

doctor that he has a ruptured disc. He is feeling much better with medical treatment these days, but think that he will need to have surgery in the near future to correct that back problem. Our hearts goes out to you for a successful cure for your back problems. The chapter meetings the last couple of months had left over beers from your absence. You sure have lots to catch up on—beer consumption I mean. No offense of course, just stating the facts!

JACOB JICHAKU, no, there's nothing wrong with him, just relating his recent experience with the VA medical department. He had a physical checkup done, including the treadmill. He nearly completed the treadmill with the increased speed on dragging and scraping shoes, enough to have the heart monitored to be declared physically fit with a young man's heart! The moral of the story is, go and have an annual physical. You may qualify to go on the treadmill. Contribution of this article is a good deed for today!

In Memorium

Information from TOSHI NAKAHARA. MERRY KIYOMURA, wife of HIDE of San Bruno, Calif., passed away on November 23, 1993 from acute liver failure. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to HIDE KIYOMURA and his family.

We were very happy to renew happy times again with the KIYOMURA's at the 50th Reunion Anniversary. It was on the last day when one hospitality room hour was extended to 3:00 PM to accomodate late departures that HIDE & MERRY made an appearance at the hospitality room with oishi manapua purchased from Holiday Mart. As told by them, it was for sentimental reasons that they had gone back to the Holiday Mart area where they stayed in one of the nearby condo for awhile when HIDE was stationed in Hawaii on his job assignment. I can still picture how excited MERRY was in relating this story to the few who were in the room at the time. MERRY will be missed. May she rest in peace.

Annual Christmas Party - Dec. 12, 1993

This event more actually known as the fundraiser's for the EMIKO NAKAMURA Scholar-

ship Fund and "L" Chapter & LIKM Chapter, was renewed once again after a year's absence because of the hectic schedule in planning the 50th Anniversary Reunion. The event, even though it was held at the small Los Banos Youth Building due to the unavailability of the beautiful new Henry & Jeanette Weinburg Memorial Hall, the spirit and enthusiasm for the event did not wane one bit! The smaller hall made for a cozier festive atmosphere in tune with the holiday season. In a nutshell, the event is ALIVE!!

Now that GENRO is semi-retired sort of, and having to enjoy life with his twin grandsons, BRADLEY & JASON, when he's not on the golf course, it was good to see he and MURIEL able to join us for the evening. They had always been generous donors for the fund even when they were not able to attend in past years.

It was also good to see NORMAN & AMY UENO at this event. The last time we saw them was at the Natsunoya Teahouse chapter night for the 50th anniversary. We hope that they will continue to join us in the chapter events. By the same token, I now that there are others that receive the GFB bulletin and one that comes to my mind is HISA & JOYCE NAKAGAWA of whom we haven't seen, it seems like eons. How about it HISA & JOYCE, we would love to see you join the gang!

KOBE & CHIZ SHOJI continue to have conflicting schedules during the time of this event. And it's for a good reason too. The Rainbow Wahines of coach DAVE SHOJI's team invariably qualify for the volleyball championship tournament on the mainland which accounts for the absence of KOBE & CHIZ at the fundraiser. They always never fail to leave a generous donation in their absence.

Some of the regulars were missed that evening. YOSHIJI AOKI because of his bad back condition and the auctioneering of P.K. and GENNY MATSUMOTO's oishi manju.

Committee

Nothing is more important than to form a committee to ensure success and this fundraiser was no different. Since we wanted to keep the

same cost as in years past, \$3 per person and grandchildren free, we prepared our own food to meet the budget. Being so we had to call on the committee members to work harder and work harder they did. The menu being the oishi chicken hekka, how many pounds of chicken are needed? How many cans of chicken broth! How about green onions, watercress, bamboo shoot? Tofu?, etc. Soda, beer, coffee, paper goods?, etc. For the first time, we used our burner and RALPH's wok, since ours was deemed too large. Since then, a small wok was purchased. The following committee members made the hard decisions: BETTY NAKAHARA, JACOB JICHAKU, VICTOR YAMASHITA, JOE OSHIRO, HIDE NAKAYAMA, YOSHIJI AOKI, RALPH SHISHIDO, WILFRED LEONG, HAJIME MATSUURA, ALLEN NAKAMURA, (Chmn).

