

POSTON

High School Reunion 2001

CLASS OF

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"Is it too late to take a picture?"
- Tak Sugimoto, '45

"I don't remember."
- Martha Dagg, '43

"Save '02 for a Laughlin reprise."
- Arlene Kishi, '46

* S Y N O P S I S *

"For three years we have lived in the backwash of the main stream of life. You do not know life as it is being lived today, yet all which has gone before has been but preparation for the life ahead . . . (you) are not leaving Poston, but taking Poston (with you) . . . Wherever we go we shall feel that common tie which binds people together who have faced critical times . . ."

- Arthur L. Harris
Superintendent of Education
Post Ano 1945

How so very true and prophetic.

There was an intangible, unexplainable relationship created in that atmosphere of wind storm and mesquite; destined to not only remain intact but to grow stronger. No matter the frequency of reunions the toll is becoming muffled. There now seems to be an unspoken sense of urgency; a realization, sadly, that there is more behind us than lies ahead.

To you who set aside 11 August 2001, flip the ensuing pages and allow yourself to reminisce and remember .

TATS + JANE KUWAHARA 12/1/01



There were only 36 blocks in Camp 1.
- Sets Shinto, '48

"Who has the longest name?"
- Aki Loveridge-Sanbonmatsu, '46

10/11/11
1972 + NAME NUMBERS

REUNION 2001 POSTON HIGH



Ed Akamatsu '44



Aki Amano '47



Harry Baba '45 & Kiyo



Yayeko (Baba)
Sagawa '44



Yeiko (Baba)
Sakuma '46



Raymond
Chikahisa '45



Arlene (Eddow)
Kishi '46



Virgie (Eddow)
Yomogida '48



May Emoto '45



Sadao Emoto '47



Kazumi Fukawa &
Koji '45



Shiro Furukawa '45



Jim Hamai '44



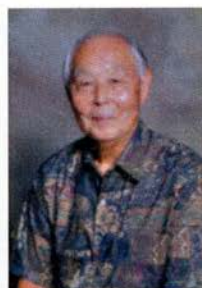
Kaz Higashi '45



Pat (Hirabayashi)
Fujiwara '47



Wimpy Hiroto '45



Frank Hori '45



Henry Horikawa '44



Kei Inouye '45



Mary (Inouye)
Kawabata '46



Masako (Inouye)
Fukuhara '44 & George



Sumako (Inouye)
Nishina '43



Grace (Ishida)
Hatchimonji '46 & Mike



Haru (Ito)
Watanabe '48



May (Kaneko)
Hamada '46



Yasuko (Kato) Ohta '46



June (Kawabe)
Kuwahara '48 & Tats '43



Sam Kawanami '47
& Carol



Shig Kawanami '45



Fusae (Kikumoto)
Nishina '49



Mary (Kinoshita)
Higashi



Sets (Kobata) Shinto
'48 & Dick



Oscar Kodama '45 &
Grace



Kei Kokubun '44



Hisako (Konami)
Miyawaki & John '45



Eleanor (Kushida)
Komai '45



Martha (Kushida)
Dagg '43



Liz (Kuwahara)
Tsuchiyama & Tosh '43



Aki Loveridge-
Sanbonmatsu '46



Bill Manaka '45



Misako (Masumoto)
Morihiro '46



Sachi (Masumoto)
Watari '50 & Joseph



Emi (Matsumoto)
Koide '45 & Min



Haruko (Matsumoto)
Kurachi '47 & William



Nancy (Matsumoto)
Matsuda '51



Ben Matsunaga '43



Tom Matsunaga '44



Hiroko (Mitokawa)
Kunitake '46 & Sydney



Archie Miyamoto '47



Sam Miyamoto '46



John Miyata '45
& Lily



Elaine (Momita)
Morinaga '48 &
Sam '44



Bob Mori '45 & Kay



Ritz Mori



Sus Mori '45



Bob Morinishi '47



Ted Morinishi '44



Chico (Murasé)
