

children/grandchildren, members, families and friends joined in the festivities for one rollicking evening of fun, laughter and friendly spirited bidding. We had as our guests, our old friend DOROTHEA LENNON & DR. EILEEN CLARKE, President of the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, BETA BETA STATE a professional organization of educators and beneficiary of EMIKO'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Others in attendance, BETTY AOKI, KAZUO/KAZUKO FINK, MABEL FUJIMOTO & daughter, LINDA KALUA, & granddaughter, SHERRY, MAMO/ALICE ISOBE, EDNA KURAMOTO, ERNIE/GRACE UNO, DUANE/CYNDI/KANANI/KIA'AINA MEDEIROS, DR. DERRICK DANG, FRANCIS/EILEEN LOCK, IRIS ENOKI, JEFF/AMY CHU & KIYOMI, ANDREW/TRACY OHASHI & RYAN/IRENE, MARK/BARBARA OLMOS, FLORENCE/DYLON/EVAN/COLIN YAMASHITA, BRYAN YAMASHITA & LISA.

MAHALO!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! YOU MADE THIS EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS! We can continue to award a \$1,000 scholarship and the chapter's treasury are in comfortable black figures. My personal thank you for remembering EMI. I appreciate all of your support, generosity and kindness very much!

Newsletter Assistance

Recently, I asked for newsletter contributions from various friends from different area to drum up the articles for more informative reading. I didn't expect to receive any news for this bulletin as the request was mailed not too early. For this reason, I was pleasantly surprised to receive news from KEN HIGASHI of Seattle in time for this bulletin. I hope the others will follow KEN's lead and they are FUDGE KITAGAWA of So. Cal., SHIG YOKOTE of No. Cal., GEORGE OYE of Colorado, TEIZO SUMIDA & TOM MIZUNO OF HILO & KIYOSHI KISHIMOTO of Maui. News is welcome from anyone. Mahalo!

Seattle News by KEN HIGASHI

As a meeting on January 14, 1994, the new chapter officers are Chairman, ROY FUJIWARA

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Weinberg Memorial Hall

Congratulations to the Keehi Lagoon Memorial Management Committee headed by TOMMY KAKESAKO, generally known as Mr. DAV for his untiring efforts and devotion in building the Living Memorial, DAV Complex to what it is today. Dedication ceremonies for the new million dollar HARRY & JEANETTE WEINBERG Memorial Hall was held on Sunday, February 20, 1994. TOMMY as the chairman of the committee assisted by PAUL TAKIGUCHI, Vice Chairman & Department Commander of DAV & LIKM chapter member had a major role in acquiring a \$700,000 grant from the WEINBURG FOUNDATION for the new building. The co-chairman for this event was VICTOR YAMASHITA, & M.C. was JACOB JICHAKU, both of LOVE & LIKM chapter. U.S. SENATOR DAN INOUE, a member of EASY & LIKM chapter was the keynote speaker.

The Thursday gang as they are known and all volunteers, worked extremely hard beautifying the grounds around the WEINBERG HALL for the dedication of the building. These dedicated DAV'ers report every Thursday to do their chores of maintaining the DAV area by pulling weeds, planting, watering, reviving dead trees, repair work, painting, building shower facilities & installing hot water showers for the youth organizations from all islands who use the area for camping, etc. These volunteers, mostly from LOVE & LIKM are: COWBOY MATSUMURA, VICTOR YAMASHITA, JOE OSHIRO, KOBE SHOJI, KAZUMA OGATA, HAJIME MATSUURA, RALPH SHISHIDO, SHADOW KUROZUMI, KEN SARUWATARI, KUNIO FUJIMOTO, JERRY YAMAKI, TADAO YOSHIMOTO, RICHARD MATSUDA, and MITS OKINAGA.

1994 Mini-Reunion

Where? Four Queens Hotel Casino. When? Sept. 9 - 13, 1994. Package prices: \$568 single. \$509. double (per person). \$500 triple (per person). \$50. per person deposit to confirm reservation. Balance due by July 22, 1994. Optional tour: Grand Canyon National Park. Contact PAUL MATSUMOTO, ph: (808) 395-3158 for information.



by HICHI MATSUMOTO

Christmas Party, 1993

Yes, this Christmas party was held at our beloved and cozy Victoria Inn, for da nambo times now. No, we don't have any share. Ample parking, food - no more monku, good enough service and da motte koi part of it all, we get the whole floor to ourselves and no worry of outside inference from anybody at anytime. So why change when we have it so good. In other words, no fool around and change just for the sake of changing. And too, we've been there so often in the past, we can just about find our way around blindfolded.

KIYO KIMURA, who else, was the evening's Master of Ceremonies as well as the program coordinator. But for the game portion, give much credit to daughter SUSAN. The amazing thing is the kinds of first time and unheard type of games they come up with year after year. Absolutely, no reruns. Everybody had a wonderful time. The always-popular with the kids Pinada game was played for the first time and was good while it lasted. The short-lived game came to an abrupt ending when came to uchino mago's turn to take a whack at it. Either it wasn't put together pololoi or our granddaughter took too hefty a cut. It came hurtling down. Da kawaiisona part, some kids never had a chance to take a whack at it. On

the other hand was good, they didn't have to wait too long, go roughing for da goodies, strewn all over the floor.

Retiring VP and President-to-be for 1994, TEIJI CHINNA was the General Chairman for this party. Going over the allotted budget, he wanted to pay the difference from his own pocket. Getting wind of that, we scolded him "What-sa mata wit you?" Shows that he cared, worked hard, and was concerned.

While people were having a jolly good time, BARNEY & BERNICE ZENGAMI were manning da choba, relieving people of some hard-earned money to settle the "damage" with the house. Are sumasete, ankinide joined in the evening's festivities.

