

perhaps they would be there. None of the people that we had lunch with knew or ran into anyone from the 522nd that we should contact. However, they would certainly pass on the information regarding the reunion and urge everyone to attend. They all send greetings to everyone and wish to see all of you come April of next year. With that the luncheon meeting was over, but it was still raining outside!

What the Latest on April '95 Reunion?

We have all received information on our upcoming reunion in Los Angeles from our mainland coordinators. Our local chapter representative, YOSHIO TAGUMA is working real hard, sending out additional information and calling everyone to send in their \$100 deposit. The planned program is **super** - the weather I'm sure will be **delightful** - and the hospitality **astounding**. Please give **TAGUMA** a call and make his assignment an easy and pleasant one so he will volunteer again for a new assignment.

Did you know?

TAMOTSU ONO is now retired and his address is: 30 Benjamin Rd., Ubon, Thailand 34000. TAMOTSU has attended many of our reunions, the latest being our 50th Anniversary.

ALFRED "GOLDIE" YAMAGUCHI attended his first reunion at our 50th Anniversary. He and his lady companion commented on how much they enjoyed it. We are saddened to report that GOLDIE passed away on July 14, 1994 in Seattle, Washington. His services were private and he was 79 years of age.

I just returned from our 52nd Class Reunion of Waimea High School, Class of '42 at the Waimea Plantation Cottages. Attending the reunion were classmates who were fellow members from the 442nd RCT representing George, Item, King, and Cannon Companies. It was like a mini-reunion, however, we never had the chance to relive the war because our well-preserved lovely female classmates kept reminding us of the **good, naughty, and mischievous** things we did to keep them and the faculty hopping. To those other classmates who are members of

other chapters and did not attend this class reunion, I wish to remind you that there will be another one in a year or two so please be prepared.



by GRACE TSUBATA FUJII

My, how time flies! It's been three months since the last GO FOR BROKE bulletin went out! Well, here goes! My recollections of our Sons and Daughters happenings and if you weren't there you really missed out and **WE REALLY MISSED YOU!** And I don't kid about missing members and their friendly faces. My emotions run deep and surface quite often and I am very sensitive and sentimental when it comes to 442nd families, the club and what it means to be a part of the GO FOR BROKE legacy.

Old Fashioned Summer Picnic

Thanks to UNCLE TOMMY KAKESAKO for the generous loan of the DAV KAKESAKO Rehab Building, about 86 nisei, sansei, yonsei and gosei members had a wonderful picnic with lots (and we mean lots) of delicious, food, snacks, and beverages and hilarious games, some so unique and exciting that we can hardly wait for the next summer picnic!

The membership services team, led by EILEEN SAKAI, and organized by DOREEN and GLENN MATSUDA, ANN KABASAWA, MAY KAWAWAKI, GAIL NISHIMURA, TERRY and ROSS KAWAMURA, DEAN ANZAI, ALVIN YOSHITOMI, ALAN and DEBBIE KUBOTA, SHIRLEY IGARASHI, TOMMY UNO and GRACE FUJII met for many sessions to plan and gather everything needed for the 1994 GO FOR BROKE Summer Picnic and even tho' they

made previous plans to travel to the mainland and had to miss it, MARIE YAMASHITA, VELMA KAWAMAE, ED and GENNY GOTO did their share too!

Goodies Galore!

Thank you ANN KABASAWA for the "Killer Chili!" (People kept saying, "Who made the chili! It's so good!") Thank you also to DEAN ANZAI for the huge watermelons; to ALAN & DEBBIE KUBOTA for organizing the many games and building the equipment! We had lots of prizes donated from GUY KOGA & KODAK, SONS & DAUGHTERS OF 442 RCT, tote bags and t-shirts, UNCLE TOMMY KAKESAKO, SEIKO watch and other prizes, EILEEN SAKAI, more prizes, and much TUPPERWARE products from GRACE & GARY FUJII.

Afraid we are going to leave someone out of this list of workers and donors so just let me know if you worked and/or donated and were not mentioned so I can give you a Tupperware gift! (Yes, I'm not kidding!)

We all registered, put on our name tags and started off with gathering names for our name bingo game by meeting each other during the get-acquainted time, then played games and won prizes. Lunch was served and diners ate either in the hall or out under the trees on the lawn. It was a most beautiful day.

Where was the Banner?

The only things we had planned for that was missing was the 442nd Banner and the Tug-of-War game. The banner was stored away so well by the archives committee and I kept asking the wrong people to find it and the tug-of-war was omitted because we didn't want any macho veterans feeling like they needed to prove their masculinity (N-a-a-a-t, jus' kiddin'). The hardest part of the menu was probably working the shaved ice machine and the strong-armed men were, ALVIN YOSHITOMI, ALAN KUBOTA, DAVID TSUBATA and TOMMY UNO. I hope I didn't leave anyone else out, again.

Another game that brought out our wild enthusiasm was the "scavenger hunt". Trying to find

items such as "moo juice", bubble gum, "old wheat penny", dental floss, baseball card, pogs, colored shoelaces, a key chain with a photograph, and other crazy things that usually don't belong in a purse or pocket surely brought out the "scavenger" in us along with a lot of laughs and screams! Thank you ALAN and DEBBIE KUBOTA for keeping us so entertained.

Just before the end of the picnic, new S&D president, ALAN KUBOTA thanked everyone for coming to the picnic and made some announcements about the S&D upcoming events and meetings.

European Visitors

In July we were privileged to have met MLLE. ISABELLE RUPP, S&D member from France who wrote us a heartwarming letter of encouragement and sincere appreciation for the 442. The S&D presented them with 442 tote bags, and pins. Mahalo to EILEEN SAKAI, MAY KAWAWAKI and JAN KAWABATA who entertained them with island shows and a tour of Oahu. UNCLE JIMMY and AUNTY MARTHA MIYAKE hosted an extravagant luau feast in honor of their visit and invited the executive officers of their S&D and their spouses. MAHALO NUI LOA, UNCLE JIMMY & AUNTY MARTHA for your kind generosity and warm love!

ISABELLE wrote a lovely letter eloquently expressing her great appreciation for the hospitality she and her friend, MARIE, received.

