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## Christmas Party

Thirty-seven Aloha Chapter members and guests—including charter life member **Nari Hamlin**, who came all of the way from Jacksonville, FL—had a fabulous, festive, and fulfilling luau in the Kalia Room of the Hale Koa Hotel on Friday, December 10, 2010.

For several years we've had our Christmas parties in the Laulima Rooms on the second floor of the Hale Koa Hotel. For our party this year we were assigned to the Kalia Room on the first floor. This change was overwhelmingly accepted and welcomed by the membership. Accordingly, we have reserved this more spacious room again for our Christmas dinner party this December.

Five round tables seating eight were set up with two big pineapple centerpieces on each table. It was quickly ascertained that each pineapple contained sliced pineapple rings that could be easily skewered with the toothpicks arranged on the outside of the pineapple.

That pupu enjoyed during the cocktail hour of joyful holiday greetings and conversations was soon followed by a treat of a sumptuous dinner of Hawaiian delicacies, specifically, a cucumber papaya salad, lomi lomi, poi, seaweed salad, kalua pig, sautéed mahi mahi, shoyu chicken, teriyaki beef, char siu, fried rice, sweet potato, banana fritter, haupia, coconut cake, and coffee and tea.



Our postprandial treat was an approximate 20-minute talk by **Teri Okita**, daughter of life member **Hal Okita** and **Rowena Okita**. Teri



*After dinner and a gift exchange, the party ended with the singing of Christmas carols led by **Vern Von, Larry Enomoto, Hazel Theodore, Marion Von, Mazie Kozuki and Rosa Baysa***

very eloquently and in chronological order related some of her fascinating experiences as a world-wide journalist for CBS-TV for the last decade. But, she is glad to finally be back home in Hawaii again since last August. She has been reporting for *Hawaii News Now* (KFVE, KGMB & KHNL) and will assume the prestigious Anchor Newscaster position on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## President's Message by Robert Kozuki

The Aloha Chapter ended 2010 with our annual Christmas Dinner held at Hale Koa Hotel. Our featured speaker was Teri Okita who spoke of her experience as a local, national and international reporter. Her presentation was interesting and well received by the membership.

The Chapter President's tenure during 2010 was burdensome due to additional duties and the need to coordinate the Program Activities for the Chapter. Earlier messages requesting members to step forward to assist in the operation of the Aloha Chapter Program Chair has gone unanswered. One of the greatest challenge in our chapter is to recruit and retain members and to interest members in participating on the board, committees, and the various program activities we plan for the Chapter. This chapter president cannot continue being responsible for the program activities as an additional duty.



## A Valentine's Day Treat

On February 14, 2011, the *Merrie Ladies* will begin the new year with a Valentine's Day event at "A Cup of Tea" tea room in Kailua. The ladies are encouraged to wear anything that is red and, if possible, wear a hat. **Rowena Okita** and **Lani McKeague** are planners for this special event and are looking forward to seeing many *Merrie Ladies* in attendance. The tea will begin at 11 AM. The tea room is located at 407 Uluniu Street (across from Assagio's Restaurant) and their phone number is 230-8832. Because parking is tight, carpooling is highly recommended.

For more details and to RSVP, call **Rowena Okita** at 262-0882, **Lani Mc Keague** at 239-9654 or **Charlene Towne** at 623-9731. Reservations must be made between January 24–31. **Marion**



## Just Wondering...

When I started preparing, printing and promulgating our newsletters long, long ago in January, 2006, you may remember that the color of the 60# offset newsletters then was ivory, in 2007 it was white, in 2008 it was grey, in 2009 it was cream and in 2010 it was blue. Last year was blue for our sea services—the U.S. Navy and the Coast Guard. This year our newsletters (this is my 61<sup>st</sup> newsletter) are green 60# offset to honor our Army and Marine personnel.

