

AJA veterans' organizations, the 100th Bn, 442nd RCT, MIS and the 1399th, will be located on the corner of Kalakaua and Saratoga Streets in Waikiki. Design planning is now under way among the four units with the concurrence of the Arts and cultural division of the City and County of Honolulu. Fifty thousand dollars have been encumbered and another seventy five thousand, which is approved needs to be encumbered before long.

Councilman Andy MIRIKITANI answered that the idea of the monument was conceived between Professor Judy WEIGHTMAN and himself in order to recognize the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion for their part in the DACHAU connection.

ROY KUBO has been barraged by various ailments such as Pneumonia, exhaustion, and other organic problems. We wish him a speedy recovery so that he can participate in our next golf tournament.

Bob MATSUSHITA is better now and consented to send Maui News again; ditto for YURI TASAKA on the Kauai News. Fox six to Fox one, over.

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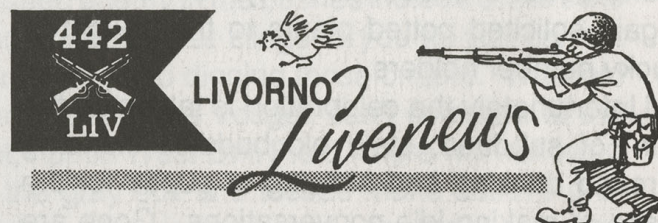
by **ROBERT MATSUSHITA**

The 1995 Maui 442nd Veterans Club Installation Banquet will be held of February 18 at the Maui Beach Hotel in Kahului. Fox Chapter is in charge this year.

We met at Tasty Crust on January 5. Over a nice dinner, details of the installation program and duty assignments were completed. It was also a time to "talk story" and get caught up on news and things. Present were Chapter head TOSHIO ENDO, IKE IKEDA, CHARLENE & MASA HOKAMA, DOROTHY & TAKAO ITO, MIYO & TOM HIRANAGA, KANJI WAKAMATSU, and MABEL & ROBERT MATSUSHITA.

A homecoming and Go For Broke Monument

dedication is scheduled June 15 - 18, 1995 at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. MASAE and HIDEO MURAKAMI and ROBERT MATSUSHITA have signed up to attend this summer event.



by **HENRY KUNIYUKI**

The Livorno Chapter Livenews is prefaced by both happy and sad tidings. The happy news relates to the return of charter member, KAMEO "CHOP CHOP" SUGIOKA, to active participation at our monthly dinner meetings. The sad tidings, we deeply regret to report, concerns the untimely passing of charter member HOWARD HANJI KIYAMA on December 9, 1994.

KAMEO "CHOP CHOP" SUGIOKA was encouraged by fellow Kaneohe resident KEN TERUYA to attend our monthly fellowship meeting in January, 1995, held as usual at Likelike Drive Inn Restaurant. He was so well-known by his nickname "CHOP CHOP" that Livorno Chapter members had to ask him what his full legal name was to refresh their memory. To further refresh Livorno Chapter members a brief background history about "CHOP CHOP" is published herewith. He was born on May 28, 1920 at Pearl City, the son of the late MR. & MRS. YASUICHIRO SUGIOKA. His mom, ISANO, passed away in 1957, followed by his dad in 1978. In 1938, CHOP CHOP went to San Diego with his brother to do farming thereat. Upon the start of World War II, he was relocated to Poston, Arizona. He was inducted into the Army of the United States from Poston Relocation Center. I understand that the First Sergeant at the Induction Station at Fort Douglas, Pocatello, Idaho, was responsible for naming him "CHOP CHOP" as the Sergeant was unable to pronounce his name. Upon his assignment to "Love" Company of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, he



