

**PAN AM ASSOCIATION****ALOHA CHAPTER****A Variety of Evil Pathogens****WORKING OUR WAY THROUGH THE ALPHABET**

Did any of us really expect to roll over into 2022 with a surge in a two-year-old virus? Novel Coronavirus was followed by a Delta variation and now Omicron. It leaves us wondering how many letters of the Greek Alphabet will be used before this finally ends.

The saddest aspect of the various pathogens is that all of them result in regulations affecting the poor people in hospitals, even those with ailments other than the virus. They cannot have family visitors when they most need them. We sometimes focus on our own irritation at having to wear masks and having to follow other regulations but there are always others worse off.

There is an occasional whisper of hope in all the news reports. One indicates we may soon reach the peak when cases fall off. Another recent report explained the progress made from studying the virus is leading to the creation of better vaccines. These are the things we should focus on when we long for the pre-Covid days. In the meantime, we all follow the rules.

**PAN AM PEOPLE**

Thanks to all members who responded to the last issue with feedback. It seems most of you like humor as much as I do. That aside, the good news is that a couple of our seniors in their 90s responded. Both are doing very well. **Richard Taliaferro** wrote: "I remember the Flight of the Bumble Bee tune. A tough one to do on trumpet. Got to a grade D, maybe, on that one and never won a prize but remember it was fun to play anyway. I still stay upright and moving by bowling in 3 leagues, not well mind you but not bad for 94 years old. I played two 170 plus games last week. I won't talk about the 124 that followed. I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Stay healthy." Sounds as if you are showing us the way to stay healthy, Richard. Good for you! . . . **Jack Starks** is also doing well. He commented on enjoying humor and then gave an update on his situation: "I used to go to retiree UAL luncheons in PDX monthly when I lived in Vancouver, WA, and one of the members named Clifford always told three or four jokes before each luncheon. We moved from Kailua in 1991 to Vancouver and bought a house in Airport Green backing up onto the North-South runway of Evergreen Airfield. When the airport closed we moved up to Ridgefield to Whipple Creek Condos for 15 years before I moved to Sun City West in 2015. My wife, Ann, passed

away in 2009 while in Ridgefield. I moved here because I have a twin sister, Jackie, who lives here and lost her spouse nine months before I lost my wife. Good to be close to family. We will be 94 in May. How the time flies." . . . **Jack Smith** is 91. Though he is dealing with COPD problems, his memory is marvelous. In response to Rosie Rosenstein, who suggested he do a Pan Am Museum podcast, Jack begged off but added, "A podcast would be fun to do after my 36 years with Pan Am starting as a Traffic Rep III at the old Honolulu International Airport in 1951 to being laid off in March of 1987, along with the other 500+ because of the reduction of management personnel. During those 36 years it was all Airport Customer Service with assignments to TYO, MBJ, NAS, DTW, and IAD. The reorganization of the company by the Golightly group in 1970 changed my responsibilities to include Operations and Ramp Services. Each station assignment had its challenges, with IAD being the biggest of them all, which was to upgrade IAD from a daily LHR turnaround to a hub operation, FRA/LHR/PAR/ATH feeding MIA/TPA/MCO/MEX. I was asked to have the station ready in six weeks. Modifications to some airport facilities were required and, with only a handshake with IAD Airport Manager, the job got done in time. I have lots of good memories and the great experiences helped with my future after Pan Am." Jack has always been a great source of Pan Am memories for these pages, for which I have always been grateful. He is fortunate to have his son and family live with him, Ed, Kathleen and Hallie Smith. Ed works for Hawaiian Air as B-717 Training Development Manager. . . . **Arlene Kalinoski** commented on the Aloha, OR, article. She writes: "My sister lived in Aloha briefly many years ago. I was living in Hawaii so I knew "Aloha" is pronounced differently there. People, including my sister, about turned inside out over my pronunciation of their city. Took me a while to figure out what the problem was. Interesting to hear the back story. And, incidentally, I love your sense of humor. You should include a cartoon in every Clipper. . . . **Leilani Maguire** is involved with many historical organizations here in Hawaii and is very good at doing research. She also commented on Hawaiian place names all over the mainland, particularly in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. She writes: "Beginning with the first Caucasian visitors/explorers here in the late 1700s, Hawaiians were being picked up or hired to work on these ships. As fantastic watermen, which East Coast Americans and Europeans were not, Hawaiians could do anything from fishing to diving in to do repairs or even to rescue someone. Consequently, with the fur trade in high gear beginning in the early 1800s some Hawaiians jumped ship, often joining up with Native Americans. Hawaii residents were also amongst the first to hear about the Gold Rush and could get there a lot more quickly, starting in 1848. The Hawaiian language lent itself to many a North American geographic location: there are supposedly 25 geographic spots in Northern California called 'Kanaka'. There is an Owyhee (an early spelling of 'Hawaii') River in Eastern Oregon (named for 3 Hawaiians who lost their lives while exploring there) and the Owyhee Canyonlands surrounding the river; there is a Kanaka Flat and Kanaka Gulch near Jacksonville, Oregon, which was because of their presence there in 1850 for the gold rush in the Rogue River Valley. [This information is from the Oregon Historical Society.] Native Hawaiians were involved in the Klondike gold rush, fur trapping, whaling and fishing. Currently Pacific Islanders make up 2% of Alaska's population. [US 2010 Census.] However, try as I might, I did not discover any Hawaiian place names. I don't have enough time to research this but I'm sure a dissertation has been written on Hawaiian place names!" Leilani, thanks for doing the research for us! . . . **Eleanor Young**, who lives in Jack Starks' former town of Vancouver, WA, writes: "As always much thanks for keeping us PAA family connected. Really appreciate sharing amazing experiences and memories. Honed in on your Aloha visit and story. Aloha is just a 50 minute drive from our home." Eleanor was happy to donate her service name tag and her wings to the Pearl Harbor museum. They are pictured on the right. . . . In the January issue **Charlotte Larson** was shown wearing her 1950 Territory of Hawaii Girl Scout uniform. She says she has since written to the Honolulu Girl Scout Headquarters and they expressed interest in the uniform so she sent them the uniform with hat and Girl Scout Handbook from Territorial times.