Iguchi '47



Tak Murase '45



Tats Nagase '45 & Arly



Mary (Nagata) Hino
'45 & Hiro



Jack Nakahara '45



Nancy Nakamura '44



Jack Nakano '45



Rose (Nishi) Adachi '43



Frances (Nishioka)
Nishi '45 & Hide '45



Mas Nobuto '45



Dorothy (Obata)
Kobara '44



Aiko (Ogura) Shibata
'43 & Tad '45



Florence (Ohmura)
Dobashi '45



Roy Ohta '45



Fumi (Oike)
Tadakuma '43



Frank Okamoto '45 &
Dorothy



Taye (Okamoto)
Yamaguchi '46 & Jim



Natsuko (Okanishi)
Akiyama '49
& Yosh '48



Ben Omoto '47 &
Lavonne Rae Andrews



John Saito '46 &
Carol



Aya (Sakamoto)
Otsu '45



Kiyoshi Sakemi '45



Raymond Sasaki '47
& Sachi



Sachi (Sasaki)
Maehara '46



Chiyeko (Sato)
Harada '47



Ray Shigemasa '45



Richard Shindo '45



Tak Shiroma '43



Miyo (Sunago)
Kaneda '45



Lily (Suyama)
Kusumoto '51 & Lindy



Ruth (Suyama)
Kataoka '53



Pauline (Takahash)
Hayakawa '45 & Herb



Shiz (Tanaka)
Fujimoto '47 & Bones



Frances (Tashiro) Kaji
'46 & Bruce



Fumi (Tsuchiyama)
Ishino '47 & Nob



Tachi (Tsuneyoshi)
Shimoyama '46 &
Isao



Bob Wada '48



Hank Wada '45 & Doris



Hiroaki Yamamoto '46
& Julia



Frisco Yamasaki '44



Tomiko (Yamasaki)
Nakayama

GRETA GARBO & HOWARD HUGHES
(Attended but did not take pictures)

Michi (Sakon) & Ike Fujishin ~ Bernice (Setsuda) Goto
Florence (Sano) Izumi ~ Hisaye Masutani
Natsuko (Izumi) & Harry Miyagi ~ Tad Ochiai
Amy (Yoshida) Murakami ~ Ken Onishi
Yukie (Masutani) & Sat Rikimaru ~ Tak Sugimoto
Shig & Alice Yamada ~ Kiyo (Sugimoto) Yamaguchi
Sumi (Imamura) Yasuda



Yas Yoshida '44

INFORMATION BOX

To save valuable space no guest directory was printed. If you want an address or guest information contact W.T. Hiroto at wimpyhiroto@msn.com. A limited number of souvenir booklets remain. If you want an extra copy please send \$16.50 to Tak Murase, 1725 Abajo Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754.



"What exactly is a 'Luanan'?"
- Herb Hayakawa, quizzical spouse

"Poston will be looked upon with a fondness."
- Arthur L. Harris, '45

* 1945? Who Can Remember That Far Back? *



TABLE 1 – (Seated left) Miyo Kaneda, Jack Nakahara, Koji & Kazumi Fukawa, Kaz Higashi, Shig Kawanami; (Standing left) Frances Nishi, Mary & Hiro Hino, Hide Nishi.

* Was There A Southwest Poston? *



TABLE 2 – (Seated) Grace Kodama, Sumi Yasuda, Ray Shigemasa, Bob Morinishi, Shiro Furukawa, Alice Yamada; (Standing) Oscar Kodama, Kei Inouye, Tak Sugimoto, Shig Yamada.

* Cougars Will Live Forever! *



TABLE 3 – (Seated) Mas Nobuto, Tak Murase, Arly & Tats Nagase, Jack Nakano; (Standing) Hank and Doris Wada, Tad & Aiko Shibata, Frank Hori.

*** There Really Is An Imperial Valley ***



TABLE 4 – (Seated left) Hiroaki & Julia Yamamoto, Kay & Bob Mori, Jim & Taye Yamaguchi; (Standing left) Frank Okamoto, Sus Mori, Raymond Chikahisa, Dorothy Okamoto.

*** An Apache Is Not A Saint ***



TABLE 5 – (Seated) Wimpy Hiroto, Yasuko Ohta, Kiyoshi Sakemi, Roy Ohta, John & Lily Miyata; (Standing) Hisako Miyawaki, Yukie Rikimaru, John Miyawaki, Sats Rikimaru.

