

Radford High School Class of 1960 Reunion 50 Wrap Up

What a wonderful reunion for our 50th anniversary for the Radford Class of 1960! I wish everyone was there, and I'll try to give you a worthy recap.

Thursday Night Cocktail Party

Our first event...at least as a reunion activity....was a cocktail party at Jimmy Buffett's at the Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel. This is across the street from the Royal Hawaiian and in the middle of everything.

We had the whole bar area to ourselves which facilitated visiting, conversation, updating each other on events. Sweetie also held a silent auction, the proceeds of which went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Lots of pictures, lots of stories, lots of fun!

Attendees included (and I may get this wrong as I don't have the sign-in list):

Sweetie Cablay Moffatt

Val Flau Carter

Tom Moffatt

Ralph Sandobal

Jim Nyfeler

Amy Merz Johnston and her sister

Cathy Nyfeler

Pam Hoyt Butler

Bill Harris

Nancy Perry Ortiz and John

Terry Lawrence

Jaime Roldan

Norbert Grill

Dianne Donaldson Odegaard

Linda Quison Flynn

Brenda Watson Scholin and Allan

Karen Rasmussen Peifer

Gerry Torado Alfafara

Bill Uesugi

Shirley Omura Hee

Lee Laquihon

Judith Yokouchi Kanetake

George Ferge and Rose

Noelle Sutherland and Jim Conti

Arthur Benedicto

René Maple Garvin '61

Laverne Bajadali Clement

Friday Visit to Radford High School

We changed this up a bit this year. Rather than a trip to the school while in session, we were invited to attend the football game between Radford and Leilehua Friday evening. This was special as the school provided a bus for classmates from Waikiki to the game. When we arrived, there were other classmates who joined us for dinner. Rachel and Dewey Granger, the head of the PTSO and whose son is on the football team, arranged a pre-game dinner for us and the Leilehua staff. It was held in the lanai of the gym. What a wonderful time we had and we were joined by many classmates who had not attended a prior reunion.

Jim Nyfeler was asked to participate in the coin toss prior to the game. This game between Radford and Leilehua has become quite significant. Since both schools are populated by a significant military population, Radford from the Air Force and Navy and Leilehua from the Army, it has become the *Spirit of Freedom* game with an appropriate trophy for the winner. Radford lost the game 24-17, but a good time was had by everyone.

Several of us toured the gymnasium where trophy cases of past Radford triumphs are housed. The plaque of Coach Velasco, which was provided by the Class of 1960 and dedicated several years ago, is prominently displayed.

Thanks for the event go out to Kelly Sur, the Radford Athletic Director, Dewey and Rachel Granger, the heads of the PTSO, Fred Murphy, Interim Principal, and the entire staff at Radford. Those attending included:

Larry Chung, former coach and husband
of Sylvia Yap
Jim Nyfeler
Cathy Nyfeler
Arthur Benedicto
George Ferge and Rose
Val Flau Carter
Lee Laquihon
Ralph Sandobal
Bill Harris
Terry Lawrence
Amy Merz Johnston and her sister
Karen Rasmussen Peifer
Pam Hoyt Butler

Ruth Yanagisako Hickman and Glenn
Dianne Donaldson Odegaard
Brenda Scholin and husband Allan
Laverne Bajadali Clement
Shirley Omura Hee and William
Rodney Kinilau
Richard Kanoho
Albert Salvador '61
Noel Keoho '61
Albert Keomaka '61
Tommy Camarillo '61
Eugene Tokuhama '62
Henry Keohoho '62

Saturday Dinner

What a lovely evening Sweetie planned at the Elks Club! For those of you who weren't there or who don't remember the Elks Club, it is at the Diamond Head side of Waikiki near the Colony Surf and right under the crater. A photographer took a reunion picture and individual pictures. Let's see....the Filipino gang, the committee, couples...and many more. Angela Gerona Ho was recognized representing Stephen Gerona. A spectacular sunset was upstaged by the friendship and camaraderie shared during the evening. Again, lots of pictures, lots of stories shared, lots of acquaintance renewed.

Attendees included:

Sweetie Cablay Moffatt
Karen Rasmussen Peifer
Arthur Benedicto
Ray Choy and Sandy
Harry Clagg and Dorothy
George Ferge and Rose
Andrew Fermahin and Sandra
Val Flau Carter
Dianna Donaldson Odegaard
Brenda Watson Scholin and Allan
Bill Harris
Margie Henry

Lee Laquihon
Terry Lawrence
Amy Merz Johnston and sister
Gary Nuibe and Lynn
Jim Nyfeler
Cathy Nyfeler
Nancy Perry Ortiz and John
Pam Hoyt Butler
Linda Kuba Sharer
Ralph Sandobal
Charles Yoshimura and Jean
Bill Uesugi

Jamie Roldan
Ruth Yanagisako Hickman and Glenn
Gerry Torado Alfafara
Linda Quison Flynn
Norbert Grill
Laverne Bajadali Clement

Noelle Sutherland and Jim Conti
Angela Gerona Ho '61
René Maples Garvin '61
Sandy Web Kekua '61
Himmer Henry '61 and Faye

Sunday Picnic

On Sunday, we repaired to the beach at Ft. DeRussy.....once again to the same spot as 2005. When you find a good thing, one doesn't want to change. Once again, we visited with our classmates and took stock of lives, loves, grandkids, and tried to stay away from discussion of ailments.

There was a reluctance to leave this event, as we knew it was the last time we would see each other for a few years....we hope! There was discussion about a next reunion, so start thinking about what you may want to do....smaller and more often? Las Vegas? Hawaii?

Attendees included:

Lee Laquihon
Jim Nyfeler
Cathy Nyfeler
Arthur Benedicto
Ralph Sandobal
Laverne Clement Bajadali
Terry Lawrence
Amy Merz Johnston and her sister
Val Carter Flau Carter
Bill Uesugi
Harry Clagg and Dorothy
Gary and Lynn Nuibe
Andy Fermahin and Sandra
Margie Henry and her grandson
Noelle Sutherland, Jim Conte and son
Jaime Roldan
Bill Harris

George Ferge and Rose
Dianna Odegaard
Karen Rasmussen Peifer
Brenda Watson Scholin and Allan
Ruth Yanagisako Hickman and Glenn
Linda Sharer Kuba and sister
Pam Hoyt Butler
Linda Quison Flynn
Norbert Grill
Nancy Perry Ortiz and John
Sandy Webb Kekua '61
René Maples Garvin '61
Himmer Henry '61 and wife
Albert Salvador '61
Noel Keoho '61
Eugene Tokuhama '61

All good things must come to an end, however. I do want to report that everyone's leis were thrown into the ocean. ALL of them returned to shore....so, until we meet again!!

What's Next?

Let's see.....first, our class and 1962 have been invited to the Class of 1961 Reunion being planned for September 2011 in Hawaii. Your committee is helping Sandy Webb Kekua and Rene Maples Garvin with their planning.

Second, your committee is taking a few months off. However, do you want to continue the reunions? Shall it be in Hawaii or Las Vegas, do we have too many events or too few? You can email or call any member of the reunion committee....you know the usual culprits; but if not, check out the web site.

Finally, Sweetie Moffatt is making a final tabulation of donations to be presented to the RHS Athletic Fund. We'll let you know the final tally.

Check out the Class of 1960 web site for a consolidation of pictures,

<http://www.nuibe.com/radford/index.html>