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July Luncheon

On Friday, July 30th, Aloha Chapter members and guests gathered at Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter, for a sumptuous and delicious Hawaiian buffet luncheon.

Afterwards, the highlight of the luncheon was a very interesting and informative talk by **Kalani Brady**, M.D., University of Hawaii Associate Professor & Interim Chairman for Native Hawaiian Health.



Dr. Kalani Brady addressing our Aloha Chapter

Dr. Brady gave a brief description (using a slide show) of Old Hawaii and how the modern Hawaiian population has declined due to disease and poor eating choices. He began his talk with a chant that gave his genealogy and ended the talk with a chant describing the beauty of Hawaii. Dr. Brady also described a special research program (developed by the University of Hawaii Medical School and funded by Queens Hospital) and what it is doing to help the Hawaiians of today. We had a brief question and answer period after his talk. **Vern** 

Merrie Ladies


August and November Events



Just a reminder that a donation of sixty 8-inch artificial Christmas trees was given to the *Merrie Ladies* to create patriotic Christmas trees to give to the veterans at Tripler's Center for Aging in November. Our plans are as follows:

- ♦ **PLACE:** Kalihi Union Church (located on North King Street, mauka side, just before Middle Street)
- ♦ **DATE:** Monday, August 9th
- ♦ **TIME:** 10 am - 2 pm
- ♦ **DETAILS:** A bento lunch from Makino Chaya will be served. The choices are 1) Garlic Ahi; 2) Chicken Katsu; or 3) Chicken Salad.
- ♦ **PRICE:** \$8.00 (This includes tax and a \$1.00 donation to KUC for the use of the church)

If we are unable to finish the tree decorating on August 9th, we will meet the first Monday in November to complete the project. If there is time at the November date, we will have other crafts the ladies can make for themselves. Please join us for a good time of fun and fellowship.

Please call **Charlene Towne** at 623-9731 or **Marion Von** at 732-3908 with your bento choice no later than August 4th. **Marion** 

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The Hale Koa Hotel welcomes all active and retired military, Reserve/National Guard members and dependents, current and retired DoD civilians, and sponsored guests.

Welcome to Our New Member, A New Life Member

Larry J. Colligon, USA, Retired

Congratulations to Our New Life Members

Philip Kim, LTC, USA, Ret.
Roger S. Kobayashi, LTC, USA, Ret.
R. Bancroft McKittrick, COL, USMC

Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership Application Form

Enroll me as a Regular Member: ☐ Each Year of Membership = \$15 ☐ Five Years = \$60. (One Year FREE!)

Enroll me as a Life Member: ☐ Membership rates: Age 71 & older=\$85; 61-70=\$135; 51-60=\$185; 50& under=\$235

Enroll me as an Auxiliary Member: ☐ (i.e., spouse of a U. S. military officer, surviving spouse of a deceased officer)

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Revised January 2007. All prior forms obsolete.

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

Chapter Party Bridge Program. **Joan White** and **Harriet Weissman** hosted the Bridge Session on Sunday, July 18th at the Fahrni Realty Classroom in Aiea. Before play began, Program Coordinator **Shirley Ihara** made an announcement about one of the most ardent and regular bridge players and the most recent recipient of the Bridge Player of The Year Award, **Phyllis Williams**, who was recently admitted to Tripler Army Medical Center.

Three tables of bridge were played with scoring relatively high, mainly because 2 small slams were bid and made during the session. The top 3 players scored over 5400 points with **Shirley Ihara** (5490) followed by **Bev Jensen** (5430) and guest **Midge Brooks** (5400). The 2 slams were made by partners **Shirley Ihara & Bev Jensen**, and guests **Thalia Henning & Mitzi Austin**. Other contestants were: **Bill & Trudi Ernst**, **Gary Jensen**, **John Kim**, **Coralie Vellis**, and co-hosts **Harriet Weissman & Joan White**.



Seated, left to right, are: Shirley Ihara and Midge Brooks. Standing are: Joan White, Mitzi Austin, Bev Jensen, and Thalia Henning.

The July party bridge session will be hosted by **Mitzi Austin & Trudi Ernst** in the Fahrni Realty Classroom on Sunday, August 15th. Those interested in playing but have not signed up need to contact **Mitzi** or **Trudi** by telephone, 486-0900 or 625-2545, respectively, or by e-mail to **Trudi** at bternst@hawaii.rr.com not later than Wednesday, August 11th. **Shirley** 



