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July 1 change-over at Lanai Community Hospital on track

By Alberta de Jetley

A community meeting on Friday, March 3, with Kaiser Permanente executive leaders left Lanai residents with a better understanding of the changes facing our community come July 1. That's when Lanai Community Hospital (LCH) makes its transition to Maui Health Systems (MHS), a Kaiser Foundation Hospitals LLC, a subsidiary of Kaiser Permanente.

Mary Ann Barnes is serving as the Hawaii regional president of Kaiser Foundations and Health Plans, and is also MHS's president and CEO of its' board of directors. Barnes welcomed the assembled group and explained the transition process which will bring Maui Memorial, Kula and Lanai into the Kaiser Permanente system.

Maui Health System (MHS) with Pacific Permanente Group (PPG), will keep LCH operating as a community hospital. It will be open to everyone, regardless of their health insurance carrier or ability to pay.

The present state hospital board of Maui, Kula and Lanai, will continue to oversee the lease of the hospitals to MHS, she said. However, there is a seat on the board for a Lanai resident, a change that was appreciated by residents at the meeting.

In preparation for the changeover in the three hospitals, all staff have been offered positions with MHS and 95 percent of the offers have been accepted, Barnes said.



John Schaumburg, Dr. Geoff Sewell, Dr. John Janikowski, Mary Ann Barnes, and Dr. David Ulin

There is no probationary period. MHS is hiring more staff to fill vacant positions. MHS is spending more than \$15 million to train and prepare everyone for the new electronic health technologies they will use. MHS hopes to make the transition as safe and as seamless as possible, Barnes noted, before turning the meeting over to Dr. Geoff Sewell.

Dr. Sewell is president and executive medical director of Hawaii Permanente Medical Group (HPMG) and chief execu-

tive officer and executive director of PPG. Keeping all the different entities of Kaiser Permanente straight is daunting, but the message Dr. Sewell gave was reassuring.

Maui County residents, regardless of where they live, will have more access to specialists through a variety of ways, including virtual visits using state-of-the-art technology and equipment. Maui Memorial will still be Maui County's cardiac center for strokes and heart attacks, but doctors can also access remote services if necessary.

Presently Lanai Community Health Center and Straub Clinic offer some services remotely and have specialists that come to the island to see patients. Kaiser

Permanente also has traveling specialists, who they sometimes call "circuit riders", who may be able to augment some of the needs here. All of Lanai's health care providers are important in our community and by working together, we will all benefit.

Straub Clinic and the state had an existing contract to provide the hospital's emergency room with physicians. The three-year contract has been rolled over to Kaiser. When the floor was opened for questions from the audience, one of the first questions asked was about the status of Maui's mental health unit for adults and adolescents. The adult unit will be open, but the adolescent unit, which has been closed for several years, is still under consideration. Other questions asked were about childbirth on island, the use of the morgue, and long-term patients at the hospital. The answers were: no to deliveries, continued use of the morgue for now, and no changes anticipated for long-term patients.

Other officials at the meeting were: David Ulin, Md., Associate Medical Director of Operations, Pacific Permanente Group, and Chief Medical Director; Leighton Hasegawa, Chief Operating Officer, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group; Kirk J. Fernandes, Integrated Brand Communications, Kaiser Permanente; and Wendy Melley, RN, Assistant Administrator, Kaiser Permanente.

Although many residents have concerns about the change-over on July 1, partnering with Kaiser Permanente will open many new doors leading to better health care throughout Maui County. Good health begins with you; continue to take advantage of the many services offered to us by Straub Clinic, Lanai Community Health Center, and agencies such as Ke Ola Hou O Lanai.

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Kirk Fernandes and Leighton Hasegawa



Wendy Melleby with Carol Onuma and Sunny Cullen from Ke Ola Hou O Lanai

WHW Officially opens Domestic Violence shelter

In the past months, several small gatherings at Women Helping Women's Lanai domestic violence shelter on Lanai Avenue have been held but this one was it! The long-awaited shelter was officially opened on Friday, February 24. The smiles on the faces of WHW Executive Director Stacey Moniz and Rick Towill, who represented the Rotary Club of Honolulu, say it all; Well done!

The shelter was a tiny flame sparked many years ago when Stacey first started coming to Lanai to provide services for women in domestic violence relationships. She shared her dreams with Jackie Woolsey and the late Phyllis McOmber, who encouraged her efforts. Today, the shelter is called "Jacq and Phyl's Place" in their honor.

Through a lot of hard work and help from Pulama Lanai and Kimberly Frank, formerly senior vice president of Human Resources for Pulama, and the help of countless volunteers and supporters, Lanai women in crisis now have a safe place to stay with their children until they resolve their problems.

WHW will honor Pulama Lanai with an Angel Team award at its 40th anniversary later this month on Maui. Kimberly Frank is receiving an Individual Angel

award for her work in helping WHW to obtain a lease for the former plantation home. The Rotary Club of Honolulu assisted with the renovation work.

In mid-March, Stacey is leaving WHW to head the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Lanai has a way of drawing people back. Like Rick Towill, the grandson of the late George Munro, has a life-long connection to Lanai, we're sure Stacey will be drawn back to it again to help our community's families in her new state-wide position.



Jackie Woolsey, China Woolsey Lopez and Hi'lailoa Lopez-Batoon.



