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# Summer is the Time for Reunions

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Life is short. Turning AARP and Medicare eligible, I've been contemplating mortality. In the last six months, I've attended too many funerals: Valerie Campaniano, Darolyn Lendio Heim, Stanley Magbual, Jesse Badua, Eddie Agas Sr., Ron Menor, H. Wayne Mendoza and Joshua Agsalud. So when I got off the plane after attending Darolyn's funeral and received an email from my cohorts at the UCLA School of Law Asian/Pacific Islander Law Student Association proposing a San Francisco get together in February, I immediately said yes. When others residing in Los Angeles heard

about our Nor-Cal mini-reunion, they planned one for June and I attended that one too.

"Class Reunions brings out the youth that exists in us especially as we age," explains my godbrother Bernard Barbero (his mom Ida is my Ninang). Bernard is organizing my Maui High School Class of 1976 65th birthday party, scheduled for July 29 at the Maui Beach Hotel. "What I enjoy the most is seeing the smiles on the faces of each classmate as we remember our youthful years," Bernard says.

Our high school class has held four reunions: 10th, 20th, 30th and 40th and one

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The UCLA School of Law Asian/Pacific Island Student Association Classes of 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 recently held a reunion in Los Angeles.

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## Five Honored as Gintong Pamana Leadership Awardees

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Leadership.

There are many definitions but a blog by Emeritus provides a good one. "Taking risks and challenging the status quo. Leaders motivate others to achieve something new and better."

Since 1995, the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce has presented the Gintong Pamana Leadership Awards to over 250 recipients. What makes a great leader? Perhaps former president Ronald Reagan best defined it: "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."

Leadership is about action. The 2023 awardees are known for their actions as leaders in our community: Conchita "Ching" Agra-Pigao, Rossel Critchlow, Lorelle Peros, Theresa Sotto and Loida Villanueva.

"Leadership is the total servant

of all with a common goal," declares Agra-Pigao, who was born and raised in Claveria in the Province of Cagayan. At Christ The King Church, Agra-Pigao serves as the Choir Master for the Marian Choir. Beyond that weekly offering, she is intensely involved in the church's special events.

Agra-Pigao recognizes her journey as being a leader was not alone. She thanks the "parish priests who are assigned over the years, giving me the freedom to exercise the Filipino Church traditions to include in the mainstream of the whole Church community." Traditions such as Simbang Gabi (the nine-day novena) culminating with a Misa de Gallo (a Christmas eve midnight mass celebrating the birth of Christ) and Salubong (celebrating the encounter of the Risen Christ and Holy Mother Mary at Easter's crack of dawn). Her hus-

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birthday celebration (60th). I've gone to each one of them, even though I resided on O'ahu during the first three reunions. We were supposed to have a 45th reunion in 2021 but the pandemic interfered with our plans. (My 40th college reunion for the University of Southern California Class of 1980 became a virtual one and even though Darolyn placed me on the committee, I refused to participate because I was so disappointed it could not capture the same feeling as the normal football season homecoming festivities.)

COVID also affected the Maui High School Class of 1980 reunion plans. "My Maui High School 40th reunion in 2020 got canceled by the pandemic," recalls Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran. "We joked about doing a Yakudoshi (41st) in 2021 and a 60th birthday event last year."

"I've attended most of my high school reunions because I helped organize them," recounts Gil. Organizing a high school reunion is no easy task. Selecting a location and determining the price is always an important discussion. Some classes even opt to go to Las Vegas, with all the glitz and glamour. "Las Vegas can be challenging," observes Phil Sabado. "Not all the classmates have the time to visit. The lure of the machines is a competition to gathering for long periods of time. On a bright note, the internationally famous Melveen Leed sang for our last gathering in Vegas. What a treat that was! They are all still talk-



Barbero (top right) is organizing the 65th birthday celebration for the Maui High School Class of 1976.

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ing about that evening." Las Vegas is also a challenge when classmates can't commit to the trip. "We held a two-location reunion in 2015," Gil notes. "My class has never been big on signing up beforehand—we kinda moved to just saying meet at a place and pay your own rather than asking classmates to make reservations. Same with Sin City where we just asked a classmate living in Las Vegas to reserve a room and then informing classmates the night we would gather a few weeks after our Maui reunion weekend."

For Ben Acob, his high school class resorted to an opportunistic reunion. "During the pandemic my high school best friend, who was also my groom's man, visited the Big Island where we went to high school at Laupāhoehoe High School." The two made an impromptu decision to call as many classmates as they could and invite

them to meet up. "We were able to get about eight of our classmates out of thirty-eight in my graduating class," Ben recounts. "Due to some passing away and the pandemic, and the lack of planning, we were happy with the result. They turned out to be the people we expected would be there. We ate, talked story, laughed, and laughed, and we were just overjoyed to be together. It was great to see and spend some time with everyone." The gathering, Ben described, allowed them to go back in time to relive and express their happy-go-lucky, younger selves with the same people they grew up with in rural Laupāhoehoe village. "I think class reunions allow us to reflect on life's many possible paths to success and contentment," Ben concludes.

"It was a great opportunity to experience and relive great memories, happy times but also an opportunity to bring closure to bad experiences during the childhood and early adolescence years," Jeny Bissell, Lahainaluna High School Class of 1978, suggests. "With that said, the 40th high school reunion was so much more fun with no filters," Jeny says laughing, "than the 30th, 20th and 10th! I'm looking forward to the 50th reunion."

Jeny's fellow Lahainaluna alum, Kai Pelayo, is a proud member of the Class of 1976. "My Lahainaluna Class of 1976 was special," he exclaims.

"We graduated from high school during the Bicentennial for the United States. Cannot top that party! We have not had a lot of class reunions. When we have had them, however, the chance to reconnect, see classmates and the direction life has taken us makes us wonder why we did not have a reunion sooner. Later in life our class reunion brought us together to remember the good and sad times. We did it as a family. Take it from one who should listen... GO TO YOUR CLASS REUNION!!"

"I attended my class reunions because I wanted to see everyone, after spending twelve years with some of them— how they've changed (or not)," declares Marcia Cabebe Parana-da, St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School Class of 1974. "And see what direction everyone went after high school. It's surprising and interesting to see what some of our classmates are doing, and what they did from graduation until now. I think the importance of attending reunions is so we can reconnect with classmates-- find out about their kids and grand-kids. Our class was quite small, compared to the other schools—we had 104. So we all knew each other. Getting together is fun. There are a few of our classmates that live on Maui that never want to reconnect, and I think that's sad."

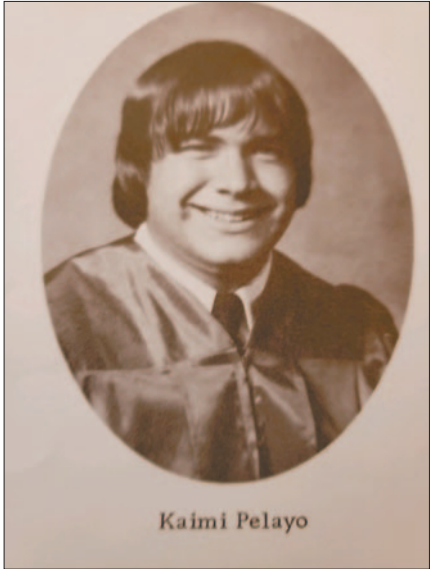
Folks go or don't go to their reunions for different reasons.

Madelyne Pascua, Waipahu High School Class of 1983 hasn't attended any of her reunions, feeling a sort of disconnect with her classmates. "I was in Student Government, so I hung out with my upper classmates," Madelyne states.

Another person anonymously asserts high school—and reunions—are very cliquish.

"I went because when I dropped out of high school junior year to get my GED, due to being a young mom, I missed a lot of my friends," states Rodalisa Dela Cruz Riglos from the Maui High School Class of 2008. "I also wanted to know what everyone was up to, where they went to college,

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Young Kai Pelayo as Lahainaluna High School graduate.

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*"On a flight to Maui I became ill and was taken by ambulance to Maui Hospital. I was scared. I was frightened. What a way to start our vacation. However, I could not have been in better hands. Your emergency room staff was caring and efficient. The nurse assigned to me was Marissa. She could not have been any nicer. The staff also took care of my bewildered husband. We are both in our 70's, so we are not as agile as the young folks. When my husband wanted a cup of coffee, your staff found him one. So the team not only took good care of me, but took good care of my husband. If I had to have this medical emergency, I was glad to have been taken to your hospital. Thank you."*  
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As part of the reunion, Lahainaluna alum trek to the "L."

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Ching Pigao with family and Mayor Richard Bissen, Jr.  
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band Paul is very supportive of her activities.

“It’s nice to be appreciated and rewarded,” she affirms, “but it should not be the main reason to serve as a leader. Just do it without expecting anything in return.”

“Leadership is the act of not only giving directions and guidance but more so influencing and developing others,” states Critchlow, who traces her roots to San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte and Imus, Cavite. At Bayer Crop Science, she is the Human Resources Business Partner, responsible for the human resources aspects of over three hundred employees on Maui and in Tucson, Arizona.

Many folks have assisted Critchlow in her journey as a leader. “My parents Edilberto and Margarita Dufourt gave me a life-long lesson of always staying grounded and true to the faith and my values. These values serve as my guide in being a great leader--honest, ethical and willing to help others. Mr. Ruddy Bareng, who I met over twenty years ago, gives me advice to this day on being a great leader--a leader people respect and follow not because of the title but because of how I treat others. Mrs. Lynne Woods, who showed me courage as a woman to navigate through the workplace. Mr. Dan Cohen, a great leader at Bayer, my mentor and a friend. Mr. Leo Agcolicol, who patiently helped and showed me the ropes within our Maui Filipino community.”

Critchlow, who earned her Master’s in Human Resource Management from the University of Hawaii concludes “I am honored by this recognition and humbled to be among its past recipients.”

“Leadership means empowering

and supporting your team to reach common goals. It means being respectful, patient, consistent, and being that resilient (and motivating!) guide on the side,” opines Peros. The Lahaina girl is a Professor in the Hospitality & Tourism Program and Chair of the Department of Business & Hospitality at the University of Hawai’i Maui College (“UHMC”).

