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PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

By Roger Smith

Back to school and back to press. After re-reading the August Board meeting minutes in search of newsworthy items, I conclude that it is a good thing the Newsletter didn't go to press in August. Or, at least, it is well I didn't have to do a Gavel column. This month, perhaps, things are a bit more newsworthy.

The Board voted to not charge paid-up members attending the October General Dinner Meeting. All others attending, \$3 each. Please don't leave your wife home because of the head tax. As of this moment, the program is not finalized, but the following is about as firm as anything else we do on the first Tuesday of each month:

- (1) Place: Association Hall. Sunday, October 29, 4 to 9 PM.
- (2) Dinner -- to be catered. 6 PM. Soft drinks, coffee and beer provided by the Association.
- (3) Short program after dinner, consisting of a report on Association activities and some entertainment.
- (4) Sportswear.

The Board also voted to let the Bowling Committee use the 442nd name and run the next Tournament without requesting help, food or money from the Chapters. This will eliminate the hassle we have had over who does what -

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DEPARTURE at LA International Airport on June 10, for the 30th Anniversary of the 100th Inf. Bn. in Honolulu.

Front row, L to R: Monte Fujita, Hershey Miyamura, Joe Hironaka, Harry Sakato, Ben Tagami, and Ben Otsugi.
Back row, L to R: Mrs. Fujita, Wayne Fujita, Lily Mamiya, Y. B. Mamiya, Matsu Furuye, Chick Furuye, Col. Y. O. Kim, Mrs. Tagami, Bill Miyagi, Aki Miyagi, Mrs. Otsugi and A. DiGregona.

100TH

PUKA'S HUDDLES
By Y. B. Mamiya

July Meeting Notes

The 100th Bn. Invitation-
al Golf Tournament will be held
at the Griffith Park Golf
Course on Friday, September 22.
Please contact Chick Furuye,
295-5539, or Ben Tagami,

323-6510.

Hereafter, our club dues will include \$3 for Club 100 of Honolulu. Next month's meeting (August) will be a dinner meeting in charge of Col. Kim. Time and place will be announced later.

October 14 will be our celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the 100th Bn. This will replace our Family Nite. Chairman of the event will be Mike Miyake.

A letter and \$50 was sent
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Puka's Huddles. . . .

to Richard Chinen.
A beautiful plaque of the
442nd RCT insignia was presen-
ted to the Club by Hershey
Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico.
Thank you letter from He-
nelulu for the omiyage we took
was read.

442 and 100 Honored

The Pasadena Pacificulture-
Asia Museum and the Pasadena
JACL honored the 442 and 100th
on July 9 with a ceremony and
reception at the Museum. The
committee planning this affair
was headed by Paul Sherbert
and Mrs. Peg Palmer, for the
Museum; Monte Fujita, 442nd
member, and Mack M. Yamaguchi,
JACL. Chick Furuya gave a
run down on the history of
the 100th while President Reg-
er Smith talked on the history
of the 442nd. The movie, "Go

For Broke" was shown. Others
present were Col. Kim, Ray One,
Henry Hayashi, Tad Hashimoto
and George Tsujimoto.

Ray Nosaka, Honolulu

We had a nice get togeth-
er with Ray Nosaka at the Im-
perial Gardens on June 13. He
also attended our monthly
meeting. He made a very good
suggestion that we purchase
extra copies of the 30th Anni-
versary Booklet and give them
to the various veterans groups.
Good idea.

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nakamoto, Hene-
lulu

Twenty-five persons gather-
ed at Helen Yue's on July 22
and had a nice dinner with
Stan and his wife. Monte
showed the slides he took dur-
ing the reunion in Honolulu.
When we were in Honolulu, we
had a nice time at the Naka-
moto's home.

Pismo Beach Outing

The outing was a great
success with over 100 people
in attendance. Bob and Yotsu-
ke Shigenaka, the hosts, did
their usual bang-up job and
everyone had a good time.