Again, like so many times in the past, da NAMBA's (BULL & WINNIE) donation for door prizes ended up as the evening's grand prize. And this year's lucky winner was LILY YASUHARA. Now, her yo, ooibatte lilibit demo sassy sete can go to any kind haikara places. ANN NAMBA was there in person and made the presentation. Her husband and daughter were also in attendance. ANN's creation had a protective covering with "GP" on it. KIYO asked the kids crowding the podium, "You know what GP stands for?" A kid, dare dattaka went answer, "Grandpa." For KIYO, must be getting crowded up there.

Our lady bonsan MARGIE IJIMA blessed the food. Looks like she get a stranglehold on that job. Hubby CHARLEY's contribution was tending the bar. They both played their role well.

Was a stroke of genius, inviting our kids and their kids, really helped increase the attendance — just short of a hundred and makes it so much more nigiyakana. The boys, young men today, not too much chigtтору since their kid days. Eh, our kids no can call 'em that anymore, boy. Some get shira and shiwa too. But the girls yo, young ladies and mothers themselves, you gotta size 'em up and give 'em da eye because tamagera hodo dare no kids, arega mondai. Mor bettah starting next year, put name tags on 'em. Voila, problem solved.

DAVID MURAKAMI is one kanshinna, oyakoko

and everything anybody would want in a son. Mom (LILY) lives way up da Makakilo Mountains out Ewa way and for her to drive hitoride so far and at night too, felt kinda muri for her, so gave up a Saturday night and was her "date" and chauffeur to and from. Eh, kangaete miruto, no more too many wakaishi like him now days. Tall, good-looking, well mannered, ambitious, and still yet wife go oran. Not moonlighting as a nakahado but just telling like it is.

Very hard not to notice BRIAN ONO, who made dad (BEN) as big as he was look like a "shrimp" whenever seen side by side. A great big but gentleman, always smiling with a soft and pleasant personality to go with it. Together with kid sister CATHY, runs and operates the "BEN ONO Texaco Service Station," located in Pearl City, opposite from the police station. Mom (BESSIE) could be the chairwoman of the board. Noticed in the crowd besides the already mentioned were: JUNE, daughter of MITS & MILLIE HONDA, TOMMY HIRAO's son, LILY YASUHARA's daughter-in-law. If we never catch everybody, we have an excuse because we stay having a few awreddy.

Galore prizes donated by the chapter and generous members and wives. Had more than enough to go around. Remember, 'tis the season to be jolly, so Santa (DOC KAWAMOTO) made sure everybody went home with something.

TOMMY HIRAO's Nisshodo Candy Store mata kotoshi nandemo, kandemo etto gibatta. Had enough for da sukina mon to take home. TOMMY, thank you very much for your continuous contribution. A-re all add up setara for sure daibun kakaru.

Now days people have slowed down a step or two and for some more. So party pau natta ato, regardless of time, to everybody, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," yute sassato heleon home. Stopping downstairs kaeri shina and go yoru for even chotto demo in the restaurant for a nightcap (coffee, saimin, or whatever) is a thing of the past and mukashi no koto. Shiran uchini agyan natta kano.

Chapter Officers - 1994

Lucky us, for the year 1994, we have these four will do anything for the club, dedicated members that will be heading the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter into the future. All past office holders with the know-how and people we can depend and lean on.

President TEIJI CHINNA

This is second time around for TEIJI CHINNA, as being president of the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter. People no forget, you do a good job they remember and want you back. The beautiful part about these returnees are, they no try beg off and say something like, "I was already only a few years ago" but monku nashi accept, knowing they'll get all da kokua needed from the members. Just a little something on this quality person.

The following can easily pass for fiction. This not too easy to believe story took places either in late 1943 or early 1944 during basic training days in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He (our new president) was a young hiyoko (honto yutara mada boy, yo) then fresh out of high school. This was one of the company's earlier field problems out in the wilds of Mississippi. Them were the days when doing anything was doing it for the very first time for everybody, from top to bottom in the outfit. Anyway, arriving at the area the day's problem was to begin, he was assigned, no, ordered by his squad leader to guard a supposed-to-be key strategic bridge all by himself in the middle of nowhere. Apparently, da guy that left him guarding bridge must have completely forgotten about him. He wasn't picked up until after the day's problem went pau. The entire company tanoshinde going back to civilization (camp) so TEIJI jibun hitoride stood at attention (?) inochi gakete guarding da taisetsuna bridge with no relief for 3 days and 3 nights. And him totally abandoned so he no more ration. Kawai soon no. To say him meniota is a gross understatement. Boy, if that was anyone else, for sure da bugga whoever responsible for sa snafu stay get good licking and all buss up too. This is just an example of the kind of quality and

rippana person he is. Majimena and also cool, calm, and collected not only under fire but all the time. No need repeat orders, once is more than enough and follows to the latter. A role model type solider, da kine you like on your side, more so right next to you when things get hot.

Of his "AWOL," no more him around so the squad boys were thinking something like, da lucky bugga, he went on a three day pass. But was too early for da recruits to get passes. Hattiesburg was still unheard of yet. Ahem, we though you might like to know, the presented story is hearsay and happened long, long time ago so maybe sukoshi mayotoru kamo shiran and tashikani lilibit kapakahi and exaggerated too..... but happened, cross the heart, mother die, father die.

Once, TOMO MITSUKA (deceased) da jolly giant of a man (he was a football tackle, McKinley High School, 1936) wanted to have some fun and get TEIJI's goat, popped this question to him, he looking so young, just like one Botchan: "Eh, what year grad you," meaning what year you graduated from high school. TEIJI, as shijikina as they come, who graduated from Farrington High School in 1942 answered, "1942." Tomo, "What, Kalakaua." For your information, Kalakaua is an intermediate school.