Peros acknowledges her Mom and others. “My mother, Cion Solanzo, raised three daughters (I am the youngest) after my father passed when I was twelve. In her own way, she had to lead--and through the years, by her sacrifice, resilience, patience, and support, she has inspired and shaped my leadership style. Mike Kirk-Kuwaye taught an internship class at UH Manoa when I was a student. He brought in industry leaders to the class and made sure I had a map during my journey at UH Manoa and beyond. He readily provided guidance and advice on my career journey even after graduating from UH Manoa as I continued to pursue a path in education after working in the hospitality industry. When I started my career at UHMC, Dr. Debbie Nakama was not only my colleague but a mentor. Her office was only a few doors away from mine. She often made me see more than what was directly in front of me, made me see the bigger picture as a leader would, and challenged me to think outside the box. Karen Tanaka was a mentor for me at UHMC as well who taught me invaluable lessons on leadership through her actions and support.”

Peros, who was featured in the June 2017 issue of The Fil-Am Voice as a Sakada Offspring is also supported by her husband “Jay” and two sons Jeremy and Jarred. She earned her Business Administration in Travel Industry Management with a minor in Speech from the University of Hawaii



At a SHRM Event at Greater Tucson in Arizona.  
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at Manoa and received a Master of Business Administration at the University of the Pacific. She concludes “I am grateful to be surrounded by so many colleagues and leaders at UHMC who have inspired me in my career thus far.”

“Leadership is being able to lead others by encouraging and inspiring them so they can work together to reach full potential,” articulates Sotto. Born in Piao, Roxas, Zamboanga Del Norte, Sotto is the Immediate Past President of the 250+ member Santo Nino Club of Maui, known for its annual presentation of the Sinulog Festival as well as other community events.

Sotto, who has two children and two grandchildren, credits her husband Laurence. “My husband assisted me on this leadership journey, he’s always there for me. To become an effective inspiring leader focus on these three essential leadership qualities;

communication, a positive attitude and the ability to delegate.”

A Program Specialist II for the Maui Adult Day Care Center, Sotto imparts “I would like to thank the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce for this recognition and to everyone who made this possible. I am proud to be part of the Filipino community, a community that has always been known for its resilience, hard work and dedication.”

“To me leadership is both ways,” reveals Villanueva. “You have to listen and understand what’s going on and be open to suggestions because working together is the key to success.” The Philippine native is currently an Endoscopy Technician at Maui Memorial Medical Center and last year became a Steward and Secretary for the United Public Workers at Maui Health. During the fifty-six-day strike, Vil-

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Jay, Jarred, Lorelle and Jeremy Peros.  
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## From the Editor's Desk

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Up past Kula in Upcountry Maui, 'Ulupalakua, Kanaio holds beautiful vistas of the land before it and the ocean of South Maui beyond it. Kanaio; a place where you can enjoy summer on the best island in the world.

PHOTO: VINCE BAGOYO, JR.

## How Maui Families Enjoy Summer on the Best Island in the World

Summer is here! Why do visitors flock to Maui every summer to relax, rejuvenate and experience local hospitality, unmatched by any other island destination in the world? Is it the stunning beaches, incredible hiking trails, wide variety of ocean activities, world class restaurants, resorts, arts communities, friendly residents full of the Aloha Spirit? Yes, all the above linked together, encircle visitors like welcoming arms. In fact, many visitors return to become permanent residents or dream about that happening for them someday. To underscore this phenomenon, according to the annual *Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards* that select the top twenty-five islands in the world, Maui has come out No. 1 for twenty consecutive years.

Millions agree there is no better

place to spend the summer with your 'ohana than here on the island of Maui. Following are some of many reasons shared by both visitors and residents who find Maui to be extraordinary and enjoyable.

- The road to Hāna with its many beautiful cascading waterfalls along the way and the black sand beach at Wai'ānapanapa, where cabins must be reserved in advance.
- Sunrise at the summit of 10,000 feet above sea level atop Mount Haleakalā requires blankets and hot beverages to keep warm for viewing. Being a National Park, rangers take charge of guests at the Visitor Center and hikers may reserve cabins of your choice for overnight quarters for a fee.

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Ilocos Norte National High School Class of 1981 42nd reunion.

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and just see how life has been for them since high school. We danced, talked A LOT, took lots of photos, drank because we were now old enough and pretty much picked up where we left off, like we hadn't seen each other for ten years."

For Mary Taylor, Maui High School Class of 1981, she only made her 30th reunion. "I didn't want to go," she admits "but my classmates paid for me. I didn't know a lot of my classmates as I didn't participate in a lot of school activities because from my sophomore year, I had only two to three classes as I went to work after the third period." Despite her initial reluctance, Mary thinks "the reunion was okay and it was nice to see my high school friends."



Pascua in her cap and gown.

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MADELYNE PASCUA

For Philip, Molokai High School Class of 1963, class reunions are a special bonding time. "I go to re-connect with memories and special friendships," he affirms. "I like the simple gathering at Onehe'e Park, just a couple of miles past Kaulakakai town. You see Molokai is still small. You can camp if you choose or hotels are a couple of miles down the road. In any event, once we are gathered, we spend long hours on park benches eating, laughing and sharing old stories about high school days. There is a lot of teasing, joking and jovial memories as the cool ocean breeze cools my classmates. A distant sound of the waves lapping, and an occasional car passes on the highway."

For those who didn't go to school in Hawaii, it is sometimes a little more difficult in planning to attend a reunion. "I went back to the Philippines to visit my Dad and timed it for me to be able to attend our high school reunion as well," recalls Liza Pierce who graduated from Quezon City Science High School in 1983. "High School was a fun time for me—I made great friends for life. It's fun to see them in person and not just on Facebook."

It was Liza's thirty-fifth reunion. "For activities, we attended the Grand Alumni celebration at school and then went to the karaoke bar after. We just sang songs and reminisced the good old days."

This past April, Juvs Macadang-

dang gathered with her classmates from the Ilocos Norte National High School Class of 1981 for their 42nd reunion. "It feels like you're a teenager again when you see your classmates especially high school. There's that 'giggle' feeling," Juvs admits. "We had a gift giving activity in Claveria, Cagayan and in Sapat, Pasuquin."

To Juvs, the importance of reunions is "to share your blessings with your friends. Somehow, it also helps to *lift up* friends who are under anxiety or depression." And Juvs could not help but compare reunions to a current social phase: "To socialize, like *Marites*, LOL."

Even though she also graduated from Maui High School, Dulce Karen Butay considers Holy Spirit Academy of Laoag (Class of 1995) as her alma mater. "I went to my high school class

reunion in 2010. It was fifteen years since we graduated. We started with a Thanksgiving mass at St. William Cathedral Church where our school is located. We then paraded to the Pallazo Hotel in Laoag City."

For Dulce, it was a needed break. "Reunions are important because it reconnects us to our past, regenerates our friendships, and allows us to reminisce our memories with lots of laughter which is a good therapy." Dulce even brought back home to Hawai'i the reunion shirts to give to those who were not able to attend.

"I attended a class reunion with my high school friends last year in the Philippines," recalls Noel Termulo, Class of 1980 from Ateneo de Manila. "My goal was to walk the high school memory lane over again after more than forty years. We met in a small restaurant over dinner, laughed and had fellowship for hours."

Noel notes his class is very organized. "We have a social media chat to stay connected. It's very easy to call a meeting when someone comes from abroad like when I went home last year."

Noel recognizes there is a need to continue to find purpose. "As we get older, we share the goal to find our bigger purpose. Our class has been successful in helping each other this way. We have rotating funds we use to fund scholarships, golf tournaments and occasionally fund medical

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# DINENGDENG & PINAKBET

## Celebration of Lives of Men Who Made a Big Difference

*Men who have stood fast and lived lives worthy of emulation by the generations that follow.*

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

It is daunting to follow the iconic generation of Hawai'i Filipinos. They were the trailblazers. Largely the first- or second-generation island-born children from the plantation workers who first arrived on these islands during the first half of the previous century, they opened opportunities for the ones that followed. British Theologian Adam Clarke observed: "It is to be regretted that few persons who have arrived at any degree of eminence or fame, have written Memorials of themselves, at least such as have embraced their private as well as their public life." In early June, the community recognized and memorialized two of them at the celebration of lives for Joshua C. Agsalud (90 years old) and H. Wayne Mendoza (80 years old).

Both Agsalud and Mendoza carved out influential niches among Hawai'i's Filipino and the larger Hawai'i communities—Agsalud as an educator, and influential advisor and able and trusted administrator for several Hawai'i Governors; Mendoza as a pioneer in preserving Philippine folk dances as a teacher and practitioner while also holding a full-time job in city government. One cut a path for Filipinos who wanted to serve the public while the other provided a creative outlet for maintaining cultural traditions in a new homeland.

As might be expected for pre-Statehood Filipinos, the two have similar backgrounds although born a decade apart.

Agsalud's immigrant **H. Wayne Mendoza**



parents Basilio Fernandez Agsalud and Luciana Castro Agsalud hailed originally from Ilocos Norte. Agsalud was born in the O'ahu Sugar Company hospital in 1933. The family lived close to the Waipahu Sugar Mill and young Joshua grew up on the then-thriving sugar plantation.

Mendoza also traced his roots to Ilocos Norte, son of Badocqueño Alejandro Pagdilao Mendoza and Irene Setsuko Mabara. Born in the summer after the U.S. entry into World War II, Mendoza held a government job for fifty-nine years (six years with the State Department of Transportation and forty-five years with the City and County of Honolulu).

Both men served in the U.S. Army—Mendoza as an infantryman in the mid-1960s, while the University of Hawai'i (UH) ROTC-trained Agsalud rose to the rank of Lieutenant during Cold War service in Europe (he would later be a Captain in the reserves). An eyewitness to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor as a child, Agsalud developed a lifelong passion for military history.

Agsalud attended August Ahrens Elementary School and graduated from Waipahu High School. As recounted in the State Senate certificate honoring Agsalud, "he once observed the 'public schools tend to serve as tools for the national purpose... [they] made me a confident American,' a creed that would guide his career pursuits following his graduation from the University of Hawai'i..."

Agsalud taught for a time and rose to be-



Joshua Agsalud (2nd from left) with then-Governor Ariyoshi during a Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i trade mission.

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come a public-school principal for the Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) after earning a UH Master of Arts in Education. Initially vice principal at Farrington High School in 1963, Agsalud would be promoted two years later to principal, the first of Filipino ancestry at a campus in the heart of one of the largest community of Filipinos on O'ahu. After moving to Kaimuki High, Agsalud and his family left the islands for a time on a prestigious education fellowship. Agsalud would earn a doctorate in education from Wayne State (during his Detroit graduate school years with his family, Agsalud became a lifelong Lions and Tigers fan).

Upon moving home, now—Dr. Agsalud took the Kalani High School job. The State Senate found it significant that while at Kalani, he was one of four public school principals in the Honolulu area who directed the withdrawal of their schools from the urban Interscholastic League of Honolulu. Instead, the schools aligned with the largely rural O'ahu Interscholastic Association, creating the all-public-school sports federation.