Heard that Chick Furuya cer-
raled all the "kalau" that
night. Monte Fujita caught
the largest perch and Harry
Fukuzawa's son the largest
clam. Allen Ohata and his
friend Eichi Katsuyoshi of Mt.
View and Mr. and Mrs. George
Teranichi of Tracy were also
there. The Teranichis donated
\$10 to the club. Mahale.

New Members

Richard H. Ono of Arcadia
Roy H. Sato of Sacramento

All pau now.



ABLE'S FABLES by Joe Morizono

July News

On July 15th, A Battery
members had their biggest
night out of the year. The
evening started off with early
cocktails and a fine dinner at
Man Jen Low, simultaneously
celebrating unsuspecting Art
Yeshimura's birthday. The
very well fed group drove to
the nearby Ahmanson Theater to
enjoy the evening performance
of "No, No, Nanette", a light

Able's Fables

and entertaining musical,
starring a couple of familiar
names we knew when we were
younger. The turnout for the
evening was so good, it's well
worth mentioning who attended:
Florence and Joe Hatterri, Mag-
gie and Keji Konishi, Amy and
Mumeaki Konishi, Tom Kono, Dr.
and Mrs. Richard Kumashiro,
Haru and Mac Motenaga, Tommie
and Dick Nakamura, Nobu and
George Seki, Nancy and Nick
Tatsumi, Aiko and Hiro Ukita,
Rose and Harry Uno, Fumi and
Tom Uyeda, Teetsie and Art
Yeshimura, and Mary and George
Miya. All the ladies looked
beautiful in their evening at-
tire and the men were decked
out in their finest, too. We
all thank Keji and Maggie for
putting together a most enjoy-
able evening.

Joe and Lillian Morizono
have gone into the market busi-
ness -- opening the same day
as the aforementioned dinner-

party evening which accounted
for their absence. We wish
them instant success. The le-
cation is the 7th and Alvarado
area. Good luck to you both!

Keji Konishi carded an 84
-- his best score yet. I men-
tion this as a warning to all
of his golf friends, and which
shall make me think twice be-
fore betting him in the future.

It saddens me to report
three unfortunate happenings
at this writing. Harry Uno's
brother was fatally injured
in an automobile accident; Dr.
Richard Kumashiro's sister
passed away following an ill-
ness; and the passing of Joe
Hatterri's mother. Our heart-
felt sympathy goes out to
their families in their hour
of sorrow.

August News by G. Miya

The Konishis continued
the perfect host role, outdo-
ing any previous A Battery af-
fair. Keji arranged for the

golfing men, an ideal time at
"horecliffs Country Club in
San Clemente, following which
they met their families at the
very nicely landscaped, new
home of none other than the
Konishis. There, Maggie host-
ed the tastiest steak dinner
we've ever had. Keji had a
good round of golf, tying club
champ, Dr. Kumashiro. Maggie
prepared some great dishes,
especially the pastries. The
Konishi's home is in Cerritos
-- beautifully landscaped,
credit which goes to Maggie,
too. It was a fine all day
affair, and happiness has to
be besting your buddies at
golf and enjoying the Konishi's
hospitality.

Nisei Week came and went
with everything working out al-
most routinely. Harry Uno had
everything down to perfection.
He even finds time not to miss
his golf, and managed somehow
to stay up past his bedtime,
two nights in a row. Harry de-
serves an applause or something

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Dick Nakamura's father passed away recently. He was of a long-lived and strong 92 years of age. Our sympathies go out to Dick and Tammie at this time.

A good portion of this article is about the Kenishis, and so I would like to add a paragraph for the benefit of the readers outside of the LA area, how far this ex-kitchen truck driver has come. I knew it embarrasses him to be so newsworthy, but I like ribbing and needling Koji. He is either a Dental Technician practicing golf, or a golfer practicing dental technician. Together, with his lovely wife, Maggie, they have raised two boys and two girls -- one, a Miso Queen attendant, and the other, a probable; a very nice family, all. They are a real "on the go" family who genuinely enjoy the "good life." The Kenishi's move from San Diego was a good gain for us in Los Angeles.



