

Banquet Registrants 9-1-92

O A H U-- Yoshiji/Betty Aoki, Hapa/Mabel Fujimoto, Richard/Chizuko Furukawa, Bill/Harumi Hagio, Hide/Mary Higa, Jake/Terry Jichaku, Genro/Muriel Kashiwa, Wally/Mabel Kawamura, P.K./Genny Matsumoto, Cowboy/Marian Matsumura, Doc/Harriet Miyamoto, Dyna/Mary Matsuda, Toshi/Betty Nakahara, Albert/Beryl Nakama, Allen Nakamura, Hide Nakayama, Kazuma/Tama Ogata, Fumio/Michiko Ohashi, Joe/Nancy Oshiro, Freckles/Gloria Oshiro, Bill/Lily Oshiro, Wallace/Grace Okamura (Grace is the 442 executive secretary), Kobe/Chiz Shoji, Bob/Lily Sasaki, Jimmy Suyenaga, Isa/Hilda Takiyama, Yoshito/Pauline Tome, Jiro/Flora Watanabe, Victor/Timmie Yamashita, Masae Yamamoto (Toshi's guest).

MAUI--Tonto Aoki, Itsuko Hayashi, Richard Kibe, Kiyoshi/Betty Kishimoto, Geo/Judity Kitagawa, Jiro/Kikue Koja, Kamao Mochizuki, Eddie Ogawa, Francis Ohta, Yasu/Emiko Okinaka.

HAWAII-- Tom/Toyo Mizuno, Teizo/Mrs Sumida, Iwao/Alice Yonemitsu.

WASHINGTON-- Roy/Sei Fujiwara, Haruo/Sue Fujino, George/Toyo Hayashi, Ken/Aki Higashi, Paul Higuchi, Chiz Hirahara, Tama Muratani, Pete Kozu, John Kanda, George/Mary Kozu, Bob/Kay Lowrey, Paul/Yoshiko Minato/Miko/Emma Mori, Turk/Yuri Suzuki, Hack Sameshima, Ben/Kitty Sugawara, Mas/Beulah Sakagami, Mits/June Takahashi, Mas/Hisa Watanabe.

NO. CAL-- Joey Ishinara, Shig/Ruby Kizuka, Hide/Merry Kiyomura, Ray Nomura, Ken/Mrs. Nihei, Dag Wakatogawa, Joe/Mrs. Ouchi, A.R. Okimoto, Ray Orite, Jiro, Mrs. Sugidono, Tom/Mrs. Teramoto, Bill/Miyo Tomuro, Shig Mrs. Yokote, Feb/Amy Yokoi.

SO. CAL-- George/Faith Doi, Tak/Ruth Hashimoto, Sam/Yoshiko Ikari, Mrs. Tominaka, Mino Kaminishi, Ben/Kitty Kitagawa, Harry Kohama, Tom/Yo Mori, Aki/Tacky Minamide, John/Mrs./Kyle/Kacie Minamide, Lorriane Nagato, Hiro Nishikubo, Betty Wakamatsu, Chickie Sumida, Don/Sumi Seki, Chris/Karen/Jared/Kara Shimizu, Stanley Takemoto, Jun/Bev Yamamoto, Mark/Shelby/Even/Mitchell Young.

BUFFALO-- Ken/Maako Inada.

MICHIGAN-- Paul Joichi. IDAHO--

John/Suni Kobayashi. LAS VEGAS--

Frank/Frances Nomura. COLORADO--

George/Esther Oye. CHICAGO--

Kenji/Louise Tani. UA-- Seiji/Hazel

Imamura, Sam/Tama Mitsui,

Tsuneji/Mrs. Suda, Jim/K Tateoka.

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Lawrence/Chiyoko Fujii, David Handa,

Casey Kasadate, Mickey/Tatsue

Kurokawa, George Matsumoto,

Doc/Harriet Miyamoto, Spike/Masae

Nakamura, Jenny Oka, Harry

Nakamura, Moran Nojiri,

Mansan/Yuriko Suehiro, Matsy/Aya

Takabuki, Bobbie/Chiyoko Yamane,

Robert/Jane Yukitomo.

