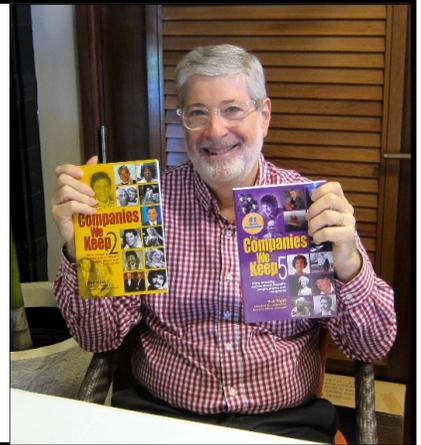


## BOB SIGALL TO SPEAK

The ever popular Bob Sigall needs no introduction to our members. He is the author of a series of books which carry the title *The Companies We Keep*. He has spoken at our association meetings several times over the past years and is always entertaining. You may use the registration form on page 7 if you have not already signed up for the meeting.



## BUSINESSMAN TURNS WORK INTO HOBBY

**Bob Sigall** began his career as a businessman at a young age. In intermediate school, he filed tax returns for his friends so they could get refunds. It is not surprising that he went on to get a Masters Degree at UH. That was in 1975. Since then he taught marketing management at Hawaii Pacific University for 15 years, while operating his own business as a consultant in marketing and management.

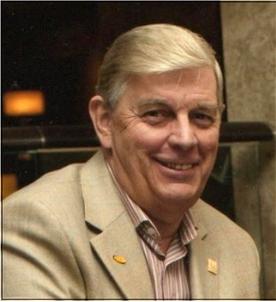
During his teaching years, he gave his students assignments in which they were to research various local businesses. Sigall considered some of their results as historical tidbits of information. That got him interested in collecting anecdotes, which led to his first book in a series of 5 which share the title, *The Companies We Keep*.

In addition to the books, Sigall writes a weekly column in the *Honolulu Star Advertiser* that appears in the Friday edition of the newspaper under the title "Rearview Mirror". His readers often share their memories of the "olden days" about people and places. Many have questions such as, "Whatever happened to . . .?" which provide grist for the next installment of his column.

Sigall loves to quiz his audience so put on your thinking caps and sign up for the August 27th meeting.

## ADVICE FROM THE WORLD'S MOST TRAVELED MAN

George Vlachos sent me a link to "The Points Guy" which appears to be an online news website. The specific article was about a man who calls himself "The World's Most Traveled Man". Who would argue with a man who flew on the Concorde over 700 times, once flying it 3 times in one day? His name is Fred Finn and his Concorde trips have been certified by Guinness World Records. Among other records he holds, Finn was United's first million miler. (Maybe some of our readers will have met him.)



Finn (left) is a native of Kent in the U.K. and was a licensor of technology. He lives in London and, at the age of 77, now *only* travels up to half a million miles a year, mostly on the aviation-speaking circuit. Because of his frequent trips, he has many stories to tell. When asked why people enjoy his talks, he explained that travel is like an addiction to most people. Therefore they love to hear his stories. From his success, he concludes he is a good storyteller.

Finn's stories include connections he made with famous people who have been his fellow passengers. On the Concorde out of Paris one Christmas Eve, there were only 3 passengers, one of whom took out his guitar and played "Country Roads". Yes, it was John Denver. On arrival, they shared a limo. In addition to John Denver, other famous fellow passengers include Johnny Cash, Bruce Springsteen (with whom he shared dinner on more than one occasion), Paul McCartney, David Frost, Muhammad Ali, and Floyd Patterson—to name just a few.

When asked which was his favorite airline, he answered, "The best in the world used to be Pan American. What a fabulous airline that was!" Now that the Concorde, too, has gone the way of Pan American, Finn prefers Lufthansa or Eurowings ("a nice little airline"). He says Lufthansa is the best in the West. His favorite aircraft is the Dreamliner.

When asked if his constant traveling was a problem for his relationships, he admitted it was. He has been married three times.

As for his travel advice: Finn always checks his bag. He travels with basic medical supplies so he is ready for unexpected health problems and he carries a piece of string. He claims with a string you can do many things, including applying a temporary fix to a broken suitcase handle. Never travel without a roll of toilet paper. It is for that bottle of wine you received as a gift. You can pack it in your suitcase as long as you protect the neck with a roll of toilet paper. He claims to have done it many times and never found a broken bottle. Lastly, he advises, "Keep calm, arrive early and stay hydrated and you will have a good time."



## PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS

I discovered recently that **Elizabeth Hughes** moved a year ago from Arizona to Colorado. It took me awhile to find her! She is the widow of Buddy Hughes who worked in Pan Am's Maintenance Department. She is also the younger sister, by a year, of 90-year-old Ron Akana, the UAL steward who flew for over 60 years. I was delighted to find that Liz is just fine and still being creative. Though she is now in a senior center and no longer has her art studio, she is still doing water colors. She has written a booklet about her Maui farm days for her 3 year old great-grandchild, and is now working on the illustrations. Her contact information has changed totally. If you would like to update your member directory, her new address is 1401 Elmhurst Dr, APT 303 W, Longmont,

CO 80503-2369. Her new phone contact is (928) 302-9328 and her new email address is lizhughes123@comcast.net. . . **Valerie Liu** also has a new address. She is now at 2033 Nuuanu Avenue, Apt 24A, Honolulu, HI 96817-2632. . . **Laurien "Lala" Baird Hokuli'i Helfrich-Nuss** was one of several people pictured in the *New York Times* in an opinion piece on the cultural aspect of race relations. The writers interviewed UH instructors in the College of Social Sciences for their ideas of why Hawaii residents look at race differently than many on the mainland. The NY Times article was titled, "Do You Want To Be Less Racist? Move to Hawaii." Racial interactions can be very complex, even here in the Islands, but there is much more acceptance in a multiethnic population on an island where people of all races work and exist together in close quarters compared to the large cities on the mainland. Kristin Pauker, a psychology professor at UH, was quoted at length about her experience of going to a university on the East Coast in 1998 and quickly ascertaining that fellow students saw her as somehow different. Her mother was Japanese, her father Irish-Italian. . . Another of our Pan Amers was featured on KHON Channel 2. **Joyce Patrick**, a former stewardess, was recognized for her 40 years of volunteer work at Castle Hospital. She was honored at a banquet during which she was presented with a "Volunteer of the Year" award by Castle Adventist Health. . . **Joan Davis** competed in the National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The four events in which she participated were in the track and field division; shot put, javelin, discus and hammer. She is pictured at left after the javelin event in which she placed 12th out of 21 contestants. . . Pan Am Association member **Donna Lindgren** happened to be in the right place at the right time. She was shopping at Foodland Farms in the Ala Moana Center when she was approached by *MidWeek's* mystery shopper person who asked her a simple question. She answered correctly and won a Foodland shopping spree worth \$150. . . My brother-in-law, who lives in Florida, sent me a notice about a property for sale. The Ocala-News.com reports that the exclusive Ocala fly-in community (photo at left), known as Jumbolair Aviation Estates, is up for sale for \$10.5 million. Its most fa-



Laurien Helfrich-Nuss



mous resident is mega-star John Travolta who uses the 7,550 long runway when he takes off and lands in his personal Boeing 707. Travolta played the likeable character Vinnie Barbarino in the TV show "Welcome Back Kotter" and is also known for his movies,



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"Saturday Night Fever", "Grease", and "Pulp Fiction". According to the ad, "He travels as an official goodwill ambassador for Qantas Airways wherever he flies his 707. The aircraft is named 'Jett Clipper Ella' in honor of his son and daughter. The 'Clipper' is dedicated to Pan Am World Airways, which used the term in the names of their aircraft." Sadly the Qantas Clipper will be retiring to Australia and Travolta must rely on one of his other planes for going to and fro.

## **THE SCOURGE AND THE FUN OF THE INTERNET**

The Internet can be a loathsome place for a number of reasons: Scams, fake news, misinformation and more and more requirements to use the computer to communicate with city and state government, among other entities. It can be a challenge to us seniors who did not grow up with computers. And by the way, for those who do know their way around e-mail programs at least, there was a recent report that seniors forward more fake news than any other age group. It might be a good idea to go to FactCheck.com or a similar program before automatically forwarding a message you've received.

