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## Bishop Museum Tour

Twenty-two Aloha Chapter members, spouses and guests assembled at Bishop Museum at approximately 10:40, Wednesday morning, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We split into two groups for special guided tours of the recently renovated Hawaiian Hall. Each group was led by a very proficient docent who explained all of the interesting facts and nuances of Hawaiian history and lore.

Afterwards, most of us stayed to have lunch at the museum cafeteria and then visit some more exhibits at the museum, particularly the fascinating dinosaur display depicting how they evolved into our present-day birds.



*Aloha Chapter's Bishop Museum tour group, l. to r., Rowena Okita, Norm Fujiwara, Doris Wolfe, Harold Kuwahara, Joe Magaldi, Jr. (head and shoulders above everyone), Jane Kekoa, Alice Fujiwara, Ben Takahara (Jane's brother/guest), Esther Takenaka, Harold Takenaka, Mazie Kozuki, Mary Cho, Mel Soong, Joan Lee, Mark Webster, Henry Lee, Helene Webster, Bob Kozuki, Sam Heard, Howard Okada and Walter Ozawa. (Gail Nakamura, Jane's other guest, not pictured.)*

## Printing Plant Tour

We will gather between 9:00 and 9:30 AM, Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, in the parking lot of the new Honolulu Star-Advertiser building, 4545 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, (see map page 7) near Kalaeloa Blvd. (Exit 1B), for a tour of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser's modern, hi-tech printing plant. This interesting and educational tour, conducted by Christopher Ghooast, will begin promptly at 9:30 AM and take about an hour. Please wear covered shoes. Photography is permitted. At the end of the tour we may be given the opportunity to get newspaper stub rolls which are suitable

for covering tables at parties and picnics and for wrapping boxes and packages.

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*The first Honolulu Star-Advertiser comes off the presses in the Kapolei printing plant, June 7, 2010. Publisher **Dennis Francis** holds the first run copy of the new newspaper.*

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## President's Message by Robert Kozuki

I mentioned in my June message to our membership we would be visiting the Bishop Museum as a part of the June Program. I wish all our members could have been there to learn of the Hawaiian history shared with us by our Museum volunteer. Our program committee have gone all out in identifying interesting places for our membership to visit and enjoy. Our July program will be equally interesting and I encourage all to sign up early to visit the Star-Advertiser Press Facilities located in the Campbell Industrial Park, just west of Kapolei, our "Second City."

I have requested our Chairman of the Board of Directors to select a nominating committee to identify members within our organization interested in holding elective office for the coming 2012-2014 calendar years. The election of officers will be held during our November meeting.


Our Chapter continues to face a worrisome financial future as our source of income come mainly from our membership dues, some news ads and our chicken sale fundraiser. We have cut back expenditures to the point where our newsletter is our primary and largest cost. According to the National MOAA news, many chapters face similar cost experiences. We need the help of chapter members who are business minded, who have experience in fund raising and are innovative in seeking solutions. Help! 

## An Evening at the Follies

Saturday evening, June 25<sup>th</sup>, **Bob and Mazie Kozuki** invited a group of about a dozen of their fellow Aloha Chapter members and spouses to a delicious dinner at their Arcadia Retirement Community residence followed by a very enjoyable time watching the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arcadia Follies' presentation of *Thank God I'm Old*, a musical revue for seniors staged and

conceived by Jack Cione, an Arcadia resident who has put on these extravagant and exotic shows in Honolulu for the past 25 years.



Hosts **Bob and Mazie Kozuki** after Mazie's spectacular performance in *The 6th Annual Arcadia Follies*. Mazie is holding a bouquet of beautiful red roses from our advertiser, Spinning Web Florist, presented to her by **Jane Kekoa**, our unofficial photographer. 

