

SIGN UP NOW FOR AUGUST 22ND MEETING

Our scheduled speaker for the August meeting is **Randall “Randy” Roth** (pictured at right), recently retired law professor. He is an outspoken critic of the rail project and he is not alone. Whatever your view of the rail project, Roth is sure to give you something to think about. A meeting reservation form is on page 7.



RETURN ENGAGEMENT

Until recently, Randall Roth was a Professor of Law at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law. (He retired June 1st.) He taught classes in professional responsibility, trusts and estates, and federal taxation. In October of 2013, Professor Roth spoke at our luncheon meeting about the land trust issues in the film, *The Descendants*. Because of his expertise in the field of trusts and estates and the legal issues pertaining to them, he was asked to be a consultant on the film. Director Alexander Payne believed in making the film as accurate as possible. The film won an Oscar for best screenplay and Roth received positive press from major publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, and others.

Many of our local readers will know the name of Randy Roth, either through reading his books, reading about him in the local newspaper, or hearing him when he guests on radio and television shows. He is involved in many community issues. In 2005, he was on the list of the “100 People Who Made Lasting Contributions During the City of Honolulu’s First 100 Years” compiled by the City of Honolulu Centennial Committee. It is one of many awards he has received from various organizations.

Roth is editor of “The Price of Paradise”, a book of essays by prominent local economists, professors, activists and politicians on the various aspects relating to the high cost of living in the State of Hawaii. Though the book was published in 1992, many of the issues remain today. In fact, many believe the price of living in paradise has gotten even worse.

Roth contributed an article to the *Honolulu Star Advertiser* which was published in the June 20, 2017 issue of the newspaper. The subject was our money-devouring rail project. Since it is a topic of interest to all of us in Hawaii, the board of directors invited him to speak at our August meeting. You won’t want to miss it. Please sign up early so we can coordinate with the Waialae Country Club to ensure there is adequate seating. Thank you in advance.

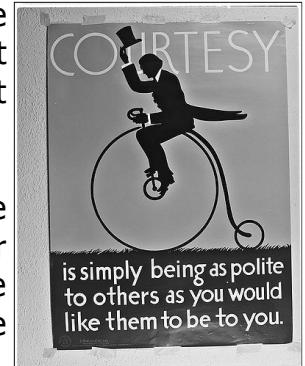
ALERT ON AUGUST MEETING



Please note that the August meeting is coming up faster than you may expect. The first of the month is a Tuesday and the 4th Tuesday, which is our meeting day, is on the 22nd. That is more than a week before the end of the month. Don't let it mislead you!

Since we are on the subject of meetings, I would like to remind members to send in the meeting reservations earlier rather than later. This came up recently when the meetings coordinator at the Waialae Country Club informed us that the chef would like a count by the Thursday before the Tuesday meetings. We do understand that it is not always possible to give notice much in advance for some of you but we also know some of you just "forget" until the last minute. Waialae Country Club does not have a problem when the count changes *slightly* but lately too many of our members either call in late or just show up.

An advantage to sending in your reservation with check earlier is that the "checking in" process becomes smoother. When you've already sent your check, you simply get your name checked off on Carol's list, pick a door prize number and then you can begin visiting with your friends. The fewer people who have to stop and write checks, the faster the check-in process will go.



PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Our readers all over the world will be aware of the fire in the Marco Polo condominium building which overlooks Waikiki from the mauka side of the Ala Wai Canal. The fire, which started on the 26th floor of the 36-story building, took the lives of 3 people, injured more than a dozen others and destroyed about 50 apartments and damaged many more. Two of our association members, Sharlene Brunell and John Lipset and his wife, Mihoko, live in the building and at least one World Wings member, Tony Koo and his partner, David Byrd. Fortunately none live above the 20th floor. I contacted John and Sharlene to see how they are doing. John said they had a lot of water and there were shards on the lanai. When we opened our newspaper the next morning, we saw a photo of a group of people on the sidewalk with a fire truck in the background. Sharlene was in the photo, as can be seen at the right; she is the one on the far right. I sent a message to her and later received a response: *Yes, that was me! Seems everyone saw and recognized my backside! I am fine; got out with my keys and the clothes I was wearing. Stayed with a friend who lives nearby. Returned home this morning to a flooded apartment.* That message was sent on July 15th, the day after the fire. Sharlene is one of the most positive people I know and I think you can see it in her upbeat message. In a conversation I had with her yesterday, nearly two weeks after the fire, she said various inspectors, insurance adjusters, and water extraction companies