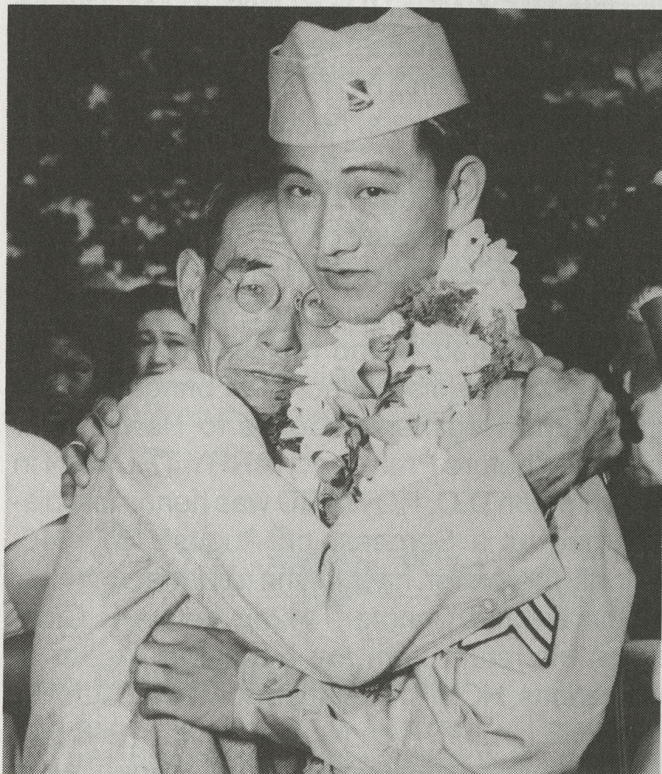
served as Mess Sergeant, one of the first replacements to the RCT. "CHOP CHOP" was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant after bringing home the Regimental Colors with others in August of 1946. He settled down with ALICE SHIZUNO TOYAMA on February 21, 1952. After working 19 years as a skilled cutter at Shaheens Garment Factory, he was employed by Jacqueline's of Hawaii for another 15 years. The Chapter reporter recalls taking advantage of KAMEO's employment with the wholesale garment industry by referring mainland visitors to his firm for aloha garment purchases. His wife, ALICE, retired from the Hawaiian Electric Company after being employed thereat as an IBM equipment operator. "CHOP CHOP" has kept himself busy with his shoreline fishing hobby after retirement. He enjoys bottom fishing with his 14' boat. The Livorno Chapter members are most pleased to have him back with us after too long a hiatus!

When HOWARD KIYAMA attended his last Chapter meeting in November, 1994 he bid good-bye to all his fellow Livorno members in attendance, stating that he was faced with a major surgery the following morning at Kuakini Medical Center. He must have had a premonition that he was not going to survive that ordeal. HOWARD's memorial service was held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary on Thursday, December 15 with Livorno Chapter members manning the "Choba" reception desk. The Chapter reporter was privileged to give the eulogy at his service. HOWARD's passing was given wide publicity in the Honolulu Star Bulletin as his picture, taken by the Bulletin's ace photographer at the welcome-home ceremony held on the grounds of Iolani Palace, became world famous. This human-interest shot of HOWARD being embraced by his tearful dad has been published, not only in local newspaper, but also in Life magazine and other world publications. BOB EBERT, the photographer, won the American Photo Contest and many other awards for that memorable photograph. MR. EBERT, who retired many years ago as the Safety Officer at Hickam Air Force Base, was present at HOWARD's

inurnment service at the National Cemetery of the Pacific with full military honors. The video made by BOB EBERT has been presented to HOWARD's widow, CLAIRE, with the second copy given to the 442nd Archives and Learning Center. Besides his loving wife CLAIRE, HOWARD is survived by a daughter GAIL; two sons, MICHAEL and RANDALL; three grandsons RYAN, TODD, and KALAE'ULA; and two granddaughters, JENNIFER and ARIEL. He is also survived by two brothers, LOUIS and KENNETH; and a sister, ALICE MIYAGI. HOWARD was born in Honolulu on July 9, 1921, the son of the late MR. & MRS. IUEMON KIYAMA. During World War II, he was a replacement trooper to Company B, 442nd RCT. Like so many 442nd replacement troopers, he took basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He participated in the last campaign of the Regiment in Northern Italy as a rifleman. Upon cessation of the war, he was assigned as Company Clerk of Baker Company. His last duty with Company B was among the several hundred 442nd replacement GIs who were given the distinct honor of bringing home the 442nd Regimental Colors to Hawaii after parading before President HARRY TRUMAN in Washington D.C. HOWARD was honorably discharged as a Sergeant on August 15, 1946. Shortly thereafter, he became a charter member of the Livorno Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club. Upon his return from the European theater of operations, HOWARD settled down with CLAIRE YOSHIE HARADA on November 20, 1948. His long 36-year employment span began as a salesman for Pacific Meat Company. After 17 years with Pacific Meat Company, he was employed by several other wholesale meat establishments. His work record also includes five years as a storekeeper for the Honolulu Police Department. HOWARD retired in 1983 after ten long and faithful career as manager of both Ala Moana and Pearl Ridge outlets of Honolulu Sporting Goods. During his lifetime, HOWARD was an avid deep sea fisherman. He and his family participated in the International Billfish Tournament for twenty years. HOWARD also had a lucrative side business of making special-