EASY DOES IT by Robert S. Ichikawa

JULY NOTES

July Meeting

Kay and Rose Akiyama hosted the July meeting at their home in Gardena. Preparations for the Crenshaw Square Carnival and the Miso Week Carnival were finalized. What to take to the up-and-coming reunion in Hawaii was discussed at Lake Tahoe and rehearsed at the meeting. Frank Kizuka's treasury report looks real good. Our ever efficient Jeie Nakama gave us the run down of 442nd Association goings on, some good, some so-so.

Snacks, coffee and beer was consumed and enjoyed by all. Thanks to our host and hostess for permitting us the use of their home.

Crenshaw Square

The weekend of 22-23 July was again wild as usual for the faithful E Co-ites. Those

there to unselfishly give of their valuable time were as follows: B. Aihara and brother-in-law, K. Akiyama and girls, E. Goya, R. Ichikawa, H. Kaneshina, F. Kizuka, J. Nakama, J. Okitsu, Tok and Carol Shiomichi, S. Suga and family, M. Takamine and family, R. Urasaki, T. Uyeda and B. Yamanaka. Under the expert guidance of chairman Rusty Urasaki, everyone did a wonderful job.

Did You Know

That Frank and Ruth Kizuka celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on the 22nd of July? Congratulations to the both of you and may you continue to have many, many more.

Fishing

Frank K. and son Allen took an albacore boat out of San Diego and Allen landed 4 and 0 for you know who...

AUGUST NOTES

Miso Week

On the weekend of 19-20

Easy Does It

August, the hard-working E Co. group, under the guidance of chairman Frank Kizuka, completed another stand at the annual Miso Week Carnival. These there to lend a helping hand were J. Akiyama, K. Akiyama, E. Goya, A. Kizuka, R. Ichikawa, J. Nakama, J. Okitsu, T. Shiomichi, S. Suga, M. Takamine, R. Urasaki, and G. Yamanaka. Thanks to all for giving your valuable time.

Congratulations

To Greg Yamanaka who recently won a scholarship to Yale University. Good luck, Greg, we will miss you.

Vacation Time

Hoppy Kaneshinas spent two weeks in Hawaii celebrating his mother's 60th wedding anniversary and Kay's father's 88th birthday. Glad to hear that Hoppy's mother is feeling better.

Chris and Laura Ichikawa toured New York, Washington, D. C. and the northern portion of the U.S. in a Volkswagon camper with friends beginning June 15, ending in Portland, Oregon, July 30, where they were met by husband and son

Ross. The travels continued on down the coast line through the northern California Redwoods, Santa Rosa (saw Ed Ohki), Kenwood (Tom Morikawa) and on home.

Visitors

August 5, recent visitors Thomas Ooka and family were feted to a dinner aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach by the E Co. Club.

Fishing

A 7 lb. 10 oz. rainbow trout was caught on a #1 Mepps gold spinner on a 1 lb. test line in Bishop Creek by M. Ichikawa on the 23rd of August. Shall we mount it or eat it?



FOX HOLE NEWS by Mas Tamaye

Taps

Fox Company was saddened to hear about the tragic death of our comrade and buddy, Takeo Fudena, of Fremont, California. Thanks to the alert Kaoru Masuda of Turlock, he notified the men in Southern California, as well as notifying Richard

Murashige in Honolulu. Those of us who were attending the All-Island Reunion in Hilo, received the sad news from Richard.

"Tak", as he was affectionately known by his friends, was a former Sgt. in the first platoon of Fox Company, 442nd R.C.T. After discharge from the Army, Tak returned to Fremont, and with his brothers, Harold and James, built themselves a multi-million dollar farming and land development business in that city.

Tak is survived by his wife, Sachi, five sons....John, Leonard, Frank, Bobby, and Steve....and one daughter, Nikki.

