



*Mele Kalikimaka
and
Hauoli Makahiki Hou!*
*To all our members
and their families*



GOLD STAR DEADLINE

If you plan to board an airplane next fall, specifically after October 1st, you will need an ID with a "Gold Star" on it. The gold star indicates the ID is a "Real ID", which means the bearer has gone through the process of proving he or she is an American citizen or resident.

Many of our Hawaii members who are still driving probably already have the gold star (actually a white star on a gold background) because of the state requirement to renew every 2 years after the age of 72. For several years now, the Department of Motor Vehicles has been requiring those renewing their driver's license to bring in a birth certificate, social security card and/or unexpired passport and 2 proofs of your current address (no PO box numbers) to fulfill the Federal Real ID requirements. In many cases, a marriage certificate may also be required.



The same documents are required to obtain a "State ID" with a gold star for those who no longer drive. (A "State ID" does not expire until 8 years after it is issued.) After October 1, 2020, you will not be able to board a flight without an ID with a gold star. It is important to know that you cannot have the gold star on more than one form of ID. If you have a State ID and a Driver's License, you must choose which one will have the gold star. If you do not yet have a Real ID, you should be aware the process can take time, e.g. if you cannot locate your birth certificate, you may need time to get a certified copy from the state in which you were born. The gold star ID does not replace a passport for those traveling internationally.

We thank Betty Ellis for prompting this story. Most of our members love to travel and she thought it would be an important reminder. I agree.

SPEAKING OF TRAVELING . . .

To break up the long trip from Hawaii to Rome, I stopped in Houston for three days to visit Dian Stirn Groh, a former stewardess who is president of the Houston Chapter of World Wings International. It turned out to be three per-



Dian Stirn Groh

fect days. Dian is a teacher of English as a second language and is a writer by avocation. (World Wings members will recognize her name as she is a regular contributor to *Jet Wings*, the official publication of the organization.) She invited me to sit in on her one-on-one tutoring sessions, of which she had 4 while I was there. I also attended an interesting “writer’s club” meeting with her. We toured a winery, attended a fundraiser for the old art deco terminal at Hobby Airport and we visited Space Center Houston.

The Space Center is the home of a museum as well as the location of the Mission Control facility, the astronaut training center, and other space-related facilities. In the museum is a very large wall containing pictures of all the individuals and teams who have gone into space, including the 4 individuals and teams who did not survive. (Those 4 photos are each marked by a black ribbon placed diagonally across the lower corner.) I was surprised to see that so many people have actually gone into space. I had forgotten that the U.S. had put a man in space, Alan Shepard, as early as 1961, less than a month after the Russians were the first to do it. In the 58 years since, there have been many space missions.

In recent years, the U.S. became the first to allow private companies to send an employee through the astronaut training facility for the purpose of doing experiments in space at zero gravity. Some research is more easily accomplished when gravity is eliminated, e.g. modifying the makeup of a cell as in medical research. We learned that, thanks to experiments in space, medical researchers are getting close to finding a solution to sickle cell anemia, an inherited medical condition caused by abnormal red blood cells, which leads to a shorter life span. Most patients die in their 40s.

One of the astronaut teams includes a picture of Norishige “Nemo” Kanai, a former student of Dian’s. With her help, Kanai improved his English before his journey into space, which took place in 2018, from February 27th until June 3rd. Above right is the picture of his team in the gallery wall of astronauts. Kanai is seated on the right in the front row. Dian was invited to meet the team and attend a reception for them after their return. She said Kanai was too tired to attend and another fell asleep at the reception!



We toured Mission Control and learned about communication with astronauts in space. In the photo on the left, the lady facing the camera is our tour guide. She is separated from the workers below by large glass windows. Some of the people at the desks below are trainers and others are trainees, preparing for future earth to space communications.

Another interesting museum we visited is at the Houston Municipal Airport. It once served as the terminal at William P. Hobby Airport—from 1939 to 1954. It was built in

the Art Deco style. After a new terminal was built on the other side of the field, the terminal building had various tenants until 1978. At that time the manager of the airport suggested tearing it down to provide more ramp space. But a hue and cry erupted by many who thought the terminal building should be saved for historical reasons. As a result, the building stood empty for 20 years before enough money was raised to begin to restore it. (Sounds like our WWI monument known as the Waikiki Natatorium. Its restoration has been discussed off and on since its closing in 1963 because of deteriorating conditions but there is almost no agreement on how to do it.)