ized fishing rods which were much in demand. The Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament records show HOWARD with the highest individual score; the recipient of the Duke Kahanamoku Memorial Trophy; and the contestant with the largest billfish caught on a heavy tackle. HOWARD KIYAMA's family has the distinction of registering more billfish caught over 500 pounds in the history of the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament. "Pain makes man think; thought makes man wise; wisdom make life endurable." May HOWARD rest in peace.



At the monthly dinner meeting of the Chapter in January, the following members expressed interest in participating in the 442nd RCT's 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service and Banquet: JERRY & ETHEL DOI; HARUTO & YURIKO HARADA; JITSUO & RUBY KAWADA; HENRY & EMI KUNIYUKI; MASATOSHI & SUMIE MITANI; TAKAMORI & KIKUYE MIYAGI; MINORU & MITSUE NAGASAKO; SHIZUO & CLARA OIDE; MORIO & RACHEL OMORI; PAUL & BETTY TAKAEZU; RAYMOND & MIMI TANAKA; JAMES & FLORENCE WATANABE; and JERRY YAMAMOTO. Widows of former

members were invited to both functions as guests of Livorno Chapter. The invitees were: JANET HIGA, SACHI MIKI, and CLAIRE KIYAMA. FRANCES WATANABE also accepted our invitation. the details of the Chapter's involvement at both important annual programs will be covered in the following issue of the Go For Broke Bulletin. Arrivadece!



by HAROLD FUKUNAGA

### Shinnenkai

Our annual Shinnenkai was held on January 28th at the Clubhouse, with food catered from the Suehiro Restaurant. TAKETO KAWABATA was generous enough to pick up the food from Suehiro with his station wagon. He was very cautious about making sure that the food or "shiriu" was not spilled when unloading. All of the guys who helped in the unloading were told to watch out, and don't spill anything. Otherwise, his station wagon would probably smell like "s—t" after a few days.

The turnout by our members and their wives was excellent. We had over 30 present.

EDDIE OCHIAI coordinated the program, making sure new attendees were introduced, so that they could be made to feel at home.

As usual, the Treasurer (YOSHI YOSHIWA) was very busy, to ensure that all of the members paid their 1995 chapter dues, any penalties from 1994, party costs, and the annual 442 banquet costs (if they were planning to attend). He accumulated a big bundle of cash and checks, so he must've deposited the collections into the bank the following Monday.

We are very fortunate in having 2 excellent skin divers in our chapter. They provided excellent "tako pupus" for all to enjoy. Take a bow, TAKESHI ONUMA and RAY HANDA. Some poki and other tasty "pupus" were also available.



After the sumptuous dishes were served and gobbled up by the members and their wives, EDDIE OCHIAI set up a thinking person's game, of trying to decipher a phrase from groups of pictures and letters. If reflected on how we are getting older, because most of us could identify only a few out of 20 chances.

As usual, bingo was played for a few games and most of the wives won, so it made them happier.

Door prizes were given to each participant, so everyone was happy. GRACE ISHII and the AMIIS donated the prizes. Thank you very much to all who donated.

Incidentally, GRACE apologized earlier that the party was in conflict with her annual trip to Vegas at Super Bowl time, so she couldn't make it. She said later that she was lucky that she went with the 49ers and won some money. How much?