Our deepest sympathy to the Fudena family in their time of sorrow.

Fox Chapter Reunion

By Yuriko N. Tasaka
Kauai Chapter

A royal welcome greeted all those who arrived in Hilo for the Fox Company reunion on August 18, 1972. The usual Hilo hospitality embraced everyone -- it rained; but it wouldn't have been normal and sincere if it were any other way. Those Hilo people even commissioned Hurricane Diane

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Fox Hole News

to be present for the reception, but she refused to honor it. She said to look for another girl whose name begins with "F". So the visitors moved to Kil-auea Volcano to meet Pele. The rain did not dampen the spirits of the group as they bravely hiked the lava trails to witness the eruption. The boys had a reunion with Hoxie Nogami. Then off the people escalated on the Saddle Road to Pohakuloa State Park on the slopes of Mauna Kea at the 6,400 foot level, the site of the reunion. During the two day period, over 60 people enjoyed the wonderful food, the fellowship and the fun.

Matt Mikami came from Seattle; winging in from LA were Matsie Okada and son Richard, George Nakamura and niece Debbie Nakamura, Mas Tamayei, Frank and Don Sotelo, and first-timer Ike Masaoka; Ike Ikeda, Daggie Tanaka and Jay, and Toshio Endo did their "Maui no ka oi"; the big city folks were Richard Murashige, Bill Tanaka, Sr. and Jr., Roy Kubo, and Walter Kajiwara and son Ronald; and the Garden Isle was represented by Wally Tasaka, Yuriko, and children Dale, Riki and Wade. All of these visitors were thoroughly impressed by the terrific camaraderie and hospitality of the following Hilo boys and their families: Lefty Higashi, Sadao Nishida, Yukio Okutsu, Wataru Kohashi, Hisashi Fujiyama, Harry Matsuo, Takeo Nakayama, Robert Honda, Roy Nagata, Tsutomu Samura, Yamato Kawauchi, and Herbert Akana.

FOOD -- all the fish, steak and everything usual that one could eat. Besides these, all the seedless grapes, nectarines, pistachio nuts, the sweetest pineapples and the sweetest onions brought by the sweetest guys from Maui (hoo-malimali for when it's Kauai's turn), AND, of course, all the drinks prepared with Fujiyama finesse and flair.

FOWL -- the group would

like to report to the fellow citizens of the State that the State bird, the Nene Goose, is flourishing near the State Park within walking distance. There were nearly 200 on the farm.

FISHING -- Kats Matsumura and his brother took Toshio Endo, Ike Ikeda, Richard Murashige, Lefty Higashi, and George Nakamura out of Keauheou. The fishermen woke at 4:00 a.m. and reported that the early rise was well worth the catch, especially when they learned that the previous day's trip ended with a zero catch. The statistics, which have been weighed on the Bible, are as follows:

Toshio Endo - 3 ahi (50 lbs.) and 1 Kawakawa
Ike Ikeda - 1 ahi weighing 118 lbs.
Frank Sotelo - 1 Ike wiped off his perspiration
Richard Murashige - 4 ahi (40 lbs) and 1 kawakawa
Lefty Higashi and George Nakamura - missed a marlin (honest to goodness, says Toshio).

On top of all this, an ahi which a shark was feasting on and one fish caught by two hooks!

FUN -- Takeo Nakayama emerged as the Fox Chapter champ of the Mauna Kea Golf Course. Kikue Kohashi led the group in broomstick hockey, floor fishing, group spelling, peanut in the jar, and other games. Wataru had a lively casino of bingo going on. There was fun for young and trying-to-be-young alike. Richard Okada and Ronald Kajiwara actually found snipe.

FLOWERS -- Yukie and Elaine Okutsu offered anthuriums to all to take with them as they wearily but happily on the outside and sadly on the inside left for the airport. Yuki didn't offer his fairest flower -- namely, Elaine.

