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Halloween Luncheon

Haruo Shigezawa, our Aloha Chapter Program Chairman, has confirmed our 11:30 AM, October 31st, luncheon meeting at Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter.

For this luncheon meeting, we've made arrangements to have **Scott J. Gardner**, of **Scott Gardner & Co., LLC**, give a presentation on preparing for Medicaid assistance for long term care.

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The company's president, **Scott J. Gardner**, contributes 18 years of healthcare experience. His healthcare career began with 10 years at the Queen's Medical Center.

Scott is the lead Medicaid Financial Consultant. He will explain in detail during his brief presentation the procedures for obtaining Medicaid assistance after Medicare coverage is exhausted. He will be prepared to answer any questions our aging members may have. He will also have some handouts for review after the luncheon, the Reservation Form for which is on page 7. Mert



Twinning 2008

Twinning 2008 brought together 14 members and their families from the Southern Nevada Chapter, MOAA, located in Las Vegas, Nevada, and members and spouses of our Aloha Chapter during the period 18-22 September 2008. It was the third visit to Hawaii and our chapter for our Las Vegas friends, having been here previously in 2002 and 2005.

Preliminary Twinning discussions were held earlier this year between Twinning Coordinators **Jack Taylor** of Las Vegas and our chapter's **Les Ihara** who were the originators of the only Twinning Program among all MOAA chapters. The former stated that they wanted to visit



Les Ihara, Immediate Past President, Aloha Chapter, and **Tommy Thompson**, Immediate Past President, Southern Nevada Chapter, exchanging gifts. Aloha Chapter member **Harold Kuwahara** in foreground.

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ended up taking a flight direct to Maui on Saturday, September 13th, remaining on the island until the early afternoon of the 18th.

Our chapter's involvement in Twinning 2008 began with their arrival in Honolulu where each visitor was presented an orchid lei and volunteer drivers from our chapter transported them to the Hale Koa Hotel where they were to remain until the 22nd. Mahalo goes to volunteer drivers **Walter Kinoshita, Les Ihara, Joe Magaldi, and Vernon Von.**

That evening, volunteer chapter drivers assisted in transporting our visitors to the Oahu Veterans Center for a joint meeting. The evening's affair began with a variety of wines and soft drinks available to all attendees, including 35 from our chapter, who got to make new friends and renew friendships originated during earlier twinning events.

Before dinner, **President Joe Magaldi** opened the joint meeting and welcomed our visitors from Las Vegas. They were then all introduced and presented with "goodie bags" from our chapter. In addition, all their members were presented with a small memento of Twinning 2008 - a small wooden carving of Diamond Head with a coconut tree behind it, with a gold plate engraved with "Twinning 2008, MOAA, Aloha-Southern Nevada, September 18, 2008". After that, their Immediate Past President **Tommy Thompson** was recognized as their chapter spokesperson, expressing their feelings about their visit to Hawaii.



Joe Magaldi, President, Aloha Chapter, and Tommy Thompson, Immediate Past President, Southern Nevada Chapter, enjoying a humorous moment during the introductions before dinner.

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Presumptive Board of Directors

The slate of nominees for our Aloha Chapter Board of Directors for the years 2009 & 2010 that was published in the September 2008 issue of the chapter newsletter did not comply with requirements of the chapter's by laws. The nominating committee reconvened and selected the following to be new directors:

LTG Allen Ono, Army

MAJ Larry Enomoto, USAF

LTC Robert Kozuki, Army

LTCOL Vernon Von, USAF, and

Ms Mitzi Austen, Auxiliary

Chapter members will be asked to vote for these new directors at the 19 November 2008 general meeting at that time addition nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The present board members who will carry over from 2008 into 2009 are; **COL Walter Kinoshita**, Army; **CAPT Jerry Lesperance**, USCG; and **LCDR Mark Webster**, USNR.

The present board members who will NOT carry over to 2009 are: **BG C. Mert Agena**, Army; **BG Haruo Shigezawa**, Army; **COL Joseph Magaldi**, USMC; **Ms Anna Blackwell**, Auxiliary; and **COL Leroy Perry**, USAF.

