


 by Henry Chagami

50th Reunion

Plans for the 1993 50th Anniversary Reunion are proceeding well, thanks to the untiring efforts of Kazu Saiki. He presented updated information to the Cannoneers Planning Committee at a meeting held on August 26th, 1992 at the J.C. Penny Restaurant, Ala Moana Shopping Center. Present were president John Mikasa, vice-president Yukisada Oshiro, secretary/treasurer Lincoln Maeda, Masami Ohara, Kaoru Watanabe, Kazu Saiki, Takashi Muraoka, and Henry Chagami. Kazu expressed some concern at the huge response received, both from the mainland and locally, to participate in the post reunion visit March 28-31, 1993. Tsuka Murakami will the events on Kauai. Annually, he is the honcho for the Association of Retarded Citizens of Kauai Golf Tournament which had participants from all islands, so this great task should be routine for him. Roy Miyake, the other cannoneer residing in Kauai, owns the Hanamaulu Cafe and a dinner is planned at the cafe. Total cost per person is \$300 for 3 nights at Coco Palms Hotel double occupancy, all dinners and breakfasts, air and ground transportation, and fees to various sightseeing stops. This is a fantastic package deal put together by Tsuka. The following have indicated that they will participate and more are expected: Norma and Edwin Shorey, Marge and George Buirke, Honey and Gerald Gustafson, Mary and John

Kashiki, Sumi and Frank Sugihara, Judith and Daniel Weber, Alice and Hajime Yoshizawa, Katherine and Wally Nunotani, Osame and Arthur Doi, Marjorie and Paul Wichman, Ida and Yoshio Toyota, Helen and Manuel Kitagawa, Alice and Norman Ugai, Beatrice Ugai, Shiz and Shigeru Hinatsu, Mariko and Takeshi Hanami, Yuriko and Naoki Misawa, Pearl Yanagimachi, Rose and Charles Fujisaki, Mary and Eric Endow, Yoko and Tom Sakata, Sue and Everett Matsui, Tooru Taguchi, Martha and Mas Enomoto, Elaine Enomoto, Ruth and Carl Takano, May and William Nitta, Karl Nitta, Stuart Nitta, Matt Nitta, Irene and Lincoln Maeda, Mitsue and Kazuyuki Kudo, Mary and John Mikasa, Mabel and Kaoru Watanabe, Barbara and Tom Okino, June and Masami Ohara, Ann and Takashi Muraoka, Reiko and Charles Oda, Judy and Kazu Saiki, Akira Okamoto and guest, Yukisada Oshiro, Mamoru Morita, Kiyoshi Taba, Takeshi Mizukami, and Henry Chagami. Joining us for the Kauai trip will be Carlesso and Monique Serge of Bruyeres, France, two very special guests of the Doi's.

Tentative schedule of events in Kauai include hospitality room, two full days of sightseeing, a Kauai style luau, international show, dinner at Hanamaulu Cafe and at Coco Palms Coconut Palace or Queen's Audience Hall.

The reunion headquarters for Cannon Chapter will be Princess Kaiulani Hotel. The Hospitality Room will be on the 4th floor "Board Room" of the Ainahau Tower wing. The Chapter Night Banquet will be held in the Robert Louis Stevenson Room on the 11th floor of the Princess wing.

Other News

Recently received an unexpected letter from Akira Okamoto. For quite some time, no one knew where Akira could be contacted. In his letter, he says he left Hawaii in March for the Truk Islands to advise the natives on construction of water storage facilities. So far he has built a 3 bedroom living quarters, a fiber glass workshop, and has started teaching the natives how to build storage tanks 300-2,000 gallons in capacity. The people also need a boat repair shop for both wooden and fiber glass boats. In addition, they plan to produce fiber glass boats instead of importing them. Boats are indispensable in Truk as traveling is mostly by boats between islands scattered around a lagoon. Akira spent many years in Palau as a consultant, advisor, and builder. He is indeed a master of all trades and a one-man Peace Corps.