S&D Annual Membership Meeting

The S&D chapter had planned to conduct their 1994-1994 Board of Directors Election in June, however, due to not having a quorum, as required in the bylaws, it was postponed until the July membership meeting. All nominated candidates were elected at that time. They are, ALAN KUBOTA, GUY KOGA, EDWIN GOTO, VELMA KAWAMAE, DOREEN MATSUDA, JOE UNO, GLENN KOGA, MARIE YAMASHITA, EILEEN SAKAI, SHIRLEY IGARASHI, WADE WASANO, TERRY KAWAMURA, GAIL NISHIMURA, and GRACE FUJII. These directors of the S&D chapter have agreed to attend the scheduled meet-

ings to organize and plan our future. They are serving three year, two year and one year terms and are fully dedicated to the legacy of the 442.

UNCLE JIMMY MIYAKE, 442 Veterans Club second vice-president and chapter liaison (hope that's a lifetime position; we don't want to let him go) was presented a plaque expressing our sincere appreciation for his role in mentoring our chapter.

MARIE YAMASHITA prepared a banquet for all attendees. She and her sister cooked and baked a feast for about 60 people on only \$129! - How can?! MARIE can write a huge recipe book with all the culinary expertise she has amassed.

Executive Officers for 1994 Fiscal Year

ALAN KUBOTA, president, GRACE FUJII, executive vice-president, EDWIN GOTO, first vice-president, MARIE YAMASHITA, second vice-president, DOREEN MATSUDA, secretary, JAN KAWABATA, assistant secretary, JOE UNO, treasurer, GLENN KOGA, assistant treasurer, GUY KOGA, past president, ex-officio.

Special Services Committee

Chair VELMA KAWAMAE, with Aloha Festivals Parade float builders, JOE UNO and TOMMY UNO, and EILEEN SAKAI, ALVIN YOSHITOMI, NIKI FUKURODA, ANN KABASAWA, WARREN YAMAMOTO (100TH S&D), GALE ONUMA, SHIRLEY IGARASHI, ED & GENNY GOTO, GUY KOGA, DEAN ANZAI, GAIL NISHIMURA, DALE ANZAI, MARIE YAMASHITA, ALAN KUBOTA, GRACE FUJII, and representatives from the 1399th Veterans Club, MIS Club and Club 100 and 442 Veterans Club have been meeting every week since mid-July to plan for the requirements and logistics for our second experience in entering a float dedicated to the memory of the American Japanese veterans and commemorating the relationship among the veterans and children building the bridge of peace and friendship.

Come and Watch the Parade

The floral parade will be on September 24,

Saturday, starting from the ewa end of Ala Moana Park and continuing 3 miles to Kapiolani Park. The designer of the *BRIDGE OF LOVE* themed float is Howe chapter member and fine artist, JACKSON MORISAWA, who has always generously, and unselfishly supported us and has rendered fine artistic designs for us whenever we asked him. Such talent is truly a gift from God. Wait till you see the float going down Ala Moana Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue! Set your VCRs. Thank you again and again, UNCLE JACKSON!

Many Hands make Light Work

We all need lots of helping hands, vehicles to transport the flowers and greenery, and donations of much flowers to create this beautiful float. If you were there last year you know how much fun and exciting it was to help out, so come on out and join us again and bring someone new. The Club 100 and 442 Veterans Club have agreed to allow us to use their buildings as a drop off point for the floral donations September 22, Thursday. Thereafter please bring flowers (local and imported) to 1046 Waimanu Street from September 23, Friday morning.

Last year about 80 volunteers were "worker ants" led by DR. BOYD YAMASHITA, special events chair, and our entry captured the Queens Award (non-commercial division) trophy. This year, led by VELMA KAWAMAE, we are going all out to have a grand time again. This time, many volunteers are going to march in the parade to escort our float as a show of support for the AJA veterans and their historical accomplishments.

This year's theme is *LOKOMAIKA'I* which means, Of gracious and beautiful spirit. Our Sons and Daughters of 442 RCT chapter will be selling 442 t-shirts at cost (\$6.00) for every marcher to wear. Sizes are only Large and Small (first-come-first-served). Everyone is requested to wear an Aloha Festivals ribbon to be in the parade.

Most importantly we will have dinner served on Friday, September 23 to feed the multitude that will arrive to help. But, if you can't help but want

to contribute sodas, juice, snacks, desserts, etc. we will be most appreciative.

Membership Services

Chair EILEEN SAKAI, and committee are constantly working on updating the membership listing, recruiting new members and handling renewals of membership. HOWEVER, we have a "*Lost Battalion*" of sons and daughters out there. Their mailings have come back marked "address unknown". If you have any information about where they might be, please write to: SONS AND DAUGHTERS CHAPTER, 933 WILIWILI STREET, HONOLULU, HI 96826.

Where are you?

RYAN FUJII, Aiea, PAULA FUJIWARA, California, DEBRA GUSTAFSON, Scottsdale, AZ., PHYLLIS HIRONAKA, Honolulu, ROBERT HIRONAKA, Honolulu, MARK KANAZAWA, Albany, CA., CALVIN KASADATE, Vandenberg, CA., LORI KOMO, Avon, CO., JOHN MATSUMOTO, Honolulu, GARRET MURANAKA, Thousand Oaks, CA., KARL OKEMURA, Mililani, CARYN ONO, Phoenix, AZ., CYNDY PRATT, Makakilo, FAY SAKAMOTO, Kailua, SUZANNE SATO, New York, MARLENE SMICK, Spokane, WA., LINDA YONESHIGE, Pearl City. Even though some have not yet become members or may have not renewed their membership, we still need to keep a roster of 442nd sons and daughters for future verification.

Sign up your 442 Children

A note to veterans families, please inform your children whether they wish to join the S&D chapter. They may write to us, Sons and Daughters Chapter, 933 Wiliwili Street, Honolulu, HI 96826. Some parents have just gone ahead and enrolled their children in the chapter and even paid their dues for them!

Noel, Noel

The membership services committee is now planning their 1994 Christmas party to be held at the PAGODA HOTEL banquet facilities on De-

cember 9, 1994, Friday. You should be getting the information mail-out on this banquet in early November so please save the date and join in the great food and friendly hospitality. Let's have a multi-generation gathering again.

Archives and Learning Center Committee

ALVIN YOSHITOMI and this group are continuing to receive many artifacts and collectibles from the veterans, families and the community. When you decide to donate any artifacts you have been collecting and wonder whether this might be a good idea give ALVIN YOSHITOMI a phone call to discuss this possibility with him. ALVIN's displays have won numerous awards for their accuracy, presentation and quality. The public interest and response has been excellent as many viewers are sincerely interested in seeing these artifacts and speaking with ALVIN about the 100 Battalion and 442 Regiment. Also, many visitors to these displays are offspring of the veterans; sanseis, and yonseis whose recollections of Dad or Grandpa talking "war stories" during family gatherings are awed by actually viewing some of the articles brought home to Hawaii.