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Rates are subject to change without notice.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| August, 2010 | Summer Vacation — No Meeting |
| Aug 15, 2010
(Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Bridge Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Hosts: Mitzi Austin and Trudi Ernst |
| Aug. 20, 2010
(Friday) | Golf Outing, Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickam AFB |
| Sept. 2, 2010
(Thursday) | 8:00—9:30 AM, End of World War II 65th Anniversary Ceremony, USS MISSOURI. RSVP to https://www.mightymomembers.org/event/ |
| Sept 16, 2010
(Thursday) | 6:00 PM, Twinning Joint Dinner with Las Vegas Chapter, Hale Koa Hotel
Guest Speaker: Peter Carlisle, Former Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney
Topic: Is There Crime in Paradise? |
| Oct. 9, 2010
(Saturday) | 9:00 AM—Noon, Retiree Appreciation Day, Nehelani, Schofield Barracks |
| Oct. 29, 2010 | Buffet Luncheon, Hale Ikena |
| Nov. 12, 2010
(Friday) | 10:00 AM, Patriotic Songfest, VA Center for Aging, TAMC |
| Dec 10, 2010
(Friday) | 6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner Party, Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel |



July Golf Report

Oh, what a beautiful day to go golfing! I am sure I heard the refrains of "*Oh What A Beautiful Morning*" from the rear of my car. **Joe Kuroda** was nowhere around, but I know his voice and I guess he was with me in spirit. Mahalo Joe! It was another beautiful day in Paradise, and

Norm Fujiwara it was wonderful to welcome back some of our golfing regulars who have been missing the last couple of months, namely, **Allen Ono, Bob Kozuki, Dick Towne, Ron Katto** and **John Seeley**.

There were twenty-two players signed up and all twenty two were present at Leilehua Golf Course in time for the first group to tee off. I must admit that there were a couple of players who made it just under the wire, but I could report "All Present" when it was time to start playing.

It was wonderful to have **Allen Ono** and **Bob Kozuki** leading the group, as they sing "*Seems Like Old Times*" and our two leading pairs were joined by **Kelly Lau** and **Ira Tagawa**; they were followed by a threesome of **Howard Okada, Yoshi Nakamura** and **Ken Yamada**, followed by **Mert Agena, Walt** and **Janice Kinoshita**, and **Ron Katto**; the next foursome was **Gordon Cho** and his gang of **Dick Towne, Leroy Perry**, and **Ken Munechika**; they were followed by a threesome of **Len** and **Honeyjean Katsarsky** and **John Seeley**, and, bringing up the rear, were **Curtis Lee, Elinor Paek, Sally Minami**, and yours truly. Notice that there were four wahine players.

The format for the day was "blind partners" and a number of us truly had a really tough time with our net score being where our gross score should have been. However we did have several low scorers who shared the mega jackpot. In the fourth place were the partners of **Leroy Perry** and **Honeyjean Katsarsky**, followed closely (by a mere two strokes) were **Bob Kozuki** and **John Seeley**, in second place were the pair of **Gordon Cho** and **Ken Munechika**, and our grand champions were the pair of **Mert Agena** and **Walt Kinoshita**. Congratulations to all these winners, all four of the wahine players, and to all of those who participated in our Aloha Chapter Golf Outing for July. Mahalo!

Now for our thought of the Day: "The last word in an argument is what a wife says. Anything a husband says after that is the beginning of another argument."

Our August golf outing at the Malama Bay Golf Course, Hickam AFB, has been moved up one week from Friday, August 27th, to Friday, August 20th. Please make a note of this change in the date in the original schedule. The sign-up notice will be forthcoming.

Aloha and good golfing,

Norm



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2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put your complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. You may add it, if necessary, but if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet when it disappeared. All of your account numbers and phone numbers will be readily accessible so you can cancel your credit cards immediately. The key is having the toll free numbers and your card account numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep the photocopy in a safe place (and remember where it is). Also, keep a photocopy of your photo and identity pages of your passport when you travel, domestically or internationally. Keep it separate from your passport, of course, when you travel abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud committed upon people who had their name, address, Social Security Number, credit cards, etc., compromised.

5. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).
6. This step is very important: Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. You can remove the alert later after the mess is all sorted out.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:


Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289 and

Social Security (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271. 

Spouse ID Card

Check your spouse's ID Card to ensure that it is still valid. Normally, it will expire every 4 years. TRICARE services will be denied without a valid ID Card. Permanent cards are issued after age 75. 

Recruit A New Member!

Your Aloha Chapter is always looking for new members—active duty, retirees, and auxiliary members—all are welcome and will enjoy the camaraderie of the Aloha Chapter. Make it your goal to recruit at least one new member in 2010. Cut out the Membership Application on Page 2 of this newsletter to give to a prospective member. Help us win a bonus!

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- * 2003 4-Star Chapter
- * 2004 Winner Best Website
- * 2004 2nd Runner-Up Electronic Newsletter
- * 2004 4-Star Chapter
- * 2005 Winner-Cat VII "Give Me 10" Recruitment Campaign
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- * 2006 4-Star Chapter
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