The following people attended the party: RICHARD AJIFU, ALFRED & HELEN AMII, KICHIO EBISUYA, DR. KENNETH FUJIMOTO,

HAROLD & JANE FUKUNAGA, RAY & PAT HANDA, HENRY HORI, FRED & DOLORES IDA, ROBERT ITO, TOSHIMASA KANAI, TAKETO & JUDY KAWABATA, JOHN & CLARA KIKUYAMA, ROBERT & HARRIET MIYATA, KAZU & FUJIKO MOTOBU, EDDIE OCHIAI, TAKESHI ONUMA, HIROMI SUEHIRO, EDDIE & EMILY TAMANAHA, SPEED & EDNA TANNA, RALPH YEMPUKU, YOSHI & CAROL YOSHIWA, and GEORGE & CHIYOKO HAMADA.

### Obituary

JUDY KOMO, wife of our late member, JAMES KOMO, passed away on January 22 in Straub Hospital. Private services were held, so our members couldn't pay our last respects. A few of the members and their wives visited the grave site at Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery. She will be buried next to JIMMY at the site. Our condolences to her sons, DARRYL and LANCE KOMO and daughters JOY OJIRI and LORI YAMADA.



(Left to right - seating): LILLIAN NODA, DOLORES IDA, JANET KONDO and SUENO NAKAMURA. (Left to right - standing): FRED IDA, TOSHIMITSU KONDO, HAJIME MIYAMOTO, KAORU NODA, MITSUKI MATSUNAGA, and JACK KONDO.



## Get Together in Hilo bu FRED IDA

On their annul trip to Hilo, through the efforts of JACK KONDO, DOLORES and FRED IDA were guests of the Hilo G Company group as shown in the photo below. The meeting took place at Restaurant Miwa and after lunch much of the early afternoon was spent talking about "them good old days." MAC SEWAKE ran into car trouble, driving in from Kohala and couldn't make it.

## Mini-Reunion in Vegas

A contingent of Hawaii and mainland G Company guys and their wives will have a get-together at Fremont Hotel on March 10, 1995. No programs are set up except for a dinner on March 10th at Fremont. Everyone is setting up their own itinerary and travel plans. According to FRED IDA, who had coordinated the gathering, the following people have signed up with FRED as of Feb. 9, 1995:

Mainland: BILL & ESTHER ODA, STANLEY SERIKAKU, MARY KAWABATA, JIMMY & ALICE DOI, SACHI & TAK NAKAMOTO, DEWEY & KIYO FUKUI, GEORGE & MARY NAKATSU, TETS & DOTASATO, KAY SEKINO, BONES & SHIZ FUJIMOTO, TED TAKENAKA, IKE IKEDA, GEORGE & MARY KARATSU, JIM YOSHIZAWA, JIM & MASAYO MAKINO, CHIYE & GEORGE HAYASHI, DOT NAKAGAWA, YUKIO OKAMOTO, ROY & FUMI MACHIDA and ARTHUR & GRACE NISHIMOTO.

Hawaii: FRED, DOLORES, & DENNIS IDA, HAROLD & JANE FUKUNAGA, HIROMI SUEHIRO, RALPH YEMPUKU, SPEED & EDNA TANNA, KICHIO & ROSE EBISUYA, HENRY HORII, SHIGEMI & BETTY ISHIZAKI, and EDDIE TAMANAHA and his brother-in-law.

## Interview with TAKESHI ONUMA and RAY HANDA

TAKESHI and RAY had difficulty remembering what they did or what happened during their military days, but after they started to talk about some things, they remembered what happened to them. TAKESHI said that he volunteered, but didn't get called in when they first called the

group from Kauai, where he resided. When the called in more guys later, because the quota assigned to the mainland AJAs was way short, he was called in, so he arrived in Schofield Barracks Tent City about a week later than the first group from Kauai. TAKESHI worked in Pearl Harbor just before the war stated. He was a good friend of BARNEY HAJIRO, who was from Kauai also. BARNEY told him that if TAKESHI wanted to work on a defense job, he could get him in, so TAKESHI agreed. His first assignment was to operate a buster, breaking up concrete. He was so tired after the first day that he couldn't control his hands. He had a hard time opening and closing his fingers. That job lasted only a short while, because of the Pearl Harbor bombing. He went to work that night on a train, but saw how much damage there was and the confusion, that he turned around and went home in Honolulu. All AJAs were kicked off the jobs in Pearl Harbor area, so he did the right thing anyway. He complained that he didn't get paid for the few days he worked, so the federal government saved some money there.