Caring of Artifacts

A concern of ALVIN's is that some of the collectibles may not be stored properly and are left to the damaging elements of Hawaii's weather such as moisture, salty air, dust, or unprotected hands that could create damage to the artifacts. Some are stored in boxes, left in drawers, in closets, under houses, in garages. The look on ALVIN's face is enough to make one think about the proper cataloguing and storage of these items. Also, getting the story behind the artifacts. You will always be catalogued as the donor of these artifacts and will be given proper acknowledgment in displays unless anonymity is requested.

The donations of artifacts to the ARCHIVES and LEARNING CENTER will always be the property of the 442nd Veterans Club. The sons and daughters chapter is only the caretaker of this center and will assist the veterans in their

projects and events to enable others to see the displays and exhibits, especially next year when America celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the end of WW II.

4th of July Military Exhibit

This past July 2, 3, and 4th, the Hawaii National Guard showcased the winners and winning essays of a contest opened to all of the high schools in Hawaii and sponsored a reception and historical and current military exhibit at the Ala Moana exhibition center. ALVIN used his WWII collection for the Hawaii Historical Society display. The S&D chapter, led by IRWIN YOSHINO and veteran father, GEORGE YOSHINO, displayed a pictorial panel of the 442nd during the war. Other volunteers were, SHIRLEY IGARASHI, TOMMY UNO, JAN KAWABATA, ANN KABASAWA, ED and GENNY GOTO, GAIL NISHIMURA, WADE WASANO and GARY and GRACE FUJII.

S&D came through again

SENATOR DAN INOUE, E company captain, was the keynote speaker at the program. As soon as SENATOR DAN arrived and was officially greeted by GENERAL EDWARD V. RICHARDSON and other officials, he asked in his sonorous voice, "Now, where is the 442 display?" Whew! It was a good thing we Sons and Daughters Chapter members volunteered to help the 442nd Veterans Club arrange a display. 442 club official representative, RON OBA, escorted the senator over to the 442 display where DAN pointed himself out in one of the pictures! We were amazed. So many of these pictures by the Army Signal Corps have unidentified soldiers in them so you can imagine ALVIN YOSHITOMI's delight when the soldier in the helmet marked, "INOUE" came forward and identified himself to all present. Senator also identified former Honolulu Star Bulletin publisher, the late WALTER DILLINGHAM, in one of the photographs also...we never knew, we never knew.

Oral History Interviews

The video team of ED and GENNY GOTO has been formed to conduct and film more oral history interviews of the veterans. Thank you ED and GENNY! This is really a labor of love. We appreciate your many hours of work such as the team of ALAN and SHARLENE MIYAMURA, who have contributed over a hundred hours have.

Service chapter members, UNCLE JIMMY MIYAKE and RALPH CHINAKA have been interviewed. 3rd Battalion Headquarters chapter members, SHIGERU GOTO and TAKESHI NAKAMURA, Love chapter members, BOB SASAKI, WALLY KAWAMURA and PAUL MATSUMOTO have also been interviewed. More veterans who filled out forms will be contacted for their interviews.

Education Committee

TERRY KAWAMURA and GREGG YAMATE are co-chairing this committee which are currently researching and discussing future event possibilities. They are meeting regularly and have recruited new members, SHIRLEY KAWASHIMA and CLIFTON TANAMURA. It would be ideal to showcase more veterans in forums and discussions for the community as well as our own organization.

The Legacy Foundation

The "UNLIKELY LIBERATORS" exhibit that the Legacy Foundation co-sponsored with the Kapiolani Community College and the Char Foundation at the college library has been disassembled, packed and returned to San Francisco in preparation for the journey to Gifu, Japan where it will be displayed during a special commemoration to honor former Japanese ambassador to Lithuania, CHIUNE SUGIHARA, for his valor in saving the lives of approximately 8,000 Jewish citizens by issuing visas for life and allowing them to escape Lithuania and the persecution suffered by other Jews during the Holocaust.

The creator of the "UNLIKELY LIBERATORS" exhibit is ERIC SAUL, who has devoted much of

his life to informing the world about the AJA veterans and the issei, nisei and yonsei experience during World War II. ERIC dedicated this display to the memory of the late U.S. SENATOR SPARK MATSUNAGA and the late MIKE MASAOKA, members of the 100Bn and 442 RCT, respectively. ERIC is also responsible for the AJA display at the National Museum of American History in Washington D.C.

With the permission of ERIC SAUL to place this display on CD ROM, Kapiolani Community College arranged for funding to have this display computerized for future educational purposes.

Honoring our AJA veterans

The sons and daughters members of the 100/442 veterans and other members of this foundation chose to honor the veterans of the 522 Field Artillery Battalion for their humanitarian efforts in rescuing and rendering aid to the Jewish survivors of this tragedy by bringing this display to Hawaii. This is the second in a series of displays our foundation has sponsored to honor the courageous AJA veterans. Many of the 522FABn. along with JOHN TSUKANO will be traveling to Japan to attend the ceremony to honor AMBASADOR SUGIHARA.

An official reception and program was held on May 7, with well received speeches by KCC Head Librarian, TERRY WEBB, Char Foundation member, KENDALL WONG, State Senator MATT MATSUNAGA, and former State Senator SAKAE TAKAHASHI, 100Bn commander. In attendance also was, Chief Justice RONALD MOON, member of the Char Foundation. We also give a heartfelt thank you to NOBUO TAKAMORI, 522FABn veteran, for creating an elaborate video film of the reception and the exhibit. Also, MRS. HISAE MIYASHIRO for providing wonderful refreshments and MORISO TERAOKA, 2NDHQ, for arranging for the punch dispensers and ice.

"Our Hearts were Touched with Fire"

The John F. Kennedy Theater, UH Manoa, is proudly presenting the world premiere production of EDWARD SAKAMOTO's play about the

100thBn/442 RCT. After interviewing many veterans and reading about their history this play was created to focus on their lives before, during and after World War II. Tickets are on sale at the Kennedy Theater. Plan on bringing the entire family to see this play. There will be only a few performances starting from November 4 until November 28, 1994. (Taken from theater newsletter).

50th Anniversary Celebration of the Liberation of Bruyeres and Biffontaine

On September 24, Saturday, right after the Aloha Festivals Floral Parade, my brother, DAVID TSUBATA, and I will be on our way to Europe for the first time. Our wonderful mom, FRANCES TAKAHASHI TSUBATA (3rdBnHQ), is treating us to this once in a lifetime vacation opportunity and we are so thrilled! Thank you, Mom!