were still investigating and compiling their reports. She expects it to be some time before her unit is livable. She is hoping it will be ready when she returns from a lengthy vacation to Seattle she had planned some time ago. She plans to celebrate birthdays with a good friend of many, many years. They were born just 6 days apart. Sharlene was amazed at how many people contacted her after hearing about the fire, including some from overseas. She asked me to alert members that her email address has changed. Her new one is sharbrunell@gmail.com. . . . Every once in awhile, I mention Pan Amers Betsy and Lane Smith who live in White Salmon, WA. Many of our members who are pilots or stewardesses already know the flying Smith family. However, I realize many of our readers may not be familiar with Betsy and Lane who both started with Pan Am in the 1960s. Though I had trips with Lane many times during my 23 years with Pan Am, I did not know Betsy until years later, therefore I wrote to ask her a bit about her previous years. Her response was so interesting, I thought all our readers would enjoy hearing about this interesting and active Pan Am family: *Lane started with Pan Am in SFO in 1966; I began flying out of MIA in 1967. No, we did not meet downline! I met Lane when I was 17 and fresh out of high school. I was soooo impressed with this cute 22 year old who had just gotten out of the military and was terrified he wouldn't look at someone my age. But he did . . .7 years later, we got married; 7 years after that, we started our family [with the birth of Kelly, the first of 3 daughters]. In the meantime, I was based in Miami, temporary assignment in Houston, then Los Angeles, San Francisco, and finally Seattle, for a total of just over 10 years. Lane came from an airline family but never wanted to fly. My oldest sister worked for American Airlines and my interest in flying was because of her. She always told me to skip the domestics and fly with Pan Am—an airline that I had never even heard of. Lane thought I was crazy wanting to become a stewardess for any airline. His mother was a stewardess, way back when they had to be registered nurses, and his dad a pilot but he grew up thinking flying was not for him because it was too hard! But then the bug hit him. He bought a little airplane, his dad taught him how to fly and the rest is family history.* In the June issue I wrote of the Smith's invitation to all Pan Amers to join them on August 18th for a picnic on their farm. The photo above, from one of their previous summer picnics, shows Pan Amers enjoying the day in and around their hangar. . . . Balazs Szabo writes that he is doing well with a renewed energy level after having had radiation recently. Balazs is an artist and he has resurrected some paintings he made while living in Hawaii many years ago. The paintings are based on the stories an old Hawai'iian from Kaaawa had related to him. His neighbor in Maunawili was familiar with Balazs' art and he decided to contact her, asking that she rewrite one of the stories Balazs had written out in prose but to do it in rhyme. She agreed and the result is a book incorporating an old Hawai'iian legend with artistic illustrations. The full title of the book is "A Hawai'iian Legend of Love and Betrayal" and it can be ordered on Amazon.com. The book would make a great Christmas present for people with connections to Hawai'i.

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OUT OF THE PAST

The photo at right is from the October 25, 1956, issue of "The Clipper", Pan American's system-wide newsletter. The explanation with the photo reads: *The scene at right is repeated before every departure from San Francisco. Each crew member is given a set of tags, representing the various items of emergency equipment carried aboard all Clippers. By placing these tags in their correct location on a diagram of the airplane, each crew member again demonstrates that they [sic] are completely familiar with the location of every piece of emergency equipment.* It should certainly bring back memories to our many stewardesses who flew in the 50s and well into the 60s. It was actually done before departures from most major cities—not just San Francisco.



I don't know when this "emergency test" actually ended but I do remember not missing it. On the 707, with a total crew of 10—four pilots, 2 pursers and 4 steward/stewardesses—we each received five or six tags. No one liked being the last person to place the tags as he or she might easily miss one location of an item stowed in multiple locations. *Hmmm! Where IS that 14th oxygen bottle? The ones in the hat rack were always identified first. Or In which life raft IS that beacon located?* Misplacing one of your tags did not result in removal from flight. It did result in a brief lecture from the captain on the importance of knowing the location of all equipment and an order to the unfortunate crew member to "check it out when you get on the airplane." Maybe one of our readers will remember when the practice was discontinued. I'm sure it ended before we began flying the 747. Incidentally, an article on the same page of "The Clipper" announced IHC's plans to "open a luxury hotel in Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, in early 1958."