Agsalud would later ably hold a district superintendent post for the DOE.

Mendoza developed an interest in Philippine folk dance as a teenager, dancing with Tito Cezar. In 1958, Mendoza joined the Pearl of the Orient Dance Company, the local troupe that performed on the *S.S. Wilson* and *S.S. Cleveland*. The Pearl of the Orient would later perform during dinner shows titled "A Night in the Philippines" at the Outrigger Hotel and later at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel's Monarch Room.

After military service, Mendoza returned to Hawai'i, bringing his knowledge of Philippine folk dance that he received from Francisca Reyes Aquino, the Philippine's foremost authority of folk dances.

Like Agsalud, Mendoza was also an educator. In 1975, he began a forty-five-year teaching career as a Lecturer/Instructor in Philippine Folk Dances in the University of Hawai'i at



Joshua C. Agsalud

Mānoa's Theater and Dance Department. He also served as part of UH's statewide Cultural Extension Program and UH Outreach College, traveling throughout the islands to share his knowledge and expertise at schools, libraries, senior centers, and nursing homes.

"We met Wayne around 1993," recalls

Elsie Saribay of Bailes de Pilipinas, one of Mendoza's seven officially recognized apprentices. "At that time, we were taking Filipino folk-dance lessons from the late Aggie Cabebe. Aggie told us about Wayne, and what a wonderful dancer and choreographer he was, and that we should invite him over to teach us new dances."

"That was the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Mr. H. Wayne Mendoza!" Saribay says. "He taught us many new folk dances that he choreographed especially for us. We learned the correct way to hold our arms positions and feet to look more professional."

"I also took classes from him during the time he taught Filipino folk dance at U.H. Mānoa," Lawrence Pascua, another official Mendoza apprentice, remembers. "A few of those close to him after Wednesday classes used to join him for a late snack following the instruction. He would pay for us if we were short on cash. He could play the piano, as he did during class while we danced to his music. Nuance and precision were his forté when he taught. I don't know if there's anything that he didn't know how to do."

Mendoza would also hold workshops at mainland universities, including George Mason University, University of Iowa, Loyola Marymount University and the University of Virginia. In the 1980s, Mendoza formed his own dance troupe—Himigbayan, or "Song of the Country." In 1982, the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts sponsored Mendoza's studying in the Philippines at the Bayanihan Cultural Folk Arts Center and the Philippine Folk Arts Center.

"H. Wayne Mendoza was a great

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Mendoza performs "Pangalay," a dance from the Southern Philippines with the Pearl of the Orient Dance Company.

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Bernadette Acaso



Bea Magaoay

“I’m *baboy*? No—you a *baboy*!” My cousin’s broken English and thick Filipino accent causes me and the rest of my cousins to roar with laughter. Feelings of nostalgia flood my mind as the distant memory from my last trip to the Philippines, five long years ago, causes me to miss home. Memories of playing Call of Duty: Mobile, Darts, Pool and then obviously, screaming different words we knew in the other’s language to make each other laugh, are the memories I constantly wish to re-live. They are also the memories causing me to feel lonely and almost, guilty in a sense.

Although I have not committed any heinous crimes, the crime of losing the connection with my culture, my family and the place I call home plagued my sleeping thoughts. How could I call myself Filipino if I cannot speak its native tongue? If I don’t always eat their native food? If I don’t know anything about its culture? How can I be Fil-

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## Is Not Everything ...

### Home Away From Home

Jhanessty Vaye Bautista | MAUI HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2024

ipino if I’m not in the Philippines? While these fears have been present throughout the past five years, I have learned to embrace them rather than suffer in silence because of them.

I have made an effort to learn Tagalog through the voice of my grandparents and the help of language learning apps. Additionally, I helped my classmate and close friend re-found the Filipino Cultural Club at Maui High School. And of course, I

have been busy in the kitchen watching and learning from my parents and grandparents as they make our super-secret and delicious recipes for pork *adobo*, *pancit* and so on. Luckily, I’m not alone on this journey. Others on the island have also sought out ways to infuse Maui with our Filipino culture.

Not having been back to the Philippines since the third grade, **Roxelle Magliba** misses eating her favorite Filipino foods and dishes right at home in the Philippines. “I remember my neighbors just coming around the house yelling *fishbol* or *taho*! Sometimes I see my auntie cooking *isaw* and barbecue. Though Filipino food is made basically everywhere, having dishes from our home country is beyond this world.” While Roxelle has been busy in the kitchen trying to replicate these dishes, her food is not the only thing she’s missed since moving here to Maui. “Though I was born in the Philippines, over time my fluency [in Tagalog and Ilokano] faded,” she explains. By taking the time and practicing Tagalog and Ilokano with her parents, she has been able to reconnect with her culture and build deeper relationships with her family.

Similarly, **Genesis Tadena**, having been born and raised here on Maui has practiced building deeper relationships with her family through *mano po*. “Every single time I come home and I saw my dad, he would make me practice *mano po*. At a very young age, he taught me it was very important to respect your elders and this was one of the ways you could show your respect,” she explains.

**Bernadette Acaso** illustrates memories of playing *pinoy henyo* with her family. “When me and my family relatives gather, oftentimes we would play *pinoy henyo* for fun. The way the game is played is almost the same as charades. This brings us all closer to each other, with all the

bonding time, fun moments and unforgettable memories we all make, simply by playing *pinoy henyo*.” Family is an integral part of life but in the Filipino culture, the importance of family increases by a tenth fold.

**Bea Magaoay** expresses memories of joy and laughter in the air as she reminisces of moments with her family. The feelings of unity have inspired her to instill more joy and laughter to the community here on Maui. “The Filipino people are known for their *Bayanihan* spirit and it has instilled in me a deep sense of community and togetherness. I embrace the *Bayanihan* spirit by participating in community service projects that support the Filipino community or other charitable causes,” she describes.

Filipinos all over the world who have been physically absent from the Philippines have found ways to bring elements of the culture to each of their respective homes. And for me, I have also been born and raised on Maui but recently, I have been lucky enough to realize how the community of Maui has accepted and introduced our culture with loving arms. Although the Philippines will always be home to me, I am glad the island of Maui is another place where I can find these elements of my culture practiced so remarkably. To quote a phrase to encompass any feelings of homesickness, home is where the heart is, and home is here on Maui and in the Philippines. ✨

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man, Filipino folk-dance instructor and choreographer, humorist, artistic director and more ... he was a great friend to all,” Pascua, who now heads his own dance troupe, La Galería: Compañía Baile Filipino, recounted. “He was a modern-day renaissance man, as one might call it.”

“Wayne was an extraordinary man; he was our mentor and good friend for 20-plus years,” Saribay declares. “We brought Wayne over several times a year to teach us new dances. He loved coming to Maui to relax, teach and eat delicious food. We would have potluck dinners after our lessons. He loved pork rib *adobo*, *dinengdeng*, fish, *pinakbet*, and many others. He loved his green mangoes with *alamang*, and the ripe hayden

mango with his dinner to name a few.”

Saribay and Pascua also remember his sense of humor. “After dinner, Wayne would tell jokes, he knew so many and was witty with his words,” Saribay remembers. “He made us laugh so much! Wayne will always be with us in spirit as we continue to dance the dances, he taught us. We have many priceless memories of him that we will never forget.”

“He was a fun guy to be around, and always had something to say, and always had something to make fun about,” adds Pascua. “He could also do all sorts of other types of dance styles like the cha-cha, salsa, merengue, etc. He tried to teach me salsa, but I guess that was not in the cards for me; but I liked seeing him go at it with Tessie Fabia-Cabral who was another one of his astute students.”



Agasalud and wife.

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“I knew him as a choreographer and dance instructor of Pearl of the Orient Dance Company based in Honolulu where I learned a great many dances and choreographies to be danced professionally on almost any stage,” Pascua remembers. “He designed and fabricated the costumes that we wore ... . He could crochet ... I have a blue cap and many cleansing cloths in my house to prove it. They work better than any traditional sponge as you could poke the tines of your fork through the material to get in between each tooth.”

Dr. Agsalud’s administrative record led Governor George R. Ariyoshi to appoint him as his Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), where he served for all three of Ariyoshi terms, leading that agency in meeting mandates that ranged from unemployment insurance to job training. As Labor Director, Dr. Agsalud played an instrumental role in protecting Hawai’i’s prepaid health care from preemption by the broad federal Employee Income Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) regulations, assisted by a young deputy attorney general (and future Hawai’i Supreme Court Justice) Mario Ramil.

With the Ariyoshi administration’s fourteen years ending, Dr. Agsalud accepted a job as Vice President for University Relations at the University of Hawai’i. But his Mānoa stint proved brief; new Governor John Waihe’e tapped the well-regarded Agsalud as Administrative Director. As the top advisor to the Governor, Dr. Agsalud frequently served as a spokesperson for the administration and intermediary on controversial issues, and certainly was the highest profile Filipino in the Waihe’e Administration.

Dr. Agsalud was also an astute political campaign manager. He was the architect of the Filipinos for Ariyoshi, Filipinos for Waihe’e, and Filipinos for Waihe’e-Cayetano committees. In 1978, during the Ariyoshi vs. Fasi gubernatorial campaign, Agsalud organized a massive campaign by the Filipino community at the Blaisdell, with approximately 7,000 in attendance and catered by a then-relatively-unknown Kalihi restaurant called Elena’s. During the 1998 re-election campaign, Cayetano grassroots coordinator Lloyd

Nekoba assigned Alfredo Evangelista and a second young Filipino attorney to work under Dr. Agsalud. Dr. Agsalud tasked them with developing a plan for the Filipino campaign with Waihe’e staffers Mario Ramil and Alfred Lardizabal so all Filipino volunteers on the campaign would be singing from the same page. At Dr. Agsalud’s services, former Governor Waihe’e admitted he didn’t know Agsalud prior to his campaign for Lt. Governor but leaned on “PB&C,” his Filipino buddies who highly recommended Agsalud. “PB&C” stood for Deputy Attorney Generals Chris Pablo and Robin Campaniano and realtor Joseph Blanco, who were active in the Filipino community, especially the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai’i.

As recorded in the Senate certificate, Agsalud once said, “The sugar plantation brought my parents to Hawai’i. There is no other place that I would have liked to be born, grow up, and live. My parents never thought of going back. While the plantation barely provided them with a living, they sensed the future would be better for their children.”

Pascua concludes, “I learned a lot of practical things from *Manong* Wayne and he was like a second father to me. I surely do miss that I am not able to glean anymore of his wisdom as God now has him working as a clerk in Heaven.”