Stacey Moniz and Rick Towill joyfully pose in front of "Jacq and Phyl's Place."



WHW Lanai Manager Mililani Woolsey Martin and Valerie Janikowski.

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Letters to Alberta

For about five years, I've been walking with Myron Liebhaber when he visits his part-time home on Lanai. After our walks we stop at the Blue Ginger for breakfast. Myron always inquires if the Blue Ginger is making banana pancakes. Until Wednesday, February 8, the answer has always been no! (in a nice voice)



Myron Liebhaber, M.D.

That day, as Blue Ginger Cafe's manager Phoenix Dupree was backing out of his driveway on his way to the cafe, I tapped on his window and asked if I could give him the bunch of bananas I was holding in my hand so his neighbor Myron Liebhaber's banana pancake dream could be realized.

Phoenix graciously took the banana's and said he would make sure Myron got his banana pancakes. Now Phoenix Dupree has made his dream come true. Myron has one more dream he hopes will happen.

Myron has a good friend in Santa Barbara whose name is the name of a sandwich at a local restaurant. Myron is hoping the Blue Ginger continues to sell banana pancakes and they call their banana pancakes "the Myron".

Today Myron went to the Blue Ginger for breakfast and asked if he could have another banana pancake. The person taking his order looked up at him and said, "So, you're the one!"

Myron is now a pancake celebrity in Lanai City and we're all hoping that when your readers visit the Blue Ginger Cafe they'll order a Myron. I thought you might want to publish this story in an effort to help Myron's dream come true.

Scott Stein, Lanai Resident

Our annual two-month stay on Lanai culminated by taking five heavy, large boxes to the post office to send to our Napa home. I was overwhelmed with the burden of weight of books and the other heavy contents! But a fine young man carried all the boxes from my car in the parking lot into the Post Office! A great relief and help for me. A wonder stay on Lanai ended happily due to the kindness of this local fireman. I believe his name was Eric! Special thanks to this polite, generous young man who deserves a special Mahalo from a Napa visitor.

Gail Silvestri, Napa Valley, California

Lanai Water department welcomes Joy Gannon

Coming from the small town of Armstrong, Iowa, population 1,000, Joy Gannon is a good fit for Lanai City, with a population of just over 3,000 and growing!

Joy joined Pulama Lanai on January 9, 2017 and will be stepping into the big shoes of John Stubbart, who has been the guiding light of the Lanai Water Department. Amongst John's many responsibilities has been upgrading the island's aging water infrastructure which dates back to the pineapple field days. Although John is slated to officially retire on June 30, 2017, he will continue to travel between his home in Denver, Colorado and Lanai to work as a consultant for the company.

Joy received Bachelor of Science degrees as an Environmental Engineer and in Chemistry from Arizona. Her career has taken her to public works departments in Arizona and Oregon. Although she loves Oregon's scenery and enjoyed living there, she said, Hawaii's sunnier skies beckoned her to Hawaii



Joy Gannon and John Stubbart

in 2006 to work for the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) on the Big Island.

According to its website: rcac.org, "RCAC is a nonprofit organization that supports rural communities as they chart their path to create change." Its Environmental section works on helping communities to build sustainable potable water systems and to improve water conservation programs, all things our community needs help with. Welcome to Lanai, Joy.

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Maui Electric donates over \$148,000 to Maui County communities

Contributed by Shayna Decker, MECO

In 2016, Maui Electric donated more than \$148,000 in monetary contributions and over 1,400 volunteer hours to non-profit and community organizations across Maui County. Such donations supported community services provided by various organizations, including Maui United Way, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, UH Maui College and Maui Hui Malama. Volunteer activities ranged from spearheading donation drives and donating blood to organizing and participating in community Adopt-a-Highway workdays, and more.

“We all live and work in these islands we call home and our Maui Electric ohana is strongly committed to doing our part in taking care of the people and communities on Maui, Molokai and Lanai,” said Sharon Suzuki, president of Maui Electric.

In recognition of her exemplary volunteer service, the Hawaiian Electric Industries Charitable Foundation (HEICF) honored Maui Electric employee Denise Noe Lai as a 2016 Kokua Community Champion. With this recognition, HEICF made a \$1,000 donation to Cancer Kids of Hawaii, Noe’s nonprofit organization of choice, that supports keiki diagnosed with cancer in Hawaii.

“Whether she is helping to organize a school supply drive for Lanai students or gathering her fellow coworkers together to prepare a hot meal for those in need, Noe’s spirit of giving is an inspiration to us all,” said Suzuki. “We are honored to have employees like Noe who are always looking for ways to lend a helping hand.”

In addition to volunteering for Cancer Kids of Hawai‘i, Noe dedicates her time to the Half Helen Foundation, a non-profit organization that works with families and schools to strengthen children’s social and



Maui Electric President Sharon Suzuki presents Kokua Award to Denise Noe Lai

emotional development and encourage academic success. Since 2013, Noe has organized several volunteer opportunities for Maui Electric employees, including quarterly visits to prepare and serve dinner at Ka Hale A Ke Ola, Maui’s homeless resource center, as well as an employee school supply collection. In 2016, more than 22 boxes of school supplies donated by Maui Electric employees were hand delivered to students at Lanai Elementary School and E Malama I Na Keiki preschool.