Any member having comments or questions on the above are invited to contact **Jerry Lesperance** at JLesperance@Hawaii.rr.com or at 488-5205.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 19, 2008 (Sunday)	1 PM, Bridge Bunch gathering at Fahrini residence. Host: Phyllis Williams
Oct. 27, 2008	Golf Outing, Navy/Marine Golf Course
Oct. 31, 2008 (Friday)	11:30 AM, Luncheon Meeting, Hale Ikena. Topic: Medicaid coverage
Nov. 19, 2008 (Wednesday)	11:30 AM, Annual Elections of Chapter Officers Luncheon Meeting, Hale Ikena
Dec. 9, 2008 (Tuesday)	6:00 PM, Hawaii Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner, Hale Koa Hotel
Dec. 10, 2008 (Wednesday)	6:00 PM, Aloha Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner, Hale Koa Hotel

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Leaping Forward to 2009

The Merrie Ladies will meet for lunch on Monday, November 3rd, to plan their activities for 2009. We will meet at Gyotaku Restaurant in Waimalu at 11:30 AM. Please come for a time of good food, good fun and good fellowship. Bring your ideas of what kinds of activities you would like to see happen in 2009. Call **Charlene Towne** at 623-9731 or **Marion Von** at 732-3908 to make your reservations. Hope to see you there! Marion

main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts and cookies and candy. A handy alphabetical index adds to the ease of use. You will enjoy reading the names of contributors who proudly and generously share their tried and true recipes.

Imagine the delight as you recommend that your gift recipients try friend **Alice Fujiwara**'s "Burger Tofu with Oyster Sauce" or the special "East West Stir Fry" by **Wesley Fong**. You may suggest "Chicken Somewhat Luau" by **Anna Blackwell** or "Nari's Overnight Chicken Enchilada Bake" from **Mary Cho**. Two more yummy recipes that you cannot resist are "Warm Walnut Prune Cake" from **Charlene Towne** and **Esther Takenaka**'s "Butter Crunch Jell-O Cream Cake."

Please send your order and check made payable to "**Merrie Ladies of Hawaii**" (\$10.00 per copy, tax included) to **Evelyn Ono**, 2027 Keeumoku Street, Honolulu HI 96822. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis until the inventory is exhausted.

Books purchased may be picked up at a location, date and time to be specified. Purchasers will be individually notified of pick up arrangements.

For more information, please contact **Evelyn** at 536-6043 or by e-mail at onoa002@hawaii.rr.com.

Merrie Ladies Offer a Perfect Holiday Gift

Today is a great day to order copies of the wonderful 2008 cookbook "Sharing Our Best" by the Aloha Chapter's **Merrie Ladies** of Hawaii for use as holiday gifts to relatives, neighbors and friends.

The cookbook is a limited special edition at the bargain price of \$10.00 per copy with 132 pages filled with personal recipes from 84 members and spouses and organized for easy reference under seven main headings of appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes,

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The dinner, with main entrees consisting of teriyaki beef, Mahi-mahi, and chicken, was catered along with potato macaroni salad and some “andagi”. In addition, there was Chinese chicken salad was prepared by **Shirley Ihara**. For dessert, there was a Twining 2008 decorated dessert cake.

After dinner, **Les Ihara** introduced the evening’s guest speaker, **Janet Eli**, President/CEO, Alzheimer’s Association, Aloha Chapter. **Janet Eli** was our guest speaker at one of our meetings last year when she made an interesting and entertaining presentation about Alzheimer’s disease. She actually conducted an interesting workshop called “**Maintain Your Brain.**” Her audio-visual presentation again was spiced with humor and interesting facts, with the focus on how important keeping active—brain-wise and physically—was to “growing old happy and gracefully.” She was presented with a Mahalo Memento by President **Joe Magaldi** for her enlightening and entertaining presentation.

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Proposed Amendment to Chapter Bylaws

The Aloha Chapter’s 2008 nominating committee found that the regulation that a maximum number of members of any one military service that may serve as chapter directors, as stated in the bylaws, is too restrictive. That committee recommends, and the board of directors concurs, that the membership at the 19 November annual business meeting vote on the following proposed bylaw amendment:

In Art. IX, Sec. 2, first sentence, change the last word from three (3) to four (4).

