

S.L.C.'55 FINE DINNER
OF JANUARY 22, 2011

It happened on a Saturday evening, at the D. Kodama Steak House, situated on the 3rd floor near the Kalakaua Avenue end of the Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel. A beautiful evening; perfect weather, lovely surroundings.

At 6:00 P.M., half of the guests had already arrived and were involved in chatting and small talk with one another. Joe **Ornellas** & Stephanie Bellefeuille handed out small distinctive number cards by which the classmates and spouses/partners would be able to identify themselves to the waiters and waitresses, whenever ordering drinks or meals. Thereby, at the evening's end, each specifically numbered classmate or spouse/partner, would end up being responsible for only their own "bill".

By 6:30 or so, the rest of the "gang" arrived and serious reviews of the menu began. Again, as in previous "Dinners", many looked out towards the West to try and see "the Green Flash; but – alas "no could see um". These "good souls" were present:

Joe **Ornellas** & Stephanie Bellefeuille Damien **Farias** & Nancy Yoshioka Claude **Hottendorf** & Kyong Gehrig

George & Dori **Corenevsky** George & Maggie **Joy** Jim & Emme **Burns** Allen & Betty **Perkins**

Louis & Barbara **Paresa** Mike & Ellie **Lyons** George & Kathleen **Rego** Johnson & Elaine **Yee**

Fred & Fran **Hackbarth** Norman & Marie **Cruz**

The menu was impressive! The eatery specialized in "Dry Aged Steaks", but there were many, many other things to order. There was diversity in the entrees ordered, and you can see some of the "ono" items by looking at Johnson Yee's pictures. Only a few desserts were ordered, but those were most obviously low calorie, no sugar, no fat items.

During the evening, which lasted till 9:00 P.M., several quotes were made: from Joe **Ornellas**: "Maybe the next Fine Dinner should be at Vick & Anthony's Restaurant, at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas!" and "Perhaps we should go back to the Natsunoya Tea House at Alewa Heights?" note: brought up at the last Classmate meeting of 01/20/2011. from George **Corenevsky**: "I'm having difficulties with my e-mail system so, PLEASE - DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY OF MY E-MAILS – I'M JUST TESTING OUT MY NEW COMPUTER & E-MAIL SYSTEM" sounds like George had a personal problem. Johnson Yee scurried about the whole evening, as usual, taking pictures of the guests and of the food.

We had a great time and we shared much aloha and laughter. All was in order and the planets were all aligned. Time to leave, time to "pay your tabs", time for hugs and blessings, and good wishes. And then, there came the "pain", "Geezzz, \$12.00 for validated valet parking", some complained. What you suspect, you stay in Waikiki at one hotel – goin cost big money.

We all left with good feelings and of great food; but we know that the thing that was most abundant during the evening was: Friendship.

A hui hou!

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