

100TH INFANTRY BATTALION VETERANS CLUB



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FROM THE EDITORS' PUKA

By Ray and Aki Nosaka

"For Auld Lang Syne, We'll take a cup of kindness yet, for Auld Lang Syne"

HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR !!!

Another precious year, 1993, has come to a close, and we are left with wonderful memories, some sad and touching, some happy and heartwarming, but, never to be forgotten. We should all be with grateful hearts for having had the opportunity to live, love, and to give of ourselves as well as to share with others what has been given to us.

We feel that again this resolution for the new year is worth repeating again-- "I am not going to sit back all day. Rather, I will diversify my time with reading, gardening, relaxing and enjoying what life has to offer each day. We cannot change yesterday, but we can change tomorrow. AGE is not only about getting older, but is a state of mind. If we keep our minds and bodies active, we will remain young in mind and heart".

In this year of the Dog, Club 100 will be celebrating its' 52nd anniversary. Our prayer for the incoming officers is that they will work together, listen and respect each others opinions, be patient, and mostly that they will be granted wisdom in making their decisions.

By the time you read this, you will have already received a ballot for the election of the 1994 officers. The results will be printed in the next issue.

On December 5th, after the rewarding experience of visiting and caroling for some club members who are confined in care homes and hospitals, we all returned to the clubhouse for the Sons and Daughters Christmas party. Please read more about this event in the article submitted by the Sons/Daughters.

We want to thank the following volunteers for coming out on November 26th to collate: Bernard Akamine, Stanley and Yukie Akita, Otomatsu Aoki, Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Edward Ikuma, Isamu Inouye, Yutaka and Sally Inouye, Gladys Kawakami, Arthur Komiyama, Susumu Kunishige, Walter Moriguchi, Yoshikiyo Mugitani, Tom Nakamura, Hideshi and Beatrice Niimi, Tom Nishioka, Takeichi Onishi, Seie and Evelyn Oshiro, Kazuto Shimizu, Ken Suehiro, Stanley Takahashi, Kiyoshi and Gertrude Uyeno, Iris Yamato, Marie Yoneshige and Kaoru and Sadako Yonezawa.

Mahalo to the following for donations to Club 100:

Tuesday Craft Class - \$60.00	Thursday Karaoke Class - \$100.00
Betty Fujita(Richard) 200.00	May Fujita (Monte) 100.00
Warrem Fencl 25.00	Rhoda Kawamata(Charlie) 250.00
M/M Ben Miyake (A) 50.00	Margaret Morikawa 10.00

Donations to the Puka Puka Parade:

Hazel Yokata(Yukio) \$20.00	Abraham Alapai \$ 50.00
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Also, many thanks to M/M Ralph Okuma for the Christmas walnuts and to Shigeru Inouye for the paper goods.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS

By Hank Yoshitake

(This was meant for the December issue but was received too late)

As promised, the October 17 - 21 mini reunion at the Four Queens in Las Vegas turned out to be another "great reunion." With 250 attending, a superb job was turned in by President Sam Fujikawa and Chairman Ben Tagami in organizing two banquets, two golf tournaments and the ever popular and bustling Hospitality Room. Many thanks must go to the ladies that made sushi at home, and to everyone that pitched in to help in the Room; to Mas Abe, Shig Nagao and Kay Kobashi for the fresh fruits; Mike and Gene Doi for the Georgia peanuts; Tom and Gladys Tsuda for the Matsutake; for the monetary donations from Don Miyada, Yeiki Matsui, Lou Furushiro, Toe Yoshino, Ted Yoshiwara, Frank Nishimura, Ben Katagawa, Tamotsu Shimizu, Tom Ibaraki, Masaru Hamada, Paul Yasaki, Kazuo Sato, Goro Sumida, Warren Fencl, Sada Matsunami, George Teranishi, Arthur Komiyama and Kazuto Shimizu. Thanks to all of you.

At our big Tuesday evening banquet, the Club 100 emblem and a pair of dice from the Casino was passed out. The program was opened with a warm welcome being extended by Sam Fujikawa, followed by the invocation being sung by Ray Nosaka's Holoholo singers from Hawaii. A sumptuous buffet dinner was enjoyed by all with many going up for seconds. Young Kim gave us an update on the 100/422/MIS World War II Veterans Monument, and President Ray Nosaka of Club 100 Hawaii filled us in with Mother Club activities. Entertainment was furnished by friends from M Company, 442, and the Club 100 Holoholo singers. Singing and hula dancing with some joke telling took place before the ever popular Karaoke entertainers took over. Toe Yoshino, Ted Ohira, Amy Tsuji, Arthur Komiyama, Chester Hada, Betty Tomishige and Yori Inouye had everyone clapping and smiling with their renditions. The evening came to a close with the Holoholo singers leading everybody into the singing of Auld Lang Syne and Aloha Oe.

The next evening was spent at a deluxe Chinese restaurant trying to finish off a ten course dinner. This was quite a treat. Thanks to our connoisseur of foods, Allen Dong.

The golfers spent Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the Painted Desert course with Hawaii and Mainlanders being paired together. Scores were high, but after a few beers at the 19th hole, everyone was in good spirits.

We all missed Hershey and Terry Miyamura who were attending a Medal of Honor banquet in South Carolina.

We didn't hear of any big winners, but there were many happy losers. The reunion ended with a promise to return September 18 - 22, 1994, again to the Four Queens.