Extended Trip to Mainland

Bill & Lily Oshiro had over a month long trip to the mainland in

May/June attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Toru & Kiyo Sakahara, sister of Lily in Seattle and visiting with Daughter Jocelyn and their grandchildren in Maryland. It became a sort of unwelcomed extended trip when it became necessary for Bill to be hospitalized at Andrews Air Force base hospital for 7 days, where upon a medical check-up, some blood was found in his stool. Bill is okay, having attended our July chapter meeting without mentioning his stay in the hospital. He is continuing his medication at Tripler and resumed golfing, which is a good healthy sign.

Bill & Lily, while driving through Meridian, noticed that Hattiesburg & Camp Shelby were not too far away. In Bill's words to Lily, "I may never make it this close again -- let's drive down there." Unfortunately it was on a Monday when the museum is closed. To quote Bill, "We went to Camp Shelby and drove around the area where Co. L was located. I cannot for sure pinpoint the exact location, but I'm almost certain that we were near the old Co. L area. My memory is real bad. I didn't recognize or remember the gate leaving Shelby. I couldn't recall any of the surrounding area. It was nearly 50 years ago!"

Stanley Takemoto of LA, former islander from Maui, knew that Bill had visited Shelby and sent him a copy of an article by former original officer of Co. H Christopher R. Keegan on Camp Shelby. As Bill says, "Others will enjoy the article as it describes the camp very well."

Shelby Revisited by Chris Keegan

In December 1991, I made my second visit to Camp Shelby, accompanied by my wife Ann and son Timothy, Commander U.S.C.G. My first visit was in Feb. 1943, when I reported for duty with the 442nd RCT, an absence of 48 years.

What was once the Training Camp for 100,000 troops during WW II, making it the largest Training Center in the world, is no more. Camp Shelby is there, the sign says so, but what we remember is gone. The Camp Shelby of WW II contained 360,000 acres, plus 400,000 acres for maneuvering space. In all, over a thousand square miles. 1,800 buildings and 250 miles of improved road were built at a cost of 24 million dollars. Units that trained there were the 37th, 38th, 43rd, 65th, and 69th Divisions and the famous Japanese American 442 RCT which became the most highly decorated unit in the European Theater. (This is the last sentence from the Camp Shelby brochure). What the 442nd and the 100th Bn were housed in must have been the early wooden buildings shipped from Camp McClellan, Alabama in 1937. They no longer exist. When I say it is no more, it isn't!

After the war, the War Assets Administration sold the federally owned property. Even the water pipes were dug up and sold. So what you see today is not the wooden, single floored barracks, with pot-bellied stoves for heating or the two-storied barracks the divisions were in; but what you see today are one story concrete block barracks built in 1958. The pine trees

and the cold damp air of December are still there. The old buildings are long gone, so are most of the roads and areas we remember, now overgrown with brush and pine forests. What we remember is now small and insignificant to what Shelby once was.

There is a small museum on the post. It is housed in one of the new one-story concrete block buildings. In June 1988, the Department of Army Center of Military History approved the Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby. Individuals and organizations have donated over 1,492 items that are on display. Dr. Betty Drake, a former marine, acts as curator. She shared the products of the museum with us for over an hour. The museum houses the memories of the men and women who fought not only in WW II, but WW I, Korea, and Vietnam.

Trying to travel down the dusty road of the past is difficult when the things you remember no longer exist. Even Hattiesburg is vastly different. Spread over an area ten times what it was During WW II with typical numerous American shopping areas almost on every corner. Only a small section of old downtown remains; the theater, the old hotel (now an office building), and the railroad station. New modern buildings have replaced the old. Some of the old stately homes remain and the city is now the hub of several schools of higher education, including Southern Mississippi University on a very beautiful campus.

We enjoyed our visit even though the old memories are just memories, because the physical things we remember no longer exist. Even the

house we lived in is no longer there -- like the barracks, it made way for progress and modernization. What's left of downtown Hattiesburg will soon disappear - this was evident during our visit, for most of the old stores were empty and some were being demolished, making way for the new - that's life!!

