



Wayne Harada added 4 new photos — with Emme Tomimbang

July 21 at 4:29pm · 🌐

Alan Wong's Pineapple Room, a favorite lunch spot for many (moi included), is closing July 29 after 18 years of glorious food and memories. Went for an aloha visit recently, with Emme Tomimbang; we lingered for quite a spell. Hostess Priscilla Hagedorn was on duty, natch. Had my usual Kalua BLT combo with a Caesar salad; she had the somen salad. I had the plantation punch one last time. And the so-ono edamame appetizer. And, drum roll, the halo halo dessert, which Emme said won chef Wong laurels from the local Filipino community. (I miss the coconut cake, pulled from the menu some time back). Sadly, Macy's — which used to be Liberty House, which used to have an in-store Garden Court restaurant — will not include a dining spot to replace the Pineapple Room. Bummers. Shoppers will have to detour to Mariposa at Nieman Marcus or Ruscella at Nordstrom. Thanks, Alan. Mahalo, Pineapple Room. If you have a fond Pineapple Room memory, share it here...



(posted with permission from Wayne Harada, Special Columnist to the Honolulu Star Advertiser)



Daniel S. Nakasone added 4 new photos — with Alan Wong

13 hrs · 🌐

Aloha 'oe Pineapple Room.

Looking back on a fond memory of a dear friend, "Doc" Lum and his wife, Kay. Chef Alan did a special brunch at the Pineapple Room to recognize this rancher and former State Veterinarian. He helped Doc of North Shore Cattle Company raise greater awareness of grass-fed beef.

A lot of great events took place at this restaurants. Events that raised funds for non-profits or an event to simply say thank you to a rancher he befriended. Sadly, Doc passed on a few months later.

I think a lot of you will recognize these chefs with Alan and Doc. Pineapple Room is where they earned their wings because he took them under his.

#ridingoffintothet sunset



Damn! 18 years is a loooong run. I remember the first time I had the Poi Cup. Simply revelatory. What I will forever strive for in my food. Current yet rooted and soulful. Mahalo to your whole team for setting the bar.

Aloha always,

Ed Kenney
Town Hospitality Group

*“The Pineapple Room was a special part of my life where I met great people and made lifelong friends.
It was where I realized how much I love food and my eyes were opened to so many different flavors!
Most of all, I was able to meet you (Chef Alan) and have such a wonderful person teach me so much - to shoot for the stars, to have goals,
and to be the best in what we are doing. I thank you for that and without the Pineapple Room, our paths may not have crossed.”*

– Laura (Imai) Apo, former employee of The Pineapple Room



Barbara E. Stange

Yesterday at 10:41am · 🧑🏻

Beautiful ladies.....look at all those awards...everyone who had work there over the years should be proud to have been apart of it!!!



(posted with permission from Barbara Stange, former Restaurant Manager of The Pineapple Room)
(photographed: Priscilla Hagedorn, hostess and Terry Yamamoto, mother of Chef Alan Wong)