn Tsuda**

At the risk of being labeled a quack, I'd like to give you another tip which was given to me an arthritis sufferer. If the gin and raisin remedy is not working for you, you might try mixing 2 tablespoons each of vinegar and honey in 1 cup of water and drink the concoction 3 times a day. Aches are said to vanish in one month! Another tip from one who knows: Those of you who are experiencing some difficulty walking, use a cane for support. This will prevent you from falling and also will stop people from wondering whether you have imbibed a bit too much if you're not steady on your feet.

Ten years ago, when Riki and I were in Bruyeres, we met a very charming and friendly woman named Jeanne Rupp and her equally charming daughter Isabelle. In the ensuing decade, we were able to renew our friendship with Jeanne twice in Hawaii and once in Reno at the NVR but not with Isabelle until July 16 when she arrived here with a friend for a 3 week visit. She has nothing but gratitude and respect for the men of the 100th and 442nd since her parents have told her so much about them and she also has read a lot about them; and she uses her role as a teacher to talk about the niseis. She is looking forward to visiting our club house and meeting some of the 100th men when she attends the 'ukulele class session on the 27th and the Parents' Appreciation Day brunch on the 24th (she'll be our daughter for the day). They will visit Kauai in August and we know that Mits Doi and his 100/442 friends will take good care of them. We would like to say to them *MERCI BEAUCOUP!*

I'm sure all of you have marked August 28 (Sunday) on your calendar for the family night get-together and are awaiting the final info regarding the event, so here it is:

- Cocktail.....5:00 - 5:30 P.M.
- Dinner:.....5:30 P.M.
- Cost.....Adults....\$5.00
  - Children - 12 to 17 yrs...\$2.00
  - Children under 12...free
- Bingo cards.....\$2.00 each

Donations of pupus, tsukemono, desserts and prizes for Bingo are requested. Volunteers are also needed to set up tables at 8:30 A.M. and to help in the kitchen. Please call one of the persons listed below if you can help and even if you can't help but can come for the dinner, let the person know:

- Sonsei Nakamura.....Phone 737-1027
- James Inafuku..... 595-2663
- Joe Muramatsu..... 734-0002

**CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS**

**By Warren Iwai**

CHAPTER MEETING: The July 20 meeting was attended by fourteen(14) members. Missing were Chick Miyashiro, who had just left for Wasting, Connecticut; Tad Umamoto, who had his Wednesday physical therapy; and Takeichi Onishi, who was a little under the weather. But Robert Takato was present, making his semi-annual appearance. Robert is one of the very few who are still working. His plan to retire this past June was put on hold indefinitely. Also present was Hideo Doi who just returned from Las Vegas. President Stan Akita reported that the board of directors approved a pledge to donate \$25,000. to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, payable \$5,000. per year. The "C" Chapter annual fun nite at Nuuanu Onsen is on with 60 members and guests signed up.

Dr. Kanemi Kanazawa took a trip to Japan in early June. It wasn't the usual bus tour type of trip. Instead, he took on *Nippon ichi no Fuji-san*, 3776 meters high, and the Japan Alps. He said the climbing was invigorating and the views from the top was inspiring and just breath-taking. Years ago he had by-pass surgery-- he said this climb proved it was a success. The trails on the Japan Alps were rocky and partly covered with snow-- the going was tough but each one hiked at this own pace, which made it enjoyable for all.

Kaoru Yonezawa took a ground tour of Alaska with the Kobayashi Travel tour group. He found the Alaskan pipeline and the Columbian Glacier of particular interest. Kaoru says it was a wonderful and enjoyable trip.

Seventy-one(71) members of the Akita clan gathered in Hilo for a reunion over the July 4th weekend. On Sunday, July 3rd, Stan and his grandson, Andrew Yukitomo, went fishing on a boat out in Hilo Bay. The fishes must have been celebrating too, because lo and behold there was a strike on Andy's line. Andy knew immediately he had a whopper on line. It was a battle of patience and stamina because Andy's line was a thin 16# test line. After 20 minutes of battle, with encouragement from grampa Stan, he finally landed the fish. It was an *ahi* weighing 35#! Andy was completely pooped, but happy and excited for two days.

Tadanojo Fukuda passed away peacefully on June 30. On July 7, in a simple dignified and loving service, family and friends bade Tad farewell. There were over 40 members and friends from "C" Chapter present. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Katsuko, and children Stephen, Glenn, Michael, and Julia. We'll miss Tad for sure.