We are going with the OBA/BIANCHETTI group and are visiting the many European locales where our Dad, the late EDWARD KIYOSHI TSUBATA, also served in combat. If only Dad were well and alive to go with us. He use to tell us the experiences he had and the places he went to and stories about the Italian family that he befriended. Many times we thought of writing or videotaping him talking but we never did.

Many times we wished we had the opportunity to have visited the areas with him and hear his accounts about the war again. Time has diminished my recollections of his stories. He and Mom have visited Europe many times and now Mom felt that DAVID and I needed to go with the veterans and see Europe for ourselves especially because we had put so much time into the formation and projects of the Sons & Daughters chapter. Our mom is truly a special and loving mother. We love you very, very much, not only for your generosity but also because you go out to help other people too.

WADE WASANO, son of the late RAMON WASANO, Medics, is also going to Europe. The next issue of the GO FOR BROKE should be chock-full of articles written by various chapter members about this tour.

S&D Vacationers

GUY and STEPHANIE KOGA with AMEE and MARC are heading to the Kodak Rochester headquarters where GUY will be receiving honors for his 25th year with this company, celebrating the *TIMES OF OUR LIVES*, I guess. Then they'll head for the sights and sounds of New York, New York. Lucky KOGAS; they already have their *Phantom of the Opera* tickets too and are staying at the 5 Star MARRIOTT MARQUIS Hotel at half-price thanks to their Entertainment Book discount; less than I paid in 1989. (More about that 1995 book sale later).

ED and GENNY GOTO accompanied daughter, STEPHANIE, who enrolled at UNLV. That means ED and GENNY will always have the excuse of saying they are visiting their daughter when they actually mean the casinos.

VELMA KAWAMAE and husband GLENN visited daughter, LYNDIA, attending school in Sacramento and they all went to Las Vegas for a dart tournament. Any bullseye? MARIE YAMASHITA went to the mainland, returned, turned around and went back again and came back again. Maybe she wanted to wash clothes. Oh well, she said there was a reason for all that back and forth stuff.

Then I went to Palm Springs, CA for my Tupperware Jubilee convention. WHAT A HOT TOWN! I swear that 117 degrees could enable you to fry an egg on the sidewalk. There will never be a next time because I will avoid that place. Thought I was in a giant oven. Even if the buildings are air conditioned you still have to go out to get around. Saw BOB HOPE's home high on the hillside from my window. It looks like a convention center, sooooo BIG. The second richest Indian tribe owns most of the land and they have stringent building regulations that keep Palm Springs looking elegant and clean. While checking in at United Airlines SFO the guy processing my ticket recognized the 442 torch on my t-shirt and asked if that was "the Go For Broke". Gave a big smile and said, "Yes, I'm a member of the Sons and Daughters chapter". Wish I had a "pog" or pin to give to him.

ALVIN and SUSAN YOSHITOMI attended their

high school class reunion at Hilo High along with S&D member from LA, RUSSELL NAKAISHI. They didn't roll up the sidewalks at 6 o'clock did they!? Jus' kidding; Hilo is a very nice town, peaceful and the residents are so polite. Now, I didn't say it was boring but if you lived there you could probably lengthen your life by ten years.

SHIRLEY IGARASHI vacationed in Los Angeles. She said she needed a mini-vacation. SHIRLEY works for ASTON HOTELS in the sales department.

1995 Entertainment Book Sale

We are again selling the ENTERTAINMENT discount coupon/card book and the price is still the same. Please let us know should you wish to place your order now. They make great gifts for Christmas. I know because last year I had so many phone calls from buyers wanting last minute gifts. No time to shop, can't find the right gift, you know how that goes. Such a bargain because our family usually saves about \$200.00 per year using this book including the Aloha Airlines two-for-one coupon. Two can fly for \$128.00 round trip! That's \$32.00 one way! and we buy two books. Our kids like it so much they help themselves and save beaucoup bucks.

442nd Souvenir Sale Items

Just want to let you members know that we still have some *GO FOR BROKE*, 442nd RCT license plate frames (\$5.00 ea), 442nd *GO FOR BROKE* campaign map of battles T-shirts (small, large, \$12.00), 442nd RCT tote bags \$6.00 (special) or one free with every \$50.00 purchase, 442RCT torch lapel pins (\$3.00 each or 4/\$10.00, pin back). These make great keepsakes and gifts for your families, especially the grandchildren who proudly wear their t-shirts because they know the regiment is famous worldwide.

Au Revoir ("Harry" says, "Practice makes pretty good")

Time to shut down the terminal. Thanks Jennifer, for letting me input all this *interesting* stuff. You know what makes me grin? All the veterans

that wait each quarter for this bulletin to come in their mailbox. During all these years going to my parents home in Pauoa Valley and now in Salt Lake to pick up the *GO FOR BROKE* to read these "stories and happenings" - I thought I was unusual for wanting to read it so regularly! What a hoot! So do a lot of other people! See ya' at the Aloha Festivals float building and floral parade and December 9, Pagoda Christmas party! Bonjour! Gotta practice my French lessons.



by HICHI MATSUMOTO

Welcome/Sayonara Banquet & Cocktail Hour

California Hotel and Casino's Room #1704, our Kanko Leader's Suite, doubled up as the Hospitality Room for the cocktail hour, prior to the banquet held in the Ohana Room on the Mezzanine floor. Thereafter, having no designated hospitality room, whenever two or more of our people would atsumaru, voila, that was our H.R. right there and then. Was kyuku-tsuna cause people kept bumping into you.

Just giving you an idea how meticulously thing were planned, with only a short time to be spent at the most in the make-shift H.R., had just about all the usual assortment of pupus and refreshments. Da Honcho never overlook anything. Da mezurashii thing wuz da dried fresh water trout - da bugga wuz ono. Hard to tell the difference from the us ga naretoru salt water kine. The donor wazawaza called our attention to it but who wuz da guy, mo wasuretoru - nasakenai.

The seventy plus or minus people that attended the Reunion packed themselves like tilapias, back to back, wall to wall, space enough for only one more. Yokozunas like PRIMO KIKUKAWA, TAD FUJIOKA, and CHARLEY

IJIMA, taking up double spaces. Balancing things out were da potots - SHIG ISHIGAKI, TEIJI CHINNA, and KENJI YAGUCHI.

The one official banquet, Welcome/Sayonara combine, was not the usual yukkuri kine we are accustomed to - that stretched far into the night - what with so much excitement and \$\$\$ to be made downstairs.