To the last man, everybody in the third platoon had the greatest respect/admiration and much aloha for TOMO. There was nothing he wouldn't do for the boys. Being a few and for some many years older, like a mother heh he took 'em all under his wing and yoh sete yatta. The boys still yet today often mention of his caring. A corporal, he was second in command of the squad and kept all the boys in line, making it easy for the sergeant. Turning the worst headache job into the best.

Will TEIJI do a good job? Of course, just like the sun rises from the east every morning.

Vice-President KIYO KIMURA

Like his "boss" TEIJI CHINNA, KIYO KIMURA again will be serving on the Executive Board. In what capacity was it last time? Anyway, he did a good job, always does. With him in the position

(VP) most suited for him, he's comfortable in any position so prepare yourselves for a "rough" year - no say you never was warned.

Our chapter's by-laws reads something like: The V.P.'s #1 job is chairing the Beeg Event of the year - Christmas party. Of course, there could be others like dinner meetings would be welcome, KIYO is not just a figurehead like one kazarimon. And you know, sho-biz is his "meat." Another amazing thing about dis takara is with a cast of several, many, or even by himself, he puts on a good show...no miss.

Very selfish on our part but we hope he won't be too busy in 1994. To keep himself occupied since retiring from work, he drives around Japanese tourists from Japan. The tourists lucky who get him. He's a storyteller and an excellent one (kuchi ga umai) first and a driver second. Boy, can he entertain..hara ga itonaru made.

Dis guy is one serious and no-nonsense sonovagun who comes to caring for the family. Nandemo, kandemo possible, graciously sete yaru...especially mama (BLANCHE). he meant every word when he took the vow: "Love, obey..." Soto kara mitara, you take him for a nonkina, happy-go-lucky and no care for nothing guy. He is to certain extent but in doing anything, nothing comes before, "Duty, honor, family"... dats shinkara.

Versatility is his middle name. Why, once he ran the 100 in 9.8 seconds, his senior year at McKinley High School, class of '42. Not too many guys know of this unbelievable feat. "Bull?" No bull, go ask him. Upon further review, we don't recall if it was feet or yards. Today, he is more into golf. His game? Hard to say because he never get enough balls to finish a round. Not only that, he was Battalion Commander in the ROTC with the rank of Lt. Colonel. And of course, when get that high, you get mean drags from all the girls and they come stick around you for come sponsors. They (the officers - not the privates) used to look forward with great anticipating for the Armistice Day Parade, polishing up the brass and ooibatte can shine up. Get motto, motto good stuffs to write about him but korede yame toko.

Secretary & Treasurer

MASAO YAMASAKI and MONTE OKAMOTO have been playing a big and very important role in the operation of the chapter for many, many, years as secretary and treasurer respectively. Their excellent work habits haven't diminished one bit, just as good, if not better. They've been doing it for some 20-25 plus years without a break. If that's not dedication, what is. LILY and YVONNE futari tomo understanding and wakattoru wives that's why, kurabu go kachi. Eh, the two couples get something good going, like YVONNE helps MASAO and LILY helps MONTE with their duties and reports at meetings. Arera still honeymooning and nakayoku sete kurasu....uryamashii.

MASAO's minutes are so kuwashii that missing a meeting or meetings and wanting to know what transpired in no problem because, chanto he get everything down in detail. All you need to do is go read up on 'em. To make for easy reading it's all neatly typed.

MONTE the immaculate one. Guys were making some small talk of the cost of something minor at a chapter meeting, MONTE nearby overheard and without being asked, reached for his chomen and in no seconds flat, gave 'em the cost down to the last penny. With him, it's something like: A place for everything and everything in it's place.

We are very fortunate to be blessed with good men and wives too. If they were given a hash mark for every year of service, mama mia, both shirt sleeve would be full top to bottom. They care and take great pride in their work, and won't settle for anything but the best.

Celebrity

TOMMY HIRAO makes front page news in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin dated Thursday, December 31, 1993.

In bold black letters: "Making lochi is multi-day marathon." Parts it reads, "The family has been pounding mochi for 81 New Years Eves..at the oldest family-owned mochi store on Oahu. THOMAS HIRAO is ready for the New Year. HIRAO, 71, and his brother RICHARD, 73 owner of

Nisshodo Candy Store have been working along with family and staff from 2 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the past three days. They have been making mochi for more than 48 years...the family operation began by their father....they have pounded more than three tons of mochigome. Nisshodo is the oldest family owned mochiya still in operation on Oahu. He believes that within a decade, mochi making will become a lost art, because no one likes the hard work and long days. The mochi produced at Nisshodo is made mostly by hand, has no preservatives, and uses the original recipes created by the HIRAO brothers' father ASATARO..."

The 232nd Engrs/band members and wives have been feasting on the very best, and all for TADA yet.

Call from the "Wild"

Nanka go goyoh ga atte, TAD FUJIOKA of Juneau, Alaska called on the telephone koniada Wednesday, January 5, 1994 to be exact. Accomplishing him kara tanomareta mission, called him back da akuru nohi, Thursday, January 6 about 0900 hours, Hawaiian time. What time does that make in Juneau?

Anyway at the time of our returning his call, our good "Eskimo" aikane was busy busting his okole shoveling tons and tons of iran futta snow from his sidewalk, etc. that fell during the night before.. about a foot and a half deep and the temperature hovered around 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Brrr/samuka. Ours was in the much more comfortable mid 70s.

CHERRY took the call and after exchanging pleasant new year's greetings, asked her if Danna-san could come to the telephone for even chotto demo. Trying to be "cute" we asked, "Eh, Paisan, you need help?" Him, never lost for words, "Yeah, come up. I save some for you." Boy, if that was mira dattara, go shovel snow in the below freezing weather dokoroka. Futon, nema ni arudake kasanete until all da snow tokeru made.

