SLC '55 PARTICIPATION IN THE 2015 S.L.H.S. GRADUATING CLASS CEREMONIES

Our classmate, Edward **LELLING**, was the chairman for this dignified and solemn event. Ed kept up with all communications, regardless if those communications were from us, or from the School, or from the S.L.A.A. And, things changed many, many times. Ed then "organized the confusion"!

We have classmates, that were not on our master "e-mail listing" (and whom therefor we don't communicate with), that somehow "got the message" about this event and either contacted the alumni or the school to ensure their place at the event. Ed kept up with all of this, and as is his way, gently coordinated everything and organized another great classmate presence (as he previously did in our "Back to Campus" event at the school, in November of 2011).

Andalthough most of us are 77 or 78 years old, and have various and "kindred" ailments; Ed managed to get 22 classmates to attend. Those classmates brought with them 17 guests.

These were our attendees:

Earl & Arlene AH MOO Lionel & Elizabeth CAMARA George & Dori CORENEVSKY
Norman & Marie CRUZ Louis & Barbara PARESA Douglas & Jackie MIYASHIRO
Donald & Kay RAPOZA Johnson & Elaine YEE Stanley & Doris OSADA

Gordon SAM & Winnie KAM Fred SOUZA & guest Jose Damos Paul & Lovey FUNG w/dau. Lauzanne & son-in-law Marcus Oshiro Donald HEE & sister Winnie

James MARCIEL & dau. *Tricia* Ed **LELLING** & bro. Kenneth Richard **WURDEMAN** Vernon **GOMES** Albert **CARAVALLO** Walter **FURUYAMA** Harold **CHUN** Fred **HACKBARTH** George **KALAUKOA**

The group was assigned floor level seating and was placed two rows behind the SLC Class of 1945 attendees, and two rows in front of the SLHS Class of 1965. We, and the class of 1945 and the class of 1965 all looked "great", and enjoyed our special seating area. Guests were seated several rows behind us.

The ceremonies were pleasant and quick paced. All of the 1945, and 1955, and 1965 Crusader attendees were presented with the traditional Red & Blue silk lei and also presented with a special medallion to commemorate the event.

Running around and pointing his camera into the faces of all who would stay still for a moment; to take their picture(s), was "da guy" Johnson YEE. This classmate has taken a bazillion pictures of us over the years, and he continues to do so...and - his attitude, demeanor and smile are always very genuine and warm. You can view pictures taken at this event, by clicking on this link <u>View Album</u>

Then, as is our "ritual" way, the ceremonies were over and many of us quickly headed to the "lua"; then back again to take group pictures. We laughed and joked as we stood for picture taking. How special it was that we could enjoy the event and the friendships. Hopefully, we will be around for the "next chapter" and episode.

Many thanks go out to Bob Takei of the S.L.A.A and Ray Abregano of the S.L.H.S. These two guys were very helpful in solidifying our attendee roster. A very special "Thank you" to *Lauzanne Oshiro* (daughter of Paul **FUNG**) who graced us with her effervescence and for her gifts (brownies) to **LELLING** & **CORENEVSKY**