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July, 14, 2011 (Thursday)	10:00 AM, EXCOM Meeting, Kalihi Union Church, 2214 N. King Street, Honolulu
July 17, 2011 (Sunday)	1:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Hosts: Dayle & Bobbi
July 20, 2011 (Wednesday)	9:00 AM, Special Guided Tour of Star-Advertiser Printing Facility, Kapolei; lunch at HoHo's Chinese Cuisine
July 22, 2011 (Friday)	9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Klipper Golf Course, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base
Aug. 1, 2011 (Monday)	10:00 AM, <i>Merrie Ladies'</i> craft project for the Center for Aging, Kalihi Union Church
Aug. 27, 2011 (Saturday)	Train Ride on Hawaiian Railway, 91-1001 Renton Road, Ewa; bento picnic lunch
Sept. 21, 2011	9:30 AM, Tour of Main Post Office, Airport
Dec. 9, 2011 (Friday)	6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner, Kalia Room, Hale Koa Hotel, Ft. DeRussy, Waikiki

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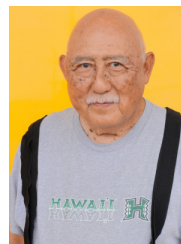
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## A Craft Project for Our Veterans


On Monday, August 1, 2011, the *Merrie Ladies* will gather to work on a craft to be distributed to the veterans at Tripler's Center for Aging this coming November. **Jane Kekoa** has plans for the ladies to create angels made from Hawaiian printed fabric and cardboard to give to each veteran. We look forward to seeing lots of ladies to help us put the angels together (Many hands make light work). Plans are to make 100 angels, 60 for the veterans and 40 to decorate the tables for the Aloha Chapter's Christmas party in December. We will gather at Kalihi Union Church at 10:00 AM on August 1<sup>st</sup>. A make-your-own-sandwich lunch will be provided by the committee. Cost is \$5.00 for lunch plus a \$1.00 donation to Kalihi Union Church for each lady participating in this event. For further information, please call **Joan Lee** at 261-2636 or **Jane Kekoa** at 381-6462.

**Marion** 

## Chicken-Sale Fundraiser Report




On Lei Day, Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Aloha Chapter held its major fundraising event, our annual chicken sale. Again this year it was held at Kalihi-Waena Elementary School and very professionally organized and executed by **Herbert W. Nakagawa, Jr.**

*Chicken Man* A total of \$6951 was collected, which includes \$333 in direct donations. After expenses for chicken, sushi, taxes, etc., our net profit for this year's fundraiser is \$1671.05—which is not too bad considering our lingering poor economy. 

## Editorial...er...Excuse

Microsoft lies! For one week, starting on June 27<sup>th</sup>, I, your humble publisher, saw only **Starting Windows** on my computer, except for a very few instances when my computer actually started and then froze. Windows wouldn't start and I couldn't complete this issue of our newsletters.

After reformatting my solid-state hard drive, reinstalling my programs and restoring my backup, "I'm Baaack." 

## Sneak Attack in Congress to Dismantle Commissaries

Please be advised, fellow Aloha Chapter members, of the latest shenanigans in Congress threatening our fought for and hard earned benefits, as reported by MOAA:

Among the bills approved by the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this week was the “Caring for Camp Lejeune Veterans Act of 2011” (S. 277), sponsored by Sen. Burr (R-NC), the senior Republican on the Committee. The bill would authorize VA health care for former military family members and veterans and certain family members stationed at Camp Lejeune between 1957 and 1987, when the water at the base is acknowledged to have been contaminated with carcinogens.

MOAA indicated its support for the bill and other pending measures in a letter to Committee Chair Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) and Sen. Burr.

But that was before the committee voted unanimously, without notice or hearing, to fund the care by eliminating the federal subsidy for military commissaries and directing consolidation of all DoD commissaries and exchanges.

MOAA strongly opposes this sneak attack on the military benefit package.

First, the Veterans Affairs Committee has no jurisdiction over and no knowledge of DoD commissary and exchange systems, which are under the purview of the Armed Services Committee.

Second, they propose virtually dismantling the commissary system without any hearings or other effort to assess the adverse impact of such a dramatic cut to a core military benefit. There are

good reasons why the Armed Services Committees, who actually understand the commissary and exchange programs, have ardently rejected similar proposals for the last four decades.

Third, they seek to poach DoD funds to pay for VA health care at a time when DoD personnel budgets already are under threat.

MOAA supports expanding VA care to cover Camp Lejeune veterans, but the Veterans Affairs Committee needs to find another way to fund it besides raiding the military commissary system.

Make no mistake, without the federal subsidy, military commissaries would eventually go out of business, as prices would have to rise, and savings to customers would be lost.

The commissary is one of DoD's most cost-effective people programs. Every dollar of the subsidy translates to nearly three dollars of benefit value to patrons (and considerably more than that for lower-grade enlisted families).