Camp Shelby Today

Inf. from the Shelby museum: During the Korean conflict, Camp Shelby was established as an Emergency Railhead Facility. In the summer of 1954, non-divisional National Guard units trained at Camp Shelby and in 1956, it was designated as a permanent training site by Continental Army Command.

Now, throughout the year over 100,000 troops from all branches of the United States military train there.

50th Wedding Anniversary

That's right - Toyo and Tom Mizuno of Hilo have been married for half-a-century. It seems from daughter Janis's tales, Tom pursued Toyo island wide till the answer was yes. Remember that this is guy is from Waialua and she's from Kona. Gun Ho spirit started a long time ago for him. Per Janis: "It was an exciting time for the family in our younger days. Can't remember how many times we moved back and forth to the islands!" Anyway, we all congratulate and wish you well on your Golden Wedding Anniversary!

The reception was held at the Wisteria Restaurant on Sunday, July 26. The children, Lois, Janis, Michael &

Randy worked awfully hard to keep it as a surprise party, telling Tom and Toyo that it was a celebration party for their grandchildren who had just graduated from college on the mainland. Tom was emotionally spent - speechless to be exact. Can you imagine this guy not yakking?!? It was a surprise alright! A good number of Lovers were there on a late invitation to help liven the occasion together with many relatives from the mainland and neighbor islands. They have a beeg clan!

We learned that this was their 3rd celebration. The first was a trip to Las Vegas. The 2nd at Seattle when somebody there got wind that it was their 50 years of marriage and a subsequent get-together party for them. Tom & Toyo attended their grandchildren's graduation from college in Washington.



by Yori Inouye

A VOICE IN THE NIGHT (by Private Satoru Onodera)

I heard a whispered voice last night,
Which floated through the battle's might
The way of men below:
"Weren't they meant to trust and love
Instead of thinking each as foe?"

To enjoy as Thou the gentle rains,
That wash Thy cheeks so clean:
Sweeps o'er field of waving grains
And makes the grasslands green.

Stars that light the traveler's way,
Winds that cool the fevered brow-
The sun that brightens each new day,
The smell of heather - the song of plow.

Do I speak of these in vain?
Must they live in greatest of sins?
Must they fight and curse the rain?
Knowing the while that no one wins?
Then midst the angry cannon's roar
The voice for living spoke no more.

Satoru Onodera of Seattle was originally assigned to I Co. of the 442nd. In January 1944 he went overseas as one of the replacements for Co. C, 100th Bn. He was at the Angio beachhead in Italy when he wrote this poignant poem during a lull in battle, so eloquently expressing thoughts and feelings the men in the trenches must have had in their hearts and minds. Satoru died in action only a few days after writing the poem.

Kaun Onodera of Seattle, a member of Mike Chapter, had the honor of reading his younger brother's poem last year during a Dedication Ceremony of the Photographic Memorial honoring "Uncommon American Patriots," the Americans of Japanese descent from Washington state who died in action in World War II and other wars. Satoru was among the 62 or so honored.

And while we're thinking of Kau Onodera, there's another interesting matter he may not mention to all of us. Kaun very recently had the pleasure of receiving a letter from the Director of Public Program of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles informing him of their selection

for display a letter he had written overseas during the war to one Norio Mitsuoka. Mr. Mitsuoka saved hundreds of letters and postcards received from the soldiers serving in Europe when he was interned in Minidoka Relocation Camp in Hunt, Idaho. Kaun's letter was one of those selected for display because "it was extraordinarily moving and well written." Congratulations, Kaun; we'll be looking for it when we're in LA in September. For those visiting the museum in the future, the section to look for is called "Stories in Letters and Documents."

