

OCC Runners Trek to Great Aloha Run



Having fun at the Great Aloha Fun on February 15 were Ruth Munro, Vien Schwinn, Don Eovino, Chris Wagnild, Candes Meijide Gentry and Nora Gentry.

By Don Eovino

The rush of adrenaline was similar to the Honolulu Marathon at the start of the Great Aloha Run, February 14. To experience the excitement of 22,000 runners staged nervously on the closed Nimitz Highway at 7 a.m. waiting for an M88 cannon to blast off the start is a hair-raising experience.

Several OCC runners grouped together courtesy of Jon Hunter (suffering from a foot injury) who braved the early hours to drive the OCC van to the start, and back from the Stadium after the race. Group photos were taken at the Club with the following runners: Ruth Munro, Candes and Nora Meijide Gentry, Jim Stahl, Kenton Eldridge, Gino Merez, Vien Schwinn, Don Eovino and Beau

Giles. Katy Bourne, Arnold Lum and June Harrigan and Dave Stackhouse were other runners who completed the race.

A welcome sight at the finish was our OCC van loaded with finishers goodies including bananas, sodas, muffins and best of all, homemade chocolate chip cookies baked by Candes.

Of course, the runner's secret is that their running motivation is always spurred on by the ability to consume copious quantities of carbohydrates guilt-free after the race.

The running calendar is now out and updated in the Locker Rooms and posted in the Tunnel. If you want a personal copy for 1999, call Candes or Don Eovino.