Food, the usual kyaku kine. President TEIJI CHINNA's speech was more like an announcement. RODNEY YAMASHIRO never know he was the M.C. until program time. No sweat. Like who da guy says: The difficult no problem, the impossible given a little time.

Entertainers? Ukupaili'a of 'em. How many and what kind. Singers - JOE SATO and MASAO YAMASAKI. Hula dancers - ELEANOR ANDO, MARGIE IJIMA, and JANET MATSUMOTO. The beauty part, no need poosh 'em up on stage because arera once yondara, sassato go up and enryonashi show their stuff - no can wait to wiggle da okole.

Speakers - are mo atta. GEORGE YAMADA is an automatic - not a complete Reunion without him having to say something. GENGO OKURA was asked and responded. He was touched, meeting many of the boys for the first time since the army days.

MARGIE IJIMA blessed the food, blessed all the fortunate enough to make it and even the people that weren't able to make it. Boy, she was in the blessing mood. One thing, a very important one, she never bless us (the group) as we went back downstairs to do our thing.

Eh, no fool around boy, adding some class, we had a dignitary amidst the group, Hizz Honor ARTHUR MANABU KIKUKAWA, Da Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai. We told you nothing was overlooked.

You ochitsuitoru people, noticed the hand-some centerpieces on each table? No, it wasn't compliments of the house, but was bought and pre-fabed at home, hand carried and assembled just prior to the banquet. Just wanna give credit to JANET MATSUMOTO and CLARA SHIBUYA, a guest. And to ELEANOR ANDO hitoride made leis and corsages for the mainland ladies. Also

GEORGE YAMADA, JIMMY IHARA, TOM MATSUNAMI, LARRY INAGAKI, FRED ARASHIRO, MARGIE IJIMA, YVONNE YAMASAKI and other that went kokua for making 'em one good Reunion.

The following night, the entire group had a feast of suckling pig at Fremont, just down the street. Eat up again. Not enough to call it an incident but one outside shiran mon go sneak into our chow line. Our area was roped off but apparently management forgot to put up the Private Party sign. Won't happen when we go back again next year - yu dan taiteki.

The Welcome/Sayonara Banquet and the Suckling Pig Dinner were only times the group sat down and dined together...all the others were on your own.

One for the Book

MASAKO ARASHIRO, FRED's wife, an early signee to attend this Reunion, had to forgo at the last minute due to "golden week." She was denied her scheduled vacation time, her employer anticipating a sekkarashii week. No exception, everybody was forced to work, no ifs or buts about it. She works for duty free. But the already haroteru package never nebaru or bust or poho either, because FRED, who was supposed to stay home and rusuban the house while she was away attended, Yokatta. Everything on da honky dory side.

Lilibit "pilikia" followed though. After registering on arrival at California's front desk, FRED learned to his surprise that he was to have a roommate by the name of one KIMI people, no last name, entirely shiran mon to him. That's how it was listed on the envelope with the room key and meal coupons, handed to him by the clerk. He not knowing for sure who he/she was, went around inquiring - who dat. TEIJI CHINNA at the next window told him the only person who answers to that name in the 232nd Engrs/Band family is KIMI HASHIMOTO, who lives in Oakland, California. She did not sign up to attend this Reunion due to already having committed herself to something else - you know da you gotta go kine. You question when da tsutomete

yoh kuru people no come.

Da boo-boo was most likely by one of the hotel's clerks. Ahem, FRED, probably was feeling good with mama home some 2,500 miles away. Maybe he was thinking, he being single with a room all to himself, management naisho ni fix him up with something on the exciting side, should he not be too lucky at the tables. Are kamo shiran.

At first glance mitara, FRED easily can pass for a person on da nonkina side. Dats da shibai side of dis multi-talented guy. Knowing him, you find he's warm, intelligent, caring, and akamai sonovagun. Witty too with lotta sense of humor and good company. How he got da nick-name "DANG-DANG," you think.

FRED, with a roll of at least half an hour, lilimo went buss da bank at the crap table. Both hands/arms ukupaila red (\$5) chips heading for the cashier.

Bumped into him konaida coming home from Vegas, his first words were: "I'm still waiting for KIMI." Yuta daroga, dis guy is sharp.

Reunion within a Reunion

Men of the 1st squad, 3rd platoon: TEIJI CHINNA, GEORGE FURUYA, CHARLEY IJIMA, SHIG ISHIGAKI, and MASAO YAMASAKI had a Reunion of their own, including their wives of course: MICHIKO, SHIZ, MARGIE, CHIYO, and YVONNE, respectively. The last of the big-time spenders went "Go for Broke" and treated their wives to a fabulous all-you-can-eat dinner at California Hotel and Casino's Pasta Pirate Restaurant to celebrate the once in a lifetime kind occasion.

Half a century, no make it fifty-one years ago, they all met one another for the very first time in Camp Shelby, Mississippi and this. You no see dis kine even in the movies!...one for the book. Five of the twelve guys, imagine, something hard to equal. For sure hanashi gaoote etto atta daro. And all of the them with the same kekkon seta wives.

Eh, the Reunion fever no pau yet. Da IJIMAS had two more. Their son IRWIN flew in from L.A. for two days. MARGIE's sister came all the way

from Grand Junction, Colorado to spend a few days with them.

JOE and JANE SATO had a get-together with daughter SUZANNE, her husband and two kids. A very compromising family - they flew in from New York where they live and met them halfway in Las Vegas. They try to visit Grandma and Grandpa in Hawaii at least once a year.

TERRY, daughter of MASAO and YVONNE YAMASAKI and her family came for some kind of conference and stayed at a hotel on the Strip. Mira, her hiisa min sodake accompanied the parents to look 'em up but dame datte - worse than looking for a needle in a haystack.

Slots Tournament

Just like a horse race, the casino's wahine play by play announcer who conducted the slots tournament, reported the progress of the competition on the P.A. system. Her broadcast booth being closest to with an unobstructed view of HIROSHI ARISUMI and YOSHIO SHIBUYA's machines, kept mentioning their names...two hundred points, three hundred points, and counting. All the other twenty-four participants for sure must have thought the two were gonna clean up and everybody else shimota, dead ducks and no more chance. Nanidokoraka, after final tabulation, they never win, place or show and were left in the dust. Like who da guy said: It ain't over until it's over.

The menfolks thought the slots tournament was something new. It may have been for them but da wahines, old stuff. They proved it by cleaning up just about all the top prizes, leaving lilibit, almost nothing for the men. Entry fee to participate was \$20.00 person and time limit of playing was thirty minutes.