TAD, the typical outdoorsman, thrives on hard work and like always is in superb and robust health. At the present, CHERRY is lilibit under

the weather and feeling not quite up to par.

He's always isogashii, looking for things to do, anything, so not wanting to keep him from what he enjoys, never bother with idle chatter, we'll save it for May when the 232nd Engrs/band members, wives, and friends congregate in Nevada for a reunion. Do we need to be more specific and mention the name of the place? Because asoko shiran mon oran. Hang up suru maeni told TAD, "Take good care of mama now." "All the time," was his reply.

P.S. Imagoro no people, honto ni kekkona, anything you want done, major or minor, all you need do is pick up the nearest telephone.

Los Angeles Calls

GEORGE YAMADA, 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's "War Correspondent /Man About Town" in L.A. called WALTER MATSUMOTO on the telephone the following day after the earthquake in L.A. A couple of days later WALTER received through the mail from GEORGE, newspaper clippings, showing damages caused by the devastating earthquake. Not a pretty sight. The good news is nobody (Engrs) suffered any kind of bodily injuries. His home shook up more than a little but no damages...but was osoroshii katta, while it lasted.

GEORGE and WALTER, their hearing on da hanshini naran side and nowhere close to 20/20, so you can just imagine how their conversation went...kuchi genka like, but somehow got their act together and had things squared away.

Many thanks to "KEOKI" keeping us posted.

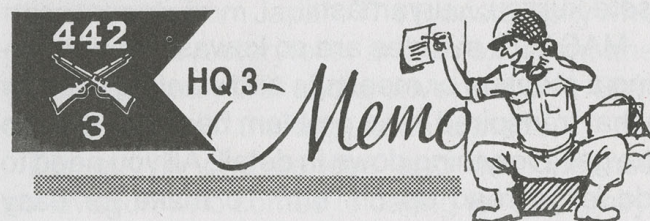
Excerpts from letters to WALTER from "KIMO" and MARY SAGARA. HERBERT "KIMO" KIMOTO lives in L.A.

:MARY and I would like to express our sincere thanks for your expressions of concern regarding our recent rude awakening, unwanted, scary, disruptive, messy, earthmoving, ever experienced by many Los Angelinos.. The destruction is vast and disastrous, especially in the area near the epicenter. Normally an hour and 30 minute drive now takes more that four hours. Fortunately our home was saved from major damage. I certainly would never want to be here

to experience the 8.0 shaker which is still expected. Our best to all."

MAY (FRANK deceased) SAGARA lives in Granada Hills, not too far from Northridge.

"Thank you for your compassionate concern regarding the quake. Fortunately we were unhurt...lost almost all of our breakable wares, it was really scary and I thought we were goners. We didn't have electricity for 4 days..still boiling drinking water...most stores are still closed so I drive 12- 15 miles for food shopping. I was indeed comforted by GEORGE YAMADA's call.. my warmest appreciation to the members and wives for their thoughtfulness.



by CHARLES WATANABE

Hq3rdBn concluded the year with a dinner (no meeting) at the Swiss Inn in Niu Valley on December 18, 1993. Oh, well, some things pertaining to minor business were discussed, but nothing of importance so the evening was spend mostly enjoying the food, each other's company, and the atmosphere of the holiday season abound. At the dinner were SAM & MICHIE SASAI, JANET MATSUDA, TOMMY & ELAINE TAMASHIRO, DAVID KAIURA, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, ERNI & GRACIE UNO, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, BILL & YAEKO KUWATA, SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE.

With this final get-together, all the happenings for 1993 will be things of the past, and everything else will become new, except you become a year older which no one can do anything about.

ERNI UNO received a letter from ROY UYEDA, reporting briefly on Hq3rd Kotonks' reunion which was held in Reno in October. This reunion was put together by HENRY HATTORI & BEN FUKUTOME. Attending the reunion were:

HARRY & CLEO YABU, HARRY KOMATSU, JOE & MIYO TABATA, SHIG & RUTSUKO MATSUFUJI, KEN & TAKAKO MIYAMOTO, BEN & DOROTHY FUKUTOME, HENRY & MARY HATTORI, TATS & MICKEY OGATA and ROY & GRACE UYEDA. A very nice representation by members and wives...bet they had a wonderful time at the machines.

Now let's get to the current events like the first meeting of the year 1994. If you guessed it was at the clubhouse, you can guess again, because what happened was that SAM & MICHIE SASAI graciously opened the door to their home at Akaka Place in Manoa on January 21, 1994. Members and wives were each greeted with partaking of "Otoso," a sake flavored liquid spiced with herbs to help symbolize the gathering as "Shinnen En Kai." Translated, it mean New Years Feast meeting. The evening turned out to be in every respect a celebration of a New Year, with everyone enjoying the festive occasion with plenty of traditional food like kuromame, kazunoko, nishime, kinpira, tempura, sushi to name a few. Traditionally, one has to eat kuromame for food luck and health, as it was explained to me. So, to be sure, I asked SAM SASAI, "How are the kuromame?" and he immediately replied "Mame de pin pin desu." To feast on kazunoko, specially brought in from Japan, was indeed a rare treat. Our gratitude to the SASAIs for the continual generosity and to the ladies of the Hq3rd who pulled together to prepare additional dishes and desserts. What a way to start off the year. In attendance were: SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, BILL & YAEKOKUWATA, HAJIME & NIHAYO MATSUURA, ERNI & GRACE UNO, SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, FRANCES TSUBATA, JANET MATSUDA, CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE. Sorry to have missed DAVID KAIURA and ROBERT & EDNA KUNIYUKI, regulars at almost all events. Hope ROBERT is feeling better. The TAMASHIROs were missed too.

Now for a bit of this and that kind stuff or things.

PAPPY IWAMOTO is taking it easy at the Beverly Manor in Kalihi Valley. He looked very

well on a recent visit, getting good care, and trying to adjust to the new environment and people there, I'm sure.