Also on June 30, Mrs. Helen Nagaishi, mother of Lynn (Kazuto) Shimizu passed away. She was 91 years of age. Our deepest sympathy to Lynn and Kazuto and the Nagaishi family. A private service was held.

The next chapter meeting is on Wednesday, August 17. Come and join our summer fun.

THE LADIES CORNER: A suggestion for their September gathering... Dine at the Waioli Tea Room and visit the residence of Seiju Ifuku whose home is nearby. There you can see his collection of antiques. I'm sure you will enjoy viewing his paintings and ceramics.

### **AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A NEW PLAY ABOUT THE 100/442 "OUR HEARTS WERE TOUCHED WITH FIRE"**

The University of Hawaii's Department of Theatre and Dance is presenting a new play written by Ed Sakamoto, and directed by Glen Cannon. Part of a continuing saga of the life experiences of a Japanese-American family, this play will be performed at the Kennedy Theatre, East-West Center from November 4 through 20. Dog Chapter member Ben Tamashiro reprises his role of the patriarch of the clan, and Linda Yara, daughter of Able Company's Frank Ikehara is in charge of the costuming.

Sons and Daughters members Alan Nakamura, Warren Yamamoto, and Sharon Tanaka have worked to reserve a block of seats for Club 100 and S&D members for a matinee performance on Sunday, November 13. Light refreshments will be served following the performance. The tickets will be made available at the group rate of: \$7.00 for Students/Senior Citizens, and \$9.00 General Admission. Parking on the university campus is free on Sunday. The number of seats are limited, and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, as payment is received. If your family is interested in attending, please fill out and send in the reservation form on the last page of the Puka Puka Parade.

### **AN ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Puka Puka Parade has received unsigned inquiries from a few of our readers...It is our policy that we do not print unsigned letters or respond to anonymous inquiries through the pages of the Puka Puka Parade.



## SONS AND DAUGHTERS ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The following is the winning essay submitted by Erika Nash in the senior division. Erika attends University Lab School.

### GUILTY WITHOUT PROOF

Under the justice system in the United States, one is considered innocent until proven guilty. To assure this point, anyone accused of a crime is supposed to receive due process. The accused is entitled to know the crime he or she is charged with and be tried fairly in a court of law.

This was not the case for people of Japanese ancestry living in the United States in 1942. They were forced into prison-like camps for the "crime" of being of Japanese ancestry and living in America.

The feeling in these camps was one of disbelief that this was "America, the land of the free". If America is supposed to be free, then why were they locked up in these prisons for crimes that they did not commit?

What happened to people of Japanese ancestry during this time was the result of discrimination on a massive scale. Over 120,000 men, women and children were removed from their homes shortly after Pearl Harbor was bombed. The belief at the time was that Japanese living in the United States were the same as the enemy that attacked in the Pacific whether American citizens or aliens. Interestingly, that belief did not extend to German Americans and Italian Americans although our country was at war with Germany and Italy.

Forty-nine years after World War II, many of us think it could never happen again. We are more aware, we think, of what discrimination is. But this only gives us a false sense of security. Although not as visible or on a massive scale, discrimination is still with us.

Take minorities like Rodney King who was pulled over and beaten. The officers said he retaliated, but the video of his arrest only shows an African American being beaten by Caucasian police officers. Was there a crime committed? Was it racially linked? Questions like this remain unanswered for both Rodney King and the people of Japanese ancestry interned during World War II.

I am of African American ancestry, and my people are suspected daily of committing crimes. Assumptions like black men driving BMWs are into drugs are always being made.

Minorities are also living in a kind of prison. The ghetto is like a modern-day internment camp. Many African Americans living in such places did not commit crimes, but that is where they may always live. They were not given a choice to live there, but forced by economic disadvantages and the color of their skin.

So what happened 52 years ago can still be found in America today. We may never be free from it, but we can try to realize the damage that is done when we do not look closely enough to see if justice is really being done.

The winning essay in the junior division was submitted by Braderik Harrison of Washington Intermediate School. The title of his essay is:

### FEAR AND IGNORANCE, WILL IT EVER END?

Fear and ignorance are the breeding grounds for prejudices and discriminations. During World War II, the Japanese Americans were the recipients of the prejudice and racial discrimination that grew out of the fear of war, and ignorance of the Japanese Culture.

The Americans were very quick to be prejudiced against all Japanese people because many felt that the Japanese had provoked America's entry into the war by bombing the ships at Pearl Harbor. To them, the "enemy" had a face, and that face was the oriental and Japanese. The Japanese people looked different physically, and that made them easy to identify and easy to discriminate. Many Americans were ignorant of the Japanese Culture.