Class of '44 Still Stands Proud *



TABLE 6 – (Seated) Ritz Mori, Ted Morinishi, Ken Onishi, Jim Hamai, Nob & Fumi Ishino; (Standing) Kei Kokubun, Dorothy Kobara, Yas Yoshida, Hank Horikawa.

* From Teacher To (Lefty) Dentist *



TABLE 7 – (Seated left) Frances Kaji, Nancy Nakamura, Masako & George Fukuhara, Florence Dobashi, Kiyo Yamaguchi; (Standing left) Bruce Kaji, Pauline & Herb Hayakawa, Tad Ochiai.

* Let No One Dare Add Up This Table's Years! *



TABLE 8 – (Seated) Mary Higashi, Rich Shindo, Martha Dagg, Fumi Tadakuma, Rose Adachi, Candace Murakami; (Standing) Hisaye Masutani, Tosh & Liz Tsuchiyama, Amy Murakami.

* I'm Glad Someone Remembers Me *



TABLE 9 – (Seated) Isao & Tachi Shimoyama, Grace Hatchimonji, Bernice Goto, Michi Fujishin, Florence Izumi; (Standing) Ike Fujishin, Mike Hatchimonji, Carol & John Saito.

* This Table Really Did Win The Contest! *



TABLE 10 – (Seated left) Sachi Machara, May Hamada, Bill Manaka, Carol & Sam Kawanami; (Standing left) Sam Miyamoto, Aki Loveridge-Sanbonmatsu, Archie Miyamoto.

* Why Can't We Sing Along With Them? *



TABLE 11 – (Seated) Aya Otsu, Eleanor Komai, Robert & Ruth Kataoka, Lily Kusumoto; (Standing left) Gary Seko, Midori Inouye, Tak Nishi, Lindy Kusumoto.

* Who Won The Table Setting? *



TABLE 12 – (Seated) Kiyo Baba, Hiroko Kunitake, Harry Baba, Sid Kunitake, Yaye & Yeiko Sakuma; (Standing) Haruko and William Kurachi, Min & Emi Koide.

* Please! My Name Is Really Junichi! *



TABLE 13 – (Seated left) Mary Kawabata, Ed Akamatsu, Tom & Ben Matsunaga, Frisco Yamasaki, Tomi Nakayama; (Standing left) Sumako Nishinaka, Harry & Natsuko Miyagi, Tak Shiroma.

* Did Anyone Bring A Doggy Bag? *



TABLE 14 – (Seated) Sadao Emoto, Ben Omoto, LaVonne Rae Andrews, May Emoto, Sachi Sasaki; (Standing) Chico Iguchi, Raymond Sasaki, Aki Amano, Tats & June Kuwahara.

* Ho Ho Ho! Guess Who Won The Contest? *



TABLE 15 – (Seated) Sam Morinaga, Natsuko & Yosh Akiyama, Haru Watanabe, Arlene Kishi, Bob Wada; (Standing) Elaine Morinaga, Dick & Sets Shinto, Virgie Yomogida.

* At Least We Were Close To The Benjoe! *



TABLE 16 – (Seated left) Chiyeko Harada, Sachi & Joseph Watari, Fusae Nishina, Nancy Matsuda; (Standing) Misako Morihiro, Pat Fujiwara, Bones & Shiz Fujimoto.



CLASS REUNION '45 committee is pleased, more than somewhat, to receive word so many attendees had an enjoyable 11 August 2001. Whether there will be another is anyone's guess although we hear members of '46-47-48 are diligently at work planning a Laughlin Redux for Year 2002. All we know for sure is everyone had a great time. Thank you all for attending!

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What is the reason Camp remains so memorable today? No matter the ties of original home town, subsequent schools, marriage and parenthood, we remain Postonites forever.

Why?

Had it not been for school (classes at Block 59, Block 2, wherever), seldom would we venture outside respective close knit areas. A trek to the outdoor movie, swimming hole or canteen was adventurous. One never walked through a block, always around. Think about it. How many times did you ever eat in another mess hall? Visit an adjacent quad? If not for classes we were segregated block islands, kept apart by firebreaks and imagined differences.

The fact of the matter is we are closer friends today than we ever were before!

Whatever the (in)significance there remains a sister/brotherhood difficult to understand - all based on ties established so very long ago.

And rest assured, no matter the frequency of contact, we will maintain an amity, a fellowship unmatched.