The weekend began with thoughts that it was going to be a meeting of "F Troop," but it ended with the Hilo boys

and their families sponsoring the finest reunion of the Fox Chapter. Those who enjoyed it are sorry that more of you could not be there with us. Mahalo to Hilo for a memorable weekend. When things are pushed hard enough, there's bound to be success. Right? Right!

Local News

The month of August surely must have been the busiest month for the F Troop here in LA, with the entire Fukuzawa clan, George Nakamura and his niece from San Diego, Matsie Okada and son Richard, Frank, Martha and Donnie Sotelo, and Mas Tamayei all going to the Hula Hula Isle.

We also had visitors from the other side: Jack and Mrs. Iriguchi, Bolo and Frances Yorita, Sadao Nishida, Matt Mikami from Seattle, and Ken Nakahara from Oakland.

For the Iriguchis, we had china-meshi at the Tea House on Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance. The Fox members who were able to attend were Mino and Debbie Imai, George Nakamura, Matsie and Richard Okada, Yuke Iguchi, Yas Kawashima, Mas and Thelma Tamayei, Hiro Takusagawa and Roy Yamada.

As for the Yoritas, same food, only at a different locale. Roy Yamada made arrangements at George Lim's in Chinatown. As for the names of those, excuse please, this "star" reporter was in Hawaii sampling their food.

For Sadao Nishida, Matt Mikami and Ken Nakahara, Japanese (??) foods were the specialty of the house -- it being a pet luck affair held at the Club House. There, we had the Fukuzawas -- Frank, Nami, Sheryl and Leigh, Yuke Iguchi, Mino and Haru Imai, George Nakamura, Frank!!!, Matsie, and Richard Okada, Hiro and Emi Takusagawa, George Higa and Mas and Thelma Tamayei.

We missed the Chemoris, Mitsuedas and Yamadas, who had all gone on their annual fishing trip.

Fox Hole News

Suzie Matsuoka, wife of Yoshio, is home recuperating after recent surgery. We all wish for a complete and speedy recovery.

Hawaii Trip

The 14th of August, I found myself winging across the Pacific, to a place where I was born.

The flight itself was uneventful, though I anticipated a week of beating my old buddies in golf, and taking their money in the poker games we would be playing.

My mother and two sisters-in-law were there to pick me up, to take me to my dad's home, where I was to spend 4 days while in Honolulu. That day was spent chatting with my folks, and that night, my good buddy, Kats Nakamura, picked me up to go over their house where we met the Sotelos, who had gone there ahead of me, and we spoke of old times and the usual chit chat.

Tuesday, my kid brother, who is supposedly a 20 hand-capper, took the day off so I figured I could give him a few lessons, but when he teed off, I got the surprise of my life,

that drive must have gone 250 yards and here I was, slicing in the rough, about 150 yards away. After a sound thrashing, (I won't go into the score I shot) in 36 holes, I never said another word about golf to him, although secretly, to myself, I said "wait til you get to California."

That night, I was fortunate enough to attend the local Fox Chapter meeting, where I met my old buddies and sure enough, there was a poker game after their meeting was over, and I said "I'm pretty lucky at this game," but as usual, it was all bad. "Doc" Iritani, who I'm told is the usual donator, came through like gang buster and corralled all the chips. Frank Sotelo and I, the LA "Bakuchanin" lost a few "pesos" and had learned another lesson from the local talent. However, we had a lot of fun and it was like old times talking to Kats Nakamura, Bill Tanaka, "Doc" Iritani, Richard Murashige, Joe Tanaka, Hank Oyasato, Walter Kajiwara, Jim Okamoto, and Frank Sotelo. Wednesday, as guest of "Doc" Iritani, Tommy "Tamago" Tamagawa, Kats and myself, we teed off at the Mid Pacific Country Club. What a beautiful course it was. After the first hole, "Doc" and myself,

who were partners, parred the first hole, and while I was busy counting the money we would win, the bottom dropped out. Tamago never let up and Kats beat me on just about every hole we played, and I was no help to my partner at all, so, as usual, if you'll all come to California, things will be a little different, maybe, "eh, Doc"?