When the Japanese immigrated to the United States, they brought with them the hopes of making a new life for themselves. They were a tightly knit group, forming Japanese Clubs and Japanese Schools. This may have been one of the reasons why they were discriminated against



with the outbreak of World War II. Being that they were so close to each other, suspicion may have arisen as to where they placed their loyalties. Would not being loyal to each other mean being loyal to your native country? But little did the Americans understand, that the Japanese were not only loyal to each other, but they were loyal to their new adopted country, and that it was now their new home.

Even today, the same loyalties of their "Issei" forefathers hold true for the Japanese-Americans born in the United States, although still discriminated against because of the fortunes of Japan. Americans still don't understand that those of Japanese nationality born or naturalized, or those who choose to become citizens of the United States, are in fact Americans as are people of all other races.

Fear and ignorance are still present today, not necessarily in America, but in other countries. These factors again cause many conflicts in places like Bosnia, South Africa and Israel. People are still prejudiced against men and women who are different physically, or have different cultures or religions. Their discriminations cause injustices and ultimately, war. In a world of rapidly growing advances in technology and communications, prejudice and discrimination not only affect individual countries, but the entire world.

The opposite of fear is courage. The opposite of ignorance is education. We must use the knowledge and resources we have to educate people about our similarities and differences. We must have courage to stand up for what we know are the rights of all humankind. Education is the weapon to fight ignorance and fear, the breeding ground for prejudices and discriminations.

## **SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

A big MAHALO to Mrs. Helen Nikaido who generously donated \$50.00 to Parents Appreciation Day. Unfortunately, she couldn't be with us to share in this activity.

Our sincerest thanks go out to Ken Kaneko who donated \$100.00 to the Sons and Daughters.

Thank you so much Hachiro Shikamura for your generous donation of \$100.00.

In the last issue of Pukapuka Parade, Warren Fencil donated \$1000 to the Scholarship Fund. Well, he told his friend about the Sons and Daughters and Mr. Smith generously sent us \$50.00. Thank you very much.

Many, many thanks to the PEACE BOAT participants for their generous donation of \$100.00.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE/SURVEY**

Thank you very much for taking out the time to fill out the questionnaire/survey and mailing them back to us. However, there are still many of you out there who have not done so. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill out the survey and send it back to us. Your input is very important.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The annual Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, September 25, 1994 at Punchbowl Cemetery. On the previous day, flowers are placed on the graves of all those who passed away. We are looking for many sons and daughters and their children to help our fathers out by helping to place the flowers on the graves. Please call Louise Morikawa at 836-4880 if you can help in any way.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Apartments 301, 206 and 104 have already been painted. There are still ongoing projects such as minor repairs to plumbing and bathroom tiles. Much help is still needed so please call Amy Muroshige at 536-4177 if you can help.

## ALOHA WEEK PARADE FLOAT

The Aloha Week Parade will be on Saturday, September 24th. We will be working together with the Sons and Daughters of the 442nd RCT, 1399th and MIS on making a float for the parade. This year's theme is: *LOKOMAIKA'I---Inner graciousness, unselfish love of others. A person who is beautiful in moral or spiritual character. Someone full of kindness and courtesy. Someone with outstanding love for others.* Bank of Hawaii has generously donated money for this float. Much manpower is needed from Sept. 17th-24th to help place the thousands of flowers. If you'd like to help in any way or if you have any questions, please call Warren Yamamoto at 732-5216 or Ann Kabasawa at 734-0841.

## FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

By the time you receive this issue of Pukapuka Parade, VONNIE TURNER will be recuperating at Tripler Hospital following surgery. We all wish her well and the very best for a speedy recovery.

## PARENTS APPRECIATION DAY

It was so nice to see all of you at our First Parents Appreciation Day. It was also nice to see so many new faces. We hope that you will be able to attend more activities.

With the expertise of MC Bert Turner, everything went smoothly. Calvert Hung gave a beautiful invocation. Scholarship recipients Bryan Sakuoka (1993) and Kimberly Anne Fukuda (1994) received certificates from Ann Ishida-Ho and Essay Winners, Grace Yamamoto (1993), Braderik Harrison (1994) and Jennifer Saito (1994) received certificates from Neilson Sato. The Japanese Dancers, Louise Morikawa and Joann Toma did a couple of beautiful dances. Sons and daughters Drusilla Tanaka, Warren Yamamoto, Amy Muroshige, Audrey Mizushima, Sarah Swisher and grandchildren Tyler and Carolee Tanaka, Karen Swisher, Stefanie Mizushima and Kevin Kabasawa danced the hula. The guys even received a "hana hou" from the audience. Pauline Sato's Icebreaker game was fun and helped many to meet other people. Kiyoko Kimura did a wonderful job of making the guests laugh and with his beautiful voice, led all of us in Hawaii Aloha.