LEATRICE NAKASHIGE, a whiz at the machines, experience paid off. Amassing a super grand total of 9.211 points to grab first place which was worth \$150. What a way to start for a stay at Las Vegas...maru mohke. JOE SATO was #26 or first counting from the back, with 5,127 points to capture the booby prize of \$10 - not bad, getting half of his moto back. He was expected to do far better, being good with his

fingers. SHIG ISHIGAKI upheld the men folks with 7,692 for seventh place and \$20. He played for tada.

You see shiran people play, you might not think it's fun but play with yu ga shittoru people, it's a different story. Some kyosona like and money is at stake so yoku ga de ru eh. 26 players at \$20 - \$520. \$20 for the casino hostess conducting the tournament. No pinching, no ca-ca-rooching, all went back to the players. With people understanding the game. for sure motto motto will be playing next year, necessitating another shift, at least.

Kanko to Laughlin

Da Kanko to Laughlin must have been on da kinda nebatta and disappointing side from listening to those that went. No stories like: Oh boy, we almost hit the Jackpot...da kine stuff. For starters, their ii okane harota transportation went kaput/ma-ke even before getting to their destination. Probably that was a blessing in disguise, saving them heaps of money. The scheduled return home was about 7 PM but due to the prolonged unscheduled stop in the middle of nowhere, returned home about midnight saving them some more money. How lucky can they get. The hard luck or should we say good luck guys in the party were: RODNEY & NORA YAMASHIRO, BARNEY & BEATRICE ZENIGAMI, LEATRICE NAKASHIGE & YURI ISHIKAWA. Laughlin is a small town (gambling, of course) some three hours drive from downtown Las Vegas - that is if you don't need to make any unnecessary stops. Perhaps the biggest thrill for the party that went was seeing the Colorado River which separates Nevada and Arizona. See, their trip wasn't all that bad.

Golf

FRED ARASHIRO, LARRY INAGAKI, TOMMY MATSUNAMI, & GEORGE YAMADA braved the hot weather and had a two day (36) hole tournament at the Desert Rose Golf Course, just a chotto drive from downtown Las Vegas. To make it interesting, dis beeg timers played \$.25 'skins per hole. Giving you an idea how things

went:

	<u>1st Day</u>	<u>2nd Day</u>	<u>Total</u>
GEORGE YAMADA	15	12	27
FRED ARASHIRO	hitotsu	3	4
TOMMY MATSUNAMI	2	uno	3
LARRY INAGAKI	niente	2	2

Ahem, GEORGE the gentleman and sportsman that he is, maybe tried to ease-up some the second day but....do we need to elaborate? Not very sporting to add insult to injury. All of 'em younger than GEORGE but when time to put money by da mouf, auwe brah, da ol' pro ni kanawan. They out-drove him most of the time - not by much. But when came around the greens where finesse takes over, he is da senmon.

While the golfers were getting worked-up and hagail (except GEORGE) under the 90-95 degree sun, their fellow buddies were trying their luck in the cool air-conditioned casinos with a tsumetai one in hand. Golfers are a special breed of people, often calling themselves stupid and unprintable names after muffing another one. But should you call 'em that, be ready to defend yourself.

Talking to FRED, LARRY & TOMMY about how the day's game went. You get the same answer, just like all of them sohndan seta yohna: "Da bugga GEORGE" with affection of course. Of GEORGE, taking them to the cleaners. Like who da guy said they shoulda stayed home and stayed in bed. JIMMY IHARA's son who frequently goes to Vegas on business got the tee-time.

Last of the Mohicans

With WALTER MATSUMOTO missing this reunion, his first, leave HIROSHI ARISUMI and GEORGE YAMADA - the Last of the Mohicans. Yep, arera futari tomo attended every one from the very first in 1953 in Honolulu and still going strong. Why, they already committed themselves to attend next years.

Physically no problem, WALTER is in good shape, goes golfing about twice a week and even walks at times. But his hearing yo, that's what kept him from attending this latest. Feels

kinodokuna constantly asking people as to what's going on.

Any other place would be okay but no way can you get HAZEL to go to Las Vegas - tada demo ikan. With her asthmatic condition, cannot take the excessive smoking. Why spend hard earned money to punish yourself - excellent thinking.

The above mentioned (HIROSHI, GEORGE, & WALTER), they were more than just guests at Reunions. Especially whenever it was held in their backyard, they were leaders and did the brunt of the work, led by example.

GEORGE's first reunion was supposed to be his last. But look.....

Donations

No can thank the following people enough for adding \$\$\$ to the Reunion fund. Very generous monetary donations by: GEORGE & SHIZ FURUYA, SHIG & CHIYO ISHIGAKI, KAZ & MARY FUJII, and MIN & YAE SUEDA. Food-stuff/Pupus by: ISHIGAKIS, TAKESHI & VIOLET HIRATA, and TOMMY MATSUNAMI. If we missed anyone, gomen nasai, not wazatto.

Our Chapter's very efficient and yoh kigatsui toru daitoryo TEIJI CHINNA wrote and sent thank you card to da donate seta people, no sooner he got home. No bull, even before unpacking his bags...that's what he told us.

Mulling over it not even for a second, decided against publishing the sum donated. No pololoi. Remembers small kid days when Japanese school had shibai and the like, dasewa nins chanto sat at the choba and fudede write down the persons name and amount given and go hang 'em on da clothes line like thing for everybody to see. The bigger the amount, the bigger the name and paper written on. Da shows were "free," but cost you more. And da akamai kids hayo kara itte go hirogeru goza and go kapu da space.

Mainlanders

FUJII, KAZ & MAY - Portland, Oregon

A big time truck farmer is seriously thinking of putting his property on the market and looking forward to retirement and becoming inkoyosan

like the rest of us. His claim to fame, of all da kotonks, he's the only one/uno/solo with that nickname. You mention KAZ among the boys, the apt to respond with a "Who?" You mention KOTONK, they going say, "Oh him, why you never say so in the first place?"

FUJIOKA, TAD & CHERRY - Juneau, Alaska

Our Eskimo Aikanes, mushed their way down from way up mauka. CHERRY was on da guwai ga lilibit not too good for awhile but looks 100% shipshape now. TAD okawari wa nai - always, always in tip top shape. Not even an ounce of abura on his massive body. Solid, rock hard - urayama shii. Work, da manual kind, more plenty the better is his "meat." Some guys subscribe to magazines like "Strength and Health" and expects the muscles along with it. TAD, he makes his own. Dunno if he was pulling our leg or what but go ask, "Eh, how you play Keno?" We lilimo went huli of his asking...and him a retired aeronautical engineer from Boeing Aircraft. Of the lavish food they prepared for us kanakas from Hawaii, returning from Glacier Bay is well remembered.