Thursday, Bill Tanaka and his pal, Ray Sumida played 18 at the Francis Brown course, and the same story, no way in the world will beat this old "Faster" Bill. I will not mention the scores, but if I counted every other stroke, I might have beaten him. That night, Kats and Grace took me to dinner at Pagoda and those of you who have never been there, be sure you make it a point to get there on your next trip to Hawaii. There must be a million "koi" in the pond, and I'd swear some of them must have weighed about 10 pounds. After the delicious meal (Kats insisted I eat the lobster), we ended up at their home, and the little girl (whom I thought was little) had blossomed into a beautiful lady. My, how time flies. Some day soon, I might end up in the "Old Folks"

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Home". As usual, the night was spent playing poker with Bill Tanaka, Joe Tanaka, Frank Sotelo, Kats and myself. Kats, being the gracious host that he is, did the donating this time. We kept him up all night and before you knew it, it was time for us to be at the airport to catch the flight to Hilo, where the Fox Chapter Reunion was to be held. I rushed home, my bags being packed the day before, and after a fond farewell to my folks, an hour later we were in Hilo. Those who made the junket were Roy Kubo, Walter Kajiwara and his son, Richard Murashige, Bill Tanaka and son Bill, Frank and son Donnie and myself. There, we met the Hilo bunch, the troops from Maui, and Kauai. (More on that report will come from our "star reporter" from Kauai, Yuri Tassaka.)

More golf was played and we were lucky (?) to get a starting time at the world famous Mauna Kea Golf Course. It is such a pretty course, it's a shame they let duffers like me on the course. I promised Bill Tanaka that I'll not mention scores, so I won't, but anybody who can hit a coconut tree and bounce in the middle of the fairway has got to be lucky. That drive, if it had gone straight, would have landed right in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. And Matt Mikami, I'm sure, will not go in the keawe bushes again to look for lost balls -- he came flying out of it with a bunch of angry wasps after him. Although we can laugh like hell now, it sure wasn't funny to him. The "hackers" who were able to play were Bill Tanaka, Roy Kubo, Daggie Tanaka, Matt Mikami, Nakayama (local talent) and yours truly. Many thanks to Sadae Nishida, who made all arrangements for us. After the exciting week in Hawaii, I was glad to get home to the same old grind. However, I promise you pineapples, I hope to get

a lot of secret practice so things will be different the next time. Maybe! Aloha.

President's Gavel

to whom - and why. It will also reduce the revenue received by the Association. Several suggestions for an annual revenue producing activity were made, all of which have merit and will be discussed further.

During the June Board meeting, it was suggested that Association members might want to purchase blazer jackets of uniform design to wear at social and ceremonial functions or other semi-formal occasions. Several Board members volunteered to look into the matter and bring a sample for examination. One sample was brought to the September meeting. We are still looking for others. The one sample, incidentally, was brought by the Prexy, and I'll be wearing it again on the 29th October for the benefit of anyone who is interested. Unless someone gets on the ball soon, this may be the only entertainment we will have: Burt Reynolds (without mustache), but with clothes.

As a reminder, we need (would like to have) the names of the Chapter and Association officers for 1973, no later than the November Board Meeting -- pretty please. Still in the area of reminders, we are still looking for former officers with whom contact has been lost, so we can send them an invitation to the 1973 Reunion. Reference: President's Gavel, July 1972. A few names have come in, but we need many more and need your help.

During the last two months, Joanna and I only got one free meal -- but it was a helluva fine one -- the "I" Company Luau at Tomi and Frank Kinoshita's house. We ate so much of the pig which Fred Oishi cooked, that I had to get in three extra runs the following week. Joanna solved the problem by putting on a hula hoop exhibition -- a skill I didn't know she had. However, bearing in mind her other "athletic type" skills, I wasn't too surprised.

See you all on the 29th of October, I hope.

Best Wishes to the 442nd RC's



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