Preparation

Deviating from other years of reporting from morning to do the cooking, we decided that there was sufficient time to start from 1:30 PM., thus eliminating having to prepare lunch. With BETTY NAKAHARA in charge, she had her ever hard working friend MASAE YAMAMOTO & her daughter, SHEILA's help. MASAE worked awfully hard at the 50th anniversary "L" chapter's hospitality room also. NANCY & JOE OSHIRO, EDNA KURAMOTO and RALPH SHISHIDO whom BETTY N. says, "We can't do without him in the kitchen!", were others doing their chores. Then there were JACOB JICHAKU & ISA TAKIYAMA at the collection table. TERRY JICHAKU meanwhile had always assisted me in noting down the list of donors and items, while VICTOR & TIMMY YAMASHITA with their artistic touch decorated the hall with their own paper mache decor. BETTY AOKI in absence of YOSHIJI had red ginger from their yard. ALLEN in absence of P.K. MATSUMOTO, brought the karaoke equipment. COWBOY MATSUMURA & HIDE NAKAYAMA used their station wagon to transport the abundance of plants from LAURENCE FUJII's house.

You would think from the foregoing preparations that everything was taken care of. But

thanks to BETTY NAKAHARA's foresight that only chicken hekka is "SABISHI", she brought macaroni creole, baked salmon, lomi salmon & warabi salad besides having donations of gobo, cabbage and onions from MR. YUKIO ONODERA of Kaneohe. MARIAN MATSUMURA, the extraordinary connoisseur, the lady with the expert touch on savory cuisine, had her famous assorted sushi's (which looked too beautiful to eat). She also brought noodles, namasu & assorted koko's. RALPH SHISHIDO had tasty home made smoked char siu. ALLEN brought Italian Style Dry Salami from the past 50th reunion donated by TOM OKUBO of Sacramento. I found slicing salami is not that easy. Ha! All these menu supplements—you better believe, made the difference for a lavish dinner! Thank you all, we appreciate it very much. Maybe, just maybe, for the coming year, we can have some help in this area?

Desserts & Refreshments

The lavish dinner would not have been complete without the mouth watering desserts. Once again the ladies answered the call with their favorite yummy desserts. HILDA TAKIYAMA had Strawberry Cake. PAULINE TOME, Apple Cake. LINDA KALUA (MABEL FUJIMOTO's daughter), Bavarian Tarts. AMY UENO, Cookies.

Refreshments by: MAMO ISOBE, 1 cs Beer, 1 cs Soda. LINDA KALUA 1 cs Beer, 1 cs Soda. VICTOR YAMASHITA, 3 cs Soda. DR. WILFRED LEONG, 3 cs Soda. HIDE NAKAYAMA & ALLEN N. had 2 cs each of leftover soda & beer. GENRO KASHIWA, 1 btl Crown Royal.

Chinese Auction

The ladies passed with flying colors in testing their cookery skills in their contributions for the auction. If you had dilly-dallyed and were slow in jotting down your name, you were just out of luck as the items were gone before you can triple blink your eyelid. No Kidding, that's how fast it went! HILDA TAKIYAMA, Fruit Cake. BETTY OKI, 5-Mango Bread. LANI MATSUURA, 6-

Mango Bread, 6-Assorted Jams. PAULINE TOME, 4-Mango Fruitcake. DORIS ISHIDA, Baklava. CYNDI MEDEIROS (ALLEN N.'s daughter), 2-Cream Cheese Pies, 1 Blueberry Pie, 2 Cherry Pies. TIMMY YAMASHITA, Malasadas.