HAROLD MIKUNI is back home from Kaiser Hospital. That's good news for he has been in and out of the hospital.

Must again say "Thanks" to SAM FURUYA for taking on another year of responsibilities.

Obituaries

LIONEL S. KAIURA, son of DAVID & DORIS KAIURA, passed away Friday, December 24, 1993, at age 42. Other survivors include brother BARON, sister KATHLEEN YONESAKI and MERLE KEHOE. (Memorial services were held at noon Friday at Hosoi Garden Mortuary.)

SACHIKO D. NAKATA, 69, a native Bainbridge Island resident, died suddenly on December 22 in her home. She was married to MOMOICHI NAKATA of Hq3rd who passed away in 1985. Survived by three sons LARRY NAKATA and his wife SANDY of Bainbridge Island; DANIEL NAKATA of Everett; and RON NAKATA and wife SUSAN of Bainbridge Island. Also her mother HATSUKO KOURA of Seattle; four brothers, ART KOURA and NOBORU KOURA both of Bainbridge Island, TONY KOURA of Honolulu, and KENSO KOURA of Renton; one sister, SUMIKO FURATA of Seattle, and four grandchildren. She was also preceded to death by a son, MARTY. (Memorial services were held December 28 at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church.)

Our deepest condolences to the KAIURA family and to the NAKATA family for the loss of their loved ones.

View From Here

Thank you, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA for sharing the following article, [View From Here](#), by WALT WOODWARD as appeared in the Bainbridge Island Review...indeed an appropriate tribute to SA:

"SA: A tiny name for a woman who did great deed"

How could one tiny lady, not even five feet tall, fill to overflowing the large Eagle Harbor Con-

gregational Church at her memorial service? With a nickname as short as she was diminutive, SA filled that place of worship as it never had been.

We came from all races and from all walks of life to honor SACHIKO D. NAKATA. Perhaps in singing the hymn that ended the service, we found the answer to my question. "Amazing Grace," SA had it. It is hard to write about SA's 69 years on this, her native island, without get maudlin, yet grace, indeed, she did have.

Even when she worked in the meat department of the newly created Town and County Market, and had to mount a box so she could see over the counter.

She was happy then, for sharing that meat department was her husband MOMOICHI. Nobody ever call him that, it was always MO, always MO and SA, "saintly people," said some persons to whom I talked to in preparing this column.

In 1957, MO, in partnership with his brother, JOHN NAKATA, and ED LOVERICH, opened the T and C Market. MO and big ED LOVERICH, a Pacific Coast all-star basketball player from Bainbridge Island, previously had owned and operated a grocery at Bainbridge Gardens.

As SA and MO's personal fortune prospered, SA redoubled her efforts to serve the community. She became a charter member of the Nisei Orthopedic Guild of the Children's Hospital and Medical Center, developed job opportunities during a regular Wednesday shift at Helpline House, and was a faithful member of the Congregational Church. SA also found time to clip newspaper article and distribute them to the persons mentioned.

EDDIE ROLLINS at American Marine Bank remembers how she regularly, every August, would request four tickets to a Seattle Mariner baseball game. The bank shares a limited number of those tickets with its depositors. SA, EDDIE said, would take three other women to the game. NOB KOURA, a brother of SA's, escorted the women and provided transportation.

CARL BERG, a senior officer at the bank, is

typical of those with admiration for SA. He told me: "There was no finer lady than SA."

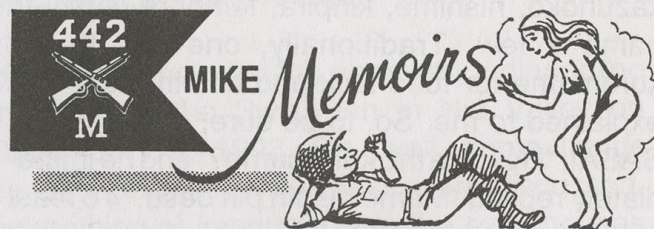
Others praised her thoughtfulness, and called her "a caring person." Typical of what I was told were expressions such as "she had no enemies" and "everyone loved her."

Her strong character had no greater test than when MO developed a serious heart problem and underwent by-pass surgery. They had planned a trip to New Zealand; SA took constant care of MO on the trip and saw to it that he took all his pills.

MO died in 1985, ending 40 years of marriage. SA undoubtedly was devastated, but she continued her good works, alone, from the beautiful home she and MO had built of Wyatt Way.

We will never know, at least here on earth. But when she gained heaven, I'll bet MO was there to greet her with this: "What took you so long?"

To which, I'm sure, she replied, "There were so many things to do for other people."



by YORI INOUE

Dear Mikers,

This note is written with the hope that some member will come forth and volunteer his or her services to continue this column as I intend to retire from this job as Mike Chapter reporter and rest this lame brain for awhile. The past three years of reporting turned out to be quite enjoyable while the chapter remained active and we had many good times together.

Before I put down this pen, I wish to sincerely thank all the members for having the confidence in me and giving me the opportunity to take the challenge to write. I also thank our good friends GRACE YAMASHIRO, SHIRO TAKEI, JOHN TSUKANO, ED KIYOHARA, & others for their contributions - they were so appreciated. And to

all you good people who took the time to read the news and gave me encouragement, a big mahalo.

