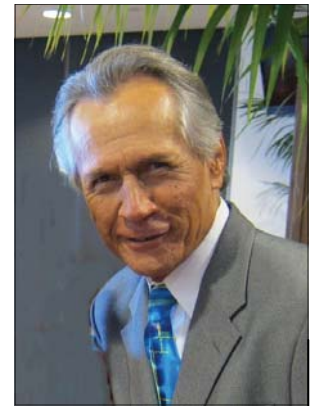


Apologies to Kimo Kahoano, local actor and entertainer. We misspelled his name in the previous issue.



Above on left: Liz Wei and Ellen Shikuma. On the right is new member Cal Yuen.

PAA MEMBER WORKING TO QUALIFY IN SENIOR OLYMPICS IN 2013



Joan Davis competes in master track events and is determined to qualify for the Senior Olympics. She was featured on the cover of a special magazine insert in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* on March 21st, with a lengthier article inside the magazine. The magazine was celebrating active seniors in Hawaii.

The subtitle of the article was "A former Pan Am employee who mingled with celebrities has become a competitive force nationally in track and field." (Joan was a ground hostess at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport.) She says when she was

young her desire was to travel. In her later years her "bucket list" changed dramatically. Her weight ballooned and she began having health problems. The passing of her mother was her wake-up call. In 1989, she determined to lose the weight through diet and exercise and a year later finished her first marathon as a race walker. She says that for someone whose athletic background consisted of a little bit of tennis, swimming and horseback riding, competition was a new and rewarding experience. She has continued to compete in races. She also joined the Hawaii Masters Track Club and began competing in track and field events. At right, Joan holds the 6th place ribbon she won in the hammer throw at the 2011 National Senior Games. She is now number 1 in the National Senior Games in her age group in the shot put, weight, and super weight events. We wish her well in her attempt to qualify for the 2013 Senior Olympics. (Bruce Asato of the *Star-Advertiser* took the photos for the article.)



PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Those who attended the meeting in April will remember **Paula Helfrich** and her talk on many things, including the book she co-wrote with **Becky Sprecher**, *Flying—A Novel*. Not long after that meeting, there was a music and book fair at Honolulu Hale. Paula and her Hilo printer suc-

Book fair volunteers Inger hojfeldt, Hector Venegas, Jade Sen and Darlene and Lee Laster—the Sunday afternoon shift. Other volunteers included Terry Webber and Sharlene Brunell on the Saturday morning shift, myself and Glori Ino-Strasberg and Gen Nishimura on Saturday afternoon. Other volunteers were Gary Baldwin, Coco Lemaster, Debi Bukala and Susyn Fritz.



ceeded in getting a tent booth for the sale of the book. With the help of the Pan Am Association, they decorated it with Pan Am banners and memorabilia. Paula had to re-

turn to Myanmar earlier than expected but **Terry Webber** did a marvelous job of handling volunteers and scheduling their shifts for the 2-day fair to ensure the booth was always tended. Paula donated sales of the books with half going to the association and half to the Pacific Aviation Museum. On behalf of all association members, we pass on our thanks to Paula and Becky for the donation, \$202 each to PAA and to the museum. . . . We also want to thank Life Member **Bee Beuker** who sent a note to Membership Chair **Robbie Gee** saying how much she enjoyed the newsletter. She included a nice donation to the association since she has been a member for a long time. She indicated she sent the donation since she has not had to pay dues for many years. How very thoughtful!In the previous issue we wrote that the meeting ended with members and guests singing "Where I Live There Are Rainbows". **Hector Venegas**, pictured in the group above, was the person who wrote the lyrics to the song. We received a note from member **Richard Taliaferro** in La Mesa, CA, in which he wrote: "This one brought back some memories, one of which—"Where I Live There are Rainbows"—I used to do a vocal on that one with guitar, and my daughter, Lynn, danced to it many times. Just had to respond and say thanks. Sure enjoy getting the newsletter every month. Kinda like keeping up with old friends." . . . We were one of Terry Webber's volunteers at the Honolulu Hale Music and Book Fair. Many people were curious about a Pan Am presence at the fair. We heard comments from some who remembered the World Wings Garage Sale and wanted to know if it was going to be held again next year. (It is.) Others were related to Pan Am employees and still others had their favorite Pan Am stories to share. One fellow, **Billy Sage**, asked if he could send me some Pan Am photos he had taken many years ago. He sent the photos by email and wrote: "I am amazed that I took this picture just a few months shy of 50 years ago, but there they are; beautiful, intelligent, kindly young ladies of Pan Am, who took the time to allow a Stew-Struck nerd of 15 to photograph them at Tafuna Airport, American Samoa after a flight from Honolulu." He added that the flight was the last one operated on the route with an aircraft with reciprocal engines, DC-7C N743PA *Clipper Ocean Rover*. "We had the honor three weeks later of being on *Ocean Rover's* final flight, returning to HNL, for the very next day, they opened Tafuna's lengthened runway and from then on, Samoa was in the jet age." The photo was dark but we had some success using our photo editing program and the photo turned out well enough to see the ladies' faces. We think there are some familiar ones. We have printed the photo, especially for our Seattle members since in our memory, the cabin crews that worked the South Pacific DC-7 flights were based there. If anyone can identify any or all of the three ladies, please contact us. We like the photo and think it should bring back memories to more than just the flight attendant group. The photo follows on the next page.