“I am honored to receive this award, especially for doing what I love to do,” said Noe, a customer assistance representative at Maui Electric. “I love being a part of my community and try to volunteer to make my community a little better. I chose Cancer Kids of Hawaii because it’s a small organization doing big things for Hawaii families going through cancer treatment.”

Cancer Kids of Hawaii, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization devoted to the continuing support of children diagnosed with cancer, and the families that support them.

Mahalo MECO!

This photo arrived too late for the February issue of Lanai Today, but we wanted to make sure it appeared, to acknowledge the hard work by the entire Lanai line crew last month.



Front, L to R: Lanai line crew: Tyler Speer, Daniel Tuzon-Dayoan, Fred Sandi, and Lanai District Supervisor Chris Lee. Back: Maui Electric Transmission & Distribution Manager Gary Nieborsky; Construction Supervisor Kekoa Awai; and Maui linemen: Daniel Vaituulala, Sean Joaquin, Kaulana Anderson, Hubert Kaina, Jordan Arruda, Edward Espeleta, and Bernard Ho’opi’i; President Sharon Suzuki; and Lanai Power Supply Supervisor Ed Oyama.

2017 TriLanai funding available for Lanai organizations!

Contributed by Shelly Barfield

TriLanai is announcing funding is available for all Lanai-based organizations whose missions or activities include promoting fitness and active, healthy lifestyles.

Please submit requests for funds to TriLanai at trilanai@gmail.com no later than March 30, 2017. State your organization’s mission and activities on Lanai, the amount you are requesting and how the funds will be used. Please

include your name, organization, address, email and phone number.

Mahalo to our Sponsors and Volunteers for making TriLanai a success in 2016!

TriLanai 2017 event dates are:


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✦ Sat, April 1	Waia’ōpae	7 a.m.
✦ Sun, May 7	Koa Forest	8 a.m.
✦ Sat, June 3	Kaunolū	7 a.m.
✦ Sat, July 1	Keone	8 a.m.
✦ Sun, August 6	Maunalei	8 a.m.
✦ Sat, September 2	Koa Forest	8 a.m.
✦ Sat, October 7	Waia’ōpae	7 a.m.
✦ Sat, November 4	Keone	8 a.m.

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*Special group events available by request.

What's Happening on Lanai?



CITATIONS	FEB
Selected Citation of the Month: HRS 286-0102.6 Provisional License Requirements Violation court	1
Speeding	
No Insurance	1
Other Moving	
Seat Belt	
Child Seat	
Vehicle Tax	11
Safety Check	21
Bike Helmet	
Quad/Golf Cart related violations (incl. moving violations)	
Other Regulatory	31
Other Parking	1
Non-Traffic	8
Total	74

ARRESTS	FEB
Males, Adult	1
Females, Adult	1
Males, Juvenile	0
Females, Juvenile	1
Total # of Charges	5



Lanai Water Company has launched their new website and it's packed with useful tools and information!

Did you know: Lanai Water Company supplies water to over 1,700 individual meters on Lanai and they maintain over 73 miles of pipelines throughout the island.

Discover great tips for cutting your water bill, contact information and more at:

lanaiwatercompany.com



It's Localicious!
Cafe 565 is participating in the state-wide "Localicious" promotion to support Hawaii's farmers and educational programs about agriculture in our schools. Venison Burgers, a Venison Pastrami Pizza and Lanai grown kale and fresh eggs are being featured until March 31st.

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Mia holds Kami-bashi dolls, handmade dolls with special messages, that are a fun gift for a favorite child or adult friend. Jenna's boutique is overflowing with her collection of Spring clothing and gifts. New Tori Richard's men's aloha shirts have arrived. Come in to browse.

Maui Police Department's Auxiliary Officer Program volunteer opportunities

Contributed by Lt. Ryan Rodrigues

Lanai residents can become volunteers at Lanai Police Station through MPD's Auxiliary Officer Program.

The goal of the program is to provide an avenue for the involvement of interested and capable members of the community to assist MPD in various community service related functions. An Auxiliary Officer (AO) is an appointed position on a voluntary basis and for no monetary compensation. The AO shall not be assigned to criminal investigations, other high risk functions, or duties which require sworn officer status.

After receiving proper training, there are two areas AOs may be assigned to: Station Duties, where they may assist with clerical, safety education, or other assignments according to their qualifications; or the Citizens Patrol Program, where they may be assigned duties such as checking homes listed for vacation watch, traffic direction control for special events and during emergencies, or other duties as needed.

Auxiliary Officers assigned to Station Duties shall perform a minimum of 10 hours and a maximum of 40 hours of service per month. The service blocks shall be no less than two hours and no more than eight hours in length. AOs assigned to the Citizens Patrol program will be assigned either to a vehicle or foot patrol duty in a designated district. They shall perform a minimum of five hours and a maximum of 40 hours of service per month. The service blocks shall be no less than one hour and no more than eight (8) hours in length.

AOs must be at least 21 years of age, with no upper limit; however, there are other minimum requirements and conditions which may preclude an applicant from becoming an Auxiliary Officer. A full description of the Auxiliary Officer Program and application is available at Lanai Police Station Monday to Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Ryan Rodrigues at (808) 565-8388.