TAKESHI remembered the first day of action, when the squad was walking along the hillside under a grove of olive trees and later seeing some 442 guys getting attacked by the enemy along the road below where they were. Later he found out that they were F Co. guys.

The next episode he remembers was when G Co. captured 3 German jeeps and some Germans when they drove into the area by the small village, which was occupied by G Co.

Both RAY and TAKESHI remember Hill 140 vividly, because of the mortar and artillery barrages received by G Co., along with the rest of the 2nd Battalion. TAKESHI thinks that LT. HILL got hit there. He couldn't understand how he got hit on the reverse slope. He recalled that his BAR man got hit there, but couldn't remember his name. That guy's name was NOMURA, a mainland guy. He was hit on the neck and blood was oozing out. TAKESHI put his finger on the wound to stop the bleeding. In the meantime, NOMURA kept saying, "I going die, I going die." NOMURA was TAKESHI's ammunition bearer.



He was evacuated and survived.

TAKESHI said that he felt like a zombie and couldn't think straight. He was just following orders. Two times he wanted to give up, because he felt like he was going to get killed. Once, he just stood up from the hole, like he didn't care, but he didn't get hit. Then his mind came back to normal, and he went back into the hole. He felt the same way in Bruyeres when all of his friends went back to the hospital from wounds and trench feet. They were attached to the 3rd Battalion at that time when there were only a few guys left in the Co. He remembers GEORGE IDA was frustrated because they shot rifle grenades at the enemy, but the grenades hit the trees and exploded without hitting the enemy. At that time, he wanted to go back to the Battalion Aid Station, but the Japanese blood told him, "You cannot go back!" RAY HANDA said, "I cannot remember too much, but I remember they gave me the squad, because we only had a few guys left. This was only a short time before I went to the hospital because of trench feet. I think that's why the promotion to sergeant was not made official, because I went to the hospital before any action was taken."

RAY and TAKESHI were confused about who was the squad leader for 1st squad, 1st platoon. HAROLD explained that FRED IDA was in charge when we went into combat, but after he was wounded and hospitalized in Italy, ART NISHIMOTO took over. ART led the squad through Bruyeres until JAMES ADACHI, our platoon sergeant, was wounded and he took over as platoon sergeant.

TAKESHI recalls the time that 442 was transferred to France from Italy, that it was rainy and cold. The few days spent near Marseilles in the bivouac area was rainy and cold and muddy. It was a miserable experience; however it wasn't so bad, when compared to the conditions after we hit the front lines in the Vosges Mountains.

RAY remembers one incident just outside the town of Bruyeres. We encountered some strong enemy machine gun fire. After firing at them for a while, the enemy troops ran from their gun positions outside a building and into the build-

ing, which looked like a small warehouse. RAY took his rifle grenade and fired at the enemy into the building. It was a perfect strike, but there was no explosion as we expected. We all asked him what happened. He thinks that he forgot to remove the safety pin from the grenade, so it didn't explode. He was ribbed about it later.

HAROLD FUKUNAGA recalls an incident after we had gone through Bruyeres already and were in the pine forests, when we were shelled. KAORU NODA and he jumped into the same fox hole for protection. KAORU suddenly yelled out, "I got hit, I got hit!" HAROLD looked at him, but couldn't see any blood, so he asked, "Where, where?" KAORU told him, "By my neck." HAROLD finally was able to locate a small piece of shrapnel sticking out of KAORU's neck, so he used the gauze bandage that every rifleman carries with him and bandaged him and told him to go back to the Battalion Aid Station. He returned the next day and said that the medics removed the piece and told him to return to duty.