On the other side of the coin, the Internet can be a source of help and humor. Search engines can find tutorials explaining how to fix almost anything. Here is a good example from my sister-in-law:

My doctor recommended Afrin Nasal Spray for my sinus condition. I picked one up and spent over an hour trying to open it. Finally I went on line to look for a tutorial. I found the following message which I thought was really funny. It made me laugh—which I badly needed by then:

*First, you have to come to the realization that the bottle is not defective (neither are you), but rather, the design is. Then, if you grow dark with rage, count to 10 and remember a happy place. Finally, when you calm down, get yourself a pair of pliers and yank at the base of the top as hard as you can. After so much effort and multiple vocabulary repetition, you will come to realize that destiny has played another trick on you and there is a second chastity cap beneath the red one. With your last ounce of strength, cut the clear cap with your pliers ("cut" does not mean SLAM). Low and behold, you have achieved the unthinkable: you finally opened an Afrin Bottle. But wait, you just realized a miracle has happened! The objective of the ordeal is not to get your nostril around the bottle opening, but rather to get you furious enough to where your bodily functions get worked up and start flowing everywhere. So now your nose is clear and you have just come to the conclusion that you spent \$10 for a decongestion spray when you could have just smashed the heck out of any bottle cap for free, and you'd be \$10 richer.*

My sister-in-law added, "It made me feel much better."

I received her message a couple of months ago. When I decided to pass it on to our readers, I went on line myself to see if I could find the above message. Not only did I find it, I found many other complaints and "how-to's" on opening the Afrin bottle, most shorter and some also funny.

A positive aspect of the Internet is its use as an educational tool. Some time ago, some member (I no longer remember whom it was) sent me a short video illustrating the Super Guppy, a monster cargo plane that can carry huge equipment, heavy machinery and even other aircraft. While our readers who are aviation enthusiasts are probably aware of the Super Guppy, I was not. Therefore, after viewing the video, I went on line to read more about it. The video "The Beast Feasts" showed 4 NASA jets being loaded on board in fast motion.

The plane looks as though it shouldn't even be able to take off. The first one was a remodeled military version of the Boeing 377 *Stratocruiser*. Since then, the Super Guppy models have been made from scratch however, plans of parts of other cargo carriers were used. In all versions, the front portion of the airplane swings open for loading. The pictures below are of the current version which is used by NASA.



## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .

We extend our sympathy to Richard Rezentes and his family on the passing of his wife, Shirley. She was born in 1930 in Honolulu, the oldest of 5 children. She and Richard met in high school. On May 10th this year, they celebrated 67 years of marriage. Besides Richard, she is survived by sons Gordon (Mavis) and Gary; daughter Jennifer; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Services were held at St. Anthony's Church in Kailua.



### EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FESTIVE OCCASION

In case you have missed the announcement that has been appearing in the "Schedule" box that usually appears on page 7 of the *Aloha Clipper*, I am pointing it out so you can see clearly now that we will be jingling the bells on Saturday, December 7th at Waialae Country Club, 4997 Kahala Avenue. We have many members on the mainland and we encourage you to make plans to get on a jet plane and join us. Waialae Country Club is beautifully decorated at that time of year and the buffet lunch is especially good.

Whether you live here in the Islands, on the mainland or overseas, we encourage you to make plans to attend. Who doesn't like Christmas? And Christmas with your Pan Am friends is always pretty jolly. Last December we returned to the Kahala location after many years in other places, mostly at the Hale Koa Hotel. Many members commented on the elegant decorations and the nice buffet, which was different than the buffets at our regular luncheons. They especially appreciated the convenient, and free, parking.

Cut out or copy the registration form on page 7 and send it in to secure your place at the lunch time banquet.



## A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Jack Smith has a good memory of past events. He also has a treasure trove of photos. Some time ago, he sent the ones below of Honolulu's International Arrivals building which he took in the 1950s. It is before my time but maybe some of our members will recall the Quonset Hut that served as a port of entry for foreigners and returning residents alike.

Jack thinks the agent in the bottom left photo was Perry Medlin. Maybe our readers will contribute stories of their own about those good ol' days.



## 2019 Schedule

- **August 27**—General Member Meeting
- September 24—Board Meeting Only
- **October 22**—Annual Meeting
- November 26—Board Meeting Only
- **December 7**— **Annual Gala @ WCC**

Plan now to attend the Annual Gala on December 7th!

## 2020 Schedule

- January 28—Board Meeting Only
- **February 25**—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



*Annual Gala Reservation  
Luncheon at Waialae Country Club*



*December 7, 2019*

*Social Hour starts: 10:30*

*Buffet Served: 12:00*

*\$50 per person (Includes tax, tip and parking)*

Name & Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

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(Add separate list of guests if more space required.)

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Luncheon Meeting Reservation**

**Next Meeting—August 27, 2019**

**Waialae Country Club**

**4997 Kahala Avenue**

**11:00 Social hour, 11:30 Lunch**

**\$30.00 per person (Includes tax, tip and parking)**

Please try to make your reservation no later than August 22nd.\*

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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- 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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