

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. WHAT IS YOUR REFUND POLICY?

For the **buffet at Waikele Country Club** on Oct. 12, the planning committee has to lock in and pay for the number of attendees a month before the event. If you or a guest cannot attend, **let us know by Sept. 8** by email to whs64reunion@yahoo.com, so we can arrange to refund you the amount.

If you paid us for **Germaine's Luau** on Oct. 13, **let us know by Sept. 28**, by email to whs64reunion@yahoo.com, so we can arrange to refund you the amount you paid.

Note: As stated in the reunion announcement, tour tickets for Plantation Village tour are to be bought on Oct. 11, the day of the event. However, we do need a count of those attending, so that the Plantation Village staff can provide the appropriate number of volunteer tour guides. You do not need to tour the village. There is an excellent small museum and a gift shop with heirloom pieces to browse, at no charge, inside the office building where tour tickets are purchased, as well restrooms and picnic tables outside.

2. ARE THE EVENTS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE?

Plantation Village has wheelchair ramps to access all the exhibit areas, including the replica camp homes situated in an acre-size area.

Waikele Country Club restaurant entrance is at street-level, facing its large parking lot on the east side of the building. The banquet room, buffet line, and restrooms are all on the first floor, so no steps are involved.

The large banquet room's tables will be arranged so that people with wheelchairs and walkers have enough space to maneuver and sit comfortably with other guests. If you have difficulty moving or walking, or require other special accommodations, email the planning committee at whs64reunion@yahoo.com. We will work with the restaurant staff to ensure all have a good time.

Germaine's Luau is outdoors, so there are no stairs to climb. Check the luau website for special accommodations. The website's FAQ page addresses special accommodations:

<https://www.germainesluau.com/faq/>

3. CAN I BRING CHILDREN TO THE EVENT?

Plantation Village welcomes visitors of all ages to learn more about the ethnic and cultural heritage of Hawaii immigrants who came to work on sugar and pineapple plantations since the 1880's.

Waikele Country Club reunion banquet. Children younger than 20 years old are discouraged from attending, as the program is focused on people of our generation. However, **adult** children, relatives and friends are welcome, especially to provide moral support and physical comfort.

Germaine's Luau is a family-oriented entertainment and feasting place, so all are welcome, including toddlers.

4. CAN I STILL BUY TICKETS FOR GERMAINE'S LUAU? Reservations for and tickets to the luau can be arranged and purchased up to the day **before** Oct. 13 luau through its website and vendors in Waikiki. You do not have to pay for reservations through the WHS 1964 reunion committee. However, we already have enough people with reservations to arrange reunion attendees to sit together. If you have questions or decide now to join the luau party, email us at whs64reunion@yahoo.com.

5. HOW DO I GET TO THE REUNION EVENTS?

PLANTATION VILLAGE. Plantation Village is on the same, narrow two-lane street that runs through Waipahu, roughly parallel to Farrington Highway that stretches to the length of Waipahu town. It's best to drive, but a city bus (<https://thebus.org/>) route has a stop near the Village.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS. The most direct route from Honolulu to Plantation Village:

From Honolulu, take H-1 West and get off the Waipahu Waikele exit (same exit to take to the reunion banquet).

At the traffic light, turn left onto Paiwa Street (heading toward the ocean). At the third traffic light, turn right on Waipahu Street and follow it, going past the Filipino Community Center and Depot Road.

About a quarter mile later, the one-way entrance to the Village is before a sharp turn of the road. Slow down, so you don't miss it. The one-way exit from Plantation Village to Waipahu Street is on the other, lower side of the sharp turn, where Waipahu Street goes down towards a bridge over Waikele Stream.

From Kapolei, Ko Olina, take H-1 East, get off the first Waipahu exit, head south on Kunia Road, but get into the far right lane. About a half mile after the exit, take the exit to Waipahu, which makes a half circle to merge onto Farrington Highway to enter Waipahu town. Several streets intersect Farrington Highway to Waipahu Street. The most familiar route is to take the left turn lane at the traffic light at Leoku Street that runs between Don Quixote and McDonalds. Stay on this street, with McDonald's on your left and Don Quixote on the right, until you reach the T intersection to Waipahu Street. Turn right onto Waipahu Street, go past Waipahu Elementary School. After the street goes down toward the Waikele stream bridge and veers to the right, it will rise up towards the sharp curve at the top. Slow down, so you don't miss the entrance to Waipahu Village, a one-way road heading down a slope, right after curve in Waipahu Street.

WAIKELE COUNTRY CLUB RESTAURANT.