Helpers welcome for young athletes

Special Olympics Athletes began their training with Track and Field Coach Tyra DuBose and Swim Coach Neizen Pascual on March 1 but volunteers are welcome to come and join them. The Track and Field athletes meet on Wednesday and Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Pulama Lanai's community swimming pool area. The swimming athletes meet at the pool on Mondays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping out with Special Olympics, please contact Veronica Lomeli, she is the Lanai coordinator and travels to Lanai from Maui. Her phone number is (714) 713-1250.



Neizen Pascual and Veronica Lomeli

2017 Hawaii Legislators directory released

Keeping up with what's happening at the Hawaii State Legislature is easy if you use the resources of Hawaii's Public Access Room (PAR), a division of the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB). HIPA, the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs has just released the handy directory. It makes it super easy to send emails to legislators in our districts and to know who's who in the House and Senate. It also has the 2017 Legislative Calendar, names and contact information for all county officials state-wide, and the Department of Education

and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Copies of the directory are available at the Lanai Public/School Library or ph.(808)585-7931; or on the web at:hipaonline.com

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Free Surf Day at Lopa!

Lanai residents are invited to Nick Palumbo's annual Free Surf Day on Saturday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lopa Beach. Nick established Lanai Surf School & Safari in 2005. Each year, he hosts this event as a way for him to share his aloha with Lanai residents. Everyone is invited, from ages one to 100 years old!

"We guarantee you will stand up and surf your first wave!" Nick says. Call (808) 649-0739 or go to Surfinglanai.com.



Lanai Cancer Fund - Help when you need it

The big C word is still very scary to many people. What do you do and say when you hear that someone has just been diagnosed with cancer? Sometimes, just showing them that you care helps a lot. If you feel comfortable discussing it, please tell your friend to apply to Lanai Cancer Fund for help. The requirements are simple, pick up an application form from Ke Ola Hou O Lanai's office in the Dole Building. You must be a Lanai resident for a minimum of six months and your doctor has to sign it to confirm you have been diagnosed with cancer. LCF will give you a gift of \$500 to use in any way you wish. You can also be reimbursed for medical expenses not covered by your insurance for up to \$1,000. "We care and want to help you." Donations can be mailed to Ke Ola Hou O Lanai, P. O. Box 630713, Lanai, HI 96763. Please note your check is for the Lanai Cancer Fund.



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4th Annual Made in Maui County Festival applications available

Contributed by Linn Nishikawa

In February, the County of Maui Mayor's Office of Economic Development announced that Product Vendor and Food Truck applications are now available for the 4th Annual Made in Maui County Festival.

Considered the largest products show in Maui County, the event will be held at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center in Kahului and will be open to the public on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4, 2017. The Festival is presented by the County of Maui Mayor's Office of Economic Development and the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Local businesses who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply as a Product Vendor:

- Business must be based in Maui County (current GET license required)
- All products offered for sale must be made, manufactured, grown and/or created in Maui County. Although products may include source materials made/ found in the State of Hawaii.
- Must meet minimum of 51 percent "Made in Hawaii" product valuation.

Applications are also available for local food trucks interested in participating. A total of 12 food trucks will be featured on Saturday, November 4 and a total of 3 food trucks on Friday, November 3.

Last year's Festival attracted more than 11,000 residents and visitors and provided opportunities for participating vendors to meet with prospective wholesalers and connect with new customers.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our islands' economy and we are proud

to support our dedicated entrepreneurs who help to strengthen our community through job creation and economic diversification," said Mayor Alan Arakawa. "It is the reason why the annual Made in Maui County Festival was originally created – to provide opportunities for our small businesses to grow and succeed."

For information and to download a Product Vendor application or Food Truck Vendor application, visit the event's official website www.MadeInMauiCountyFestival.com, email info@MadeInMauiCountyFestival.com or call (808) 270-7710. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2017. All applications will be reviewed between June 5 through July 7, and businesses will be notified of the Vendor Selection Committee's decision on or before July 14.



Enjoy Life at the Blue Ginger Cafe

Working at Blue Ginger Cafe is like being in a family. Sincere Paul is the newest member of the ohana.



Mayelin Koll, Aaron Sabino and Sincere Paul

At Blue Ginger Cafe, customers are always assured they'll find a favorite dish on the menu. At breakfast, you can get French toast, pancakes, eggs any way you like them, and all kinds of meats plus more. Lunch can be a grilled cheese sandwich, burgers, BLT's or choose a plate lunch, a bowl of saimin, or other items from their extensive menu. At dinner, roast pork is always a favorite, but the cafe's honey fried chicken is also delicious. There's daily specials too!

If you're planning a meeting, ask Phoenix Dupree, the cafe's manager, to cater it for you. Customers can order meals throughout the day too, so if you're going to be waiting for a flight at the airport, take along something to eat with you. Blue Ginger Cafe's bread and pastries are also a good treat to take to friends on other islands.

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New trash containers replace bin

People placing household trash, packing boxes, old television sets and even deer carcasses into the large trash bin at Lanai Community Cemetery have finally made it impossible to keep the bin there. Even though Lanai Sanitary Landfill is open for residents to use and is free, the amount of stuff filling the cemetery's bin was unbelievable and often overflowed onto the ground surrounding it.

Pulama Lanai has replaced the bin with three attractive trash containers for people to place their floral wrappers into. One is located inside the cemetery, the other two are across the road from it. If you see anyone abusing the containers, speak up. The containers are placed there as a courtesy to our community. We can all help to keep our cemetery neat and trash-free. It's the least we can do to show our respect to the deceased residents of Lanai. A special mahalo to Pulama Lanai for the new containers.



