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Relations

1940s

Monthly luncheons continue for the women of **KS '44** with August and September months at the Yum Yum Tree Restaurant and Buzz's Original Steak House in Pearl City respectively. Birthdays are celebrated and good fun while "talking story" is shared by classmates. (Class representative: **Vesta Parker Will**, phone: 1-808-941-1231).

Dr. **Elmer K. Chu '48** and his lovely wife Marion were special guests at the "Great 48" annual Celebration of Life dinner at the Hale Koa Hotel in October. Dr. Chu was raised on Moloka'i and now resides in Rolling Hills, Calif. After a delicious dinner, class president **Gene Naipo** led classmates and spouses in several hilarious games that literally had people "tied up" in knots and crying with laughter. Spiritual leader **Aletha Goodwin Kaohi**, who came down from Kaua'i for the celebration, gifted everyone with a special *ho'okupu* consisting of a *kukui* nut, fishing net and *puka* shell. The *kukui* represents the past, present and future enlightenment, the net connects all classmates together and the *puka* shell represents the *piko* which holds us, the class, together. Beautiful bamboo center-pieces were created by Lee Ann Naipo Binkauski, daughter of Gene

KS Alumni Women Wanted for Glee Club

Singers wanted. Practices every Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Ke'elikōlani Performing Arts Center with Les Ceballos directing. All ages accepted, no formal training necessary. Contact **Ernette Kawehi Cockett Bright '55** at 845-0020 or Les Ceballos at 842-8356.

Naipo. Other classmates attending the event were: **Alexander "Blackie" Bell, Ramona Silva Cabral, Irwin "Yoka" Cockett, William and Miriam Kalehua Cockett Deering, Wond Hart, Clifford Heu, Janet Aleong Holokai, Lorna Chu Kaeck, George Kekoolani, Douglas Kai, Stanley Lum Jr., Elmer Manley, Larry Mehau, Albert "Cowboy" Silva, and Edward Wong.** (Class representative: Elmer Manley, phone: 1-808-734-7459).

Flashing lights, clanging bells, and shouts of joy greeted **KS '49** classmates at their recent 52nd reunion in Las Vegas, Nev., at the Main Street Station Casino. **Leinaala Kahoiwai Owen, Ellenmae Parker Selu, James Awana, Donald Dias, Charles Roy, Kuulei Saffery McClung, Esther Bell Marrs, Joseph Hall, Elizabeth Mahuiki Chandler, and Francis Willingham '48.** The group was hosted by **John Francis Colburn, Benjamin Yin** and wife, **Muriel Ho '50.**

On an overcast, slightly fog-shrouded early morning, Kamehameha alumni and their 'ohana straggled into the San Francisco International Airport's United Airlines lobby. The graduates were there from other parts of the mainland and Hawai'i to fly to Seattle, Wash., the final

destination before beginning an Alaskan Cruise on the Norwegian Sky. Classmates represented were from **KS '49, '50, '52, '71** and **'75.** As each group arrived, the airport lobby resounded with strummed *'ukulele* and uplifting voices singing "I Mua Kamehameha." Upon arrival in Seattle, the group saw tourist sights, including Lake Washington, the film site of "Sleepless in Seattle," University of Puget Sound, University of Washington, Boeing Aircraft Facility, and the newly completed Mariner's Stadium. Before departing on their cruise, the group had a chance to visit with Seattle residents and **KS '50** graduates **Daniel Kaopuiki** and **James Napoleon.** "All Aboard" greeted passengers from **KS '50: Adeline Kamai Bright, Elaine AhMai White, Muriel Ho and Benjamin Yin '49, Beverly Lum, Myra Kaiona Oliveira, Ethel Whitford Almadova, Jeanette "Kau'i" Mahikoa Brandt, Roberta Silva, and Charles Makanui.** **KS '49s** were **Alfred Doo, Joseph Hall, Howard Fuller, Annette Magit Newhouse, Ellen Mae Parker Selu, Leinaala Kahoiwai Owen** and **Beverly Piilani Ellis Kinimaka.** Joining the group were **Oriette Lum Vegas '71** and **Melanie Yin Engleman '75.** Everyone had a great time renewing friendships,



KS '44 August birthday gals: Marian Lake Boyd (left) and Eloise Benham Pavich.



KS '48 Celebration of Life participants

and re-living and creating new memories of the Kamehameha family. *Mahalo* to all who made the Alaskan Cruise an unforgettable experience.

Report by class representative Beverly Piilani Ellis Kinimaka, phone: 1-808-822-1108.

1950s

KS '53 celebrated its 48th reunion in Albuquerque, N.M., on Aug. 6-12. **Benjamin Kahalekulu** and wife Betty served as hosts. In attendance were **Edward Aki, Francis Burrows, Fred Cachola, Peter Kama, Ronald Kim, John Lincoln, Curtis Mahoe, Reidar Smith, Joseph Travis, Diane "Lovey" Kukahiko, Adeline Keohukapu Mandac, Kathryn Ching Novack, Madeline Koanui McKeague, Joan Wilhelm Raymond, Heather Roy Minton, Ethel Pelekai Smith, Inez Kaiona Stevens, Kulumanu Robinson Varnell**, and finally, after 48 years, **Henry Kekoanui's** first attendance at a class function since graduation. We were honored to have **Harold Lyau** represented by his wife Loke, daughter Laurie and *mo'opuna* Alika. One of the highlights of our visit to New Mexico was touring the Acoma Indian

Pueblo, also known as the "Sky City." Located an hour and twenty minutes west of Albuquerque, Acoma Indian Pueblo is the oldest, continuously inhabited city in the United States. A breathtaking ride on the Sandia Peak Tram, the world's longest free span cable, offered magnificent views from a mountaintop elevation of 10,300 feet. After each tour the group returned to the Holiday Inn for song practice under the direction of Fred Cachola. A concert of Hawaiian songs and *hula* for the town of Cochiti Lake (home of the Ben Kahalekula's) was performed by the class. Ti leaf *lei* were given to people in the audience while Kathryn Ching Novack performed the *hula* of "For You A Lei." The class is looking forward to Moloka'i for its 2002 reunion.

Meanwhile, back on O'ahu, the class meets every third Wednesday of the month for lunch at the Silver Dragon Restaurant in the Kapālama Shopping Center.

On the island of Hawai'i, the class *wahine* in Kona periodically takes the Senior Citizens' bus and picks up classmates along the way to their Hilo destination. There, they meet with the gals in Hilo to have lunch and talk story. KS '53 looks forward to these free-flowing



Harris Okashige '53, with wife Judy, visits KS after nearly 50 years.

fun get-togethers and encourages classmates to stay connected.

Report by Lavena "Lovey" Kukahiko; e-mail: Beakuki@aol.com.

Harris Okashige '53 and wife Judy visited the Kapālama Campus in September. This was Harris' first visit back to Kamehameha after graduating 48 years ago. While there are many physical changes on campus, Harris said his thoughts took him back to when he was a KS cadet in the early 1950s. The pride that Harris felt as a student at Kamehameha still exists today – in his heart and in his mind. Harris and his family reside in Las Vegas, Nev., where he works for the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

Alumni E-Mail List

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KS '49 sharing snacks and smiles on their Alaskan Cruise.



Members of KS '53 at an Indian village in Albuquerque, N.M.