TAKESHI recalls that because he was on the line for so long, he started wishing for a "million dollar wound," so that he could be sent back to the U.S. for recuperation and out of the war. He was one of the few front line guys in the 442 that went through all of the campaigns and never was wounded enough to warrant going to the hospital for recuperation and being out of the war, even temporarily. He remembers the time in the mountains near Sospel, when "FUZZY" OSHIRO was killed accidentally from a grenade explosion. The Co. was in a defensive position in the mountains near the Italian border. Therefore the guys had much time, outside manning the outpost and going on patrols. The guys were playing poker in a dugout and were leaving the dugout when he stepped on a grenade, which was in a guy's overcoat pocket lying on the floor. When the grenade exploded, he was hit with some of the shrapnel in the back. A carrying party was organized and he was carried back to the Company CP in Castillon, about 3 miles away. He was transported to a hospital, which later reported that he died of the wounds.

RAY said that he rejoined the Company after



Bruyeres from the hospital, where he went for his trench feet or frost bite. After the company pulled out of Sospel, he was reclassified to Class B or non-combat status. He was transferred to a quartermaster outfit when the Regiment went to Marseilles, before returning to Italy. He spent the rest of the war with a quartermaster laundry outfit in Northern France (near Nancy). He returned to Hawaii after they started sending guys with enough points home after the war.

TAKESHI recalls the last push when we had to go early one morning towards the steep hill. He noticed that there were many new replacements, who were quite nervous, hearing the enemy artillery shells whizzing overhead. Some of the guys were hitting the ground: I guess you can't fault these guys, because it was their baptism of fire, so they couldn't judge whether the shells would land close or not. Only through experience would they learn to distinguish the close ones from the distant ones. He remembers the difficulty we had trying to carry the heavy mortar and bazooka rounds that every rifleman had to carry, to relieve the ammunition bearers from the impossible task of carrying the ammunition themselves up the steep mountainside. He thinks that some of the guys left some of the ammo aside, because the task was too much for them.

On one of the attacks near the town of Massa, the platoon was leading the attack when they were confronted by heavy enemy machine gun fire. As a result, they had to hold up and dig in. The enemy counter attacked, using tank fire as well as machine gun fire. Several guys were wounded from the tank fire, which ripped into the ranks of dug-in rifleman. The enemy tried to infiltrate into the platoon perimeter in the evening, but was beaten off by the platoon. Among the guys who were wounded were: FRED IDA and HAROLD FUKUNAGA from the tank fire. One of the H Co. heavy weapons guys was killed in this skirmish.

TAKESHI remembers that G Co. had some lousy sergeants. He remembers that platoon sergeant JAMES ADACHI was a "stinker" in

training, so nobody liked him. He thinks that's the reason why he never attended the reunions. HAROLD thought that ADACHI seemed okay, but that's because he and some others were transferred to G Co. from C Company a few weeks before the unit was sent overseas, so they didn't experience any of the training days with G Co. In order to build up the companies to full strength, the 1st Battalion of 442 was cannibalized and the men in that battalion were transferred to many of the companies in the 2nd and 3rd battalions. TAKESHI remembers LT. HOLMES, who was the 1st platoon leader. He left the platoon just before Hill 140, claiming he had stomach trouble. He never returned to the platoon. LT. ARTHUR BOYD came in as a replacement to LT. HOLMES. He was a fast runner, especially when we had to pull back from an artillery barrage or something. He ran, especially during the Pisa combat patrol, which lasted about a day and a half. When he first joined us, we pulled something on him. We told him that in our outfit, the platoon leader had to lead the attack, and that the men would follow. He was very worried. Later, we told him that it was only a joke. The scouts were sent out as point men.

TAKESHI said that it's hard to remember all what happened, but he remembers thinking that how will he be able to survive the war, especially since he was on the front lines for so long. He kept thinking that he will be hit sooner or later, because the law of averages was going to catch up with him. He guessed that everyone was trying to do his job and survive the war.



by ALLEN NAKAMURA

On many occasions, we cannot find adequate words to fulfill our expression, whether it be appreciations or sympathies. Our hardcore



members fall into this category with their generous donations every year, materially and by participation. Its no wonder then, that our fund-raisers continue to be a great success, enabling the chapter to hold our two important social events during the year; the Shinnenkai and fund-raiser.