Please say no to litter at the Lanai Community Cemetery

How can we all help to keep our cemetery nice and litter free? *Lanai Today* would like to remind those who have been using the cemetery dumpster that location deserves respect and honor; there isn't a more inappropriate or thoughtless place to dump your trash or unwanted items. We urge everyone to use approved methods of trash disposal. Over the past few years, Pulama Lanai organized a clean-up day around Memorial Day. But once a year isn't enough. Could your church, class, or organization choose a month to do a one-day clean-up? Lots of hands make light work. Choose a month, get your friends together, and post your clean-up on the calendar at: lanai96763. We'll be there! Mahalo for caring.

Ask the Mayor

Aloha Mayor,
Q. The other day when I was shopping at a local big-box store, someone brought in two supposedly "service animals" that were actually a baby goat and a potbelly pig. What are the guidelines that regulate these kinds of animals? Anyone can order a vest online, and I've seen dozens of fake service animals over the years including a cat, a miniature poodle, a chihuahua and a poorly trained large mutt on a string sniffing at things in the food section. When I asked a manager about this, they were too afraid to question the pet owners because they didn't want to violate anyone's rights. What exactly is a service animal, and what kind of training are they supposed to receive?

A. There has definitely been a lot of confusion on this topic, so I will refer to the guidelines offered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The tasks must be directly related to the person's disability, such as a dog that is trained to alert a diabetic person when their blood sugar reaches high or low levels. A person with epilepsy may have a dog that is trained to detect the onset of a seizure, then help the person remain safe during the seizure. However, emotional support, therapy, comfort or companion animals such as those you mentioned in the store may be, are not considered service animals under the ADA. Documentation of training is not required for service animals; however, the animal must be clean and not have a foul odor, and must not urinate

or defecate in inappropriate locations. It also must exhibit standards of behavior such as not making unsolicited contact with members of the general public; not showing aggression toward people or other animals; not soliciting or stealing food or other items from the general public; obeying the commands of its handler; trained to urinate or defecate on command; remaining calmly and quietly on a harness, leash or other tether; and other behaviors. For more information and FAQs about service animals, visit www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html



Mayor Alan Arakawa

Mayor Alan Arakawa answers some of the questions submitted to his office staff. Submit your own questions about County of Maui programs, services, operations or policies to Mayor Alan Arakawa via email: AskTheMayor@mauicounty.gov, phone: 270-7855 or mail: 200 S. High Street, 9th Floor, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793. (Lanai Today publishes questions and answers that may pertain to similar situations on Lanai.)

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Maui County debuts inaugural Hawaii Small Business conference

Information contributed by Linn Nishikawa

Maui Economic Development Board, in collaboration with the County of Maui Mayor's Office of Economic Development, will present the first-ever Hawaii Small Business Conference at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center in Kahului, Maui, on May 3 and 4, 2017.

The conference's theme is "Design, Protect, Engage: Small Business Strategies for Success. Small business owners, start-ups and entrepreneurs interested in taking their business to the next level are encouraged to attend.

"It's easy to get caught up in running a business and miss out on networking and training to keep ahead of the competition," said Teena Rasmussen, Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development. "This new conference was created to provide our small businesses with the rare opportunity to sharpen their professional acumen on a variety of topics all in one forum."

During the full-day Conference on Day 1 (Wednesday, May 3), attendees will have an opportunity to network face-to-face with innovative business leaders and hear their insights, best practices, and tricks of the trade on various topics – customer service, marketing, data security and risk management. Presenters will include:

Maggie Bayless, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of ZingTrain has helped companies improve their bottom line through the Zingerman's Bottom Line Training® approach for more than two decades.

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Albert Samuelian, Managing Director at OMD West and Strategy is a strategic minded marketing professional with 20+ years of experience leading high-profile businesses and developing data-driven, multi-media global communication strategy and plans.

Edward Arias, Special Agent with the FBI and a member of the Cyber Crime Squad in Honolulu since 2006 investigates internet-related crimes.

Michael Miranda, Director for Information Security at Hawaiian Telcom manages the Corporate Information Security team responsible for the company's network, systems and data.

On Day 2 (Thursday, May 4), workshops led by experts in customer service, tax mitigation, human resources and marketing will be offered.

The Conference on Maui coincides with National Small Business Week, an opportunity to recognize the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners.

"Today, the importance of providing small businesses with tools and resources needed to succeed has never been greater," said Jeanne Skog, past President and CEO of Maui Economic Development Board. "It is especially important in Hawaii, where small business dominates our state's economic landscape making up over 90 percent of the business community and employing half of our state's employees. For our local business owners and entrepreneurs, the time spent at this Hawaii Small Business Conference will be an investment in themselves, their career and company."

Cost is \$85 per person for the full-day Conference on May 3. The May 4 Workshops are \$45 per workshop. Attendees can also save \$10 by registering for the Conference plus one or both workshops, or by registering for both workshops. To register online, visit: HawaiiSmallBiz. For additional information, call (808) 875-2300, email: smallbiz@medb.org

Various sponsorship opportunities are available for 2017 Hawaii Small Business Conference. Companies interested in exhibiting their goods and services for small businesses are also encouraged to participate. For information on sponsorships and exhibitor opportunities, visit HawaiiSmallBiz, (808) 875-2300 or email: smallbiz@medb.org.