FURUYA, GEORGE & SHIZ - San Diego, California

Another beeg bandula in da yokozuna class. Due to getting wind of the Reunion rather later, shoga nashi were quartered all by themselves at Union Plaza, a block away from California, our Reunion headquarters. What luck coming over to meet the group, the first person he ran into was good buddy, MASAO YAMASAKI. The FURUYAS have a son, president of a company that deal in hydraulic equipment and has office in Las Vegas and several other cities. The other FURUYA, SOT, da itsumo kuru monga didn't attend. He's best remembered playing the role of Momotaro in a skit, several reunions past.

HIRAKI, TOM & MARY - Seattle, Washington

Having a car with him since driving down from Seattle instead of flying, TOM acted as chauffeur and drove the ladies, ikitai mon, all over town, the Strip and outskirts too. For him no big

thing driving for hours and nantomo omowan, energy to burn. At the time of the 1964 Reunion in Seattle, his son was about yochien iku age. Today, he is a captain in the Seattle Fire Dept. How time flies, shiran uchini agyan natta bai. They and the IHARAS took care of the Engrs/ Band members and wives at the '88 Reunion in Reno, fed the whole group from soup to nuts. Da kine stuff no can forget.

IHARA, JIMMY - Reno, Nevada

Shikata nashi had to pull out at the very last minute, his wife's sister that lived in Hilo passed away.

INAGAKI, LARRY & RUTH - Bowie, Maryland

LARRY called from his home in Bowie, Maryland, several weeks prior to the Reunion. Oh yes, he received well in advance all da kuwashii details as to nanga nambo suru from the Reunion Committee of one - LILY OKAMOTO. He wanted to know as to what time da Hawaiian contingent will be arriving and checking in at the hotel. Wanted to schedule his flight/arriving time accordingly. He left Hawaii some 30 years or so ago to continue working for the U.S. Federal Government. But still yet faithfully keeps in touch and dekiru dake tries to participate in all kinds of functions/events like reunions, trips, etc.

ISHIGAKI, SHIG & CHIYO - San Francisco, California

Truly a gentleman and a class guy that fits in comfortably in any group. Very enjoyable to talk story with and not one to dominate center stage type. Still yet on da wakaburi side but lately curtailed some of his activities. Today, his tanoshimi is walking and overseeing his pride and joy Victory garden. CHIYO is the athlete of the family, bowling and the likes.

KANBARA, HENRY - Los Angeles, California

It was indeed a pleasure, meeting up and talking story wiht HENRY again. This is only his second reunion, way better than 0. His first was the '88 reunion in Reno. GEORGE YAMADA gets credit for that. They ran into one another

just prior to the Remo Reunion. By now, you should know the end results whenever anyone crosses GEORGE's path. If you no believe, go ask KAZ KIYOMURA, who is a regular today ever since running into GEORGE. HENRY's was one of the seven cars in the convoy to Reno formed by the late TOMMY KIYOSAKI. HENRY very much likes to come to Hawaii but flying and him no see eye to eye, he being strictly the down to earth person.

KIMOTO, HERBERT & MARYE - Los Angeles, California

Donkon naranbai, dis Kimo no yatsu yo. Kiotsukete yohjin sennara of his daily food consumption, he going be one Yokozuna in no time. We place him in da higher Ozeki class at the present. Tate nara OK but da yokoga yo, MARYE must be some good cook. Why, he's larger than his good buddy KIYO KIMURA. Maybe you might not make money playing Black Jack on the same table with him but the fun part is da asobi katayo, sure lessen the pain when you no win.

KIYOMURA, KAZ & MAE - Monte Bello, California

KAZ is another one of GEORGE YAMADA's "victims." Sparking KAZ who was roaming around in the lobby of the 20th Century Plaza Hotel in LA during the 1987 reunion, HIROSHI ARISUMI after introducing himself and getting re-acquainted all over again since army days, led KAZ to "Da Leader" GEORGE YAMADA - the rest is history. KAZ says that was one if not the best thing that happened to him, joining up with the LA group and for us Hawaii guys too. His reunion attendance record since, a perfect 100%. When one pau, already looking ahead for the next one, wherever it may be. KAZ and MAE didn't stay for the entire reunion, due to MAE going to Maui to see her daughter graduate from high school. Asked KAZ from what school. Him, "I dunnc, the one on Maui." Eh, KAZ, Maui hirakete get more than one high school, boy. MAE, going through the reunion roster send by LILY OKAMOTO, noticed there was no HICHI

listed but a NEAL/JANET MATSUMOTO listed. MAE maybe was thinking lucky JANET get one new husband. Remember, for better or worse....

MASAMORI, TOM & LILI - Denver, Colorado

They were missed, arera saisai kuru das why. Men and ladies as well, shimpai kakete asking, what happened anyway. Just days before the reunion, one of their children had an accident. Hope everything is OK.

MATSUNAMI, TOM - Los Angeles, California

This guy enjoying life so much, he never get time to get married even once. Nice guy, a gentleman, and he no care for beer too. Too busy trying to relieve GEORGE YAMADA of some cash at the golf course or what. Formerly of Honokaa on the Big Island, another transplant.

NAKATSUMA, FRANK & ESTHER - Los Angeles, California

We no see him anytime, day or night down in the casino so asked him, "Eh, you come Las Vegas and you no gamble?" Him, "Nah," shaking his head side to side, "I don't like to gamble, I only play the stock market." Mama mia, dis guy not in the same manini league with us guys. Da wahines especially missed their three heart-throb good looking sons. Dare ni niita kano. FRANK is no Valentino look-alike.

NARITA, WESLEY - Michigan

With the MASAMORIS pulling out, he was the only one from the Band side of the Chapter. Noticed that he is a quiet and mind-your-own business kind of person. Has been attending reunions regularly as of late.

OKURA, GENGO & MASAKO - Las Vegas, Nevada

A former Angeleno (L.A. resident), but now calls Las Vegas home. A workaholic all his life, the service was no exception, looking after the vehicles in the motor pool. He'll be meeting up with the boys and their wives soon enough with next year's reunion scheduled in Las Vegas

again.

