



A ROOMFUL OF LAUGHS

Jack Cione, pictured at left, drew one of our largest crowds ever for a luncheon meeting. Over 80 members and guests were present to hear him speak about his life in the entertainment business, from playing Boogie Woogie in bars, clubs and lounges as a teenager in Illinois, to owning a dance studio in Arizona, to owning nightclubs in Honolulu, many of which featured risqué performances. The crowd loved him. Continue below for some of the details.

STILL A SHOWMAN AT THE AGE OF 90

Jack Cione has a zest for life that makes him appear young at the age of 90. As a movie-attending youngster, he fell in love with Dorothy Lamour and decided at an early age he wanted to be an entertainer. As a young adult, he went to Hollywood to look for work in the film industry. He met Eleanor Powell when he auditioned as a tap dancer for her show. He wasn't hired but they became friends. She encouraged him to work on his dancing. Without a job, his money soon ran out and Cione moved in with his parents who now lived in Arizona.

He applied for a job as a dance instructor with the Arthur Murray Dance Studio and was hired. Years later, when he was operating The Dunes as a supper club, with headliners such as Pearl Bailey, Judy Garland, Dorothy Lamour, Van Johnson and Sophie Tucker, Arthur and Kathryn Murray moved to Honolulu and they reconnected. As a Hollywood hopeful, Jack had briefly met Van Johnson when the latter took a seat next to him at a well-known bar. Years later Cione hired Van Johnson to perform at the Dunes Supper Club (before the Dunes made international news when Cione "repotted" it as a night club featuring nudity). His life was full of connecting with people, not seeing them for years and then later reconnecting.

After a time as an Arthur Murray dance instructor, Cione left and opened his own dance studio which eventually became the biggest one in Arizona. Among his clients were many of the rich and famous who came to perfect their routines for films they were making. One of his favorite students was retired Admiral Chester Nimitz who loved the Mambo. What a coincidence that, years later when Cione bought the Dunes, it was located on Nimitz Highway.

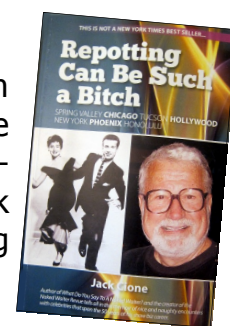
The dance scene was always changing and ballroom dancing soon gave way to disco. Cione had good business sense and was always aware of the need for change, thus his constant "repotting" as he calls his many career

changes—all in the field of entertainment. After he and his bride, Maydelle, moved to Hawaii in 1957, he soon found himself assisting the manager of the Forbidden City nightclub. The changes he made in the program resulted in much higher revenue. The owner, John Wayne, who had purchased the club for his mistress, soon made Cione and the manager partners in the venture. Eventually Mrs. Wayne found out about the mistress in Honolulu and demanded that Mr. Wayne “get back to Los Angeles immediately.” Mr. Wayne gave the club to Cione and the manager. Cione eventually ended up owning 19 night clubs.

But not everything Cione was involved with was naughty. In addition, he taught dancing at senior centers in Honolulu and he produced Las Vegas type shows he called the “Mardi Gras Follies”, with lovely dancers wearing elaborate costumes he purchased in Las Vegas. For 25 years the show was staged at the Pearl Harbor Officers Club for the benefit of the Pearl Harbor Performing Arts Association. The show moved to the Hawaii Theatre downtown for several years before he began staging it at the Arcadia Retirement Residence where he and Maydelle had relocated. With the help of some of his friends and Arcadia neighbors, he has been putting on the Follies for residents and their guests for the past 12 years.

One of those neighbors is Joy Abbott, widow of the Broadway producer George Abbott, for whom Cione had once auditioned in New York—another reconnection of sorts in Jack’s life. Joy, also an entertainer, still sings occasionally and will be performing at the Medici Supper Club in Manoa on August 31st. Reservations required: 351-0901. Tickets for buffet and show are \$49.50. She sang for our group and then immediately said, “I have a Pan Am story.” She once called her mother suggesting they take a trip to go shopping in Cuba. Her mother was excited and said she would wear her new “blow-up” bra that would nicely fill out her new dress. Joy met her mother at the airport and noted how lovely she looked in her new dress over her new inflated bra. They happily boarded their Pan Am flight. On take-off, as their plane gained altitude, her mother suddenly became aware of what happens to air-filled items in a more rarified atmosphere.