HOW MICHAEL CRAIGHEAD GOT EMPLOYED BY PAN AM

I'm always asking for your stories to share with our readers but few of you respond. I recently asked readers to share your thoughts on what Pan Am employment meant to you. I received only one response but it is an amazing one. It is also lengthy so I will break it into parts. The response was from Mike Craighead and I think you will enjoy his journey. Mike says he is easily bored and always liked moving on. "My whole life was one of impulsive travel, adventure, and excitement with little or no planning." Mike lives in Bangkok with his wife, Ronnie, who suffers from MS, and a wonderful helper who goes by the name of Jit—a master of all things, according to Mike. Here is the first part of Mike's story:

Initially, as a kid in England in WWII, I lived with my family near "Ringway" Airfield where the RAF bombers used to take off and land, usually in daylight, on missions to bomb Europe, mainly Germany. A gang of us kids, 8 and 9 years old, would get on our bikes and cycle the few miles to watch up to 100 missions per day lift off and later return. High drama in those days and many times we would bet on how many would safely return. (Morbid, but we were just kids.) Some times the formations that left would have 2, 3, 4, even up to 10% or more missing on their return.

We always returned home by 6 p.m. (curfew) and Dad would be listening to the evening news; "Alvar Lidell" reading it: "It was a good day today on the heavy Lancaster bomber raid on Cologne; only four of our aircraft were missing." Then the battle with Dad would get under way. "Not true, Dad, we counted 13 today!" Dad's response, "Son, that's just propaganda so the public will not panic." It's exactly the same today, 70 plus years later! Only the "good lying news" is reported.

Soon I was off to boarding school—Rossall near Blackpool. I was a mediocre student, made it to age 16, then off to work at Grandpa's printing company in King's Cross, London, for 2 years. At 18 I was conscripted into the British Army. I joined the 16th Parachute Brigade and was sent off to Egypt when Gamal Abdel Nasser threatened to seize the Suez Canal. During my 18 months in Camp Ismailia, I did not encounter the war but we made lots of jumps into Cyprus and the Sinai Desert. Great fun.

After 2 years, I was demobilized at the age of 20 and did odd jobs in England until I met the "love of my life". She was a good Catholic girl and my parents, being anti-Catholic Protestants, said, "No way! Enough is enough!" So when I saw an advertisement in *The London Times* offering passage to New Zealand for £10 in return for fulfilling a 2-year contract to work in their Civil Aviation Department, I decided to apply. Two months later, I was off on the good immigrant ship *Captain Cook*. It took 8 weeks to arrive in New Zealand because of a 2-week stay in Panama when the ship broke down. Another adventure there . . .

I stayed 4 years in New Zealand. In those days, if you emigrated from the U.K., you automatically became a New Zealand citizen after 5 years. I was not sure if that was for me, so I said I would return to England to see my family but would probably be back. My bank savings were about NZ£ 4000 and they would not allow me to take it with me. I was told I could only have £250 pounds because of currency restrictions. When I asked how I could get my £4000, I was told I could emigrate to another country. So down the street I went to the Canadian Embassy, and they were delighted that I wanted to move to Canada. A month later I was sailing to Vancouver on the P&O "Orcaades". However, my reception there was not good. The whole province seemed to be on strike and immigrants were not very welcome.

I stayed with the brother of a good friend I'd met in New Zealand. I worked for one year for the Royal Bank of Canada, graveyard shift, sorting checks. It was a royal bore. One night, a friend of my brother, Alan Miller, was at the house. He had been crewing on a yacht, the *Four Winds*, currently anchored in Acapulco, Mexico, which was on its way "around the world". He decided he did not want to go back. It sounded right up my alley so I sent a telex to the yacht to let them know I was coming. I got on a plane, then bus, to Acapulco, showing up in winter clothes and with a small suitcase. "Here I am!" Turns out they never received the telex.

Never mind. I was on the yacht for 18 months and having the time of my life. Unfortunately, the captain's wife was spending money like water. And soon there was none left. So we headed back to Honolulu as the captain was a U.S. citizen. Twenty-nine days later, two U.S. citizens, 2 Aussies, 1 Mexican and 1 U.K. citizen (me) arrived at the Ala Wai Yacht Harbor. Customs and Immigrations told the captain that he had to go back to Acapulco since none of the 4 of us "foreigners" had visas. After about 2 hours of tears and pleading, the immigration officer gave us "refugees" 30 days in which to leave for other ports.

In the meantime, a super yacht owned by the top ILWU president, a Jimmy Hoffa type, berthed beside us. He was in charge of all laborers building housing inside Pearl Harbor Naval Base. He hired all of us on the spot—2 Aussies, 1 Mexican and me—and marched us down to the Honolulu Social Security Office where we four “refugees” were immediately given social security cards. He ordered us to “Get those laminated so they will last. If you lose it, come back and see me.” (Donald Trump would have turned white in the White House!!) As it happened, I did not join the work in Pearl Harbor where, it should be noted for security reasons, that the 2 Aussies and 1 Mexican arrived daily in the Cadillac limousine with the ILWU president and were saluted at the gate by U.S. Marines in full uniform, and waved through.