“But,” Pascua notes, “he did leave me with his spirit of learning, beyond what he could teach me. He inspired me in saying, ‘As long as you know the basic dance, you can choreograph it however you like, as long as you know the essence of each dance.’ He’d gotten that idea from the late Ramon Obusan. And because I learned all the fundamental dance steps from him; I can also learn dances from Francisca Reyes Aquino’s volumes worth of books. Thank you, Wayne, you are sorely missed.”

Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi proclaimed June 3, 2023 as H. Wayne Mendoza Day in the City and County of Honolulu to “celebrate the life and legacy of H. Wayne Mendoza, honor his service, and commemorate his incredible and enduring impact on our community.”

Both men’s contributions in perpetuating Filipino culture and carving out opportunities for future generations were shaped by their backgrounds, rooted in their families and communities. The next generations have a lot to live up to ... ✨

**Gilbert Keith-Agaran** has served in the Legislature since 2009, representing Central Maui in the House of Representatives and State Senate. As a young attorney, he worked with Alfredo Evangelista on the Waihe’e-Cayetano re-election campaign. Evangelista danced under Aggie Cabebe, who brought in Wayne Mendoza to teach the youth of Good Shepherd Church. Evangelista occasionally performs at



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- In Kula, a leisurely Saturday morning stroll on Thompson Road with a breakfast of my favorite Upcountry omelet on the outdoor veranda overlooking the valley at Grandma’s, is often followed by lunch at the Lavender Farm or O’o Farm, and if still energized, dinner at the Bistro or Kula Lodge, ending the day with coffee and dessert at the fireplace.
- Enjoy surf, sand, and sea at Big Beach in Mākena, or Kā’anapali Beach in Lahaina, recently ranked as the No. 1 beach in the USA by *TripAdvisor*, or cool off in the shade of the largest banyan tree in the USA, imported from India, which takes up one city block, near the Old Lahaina Lū’au, famous for its local crafts, authentic food and fine entertainment, especially during the whale watching season that peaks from December–April.
- Very serious surfers, even some world champions, face challenges daily on the swiftly moving, crashing waves at internationally renowned Ho’okipa Bay on the way to Ha’ikū, boasting productive farms and pastures.
- Picnic in the afternoon with a barbecue at Kama’ole Beach in South Maui, against the backdrop of sunset, a spectacular display of myriad colors waning as the sky begins to darken with the flicker of stars and the moonrise.
- Watch or march in the July 4th parade in Makawao followed by a rodeo with the *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboys) and pause at numerous art galleries and eateries.
- Learn about tiger, gray and white tip sharks at the largest aquarium in Hawai’i, the Maui Ocean Center, where certified

SCUBA divers may swim with the sharks.

- Visit the ‘Īao Needle at the State Park next to the County’s Kepaniwai Heritage Park in ‘Īao Valley, Wailuku, to experience the cultural village of houses built and maintained by the families and friends of the earliest immigrants to the islands, like the newly-renovated Filipino nipa hut (*Bahay Kubo*), alongside replicas of houses in Japan, Korea, China, Portugal, the Hawaiian *Hale*, and the missionaries from New England, and a variety of pavilions where families gather to celebrate special occasions.

These are just a few sites and activities you may want to experience this summer with your family—there may be more I failed to mention. Set aside time with your loved ones to enjoy what Maui has to offer. Go for a swim at your favorite beach. Go for a walk at the Wailea boardwalk or at Kealia Pond. Summer will not be the same without savoring authentic local cuisines on the island, offered by well-known chefs who truly understand the culture and local palate like Joey’s Kitchen in Nāpili and Whaler’s Village in West Maui; Tante’s Island Cuisine and Sheldon Simeon’s Tin Roof in Kahului and Tiffany’s in Wailuku.

And the best feature about these famous restaurants is you just go and be yourself. There is no need to dress up—shorts, T-shirts and tank tops are okay but you need to wear flipflop *slipahs*. To cool off from the warm summer breezes, of course you visit Ululani’s for shave ice!

A Very Happy Summer to All! ✨

*Vince Bagoyo*

VINCE BAGOYO, JR. | EDITOR



Reunions ...

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bills for classmates who have failing health needs. We helped pay for a cardiac pacemaker and dialysis.”

“Reunions are a wonderful way to get together and catch up on their current lives both professionally and personally,” confirms Myrna Baggao Breen, Baldwin High School Class of 1978. “My classmate Kay Watanabe Fukumoto always tells me ‘You never know when that may be the last conversation you have with people who have been so important in your life.’”

Sadly, that is true. During our 40th high school class reunion, we held a simple ceremony memorializing our classmates who passed—twenty-two of them. And Bernard recently identified a few more who have passed.

“My classmate Ada Ogasawara Acain maintains a class facebook page where almost every year now she posts about the passing of a number of our classmates,” Gil says.

In February, right before the San Francisco reunion of my Asian/Pacific Islander Law Students Association cohorts, I was checking with other Pinoys to see if they were attending as there were very few of us at UCLAW. (When I was a first year, there were only three of us in the law school—one in each class. By the time I was a third year, there were ten of us.) I posted on the Facebook page of Miglor “Butch” Inumerable to ask if he was attending. Butch was a year behind me. Within hours, Butch’s classmate Evelyn Aguilar Nozaki messaged me



Gonzaga University Class of 1998 20th reunion. Rowena Dagdag-Andaya is seated bottom right in red.

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Butch had passed away in June 2022 after retiring in the Philippines. At the Los Angeles reunion, we remembered five members of our association who died before us. I painfully spoke about my classmate and good friend Jason Baba who died in a kayaking accident on August 17, 2001, just when his legal career was about to blossom, having been named as the Managing Partner of his law firm in Honolulu.

Arnel Alvarez agrees with my sentiments. “Knowing life is short, we need to remind ourselves good memories are very precious. When my classmates from Centro West Elementary School in Ballesteros Cagayan, Philippines (Class of 1983) decided to have a reunion in 2018, I did not hesitate to accept that invitation.”

“After so many years without seeing my classmates, it made me wonder how everyone now looked like,” Arnel relates. “I’m so happy I had that moment to catch up with them. We decided to hold the reunion at a classmate’s residence which was pretty

spacious and had plenty of rooms. We decided to spend the night in his house. That night, we shared so many memories and laughter. The following day we visited our old school and remembered those wonderful memories from our childhood. Reunions are very important to me because it reminds us that life is short.”

For Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Gonzaga University, Class of 1998, her 20th college reunion had multiple purposes.

First, it was going down memory lane. “It was a blast! Reunion weekend opened with a tour of our university retreat center and seeing my friends there after twenty years brought back wonderful memories. It felt as if we all came back to campus after a very long summer break. Our reunion weekend was packed with many activities that included receptions, lectures, a tour of the campus and its new facilities, service projects, and mass at the student chapel. I think it’s important to note reunions

are also an opportunity for alumni to see how their monetary contributions are being spent in educating current students. I was amazed at the new buildings and the wide variety of academic programs being implemented at Gonzaga.”

Second, it was an important family bonding moment. “My husband Herman and our kids came with me, and while touring the campus, I pointed out the areas that were special to me and how my college experience helped me become the person I am today. Bringing our kids with me allowed them to see a college education is attainable and something we value in our family. With that said, I am forever grateful to my parents for supporting me through college and always believing in me.”

“I went to my early college class reunions because I came home after graduation while many of my classmates stayed on the East Coast,” explains Gil. “It was an opportunity to see close friends and catch up—we left school before Facebook, email and social media so it wasn’t as easy as it is now to keep in touch. I am looking forward to my 40th reunion next May.”

Ben remembers “I had several close friends in law school I studied with every day for class and exams. So when one of them called me specifically to inform me about a reunion in 2019, and having missed a couple previously, I decided to go. We had a great time and dined in a very nice restaurant in Honolulu.”

Noel is a 1987 alum of the medical

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Gintong Pamana ...

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lanueva was a member of the negotiating team and responsible for communicating with her fellow workers.

Villanueva, who has been in the health care industry for twenty-six years, credits the “UPW staff especially the Director and assistant Director of UPW. They are the ones who guided us towards our goal and to fight for our rights.”

This brief synopsis of their background, career and activities exemplifies why the five of them are true leaders in our community.

But their advice to those who want to be leaders is even more important.

“My best advice to those aspiring to be leaders is to stay focused and firm to your objectives but remain humble all the time,” suggests Agra-Pigao.

“I encourage leaders and aspiring leaders to take their responsibility to heart. As leaders, we make decisions on behalf of others and these decisions sometimes can be life changing. If you become a leader, I ask you to take responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes and have the courage to develop the potential that you find in others,” conveys Critchlow.

“Stay true to yourself and your values. Even if the path in your career may be a little different, continue to dream and have the courage to follow your heart and intuition-even if it may not be the normal path. Make



PHOTO LEFT: Sotto during the Gintong Pamana Leadership Awards event.  
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PHOTO RIGHT: Villanueva during the recent strike at Maui Memorial Medical Center.  
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sure you have a map and know you are surrounded by people who support you. You will be surrounded by many leaders in your career. Every leader has something to teach you; therefore, emulate the qualities you appreciate in others and begin to develop a leadership style of your own. Remember as a leader, ‘If you don’t ask, the answer is always no. If you don’t step forward, you’re always in the same place,’ which is one of my favorite quotes by Nora Roberts,” reminds Peros.

“Be willing to start at the bottom and work your way up. This will help you to lead by example,” recommends Sotto.

“My advice to everyone is to follow what your heart desires and fight for it. And always speak up. This experience opened my eyes that even if we are just normal people, we have the right to speak up and fight for our rights. Either they will listen or not but it’s better to be vocal before you

regret everything,” advocates Villanueva.

These five outstanding leaders have capsulated the five principles of leadership stated in a 2022 article in the Harvard Business Review:

- Be clear about your purpose;
- Be clear about your role;
- Be clear about whom you serve;
- Be driven by values; and
- Be authentic.

It’s not always easy to be a leader but in the end, our community continues to thrive because of folks like Agra-Pigao,

Critchlow, Peros, Sotto and Villanueva who work hard to make Maui no ka oi!

