



**Kapolei Chapter having a good time**

YOU ONLY CELEBRATE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY ONCE!

*By June Kadomoto*

**HBDA did it!** They celebrated their milestone 50th on August 15 at the newly renovated Sheraton Waikiki Resort . Six hundred dancers, friends, and families attended the gala event. **Paul Lee**, imaginary and creative craftsman, decked the stage specially with huge yellow crafted flowers petals forming flowers: each dance director and assistant dance director's photo was set in the middle; they became a unique flowers, garden.



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**Kalihi Chapter having fun at the Anniversary Ball**

**In addition**, an enlarged HBDA logo graced the backdrop wall; it made a beautiful and dramatic sight. Souvenir Booklets graced the tables for attendees. General Dancing interspersed between activities scheduled for the evening. Dedicated army of volunteers who logged 100 hours of service for the last annual year received Certificates of Meritorious Service. The President's Awards went **Mike Chun** (Kaimuki Chapter) and **Henry Lee** (Ala Wai Chapter.) The Dance Director's Awards were bestowed on Rotating Instructors:

**John and Karen Kotake** and **Maury and Eve Duque**. Life Time Memberships were given to Rotating Instructors: **Jeff and Lydia DelaCruz** (Maui) and **Eugene and Melanie Higa**. All awards are based on volunteer

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**Seated: Eve Duque, Cindy & Mel Chow, Susan Masumoto and Lynda Dela Cruz. Standing: Maury Duque, Mel Camat and Jeff Dela Cruz.**

time and contributions to HBDA. A Slide Show, "HBDA's Golden Years - A Time Capsule of Preserved Memories" showed simultaneously on two giant split screens. The traditional raucous Roll Call of Chapters by M.C. **Jack Legal** followed which energized group spirit and Chapter pride.

**Entertainment** commenced with the Telemark Queen's Anniversary Waltz (**Eve/Maury Duque**). Highlighting the evening were 16 chapters with colorful student Routine Formations. Their dramatic costumes delighted the audience. The huge dance floor also accommodated a full house of enthusiastic Line Dancers later in the evening. **Mike Chinen** did the honors as DJ.

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**Almost eleven and the floor still packed, Naturally**

**When the Birthday Cake** rolled out later in the evening, Charter member, **Sally Sato**, 91 years young, blew out the candles.

**At this 50th**, the Ichinose's goal of providing affordable Ballroom Dancing for the people of Hawaii Nei, and their 20 year fight for a world class dance floor, The Palladium, has been attained. Ballroom dancers today certainly benefit from Harriet and Eugene's legacy.

**HBDA's Golden Anniversary Ball**

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