To provide context for you, the first two sections of Art IX “Board of Directors” currently reads:

“Section 1. There shall be a board of directors, composed of not more than nine (9) members elected by the Chapter members. If eligible members are available, each of the following services shall be represented on the board by at least one member from the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and one representing the Coast Guard, NOAA and USPHS. In addition, the board shall include a member representing the auxiliary and may include a director elected at large.

Section 2. “When the total number of members of one service is greater than two or more times the combined totals of the smallest three (3) categories above, that service shall be entitled to as many board members as the number of times it is greater, subject to a maximum “

A two-thirds vote is required to amend the bylaws.

Jerry 

Recruit A New Member!

Your Aloha Chapter is always looking for new members—active duty, retirees, and auxiliary members, all are welcome and will enjoy the camaraderie of the Aloha Chapter. Make it your goal to recruit at least one new member in 2008. Cut out the Membership Application on Page 7 to give to a prospective member..

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

Aloha Chapter's Party Bridge Session in September was hosted by our newest Auxiliary member, **Coralie Vellis**, at her recently remodeled home in Aina Haina on Sunday, the 14th. Four tables of bridge were played that afternoon and the sixteen participants were treated to a variety of refreshments and "ono" food prepared by **Coralie**.

After five rounds of play, the top scorer was a surprised **Shirley Ihara**, the Program Coordinator, with her first top score this year. Other top scorers recognized were, in descending order: **Gary Jensen**, guest player **Rosemary Naylor**, **Lois Luehring**, and **Rosemary's** husband, **Chuck Naylor**. Uncharacteristically, no slams were made again.

Others who spent the afternoon playing party bridge were **Anna Blackwell**, **Bill & Trudi Ernst**, **Les Ihara**, **Bev Jensen**, **Dave Luehring**, **Dan Matthews**, **Harriet Weissman**, **Phyllis Williams**, and guest **Hazel Theodore**.



Seated, left to right, Chuck Naylor, Lois Luehring, Rosemary Naylor and Shirley Ihara. Standing, Gary Jensen and hostess Coralie Vellis.

The next party bridge session will be held at the **Fahrni** residence on Sunday, October 19th, beginning at 1 PM. Hosting the session will be **Phyllis Williams**. All those interested in participating are asked to contact **Phyllis** at 422-1049 or by e-mail to phylwms@hawaii.rr.com not later than the weekend prior to October's session.

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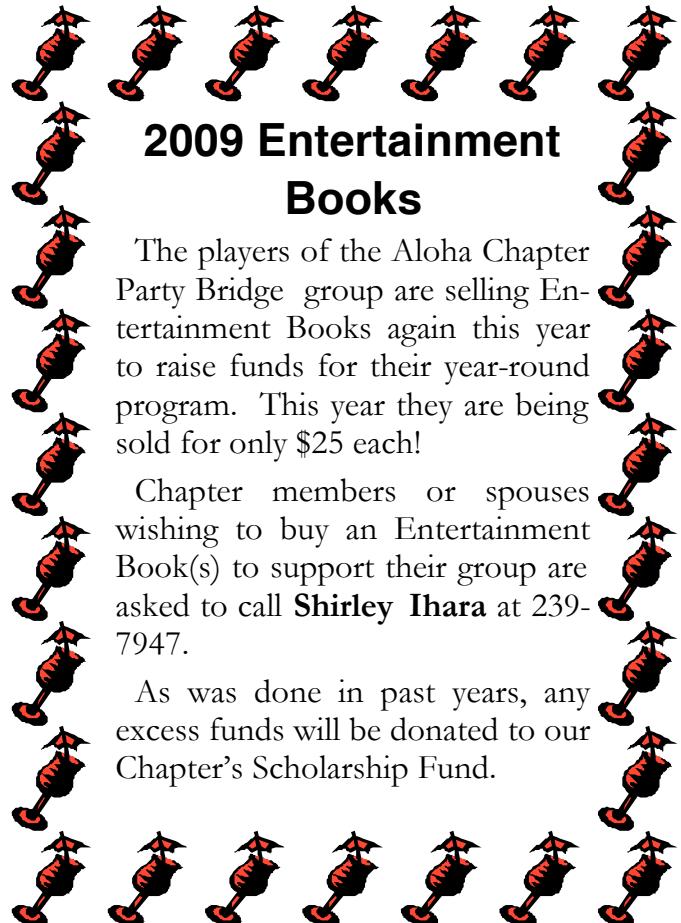
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2009 Entertainment Books

The players of the Aloha Chapter Party Bridge group are selling Entertainment Books again this year to raise funds for their year-round program. This year they are being sold for only \$25 each!