Another member of M Co. Mr. Mitsuoka mentioned in his memoirs was Private H. ("Dango") Matsui, 1st Platoon, also from Seattle. The boys should have no trouble recalling what Dango was like. Mr. Mitsuoka remembers: "'Dango' Matsui had quite a reputation. He was a fisherman and went from job to job all up and down the coast and in Alaska, working in a salmon cannery, oystering, farming. I worked with his dad in Alaska and then I met Dango in the relocation center in Idaho. Seems like Dango was everywhere before me. He made a lot of noise for a little guy. He was carefree, a very intelligent fellow. He was a bachelor, almost too old for the Army but he volunteered. He was a machine-gunner and very fortunate to get out of the war without any wounds." Remember Dango? Just bringing back some ole memories.

Condolences

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of Fred Masaji Matsumoto of

Los Angeles who passed away on May 11th at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife Kaoru, 4 children, and 8 grandchildren. During his tour of duty with 442 Fred was the Mess Sergeant with M Co. Our California friends will certainly miss him.

We also extend our sympathy to Frank and Nancy Nomura and their family on the recent passing of their mother, Michiyo Nomura, in June.

Condolences also go to John and Billee Gogian of Los Angeles on the loss of their mother Rosalia Gogian in June. In token of our gratitude and appreciation for the friendship, kindness, and generosity extended to Mike Chapter by John and Billee, a gift was made to Hospice of the Desert Communities in Palm Springs, California in memory of their mother.

Cookouts

Mahalo to John and Billee Gogian! They came through once again with a generous shipment of meats -- this time consisting of steaks, spare ribs and cornish hens. We are indeed fortunate that the Gogians care enough to give us this excuse to get together. Two cookouts were scheduled to consume all the stuff -- one on Sunday, July 19th, and the other on Saturday, August 29th. Members showing up with their appetites at either or both cookouts were Norio and Mary Akutagawa, Shiro and Evelyn Aoki, Tadao and Alice Beppu, Mamo and Edith Furuya, Sieki and Daisy Arakaki, Barney and Esther Hajiro, Shige and Yori Inouye, Jimmy and Frieda Kanemori, Tommy Kikuchi, Melvin and Mildred Kunishige, Ernest

and Dorothy Kamisato, Harold and Jane Kudo, Michael and Kimi Ide, Eichi Matsuda, Edwin Matsuzaki, Yoshinobu Matsushima, Wally and Priscilla Nagao, Robert Nagata, Richard and Edith Nariyoshi, Frank and Nancy Nomura, Tom Sakamoto, Ralph and Mitsue Shisido, Isamu and Kay Takayasu, Paul and Yuki Takiguchi, Yoshio and Elsie Teruya, Ralph and Alice Tomei, Toshio and Emi Tsuji, Edward and Betty Tomikoshi, Toru Yamaguchi, Grace Yamashiro, and David and Janet Umeda.

The following deserve our vote of thanks for their part in making the cookouts so successful: Frank Nomura for taking care of storage of the meat and procuring supplies; Paul Takiguchi arranged for the use of the facility, also Paul and Yuki; Tommy Kikuchi, Ralph and Alice Tomei, and Ralph and Mitsue Shishido turned out before the crowd to get the place set up, the meat prepared, the fire started, and the whole thing going. Thank also to everybody that brought all the other goodies -- rice, sekihan, sushi, salads, tsukemono and desserts -- we had everything; and all the good cooks that helped in the kitchen. Some of us who were lacking in culinary skills, like Emi Tsuji, Betty Tomikoshi, Yori Inouye and Terry Teruya, just sang for our supper.

50th Anniversary

The time for celebrating our big Golden Anniversary Reunion will soon be upon us. A record number of Chapter members and friends at this once in a lifetime event is anticipated. In between his frequent jaunts to Vegas, Ralph Tomei is working to get Chapter

matter firmed up. Our Hospitality Room will be at the Outrigger East where Mike Chapter members will be accommodated. For the Chapter Night function we will gather at the Waikiki Beachcomber which is within walking distance from Outrigger East.