Direct donations to EMIKO's Scholarship Fund (ESF): ALLEN NAKAMURA, \$96 (\$50 to ESF); TOSHIO & BETTY NAKAHARA, \$25; JACOB & TERRY JICHAKU, \$125 (\$65 to ESF); KOBE & CHIZ SHOJI, \$250 (\$150 to ESF). Donations received through the mail: BILL & LILY OSHIRO, \$50 (\$25 to ESF); PLUTO & PATRICIA ARAKAKI, \$100; HIDEO ARAKAWA, \$10; MAMO & ALICE ISOBE, \$50; CASEY & KIMIE KASADATE, \$20; JIRO & FLORA WATANABE, \$50; VICTOR & TIMMIE YAMASHITA, \$100; PAUL & GENNY MATSUMOTO, \$30; BILL & HARUMI HAGIO, \$50; YASUKO SUMIKAWA, \$20; SHADOW KUROZUMI, \$10.

Other donors: KAZUMA & TAMA OGATA, \$75; PAUL & YUKI TAKIGUCHI, \$25; FRECKLES & GLORIA OSHIRO, \$25; TOMMY & KAY KAKESAKO, \$190; ISA & HILDA TAKIYAMA, \$25; KAZUO & KAZUKO FINK, \$25; LAWRENCE & CHIYOKO FUJII, \$25; JOE & NANCY OSHIRO, \$25; MICKEY & TATSUE KUROKAWA, \$20; KUNIO FUJIMOTO, \$20; HAJIME & LANI MATSUURA, \$41; WILFRED & BUTCHIE LEONG, \$123; GENRO & MURIEL KASHIWA, \$100; JEFF & AIMEE SCHU, \$140; RANDAL & ANN NAKAMURA, \$91; Friends of LEONGS, \$131; Donors names unavailable on cash auctions, \$398.

On a personal note, I wish to thank everyone for the tremendous support received from your donations to the EMIKO NAKAMURA Scholarship Fund administered by the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG). This fund has been enriched by over \$1400 thru your generosity. Thank you, thank you! We were happy to welcome PATRICIA JENKS, the recipient of EMI's scholarship fund. She will be enrolled at University of So. Calif. for her doctorate in education. She was accompanied by our long time friend, DOROTHEA LENNON who incidentally are thrilled in auction-

ing for HIDE's orchid plant. PATRICIA is a member of the DKG Mu Chapter of which EMI was a charter member. Each of our chapters received over \$500.

The auction donors who we are forever grateful for their generosity. Starting Dec. 11, '94' fund-raiser, these donors made it easier for me by listing their items that can now be reported much more accurately. Thanks, fellows, hope this is the trend!

#### DONORS FOR AUCTION

From TOMMY KAKESAKO: 36-hr. Keywind alarm clock (\$17); character twin-ball alarm clock (\$17); diamond alarm clock (\$17); 2 Mickey Mouse watches (\$40 ea.); Sutton watch (\$39); Colibri 18kt gold electroplate (\$35); classic ornament earrings (\$42); Caravelle watch (\$42); 2 Freshwater pearl necklaces (\$60 ea.); cultural pearl earrings (\$40); "Aloha Aina" Hawaiian pendant (\$170); Hawaiian pendant "W" (\$49); Hawaiian barrel w/flower and diamond "E" (\$180).

From LAWRENCE FUJII: Dwarf Rhapis Palm; Okinawa Holly; Sealing Wax Palm; Thai Rhapis; Thai Ixora; Pink Ixora Little Princess; Ixora Nora Grant; Japan Bird Nest Fern; Lipstick plant. These plants ranged from \$20 to \$90. LAWRENCE goes out of his way to contact his nursery friends for some of these plants.

From KAZUO FINK's contact: MR. & MRS. PETER KNERR, hand-crafted wooden shark (\$65).

FROM JOHN FINK: Restaurant gift certificate (\$300).

FROM KAZUO: 14kt. Earrings (\$30); silver polish (\$7); Record (\$8); Go For Broke Belt Buckle (\$10).

From ISA TAKIYAMA: Wall Picture and Frame - Pacific Gallery (\$65).

From EDNA KURAMOTO: 2 Handmade pillows; 1 Handmade comforter.

From HIDE NAKAYAMA: 5 Cattleya Orchid Plants.