Have you noticed the Army and Marine working uniforms? They are green camouflage to blend into the landscape. This is good for hiding. Have you also noticed the Navy's new blue camouflage working uniforms? Are they blue so that the sailors blend into the ocean? Not such a good idea if they were to fall overboard. Just wondering.... **Mark**



**Welcome to Our New Member**  
**Richard J. Mauldin, RADM, USN, Ret.**

**Welcome to Our New Life Member**  
**Harriet Weissman, Auxiliary**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 16, 2011 (Sunday)	1:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Hostess: Leney
Jan 20, 2011 (Thursday)	10:00 AM, EXCOM Meeting, Kalihi Union Church, 2214 N. King Street, Honolulu
Jan 21, 2011 (Friday)	9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Navy-Marine Golf Course, Pearl Harbor
Feb 14, 2011 (Monday)	11:00 AM, <i>Merrie Ladies</i> A Cup of Tea, Tea Room, 407 Uluniu Street, Kailua
Dec 9, 2011 (Friday)	6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner, Kalua Room, Hale Koa Hotel, Ft. DeRussy, Waikiki

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## Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The annual Christmas Dinner Bridge session which begins the next bridge-year was held on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the residence of Program Coordinator **Shirley Ihara** and her husband **Les**. The evening's activities began with time for drinks and pupus during which Shirley made 2 presentations to close out the 2010 bridge-year. The first was the presentation of the 2010 *Bridge Player of The Year Award* to the player who earned the most points during not more than 7 months of that year. The other presentation was made to **Helen Fahrni** who graciously permitted the use of her Realty Classroom for bridge playing during many months of 2010. She was presented with 6 cloth table covers made by Shirley and a multi-roll package of paper towels.

The evening's dinner consisted of roasted turkey and short ribs prepared by Shirley. After dinner, play began at 4 bridge tables with

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*Program Coordinator **Shirley Ihara** presenting the Aloha Chapter Bridge Player of The Year Perpetual Trophy for 2010 to **Les Ihara**.*

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Samuel K. Apuna, Jr., 81, PhD, LTC, USA, Retired; Life Member, Aloha Chapter, MOAA, of Mesa, AZ; Died on December 13, 2010.**

Dr. Apuna, born on July 29, 1929, in Honolulu, T.H., served three tours in Vietnam, later becoming the Deputy Comptroller for the US Army Reserves Component Personnel and Administration. After 23 years of active duty, he retired in 1976 as a Lieutenant Colonel.



Sam earned a Doctorate in Business Administration and was an instructor at the University of Hawaii. He served on The Advisory Committee to the US Veterans Administration and helped found additional chapters of the Military Officers Association of America.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sandi (who is now a Life Auxiliary Member of the Aloha Chapter), 2 sons and 3 daughters and their respective spouses, and 11 grandchildren.

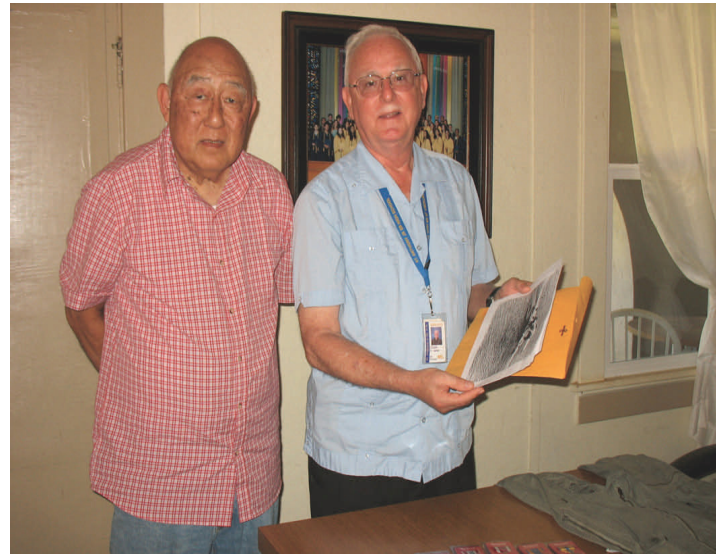
## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Robert R. Deibler, 84, Captain, USN, Retired; Life Member, Aloha Chapter, MOAA, of Honolulu, HI; Died on December 17, 2010.**

CAPT Robert Deibler served over 31 years in the Navy at 5 major commands, at sea and ashore. He was the commissioning commanding officer of *USS Wichita* (AOR-1), the lead ship of a new class of replenishment oilers. After retirement from the Navy, he was active in charitable organizations, serving as USO Hawaii President and receiving prestigious international awards from the Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife Mimi (now a Life Auxiliary Member) and daughter Debbie.