Following is the list of Mike Chapter members and friends registered up to August 1 as shown on the first printout from Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays: Norio Akutagawa, Shiro and Evelyn Aoki, Frank and Mrs. Doi and Hiroyo, Joseph and Mrs. Enomoto, Mamoru and Edith Furuya, John and Billee Gogian, Tom Goto, Shigeo and Yori Inouye, Michael and Kimiyo Ide, Robert and Mrs. Kinaga, Frank and Helen Kimura, Frank and Mrs. Kumukura, Tom and Rose Kinaga, Kingo and Mrs. Kanechika, Ernest and Dorothy Kamisato, Harold and Jane Kudo, Tommy Kikuchi, Melvin and Mildred Kunishige, Edward and Mrs. Kiyohara, James and Frieda Kanemori, Kazuo and Mrs. Masuda, Edwin and Dorothy Matsuzaki, Yoshikazu and Mrs. Matsui, Rocki and Mrs. Mikami, Tosh and Mrs. Mayeda, Mr. and Mrs. Huggins (Mayeda's son-in-law) George and Mrs. Maekawa, Tsugio and Mrs. Nouchi, David Nishida, Frank and Nancy Nomura, Richard and Edith Nariyoshi, Wallace and Priscilla Nagao, Robert Nagata, Hiromi and Mrs. Omura, Shinko Obata, Kaun and Mrs. Onodera, Bill Okazaki, Mike and Mrs. T. Stevens, Thomas Sakamoto and Eiro Yamado, Ralph and Mitsue Shishido, Clarence Sawamura, Yahachi and Mrs. Sagami, Itsuo and Mrs. Shiraki, Edward and Betty Tomikoshi, Yoshio and Elsie Teruya, Richard and Sumi Tochiara,

Ralph and Alice Tomei, Shrio and Florence Takei, Paul and Yuki Takiguchi, Isamu and Kay Katayesu, David and Janet Umeda, Richard and Gladys Uyemura, Howard and Mrs. Uyehara, Yoshito and Alice Yamada, Pius and Mrs. Yanagi, Tom and Mrs. Yokoyama, Seiki and Alice Yoshimura, Robert Yuruki, Hiroshi and Grace Yamashiro.

We heard from our friends, Jean and Renee Bianchetti, of Vagney, Fance; they too are planning to come and join in the celebration.

The response so far is heartening but there are still some names missing of people we really want to see. So if you've been putting it off, Now's the time to get your applications in unless you're waiting for the next 50th.

New Members

Mike Chapter is pleased to welcome the following two new members:

(1) Shiro Aoki Shiro grew up in the popular little town of Hawi in Kohala, Hawaii. After graduating from Kohala High School he joined military service, initially assigned to the 1st Platoon, M Co., then later with D Co., 100th Bn. Upon discharge from service he attended the University of Hawaii and graduated with a major in Business Administration. He enjoyed many years of good old-fashioned hard work with Pan American Airlines. While serving as Director of Food Services in the Pacific Rim, Shiro and his wife Evelyn traveled extensively. He retired from Pan Am in 1985, enjoyed playing golf

until his bad back beat him golf game, and now his favorite pastime is playing poker. In between he becomes a couch potato watching sports and more sports -- he knows all the winners and the losers. Evelyn is a full-blooded city girl from Honolulu, very congenial -- you'll love knowing her. They have one son.

(2) Seiki Arakaki Waikapu, Maui is where Seiki was born and raised. He attended Maui Vocational School in Kahalui and worked for Wailuku Sugar Co. before coming to Honolulu. Like Shiro Aoki, Seiki's first taste of military training was with M Co., 1st Platoon, then with D Co., 100th Bn. He later reenlisted and served additional tours in Japan and the Korean War, with total military service of 7 years. Upon his discharge he took Federal Civil Service employment as a fireman at the Fort Shafter Fire Department; with a reduction in force there he went to Fort Shafter Engineers as pest controller, and subsequently to Aliamanu Ammunition Depot as security guard. He retired from there in 1981 after 34 years of service. What he enjoys doing now is drinking beer. Wife Daisy was born in Honolulu but went to live on Maui when she was around 4 or 5 years of age. No, they were not childhood sweethearts, only family friends back then. Seiki admits being a late bloomer and his real interest in Daisy started when they were in Honolulu. Daisy now does part-time work for an artist and enjoys painting flowers, landscape, etc. They have two sons.