So how about it folks - have pen, will write?
Aloha,
YORI INOUE



by MINO SUZUMOTO

There's no need for me to tell you that the Co. I 1993 Christmas Party (Sunday, December 5, Victoria Inn) was a huge success. For those who were there, you knew that. Plus the fact, as Prexy TERRY ARATANI emphasized, that for the first time we were able to draw out over 100 Itemites and Itemites-at-heart to help celebrate the gala event. That there were 15 youngsters among us was so much "icing on the cake!" (Be it noted here that BELLA NAGATOSHI, through CHAMP, had special "gift packages" for every one of them.) But I'd be very much remiss in my duty if I failed to thank all of our "can't-do-without" generous donors. (Names of participating members and guests were acknowledged in the prior GFB Bulletin). Listed in no particular order: KAZ MUTO, Fairfield, CA; MASAMI ISO, San Jose, CA; FRANK NAKASHIMA, L.A.; GEORGE TANDO, Co. E (he and the late "ISHUP," together with MUTO has been doing it to us for 25 years or more!); YOSHIKO OSHIRO (SIDNEY's widow); TERRY ARATANI; WALTER FURUKAWA; KAREN HARIMOTO (ELLEN YAMADA's niece, proprietor of Travel Adventures); AKI KAMEDA; MARY KAWAWAKI (RALPH'S widow); MICHI KATO (her contribution bordered nearly on 4 digits); GUY KOGA; SADA KUBOTA (the Hilo resident dropping in on us turned out to be our "surprise guest" of the evening and a most generous one to boot!); VIOLET MATSUMOTO (HIDE's widow); BELLA

NAGATOSHI; MITS OSHIRO; GEORGE OSHITA (The Kauai citizen, together with MARGARET has been our guest almost on a regular basis lately, Showed no signs of an ill effect, considering he had a heart attack 5 or 6 months ago); MILLIE SHINDO (widow of MOTOMI's brother, also sister to our KIA CARL MATSUDA from Kona); DOT SUZUMOTO; CLARENCE TABA; KAZU TAKEKAWA (donation made by sons STEVEN and NEIL); TOMMY UMEDA; HAROLD WATASE; ANDY YAMASHIRO. As TERRY says, "Our donors are getting more generous as the years go by!" You can add my second to that!

CHAMP SUZUKI was General Chairman, BILL NAGANUMA was responsible for 80% of the door prizes. BRUNO and KENNETH alternated as M.C.s. Decoration Committee was comprised of TOMMY UMEDA, TERRY ARATANI, TOMMY HARIMOTO, CHAMP, C.B. SAKAMOTO; KENNETH OKUMA; BERT KATO (son of the later KIICHI); my son ARNOLD and yours truly, chairman. HIRAM DOI and ELE GONZALES tended the bar.

EVELYN OISHI had called on the morning prior to our Christmas Party to say she had latched on to a terrible cold and would not be attending. But was wishing everyone "a merry Christmas and a very happy 1994!" Now there's a true spirited Itemite! The kind that keeps Co. I ticking.

The annually-held 442 Anniversary Banquet, Saturday, March 26, 1994, Ilikai Hotel Pacific Ballroom, should be the next big social event. One big concern of ours right now is that SHIRO KASHINO, Seattle, WA who had been scheduled to come, might not be able to make it according to a call I received from BRUNO, on February 21, a week before press deadline (February 28). KASH just went through his 3rd (?) major surgery on his spine and "it's causing him so much pain that he just might cancel his trip." Others who are definitely coming: FRED & BEA MATSUMURA, Gardena, CA; FRANK SHIMADA and guests CAPPY UTSUNOMIYA & SLIM NAKAMURA, all of San Jose, CA; and frequent visitors. Co. I has always managed,

year in, year out, to attend the occasion with a large contingency, if not the largest in the regiment. See you there. Tickets should be available at our March 10 meeting, I hope.

Speaking of meetings, here is your meeting schedule for 1994, courtesy of Mr. ARATANI. Date: 2nd Thursday of each month. Time: 9:30 a.m. Place: 442 clubhouse, 933 Wiliwili St. Specifically the dates are: January 13; February 10; March 10; April 14; May 12; June 9; July 14; August 11; September 8; October 13; November 10. There will be no meeting held in December. Our 1994 Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 4 at the Victoria Inn. the schedule above is a repeat of what TERRY had mailed out to each of you. Incidentally, our chapter dues are \$15 annually.

Interjecting a couple of bad news. Words have gotten to us through the 442 office that MITSUO SUZUKI, one of our members had passed away on January 18, last month, which took us completely by surprise. (MITS was a mother club Life Member, but never made any attempt to join Co. I per se. Probably the reason why we lost touch with him years ago. An admittedly brief follow-up was attempted after we received the bad news. The result: We learned the no obituary, no wake, nor memorial service dates were printed in the local dailies. No cause of death was forthcoming during the conversation with one of his sons. He leaves behind 2 grown-up sons, a daughter and a woman companion. MITS was 72. May we take this means to convey our deepest condolences to his next of kin and to all whom he held close to him. May his soul rest in peace.

Our 2nd "not-so-hot" news is that MASA FURUGEN is confined in Pali Momi, Pearl City in bad shape. Cause unknown, as this goes to press. My source here, KAZUMA OYAMA, tells me TAKEO/HANAYO SUMA went to see him but FURUGEN failed to recognize his visitors. Whatever ails him, we wish MASA a speedy and complete recovery.

Our 1994 Las Vegas Mini-Reunion, September 29 - October 3, 4 Queens Hotel and Casino, 202 East Fremont St. is being rapidly rounded into form. A total of 116 rooms have been

spoken for, as of now, which equates to 232 Itemites and Itemites-at-heart committed. And that means BRUNO is accepting no more applications. Present plans call for JIM YAMASHITA's group to be in charge of entertainment with DICK SHINTO acting as M.C. Our prexy TERRY ARATANI, just back from Japan and working on the whole itinerary, promises to get them into your hands, as soon as things are firmed up in a few days. That's what he said, as this goes to press.



by MARY SAKAI, CAROL SAKAI-FEITEIRA, and PATTI LABA

ALICE and JERRY AYABE: JERRY and ALICE visited 17 graves on Kauai, the island where both were raised. ALICE didn't write about their trip but she wrote, "I think it is high time we thank Mary for the fantastic job she is doing - in writing. Her never ending cheerful personality touches everyone, even while doing this thankless job. Mary, please accept our sincere thanks from the bottom of our hearts."