## **Member Makes Donation To His High School**



Aloha Chapter Life Member **Herbert W. Nakagawa, Jr., LTCOL, USAF, Retired**, above, left, St. Anthony's Class of '59, Wailuku, Maui, has generously donated his flight suit and medals to the St. Anthony Alumni Military Memorial. Fr. **Jim Orsini**, Principal Emeritus, right, previews Herbert's generosity.

LTCOL. Nakagawa was selected as the Junior Officer of the month at Travis Air Force Base, CA. At the time, Nakagawa was a lieutenant and navigator with the 84<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron. He received the honor for his extraordinary professionalism and dedication to duty. On April 30, 1967, LT Nakagawa was aboard a 60<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Wing C-133 aircraft that was forced to ditch in the South China Sea. C-133s had a deserved reputation of being accident prone. It was stated on that occasion that he acted with poise and courage and that his actions contributed greatly to the crew's ability to pull through the emergency successfully.

He was later awarded the Air Medal for his performance during this emergency ditching in the ocean. Through his sustained superior performance, Nakagawa made further outstanding contributions to the accomplishments of the 60<sup>th</sup> Wing's mission.

**Larry Zane** 



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intermittent Christmas CD's heard during the evening. Surprisingly, it turned out to be another record-breaking evening of high scores.

Last month's record high of 6,090 points by **Helen Fahrni**, was broken by one of the guest substitutes, **Hazel Theodore**, who ended play with 7,460 points. Other top scorers recognized, who all had respectable scores of 5,000+ points, were, in descending order, **Mitzi Austin**, guest **Tamae Shiraishi**, **Shirley Ihara**, and **Les Ihara**.

Other contenders were: **Dayle & Bobbi Carlson**, **Barbara Chong**, **Helen Fahrni**, **Lois Luehring**, **Leney Vine**, **Vernon & Marion Von**, and guests **Midge Brooks**, and **Harold & Gerri Lee**. Reflective of the high scores was another record of slams bid and made – a total of 6 – **Hazel** had 2 slams - with **Dayle** and **Barbara**; **Barbara** had a 2<sup>nd</sup> slam with **Harold**; **Harold** had a 2<sup>nd</sup> slam with **Marion**; **Marion** and **Dayle** had their 2<sup>nd</sup> slams together; and **Les** and **Tamae** had one slam. What a way to start Bridge-Year 2011!



*Joyous bridge players, left to right: **Dayle Carlson**, **Shirley Ihara**, **Les Ihara**, and **Mitzi Austin***

The next bridge session will be held at the Fahrni Realty on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1 PM. It will be hosted by **Leney Vine**. Those who would like to play on that date but have not yet signed-up are asked to call **Leney** by telephone at 396-0313 not later than Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Shirley** 




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So mark your calendars with these "Fee Free" Days and you save the \$10 HVNP entrance fee by coming out to the park on these dates.

January is also Volcano Awareness Month and many special hikes, presentations, activities, etc. are planned throughout the month. For more information on KMC, please call KMC Marketing at 967-8371.

**KMC** 



Norm Fujiwara

## December Golf Report

What a wonderful way to end our 2010 golf season! The weather was just perfect; I couldn't have asked for any better weather than what we had on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at Barbers Point Golf Course. The temperature was ideal, not too hot, and the wind was calm. The only fall scenery missing was the lack of vivid autumn colors on the lush green leaves of the keawe and koa trees under a bright blue Hawaiian sky. Anyway, I had 24 players signed up when a last-minute request for a grandson to accompany grandpa was received and approved. We had all 25 players present and ready to play before the first group was ready to tee off.