At the November 20th Chapter meeting, donations to the Club Treasury by Sue Hashimoto, in memory of Tad, and Yeiki Matsui were acknowledged. Ray Kamikawa (A) and George Miyama (B, Hq) passed away and we send our condolences to their families. Club 100 will be in charge of the reverse raffle for 1994 with monies raised going towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall. Tickets again will be \$75.00 with only 150 to be sold. This activity is the only fund raiser put on the the 100/422 Veterans Association so we are encouraged to help by buying a ticket. The Installation of Officers for the year 1994 will be held on January 22, 1994 at the Torrance Holiday Inn Hotel with 3 tables being reserved for our chapter.

Ray and Aki Nosaka were in town over the Thanksgiving week visiting Aki's mother and family. Ray is arranging a trip in October 1994 to the 50th Anniversary Celebration in Bruyeres so we asked him to give a presentation of the tour to the Chapter and Association. It seems that there are enough people interested in taking this tour, so Ray will work on the itinerary and keep us informed and updated. Anyone interested can contact Sam Fujikawa or Hank Yoshitake.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

By Jimmy Maeda

"Here we are at the most wonderful of all seasons--Christmas and the New Years! This is the one time we can sample the entire range of human emotion and sentiment; the fun, laughter, and joy; the humility, gratitude and love; the excitement, hope and anticipation".

We reflect on the preceding year, evaluate ourselves and our progress and look ahead toward better things to come; improved progress, fuller happiness, more meaningful relationships and ultimate peace with ourselves and with others.

Hawaii Chapter End-of-the-year/Christmas get together was held on Sunday, December 12, at the AJA Veterans Memorial Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The affair was well attended by members, wives, sons and daughters, and grandchildren. There were about 130 persons in attendance. Our thanks to Kazuma Taguchi for doing another excellent job for a successful project. The time was enjoyed playing bingo, door prizes and fellowship. We were happy to see Walter Kadota present and enjoying the fellowship. Also present was Larry Tanimoto with his wife. Guests for the gathering this year were the sons and daughters and grandchildren of the following members: Masao Fujimoto (son), Bunny Miyazono (daughter) Shigeru Ushijima (daughter); Taku Okajima (son); Motoyoshi Tanaka (daughter); Tsuion Kaisen (son); and Winston, son of deceased member Mac Towata. The committee thanks all donors of desserts and other food. Thanks to Isami (Chako) Mayahara for the boxes of juicy and sweet tangelo. We know that you had to out in the rain to pick those fruits. To the Enomotos of Volcano our thanks for the beautiful autumn colored leaves and branches. To Roger Kawasaki for the donation of door prizes.

Commendation: Our thanks to the members of the State House of Representative for the resolution commending Hawaii Chapter for their 50th Anniversary memorial service held on September 26, commemorating the first day in combat in Italy during World War II.

1994 Hawaii Chapter Officers: Election of new officers was held as part of the business at the get together on December 12. The officers, all re-elected were: Motoyoshi Tanaka, President; Toshimitsu Kondo, Vice-President; Eugene Eguchi, Secretary; Roger Kawasaki, Treasurer; Tatsumi Yamamoto, Auditor; Shigeru Ushijima, Historian.

Our thanks to re-elected officers for agreeing to serve again. Installation luncheon will be held in January, at the Fuji Restaurant-date undecided at this time..

Our mahalo, thanks, arigato to all where ever you are for taking time out to read the Puka Puka Parade each month and to those persons volunteering to get the PPP collated and mailed-our thanks to you all.

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.!

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

By Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter's biggest social event of the year was our annual Christmas Installation party. The teppan-yaki dinner was held at the Maui Palms Hotel dining room longhouse on Thursday evening,

December 16. Jack Gushiken was the hardworking chairman and he was ably assisted by his wife, Sue. Satoji Arisumi was the MC for the program and also installing officer. Wataru Kaneshina said grace, and led the invited guests up to the delicious buffet tables laden with ono kaukau. After dinner program included installation of officers who were: John Miyagawa, President; Tom Yamada, 1st Vice-President; Jack Gushiken, 2nd Vice-president; Edward Nishihara, Secretary; Tom Nagata, Treasurer; Miles Shiroma, Director. Outgoing president Ben Takayesu presented his report of the year and incoming president John Miyagawa asked for the members' support for the coming year. Singing of Christmas carols was led by Lillian Maeda and John Miyagawa. Door prizes were given out by Jack Gushiken and bingo was played with Akira Ishikawa and Masao Sato in charge.

Our get-well wishes go to Yeiho Higa who was recently hospitalized in Honolulu following surgery.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS

By Tsugi Takemoto

In November, I left on the 10th to visit in Los Angeles, Minneapolis and San Francisco and thought I would write Kauai news when I reached Minneapolis. Seeing too many friends and being dined lunch and dinner, the spirit is willing but that is as far as I got.

November 6 was the Veterans Day Parade in Lihue. There were 17 of Kauai's group who showed up. It was the largest of all the units. The vets marching were Larry Sakoda, Bunkichi Matsuyoshi, Wally Takemoto, Kazu Senda, Muggsy Morikawa, Fusetsu Miyazaki and Jack Hada.