MASATO DOI: "I don't have much to say about myself." So this reporter asked "How are you feeling?" MASATO is feeling fine now. In fact, MASATO was taking care of his grandson who had a cold that day. His grandchildren trained a great baby-sitter. MASATO is the grandfather of ADRIAN and LOREN NOMURA, sons of MYRON and CAROLYN NOMURA. ADRIAN who is 13 years old, attends Punahou and enjoys tennis. 11-year old LOREN attends Waldorf School and is into scouting.

PHILLIP and CAMMY DOI's children are CHRISTOPHER and KIKO. Children attend Waldorf School where CAMMY is currently their librarian. Lucky for everyone!

By the way, MASATO signed up for the 50th

Reunion European Trip.

SACHI FUKUNAGA: SACHI volunteers 4 hours a week at Castle Memorial Hospital. "It's fun to be on the Escort Service," she says of her 13th year. Grandson keeps her busy whenever she's home. He, too, trained a wonderful baby-sitter.

KO and JANET HATA: "Relaxing and doing yard work which is a must in our daily routine life. Oh yes, I'm looking forward to the March banquet when we can see all of our friends!"

YVONNE and LIZO HONMA: YVONNE underwent heart surgery at Queen's Hospital on Feb. 15. YVONNE wanted to go home to get ready for some French friends who were coming in March. Isn't YVONNE something! She went home with an addition, a pace maker. Oh, yes, LIZO's nephew and wife will be bringing a baby in May. LIZO and YVONNE plan to baby-sit sometimes. Busy HONMA's!

YURI and WALLY KAGAWA: Lovely YORI and energetic WALLY took a trip during the Christmas holidays to San Rafael, California and Eureka, near the Oregon border. Wonderful weather. They visited YORI's niece and had a grand and glorious time! YORI is in charge of the Senior Citizen's Garden in Kaneohe. Super!

KAZUO KIYONAGA: Former president of A-T, KAZUO is anxious to go to Pisa to see the laundry room where people washed clothes. "It may have changed as you wouldn't recognize anything," said KAZUO. "There are so many places ED, JETS and I used to go. I remember the trip to New York with ED, YUKI, CHILLY and me. It's reminiscing time for our age but it seems we want to go back and see places way back when!" It was great to hear so many happy thoughts from everyone this reporter talked to!

SALLY NAKAMURA: Another trained baby-sitter! These grand-children sure know how to do the job! SALLY enjoys a "once a week overnigher" in Aina Haina with NAOMI's 3-year old daughter, KIANA. This is happiness! SALLY is planning to visit Orange County, San Diego and Vegas. Read the next newsletter about her deposit or withdrawal.

MARY SAKAI: MARY, a super baby-sitter, is

running out of babies. CAROL's children, 8-year old EDDY and MARI, 6-years old keep Brownie leader mom and asst. den leader dad GLENN FEITEIRA busy with scouting. CAROL adds chauffeur to her list of responsibilities - soccer, basketball, football. When? Which field? What day? Second daughter, PATTI is with the UH College of Ed. in the Master's of Education in Teaching (MET) program as a mentor to 5 teacher interns placed at Dole, Moanalua and Highlands. In a video class, ETEC 430, her final exam is a live 1/2 hour spot on a Saturday in May. A real hands-on class! PATTI will be back in the classroom at Dole Intermediate in September. Fire fighter III LEON and Girl Scout Junior leader PATTI keep busy with 10-year old JEANNE, 6-year old CHAD and especially with KARI, 3-years old. MARY baby-sits KARI when dad works.

AMY and WHITEY YAMAMOTO: For 5 years, WHITEY catches the bus to town and volunteers as the receptionist at the Ft. DeRussy Museum. Wife AMY, family helper, volunteers herself by taking a person to the hospital, etc. Mahalo to AMY and WHITEY for being so unselfish with their lives.

From Hilo: SHIZUE and MITSUO AKIYAMA: MITS updated us about AT's Chapter President of Los Angeles 442nd Club, HENRY IKEMOTO. HENRY's wife is from the Big Island and has relatives there. HENRY visited Camp Shelby and saw the monument created by the Association.

While visiting daughter in Honolulu, MITS and SHIZUE made 4 cases of exotic jellies for the Iolani School bazaar scheduled for April.

From Seattle: MALY and GEORGE TAMURA: MALY and her sister, AKI went to the Theater Opera so this reporter didn't get a chance to talk to her. George said that he'd send some news from Seattle...

From Torrance, Calif: TAK HATTORI: Newly discovered A-T replacement JIM KOBOSUMI originally from Idaho, joined the A-T company in France and was with us for a couple of weeks. He was assigned to a service unit in Italy where he drove a truck. He bought a 160 acre farm in

Homedale, ID in 1952. He rents most of his farm out but keeps 40 acres just to keep himself in shape.

Chapter News

President WALLY KAGAWA, JACK KAGUNI, treasurer, and MASATO DOI, secretary make up The Cabinet for the A.T. Chapter. Biggest news is: The Cabinet meets every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Kaimuki's Zippy. The last meeting was in Kaneohe.

News Flash!

1) 51st Anniversary Memorial Service and Banquet will be held on Mar. 26, 1994. The Memorial Service will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Punchbowl. A color guard, rifle volley team, Royal Hawaiian Band and 442 Choral Group will perform. Dr. KENNETH MORTIMER, new president of UH will be the guest speaker. Buddhist and Christian ministers will participate. Widows of 442 vets will be presented with a lei by the Club. Flag will be set at 442 Vets' graves. All A-T Chapter members are urged to attend to pay respects to our fallen comrades.