#### Desserts & Sashimi

TOM FUKUNAGA: 2 platters of ahi sashimi (prepared by wife, DOROTHY). BOOTCHIE LEONG: Mochi gau. TERRY JICHAKU: Cream



cheese Swirl cake. GLORIA OSHIRO: Andagi. BETTY AOKI: Fruitcake. LANI MATSUURA: Mango Bread. HILDA TAKIYAMA: Poppy seed Cake. EDNA KURAMOTO: Prune mui. ANN NAKAMURA: Energy bars & jello. KAZUKO FINK: Cake. PATSY KUOKAWA: Cookies. CHIZ SHOJI: Cookies. MARIAN MATSUMURA: Sushi, noodles, asst. namasu. NANCY OSHIRO: Coffee Cake. CYNTHIA MEDEIROS: 3/Easy Candies in cup. RALPH SHISHIDO: out of this world barbecued homemade Char Siu. Some of the donations went as "Chinese Auction" where you dare not pio - shut your eye - cause' when you open, auwe! all gone already!

Case each of soda: ISA, KAZUMA, JOE, TOSHI. 2 cases soda: ALLEN. Case each of beer: COWBOY, JACOB. 2 cases of beer: PAUL TAKIGUCHI. Potato salad: ALLEN (must have been good, for all gone, ha!).

#### **Preparation of Food, Decorations, Etc.**

Gotta credit BETTY NAKAHARA for suggesting stew and curry, instead of the usual chicken hekka. The leftovers were quickly auctioned off in plastic containers brought by BETTY. The auction was her idea also. This, one akamai wahine! NANCY OSHIRO & RALPH SHISHIDO helped in the cooking. Decorations by BOOTCHIE and red ginger foliage from YOSHII AOKI. Others who reported early to help were the JICHAKUS, MATSUMURAS, HIDE N., LEONGS, TOSHI & ALLEN. MARIAN who gets up with the birds cooking rice for her oishi ass't sushi & goes marketing early for her other delicious menu, we are just thankful that she accepted our request for separate dishes besides the main menu only. Otherwise sabi-shi.

#### **Celebrity**

Altho' TOM & DOROTHY FUKUNAGA and their guests are a fixture at our shinnenkai for many years, this was the first time that they accepted our invitation to attend this event. Among their friends they had WALLY YONEMINE, the great former Hawaiian athlete who made a name for himself in Japanese baseball, having played as well as managed teams in Japan. To refresh some memories, he

also played football with the San Francisco 49ers before embarking on a baseball career in Japan.

So to all of you who had participated in the success of the event, MAHALO!

#### **Taps**

SHIGEO "TONGO" AOKI of Wailuku, Maui, passed away on January 23, 1995. "TONGO" who served in the 1st platoon and mentioned as a good cook in GENRO's European Pilgrimage, we were all happy that he was able to attend the 50th Anniversary reunion in Honolulu. For some, this was the first time that they had gotten together in years. Our deepest sympathy & condolence to JANET, daughters VALERIE MIMURA & AVIS VALOROSO.

#### **No. Calif. News**

The following reported by SHIG YOKOTE: New officers for 1995/96 - President TAY NOBORI, Vice President FEB YOKOI, Secretary SHIG KIZUKA, Treasurer HIDE KIYOMURA, Historian TOM TERAMOTO.

#### **"10th World Women's Buddhist Conv. & Tour (WWBCT)"**

BETTY NAKAHARA took an exciting 15-day WWBCT on September 2, 1994. It was about the time of our mini-reunion, so TOSHI went one way to the mini-reunion & BETTY the other way, but all ended well with a short reunion at Las Vegas on BETTY's return route.

Her itinerary carried her to Anaheim Hilton (the convention headquarters), to Chicago, then on to Orlando, Florida, to visit Kennedy Space Center, Disney World, Epcot Center, MGM Theme Park (I visited Orlando with my daughter's family in December - there's only one word for it - Fantastic!), then on to New Orleans, Louisiana, to Dallas, Texas, and New Mexico before going to Las Vegas and California. This traveling wahine really gets around, not counting the many visits to Alaska.

#### **95' Las Vegas Mini-Reunion**

The off-again, on-again mini-reunion is now a