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From Honolulu, take H-1 West and get off the Waipahu Waikele exit. Then merge onto Paiwa Street heading north, going past the traffic light intersection to the Premium Outlets shopping complex. Slow down, as about a quarter mile up is the driveway on the right to the Waikele Country Club and restaurant.

From Kapolei, Ko Olina, take H-1 West, get off the 2nd Waipahu exit (Waipahu/Waikele exit). Take a left onto Paiwa, heading north (mauka). Go past the traffic light intersection to the Premium Outlets shopping complex. About a quarter mile up, on the right, is the driveway to the Waikele Country Club and restaurant.

GERMAINE'S LUAU. See: <https://www.germainesluau.com/> to get map directions

6. WHAT ABOUT FOOD AT THE EVENTS?

Plantation Village meet-and-greet. The reunion planning committee has not yet decided if lunch will be available on-site. By the end of September, the committee will notify those who have indicated on the signup form that they will attend the meet-up on Oct. 11. We will be eating at the Plantation Village's large picnic tables with benches arranged under a large tree next to the museum and its large parking lot.

Waikele Country Club reunion banquet. You can choose what you prefer to eat from buffet line: **Salads:** eggplant and tofu, fresh toss greens, fresh sliced fruits. **Hot Entrees:** roast beef and mushroom gravy, chicken katsu, sautéed mahi mahi with lemon butter and capers. **Sides:** garlic mash potato, fried noodles, steamed vegetables.

If you are on a special diet because of medical conditions, contact us at whs64reunion@yahoo.com. We will contact the restaurant about arranging a special menu for you.

Germaine's Luau: The menu is detailed on the Germaine's Luau website:

<https://www.germainesluau.com/menu/>

7. CAN I PAY FOR THE REUNION BANQUET WITH A CREDIT CARD? No, the planning committee has looked into this payment method and found it too costly and time-consuming to set up and manage. We are trying our best to keep overhead costs as low as possible, so most of the funds are used for the events themselves.

8. WHAT ARE THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE OPTIONS?

Waikele Country Club reunion banquet. The country club restaurant has a no-host bar next to the banquet room to order drinks on a pay-as you-go basis. No outside drinks are allowed in the restaurant, and no drinking of alcoholic beverages is permitted in the parking lot. The restaurant has a cocktail menu on its website: <https://www.golfwaikele.com/restaurant/menus>

Germaine's Luau: The menu is detailed on the Germaine's Luau website:

<https://www.germainesluau.com/menu/>

9. HOW WILL PEOPLE BE SEATED AT THE REUNION BANQUET? CAN I RESERVE SEATS FOR ME AND MY FRIENDS ?

No seating arrangements are planned. After you check in at the registration desk, tables will be filled as guests arrive, except for those in wheelchairs and needing special accommodations. If you want to sit with friends, arrive together, so you can sit together. We encourage people to sit with people they might not have known well in high school daze. Catch up on what you knew and what you didn't know in the few decades after high school.

10. I DON'T DRIVE AT NIGHT. CAN SOMEONE PICK ME UP?

Please make your own transportation arrangements, with relatives, friends, neighbors, or other classmates coming to the reunion. If you have questions, contact the planning committee through the announcement that was mailed to you, or email us at: whs64reunion@yahoo.com

11. SOMEONE WILL BE DROPPING ME OFF BUT CAN'T PICK ME UP AFTERWARDS. CAN I GET A RIDE HOME?

See answer above to Question 10. You may be able to ask around at the banquet if someone can drop you off afterwards.

12. I HAVE A CAREGIVER WHEN I GO OUT. CAN THAT PERSON COME TO ASSIST WITHOUT PAYING FOR THE REUNION DINNER?

No, all attendees, including caregivers, must pay for their meals. If you plan for the caregiver to have a meal, then you are required to include them into the headcount.

13. HOW IS THE PARKING SITUATION?

Ample parking is available at all reunion event locations.

14. I HAVE SOME MEMORABILIA AND PHOTOGRAPHS I'D LIKE TO SHARE AT THE REUNION BANQUET AT WAIKELE. IS THERE A WAY TO DISPLAY OR SHARE THEM AT THE BANQUET?

We are arranging for a display board to mount photos and tables to display albums and other memorabilia, for folks to share with others attending the reunion. The display area will be taken down about halfway through the banquet program. An announcement will be made for people to pick up their materials at that time.

15. I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS TO ASK. You can call the people listed in the announcement you received in the mail, or email us at: whs64reunion@yahoo.com.

Aloha! See you at the reunion! A hui hou!