The talents of Bunkichi showed up. He had made a large replica of the 100th emblem and also company pennants carried by the marchers. A truck driven by Matsuyoshi carried the Colors and was intended for those who needed a ride, but it remained empty. Also marching were the Sons and Daughters which included those from the 442nd, and I was pleased to see Ann Kabasawa and Laura Morita from Honolulu who had brought over the T-shirts for all to wear. Among the locals were Janice Ishibashi and son, Michael, Ken Morikawa, Lane Tokita and wife, Trudy Senda, and grandchildren of Roy Nakayama, Steve and Sheila Nakayama.

Kauai Resort Alii Room was the setting for the annual Christmas luncheon on December 19. Food was delicious and it was nice to see a few sons and daughters there. As I was busy with another group, I did not get to talk to anyone. I do know that Ann Kabasawa came from Honolulu and also present were Janice Ishibashi and son, Ken Morikawa, Gale Okara, daughter of Yatsuji Nakagawa, and Grand daughter of Hisa Shimatsu. All Kauai needs are more Anns and Janices. How to generate the younger group will be a challenge. Kazue Kawamoto, Dorothy Matsushige and Doris Shimabukuro were the committee in charge and they also donated the bingo prizes. Fifty six attended and that is the biggest crowd yet.

The sansei thought it odd that all the men sat at one table and the women at another. I have always wondered about that too. One explanation could be it goes back to the olden days when the women walked three steps behind. Not me. The liberated women of today are showing their independence.

A short business meeting was held. Kungo Iwai was elected President. Carrying on with him are Larry Sakoda, Vice-president; Tsugi Takemoto, secretary and Maxie Mukai, treasurer. Congratulations to the new officers. Larry says he cannot be president as he has a hearing problem. He forgets that all of us are getting older and that I have a hearing problem too.

Sadao and Kazue Kawamoto went to Las Vegas from December 5 to 10 and as Kazue said, she didn't deposit it all.

I hope that I don't have to take another trip to Minneapolis in winter again. Of course, I was the only one who thought it was cold. Fortunately, my daughter-in-law had Lei Ann's and my winter jackets which we left 21 years ago. Also a friend brought out my winter coat. Good thing I have not put on any weight as the clothes still fit.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS

By Ken Suehiro

HQ Chapter Christmas party was all okay. We had a total of 190 attending--140 adults (33 HQ members, 15 Medics members, spouses and widows, our sons and daughters) and 50 minor children. Gary Uchida said grace before dinner.

Our buffet table was loaded, thanks to Arthur Tamashiro and his helpers S. Taba, C. Miyashiro, Y. Mugitani, A. Akimoto, M. Takahashi, Earl and Carol Yasui, Dot Tamashiro, Frances Okazaki, Pat Akimoto and others who came dressed for the party but who rolled up their sleeves and helped.

M.C. was Dan Uchida with Robin Otagaki taking over the second half as M.C. and game coordinator. There was a little mix up on who was to be Santa. I had asked Randy Ikawa who was all set to act his part when I learned that Robin had asked his "hakuji" friend to play Santa. A Haole Santa is more "real" looking so Randy graciously withdrew.

James Yoshida, magician, put on his great show and our singers gave us our favorite carols under the leadership of Ms Hirano.

Time flew so fast, especially giving out the prizes that we had to forego our Bingo games. Times Market (Wally Teruya) generously donated paper bags full of groceries, as he does each year, for the HQ members.

There were so many cash donations, as well as merchandise, that I am not listing them. Please be certain that we in HQ do appreciate your donations and help.

There are some widows who did not attend. I would like to suggest that if you live near a widow, how about offering a ride to our Christmas party next year, or to any event coming up during the year.

This issue will not be on time, but our next meeting is on December 21st, Tuesday, 9:30 A.M.

HELP--I need news about our members. I know we are all becoming absent minded and hard of hearing, but nothing wrong otherwise! And we aren't as strong as in the past, but if you have any news, please give me a call.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS

By Warren Iwai

AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU-- HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

First of all we wish to thank the officers of "C" Chapter for their devotion to their duties and their generous contribution of time for our benefit. These officers served in 1992 and 1993 and have graciously consent to serve for the year 1994. They are: President, Stanley Akita; Vice-President, Hideshi Niimi; Secretary, Kiyoshi Uyeno; Treasurer, Kazuto Shimizu.

Our resolve for 1994 is to support our officers by attending the monthly meetings and contributing our ideas and talents for the good of the Club, which is us.

The last social event on our calendar for 1993 was the annual Christmas party held on the 19th of December at the clubhouse with 100 adults and children present. There was plenty of "ono kaukau"--all you can eat and oodles of delicious desserts. Glenn Bailey, the magician, put on an entertaining show for the children. He asked several children to help him in the magic tricks and all the kids just stepped right up to get in the act. The Santa Claus was a pleasant surprise. No one seemed to know who was playing the part, but his friendly personality just filled the part perfectly. I found out the next day that it was Nealson Sato, husband of Arlene Sato, chairperson of the Christmas party. The carol singing was led by Noreen Hada Hung assisted by her hubby, Calvert, with their baby in his arms. A happy and jolly mood prevailed throughout the evening and I'm sure everyone went home with the feeling of Christmas. Someone said, "Life begins as a quest of the child for the man and ends as a journey by the man to rediscover the child". So it is with the men of the 100th who are journeying to rediscover the child on this Christmas celebration.