Etcetera

Congratulations to Tom Kinaga upon his graduation from college once again. We failed to find out from this retired electrical engineer what degree he earned this time; it's no wonder since he's been studying all the years we've known him. And you know what? He's going for more. Tom, how about sharing that brain power with some of us lolo types?

We're happy to have Janet Umeda back to stay with us for good after being absent for 18 months babysitting in Oakland. Good thing she decided to come back because we almost lost David too! And after Grace Yamashiro left to join Hiroshi in LA, we were afraid our whole M Co. Borot Club was going down the tubes.

Sumi Tochiara had intentions of sneaking in and out of town recently, but somebody found her at Ala Moana one day with her cute little granddaughter Kanani. This sly individual claimed she only came to babysit for a couple of weeks, but it was a joy chatting with her.

by Mary Sakai,



*Carol S. Freiteira
and Patti Laba*

AMY SAKIMOTO from LA invites "...anybody thinking of visiting LA this fall, we'd love to see them on the first Saturday in October (Oct. 3) for a California A-T dinner."

TAK and SUMI HATTORI graciously invited AMY SAKIMOTO to

stay at their Torrance home during the LA riots and fires. Son ALAN stayed with mother AMY and drove her to Torrance, avoiding a week of hovering LA smoke.

FRANK SETO's Reunion With Long-Lost Brother After 60 Years, Part II. JUAN was born in LA on July 22, 1911. He did not know who his parents were nor his last name. In 1960, the newspaper "EL SOL" printed an article of a mother and her 2 children's journey from the USA on foot to see their grandmother who lived in San Miguel de Horcasitas, 40 miles away. "In the year 1921 about the month of September, a Mexican lady arrived in Hermosillo, Sonora Mexico with her little boy (approximately 10 years) and baby daughter (approximately 2 months)." The mother became lost and disoriented without food or water in the mountain. "She left her children in the woods and showed up in Hermosillo a few days later with her clothes torn, swollen feet, emaciated and, by signs only, indicated from where she had come. She was delirious and didn't realize what was happening." The mayor organized a search party. They found the "boy, extremely weak, sun tanned, but relatively in good condition. He was carrying his dead little sister in his arms." The mother and son were treated. The mother was declared insane and sent to a sanitarium in Mexico City. The boy was enrolled in school but ran away to find his mother, in vain. Juan grew up and worked. He needed to legalize his status in the Mexican Republic so he contacted ENRIQUE ROMERO, son of the mayor who organized the search party. ENRIQUE

and his brother found the death certificate of AURORA SETO who died of starvation on Sept. 23, 1921. She was the daughter of JORGE and JUANA SETO. Years passed. ENRIQUE vacationed in LA and contacted FRANK SETO through the Japanese American Citizen's League. FRANK was suspicious but when ENRIQUE showed him documents and birth certificates that matched FRANK's birth certificate, FRANK was convinced. He phoned brother JIM in Chicago for a Guadalajara reunion. FRANK looks forward to the day when JUAN can get his papers straightened out and visit him in LA (This reporter severely regrets editing the whole story due to length). We look forward to hearing Frank speak about his discovery of his brother in person.

CHAPPY KISHABA, DAVE KAWAGOYE, FRANK SETO, and TAK HATTORI keep busy with A-T lists about the 442nd 50th Anniversary Reunion. Might as well meet at Denny's at La Palma....good food! Speaking of good food, China Gate in Stanton has been selected for the October 3rd party, for more info, call CHAPPIE at 1-310-944-1094. Come to party with party people...Seattle's GEORGE and MALY TAMURA, MAC MAMIYA and family, the SAIMOS and fullerton's ROY NISHIO....

If you have questions about plants, we do have an expert in our midst....DR. SHIGEMI HONMA of Michigan. He's traveled to Belgium, Israel, Bulgaria, Poland, Japan, Hungary, Thailand....with subjects from tomatoes to capsicum breeding and genetics. SHIGEMI and

wife ISAO recently visited his hometown, Honokaa.

Mahalo to journalist TAK HATTORI who is the "wind beneath our wings" by supporting us with so much info.