**Alfredo G. Evangelista** received the Gintong Pamana Leadership Award in 2014. He normally refuses to consent to such awards but decided to submit his name so his then 90-year-old mom, Catalina Gonzales Evangelista, would be able to attend the event. ✨





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The crowning of Miss Barrio Fiesta 2023.  
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The Santo Niño Club of Maui performed Sinulog.  
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The ribbon cutting ceremony at the 54th Annual Barrio Fiesta.  
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What's a Barrio Fiesta without Tinikling? Performed by Dance International Production.  
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The Eat da Pansit Contest, won by Christian Chou drew the most attention. Other Contest winners include Miguel Agcolicol (Cultural Villages-Pangasinan), Risel Caseres (Barrio Fiesta Voice), Jimmy Crowe (Barrio Wear-male), Rey Vergel de Dios (Travel-Saturday night) Florante Garcia (Travel-Friday night), Kayla Gomes-Hema (Sabado Art Foundation Keiki Art Party), Jennifer Guerpo (Do the Sungka), Tessie Layugan (Barrio Wear-female), Marc-Angelo Macaraeg (Climb the Greased Pole) and Rico San Agustine (AnyKine Sisig Challenge).

**54th Annual Barrio Fiesta** was a successful event with thousands attending the two-day affair.

Congratulations to the 2023 Miss Barrio Fiesta Naeomi Skye Garcia Paa and Princess Kiara Ysabel Sol Oasay Ganoy, who both raised needed funds for Binhi at Ani. Thank you also to all those who purchased food from Binhi at Ani's food booth and the other food booths.



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Congratulations also to all the Outstanding Housekeepers: Arlene Antonio (Kā'anapali Beach Hotel), Michaela Arquero (Wailea Beach Resort-Marriott, Maui), Rowel Bautista (Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa), Maribel Bersamin (Grand Wailea Maui), Jennie Butihi (Maui Beach Hotel), Joejry Go (Maui Beach Hotel), Amalia Miranda (Aston Kā'anapali Shores), Darren Moleta (Kā'anapali Beach Hotel), Henry Paulino (Wailea Beach Resort-Marriott, Maui), Rey Rebunecia (Hilton Grand Vacations Club Maui Bay Villas), Greta Salvador (Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa), Joel Varias (Grand Wailea Maui) and Aileen Yadao (Hilton Grand Vacations Club Maui Bay Villas).

**Bayanihan Feeding Program** provides a Sunday lunch to Hale Mahaolu Residents in Central Maui (Hale Mahaolu Elua

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and Hale Mahaolu Akahi, which was added in October). As of May 31, a total of 15,062 meals were delivered. Teams serving during May included Maui Filipino Community Council, Philippine Nurses Association of Maui, Hawai'i and UHMC KabataK Club. There is a need for additional teams of volunteers to prepare the free lunches.

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The Bayanihan Feeding Program is supported by grants from Bayer Crop Science Hawai'i and Nareit Hawai'i.

**Enhance@Fitness for Kupuna at Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center** classes are continuing. They are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Enhance@Fitness is a low-cost ongoing evidence-based group exercise and falls prevention program helping older adults at all levels of fitness to become more active, energized and empowered to sustain independent lives. For more information on Enhance@Fitness, contact Enhance@Fitness Coordinator Ginny Kiick (808) 280-6251 or [gkiick@hotmail.com](mailto:gkiick@hotmail.com) or

Wellness Coordinator Claudette Medeiros (808) 463-3166 or [claudette.b.medeiros@co.maui.hi.us](mailto:claudette.b.medeiros@co.maui.hi.us).

**Seed and Harvest Dinner** will be held on Saturday, July 15 at Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center, beginning at 5:30 pm. Sponsorships (\$750) are available as well as individual seats (\$40).

At the Seed and Harvest Dinner, the twenty-five 2023 Binhi at Ani Scholarship Recipients will be formally introduced and presented their scholarships. The Scholarship Program is funded by the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament and the Scholarship Partners: Vince & Jennifer Bagoyo & family, In Memory of Rev. Walter T. Baloaloe, Bayer Crop Science Hawai'i, In Memory of Agrifina "Aggie" Cabebe, Café O Lei, In Memory of Gloria Evangelista Cajigal, In Memory of Richard "Pablo" Caldito, Friends of Gil Keith-Agaran, McDonalds of Kahului, In Memory of Stanley Magbual, Maui Island Cozy Dental, Mikilua Farm Center and U.S. Renal Care.

The 2023-2024 Binhi at Ani Board of Directors, which was elected at Binhi at Ani's recent Annual Meeting, will be installed at the Seed & Harvest Dinner: President Melen Magbual, Vice President Arnel Alvarez, Recording Secretary Michelle Balala Siores, Corresponding Secretary Ramona Biglapour, Treasurer Edward Evangelista, Auditor Nora Cabanilla-Takushi and Directors Patti Curimao,



ABOVE: The Outstanding Housekeepers and the presenters.  
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LEFT: Gilbert Keith-Agaran poses in front of the lechon cooked by Bobby Sales.  
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Enhance@Fitness for Kūpuna at Binhi At Ani Filipino Community Center classes are held.  
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LEFT: The winner of the Keiki Art Contest pose with Phil and Christine Sabado.  
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Miss Maui Filipina 2022 Lennel Alvarez distributing school supplies in the Philippines.  
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The crowning of the 2023 Miss Maui Filipina.  
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Cora Molina, Lawrence Pascua, Made-lyne Pascua, Greg “Jay” Peros, Christina “Lucy” Porte, Hayde Sim and Hedy Udarbe.

Agcolicol is the Owner of Copy Services and the Reservation Manager of Four Sisters Catering. Alvarez is a Guest Services representative at the Grand Wailea Maui where he has been employed for twenty-three years.

**Summer at Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center** begins on June 26. This year’s offerings are:

Mondays (6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24) - from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Philippine Cultural Dance. Taught by Madelyne Pascua.

Mondays (6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24) - from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - F.L.Y. FIRST LOVE YOURSELF program, created by What Makes You Feel Beautiful, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Limited to females, ages 13 through 17. Taught by Miss Hawai’i USA Savannah Gankiewicz.

Tuesdays (6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25) - from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Art Classes for Youth. Taught by Philip Sabado.

Wednesdays (6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19) - from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Zumba with Eva Marie. Taught by Eva Marie Arconado-Mirzai.

Pre-registration via email to binhiatani@gmail.com is highly recommended. Please provide your name, phone number, email, and age.

Summer at Binhi at Ani will end on Wednesday, July 26 with a Presentation at 6 p.m.

**MAUI FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Miss Maui Filipina Scholarship**



**Pageant**

Miss Maui Filipina 2022 Lennel Alvarez went on her goodwill trip to the Philippines in May. She visited Baguio, Vigan and her parents’ hometowns of Laoag and Cagayan. In Laoag, she met Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Joseph Manotoc and Laoag City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon. In Cagayan, she met Ballesteros Mayor Vincent Go Unite.

Alvarez also visited a number of elementary schools where she distributed school supplies.

Congratulations to Sandra Nicole Desierto—the 2023 Miss Maui Filipina. Desierto is 24 years old and the daughter of Estephen Desierto and Marites Idelfonso and graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes in Santa Maria, Ilocos Sur, Philippines in 2015 and Polytechnic University of the Philippines with a Bachelor of Science magna cum laude in Tourism Management. The members of her court are First Princess Johanne Paige Cruz Guevarra, Second Princess Shyla-Tehara Moore and Third Princess Kasey Cababat.

Desierto will now represent Maui is the Miss Hawai’i Filipina Scholarship Pageant on July 22 at the Maui Beach Hotel.

The Maui Filipino Community Council will host the annual convention of the United Filipino Council of Hawai’i on Maui from July 21 through July 23 at the Maui Beach Hotel. Chairing the convention is Emi Cortez.



Melen Agcolicol will lead Binhi at Ani.



Arnel Alvarez elected as Vice President.



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# LEAVING MAY — THE FILIPINO FIESTA SEASON

May is considered fiesta season in the Philippines. Coinciding with the harvest season, different festivals are celebrated as thanksgiving for their produce. Among them, we have the *Pahiyas* festival in Lucban, Quezon with their colorful displays of the *kiping* (leaf-shaped wafer made from glutinous rice), the *Pista Y Dayat* festival in Lingayen, Pangasinan celebrating the bountiful harvest from the sea, *Magayon* festival in Albay and others celebrating local agricultural crops or products such as garlic in Ilocos Sur and *basi* (sugarcane wine) in La Union.

In almost all parts of the Philippines, the *Santacruzan* or the *Flores de Mayo* is held. This Philippine tradition dates back to the 1860s and has religious roots, wherein devotees of the Blessed Virgin Mary offer flowers to her image as a symbol of their love and affection. Since its beginnings in the 1800s, this tradition has evolved to become a showcase of each region's

cultural distinctiveness and the craftsmanship of Filipino artisans. From the beautiful arches, the elaborate gowns and barongs during the procession to the food prepared for guests, spectators are treated to gorgeous displays of creativity, talent and vibrant traditions of each province.

It is not surprising that Filipinos' love for celebrations and social gatherings have been adopted by our *kababayan* in the Aloha State. The Philippine Consulate General had the pleasure to participate in two community-organized fiestas last month: the Filipino Fiesta at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu last May 6 and the Barrio Fiesta at the Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center in Kahului, Maui on May 26 and 27. During these celebrations, the Consulate set up information booths wherein queries regarding consular services and upcoming activities were addressed. The Consulate also had the opportunity to offer overseas voter registration services



A Philippine Consulate General staff assists guests at the Filipino Fiesta held at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu last 6 May.  
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es at the Barrio Fiesta in Kahului.

Last May 27, Commissioner Aimee Ferolino and Director Lionel Castillano of the Commission on Elections, participated in the Barrio Fiesta to engage with the Filipinos based on Maui, encourage them to register as overseas voters and exercise their political right to suffrage in the 2025 National Elections. Registered and active overseas voters can vote for senators and party-list representatives in the upcoming mid-term elections.

The fiestas in both Waipahu and Kahului were fun-filled celebrations showcasing the rich heritage of the Philippines through various regional booths, cultural performances, games like *pabitin*, *sungka* and *palo sebo* and, of course, delicious culinary offerings (the *lechon* was especially mouthwatering). Fiestas, such as these, keep our traditions alive and create oppor-

tunities to share them with our youth and introduce them to friends or neighbors who may not be familiar with our cultural heritage.