The people who made this party possible are: Arlene Sato, Chairperson; Nealson Sato, Hideshi and Beatrice Niimi, and the many volunteers pitching in with helping hands. Also, the many donors who generously contributed so much that we can truly say it was a bountiful Christmas celebration.

IN RETROSPECT: We lost five former members of Co."C" in 1993, namely; Al Arakaki, Cream Hiramoto, Morio Kidani, Kenso Fukuhara and Kenzo Endo. We will miss them all, especially Al and Cream who were active members of Charlie Chapter

It is now 1994, the year of the DOG. So doggone it, lets all look ahead to the future. Someone said, "There is nothing more sad or glorious than generations changing hands". Let's make ours a glorious time!

GOOD NEWS: George "Oscar" Miyashiro came through his hernia surgery with flying colors and is in fine shape. Rusty Nakagawa's hand has healed completely and he is exercising it so he can tie fishing knots again. Robert Hashimoto had a little problem finding the clubhouse for the Christmas party, but he made it safely. This next piece of good news is the new Charlie Chapter Life Membership. For \$30.00 you can beacome a life member. This is a bargain for you, and is good for the Club, because it stabilizes the membership. So as th4 first good deed to yourself, write a check for \$30.00, payable to Co, "C" Club 100 and mail it to Kazuto Shimizu; 2650 E. Manoa Road, Honolulu, Hi 96822, or bring it with you to our meeting on January 17th.

If you are ono for manju, like I am, go to any Longs Store or Marukai and buy "ONO MANJU" made by Eric and Kathy Tokunaga (son and daughter-in-law of Mike and Betty Tokunaga).

FOR THE LADIES ONLY:

The ladies have planned a gathering on January 24th at the residence of Doris Kimura, 3849 Old Pali Road, Honolulu. It will be a casual bento-lunch gathering, beginning at 10:30 A.M. If you are interested in attending this social and have not been contacted, please call Lynn Shimizu at 988-3937, or Betty Iwai at 734-0348, by January 17th.

The next chapter meeting is on January 17, 10:00 A.M. at the clubhouse. Let's start the new year right -- lets all be there.

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS

By Tom Fujise

Here is the official list of men elected to lead Able chapter in 1994: President, Don Matsuda; Vice-President, Isamu Inouye; Secretary, Tommy Nishioka; Treasurer, Susumu Kunishige.

Christmas is associated with poinsettias. In the recent issue of the Hawaii Herald there is an interesting article featuring a son of Able Chapter member, Kazuo Kamemoto. We often wondered why at every Christmas party the center pieces were those colorful poinsettias. Now I know. Kazuo's son Larry grows them by the thousands with loving hands and markets the plants at Christmas time. Those who won them at our party should read the article in Hawaii Herald. It will make you appreciate the plant more. Besides, next year you can point with pride and say "see that poinsettia plant--I grew that plant". It's nice to see Kazuo and Tsuruyo take time off from their busy schedule of caring for the poinsettias to attend this Christmas party.

The 1993 Christmas party was a big success. Able Chapter never had a party like this for a long time. With over 180 people crowding the hall, with a musical performance by the grandsons and granddaughters, we can look forward to seeing some rising stars in the entertainment world. Hereafter, us old has beens can just sit and enjoy our reward by listening and seeing the happy young children around us.

Monetary donations were received from: Alfred Arakaki, Saburo Hasegawa, Tokuihi Hayashi, Seian Hokama, Gladys Kawakami, Susumu Kunishige, Tetsuo Tateishi.

Food donations: Kunio Fujimoto, Tom Fujise, Shizuya Hayashi, Tom Ibaraki, Tokio Ige, Yutaka Inouye, Mrs. S. Yamagata, Yoshimasa Suyama, James Ishimoto, Fred Morihara, Margaret Morikawa, Ruth Oki, Betsy Saito, Robert Sato, Goro Sumida, Fred Takayama.

Merchandise donations: Richard Ishimoto, Kazuo Kamemoto, Walter Moriguchi, Tom Nishioka, Avin Oshiro, Tadayoshi Sato, Tsugio Tsuru.

If any names have been overlooked, please excuse.

Adding to the merriment and success of this party were: James Ishimoto on the harmonica, Cheryl Yamaguchi, singing and dancing, Barbara Nishioka, queen of the kitchen, and the Sons and Daughters under the direction of Louise Morikawa.

SHINNEN OMEDETO GOZAIMASU

DOG CHAPTER NEWS

By Helen Nikaido

My apologies to "Lefty" Tanigawa's wife, Kinuye "Kay" for somehow missing your name on the Hokkaido group tour. My goodness, Lefty would be lost without you. Hope that I didn't miss any other names.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Rhoda Kawamata, daughters, Joyce and Vicki, and family on the passing of their beloved husband, father, grandpa, brother Masao "Charlie". Charlie passed away on November 8th.

Remember the good old days when our parents used the durham (tobacco) bag on the kitchen faucet? Kay Harada makes the little bags for the club kitchen faucet. You notice that you don't get water splashing all over?

Dog Chapter's Christmas party, co-chaired by "Doc" Hosaka and Ed Harade assisted by the sons and daughters, was held on December 17th at the clubhouse. We had 80 adults and 20 plus grandchildren. We had catered food from Jerry and Carole Yamaki's Leeward Drive Inn. The food was plentiful and delicious. Their complimentary tsukemono (kim chee, pickled onion, cucumber and egg plant) was real ono. Thanks a lot, Jerry and Carole. We had guessing games (gotta squeeze your brains for the answers) and bingo. Being Friday night, no one rushed to go home.