Tooru Kanazawa, who has undertaken to write the history of the Cannon Chapter, had completed the chapter on the 1st days of action. Copy of the chapter was sent to each cannoneer on the mainland by John Kashiki and to the local members by me. Also sent to each cannoneer at the same time was an incomplete listing of the Company organization with a request to insert any missing names, correct any errors, or verify the persons identified to the various positions in the Company. Additionally requested was the submission of any noteworthy event that happened while they were assigned to Cannon Company. The history of Cannon Company is envisioned to be

published in booklet form similar to the 442nd Veterans Club Go For Broke Bulletin Newsletter. It will contain the roster, decorations earned by members, as in Memoriam section and a narrative. Once very pleasant response was a response received from Hisashi Tamura of Hilo. This is the first time we have heard from Hisashi in years.



by Henry
Kuniyuki

A Dream Cruise

For this quarterly issue of the "Go For Broke" Bulletin we proudly feature the dream, ocean cruises of the Harry Takeki Sekiya family on the Crystal Harmony. Harry and Nancy had the pleasure of their first cruise abroad the Crystal Harmony to the exotic destinations of the Caribbean Islands in January of 1991. Since they thoroughly enjoyed the twelve-day trip on the fabulous Crystal Harmony they promptly signed up for a second trip to the New England/Canadian area from August 21st to September 1, 1991. Their latest dream trip on the Crystal Harmony covered the Northern Capitals of Scandinavia and vicinity on another thirteen day trip from June 12th to the 25th, 1992. As you may recall when the Harry Sekiya family was featured in the "Go For Broke" Bulletin in the Christmas, 1989 issue, Harry and Nancy sold their lucrative Chikaramochi

business and retired. Both, having worked so hard and diligently carrying on their family enterprise, they were most deserving of enjoying their life of leisure in blissful retirement. The beautiful Crystal Harmony cruise ship was built in Nippon and is of Bahamian registry. She has a guest capacity of 960 and carries a crew totaling 475 or a per guest space ratio of 51.5. It is most interesting to note that the crews nationalities varies from a Norwegian captain; Norwegian and Japanese officers; international crew; European hotel staff; Italian and European dinner staff; and American European cruise staff. The general specifications of the ship are: 49,400 gross registered tons; 791 ft. length, 97 ft. width; 22 knots cruising speed; with a capability of 23 knots maximum speed.

More Crystal Harmony Cruises

On their January 17th to the 27th, 1991 trip of Acapulco to San Juan, the ship's destinations included St. Thomas, St. Marten, Curacao, Panama Canal, and Caldera. Their second Crystal Harmony cruise, as arranged by Adventure World Travel, started on their embarkation at New York harbor with the first port of call at Newport, Rhode Island. From Newport their itinerary covered Boston, Massachusetts; Bar Harbor, Maine; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Quebec, Canada; and Montreal. The thirteen day Northern Capitals cruise started at Copenhagen, Denmark to Leningrad, Russia; and on to Helsinki, Finland; continuing the cruise to Stockholm, Sweden; from there to Gdansk,

Northern Poland onto Baltic Sea; to Oslo, Norway; with a layover in Amsterdam, Holland; and back to Copenhagen. Both Harry and Nancy enjoyed the casino on the board the Crystal Harmony; the food was excellent; and the crew most attentive. For further details of this "once-in-a-lifetime" trip contact Harry and Nancy. The Chapter Reporter sincerely appreciates receiving the details of these Crystal Harmony cruises from Nancy Sekiya. Appreciation is also expressed to Chapter Vice-President Paul Takaazu for referring this newsworthy item to the Chapter Reporter.

July Dinner Meeting

At the Livorno Chapter's July dinner meeting the Chapter members congratulated Masatoshi Mitani, who finally kicked the insidious nicotine habit, the last of our Chapter members to do so. As a reward for his good behavior Sumie Mitani is taking Masatoshi for their first trip to Nippon this October, 1992. Paul also informed the Chapter members the Jitsuyoshi Nakandakare is leasing his meat market business in order to enjoy retirement. Although the 50th Anniversary Convention sign-up deadline has passed, arrangements may be made through Chapter Liaison Representative Raymond Tanaka to attend one or more of the functions and to purchase souvenir items. The Chapter also went on record to support Bruce Yamashita on his case against the US Marine Corps. We wish him well on his legal battle with the Corps to obtain his rightful

officer commission denied him by abhorrent racial discrimination. IMUA!



by Herbert
Akamine

A good turnout greeted president Matsuo for the June meeting at the clubhouse. Among those present were Albert Tsukayama, Lionel Ikebe, Carl Miyabara, Jack Yamashiro, Roy Sakata, Takashi Nakamura, Edward Onaka, Suelo Fujii, Shigemi Nakamura, Masato Inouye, and Jerry Ogawa. The main discussion of the meeting involved next year's reunion. The group decided to hold the chapter night gala at Nuuanu Onsen. Matsuo later informed the boys that the site had been changed to the Mikado Restaurant at Kaimana Beach Hotel due to the unusually large number of anticipated participants.