Donations

The following quality items donated by dedicated & generous donors for the auction: HIDE NAKAYAMA had 10 Cattleya orchids with buds ready to bloom. LAWRENCE FUJII, the certified plant pathologist whose services are much in demand by the nursery & gardening industries, had 2 station wagon loads of plants transported to the DAV hall such as: Fishtail Palm, Kiffer Lime, Ponytail elephant foot, Thai Ixora Red, Pink, Yellow & Sunkist plants, Red Leea, Parsley Panax, Zamia, Oro Blanco Grapefruit, Bougainvillia Maunakea White. Values for these plants varied from \$15 to \$35. ISA TAKIYAMA through PACIFIC GALLERY had "Isle Valley Scene" glass framed picture.

TOMMY KAKESAKO whose interests are always with the benefits for the juveniles had 11 Disney Clock Character Lorus watches & 2 Lorus men and women watches. Also, 1 each men & ladies Cross Fountain pen. KAZUO ARTHUR FINK, a semi-retired jeweler had assorted jewelry valued as \$84. He also had solicited his business associates for donations from the following: M/M PETER KNERR, a unique hand carved shark ornament, from mangrove wood by Polynesians on Pohnpei with genuine shark teeth, value \$60. HAL & MARY JO KENT had handmade items valued at \$108.50. ALBERT LUI of Jewel Box had \$100 value of gift certificates. JOHN FINK, son of KAZUO and a well known sports caster on Home Team 5 had 1 men and 1 ladies Cross pens, 2 video tapes, 1 golf drive, 2 cassettes, 1 T-shirt, 2 \$25 each Wisteria Restaurant gift certificates, 2 Pacific Beach Hotel gift certificates at \$25 each.

BETTY NAKAHARA had 2 handmade quilted blankets value at \$50 & \$30 (she spent nearly 6 mos. to a year to quilt the blankets). GRACE

UNO had a beautiful handmade Christmas necklace. AMY UENO had an interesting Japanese "BENREE BOX" (Convenience Box), and a Kleenex holder and lacquer vase. Soon to be LIKM Chapter 11 member of 100th Bn HANELE Chapter, KUNIO FUJIMOTO had 6 orchid plants.

Donors

As in past fund-raisers, there's a box at the entrance for whoever wants to make a separate contribution besides taking part in the auction. the following made direct donations to EMIKO'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND: BILL/LILY OSHIRO, \$25. JACOB/TERRY JICHAKU, \$50. TERUO/MARIAN MATSUMURA, \$10. TOSHI/BETTY NAKAHARA, \$25. ALLEN NAKAMURA, \$50. RALPH/MITSUE SHISHIDO, \$20. NORMAN/AMY UENO, \$20. HIDE NAKAYAMA, \$50. There were earlier donations in the year to this fund from KEN/AKI HIGASHI of Seattle, \$100. and \$50 from an anonymous neighbor island donor.

Other donors with separate contributions: BILL/LILY OSHIRO, \$25. MICKEY /TATSUE KUROKAWA, \$20. LAWRENCE/CHIYOKO FUJII, \$25. HENRY DORIS ISHIDA, \$25. JACOB/TERRY JICHAKU, \$50. GENRO/MURIEL KASHIWA, \$200 WILFRED/BERTHA LEONG, \$100. KAZUMA/TAMA OGATA, \$50. JOE/NANCY OSHIRO, \$25. ISA/HILDA TAKIYAMA, \$25. YOSHITO/PAULINE TOME, \$75. VICTOR/TIMMY YAMASHITA, \$75. MASAE YAMAMOTO, \$30. PAUL/YUKI TAKIGUCHI, \$25. TOMMY/KAY KAKESAKO, \$100. HAJIME /LANI MATSUURA, \$25.

The following although not being able to be present for the fundraiser, mailed in their donations. YASUKO SUMIKAWA, \$25. HIDEO ARAKAWA, \$10. BILL/HARUMI HAGIO, \$50. GEORGE/CHIYOKO KINOSHITA, \$50. ALBERT /BERYL NAKAMA, \$25. DOC/HARRIET MIYAMOTO, \$50. KOBE/CHIZ SHOJI, \$200. MATSY/AYA TAKABUKI, \$100. FUMIO/MICHIKO OHASHI, \$25.

Participants

Excluding participants already mentioned,