Whole Food Market Campaign benefits Maui County's homebound seniors

Contributed by Candice Carter, Executive Director, Na Hoaloha

Na Hoaloha (*Loving Friends*) is a nonprofit organization which has been serving Maui County homebound seniors for over 20 years. Its' mission is to help seniors remain independent and to enhance the quality of their life.

During the holidays, Na Hoaloha partnered with Whole Food Market (WFM) for the third year in "Feed 4 More", a campaign where customers were invited to make a donation at any register in the market between November 14 to 24, 2016. Na Hoaloha received \$8,000 from the campaign to purchase non-perishable foods such as spaghetti, Mariana sauce, canned beans and soup to deliver to its homebound seniors.

Last year, Na Hoaloha received enough food to feed hundreds of seniors on Maui, Lanai and Molokai. Volunteers and staff on each island worked together to bag and deliver the food.

This year, Debbie Wheeler, Volunteer Team Leader for Na Hoaloha on Lanai, will once again coordinate the bagging and delivery of the food with the help of Kris Kahihikolo, Director of the Lanai Senior Center, and student volunteers from Lanai High School.

"It was great to be part of such a wonderful collaboration of people working together to help kupuna," said Debbie. "I am eager to see how our volunteer base here on Lanai will continue to grow."

"Increasingly we hear from clients that they have outlived their family and friends and have no one

left," said Judy Guajardo, Na Hoaloha's Volunteer Coordinator. "Our Friendly Visits and Telephone Reassurance Programs lets them know they have friends."

Na Hoaloha continues to examine crucial issues facing Maui County's seniors and develops programs to enhance their lives. In 2015 Na Hoaloha established a Falls Prevention Program and in 2016, a Respite Caregiver Program. This year, we are promoting awareness in identifying seniors who are or may become socially isolated, a major health hazard effecting 1 in 5 older adults. Working with volunteers enables Na Hoaloha to provide essential services in a cost-effective way.

Na Hoaloha provides services to those who are over 60 years of age or 18 – 59 years of age with a disability. Roughly 85 percent are low-income, 65 percent live alone or with an elder spouse, and all are at high risk for social isolation. In the last year, Na Hoaloha's client intake increased by 60 percent and the trend will continue as Hawaii tops the nation in growth of seniors over 85 years of age. The skyrocketing demand is a challenge. However, Na Hoaloha is committed to Maui County's kupuna and as such, have no waitlists nor denied or reduced services. If you would like to learn more about Na Hoaloha visit our webpage at: nahoaloha.org. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Judy Guajardo, Volunteer Coordinator, our office at (808) 249-2545 or email: info@nahoaloha.org

News to share? We welcome submissions from Lanai's nonprofit organizations and community groups. Photographs must be a minimum of 780kb for it to be published in print. If you would like us to take photographs for you, please contact Alberta. (808)649-0808, email: lanaitoday@yahoo.com




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Be prepared, Be informed

By Alberta de Jetley

If you haven't already seen it, "Information Handbook for Emergency Preparedness," is an excellent guide to help families prepare for emergencies and of course, electrical outages. The handbook is compiled and published by Hawaiian Electric, Maui Electric and Hawaii Electric Light. It's available at several locations on Lanai and residents are encouraged to read it.

The high winds that took out Lanai's electricity for three days was not a Civil Defense emergency. However, it certainly showed how poorly prepared our community was to cope with the loss of power. The island-wide outage also took down telephone lines, so with no internet and no cell phones, we were lost! We didn't know where to go to find out what was happening.

We forgot how people communicated in the old days: most of us don't even have a radio! After things returned to normal, the lack of communication was voiced as a major concern. Brain-storming, a group of residents came up with a plan. What if we could publicize in advance a central point in Lanai City where people could come to find out what was happening? What if we bought a generator and residents needing to use medical equipment knew it was available for them there? What if we had rows of outlets to charge cell phones? And extra flashlights and batteries for those who didn't have one?

More than 10 years ago, Lanai Councilmember Riki Hokama put aside some county funds to help form a Lanai community prepared-

ness group. Nothing happened. After the January incident, a group of residents put their heads together and formed Lanai Samaritans (LS).

Their mission is to help our community during storm-related incidents or other emergencies so we can be sure everyone in our community is safe. They are not Civil Defense, they are not American Red Cross, they are not part of the Lanai Community Emergency Readiness Team; they are just neighbors willing to help others in the community.

They can activate whenever help is needed. If an incident is called a Civil Defense emergency, LS volunteers will help under the Lanai commander, who is Lt. Ryan Rodrigues. They can assist in taking care of the small stuff, so police, fire, para-medics and other agencies can take care of what they're trained to do.

Since the group was formed, Saul Kahihikolo, Pamela Alconcel and Alberta de Jetley met with Lt. Rodrigues to discuss the mission. On February 21, Mike Donoho, Pulama Lanai's emergency coordinator, shared information on the company's resources for emergencies with LS core members.