Deepest thanks are in order to the organizers of the Filipino Fiesta in Waipahu: Mr. Harry Alanso as Event Chair, Ms. Su Lazo as Event Co-Chair, the Chair of The Filipino Community Center Mr. Edmund Aczon and its Board of Directors, and the organizers of the Barrio Fiesta in Maui: Chairperson Mrs. Nora Cabanilla Takushi, Co-Chairperson Atty. Alfredo Evangelista, President of Binhi at Ani Mrs. Melen Agcolicol and its Board of Directors, for giving the Consulate the opportunity to join the festivities and engage with visitors and guests. We look forward to further sharing our culture and heritage with our countrymen and other residents of Hawai'i in the coming years. ✨

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Commissioner Ferolino invites Maui-based Filipinos to register as overseas voters.  
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A contestant attempts to reach the top of the greased pole during the *palo sebo* game at the Barrio Fiesta.  
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**Emil T. Fernandez** is the current Consul General of the Philippines stationed in Honolulu. He graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management Economics. Prior to his appointment to Hawai'i, Fernandez served as Deputy Consul General in Frankfurt, Germany. His other foreign assignments included Washington, D.C. (2010–2016), Santiago, Chile (2005–2008) and Caracas,

Venezuela (2002–2005). In Manila, Fernandez held several important positions, including Executive Director of the Office of Asian & Pacific Affairs (2016–2018), Director for Southern Europe of the Office of European Affairs (2009–2010), Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for International Economic Relations (2008–2009) and Acting Director of the Office of ASEAN Affairs (1999–2001).

# Reunions ...

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college at De La Salle University. "I had a small reunion with my buddies from med school when I went home last year. I'm glad to know they are helping rural communities in the Philippines. Two of them drove hours to meet me, all the way from the Bicol region. They are practicing as a dermatologist and ENT surgeon. Another one is practicing internal medicine like me in Metro Manila. They all have a thriving medical practice."

For those who travel to the Philippines for reunions, Noel understands the dual purpose. "One of the perks of attending a reunion is visiting my own family in Manila. I come from a family of eight. My sister Marifi Torres and I live on Maui. I have five sisters and two brothers and we all met in the Philippines. Our nieces are blessed with successful careers including



Mariel Rodrigues Padilla, who is a blogger and TV commentator and married to Robin Padilla, an actor and Senator."

Above all, reunions help us to understand where we are. As Noel says, "It warms the heart to see everyone is in the place where they want to be, all our friends and family members making our universe a better place."★

**Alfredo G. Evangelista** is a graduate of Maui High School (1976), the University of Southern California (1980), and the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law (1983). He is a sole practitioner at Law Offices of Alfredo Evangelista, A Limited Liability Law Company, concentrating in estate planning, business and nonprofit corporations. He has practiced law for 39 years (since 1983) and returned home in 2010 to be with his family and to marry his high school sweetheart, the former Basilia Tumacder Idica, a 1978 alum of Maui High School.

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# Ti Biag ken Pammati

## “Life and Faith”



Dcn. Pat Constantino’s father, Francisco Constantino, who was always their for young Patrick.



Constantino’s father in law, Francisco Bio, who made a difference in their lives



Dcn. Constantino’s two special dad’s with their lovely wives. Francisco and Felisa Constantino, and Francisco and Catalina Bio

# Happy Father’s Day

*Tribute to God Our Father and All the Men Who Made a Difference in Our Lives!*

Deacon Patrick Constantino | PHOTOS COURTESY DCN. PAT CONSTANTINO

Scriptures that lead to my Father’s reflections:  
Malachi 4:6 - “He will turn the hearts of the Fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their Fathers; ...”

Deuteronomy 1:31 - “... There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a Father carries his Son, all the way you went until you reached this place.”

God our Father—our Father who is always with us all the time. Even in time we forget Him. He changed us to become a person like Him, even in our struggles in difficult times to become a people of service, to serve and not be served.

I remembered always when I was ordained as a Deacon and took the Oath from Bishop Joseph Ferrario when handed the Gospel of the Lord and said, “Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach!” Bishop Joseph Ferrario seals this with a hug and kiss of peace. This has always been my strongest belief and faith for my loving faith in God and Father.

My Father Francisco Constantino came to Hawai’i during the *Sakada* years in the 40s. He is from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. He married Felisa Cabacungan also from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. He worked at Wailuku Sugar Company and then moved to Honolulu where he worked at the Pearl Harbor Shipyard for two years and then returned to Maui and worked at the Malulani Hospital as a Practical Nurse and then moved to the new Maui Memorial Hospital on Malulani St., Wailuku. My dad supported me in my sports activities running track at ‘Īao School and was always sitting and cheering for me and our team in the stands when I played Little League. I loved going fishing with him catching ‘O‘opu or *bonog* in the river in Waihe‘e and ‘Īao Valley Riv-

er. He taught me the art of catching them with my hands. I remember when I caught my first *bonog* with my hands, I nearly crushed it! It was about eight to 12-inches—they were big at that time. I also enjoyed going to chicken fights with Dad and it would be in the camps. We kids would watch under the house so the police would not catch us. This was told to us kids by the adults so we would not get run over if the police came to raid the fights. We had ladies selling food, all kind *canca-nen*, soda, water, etc. We loved it because the kids would eat free on the *ono* food. I also enjoyed our family trips to the neighbor islands to be with families. And families and friends’ picnics, birthdays, weddings, feasts, etc.—these celebrations made our families and friends closer!

My Father-in-Law Francisco Bio came to Hawai’i as a *Sakada* in the 40s. He is from Bangued, Abra, Philippines. He married Catalina Bello also from Bangued, Abra, Philippines. He worked in the sugar mill, Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Ltd., for several years and then decided to do irrigation in the fields. Dad (Bio) was a quiet man with a big heart. He loved to play *Sakura*. Dad and Mom watched our children while they were young. They learned to talk Filipino and ate Filipino food. We were blessed by Dad and Mom because our children got to know some of our Filipino culture. When we picked them up, they were bathed and dressed to sleep and ready to go home to Kula. I remember when I used to go to the slaughterhouse, Maui Factors, Inc., and

brought home *bindongo*, small and large tripe, hoofs, *lopo*, brains, *utek*, milk guts, *silet*, and Dad would prepare these Filipino specialties till early the next mornings, like 4 or 5 o’clock in the mornings. When it was ready our family would have a feast!

My grandfather Ruperto Cabacungan came to Hawai’i as a *Sakada* in the 40s. He is from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. He married Dionicia Acoba also from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. He worked at Wailuku Sugar Company as an irrigator in the fields until he retired in the mid 50s. Lelo, as all of us grandchildren called him, was a quiet man



Dcn. Constantino’s grandfather Ruperto Cabacungan, head cook for their family.

who was well-dressed. He would baby sit us and I remember when he was working we used to wait at the work station, where they would drop off and pick up the workers and we would wait at the road side so we could receive his *kau kau tin* to eat his leftovers he would save for us as kids. When he retired from the plantation, he cooked Filipino food for my family and he would call me to pick it up after work. He was a good cook. He cooked during the plantation strike. Soup kitchen they called it. He was the head chef for parties, weddings, birthdays and baptisms in our camp and other places for family and friends. He had pigs on a stick we helped turn to have it roasted over wooden fires. And what amazed me is how he steamed rice in the *silyasse* (wok) and not burn it over a charcoal stove and it came out perfect. I remember telling him to burn it so we can eat the *ittep*, dark brown, it was delicious like candy. He was one we look forward to when he cooked. His food was delicious.

Elmer Cravalho was a Father im-

age to me. He helped me during my younger days. He gave me a chance to experience in private sectors—MDG Supply, Inc. as an Account Clerk the Lumber yards Division, Manager of Kula Community Federal Credit Union as a Manager, Experience working at the State Legislature as Assistant Sergeant of Arms, and as his Executive Administrator to the Mayor as the First Mayor of the County of Maui, First Filipino Treasurer of the County of Maui, also served as First Risk Manager & Grant Administrator. He also sent me to UCLA to get my Credit Union Certificate in Business Management and then getting my Business Administration Degree from American University. This all happened with his guidance and advice. I’ve been blessed with these men in my life. God put them there for a reason and I thank God for all of them! May they all rest in peace!

God bless all our fathers who made a difference in our lives. *Ti Apo ket nasayaat nga kankanayon. Apo Jesus agtalekak kenka. Amen!* ✨

On July 1, 2022, **Patrick Constantino** retired as a Deacon for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawai’i, after serving thirty-five years and becoming on June 18, 1987, the first Deacon of Filipino ancestry for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawai’i. For twenty-two years, he served as Administrator at Holy Rosary Church in Pā‘ia, St. Rita Church in Ha‘ikū and St. Gabriel Church in Ke‘ānae. His last assignment before retiring was at St. Joseph Church in Makawao.

Prior to his ordination, Constantino was in government—first appointed in 1966 as Assistant Sergeant of Arms by the Speaker of the House Elmer F. Cravalho. When Cravalho became



Maui’s first Mayor, Constantino became his Executive Assistant—the first of Filipino ancestry. Later, Constantino became the first County Treasurer of Filipino ancestry and the first County Grants Administrator and Risk Manager of Filipino ancestry.

Constantino is married to his lovely wife Corazon for sixty-one years.





Congratulations to all graduates. Way to go Class of 2023! Warmest congratulations to my nieces, Sharmaine Jolleen Bareng Butay, Valedictorian, Maui High School and Lyndsay Danielle Butay Hayen, Valedictorian, Gahr High School in California. You’ve worked hard to achieve your goals and amazed us with your accomplishments! You’re on your way to seek new dreams, so embrace life with passion and keep reaching for your star! I hope you feel great about what you’ve accomplished and I hope

Let’s Talk Pinoy!

Dulce Karen Butay

you’ll continue to be a person who does things that are worthwhile and important in life to make us proud. We are so proud of you. Love you ladies. Let’s not forget that in June we also celebrate Father’s Day. We thank all the fathers for being able to celebrate

last month’s Mother’s Day. This month, we thank all the mothers for being able to celebrate Father’s Day. Happy Father’s Day to all the fathers and the father figures to the lives of the children. Thank you for your unconditional love and support you give to the children.

Let’s also give a shout out to our June birthday celebrants: Deziree Brianna Butay, Chona Laureta, Vanessa Najorda, Ailyn Rafael, Happy, Happy birthday to you! (Tagalog) *Maligayang bati sa iyong kaarawan!* (Ilokano) *Naimbag nga panagkasangay mo!* (Ibanag) *Makapagayaya nga aggaw na nikeyana mu!* (Kapampangan) *Masayang kebaitan queca!* (Ilonggo) *Masadya gid nga adlaw sa imo pagkatawo.* Let’s take a look at what the story is this month, shall we?

BACK AT THE POLICE station, Katherine and Ray stand next to each other at the door inside of Ray’s new office.

She looks at him as he stares back with wide eyes.

Concerned, she asks. “Ano (What) is wrong Ray?”

Ray turns pale and lifts the manila folder. Katherine snatches the folder and opens it.

She begins to read: An officer was found dead in a *sasakyan* (car) not registered under his name. He suffered multiple shots to the head and neck area.

There were two suspects: an older gentleman and a young lady. They were caught with Officer Dela Cruz earlier on a monitoring camera at Honolulu Airport. One is thought to have migrated to Maui and the other is suspected to still be on O’ahu. Currently the case is open and has been assigned to Police Sergeant Ray Walker on Maui and Honolulu Detective Armando Macadangdang.