The terminal building is a delightful place to visit because it contains more than just aviation memorabilia. The office desks display the equipment used in the 1940s: a rotary phone, Underwood typewriter, adding machine, etc. Below is a picture taken in the Pan Am room. The mannequin is wearing a dress and hat from the 1980s but the apron is one I have never seen before. Was it actually one worn in the 40s? The apron has a Pan Am emblem near the mannequin's left hand. (See insert below right in the photo.) The apron is also trimmed in red. Maybe someone older than I can provide information on it. As there were no stewardesses on Pan Am in the 1940s, the apron is a curiosity.



The Hobby Municipal Airport Terminal Museum

There were other rooms featuring memorabilia of other airlines. Dian and I wandered through the various rooms before the fundraiser program began. People had been showing up in 1940s attire and the music was provided by a trio of singers apropos of the Andrew Sisters. Members of the audience added to the entertainment, doing the Lindy Hop, Charleston and other swing dances of the 40s.

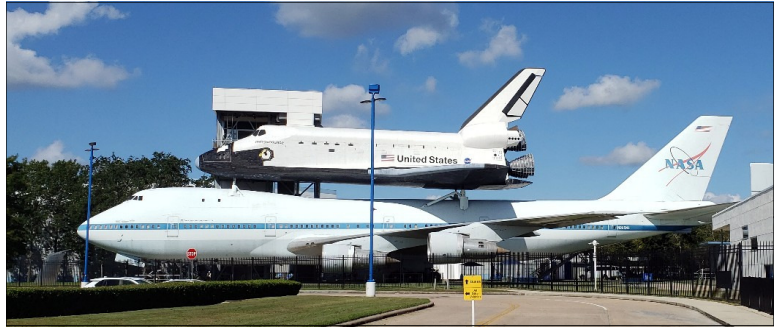


My 3 days in Houston were all too short but time has a way of moving on.





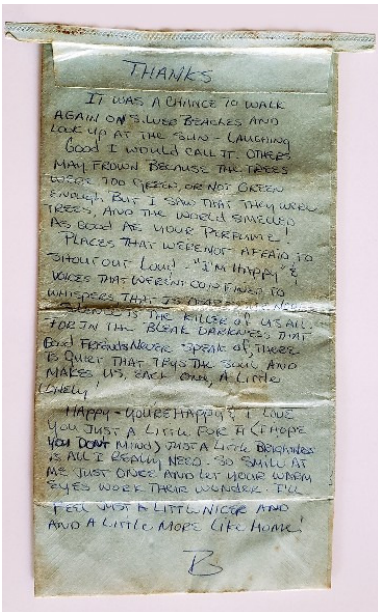
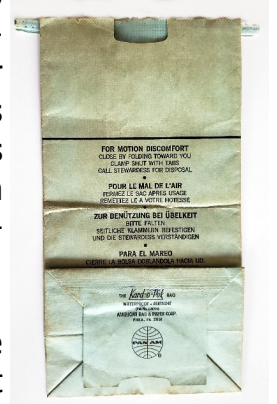
◀ Diane and Dian. Hmmm. The only photo of the 2 of us during the 3 days was taken at a winery.



Space shuttle at NASA Museum ▶

IMPACT OF A SMILE

When Pan Am was operating R & R flights, it was not uncommon for a soldier to hand a cocktail napkin with a note to a flight attendant upon exiting the airplane. Recently, a friend mentioned she had an airsickness bag she kept over the years, occasionally misplacing it and then unearthing it again as she was looking for something else. She prefers to remain anonymous because she feels the soldier's message, as he returned from R & R in Honolulu to Vietnam, is a tribute to all Pan Am flight attendants who were kind to their military passengers.



The front (above right) and back (left) are pictured here. Who can forget the bag in the seat pocket which explained in 7 languages that it was for "motion discomfort"? One soldier decided he had more to say than would fit on a small cocktail napkin so he reached for the bag. Below is exactly what he wrote, rather poetically, as seen on the back of the bag at left:

Thanks! It was a chance to walk again on the silver beaches and look up at the sun—laughing. Good I would call it. Others may frown because the trees were too green, or not green enough but I saw that they were trees, and the world smelled as good as your perfume!