Chapter members or spouses wishing to buy an Entertainment Book(s) to support their group are asked to call **Shirley Ihara** at 239-7947.

As was done in past years, any excess funds will be donated to our Chapter's Scholarship Fund.



Norm Fujiwara

September Golf Report

What luck, I hope we will be running out of that "lucky to come Hawaii, golf weather." What a beautiful day we had for a day of golf without a hint of possible rain. There were twenty-four players signed up to play on Monday,

September 29th, at Leilehua Golf Course, but during the last week we lost four of them for various reasons, including yours truly. However, as I mentioned, the weather was just beautiful when the first group of **Allen Ono, Bob Kozuki, Marvin Baum** and **Ken Munechika** led off the group at the first tee. When the last group of **Curtis Lee, Larry Enomoto** and **Ken Yamada** finished up the 18th hole, the weather had thankfully remained just wonderful.

Sandwiched between these two groups were



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Gordon Cho and his guest **John Holmes**, Vernon Von and **Jack Bohman**, followed by **Walter Kinoshita** and his guest **Kerry Kiyabu**, **Ron Katto** and **Leroy Perry**, and in the subsequent group were **Joe Kuroda** with his guests, his niece **Eleanor**, and **Taka** and **Tomi Kurokawa**.

Administering the "blind partner procedure," we had the following players taking home the mega jackpot awards: In fourth place we had the team of **Walt Kinoshita** and **Gordon Cho**, in third place we had the two **Kens, Yamada** and **Munechika**, the second place finishers were **Ron Katto** and **Allen Ono**, and, in first place the overall winner was **Jack Bohman**, who was his own partner, so he luckily kept the entire jackpot.

Now for our thought of the day. "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame." (Ed note: *Currently and ceaselessly, this seems particularly applicable to our dysfunctional Congress....*)

Our next golf outing will be on Monday the 27th of October at the Navy/Marine Golf course. A sign-up notice will be forthcoming.

Aloha and good golfing,
Norm



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Janet Eli, President, Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, getting set up for her presentation with the help of Joe Magaldi, President, Aloha Chapter, MOAA. Wes Fong and Yuriko Enomoto, foreground, are busy enjoying their dinner

The evening's twinning affair would not have been complete without the humor and songs by our own **Joe Kuroda** who had done the same during Twinning 2007 in Las Vegas. **Joe** had attendees singing, **Twinning concluded Page 7**

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which created a warm and festive atmosphere that evening. Several chapter members and spouses assisted in making the joint meeting a reality and success. Besides President Joe Magaldi, Joe Kuroda and Les & Shirley Ihara, they included: Cedric Chong, Norm & Alice Fujiwara, Bob & Mazie Kozuki, Harold Kuwahara, Herb Nakagawa, Evelyn Ono, Hal & Esther Takenaka, Wes and Linda Fong and Mark and Helene Webster.

Although our visitors had a free day on Saturday the 20th, they were all transported to the Ihara residence in Kaneohe in the evening for a casual get-together with chapter leaders and those who participated in or assisted in prior Twining activities. It was a time to maximize the benefits of the Twining Program with more personal and one-on-one conversations between new and old friends and discussing plans for our next Twining in Las Vegas.

A heart-felt and big MAHALO! is extended to all the members and spouses of both chapters who helped in Twining 2008!



Aloha Chapter, MOAA

RESERVATION FORM

Buffet Luncheon Meeting

(Hawaii Chapter Invited to Attend)

11:30 AM, Friday, October 31, 2008

Hale Ikena

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Guest Speaker: Scott J. Gardner,

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Topic: Medicaid

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

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