Jack Cione wrote of his adventures in the entertainment industry, “Repotting Can Be Such a Bitch”. He brought 12 copies and all were sold out at the end of the meeting. If anyone would like to purchase a copy, you may call Jack at (808) 949-5353. He says he will be happy to mail you a copy for the price of \$20. The book gives more details about his life and the lives of the rich and famous he met along the way than we could put in our “family-style” newsletter. It is quite saucy!



Photos from the June 27th Meeting at Waiialae Country Club Apologies to those who may not appear in the following photos.



An overflow crowd filled the room at Waiialae Country Club, for a laugh-filled event. Carol Suyderhoud started the fun with a playful introduction of speaker Jack Cione and his 2 guests. She also introduced Marie Jahnsen, formerly Pan Am NYC, and recently moved to Honolulu. Your BOD has appointed her to a position on the board and President Laster asked for and received a vote of all members present to ratify the appointment. Henry Blackstad again provided door prizes.



Elva Yoshihara, Jack Cione, Joy Abbott & Nobi Stienecker—Arcadia residents



Cher Sullivan, Pat Wagner & guest Alice Lam, Norma Hostelly and friend Jill Cripes



Seated: Tomiye Nakamura, Ray & Dolores Chang. Standing: Iris Inouye, Shirley Motas, Shirley Silva, Sachiko Kato, Jeannie Kalahiki & Elaine Keb.



Regina Suyderhoud, Suzanne Wright, Denise Mazzanti & Ilona Benoit



Lillian Yoshioka, Mae Takahashi & Aggie Von Brimer



Dan Del Monte & Kiddy DeCoster and John & Nobuko Loncar



Katie Yoshioka & Glori Ino



John Medlock with Margie Kahapea and Clare Takayama. Margie was Clare's guest.



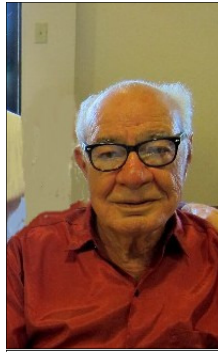
Tom Anusewicz



Jane Noe & Joan Davis in front. Carol Souza and Ernest Oliver in back.



Sumiko Allegar, Patti Jacoby, Jack Cione and Marion Abe



Ed Gencarelli



Seated: Eva Kama, Carol Wong, May Tsukiyama.
Standing: Amy Okamoto and Carol Nezu.



Lee Laster, Choy Lewis and Al Chun



Jan Newhart & Henry Blakstad



Diane VanderZanden & Darlene Laster



Eileen Tiwanak, Stephanie Nojima (whose father worked for Pan Am) and Margot Silva



Suzanne Jaques and Herman Smith



Carol Suyderhoud & Todd Williams



Corinne Kong and her niece Stephanie Vlachos, Sharlene Brunell and her guest, Sandra Dawson



Clockwise from left: Ellen Shikuma, Nobi Stienecker, Cal Murata, Charlotte Yamashiro Nishimura and Harlow Urabe.



Mariko Lyons, Margo Bourland, and Ilona Benoit.



Marie Jahnsen and Carol Massie



Seated: Moana Goo and Pat Wagner. Standing L to R: Clare Takayama, Alice Lam, Sharlene Brunell, Tanya Reed and Moana's son, Kelli Goo. Alice & Tanya were Pat's guests.



At left, Ellen Shikuma and her Pan Am guest, Mary Pat Ashby.

UPDATES TO THE MEMBER DIRECTORY

Mae Takahashi has moved. Her new address is 4389 Malia Street, Apt. 302, Honolulu, HI 96822—1165 and she no longer has the home phone number listed in the directory. . . **Charlotte Yama-shiro Nishimura** has a new email and cell phone: mangojabon@yahoo.com and (808)864-2600. . We appreciate the updates and ask that all members help keep our directory current.

PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS

In the February issue, I reported on the middle of 3 daughters of Pan Amers Betsy and Lane Smith, **Amber Smith**, who had just published a book about her military experiences as a female in combat. Amber, pictured at right, was recently sworn in as Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. The announcement of her appointment reads, in part: *Prior to her appointment, . . . Ms Smith was a Special Assistant in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She was the press secretary of caucus operations at the 2016 Republican National Convention and was a Department of Defense and Department of Veteran Affairs Advisor to the Presidential Transition Team. She is the author of the recent book **Danger Close, My Epic Journey as a Combat Helicopter Pilot in Afghanistan and Iraq.** [The book was reviewed in the February 2017 issue of our newsletter.] Ms Smith is a former U.S. Army OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter pilot and air mission commander in the 101st Airborne Division, and flew two combat missions . . . She has a master of science in safety, security, and emergency management from Eastern Kentucky University and a bachelor of science in professional aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Amber's parents are active participants in Pan Am gatherings of all kinds. This summer they are hosting their own Pan Am picnic at their farm on August 16, 2017 at 2:00. It is open to all Pan Amers so if you happen to be in the*