## A NOSTALGIC MEMORY

Many Honolulu employees of Pan Am had accounts at the Pan Am Credit Union which was located in the same building across the street from the Ewa Gull Wing from which our flights departed.

Management offices, the In-Flight Services offices, Supply, Commissary, Sales/Marketing and the Pan Am Store were also located in the building. Eventually, the credit union was moved to Ma-punapuna very near Henry Loui's Restaurant, which claimed the best barbecued Baby Back Ribs in Hawaii. It was already a favorite of some Pan Amers but became familiar to others when the credit union moved nearby.

The photo on the right appeared in the Honolulu Star Advertiser a few months ago. The newspaper has a daily "from our archives" photo. The caption read: James Garner, star of the TV show "Maverick," shows young Tim Kelley one of the toys collected for the annual Toys for Tots holiday drive organized by the Marine Corps. At the left is Tim's dad, Sgt. Maj John T. Kelley, one of the drive's directors; at right is restaurateur Henri Loui.



The photo reminds me of when James Garner came up the portable boarding stairs of our 707 flight preparing to depart from Heathrow for LAX and, with a friendly "hello," took a seat in first class. As I offered to hang his jacket I asked, "Are you deadheading?" The question seemed to confuse him. I smiled and said, "Sorry, I thought you were someone else." Then I hurried to check the boarding information and saw the name, "James Garner." He looked so familiar to me that I thought he was a deadheading pilot. I was never much of a TV fan but his face must have been in the papers frequently as I knew he was an actor. I think I once saw an episode of the TV show when I was visiting a friend. Garner was a delightful passenger. After the first meal service, he sat in the little lounge and told us he was just taking a break from filming to go home to celebrate his daughter's 9th birthday.

Though Loui has passed away, his restaurant is still open, run by family members. They are still serving Baby Back Ribs as well as many other items. I recently had lunch there with two other Pan Amers.

## EMAIL A GOOD WAY TO RENEW ACQUAINTANCES

At the end of October, **Ed Nelson**, who worked in the Pan Am Building in NYC when Marie Jahn-sen was there, sent her a message saying he had just finished reading the *Aloha Clipper* he received from Rosie Rosenstein and he did not see **Ellen Shikuma's** name. "Back in June 1969-89, she was running Personnel when I was hired as a res agent. Years later when I started working in Schedule Planning under Henry Hill's team, Ellen's office on the 49<sup>th</sup> floor was outside our door."