2) The 51st Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Ilikai Hotel Pacific Ballroom on Mar. 26, beginning with no-host cocktails at 5:00 p.m. Total cost for each person attending will be \$25.00

MC will be WARREN HARUKI of Hawaiian Tel. The Sons and Daughters Chapter will have displays of archival and oral history items. 442 souvenirs such as 442 pins, t-shirts and Go for Broke license plate holders will be on sale. 7 course Chinese dinner. Please call JACK KAGUNI at 247-4768 or WALLY KAGAWA at 239-6801 for reservations before March 6, 1994. 51st Anniversary Golf Tournament: Kalakaua G. C. Mar. 24, 7:42 a.m. Call BRUNO YAMADA at 487-3909 or 442nd office at 949-7997. Limited to 30.

3) About 600 have signed up for the trip to France. Reservations may still be made for some of the tour groups. Details on the itinerary and program at Biffontaine and Bruyeres were published in the Dec. issue of the 442 Bulletin.

To avoid confusion, only communications from the Mayors of the two host cities are to be heeded.

4) 442 vets and spouse are invited to the Dedication of the new DAV Memorial Hall at Keehi Lagoon, 2685 Nimitz Hwy. on Feb. 20 at 11:00 a.m. Sen. DAN INOUE and Rep. PATSY MINK will participate in the ceremony. Lunch and entertainment will be provided after the dedication. Also, DAV will sponsor a seminar on various topics of current interest on Mar. 6 at the DAV Hall. All are invited.

5) 13 members have not returned the Membership Transfer Forms as yet. Please fill out and mail back to 442nd Club ASAP. New membership cards for Life Members have been received and will be distributed at the Banquet or mailed.

We are saddened to report that Anti-Tanker TATSUYA OSHIRO of Hilo passed away on Jan. 4, 1994. MITSUO AKIYAMA delivered the eulogy about his heroic deeds serving in the A-T Company 442nd Infantry.

We'd like to hear from more people. What's up? Be prepared to tell this reporter what's going on in your life on March 26th! See you at the banquet!



by FRED YASUKOCHI

Thanks for the Memories

TEE SUGITA of Charlie Battery was a long-time friend and confident. He passed on a couple months ago. He was an old friend of mine from pre-war days; a person who I was fortunate to have known since 1939, while at the University of California at Davis. We lost contact with one another until late 1942, when we happened to meet each other as soldiers on the ground of Camp Robinson near Little Rock, Arkansas.

While assigned to the Station Hospital there, TEE was the NCO in charge of Outpatient Clinic at the hospital and I happened to be the NCO in charge of the Orthopedic section. So being that the camp was a training center for all recruits in that part of the country, everyone in that camp who had to train and walk had more complaints about the condition of their feet and limbs than I had ever heard of. TEE was the kind of guy who would get on the phone and tell me that he was sending so and so over to my section to have x-rays taken of the patient's feet for orthopedic evaluation, diagnostic evaluation, and prescribed treatment and that was routine, but it got so bad I had to turn him down on the number of patient referrals. The increase in orthopedic complaints grew to a point our section had 5 doctors going, just for problems of the feet. TEE SUGITA could not only remember the patient's name and could recite their Army serial number, date of injury, diagnosis, prescribed treatment and the like, any day and week. His memory was one to behold and I can't remember when he was ever wrong.

That day we heard of the formation of the 442 Regimental Combat Team, a bunch of us at the station hospital got together and decided that we could no longer stay at the safe haven of Camp Robinson, but our mission must be for the betterment of our people. The ones we left behind in the desolate camps where our government had chosen to keep them in captivity and taken away their civil rights and property. *This war that is being fought in Europe and the Pacific will be soon be over, and we will end up in the United States in worse condition than the American Indians and the Negro slaves ever thought of being. So no matter whatever sacrifices we must make towards achieving this end, it has got to be done now and the consequences be damned!* Up to this point, the potential of promotions for us in the U.S. Army was slim to none.

The first call, we (Nikkei troops) got was that they (442) needed experienced men to volunteer for the 442nd RCT. Most all of the personnel who qualified volunteered to make up the non-

coms for the 442nd, *but no one from our ranks was allowed to leave their posts. The second call from the 442nd never came. After inquiring, we were told that they would take us in, but all of us will take a cut and be busted to private, if we insisted for transfer.* About 75% canceled their request for transfer. The rest of us decided to stick it out no matter the grade in rank. After we left Camp Robinson for Camp Shelby, I was told that the men who remained were upgraded in rank.

I can't say enough for those that transferred to the 442nd RCT, busted in rank and forced to take this humiliation, such men as TEE SUGITA, YORI WADA, JAKE KAWA, just to name a few, was the only way to go and the right thing to do under the circumstances.

While we were still in Camp Robinson, we were issued infantry uniforms with blue bands around our caps, but then we actually transferred to the artillery while still in Camp Robinson and en route to Camp Shelby, we were told that our unit would be the 522nd FA. You should have seen the disappointment in all of our faces when we had to exchange our Infantry blue for the red bands of artillery.

I will certainly remember TEE SUGITA, a man you could count on doing it his way. A man with a great capacity for remembering things. What a great loss! Our sincere condolences to KAY, his devoted wife of many years and *thanks for the memories!*

A helping hand & a little exercise

With the passing on of HIRO UKITA last August, a few of the guys from Able battery, MUNEAKI KONISHI, DICK NAKAMURA, GEORGE & NOBI SEKI, KOJI KONISHI and JOE HATTORI went to AIKO UKITA's house to help her out with the back yard. They worked for about 1/2 a day and plan on doing a little more in a couple of months to finish transplanting a couple of trees that need to be moved into larger pots. According to JOE HATTORI, HIRO had planted them in a couple of five gallon pots with now needed more room. All the guys were in good shape, even those who had recent sur-