“Ok. So I don’t get it. Ray, it’s just another case. You handled so many of these cases before. If you are worried that you won’t do great, stop that ...”

Ray pulls out his personal cell phone from his drawer and shows Katherine a selfie of himself, Michael and his new girlfriend, Angel.

Katherine’s eyes widen and her jaw drops.

“Anni (What) is the plan Ray?” Katherine asks. “You could just tell the Chief that you can’t do this case since your nephew is involved.”

“Indi (No). Then he would assign the project to someone else and I would have no power whatsoever. *Dili* (no), I’m not going to do that,” Ray answers.

Ray searches his pockets and looks for his phone. Beginning to panic, he

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| Face      | Mukha    | Rupa      | Nawong          | Goya                   | Mukat   | Arap            |
| Who?      | Sino?    | Sinno?    | Kinsa?          | Sin o?                 | Sinni?  | Ninoymi?        |
| What?     | Ano?     | Ana?      | Unsa?           | Ano?                   | Anni?   | Nanoyin?        |
| House     | Bahay    | Balay     | Balay           | Balay                  | Balay   | Bale            |
| Car       | Sasakyan | Lugan     | Sakyanan        | Auto                   | Kotse   | Saken           |
| Thank you | Salamat  | Agyamanak | Daghang salamat | Madamo gud nga salamat | Mabbalo | Dacal a salamat |
| No        | Hindi    | Haan      | Awan            | Indi                   | Dili    | Indi            |

continues to look in the same places. Walking back and forth, he starts to look stressed and agitated. Suddenly Katherine ejects the device out of her bag. “You looking for this?” she grins. “Nanoyin (What)? *Nasaan* (Where) did you? When did you? How did you?” Ray stumbles on his words.

“You dodo, you dropped it while speed walking here. So I followed you to return it but actually I got more than I was looking for,” as she smirks and Ray begins to turn red.

He takes his phone. “*Madamo gud nga salamat*. (Thank you.) I know you always have my back,” he remarks as he dials Michael’s number. Ring Ring Ring. “*Awan* (No) answer, it goes to voicemail,” Ray says.

Ring ... Ring ... Ring ... “Argg,” as he hangs up.

He dials again. Ring ... ring ... ring ... No answer.

Ray dials another number ... Ring ... ring ... Ring ...

“Hello? Congratulations, bro. I heard you got promoted. How is it?” Ray’s brother Robert says on the phone.

“*Agyamanak*. (Thank you), bro. *Saan* (Where’s) Michael?” he asks anxiously.

“That’s it? *Salamat* (Thank you), bro? Sounds like your new position is

not so exciting. It’s only been a week and you are already stressed out,” says his brother, teasing.

“Well, bro, you would be especially if your first case involves a family member,” he says seriously.

“Ano (what) are you talking about? Who in the family?”

Ray pauses and he scratches his head. “Am I going to tell him? Or let him find it himself?” Ray asks himself.

Ray decides to tell his brother about his first assignment. He was assigned to do an investigation about an undocumented person from the Philippines who killed a cop.

“Bro, I think Michael is going out with a dangerous person. He might get in trouble,” Ray says to his brother.

“Who’s in trouble? Michael killed a cop?” Michael’s mom overhears Ray and his brother’s phone conversation.

“*Hindi* (No). You heard it wrong,” says the husband to his wife. “Stop eavesdropping on my phone calls,” says Robert, Michael’s dad to his wife.



“Who killed a cop then?” she asks her husband.

“Why don’t you call your son and tell him to come home,” he answers to his wife. And then turns back to talk to his brother on the phone.

“Bro, we will try to contact him. Please look out for your nephew,” Robert says to his brother.

Then he hangs up the phone with a heavy *arap* (face).

Anyways that’s all I have. Keep an eye

out for my column in every issue. I’m Dulce, helping you to master your Filipino languages. Like always, let’s laugh, let’s *makinig* (listen) and Let’s Talk Pinoy! *Hanggang sa muli!* (Until next time!) *Ingat!* (Take care!) 🌟

**Dulce Karen Butay** was graduated from Maui High School and received her Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Maui Community College. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, specializing in Accounting, from the University of Hawai’i – West O’ahu. She is currently the Administrative Officer at the County of Maui, Department of Finance. Butay is a licensed Resident Producer of Life Insurance with World Financial Group and an Independent Consultant of Saladmaster. She is now part of Saladmaster’s Travel Club and won an all-expenses paid trip to Cancún, Mexico. Butay has traveled to Texas, the Philippines and Thailand as one of the delegates from Island Healthy Solutions, a Saladmaster dealer here on Maui.





Michael Deloso



High school graduation with grandpa Ruiz and mom Clara.



Alfred Deloso with mom.

# Michael Robert Deloso

Driven to success.

Lucy Peros | ALL PHOTOS COURTESY DELOSO 'OHANA


An ancient Chinese proverb says “Learning is a treasure that follows its owner everywhere.” Leonardo da Vinci also once said “Learning never exhausts the mind.” This month’s Sakada Offspring, Michael Robert Deloso, definitely is a person whose learning and education followed him everywhere. Michael was born in Los Angeles, California on March 22, 1958 and was

raised on Maui by his parents, Alfred and Clara Ruiz Deloso. Alfred’s parents (Felix and Lucia Deloso) were Visayan (Cebu and Bohol). They came to Maui and lived in Waikapū, where his father worked for the sugar cane company. Clara’s parents, (Marcos and Mary Ruiz) were Ilocano. They came from Narvacan, Philippines to Hāli’imaile, Maui, where he eventually worked as a truck driver for the Maui

Land and Pine Company. Marcos and Mary were also very active in the Filipino Community Association in Hāli’imaile. “I remember my sister, brother and I would spend a lot of time in Hāli’imaile with our grandparents—living there until my brother Ross was born and the family moved to Kahului,” Mike recalls. “And throughout our childhood, we would often spend weekends there, exploring every area we could. One of the fondest memories I have is when we would ask our grandmother for some change so we could go to the small store that was a couple of blocks away. She would always pull out some change from a little change purse that she had, and we would run two blocks, through our neighbors’ yards, to the store where we could each get candy. Our grandfather would drive us out into the pineapple fields to show us the crops. And, both grandparents taught me to drive through the little village (even before I was old enough) and once I got my license, he gave me their old car that I used to learn to drive. Visiting Waikapū was always busy, with a very large family of uncles, aunts and cousins. My grandfather Felix died early, when I was in elementary school but my grandmother had a long life surrounded by family.” Michael’s sister Claire and her husband Victor Flocco run a number of

businesses throughout the islands and live on Maui. They have a son, Angelo. Michael’s brother Ross now coaches track at Maui High School. He has a daughter, Mahealani who also lives on Maui. While living in Hāli’imaile, Michael attended Doris Todd Nursery School and Makawao Elementary School. Mike’s family moved to Kahului where he attended Kahului Elementary School, then to Maui High School. At Maui High, Mike was a very active student, starting his freshman year in Speech, Debate, Student Government and Golf. He expanded his involvement working with the Yearbook, *Maui Hi-Notes* newspaper, Social Committee, Homecoming Committee, Saber Theater, and representative to the Maui District Student Council Organization, and the Maui Curriculum Conference. Mike was recognized with the National Merit Scholarship Program Commendation (top 35,000 students in the US), Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizen Award, inducted to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students, National Honor Society and National Forensics League (Degree of Distinction). The active involvement in learning, in the classroom and outside of it, is something Mike took with him to college, where his level of dedication and involvement continued to expand.

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Family photo after Maui High School Graduation (1976).





The wedding of Alfred and Clara.



Michael, daughter Emma and wife Linda.

Mike attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. At Purdue, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications and was engaged in numerous campus activities and organizations. Mike is a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, where he held a number of different offices and was named National Outstanding Undergraduate Man of the Year in 1980. Mike was recruited from Purdue by Procter & Gamble (global consumer goods giant). He started at the Corporate Headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1981. Mike was part of a newly de-

veloping business concept grouping organizations that were related to the physical creation, planning, movement, storage and delivery of products called "Product Supply" (which everyone understands post-COVID as "Supply Chain"). Mike moved through the organization, averaging 13 months on each assignment, working with all the big brands like Pampers/Luvs, Tide and other detergents, Crest and Scope and other health and beauty aides, Pantene, Vidal Sassoon and other beauty care brands. He once worked with all divisions/brands in an assignment to secure and produce all of

P&G's printed advertisements. Toward the end of his tenure at P&G, Mike was the Supply Chain lead doing post-merger integration of Richardson Vicks (an acquisition in the late 1980s). He also led the business turnaround for a struggling Vidal Sassoon beauty care products business and finally, led a manufacturing operation restructuring, which took him and his wife to Greensboro, North Carolina. Mike joined Andersen Consulting in 1992 (now Accenture) in San Francisco to start and grow their Supply Chain and Manufacturing Operations Consulting Practice. Mike and family

moved to San Francisco where in addition to developing and growing the new consulting practice, Mike's clients included Levi Strauss & Company in San Francisco, Microsoft outside of Seattle and Nike in Portland, Oregon. In 1996, Mike was asked to join Nike to start up a new billion-dollar business unit initially for Nike apparel (with plans to expand to footwear and equipment down the road). Two years after the successful start-up of the new business unit, Mike was asked to be the Global Leader of Strategy and Finance for Nike Apparel, working

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**4/22/23: Distributed COVID-19 test kits at the Philippine Nurses Association of America's Western Region Conference. Kahului, Maui**

**4/8/23: COVID-19 test kit distribution at the FinFit Life 5K Fitness Challenge. Hapuna Beach, Kamuela, Hawai'i Island**

**5/13/23: COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Downtown Lihue Night Market. Lihue, Kaua'i**

**5/20/23: COVID-19 test kit and vaccine distribution at the "Spring into Health" Fair. Waipahu, O'ahu**

**5/6/23: COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Wahiawa, O'ahu**

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**5/7/23: East Hawai'i Community Meeting at Malia Puka O Kalani Church. Hilo, Hawai'i Island**

**5/7 and 5/13/23: Mini Conference and Eskrima Workshop in partnership with Sariling Gawa Youth Council. Hilo, Hawai'i Island**

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**VACCINATION CLINIC & TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION**

**Sun, June 18, 2023 • 8:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
Bayanihan Clinic Without Walls Community Health Fair  
Aupuni Center, Hilo

**MAUI**

**COVID-19 AWARENESS DISCUSSIONS & TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION**

**Wed, June 28, 2023 • 9:00 am - 10:00 am**  
Wailuku Community Center, Wailuku

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**Every Wednesday • 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm**  
Kaua'i Philippine Cultural Center, Lihue

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The Filipino Community Center, Waipahu

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across all global regions in the direction and execution of important business strategies and tactics, and the delivery of expected business results.