Ed went on to reminisce about other things with Marie, who was Executive Assistant to Marty Shugrue: "During my years in Planning, I recall coming to see Martin R. Shugrue when he presented me with the Pacific suit bag, pictured at right,—I think it was February 1985. I was Director of Pacific Planning at the time. Yes, I still use it and I get lots of questions from fellow travelers. My running singlet is still in the closet, still fits, and I am still running 3 miles every morning. I had started in December 1982 with training for the London Marathon in April 1983. So 39 years and thousands of miles later, although I'm a little slower at 74 years of age, it is still a great way to start my day."

Ed had seen Marie's name in our newsletter but they had not been in touch. He added, "I envy you living in Hawaii. In 1985, I spent 2 weeks covering for Paul Casey in Pacific Division Headquarters with Jack Foley. I think Paul was in HKG for those weeks.





My late wife and I took our kids out to HKG and HNL in early January 1986 before the sale of the Pacific. The kids (now all over 40) still remember snorkeling near Diamond Head and feeding fish with frozen peas. My late wife and I were last in HNL in September 2008 and 2009 for memorials at Barbers Point for my late nephew and his crew of the US Coast Guard 6505. Their helicopter went down during a training mission off Honolulu on September 4, 2008.

I have been retired since 2013, when I had to care for my late wife, Mrs. Howgozit from Pan Am, Margaret. She passed in 2014 because of ALS. I remarried last year and am enjoying life in Florida. The kids and grandkids are in Florida, too." On the left is a photo of Ed Nelson with his bride, Jessie.

## UNITED'S FORMER CEO AND GOLF

The PGA and Hawaii join hands in January, probably because our weather is more conducive to tournaments than on the mainland. The Sentry Tournament of Champions is always held in Kapalua



in early January followed by the Sony Open at Waialae Country Club a week later. Before it became the Sony Open in 1999, it was called the Hawaiian Open and it was sponsored by United Airlines. On the right is the 16th fairway in PGA tournament configuration, when the front 9 and back 9 are reversed for tournament play, the better to accommodate the position of the tents and stands.



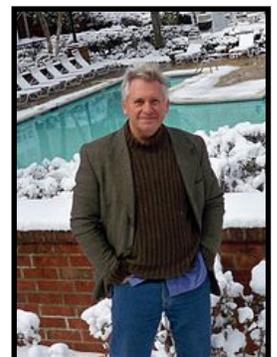
Those of us who worked for United can log on to the United employee newsletter. A few days ago, it featured a lengthy obituary of former CEO Richard Ferris. It focused as much on golf as it did with his career in the travel industry—from hotels to airline. I wondered if there was a connection to United sponsoring the biggest golf event of the year in Hawaii but Ferris had retired from UA in 1987. However, he had served as an Independent Director and Chairman of the PGA Tour Champions Policy Board from 1985-92 and there may have been a connection.

In 1999 Ferris and his good friend, Peter Ueberroth, organized a group, including Arnold Palmer, Clint Eastwood and Bill Perocchi, to bring together business leaders and athletes who also had a passion for golf, to purchase the Pebble Beach Company from two Japanese companies, thus bringing the famous resort back into American hands. Ferris and Ueberroth will be recognized by the World Golf Hall of Fame on March 9, 2022 with the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award.

I'm not sure that Ferris was particularly popular among UA employees but he certainly seems to have been popular in the world of golf.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .

Dominik Szabo sent word that his father, **Balazs Szabo**, passed away on January 5th at the age of 79. He had been battling cancer during the past few years. He is known by many Pan Amers because he worked as a flight attendant for a number of years, meanwhile continuing to work on his art projects. Balazs, who was born in Hungary and studied art in Vienna, is well known in the art world for his murals and surrealist works. His first published art book, *The Eye of the Muse*, won the 1987 USA Print Design Excellence Award. A Service and Celebration was held in Hillsborough, North Carolina, where he made his home.



**Lillian Lum Lee**, 81, passed away on October 26, 2021. She was born in Ewa and attended McKinley High, class of '56. After graduating from the University of Hawaii, she joined Pan Am as a stewardess. She is said to be the first Pan Am stewardess of Filipino descent.