Places that were not afraid to shout out loud—"I'm happy", & voices that weren't confined to whispers. That is dear to me now. Silence is the killer of us all. For in the bleak darkness that good friends never speak of, there is quiet that tries the soul and makes us, each one, a little lonely!

Happy—you're happy & I love you just a little for a (I hope you don't mind), just a little brightness is all I really need. So smile at me just once and let your warm eyes work their wonder. I'll feel just a little nicer and more like home!

The soldier simply signed it with the letter "D".

Most of us tried not to think about the destination to which we were taking the soldiers. Even between meal services there was work to do and beverages to serve. It was easy to smile at those who chose not to, or could not, doze off. The message on the bag makes me realize that we connected with people without even knowing it—just by a smile or friendly word.

A CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER FROM 1942

When I was young, I could not understand why my mother was always clipping recipes from the newspapers, magazines, boxes that came from the store filled with brown sugar or some other staple, and from other sources. One kitchen drawer was dedicated to clippings. Yet she seemed to stick to the same old tried and true recipes she had been using for years. While I occasionally clip a recipe, I do not have a drawer overflowing with them. However, I do have boxes, several of them, each of which would fill more than a drawer, of Pan Am clippings, photos, magazines, notes and other memorabilia. I no longer recall the source of most of it. Several months ago, I chanced upon several copies of an old Pan Am newsletter in one of the boxes. It was titled "Transpacific" with the following subtitle: "A Newsletter for Employees of the Transpacific Division, Pan American Airways." It was dated December 15, 1942, and carried the signature of one Clarence Young. With December 7th approaching, it seems appropriate to revisit this bit of history at this time:

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION MANAGER

To All Employees of the Transpacific Division:

As Christmas Day dawns on the Pacific this year it will find many Pan American employees at the outlying Pacific islands doing exceedingly important work throughout the 24 hours of each day, under difficult circumstances. It will find other employees under armed guard in Japanese civilian internment centers, putting up with whatever Christmas fare may come their way. Pan American flight crews will be on route somewhere in the Pacific, supported in their vital missions by hardworking ground forces at Treasure Island, and at stations on route.

The 1942 Christmas season finds us in the midst of the biggest and most important job ever given us to do. The care-free holiday spirit of peacetime may be lacking, but in its place we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have something of real value to offer in our country's war effort, and that we are devoting all the time and energy at our command to making our contribution efficient and productive.

As you know, we don't publish significant statistics in these critical times. Such statistics would be too helpful to our nation's enemies. But as Pan American employees you all know there are many, many more of us in the Company's service today than there were a year ago—and that we are doing a bigger air transportation job than ever before. That job is a basic and vital part of the service of supply, and we must keep pounding away at it without let up.

To all Division employees, veterans and newcomers alike, who are individually and collectively seeing that this important job gets properly done, our sincere thanks for loyal and persevering work during this, the first year of the war. Good fortune to all of you in the bigger task facing us next year. Joining our efforts with those of all our countrymen, and our comrades in the nations with whom we are allied in this world-wide struggle for a decent way of life. We will be contributing in a substantial way to the over-all result—a result which is bound to bring about a successful conclusion.

A Merry Christmas to each of you, and may the coming new Year be the completely victorious one, and return us to the peaceful and constructive pursuits of a normal life.

As we celebrate Christmas 2019, we can be thankful we live in better times.

GENTLE REMINDER TO OUR PAST DUE ANNUAL MEMBERS

This December issue will be the last of the year. A reminder for our Annual Members: Please send in your renewal check with the application on the last page as soon as possible. Every year we receive checks from members who have already paid or who are Life Members who do not pay. Therefore I will list those who need to renew. **If your name is NOT listed here, you do not owe anything.** We hope those of you who are listed here will choose to renew your membership:

Alos, Cornelio
Anusewicz, Tom
Barton, Merry
Boock, Marilyn or Skip
Corley, Susan
Craighead, Michael
Emerson, Mary
Jacinth, Alfred
Jacoby, Patti
Jaques, Sue

Kalinowski, Arlene
Kearins, Liz
Krause, Dawn
Lim, Jo
Liu, Larry
Look, Bunny
McCarthy, Dave
Mitsumori, Joyce
Miyamoto, Merle
Mowll, Bob

Mullahey, Mike
Nockhold, Sally
Noble, Anne
Shigenaga, Fred
Smith, Herman
Stables, Donna
Tomlinson, Carol
Tryon, Betsey Pease
Tsukiyama, May Hayashi