In 2001, Mike joined a tech start-up company, Gaia, as one of two business-focused leaders. The company was started by Intel engineers, all on the ground floor in the development of “blue tooth” technology. The start-up defined and created a new business application leveraging blue tooth technology and access to data/information within Retail and Big Consumer Brands. Gaia was doing really well with its introduction and start-up/roll-out. Unfortunately, when the tech market crashed, the company did not secure 4th round funding and shut its doors.

In 2003, Mike joined Carter’s | OshKosh (baby, children’s clothing brand) in Atlanta, Georgia, initially as VP of Inventory, and later as VP of Operations. Mike’s initial focus was to get Carter’s financially ready from an Operations perspective, for its initial Public Offering (IPO) which was successfully done in 2004.

In 2007, Mike decided to go back into consulting, joining Deloitte Consulting, LLP in Atlanta where he shifted focus from Consumer Products to Healthcare/Life Sciences. He worked with many Fortune 100 life sciences companies—J&J, Merck, Cardinal Health, Glaxo Smith Kline, Sanofi, Novartis as well as smaller, more contemporary pharmaceutical and medical devices companies. Mike’s clients list had him spending a great deal of



Daughter Emma.

time in Europe—Belgium, Spain, Germany, France, Switzerland and UK. Mike retired in 2020.

Personally, Mike has been married for 40 years to Linda Allen Deloso

from Indianapolis, Indiana, who he met at Purdue. Linda’s career included working at an advertising agency, selling air-time for Radio and TV, being on-air as a news reporter for the ABC Affiliate in North Carolina, video direction and production for various clients and finally voice-over work. They have one daughter, Emma, who lives in Manhattan and works for the Schubert Organization, the largest Broadway organization in the world with seventeen theatres on Broadway. Emma graduated from UCLA and studied abroad in London, as well as a study semester at New York University working with the United Nations.

There hasn’t been a lot of time outside of work but Mike has been able to be involved in a few activities:

Junior Achievement while at P&G, he ran mini-companies for a number of years which enabled High School students to start up, run and eventually close down a business (one of his companies was named Company of the Year for the state). He was also asked to run the mini-company program across P&G (its second largest volunteer/investment activity).

Mike and Linda started a non-profit in Cincinnati to use their business acumen and connections to purely raise money for those organizations that could build/renovate affordable housing for the growing homeless problem in the city.

United Way while in North Carolina (P&G’s #1 volunteer/investment focus)—Mike ran the United Way campaign across the manufacturing facilities in the Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Triad raising money for United Way Organizations.

Mike worked side-by-side with the Church leadership at Beaverton Christian Church in Oregon, developing strategies and annual business plans with specific activities to grow “small-groups” within the parish.

While Emma was at UCLA, Mike was selected by the University to be part of their Parent Student Organization to guide family and student activities while students were at UCLA. He was instrumental in welcoming out-of-state students and families and injecting unique out-of-state perspectives to various programs.

While at Deloitte, Mike was also engaged in the growth of supply chain professionals, being a mentor to many

within Deloitte, and leading nationwide university case competitions to improve the capabilities of college graduates focused on supply chain.

The opportunities and experiences Mike (and his family) have had, as he reflects, are all possible because his grandparents, Felix and Lucia Deloso, and Marcos and Mary Ruiz, had the courage to leave their lives as they knew it, emigrated to someplace far away and start anew doing hard work in Hawai’i just to survive. Learning a new language, integrating and living with those from other backgrounds and cultures, and working difficult, manual jobs just on the chance that it would be a better life for their families and the generations to come, is more than admirable.

As a result, his mother and father were firsts in the families—to get college educations, secure good jobs and start to live the dream their parents were hoping for.

And Mike has benefited by being part of the next generation. His mom, dad, sister, brother and Mike traveled across the U.S. as kids, and travel has been a big part of his life over the last 40 years. He has been lucky to travel and work in many different cities and countries around the world and have had the means to include his wife and daughter in many of the adventures abroad. Education was important to his parents, so he was encouraged to think about studies in the mainland and ended with two degrees from Purdue. Hard work was part of his family’s DNA, and he constantly worked to do the best he could with every role he had.

“The cool thing is I see the same traits that my grandparents had and that I had, in my daughter,” he states. He and his wife encouraged their daughter to be bold regarding education—to go for the dream no matter how difficult. She was accepted to UCLA which is the most applied to public university in the U.S. and graduated in four years. “She has the courage to do something different even if it meant moving to New York City to potentially get a job on Broadway, while COVID had the city and the industry shut down,” Michael reveals. “And she is doing the hard work, driving to be successful.” ✳

**Lucy Peros** is a retired schoolteacher, having taught at St. Anthony Grade School and Waihe’e Elementary School. Both of her late parents, Elpidio Cachero Cabalo (a 1946 Sakada) and Alejandra Cabudoy Cabalo of Hali’imaile, worked for Maui Land and Pine Company. Lucy now enjoys retirement and has time to join other seniors in the Enhance Fitness Program under the Department of Aging three times a week. She also attends the line dancing class and other activities at Kaunoa and joins other Waihe’e School retirees when help is needed at the school. Lucy also devotes some of her time to activities at Christ The King Catholic Church. She enjoys writing and reading in her spare time.



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# Happy Hour on Maui

A few discounted food and drinks.

Liza A Pierce of “A Maui Blog”

What comes to your mind when you hear the words *Happy Hour*? For me it means “discounted food and drinks” The food is usually *pūpū* style (*hors d’oeuvre* or *canapé*). Many Happy Hour foods are found on the appetizer list. In the Philippines, it is what we call *pulutan*. These *pulutan* are meant to compliment the drinks but many are still also filling. There are numerous restaurants on Maui offering *Happy Hour*. Let’s check out some of the popular ones here in our Kwento-Kwentuhan:

## Monkeypod

Monkeypod is a popular choice for Happy Hour. They typically have a Happy Hour from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily, featuring discounted craft beers, handcrafted cocktails and tasty appetizers. Monkeypod has two locations, one in Wailea and the other one in Kā’anapali. This is the home for the famous *Lilikoi Mai Tai*. What makes this Mai Tai so special is the delicious *lilikoi* (passionfruit) and honey foam floating on top. It’s soft, it’s frothy, it melts in your mouth and it’s the gateway to drinking one of the best cocktails on Maui. The recipe includes Old Lahaina light and dark rum, lime juice, house made macadamia nut orgeat, orange curaçao and their famous house-made honey-*lilikoi* foam.

Visit 10 Wailea Gateway Place, Unit B-201 Kihei, Hawai’i 96753, (808) 891-2322, or at L/1, 2435 Kā’anapali Pkwy., Lahaina, HI 96761, (808) 878-6763

## Three’s Bar and Grill

Three’s Bar and Grill offers a popular Happy Hour from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and again from 9 p.m. to close. You can enjoy discounted drinks, including draft beers, cocktails and well drinks, along with special prices on select appetizers. One of the famous drinks is the D’Lime in D’Coconut. It’s made from Three Olives Coconut Water vodka, fresh coconut, lime, mint, shaken hard to perfection and served on the rocks. It’s fantastic! Visit 1945 S. Kihei Rd., Kihei, HI 96753, (808) 879-3133

## Maui Brewing Company

Maui Brewing Company is a popular brewery and restaurant with locations in Kihei and Lahaina. Maui Brewing Company is known to offer a Happy Hour with discounted prices on their craft beers, cocktails and food items. During Happy Hour, you may find special deals on select beers from their extensive lineup, including their popular Bikini Blonde Lager and Co-

conut Hiwa Porter. They may also feature discounted prices on their handcrafted cocktails made with local ingredients. In terms of food, Maui Brewing Company typically offers Happy Hour specials on appetizers and small plates. You might find items such as sliders, tacos, wings or other tasty bites that pair well with their beers. Visit 605 Lipoa Pkwy., Kihei, HI 96753, (808) 213-3002

## Macadangdang Maui

Macadangdang presents Hawaiian-Filipino Fusion Cuisine. In celebration of Maui’s melting pot of Asian and Polynesian flavors, Macadangdang brings you the best blend of traditional and modern dishes.

Enjoy sushi, sake and specialty cocktails in an indoor or outdoor setting. Happy Hour is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Some of the *pūpū* offered are Eima San Sushi Rolls, Smoke Soy Ahi Poke, Pinakuratcha Chicken Wings, Slider, Joey’s Kitchen Brussel Sprouts and Crispy Fingerling Potatoes. An extensive list of discounted drinks during happy hour can be found in their website. Visit 2580 Ke-ka’a Dr., Lahaina, HI 96761, (808) 868-0929

## Milagros Food Company

Milagros is a popular Mexican restaurant in the charming town of Pā’ia. It is known for its vibrant atmosphere, delicious Mexican cuisine



One of the featured Happy Hour drinks at Monkeypod is called “Lilikoi Mai Tai.”  
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and refreshing drinks. Milagros has the most extensive Tequila selection on Maui. Well known for their many signature Margaritas, Milagros has margaritas that suit all desires. Guests can choose from a Spicy Jalapeño Margarita, a sweet and refreshing Coco Rita or double it up with the El Jeffe Marg, which is a double shot of Herradura Reposado



ABOVE: World famous sushi at Macadangdang restaurant

RIGHT: A drink called “Joey’s Hammah Rita awaits you during Happy Hour at Macadangdang restaurant.

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shaken with fresh lime and served on the rocks. Happy Hour is from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Visit 3 Baldwin Ave., Pā’ia, HI 96779, (808) 579-8755

## Kahului Ale House

Kahului Ale House or simply The Ale House to Maui locals, is a family-friendly, full-service Restaurant and Sports Bar located in Kahului. The Ale House is a good place to watch any sporting event. They have 45 large, 1080i TVs and can show 24 different events at any one time; they also feature a 132” TV wall so, you’re sure not to miss any of the action. Happy hour at Kahului Ale House is daily from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., featuring discounted beer, wine, and appetizers. Visit 355 E. Kamehameha Ave., Kahului, HI 96732, (808) 877-0001.

## Want More?

Here’s a tip. There is actually a website and an app called Maui Happy Hour. Learn more about them at <https://mauihappyhours.net>. You can get more information there and Happy Hour updates, and their list is comprehensive!

I hope you enjoyed our Kwento-Kwentuhan on



Maui’s Happy Hour. Cheers *mga kababayan!* 🌟

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