Included in the group were two new players who have indicated that they would like to play with the Aloha Chapter gang on a regular basis. The new players were **Joel Maimon**, who will be submitting an application form to join the Aloha chapter, and a very welcome wahine golfer, **Kim Jefferis**, the wife of **John Jefferis**. We also had a special guest, a Canadian snowbird, **Gordon Paulsen**, a special friend of my wife, **Alice**, and me. We also had a birthday guy celebrating his birthday. How many? It was four scores and a couple of years, so we had a round of "Happy Birthday" led by our crooner **Joe Kuroda**.

Sorrowfully, missing today were several regular players, specifically, **Bob Kozuki**, **Mel Soong**, **Ira Tagawa** and **Bob Nagao**.

It was nice to have **Allen Ono** leading our pack with **Kelly Lau**, **John Ma** and **Howard Okada**; followed by **Mert Agena**, **Walt** and **Janice Kinoshita**, and **Vern Von**; following in the third group were **Dick Towne**, **John Holmes**, **Leroy Perry** and **Cedric Chong**; then **Jack Bohman**, **Larry Enomoto**, **John Seeley**, and **Ken Munechika**; then a five-some of **Joe Kuroda**, his grandson **Joey**, **Curtis Lee**, **John** and **Kim Jefferis**; and, finally, bringing up the rear were **Norm** and **Alice Fujiwara**, **Joel Maimon** and **Gordon Paulsen**.

After all the cards were tabulated and the poker chips were drawn to determine the blind partners and their net scores were combined, in fourth place were **Gordon Paulsen** and yours truly; in third place were **Larry Enomoto** and **Curtis Lee**; in second place by one stroke were the partners of **Leroy Perry** and **John Ma**; and the Grand Champions in first place, topping the second place team by three strokes, were **Alice Fujiwara** and **Kim Jefferis**. Congratulations to all the winners and a big Mahalo to all the participants. **Golf Report concluded on Page 7**



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All you golfers in the chapter who have yet to sign up to play with us—especially you wahine golfers—please do so soon. As listed below, we have an exciting golf schedule for 2011. All it takes is an e-mail or a phone call and you will automatically be a member of our Aloha Chapter golf gang.

<b>January</b>	0900, Friday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> Navy Marine Golf Course	<b>July</b>	0900, Friday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> Klipper Golf Course
<b>February</b>	0900, Friday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> Barbers Point Golf Course	<b>August</b>	0900, Friday, August 26 <sup>th</sup> Klipper Golf Course
<b>March</b>	0800, Monday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> Mamala Bay Golf Course	<b>September</b>	0900, Friday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> Navy Marine Golf Course
<b>April</b>	0900, Friday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> Navy Marine Golf Course	<b>October</b>	0900, Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> Klipper Golf Course
<b>May</b>	0900, Friday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> Navy Marine Golf Course	<b>November</b>	0800, Monday, November 21 <sup>st</sup> Mamala Bay Golf Course
<b>June</b>	0800, Monday, June 20 <sup>th</sup> Mamala Bay Golf Course	<b>December</b>	0900, Friday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> Barbers Point Golf Course

Now for our thought of the day: “Nothing is so annoying as to have someone go right on talking when you’re interrupting.”

To all the members of the Aloha Chapter golf gang and all you non-golfers who read this column, my very best wishes for “A VERY JOYOUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.”

Our next Aloha Chapter golf outing is on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Navy Marine Golf Course. Sign-up is forthcoming.

Aloha and Good Golfing, Norm



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- \* 2002 5-Star Chapter
- \* 2003 4-Star Chapter
- \* 2004 Winner Best Website
- \* 2004 2nd Runner-Up Electronic Newsletter
- \* 2004 4-Star Chapter
- \* 2005 Winner-Cat VII "Give Me 10"  
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- \* 2005 5-Star Chapter
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- \* **2007 2nd Runner-Up Print Newsletter**
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