It was nice to see Rhoda and daughters with their children at the party. As always, Rhoda brought the oama (fish) for pupu which was so good.

Our thanks and appreciation to the following sons and daughters for their help: Bruce & Jeannie Hosaka, Cline & Eva (Hosaka) Ardo, Annette Harada, Pat Tsutsui, Janice (Tsutsui) Oshiro, Michael Harada, Paul Nakayama an Arthur Nakayama.

Cline said the grace, Bruce took care of parking at the Ala Wai School, Jeannie made the Santa Claus centerpieces, Annette was in charge of the children's games, Michael (Santa Claus), Pat and Janice bought the prizes and took care of the program, Paul and Arthur tended the bar, and Eva and Jeannie were a great help in the kitchen. I'm sure everyone had a joyous time, especially the old doggies who didn't have to lift a finger but just eat and relax. Thanks also to the ladies helping in the kitchen--Mildred Hosaka, Rhoda Kawamata, Kay Yoshioka, Stella Nakayama, Kay Harada and Helen Nikaido.

Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations: Mr. Okuma, walnuts; Ken Suehiro, opihi & raw fish; Kay Harada, 2 pumpkin pies, chips, pupus, gifts; Kay Yoshioka, jello; Eva Hosaka, jello cream cake; Bruce & Jeannie Hosaka, Santa & candies; Mary Hamasaki, fortune cookies; Mildred Yoshida, blueberry cream cheese pie; Rhoda Kawamata, oama; Ruth Tsutsui, mochi; Helen Nikaido, baklava, pupu, coffee, pream, cups, spoons; Florence Mitsunaga, chocolate cake; Katsumi Hara, can of cookies; Itsuto & Kay Okamoto, can of cookies, cake; Kiyoshi & Alice Kami, sachet, 2 12 pk soda; Conrad & Yoshi Tsukayama, rubber slippers, party mix; Saburo Nishime, bingo prizes; Rupert Ishimara, bottle V.O; Martin & Dorothy Tohara, cup cakes, wine; "Bolo" Masaki, energy bars; Eric Okasaki, 4 UH caps, 1 UH shirt, 1 UH sweat shirt; Ralph & Janice Oshiro, bags of rice, jello mold, pop corn; Tami Hara, toilet paper holder; Tommy Nishioka, tako & fish pupu; "Fuzzy" Fujimori, 1 doz paper towels. Hope I didn't miss anyone's name--if I did, please complain to Kay Harada who was responsible for listing the donations.

Dog Chapter officers for 1994 are: President, Itsuto Okamoto; Vice-President, Saburo Nishime, Secretary, Mary Hamasaki; Treasurer, Conrad Tsukayama. Please support your new president. Come to the meetings--it's just once a month. Not many more years to enjoy your fellow comrades, you know. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU. KEEP WELL AND DO TAKE CARE.

RURAL CHAPTER CHATTER

By Ted M. Hamasu

Hey, dey going to put out one mo PPP for da year, so when I bin tell you Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year las month was little too early, yea? I wish dey can make up my mind for me.

We had a chapter meeting at Dots on 19 November from 11 AM and had a really good turn out of 30 members and wives. Keep up the good work, Ruralites, that was "shaka". We had lunch before the meeting, so I ordered "Oyako Domburi" and I thought it was "ono". After lunch, the prexy Masaharu Saito called the meeting to order. Secretary Walter Iwasa and Treasurer Jerry Yamaki made their reports that was accepted by the members. Since election of officers was on the agenda, Ted Hamasu, the nomination committee chairman, made a motion that we have the same officers with a change in the Vice-Presidency to Kiyomi Kaneshige, to service another year. The motion was unanimously approved by the membership and accepted by the nominees. A proposal was made by the prexy to have a program chairman for the coming year., so we can have guest speakers, etc at our bi-monthly meetings. Tamotsu Shimizu was nominated and accepted by position. Ted Hamasu moved that we have a chairman for the coming installation banquet on 16 January 1994. He was nominated to fill that post. The cost of the banquet was approved at \$15.00/perso by the members.

REMINDER: Don't forget your Chapter dues of \$50.00 as Life Time member of Rural Chapter so that our hard working treasurer won't have to chase after the dues from next year, and your Mother Chapter dues is \$10.00 for those that are not Life Time Members.

T'is the time to be jolly and merry, but let us not forget our sick comrades. Let us hope and pray that the afflictions will be cured real soon. In closing da year 1993, I wish all you a MELE KALIKIMAKA HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU. MAY ALL YOU GOOD RESOLUTIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR BECOME A REALITY. GOKIGEN YOO

FOX COMPANY NEWS

By Kenneth M. Higa

Turkey time hop: Beatrice and I took a hop to Kauai on Tuesday morning, November 20, to spend Thanksgiving with relatives and friends. Conversely, Sadao and Kazue Kawamoto of Lihue hung up the "closed" sign on their barber shop door on Tuesday afternoon, November 23, and they took a hop to Honolulu to celebrate Thanksgiving with their daughter and family.

For the Kawamotos, Thursday, November 25th was a very special Thanksgiving day because it was also Sadao's and their daughter's birthdays. Their ages? All I can say is that Sadao is thirty years older than his daughter. We wish both of them many more happy birthdays.