CHANGES AND REMINDERS FOR ALL

- The **Annual Gala Luncheon** is on Saturday, December 7th. By the time you receive this newsletter, the reservation deadline will have passed. If you have signed up for it, please be aware that the doors will open earlier, i.e. at 10 AM. Last year many people enjoyed visiting and taking photos of each other in front of the many beautiful Waialae County Club Christmas decorations so the doors will open at 10:00 AM for a longer social hour. Lunch will be served at noon. Plan your arrival accordingly. Please bring cash if you wish to purchase a drink. Sodas and juices are priced at \$6.50, domestic beer at \$9 and house wine at \$11.
- Because of a conflict in scheduling at the Waialae Country Club the first general membership meeting of the new year will be held a week early, on **February 18th**, which is the third Tuesday of the month. Our meetings are normally held on the 4th Tuesday. The guest speaker will be **John Fink**. There will be more information about John in the next two issues so you need not "Think About It" now (his byline in Midweek.). However, you can sign up now if you are the early bird type. A reservation form is on the following page.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .

We extend our sympathy to Nanna Bradford whose husband, George M. Bradford, passed on July 28th. He was 84. Nanna, his wife of 50 years was by his side. George served in the U.S. Army, and put himself through the University of Michigan and the University of California at Berkeley. He founded his own business, Bradford Fruits and Flavors, after a successful career in the biotech and industrial chemical field. He is preceded in death by his son, Julian, and leaves behind his wife, Nanna, and grandson, Pierce.

GEORGE M. BRADFORD

George M. Bradford, 84, died on July 28 at his Honolulu home. His wife of 50 years, Nanna, was by his side.

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THE TREE NEXT DOOR

The property next door, a community of condos and town houses, had a Cook Island Pine tree at each of its two entries. They were planted 50 years ago and have grown to 50 feet. One had to be removed recently. The Board members of the condo



were trying to figure out a way to remove the tree when the manager suggested they see if the city would like to have it. The city checked out the tree, offered to remove it free, and it is now “planted” in front of Honolulu Hale (city



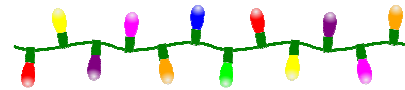
hall) where it will be decorated for the Dec 7th tree lighting ceremony. Did you know there is a deep

2019 Schedule

- **December 7— Annual Gala @ WCC**
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2020 Schedule

- January 28—Board Meeting Only
- **February 18**—General Member Meeting
- March 24—Board Meeting Only
- **April 28**—General Member Meeting
- May 26—Board Meeting Only
- **June 23**—General Member Meeting
- July 28—Board Meeting Only
- **August 25**—General Member Meeting
- September 22—Board Meeting Only
- **October 27**—General Member Meeting
- November 24—Board Meeting Only



hole in front of Honolulu Hale, covered most of the year, and opened only to install the latest city Christmas tree? I didn't—until the tree next door was dropped into it.

Luncheon Meeting Reservation

February Speaker

Next Meeting—**February 18**, 2020
 Waialae Country Club
 4997 Kahala Avenue

John Fink

11:00 Social hour, 11:30 Lunch

\$33.00 per person (Includes tip and parking)

Important: Carol must receive your check by February 11th.

Member Name _____ \$33.00

Guest Name _____ \$33.00

Total _____

Make check payable to PAA and send to:
 Carol Suyderhoud, 7503 Maka'a Street, Honolulu, HI 96825-3127

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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Newsletter Items:

If you have any news item that would be of interest, please call Diane VanderZanden at 200-4322 or send mail to 500 Lunalilo Home Road, #26-D, Honolulu, HI 96825-1734 or by e-mail: alohadvz@gmail.com.

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).

PRINT CLEARLY PLEASE

Date: _____

Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street Apt # City State ZIP code

Home Phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Would you like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, which is in color? Yes _____ No _____

Retiree/Associate: Dept: _____ **PAA Service:** _____ **Receiving Pension?** _____
of years worked Yes or No

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

- Annual Membership: \$ 30 US Residents \$ 35 Overseas residents
- Lifetime Membership: \$150 US Residents \$175 Overseas residents

Please make check payable to **PAA** (Pan Am Association) and send with this application to:

John Medlock, 411 Kaelepu Drive, APT F, Kailua, HI 96734-3309