Ted Matsuo received news of the passing of Fusako Abe, wife of Dr. Harry Abe. She passed away in Long Island, NY on August 9, 1992 due to liver complications. The Abes had a wonderful time at the Kona reunion because of the warm, friendly atmosphere created by the locals. No doubt, she must have been looking forward to the 50th Anniversary get together.

News from Vic Izui

The Medics received a generous donation from Vic Izui. his accompanying letter noted "Medics must

be expecting a large turnout for the golden anniversary. As usual, we're signed up with I Co. but I hope we can get together. I'd like Medics to meet George Sawada's younger brother, Fred Hiroshi, who'll be our guest with Item. He joined the 100th C Co. in North Africa, and was wounded 5 times. he was in Naples hospital recovering from wounds when he heard George was hit. he promptly went AWOL to rejoin the outfit to find out the facts. Fred and George were born in Hawaii but grew up in Seattle. This will be his first reunion."

More Publications

Good to see more books coming out about the outfit. Thelma Chang's book is very good. Last spring several of us ol' vets were asked to help a yonsei girl with her tales on Nisei soldiers and JA wartime travels and contributions. Her Japanese born mother couldn't help and her sansei father knew very little. Research at her school and public libraries produced next to nothing (They gave her a book about the 92nd in which there was a tiny bit about 442). Now, this is very surprising and astounding, since so much has been written about JA already. Why, even Britannica has some stuff about us. In desperation, she called JA Service Committee for assistance, and they referred her to us ol' fogies. I'm baffled that Chicago libraries carry little or no books about us, and young'uns know so little about their legacy - rather disturbing. We'll be going out to the shaky side in October to see daughter Tina, and to Vegas for I Co. mini-reunion.

Masa Nomura's Baedaker

Masa Nomura's Baedaker has taken her to Scandinavia this year. We received a post-card she sent from Bergen, Norway. It showed Edvard Grieg's cottage where he did much of his composing. Masa wrote "Left a week ago via London, Copenhagen, and Oslo, spending 4 more days in Norway, then on to Sweden, Finland, and Russia. Visited Grieg's home today (7-21-92) in Bergen. This cabin is isolated from the main house (now a museum) where he composed. Listened to his "Piano Concerto in A minor" in the concert hall attached to the museum. Scandinavia not as crowded as the continent but still lots of Japanese from Japan." For Masa it was Stonehenge last year. Where will her Baedaker take her next year? The latest communication from Dr. Donald Nakashima was dated July 7, 1992. He said, "Have been busy lately as we had gone to Asilomar at Monterey last weekend for a meeting and also had gone to SF on 2 nights for a symphony concert. We were in SF again last night to take my youngest son James back with a wagon full of empty boxes. He'll be moving to Providence, RI, end of August to join the Brown University research laboratory. We will leave for Hawaii on August 13th but will be busy cleaning out the condo on Kapahulu Ave. which we sold in February. The escrow closes on the 20th so we have to clear the unit out of our furniture. James will be coming along as well as my old son, Steve. Steve works in Bangladesh but has a month off on vacation. He flies to Washington DC to see his girlfriend for a couple of weeks

then flies on to California for a few days and will leave for Honolulu to join us there to help. Then, he'll fly to Singapore and then on to Dahka."

Vic's Dilemma

"Then my youngest daughter and her husband will be visiting California from Tuscon, Arizona the last two weeks of this month to visit his family in Sacramento and us. Should keep us hopping. Around the 1st of August we will start remodeling our kitchen and the sunroom. It will take a few weeks so hopefully, it's all done by the time we get home from Hawaii on 9/3. It means taking the sunroom apart with new flooring and cabinets, new cabinets and appliances in the kitchen and recarpeting in the living room and dining room and ceramic tiling in the hallway. Have to move a lot of the furniture out and store them temporarily. Have been putting this all off for years."

Dorothy Matsuo is developing a post reunion tour of Japan next year. It will be a cherry blossom and onsen tour or Ura-Nihon during April 1993. More details of the trip will be forthcoming.



*by Alexander
Oka*

Response to the 50th Anniversary Celebration has been way over our estimate. Ralph Chinaka reports that the latest print out shows some 75 members and guests have registered. Some names are first timers.