As for the Higas, we spent Thanksgiving day eating and eating. Saburo and Rose Ibara, our long-time friends of Waimea, invited us to have lunch with their clan at the youngest son's residence located adjacent to their nearly completed 2 story house. Of all their six children, the oldest son was the only one missing at the party. Bea and I wanted so much to see him because he was the ring bearer at our wedding.

There were lots of pupus, salads, main dishes, and desserts, but Bea and I had to refrain from eating to our hearts' content because we were scheduled to have dinner with the Yoshimoto clan at Bea's late brother's home. By the way, Rose Ibara is Kenneth Zaima's sister. Kenneth served with Dog Company of the 100th.

Chance Meeting: Whenever Bea and I take a trip to Kauai to visit our old home town, Kekaha, we always stop by in Hanapepe for lunch. This time, I had a pleasant surprise. Just as we were about to go in the restaurant, a familiar looking guy came out. He was Kiyoshi Teshima, another former "dog face" of Dog Co. Kenneth Zaima, Kiyo and I were inducted in the army in the fourth draft on November 14, 1941, and Kiyo and I were tent mates at Tent City, Schofield Barracks. We chatted for a while before Bea and I went into the restaurant for a bite and Kiyo went home which was located not too far from the restaurant. While we were munching away, Kiyo came back to "talk some more story" and to secretly pay for our lunch. Kiyo, thank you very much for your generosity and also for inviting us to drop by your place for a "few", but so sorry, we didn't have the time to do so.

On the mend: On Tuesday evening, December 7, Hakaru Taoka had to take his wife Sally to Wahiawa General Hospital because she was having intensive pains in the abdominal area. Early next morning, she had to undergo surgery due to an infection of the gallbladder due to gall stones. After a weeks stay in the hospital, she is now recuperating at home. We wish her a speedy recovery. Take care and have a wonderful holiday season.

1994 Year of the Dog: Some of the things said about Dog people are that they possess good characteristic traits, such as loyalty, honesty, and a "tight lip", that is, they can keep secrets. On the other hand, they can be selfish and stubborn. They get along best with Horse, Tiger and Rabbit year people so

these make the best marriage partners. Dog people get along worst with the Dragon and Sheep year people.

KUNG HEE FAT CHOY!!!! HAPPY NEAR YEAR!!!!

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS

By Evelyn Tsuda

Everyone agrees that this year's Christmas party was a rousing success, thanks to Ann Kabasawa, chairperson and her committee members, Jonathan Nosaka, who was the emcee for the festive evening, Amy Muroshige, Sarah (Yoneshige) Swisher, Neal Nakayama and Drusilla (Akamine) Tanaka, all sons and daughters of the veterans. The turnout was terrific and extra tables had to be set up to accommodate the overflow crowd.

Over 150 persons enjoyed a scrumptious dinner of roast turkey with stuffing and gravy and baked ham prepared by our master chef Robert Aoki. Robert's kitchen crew (Aki Nosaka, Frances Sakoki, Stella Tanigawa, Elaine Nakamura, Marie Yoneshige, Evelyn Tsuda) prepared the other items on the menu. Then there were the delicious chicken katsu and chicken soup prepared by former Baker Co. cook Hachiro Shikamura and donated by Shikamura, John Kihara and Jesse Hirata. Other ono side dishes included Stella Tanigawa's tsukemono, Iris Yamato's poke and Amy Muroshige's pupu drumettes. Delicious desserts and other food items were donated by Dean Nakayama (4 pies which he personally baked on Kauai), Jessie Nakayama, Mrs. Choriki Shimabuku, Fumi Iha, Marian Katahara Tanabe, Marie Yoneshige, Takeo Azama, Drusilla Tanaka, Roy Nakatani and Ken Kaneko.

While the oldtimers were busy in the kitchen, the youngsters kept the attendees busy with various contests. Gilmore Ching, son-in-law of Harry Katahara was the winner of the guess-the-number-of-corn-kernels contest. There were over 9,000 kernels in a jar and Gilmore's guess was off by "only" 500! Lisa Shimasu-Bolibol, daughter of Hiroshi Shimazu, won the sniffing contest. Her keen sense of smell sniffed out 14 of 20 scents. There was also a contest to see who could make the most beautiful tree ornament out of scrap materials. The most talented were: Pre-school to K, Rex Katahara; Grades 1-3, Lauren Nakamura; Grades 4-6, Jamie Murakami; Grades 7-12, Carolee Tanaka; College age, Cecilee Tanaka; S & D Roberta Muranaka; Vets & wives, Michi Kadowaki. Thank you to all those who so generously donated their "trash" which became beautiful ornaments!!

Whata's a Christmas party without the enactment of the Nativity? Amy Muroshige and Cecilee Tanaka (granddaughter of Bernard Akamine) narrated the events and the Baker ukulele group sang the carols while the following sons and grandchildren acted out the roles: Tiffany Lee (Sakae Tanigawa), Kevin Kabasawa (Nosaka), Karen Swisher (Yoneshige), Alvin & Rex Katahara (Katahara), Richard, Jessica and Lauren Nakamura (Sonsei Nakamura), Carolee Tanaka (Akamine), and Megan Muramatsu (Muramatsu). Choriki Shimabuku, Jesse Hirata and John Kihara were great as the three wise men. This enactment was a 3 generation effort and it was beautifully done; but the 3 wise (?) men stole the show when they had to struggle to stand up from their sitting positions. Many, many thanks to all of you who participated.