I, as a Brit, went to the British Consulate in Honolulu to register myself. In short, the consul, Jim Corbert, was desperate to find a replacement for his 72 year-old locally hired vice consul, (not diplomatic corp). He said he would hire me for 2 years in the same capacity. I promised to give him an answer within the week.

I had realized that I better get some real work as I would be pushing 30 in a couple of years so I told Consul Corbert I would work at the consulate for a minimum one year or until he found some British guy to fill the empty vice consul slot. That’s when I saw the Pan Am “Employees Wanted” advertisement, so I went right away to the Personnel Department. I told the staff there to sign me up if they could but I was currently committed for maybe up to a year. I was basically “hired” with the understanding I would contact them regularly and they would reprocess my file. I finally left the consulate and was hired into Passenger Service in February 1960.

Next: Michael Craighead becomes a Pan Am employee.

LET’S HEAR FROM YOU . . . AND YOU!

In its company newsletter, United Airlines recently asked its employees to send in their stories of friendships they have made and retained with people overseas. We thought that might be a good topic for our readers. Do you have any long time relationships you’ve made with someone overseas thanks to your Pan Am employment? Or even someone in another state? I will be happy to accept your stories!

PAHF ANNOUNCES A NEW TOUR

After several successful tours to Cuba and Iran, the Pan Am Historical Foundation held a discussion about sponsoring new tours at their meeting held during the Berlin reunion. They have since finalized plans for a spring 2018 tour to Southeast Asia. The tour to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos will depart for Hanoi on February 18th and return from Luang Prabanh, Laos, on March 4th. Among the ancient sites to be visited are the city of Hue, the Mekong Delta and Angkor Wat. For more information, you can check out the PAHF tour tab at www.panam.org. If you have questions, you can call Seema Bakshi at 800-333-1240 or send a message to her at SeemaB@Distant-Horizons.com.

PAHF is also considering a second tour to Iran. If you are



interested, you can contact Seema Bakshi and let her know you would be interested in the tour. No date has been set but it would be helpful to see how much interest there would be in the tour.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

An old Italian proverb states:

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

The irony of life is that by the time you are old enough to know your way around, you aren't going anywhere.

2017 Schedule

- **August 22**—General Member Meeting
- September 26—Board Meeting Only
- **October 24**—Annual Member Meeting
- November 28—Board Meeting Only
- **December 3**—**Annual Gala Luncheon** at the Hale Koa Hotel.

2018 Schedule

- January 23—Board Meeting Only
- **February 27**—General Member Meeting
- March 27—Board Meeting Only
- **April 24**—General Member Meeting
- May 22—Board Meeting Only
- **June 26**—General Member Meeting
- July 24—Board Meeting Only
- **August**—28—General Member Meeting
- September 25—Board Meeting Only

Luncheon Meeting Reservation

August Scheduled Speaker: [Randall Roth](#)

Next Meeting—August 22, 2017

Waialae Country Club

4997 Kahala Avenue

11:00 Social hour, 11:30 Lunch

\$28.00 per person (Includes tip and Parking)

Please try to sign up by Thursday, August 17th.

Member Name _____ \$28.00

Guest Name _____ 28.00

Total _____

Makes checks payable to PAA and send to:

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If transportation is required, call Carol at 396-5225 or contact her by e-mail at: carolws@hawaii.rr.com.

NOTE: If you received this newsletter electronically and would like to attend the meeting, print this page or enclose a note with your check, stating what and who the check is for.

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Members, we encourage you to print this page and give the application below to your Pan Am friends who are not members. If you are a former employee and not a member of the Aloha Chapter of the Pan Am Association, we encourage you to complete and submit the application below and help keep our association healthy. Thank you.

PAN AM ASSOCIATION—ALOHA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check all applicable boxes and complete all applicable lines.

- Renewal New Member
- Retiree—Pan Am retiree who received lump sum pension or is receiving PBGC checks.
- Associate—All other former Pan Am employees
- Ohana—Surviving spouse, child or relative of above; sponsored person with close connection to Pan Am (subject to BOD approval).

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Ohana: Pls. state category & PAA sponsor (See above): _____

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Do you wish to be listed in the directory? Yes No

May we publish your phone number/E-mail address? Yes No

Annual Membership: \$ 30 US Residents \$ 35 Overseas residents

Lifetime Membership: \$150 US Residents \$175 Overseas residents

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