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## Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The June bridge session was held at the Fahrni Realty on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>, a week earlier than normal, to avoid a conflict with Father's Day. **Mitzi Austin** and **Sam Heard** teamed to host the session at which 10 regular and 2 guest players began play at 1 pm.

One of the guests, **Hazel Theodore**, ended this session with a relatively low score of 4090, but that was enough to be the winning score, the lowest so far this bridge year. She was followed closely by **John Kim** with 4,000 points, **Lois Luehring** with 3,790 points, and **Mitzi Austin** with 3,470 points. Although the scores were low, there was one slam bid made—by **Coralie Vellis** and her friend, guest **Valerie Reisent**.

Other players, in alphabetical order, were: **Sam Heard**, **Les & Shirley Ihara**, **Gary & Bev Jensen**, and **Joan White**.



*Seated, left to right: **Lois Luehring**, **Mitzi Austin**, **Hazel Theodore**, & **Coralie Vellis**.  
Standing: **Sam Heard**, **John Kim**, & **Valerie Reisent**.*

The next party bridge session will be held on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Fahrni Realty Classroom. It will be hosted by **Dayle & Bobbi Carlson**. Those who would like to play on that date but have not yet signed-up are asked to call Dayle or Bobbi by telephone at 456-2903, or email to: [carlsond001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:carlsond001@hawaii.rr.com) no later than **Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Shirley** 



  
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## Printing Plant Tour (continued from Page 1)

The new, merged newspaper, Honolulu Star-Advertiser, took on a new look, but retained many familiar columnists, features and other elements from both the Honolulu Advertiser and the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

The influx from the Advertiser increased the Star-Advertiser newsroom staff to nearly 120, making it the state's largest news-gathering organization.

The newspaper is managed by Oahu Publications Inc., a subsidiary of Black Press. Dennis Francis is president of Oahu Publications and publisher of the Star-Advertiser.

After our tour, we will rendezvous at HoHo's Chinese Cuisine, 590 Farrington Hwy, at 10:45 AM for lunch. This restaurant is in the Kapolei Marketplace. The cost will be only \$14.00, including tax and tip.

Please remember to submit your Reservation Form on Page 7 ASAP so you don't miss out on this fabulous fellowship and fun. 



*Norm Fujiwara*

## June Golf Report

Oh, how drastic it was couple of weeks ago. The response rate to my sign-up notice for each “aye” response to the “nay” responses was about three or four “nays” to every “aye.” In addition, **Guy Hagi** had predicted a rainy spell on the week of our golf outing. I invited a couple of players that I play with on Wednesdays and they accepted. Somehow, that may have done the trick because our sign-up improved substantially, and we had a solid 17 players signed up. Not quite the 7 and 8 tee time needed in the earlier months, nevertheless an improvement.

Our usual leading flag officer was missing and so was his second in command, but we did have MG **Bob Lee**, retired, the outstanding leader of our state National Guard and Reserve, and he again rose to the calling and was our leader for the day. You did a great job, Bob. Mahalo!


All the players were ready to play before the scheduled tee time, surprising since the first tee time was an hour earlier than normal at 8:00 AM. So, our leader started off our game and was accompanied by **Mel Soong**, **Ken Munechika** and **Marvin Baum**; following them was the team of **Gordon Cho**, **John Holmes**, **Vernon Von** and **John Kim**; in the third group was a five-some of **Jack Bohman**, his guest **Geoff Dundas**, **Curtis Lee**, and we welcomed back to two long-lost players, **Eddie Lee** and **Bob Takao**; and, bringing up the rear, in the last group were **Alice Fujiwara**, yours truly, and our guests **Mike Pang** and **Gary Kurosaki**.

After posting all of the net scores and have the players pick numbered poker chips to determine their partners, the combined scores were tabulated, thanks to the help of **Vernon Von**, in third place for the mega jackpot were the partners of **Marvin Baum** and **Eddie Lee**; in second place, just two strokes behind, were the partners of **Geoff Dundas** and **Gordon Cho**; and our grand champions of the mega jackpot were the partners of **Curtis Lee** and **Bob Lee**, congratulations to all the winners, also a Mahalo to all the contributors.

Now for our thought of the day: Money may not be everything, but it is a great consolation until you have everything.

Our next golf outing is at Klipper Golf Course on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 AM.

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- \* 2004 2nd Runner-Up Electronic Newsletter
- \* 2004 4-Star Chapter
- \* 2005 Winner-Cat VII "Give Me 10" Recruitment Campaign
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