Entertainment was also provided by Taryn Yonaha, granddaughter of the late Torao Ichimura, who danced the hula; and Sheila Nakayama, granddaughter of Roy, who sang Jingle Bell Rock. They both performed like regular troupers. Community singing was led by the ululele group.

The most popular guy with the youngsters was, of course, the bearded fellow in the red suit. Conrad Kurahara again did an excellent job as Santa and kept the children (and adults as well) enraptured with his stories of the North Pole.

The evening ended with the distribution of door prizes galore. Yasu Takata's daughter Glenda, a ceramist, donated many beautiful and unusual ceramic pieces; and other door prizes and cash were donated by Robert Sakoki, Roy Nakayama, Robert Arakaki, Ken Muroshige, Louise Katahara-Ching, Tom Tsubota, Sonsei Nakamura, Sakae Tanigawa, Choriki Shimabuku, Conrad Kurahara, John Kihara, Jesse Hirata, Hachiro Shikamura, Ken Iha, Bessie Ichimura, Hiroshi Shimazu, Fred Shimizu, Hiromi Fujimura, Robert Aoki, Hajime Kodama, James Inafuku, Judy Nakamura, Tokuji Ono, Bernard Akamine, Marie Yoneshige, Yoshio Hirose, China Yamashina, Joe Muramatsu and Hazel Yokota in memory of Yukio. We even received from our California friends--cash from Tom Kasai and dried sliced persimmons from Henry Hayashi.

We wish to thank all of you for your donations and if we have failed to mention your name, please forgive us for the inadvertence. Sometimes our system of keeping track breaks down.

It was wonderful to see Yasu Takata at the party looking so well. He says the chemotherapy he's undergoing has ruined his appetite but we are happy that he's feeling well enough to visit his daughter Glenda and her husband who recently moved to Oregon. Please take care, Yasu.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Janet Aoki, who recently underwent angioplasty. We missed you at the party, Janet, and sorry that you missed the solo performed by your great granddaughter Shawna.

During the happy hour at the party, President Joe Muramatsu called a brief meeting of the members for the specific purpose of electing the club officers for 1994. I never saw an election accomplished so fast. The incumbents were "re-elected". In addition to Joe, the officers are Fred Kanemura, Vice-President; Tom Tsubota, Secretary; Isao Nadamoto, Treasurer.

Our deepest sympathy to Ted Hirayama and family on the passing of his beloved wife.

Club 100 has many talented (or lucky) golfers and the latest to join the list of aces is Robert Takashige, who shot his first hole-in-one ever at HICC on Dec 13 during an outing of the Century Golf Club. Congratulations, Bob!!

On 11/18/93, our ukulele group, as a community service, entertained the patients at Island Nursing Home, with the help of several members of the 442nd ukulele group. It was so gratifying to see some of the patients react to the familiar songs and they always seem to enjoy the hula dances performed by Aki Nosaka and the 442nd dancers. To get the patients in the Christmas mood, we also sang some Christmas tunes and distributed some goody bags.
REMINDER TO THE UKULELE GROUP: Classes will resume on January 12, 1994.

OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU! 1994 is the year of the Dog. According to the Asian Zodiac, a person born in the year of the Dog is honest, intelligent and straightforward. He has a deep sense of loyalty and a passion for justice and fair play, is usually animated and attractive and will exude sex appeal, is generally amiable and unpretentious and likes to meet others halfway, is always willing to listen to reason and can be counted on to do his share. Wow, those born in 1922 must be terrific! If you were born in that year, study yourself carefully and see whether you fit those personality traits.

(Editor's note: Since I am a Dog year person, I find it very interesting to read what is said about us. After what Kenneth Higa had to say in his news "Dog people get along worst with the Dragon year people"--Ray is a Dragon, and we just recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Goes to show that we just have to take all of this with a grain of salt. Aki).

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

A BIG MAHALO to WARREN FENCL for his generous donation of \$50.00 towards the ONE PUKA PUKA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP.

A most gracious THANK YOU to HACHIRO SHIKAMURA for his generous donation of \$100.00 towards the ONE PUKA PUKA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP. His grandson, Brian Sakaoka, was the first recipient of this award.

Our deepest THANKS goes to MARGARET NASU (long-term tenant at the Club 100 Apartment) for her generous donation of \$25.00 to the Sons and Daughters' Christmas party. The Family Choir sang to her while she was confined at Straub Clinic.

Christmas Party

About 100 sons and daughters, including their families, began celebrating the Christmas season by attending the Christmas party on December 5, 1993. There was good food, good friends and good fun. Entertainment was provided by Jonathan Nosaka and his band, Vu Ja De. Their musical trivia game was a blast (to the past). The children enjoyed hitting the pinata and getting presents from the bearded one or in our case, the goated one. The evening closed with lucky numbers, a Club 100 tradition. THANK YOU to everyone who attended--your presence made the party a success!!

MAHALO NUI LOA to all who donated pupus, desserts, and/or door prizes--they were very much appreciated: Joyce Doi, Mel Inouye, Anne Ishida-Ho, Ann Kabasawa, Hisako Miyashiro, Amy Muroshige, Nancy Nakamura, Arlene Sato, Pauline Sato, Sarah Swisher, Art Tamashiro, Thomas Tsubota, Warren Yamamoto, Iris Yamato, Phyllis Yamauchi, Aki Nosaka and anyone else whose name may have unintentionally been overlooked.