If you're ever in Lihue, Kauai, take a side trip behind Lihue Motors. Go down Oxford Street or Poinciana Street from Kuhio Highway. You'll find street names like NAKAMURA, JERVES, HIRAOKA, INOUE, and FUJII. MITSUO AKIYAMA enclosed a touching article from The Hawaii Herald dated January 1, 1991 about 5 WW II veterans who worked for the Lihue Plantation Company. The plantation named 5 streets after its five employees who died during the war. 442nd brother FRANKIE FUJII of PFC. YUTAKA FUJII last saw YUTAKA in basic training at Camp Shelby. The special history doesn't stand out when you just look at the street signs, but the street signs look out over this quiet neighborhood with special meaning.

Did anyone get a chance to visit the Wailoa Center from July 10 to August 14? If you did, you would have seen MITSUO and SHIZUE AKIYAMA's 72 old plantations days items on display during the Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women in Hawaii, sponsored by the Bishop Museum and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

Our deepest sympathy to SHIZUE AKIYAMA's family in the death of her nephew, CHARLES USHIJIMA, former lawmaker.

Reporter MARY SAKAI scooped up some info at the Wisteria Restaurant on June 7th when the A-T chapter had a

get-together. "It was like pulling teeth," said Mary. Attending were KO and JANET HATA, CHILI and IRENE SASAKI, HALO HIROSE, "HOTSAUCE" and THELMA MIZUSAWA, RUGGED and KATHERINE MIYAKAWA, KENNETH and HELEN YOKOYAMA, JITS KUNICHIKA with lady friend, WALLACE KAGAWA, MASATO and SACHI DOI, KAZUO KIYONAGA, JERRY and ALICE AYABE, JAKE and MARGARET KAGUNI, HARRY and JANEY TOKASHIKI, LIZO and YVONNE HONMA, "PETITE" SUZUKI, "MONKEY" TATEISHI, FUMIO KIDO, "WHITEY" and KAY YAMAMOTO.

Honored drummer "PETITE" SUZUKI says he's hardly working but is the "Big Drummer" during Bon Odori season. He goes all over Oahu to beat his "Big Drum." PETITE has been treasurer for 30 years to the Aiea Soto Mission. Next time you watch the lanterns floating down the Ala Wai Canal, listen carefully. That's PETITE doing his thing!

"MONKEY" TATEISHI feels 100% walking 6 miles, 5 days a week. Let's draft him for the parade next March.

LIZO and YVONNE HONMA honeymooned in Hilo with the HGEA group.

HARRY and JANET TOKASHIKI watched the fort while son VAUGHN, wife ROSEMARY and children VINCENT and ELISE, other son CRAIG, wife VEDA, and daughter RISA went to Disneyland, Lake Tahoe and the west coast. Daughter LYNETTE is busy at CBS (Columbia

Broadcasting System) while husband KEVIN SERANO works for McDonald Douglas Airways. Busy, busy, busy!

Traveling days for WHITEY and AMY MOTOYA YAMAMOTO were great. Sigh! Now you'll find WHITEY in the Army Museum where he does volunteer work. Wife AMY works part-time at Musashiya.

Fully retired FUMIO KIDO from Pearl Harbor shipyard now keeps his hands busy with yardwork, raising Japanese daikon, stringbeans, lettuce, and orchid plants. Sounds like FUMIO can open up his own produce store.

CHILI and IRENE SASAKI have 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Son CURTIS and wife COSIE have 2 children, 8 year old BRADLEY and 4 year old MEGAN. CURTIS and family live in Sunnyvale where Bing cherries, apricots, plums, nectarines, and peaches are abundant. CURTIS went from hardware to software at Apple Computer. Mountain View son DENNIS and wife CONNIE keep their hands full with 9 year old CHRISTOPHER and 7 year old SHAUN. Microbiologist DENNIS worked for Stanford University for 11 years before going to Systemix. Grandparents visit to do carpentry, painting, and catching the bus to Palo Alto to take their grandchildren to lunch, the library, and the bookstore.

Don't forget to call MARY SAKAI to update her on your news! If not, we'll put out our A-T posse to find you!