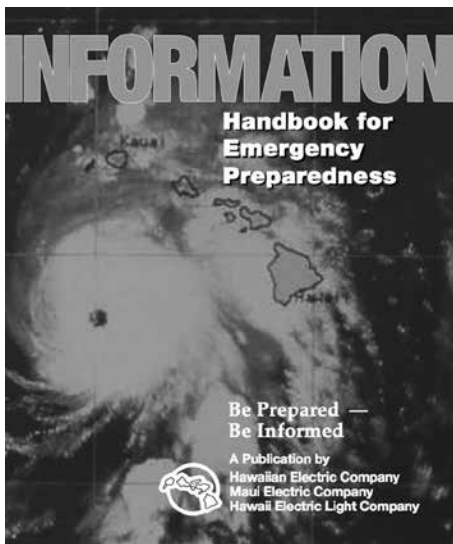
On February 22, after Maui Electric Company's meeting with Lanai residents, President Sharon Suzuki invited LS coordinator Alberta de Jetley to speak about LS and its plans. After the meeting, Peter Palisbo, a teacher, signed up to join LS. Peter is

a licensed Ham-radio operator and will be a great asset.

Other core group members are: Darren Lopez, Fr. Jose Macoy, Jeffrey Baltero, Kelly Matsuura, Heather Lopez, Susu Woolsey, Lynn Fabrao-Wong, Jaughn Degamo, Kris Kahihikolo, Miles Saruwatari and Wilma Koep.

The organizational meetings are held at Lanai Senior Center and core members are notified via text of meetings. If you would like to become a core member, or if you want to sit in on a meeting, please email Alberta at: lanaitoday@yahoo.com

More information about Lanai Samaritans will be shared in *Lanai Today*. We are looking for leaders in the Korsean community and contact information of property managers for homes at Manele, Koele and in Lanai City.



Five-Year Plan proposed by Lanai Kauna'oa 4-H Club

Contributed by Robin Fabrao

These are not the same sheep as in "Mary had a little lamb." Lanai Kauna'oa 4-H Club is proposing a five-year plan to raise hair sheep, a breed known for its easy-care nature and which does not require shearing. Robin Fabrao, the advisor of the 4-H program on Lanai, was sharing information about their proposed plan in Dole Park on Saturday, February 25.



Club advisor Robin Rosenbalm-Fabrao

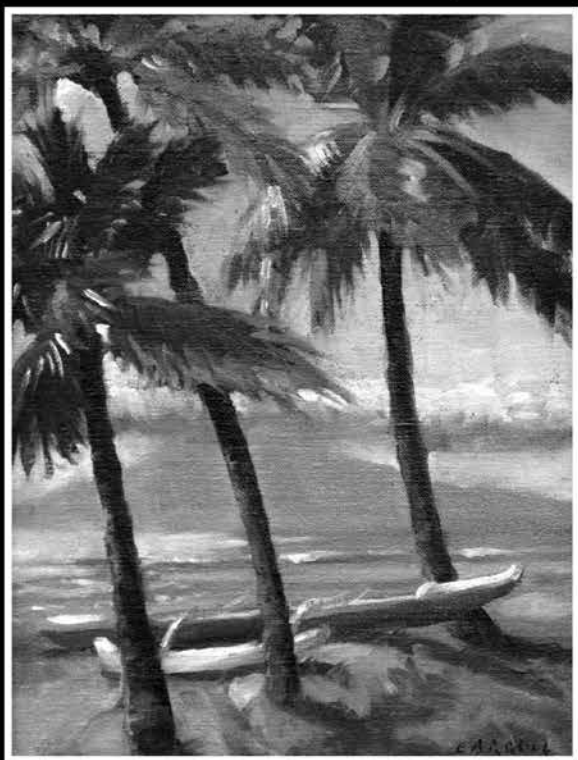
Previously, 4-H raised small farm animals such as goats and chickens just below the Stables at Koele. Now, it proposes to purchase five to seven pregnant ewes and one ram to start a herd. The herd will be contained within electric web fencing and as the herd increases, some of the sheep could be rented out to manage the spread of Madagascar Ragwort, or Fireweed as it is commonly called. Although fireweed is toxic to horses and cattle, sheep can safely digest it.

The hair sheep project will have positive benefits for our community, the information hand-out notes. It will teach 4-H members business management skills; proper animal care and handling, and invasive species management. Lambs not kept as part of the herd are marketable and could be sold to Lanai residents and restaurants. Depending on the age and size of the animal, they presently sell for between \$200 to \$800. Some lambs could become a part of a petting zoo, another potential 4-H project in the future.

Adult leaders of Lanai Kauna'oa 4-H are: Ryssen Kahananui, President; Taj Sunio, Vice-President; Fiona Roth, Treasurer; and Nolan Roth, Secretary. If you would like to know more about Lanai Kauna'oa 4-H, call Robin Rosenbalm-Fabrao, (503) 332-0998 or email: rrosebalmfabro@gmail.com.

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L to R: Mahealani Esteban, Kirra Turqueza, Lokelani Estaban and Ananda Richardson.

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Sharing the love

Information and photographs contributed by Pua Turqueza

Lanai's own Girl Scout Troop 966 have been busy assisting the community in all kinds of ways! In January, Cindy Sagawa asked the troop to help create Valentine's Day cards which would be added to gift bags being given to the community's senior residents. The gifts were donated by our community's businesses and organizations. Mrs. Sagawa had the scouts help delivering some of the bags too, in this project which she titled, "Sharing the Love."