## HUMOR, GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Humor reminds us to make light of our problems. Most women can tell you that hot flashes are definitely not comfortable. The cartoon on the right provides a humorous look at the subject. I recall flying with a junior pursuer who kept asking me to turn down the cabin temperature and I had to inform her that I could not freeze out the passengers. Unfortunately she had a severe time with hot flashes.

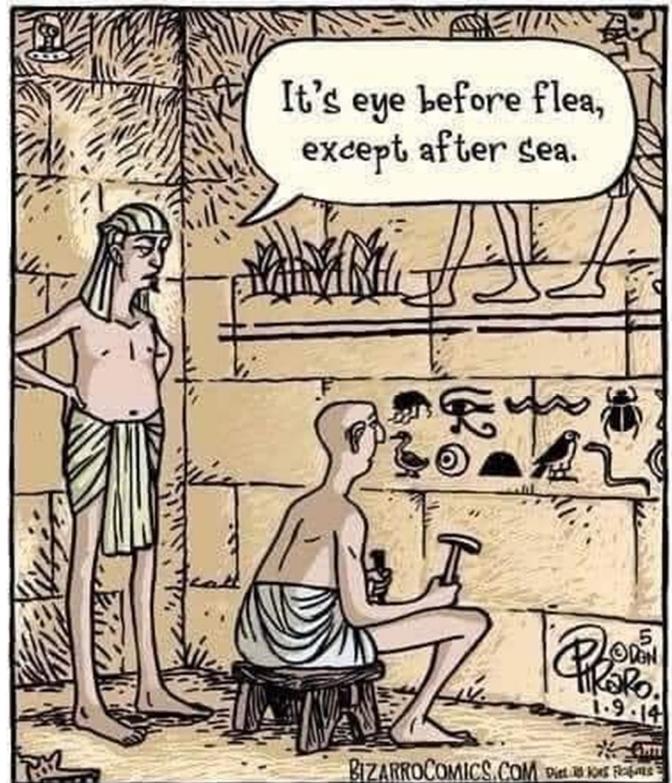
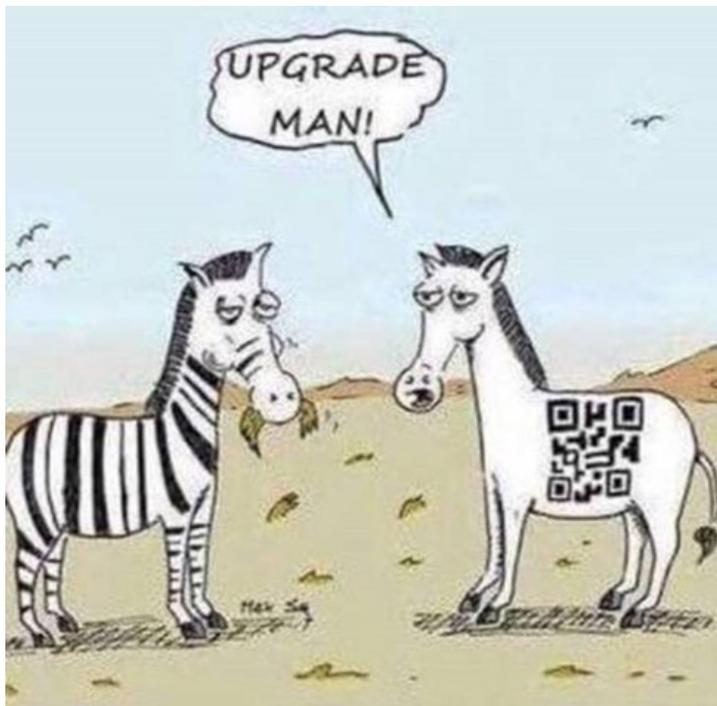
If you, too, have noticed the ubiquitous square, known as a QR code, the zebra cartoon will need no explaining. Merchants still scan lines when you purchase an item but now the QR code is appearing on restaurant tables (to get a menu on your phone) and is needed to return to HNL when finishing a trip (Safe Travels Hawaii), among other sites. It can be a challenge to seniors, especially to those who do not have children to interpret for them.



Poor Millie, that was one heck of a hot flash!

Dan Piraro is another off-the-wall cartoonist in the vein of Gary Larson. His cartoons are always on the bizarre side.

Let's always look for the humor in life!



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