**MAHALO! MAHALO! MAHALO!** to all those who helped to make this First Parents Appreciation Day a big success:

Ann Ishida-Ho, Bert Turner, Calvert Hung, Alison Akamine, Jan Nadamoto, Vicki and Christine Ho, Sarah and Karen Swisher, Mel Inouye, Jonathan Nosaka, Arlene Sato, Kay, Audrey, Roy, Stefanie and Jon Mizushima, Michele Fujisawa, Kaydi Ichimura-Yonaha, Avin and Maryann Oshiro, Gary Saito, Drusilla, Tyler and Carolee Tanaka, Anela Shimizu, Kevin Kabasawa, Warren Yamamoto, Shawna Aoki, Neilson Sato, Louise Morikawa, Joann Toma and Kiyoko Kimura and Pauline Sato. Many, many thanks to all those who so generously donated their baked goods.

Most of all thank you to all our "PARENTS" for your continued support and for making this event possible.

The bake sale at the Parents Appreciation Brunch was a huge success. The money raised will be used to fund the various Sons and Daughters projects. Mahalo to Kay Mizushima and Lorna Fukushima for helping to organize this. Thanks to the following persons donated *ono* things for the Parents Appreciation Day Bake Sale: Audrey Mizushima--Mochi cake; Kay Mizushima--Banana Bread; Joyce Doi--Cookies; Vonnie Turner-- Brownies; Mavis Hayashi-- Boiled peanuts; Kay Okimoto-- Puffed Rice; Sandy Ishida-- Cookies; Lois Lee--Cupcakes; Coleen Nakatsu-- Cookies, Muffins, and Energy Bars; Drusilla Tanaka--Mochi; Arlene Sato-- Sekihan; Linda Maehara-- Cereal Mix; Joanne Kai-- Cookies; Allison Akamine-- Cookies; Sara Swisher-- Banana-Pineapple Loaves; Hisako Miyashiro-- Cookies; Judy Sakuoka-- Pound Cake, Cookies; Candace Sakuda-- Lollipops, Cookies; Priscilla Hirose-- Cake.

**ARMY DAY**

Due to unexpected circumstances, Army Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 15 at Fort Shafter Flats, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help man the exhibit booths, as well as to assist with a variety of other activities. The 100/442 Reserve is planning a number of stations at which your family can learn how today's Army trains. As there is no UH football game that day, we hope many of you can come and participate. Please call Louise Morikawa at 836-4880, or at 594-4040 (days) to tell her you're coming!

**OUR HEARTS WERE TOUCHED WITH FIRE.....**

Please see associated article on page 7 of the this issue. Payment must be received in full, in order to reserve the seat.

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Date: Sunday, November 13, 2:00pm  
 Place: Kennedy Theatre, University of Hawaii at Manoa  
 Cost: \$9.00 General Admission  
 \$7.00 Students/Senior Citizens

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Total No. of Tickets	_____	Amount Due		_____

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 I can help with serving refreshements \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB 100 AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABLE.....Saturday, August 27.....8 am.....Lounge  
 BAKER.....Saturday, August 20.....1 pm.....Lounge  
                     Sunday, August 28.....5 pm.....Family Nite  
 CHARLIE.....Wednesday, August 17.....10 am.....Boardroom  
 DOG.....Saturday, August 20.....8 am.....Boardroom  
 HQ.....Tuesday, September 13.....9:30 am.....Lounge  
 HAWAII.....49th Annual Memorial Service  
 KAUAI.....Sunday, August 14.....12 noon.....Green Garden Restaurant  
 MAUI.....Sunday, August 14.....Family Picnic  
 MAINLAND.....  
 RURAL.....No Meeting This Month  
 BOARD.....Thursday, August 11.....7 pm.....Boardroom  
 DANCE CLASS.....Saturday, August 27.....6 pm.....Turner Hall  
 GREEN THUMBS.....Monday, August 1.....7 pm.....Turner Hall  
 S & D BOARD.....Friday, August 5.....Boardroom

Next Puka Puka Parade collating will be on Thursday, August 25, 1994, at 8:30am. CHARLIE and ABLE Chapters are responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

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