

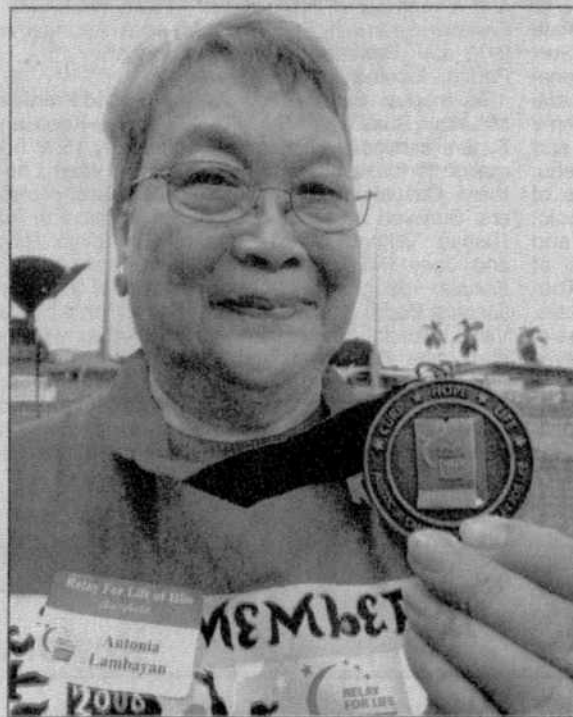


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Gathering near twilight Saturday at Wong Stadium for a group portrait, some of the more than 200 cancer survivors present for the start of Hilo's 16th Annual Relay for Life mirror this year's theme: "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." They celebrate the lives of people who've battled cancer, both living and dead, and the strength of survivors that inspires others to continue their fight. The overnight fundraising event for the American Cancer Society ended at 6 a.m. this morning.

## A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Antonia Lambayan proudly displays her Relay for Life medalion. On Saturday, fellow cancer survivors informally named the 72-year-old matriarch "Queen of Survivors." An immigrant from the Philippines in 1957, Lambayan went on to become a Peace Corps teacher and later, a county immigration specialist. Retired since 1992, she still serves as a trilingual court interpreter. In October, she observes her third year as a cancer survivor.



At right, the team from Mauna Kea Observatories engages in a bit of tomfoolery, as members of other relay teams march past them on the track. Rich Berner struggles to hold up "the ever-expanding, revolving, evolving universe," Antonio Chrysostomou holds the staff for the globe, and Neil Barker tries for a Kodak Moment. Vicki Daniel and Mila Chrysostomou lead the cheering section.