area on that date, you can contact Betsy at (541) 520-2801. They are located on the Washington side of the beautiful Columbia River Gorge in White Salmon, WA, just across the river from Oregon's Hood River. It is approximately 60 miles east of Portland, OR. The Smiths are providing everything and only ask that you let them know ahead of time if you plan to show up. If you are the camping type and bring your own tent or camper, you are invited to spend the night under the stars on their farm. . . .



Previous picnic at the Pan Am hangar on the Smith farm in White Salmon, Washington



Local members who have received their copy of the **Jeff Kriendler/Jamie Baldwin** coffee table book (left) are delighted with it. It is a wonderful collection of stories and photos about Pan Am people and events. You can still place an order by contacting Kriendler at jkriendler@aol.com or by phone at (305) 866-2115. . . .

As mentioned in the previous issue, the **Clipper Pioneers** have scheduled another Pan Am reunion cruise departing Miami on April 22nd, arriving in Southampton, UK on May 6th. **Margaret O'Shaughnessy**, of the Flying Boat Museum at Foynes, says interest is high in having another Pan Am reunion in Limerick, including a visit to the museum. She has coordinated dates with **Stu Archer** so people on the Clipper Pioneers cruise can conveniently attend. The Limerick reunion is planned for May 8th—10th. The two events are separate however, and you can sign up for one or another or both. For the cruise, you can contact at Stu at 305-238-0911 or by email at Stunjune@aol.com. For the Irish reunion, you can contact Margaret by email at Margaret@flyingboatmuseum.com or by phone at 353-69-65416. You can also write to Margaret at Foynes Flying Boat Museum, Foynes, County Limerick, Ireland. Margaret would like to have a general count by June 30th of this year but no deposit needs to be made at this time. . . . **Mike Lily** and his spouse, **Cindy Walter**, recently completed a grand tour of their own in Europe. It had an inauspicious start when they had an emergency landing in Iceland to offload an unruly passenger. The unexpected diversion caused them to arrive in Munich late, thus missing their connection to Italy. Eventually, they arrived in Bari, in southern Italy. After a week or so of hiking in Southern Italy in the Altamura area, they continued their vacation in France, where they visited the beaches, battle sites and cemeteries of the Normandy invasion in World War II. When American paratroopers rained down on the Normandy coast, many missed their target, including John Steele, who didn't make it to the ground when his parachute caught the corner of the church tower. He hung there, pretending to be dead, for two hours before he was captured. In the photo at left, Cindy and Mike are pictured in front of the church at Sainte Mère Église. In the background, one can see a replica of Steele and his parachute hanging from the tower. Mike writes: *He was portrayed by Red Buttons in the movie The Longest Day. The town museum is a must-see for its poignant personal stories of the battle, especially one display that realistically depicts a real glider; you enter bombarded by vibrations and engines sounds amidst soldiers waiting for the landing. Twenty-five percent (over 1000 men) were killed. Those heroes died to preserve our freedom and values.* Later in their travels, Cindy had a special day when they toured the Bohin Needle Factory in L'Aigle, France. She is an instructor in the



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quilting field and has written 10 books on the subject. She is known internationally. Bohin is one of her sponsors in the U.S. If you are a quilter, and think you may be interested in her books, check out her website at cindywalter.com.

AUGUST SPEAKER SCHEDULED

Many of our readers are aware of the elevated rail system being constructed on the Ewa plains. Local readers are aware the city is trying to raise taxes everywhere it can to finance this grossly over budget project. **Randy Roth**, who is involved in community issues, is our scheduled speaker at our August meeting. He spoke to our group before, on the land use laws presented in the film "The Descendants" for which he was a consultant. Sign up for the August meeting and get your questions about the rail project answered.

2017 Schedule

- July 25—Board Meeting Only
- **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

Luncheon Meeting Reservation
August Scheduled Speaker: Randy 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 make your reservation a minimum of 3 or 4 days in advance.

Member Name _____ \$28.00

Guest Name _____ 28.00

Total _____

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

If transportation is required, call Carol at 396-5225 or contact her by e-mail at:
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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

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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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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