



What's Up PIA? ...

Join the gang for a "Summer Pau ... We Going Party" picnic – Mark your calendar Saturday, September 8th. The place is Manito Park, up on Grand past Sacred Hearts; if you past 29th Ave then you went to far(backtrack)–look for the gazebo on the right. Pretty much the same time as all our weekend potlucks, try arriving on or before 1pm, eat around 2pm and "talk story" until 5pm. Entertainment and distractions compliments of yourself and any other brave club members. Does anyone want to tell some "Hawaiian" stories?

The May 2007 PIA "Island Style" potluck – Thanks to the 100+ people who were able to join us at the West Central Community Center last May. We had a ton of laulau left over and people went home with the extra. You can bet a great time was had by everyone. We enjoyed - music from the Esperas clan, music from the Borges clan, Hula from Sheri's NW Hula Halau, select hulas from Gwen and her sister, hula from Sara Ermitano – a great list of very talented club members don't you think? Thanks to all club members for bringing their favorite food stuff.

PIA Fishing Tourney – The May 2007 tourney was a blast, with some members actually participating in the "fishing" part and others just there to share the afternoon. And wouldn't you know it another one may be on its way later this August. Stay tune for details. Thanks to Doug, Keith, Chan, Kenny, Grethia, Kevin, Gwen, LeAnne, Gwen's sista, and the myriad of people who showed up to make this past "Fishing" Tourney a blast. **Put 18-August-2007 on your calendar for the AUGUST 2007 PIA Fishing tourney. Please call Doug Johnston for details.**

Please choose Email or US Mail – The officers want to see if we can save some money – So we are asking you to decide whether you would like to receive our club Newsletter via email! A few years ago we were doing this – but it appears that some of our email addresses got out of date and we ended up sending things out via US Mail again. So anything you can do to help us save some moola..

PIA Club History : Pictures/Stories/Etc – Do you have any pictures or articles about our PIA gatherings – If so please donate copies of these things and get them to Gene Cunneely – we should be able to put something together after all the club is over 10 years old.

Congratulations to the 50 Year Olds – Doug J, Doug M, Kai U, Kathy C, Wendall K, George I, etc – Some of you folks had celebrations, others convincingly enough avoided them. Some took off for Vegas for a proper celebration. Others are still waiting to figure out how to make it a celebration. So from the Club to you – Happy Birthday!

More PIA Stuff...

A regular Happy Birthday to Chan Esperas – Not fifty but Melissa threw him a "breakfast" celebration at Granny's and then a "Skating" party with Pizza, Pop, and plenty of "fall down on the floor" fun. I haven't been on "roller skates" for years – and if you've seen Chan's "MySpace" page you can tell exactly why.

Congratulations to Suzanne Bantilan – I don't have all the details, but a little birdy asked that I include this in our Newsletter. She was part of the "2007 Valley Girl Triathlon" (an all women event). Did she bring home the big trophy? I don't know, but you'll have to ask her when you see her again. Congrats on a job well done.

A special congrats to Keoni and Toni – John Dang wants you to join him in congratulating his son, Keoni and his soon-to-be daughter-in-law, Toni Hart on their plans to tie the knot next summer, 28th of June 2008. Toni just graduated from Warner Pacific College this past May – John, Steph and Mike, Toni's Mom and Dad, and her grandmother were on hand at a little celebration lunch after the graduation when Keoni surprised everyone as he took to one knee and popped the question. We already know what her answer was – so come next June the plan is Keoni and Toni are getting married at Centerplace at Mirabeau Park.

University of Hawaii .VS. University of Idaho Vandals – September 29th 2007 at 2pm in Moscow, Idaho. Doug is attempting to get a group together to go down and watch the game. General admission tickets are \$20.00 and we want to sit in section 10. You can purchase tickets at the gate or in advance by calling 888-884-3246. Remember "General admission" tickets as expected aren't assigned seats. Contact John Dang (509-235-4301) or Doug Johnston (509-448-9111) for more information. We do not have any set plans as yet, but would like to get contact info for those interested in going down so that as we figure things out we can get back to you all.

Way to go Chloe Maier – Congrats go to Chloe, the current "Miss Washington Teen World". She is headed for Phoenix this August 13th to compete in the "2007 Miss Teen World USA" pageant. And if you think that's all she's got on her schedule – it isn't!!!! Look for Chloe on stage this September 29th thru October 28th as she plays the Polynesian lead "Liat" in the Spokane Civic Theatre musical production of "South Pacific".

Congrats also to Alisi Kane, Joy Helsing, Maria Caprile – Let's also say "break a leg" to these PIA members as they too are part of the music production of "South Pacific" by the Spokane Civic Theatre. Oh – so much is happening!

Blue Bridge Bash – Hawaiian Style – October 5th – at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Building in Kennewick WA. 28 E 10th Ave (corner of 10th Ave and Washington St) next to Burger King. A backyard-style pa'ina – strictly potluck – so bring enough kaukau and drinks for your family and for share. Lunch around 1:42 pm. Early birds come around 10:30 am and Supper time around 6:30 pm (re-eat leftovers and whatever the latecomers bring for eat). Check out the Clover Island Inn on Clover Island, 435 Clover Island Dr, Kennewick WA. The hotel is easy to find and less than 2 miles from the VFW. Call 1-866-586-0542 for reservations and remember to ask for the "Blue Bridge Bash" group rate. (Small note. If you tell them you have over 4 people in your group they will charge you another \$10+ per person) Try likeke@nokuleana.com or call 509-961-9913 ask for Lyn.

What: *Lamenting the End of Summer and Welcoming the Start of Another School Year.!*

When: *Saturday, 8th-Sep-2007 ~ 1 to 5 pm*

Where: *Manito Park Gazebo – up Grand Blvd past Sacred Hearts a few blocks, until you see the park on the right.*

Cost: *If you paid your dues – see ya there – if not see you anyway – but you can bring your dues.*

Dakine: *Bring food for your family, plus some to share with the club and our friends. Bring your own beverages, but NONE of the Alcoholic stuff.*

New stuff...

(Never made it into the printed Newsletter)

Spokane Indians Baseball – If you're into baseball and would like to catch a Spokane Indians game, consider the 19th of August, Sunday at 6:30pm, it seems "Hawaiian Night" will include our very own "Lokomaika'i" with Kenny, Chan, Kai and Owen strumming the "Island Style" tunes sometime between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. And word has it that the ladies of the "Northwest Hula Company" will also be featured as part of Spokane Indians Baseball "Hawaiian Night" festivities. See you there. Aloha!

PIA Shirts plus – Got an email from Donna Masaniai – She tells me that they have a stock of custom T-shirts for sale – including "PIA ", "get poi?", "FOB", and "Samoa T-shirts" of a wide variety and sizes.

The following list their stock of Pacific Islander Association T-Shirts

Toddler/ infant sizes: \$3.00 ea (6 month – one; 2T -two; 4T – one)

Childrens sizes: \$3.00 ea (Small - 6/8 – two; Med – 10/12 – four; Large – 14/16 – one)

Adult sizes: \$4.00 for Small to XL \$5.00 for XXL to XXXL. (Small – two; Med – one; Large – one; XL – six; XXL – two; XXXL – five).

Contact her at 509.328.2507 ask for Donna. You can email her at quiltingdonna@comcast.net.

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Thank you to all the contributors of this months Newsletter. It's been a very long time since I've had so much information to get out to our club. Way to go!