A NUTRITION SEMINAR is being scheduled for February. More details will be in the next Puka Puka Parade.

FAMILY CAMP AT MALAEKAHANA ON MAY 27, 28, 29, 1994

Sons and Daughters will be having a family camp at the Malaekahana cabins (between Turtle Bay and Kahuku) on the Memorial Day weekend on May 27, 28 and 29. The camp is for all ages and you have a choice to camp out in tent or sleep in the 6 bedroom cabin. There will be a fee assess for the use of the facility; cost will be forthcoming. ONLY 50 CAMPERS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED SO IT IS FIRST COME FOR RESERVATIONS. You may also be a day camper and spend the day with us. If you are able to help us plan the camp or would like to reserve a space please call Sandy Abelaye (235-0685) or Sharon Tanaka (946-9707).

ONE PUKA PUKA SCHOLARSHIP

Information packets will be mailed to students who are interested in applying for the Second Annual One Puka Puka Achievement Scholarship of \$1500.00. The packets will be mailed out in January. This award will be given at the 52nd Anniversary Banquet of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Please write to: Club 100
520 Kamoku Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Attn: Education Committee for the One Puka Puka Achievement
Scholarship

The following article was submitted by Warren Fencil with the following comment: "The Nisei Warrior tells me that a Nisei doesn't have to be in the 100th, 442nd or the MIS to be a hero. It's in their blood, and it's not only an up hill climb, it's a cliff climber. It really burns my okole that the AJAs were and still are in some cases being so wrongfully treated--DAMN, I get mad! The Nisei Warrior was in the Kankakee Il. Journal Aug 1, 1993. I wonder how Kuroki would have liked being in the 100th Battation?"

THE NISEI WARRIOR

Japanese-American Ben Kuroki survived the Ploesti raid, but just getting there was more than half the battle.

The Air Corps didn't want him. Eight Air Force crews refused to fly with him. He was, after all, Japanese.

That the Nebraska truck-farmer braved the racism then raging in the land, for the "privilege" of possibly burning to death in some Ploesti street, trapped in the wreckage of his plane, is testament enough to a rare strain of patriotism.

But for Kuroki, the path to Ploesti was strewn with roadblocks and rejection, as battle historians James Dugan and Carroll Stewart recount in their marvelous history Ploesti, The Great Ground-Air Battle of 1 August, 1943.

Kuroki volunteered for the air corps on the day Pearl Harbor was bombed.

"He beseiged the Army and was accepted for a "nonsensative" clerk's job in the infant Traveling Circus group, whose members shunned him."

When the Army cut orders to ship the Circus to England, Kuroki's name was omitted from the roster.

Kuroki pleaded with command to be allowed to ship out. Finally, after a tearful appeal to Gen. Ted Timberlake, Kuroki was allowed to ship-out on the Queen Elizabeth, where he scrubbed pots and pans and slept on coiled deck lines.

In England his treatment was no better. Still shunned, he nevertheless managed to sneak into air gunnery classes, finally graduating with top qualifications. But it wasn't until pilot Jake Epting needed a last minute replacement to ride top turret in Tupelo Lass, that Kuroki finally caught a break.

As Dugan and Stewart wrote: "The Nisei warrior soon demolished the 'yellow man' prejudice by his deeds in combat.

Acclaimed to be one of the best gunners in the Eighth Air Force, Kuroki was shot down in Algeria shortly before the Ploesti raid, but managed to escape through Spain and Portugal to rejoin the Circus in England.

He went on to become one of the most decorated sergeants of World War II and is believe to be the only enlisted man to fight in three theaters of war.

He finished the war as gunner aboard a B-29, flying against his ancestral homeland.

But the war changed Kuroki, and with its conclusion he declined a return to truck farming and, instead, began publishing a newspaper in York, Nebraska. A later stint as city editor on daily papers in Idaho and Nebraska led to his becoming editor-publisher of the Williamston, Mich. Enterprise.

Thank you, Warren for sending us this article. It's good to be reminded of some of the things people did to make this a better world for us. Editors

CLUB 100 SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1994

ABLE.....Saturday, January 22, 1994.....Lounge.....8:00am
BAKER.....Saturday, January 15, 1994.....Lounge.....1:00pm
CHARLIE.....Monday, January 17, 1994.....Lounge.....10:00am
DOG.....Saturday, January 15, 1994.....Lounge.....8:00am
HEADQUARTERS....Tuesday, January 18, 1994.....Lounge.....9:30am
RURAL.....Sunday, January 16, 1994.....Dot's.....
Installation Banquet
HAWAII.....Installation Luncheon.....date to be decided
SO. CALIFORNIA...Saturday, January 22, 1994....Torrance Holiday Inn
Installation Banquet
SONS & DAUGHTERS....Friday, January 14, 1994....Boardroom....6:30pm
BOARD MEETING....Thursday, January 13, 1994....Board Room...7:00pm
GREEN THUMBS.....Monday, January 3, 1994.....Hall.....7:15pm
DANCE CLASS.....Friday, December 31, 1993.....Hall.....7:00pm
NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Collating for the next Puka Puka Parade will be on Thursday, January 27, 1994. HDQTRS, DOG, AND MEDICS are responsible for the manpower and refreshments.

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