

THIS HAPPENED AT THE LAS VEGAS VENUE FOR  
OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

October 12th, 13th, and 14<sup>th</sup> were the days of the SLC '55 celebrations for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Las Vegas Reunion. All of the events that were scheduled to "happen", were programmed to be at the Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. The first "event" was the "**Welcoming Get Together**". It was on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, and held at Pool Level, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Hotel. Participants were:

Damien **FARIAS** & Nancy Yoshioka      George **REGO**      Charles **ARAKAKI**  
Harold & Gladys **CHUN**      Earl & Arlene **AH MOO**      Stanley & Doris **OSADA**  
George & Dori **CORENEVSKY**      Johnson & Elaine **YEE**      Albert & Sharon **MOSSMAN**  
Ronald & Merrill **CATALA**      Bruce & Phyllis **MANN**      Michael & Ellie **LYONS**  
Michael & Kay **NAKAMURA**      Bertrand & Katherine **AI CHANG**  
Norman & Marie **CRUZ**, & guest Mary Meyer      Herbert & Barbara **FUJIKAWA**

**FARIAS** had made arrangements to have "chips & dips", served on a table that was inside a private tent like area, just beside the pool. It was a warm afternoon, but the hotel personnel turned on the "misting piping", and the temperature became tolerable. Participant's first two drinks and the appropriate taxes & gratuities, were again complimentary (Thank you Damien, for everything). We only had a short time at poolside and then we had to leave due to Hotel rules/protocol. There was much "aloha" and reminiscing. Classmates that had not attended the Oahu venue (Luau), were asked to sign the SLC '55 banner that hung proudly on a wall of the poolside enclosure. Pictures were being taken by many cameras and cell phone cameras; and there was much laughter. Johnson **YEE** was the most prominent picture-taker. Fortunate for the Classmates, was the "steadying influence" provided by wives and partners. On cue, at 6:00 P.M., the remaining chip & dip table was moved across the street to an informal bar & seating area, in a place called the "Commissary". (Note: we were accommodated by one Larry Morris, a Manager & Chef of the Grand Hotel; and he provided the Classmates with an extended Happy Hour experience). More laughing, more fun, more memories were shared by all who ventured there. Then - - - - on to Wednesday (skipped Tuesday as the day was scheduled for mingling, shopping, gambling, carousing, taking in a show, etc., etc.).

The evening of Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, was the time for our "**Reunion Anniversary Dinner**". It was held at the Hotel's main restaurant - the Triple George Grill. We started to "pile in" at around 5:45 P.M., and by 6:30 P.M. we had filled in most of the

seats. It was an informal affair, and that made for easy "talk story" and more reminiscing. Looking around, you would see:

Damien **FARIAS** & Nancy *Yoshioka* Stanley & *Phyllis* **YASUMOTO** George **REGO**  
Harold & *Gladys* **CHUN** Allan **PERALTA** Earl & *Arlene* **AH MOO** Charles **ARAKAKI**  
Albert & *Sharon* **MOSSMAN** Michael & *Kay* **NAKAMURA** Stanley & *Doris* **OSADA**  
Bertrand & *Katherine* **AI CHANG** Ronald & *Merrill* **CATALA** Johnson & *Elaine* **YEE**  
George & *Dori* **CORENEVSKY** & guests Jake & *Heidi* Stockwell  
Norman & *Marie* **CRUZ** and guest *Mary Meyer*  
Michael & *Ellie* **LYONS**

We ordered from a 3 entree menu - continued to "shoot the bull" - food arrived - we ate (food was pretty good) - had dessert - drank some alcohol - took pictures (again) - talked and laughed until it was time to watch Johnson **YEE**'s slide show of "times from the past", remembering "who was who" caused lots of laughs - and **YEE** passed out hard copy pictures from our Oahu celebrations - auwe, it was time to "go sleep"!

God has been good to all of us.....He let us live and enjoy the spirit of friendship!

Another reunion anniversary in the future? Well, think about it. If the Classmates decide on having other reunions, it seems that we should have the reunions on a timely and age-related, travel considered schedule. Guess we will have to "vote" whenever it is that we are surveyed/pollled.

You can view Johnson **YEE**'s pictures, as a slide show, by clicking on the below link - it has a soundtrack, so turn on your speakers. (Note: Many thanks to David S. Whitney of Maui Toyota, for assisting Johnson in "getting the electronic programming to work". Please know that David is the Classmate's Website and Server Guru, and has been helping us out for years)!

(NOTE: point your cursor arrow to the link below, press down on the Ctrl key and simultaneously left click your mouse )

<http://video214.com/play/NscgditI6udmUowd06x4uw/s/dark>

Many thanks to our Chairman, Damian **FARIAS**; as he was most instrumental in planning and executing this Reunion event. And thanks - much, to Johnson **YEE**.

God bless us all, and keep us safe!