SUEDA, MIN & YAE - Los Angeles, California

MIN, another guy with height but mada mada tabete koen nara, no can place him with the Yokozunas/ To hold that distinguished rank and no more the prominent opu - migurushii, eh.

YAGUCHI, KENJI & KAZUE - Portland, Oregon

Ramrod straight, da taikaku we referring too, befitting his profession, Chiropractor. Chest out, stomach in, okole out to the rear. A perfect example of an ideal physique. Unlike a dentist with not too many of his own teeth. A optometrist hitting somebody else's golf ball.

YAMADA, GEORGE & MARY - Los Angeles, California

MARY no mikake ni odorita, for the good, that is. She stay looking good, good, good, compared to when she came for the 50th Anniversary Reunion in Hawaii last year. Antoki, she appeared daibun yowattotta, no more da genki and never was much into anykind of conversation, which is very much unlike her. Piano, piano is the byword and yohjin sete kurasu koto and not hope but expect to see you at the next one, April of next year.

After 50 years, what more can you say of this man, plenty more but space is limited. GEORGE still yet tanoshinde works regularly at his part time job at a nearby golf course. Enjoys it very much, the conditions, pace, and especially being his own boss. No more stress and da motte koi part is he can play whenever he has the urge and all for tada too. Attending every Reunion, nothing will please him more than meeting up with good buddy CHARLEY KIMURA to reminisce and enjoy a get-together like the old days. There is still time and reunion but not too many. CHARLEY talked him into coming for the very first one.

Otoboke-like asked him, "Any regrets attending Reunions?" He answered with a resounding "Hell, no." He is an octogenarian but no let that fool you because he can move and put guys half

his age in the dust in doing anything. He is from the old school...."He who hesitates is lost." Was a great day for you and me when Colonel PENCE handpicked and placed him in the 232nd Engrs. What would it be like today if GEORGE ignored CHARLEY's plea. What a horrible and dreadful thought, no wanna think about it.

Our Kanko Dancho

LILY OKAMOTO and her Chief-of-Staff, MONTE, her Danna-san and our treasured Treasurer, honto ni shinzo no ichiban shita kara, thank you so very much. Our thinking is, if not for her taking over and carrying the ball, we having a Reunion like this one, hate to say it but chances would have been very slim at the most. People like us yorokonde would lend a hand but to assume the leadership, that's entirely a different ball game.

WALTER MATSUMOTO, one of the leaders in any form since the inception of the club was very much involved in all the past Reunions. TOMMY KIYOSAKI ikitoru aida was very much involved too after his football coaching days.

Saying that LILY did an outstanding job is an understatement. No need to elaborate and go into details, the results speak for itself. The time and what she went through we dunno because we never tried it. You, me, and others are very fortunate having a person like her doing it.

With her, it's not maybe, I think so, but can do, will do, done. Her no yarikata - sugoi.

Keynote Speaker

WARREN HARUKI, Hawaiian Telephone Company President and son of BARBARA HARUKI of Kapaa, Kauai, was the keynote speaker for the Kapaa High School graduating class of 1994. He is an alumnus and graduated only a few years ago.

Sick Call

JOE SATO recently underwent operation for hernia and is doing real fine. Of the operation, he says, he was released from the hospital and sent home without even spending a night. A fast healer, he's already back digging up Ala Wai

Golf Course and attending the 442 Ukulele/Hula & Choral Group on Monday nights at the clubhouse.

DOC KAWAMOTO, dunno da name of da kine operation he had but the closest we can make out is the doctors went hemo some bones from here and went transplant 'em some place over there. One thing we know for sure, not his mouth so won't hinder his karaoke singing.

Tenno Heika Banzai

Watching on TV, EMPEROR AKIHITO and EMPRESS MICHIKO on their recent trip to Honolulu was like 1972 all over again. Led by then 442 Veterans Club President MICH TAKATA (F), the 442 group en-masse had an audience with then Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess MICHIKO at the Royal Official Residence in Tokyo. Been 22 years since but seems only tatta konaida, remembering just what occurred to the last detail.

Shaking hands and speaking to the Royal Couple was more than enough thrill for a lifetime. His majesty asking this hyakusho's son from Kalihi, "Where were your parents from Japan." Standing rigidly at attention unhaltingly answered: "Kumumoto Ken, Kamimashike Gun, Oshima Mura." That was something mom pounded into our head. Aredake oboete wasurenai. Or our once in a life time yume noyona experience - taishita mon.

A Memorial - MERVYN MITSURU TAKANO

MERVYN MITSURU TAKANO passed away peacefully approximately 0730 hours Sunday, July 30, 1994 at Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center, after being a patient there for about six months.

He was a good husband, father, grandfather and good provider. For him, giving the family the best was the most important and held top priority. Anything else had to wait its turn.

An active member, he played an important part in the functioning of the 232nd Engrs./Band Chapter from way back to just up to a couple of years ago when he became terminally ill. A type of person, assigned a task no matter what,

you know it will be done.

A draftee, he already was in the army stationed at Schofield Barracks with the 370th Engrs. for about a year when the call came to form the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Volunteered and was assigned to the 232nd Combat Engrs. at Camp Shelby, Miss.

He was a carpenter by trade and they didn't come any better. A very diligent and conscientious worker, the type of worker that would make bundles of money for whoever he worked for. Never was clock watcher. He was proud of his record of never been unemployed and never had the experience of going to the unemployment office like some of did at one time or another.

Being the "Company Man" type, he was in the thick of everything happening within the chapter. Work (that was his meat and music to his ears), and play (which he didn't care too much for), he went all out with gusto. Playing softball, mainly (?) for the extra innings that followed at the clubhouse. Golf and bowling, he's more apt to say, "What kine crazy stuff that?"

Did lotta yura and mira ga meni kakaran things like repairing the clubhouse tables, chairs, etc. At times even buying materials with his own money. Our boys time after time reminded him, no forget, go get reimbursed.

The number of people he helped (major or minor jobs) one way or another boggles the mind and far to many to count. Us nara chotto kokua setara think 'nuff, but that wasn't his style. He did it all for love, doing good and helping people was his tanoshimi. Shojikina to the core and a caring person.

A perfectionist, he tried to excel in whatever he set out to do. Doing things da dohka naru/haphazard/kapulu way he couldn't stomach and never hesitated to let you know about it. He never was a "I did my share, da guy no do so I ain't gonna do" type, but the complete opposite.

Took advantage of all the fringe benefits the mother club had to offer and joined 'em all - Ukulele/Hula & Choral Group, Uta No Kai, and the now defunct Ballroom Dance Club.

If he had any fault, it was keeping to the