



Zama Alumni Association

Takenoko News

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Site for 2010 ZAA All-Class Reunion Selected!!!

The site for the 2010 reunion has been chosen! Our next all-class reunion in Washington DC will be held at the Hyatt Arlington, a hotel situated in a convenient location with easy access to historical places, shopping areas, restaurants and places of entertainment. Updates will continue to go out to everyone as time goes on. We hope you all will come and join in the fun of another great ZAA reunion!

Please continue to check the website and the "2010 Reunion" page for news regarding this greatly anticipated event!

Looking for Volunteers!!

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Would you like to help out with the preparations for the 2010 reunion? We are looking for volunteers to help with various things: registration, decorating, the raffle, etc. Those who are interested in participating and working with a fun bunch of others, please contact Georgine Luketic Lindseth (c/o '79) or Roberta Stott (c/o '88).

40th Anniversary Event for the Class of 1970

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Cindy Pemble Zook ('70) and Chris Neilsen Reed ('70) are already working on something special for their class. They plan to have their event on Friday, July 9, 2010. More details will be available in the months to come, so please continue to check the ZAA website and messages boards. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Cindy or Chris for more information.

Joining the Zama Alumni Association

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As many of you know by now, joining the website is free and open to all those who attended Zama. It is our sincerest hope that you will think about joining the ZAA and become a supporting member of the Association.

At present, the dues are \$22.00 per calendar year. As written on the website, these dues are used for a variety of things: continuation of the website for all alumni and faculty to use, sponsorship of the all-class reunions and purchase of a page in the ZHS yearbook. There are other projects in the works, including a scholarship for a ZHS student in the graduating class.

All you have to do is click on the "Joining the ZAA" on the Home Page and make a decision. It's that simple!

With the annual dues and donations received, we will be able to have this site for many years to come, bringing and keeping us together. As it is said, the best things in life are not things... instead they are friends, family and special moments which we spend together. We want to thank you in advance for your consideration and participation.

Did you know...?

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Back in July, the Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko traveled to Hawaii on official business. On their second day there, the imperial couple attended a state luncheon held in their honor at Washington Place. And guess who prepared the dishes which were served? Our own beloved ZAA president, Roy Yamaguchi!!

For those of us who still recall the sounds of The Who, fellow alum Frank Simes ('74) will be on tour with Roger Daltrey as his musical director and guitarist. Check out this link to see if you'll have the chance to see Frank's guitar-playing at a location near you. [The Roger Daltrey Tour](#)

A bit of news from ZHS: The Zama football team played Yokota on Saturday, October 3rd. Happy to say that the Trojans won! It was the first time in over 10 years, according to Debbie Alcazar ('91). Let's hope our alma mater continues to do well in all sports and activities!

Requests and Reminders from Roberta

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** When you have a free moment, please go to the ZAA website, click on "Schoolmate Profiles" in the upper left-hand corner and click the year "1958." This list is made up of names from various lists from Zama events and reunions, but which didn't have a class year written out. Some of these people may

already be in a proper year, but because of typos and such, are included in this list, too. If you happen to recognize a name, please contact and help us to put them in the year in which they belong.

** Some of you may have noticed the name change of our site. It is now Zama American Middle and High School. I'd like to remind everyone that this site is for anyone who attended Zama, regardless of whether one graduated from ZHS or not. Once a Trojan, always a Trojan! =)

** Over the past several weeks, we've received many messages asking why a person's name is missing from the Schoolmate Profile list. This website was newly made in July of this year and we had to start from scratch. We must manually input each name. (And if you think about all of the ones who have passed through the halls of ZMS and ZHS, that's A LOT of people!!) We're working hard to get the lists completed. With everyone's help and input, we will try our best to get each alumni listed!

** There are a few things on the site. The Zama Alumni Association By-Laws, the ZAA Balance Sheet and the ZAA Profit & Loss Statement may be viewed on the "Joining the ZAA" page.

** May I ask a small favor of everyone? If possible, please include the years you attended Zama in your profile. Whether you want to write it under "Comments" or "School Story," that's completely up to you. Thank you!!

Roberta - '88

The Alumni Directory

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We have gotten a few inquiries on whether a printed directory would be coming out or not. At the present time, we are not planning to print a directory; however, we are planning to use this website's function as the electronic directory.

Granted, this may pose a hardship on persons without Internet access; however, we believe that the pros may outweigh the cons. First, by leaving it electronic, we save on both printing and postage costs. Secondly, updates should be immediate rather than yearly (so be sure to update your profile). Thirdly, in this day and age of identity theft, we feel it is a liability to have names and addresses in a printed format which may be stolen. Fourthly, the website allows you to message any one of your schoolmates immediately. Finally, we believe this is a more convenient format ... no more searching for a printed directory (some of us searching longer than others).

George - '71