Front: Talia Woodman, Lokelani Esteban, Mahealani Esteban, Ananda Richardson and Kirra Turqueza. Back: Cassandra and Collin Tamashiro



Front: Mahealani Esteban and Ananda Richardson. Back: Talia Woodman, Lokelani Esteban, Nana Mamaclay, and Kirra Turqueza.

LFCU Annual Meeting fills cafeteria to capacity

According to its 2016 annual report, Lanai Federal Credit Union (LFCU) has 1,829 members. At their annual meeting on Friday, February 17, at least half of them and their children filled Lanai school's cafeteria!

LFCU Chair Larry Kawasaki and Secretary/Treasurer Diane Irons presented their reports which showed assets of \$27,364,478.37. Last year, LFCU made loans to 107 members totaling \$925,577.16, at rates ranging from 5 to 8 percent.

However, although the credit union's healthy figures were impressive, everyone was eagerly waiting the main event, the drawing for dozens of gifts which filled several tables and included three large flat screen televisions.

LFCU's manager Charity Figuerres did a great job as MC and made it a lot of fun for the crowd. The luckiest person of the evening was Cash Atacador; he was feel-

ing lucky when he received his ticket and said he wanted a TV. Cash's ticket was the last one drawn and he went home with his television!

LFCU's board of directors are: Larry Kawasaki, Chair, Richard Morita, Vice-Chair, Diane Irons, Secretary Treasurer, and board members Alden "Butch" Mahaulu, Jr., Fairfax "Pat" Reilly, Cindylou Santiago, Marinel "Ella" Yumol and Charita Tolentino.

The 2016 Annual Report is posted on the bulletin board at LFCU. They also have travelers checks and gift and debit cards. If you're saving for a vacation, a new car, or the down payment for a future home, watch your money grow at Lanai Federal Credit Union! Stop by to talk to the friendly staff; Arleen Sandi, Liz Magaoay, Marla Alboro and Charity Figuerres; you'll be glad you did!

See photo spread on pages 10 and 11



Cash Atacador celebrates his winning ticket with Charity Figuerres.



Cash holds his lucky television, the last gift drawn during the evening.

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Kuana's love for Lanai shines through in new CD

Contributed by Kathy Carroll

Hawaiian composer and musician Kuana Torres Kahele has shared his beautiful music with Lanai residents several times in recent years. He's come to love our island, and on March 17, he is releasing his newest CD, "Music for the Hawaiian Islands, Vol. 5, LĀNA'IKA'ULA, LĀNA'I."

Kuana used Mike Carroll's painting, "Settling Sun", a view down 9th Street by Hotel Lanai, on the CD. "Mahalo nui," he wrote, "for allowing us to use this iconic Lanai City image. I can feel the afternoon sun and smell the pine trees."

Like Kuana, Mike loves Lanai deeply and is honored to have his artwork associated with such a beloved composer, singer, and educator.

Describing his feelings for Lanai, Kuana wrote: "She's the smallest of our beloved Hawaiian Islands at only one hundred and forty square miles. I have always had an attraction, a calling to this secluded patch of calm in the middle of the Pacific."

Perhaps it's the small island lifestyle I long for the most. Lanai and its residents have always made me feel like I belonged there, a part of their tight-knit island family.



It's a special, hidden away paradise filled with hard-working, clean-living people.

Exploring the island to be able to write this collection of songs gave me an even deeper appreciation for the island's profound beauty and diversity of terrain. In just a small area, you have deserts, pine forests, sandy beaches and lush valleys that remain untouched by civilization. Everywhere you turn, the island offers inspiration for music."

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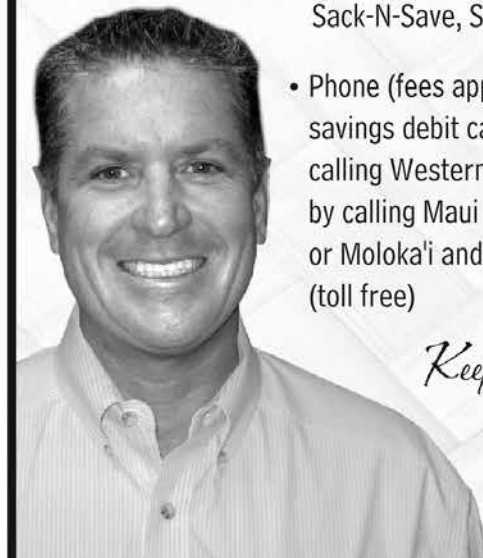
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By Alberta de Jetley

Creating and successfully running a small business takes hard work! If you have a good business idea but don't know how to make it become a reality, a great place to start is to call Dave Daly at Maui Economic Opportunity Business Development Center, ph. (808) 243-4318. For most of the past four years, Dave was at UH Maui Lanai Learning Center every Tuesday. However, he's just taken on more responsibilities at the Maui office and although he will still be traveling to Lanai, it won't be on a weekly basis. If you would like to meet with him personally, call him to make an appointment to meet with him on his next Lanai trip. Dave is the instructor of the Core Four Business Planning Classes. He can help you learn the ABC's of starting a new business, all about cash flows and financial planning, and how to structure your business operations for a successful start-up. He is also the Loan



Fund Manager for Lanai's special fund especially for residents. The fund provides loans of up to \$30,000 at five percent interest to qualified applicants. MEO Business Development Center's business consulting services are free; all you have to do is to take the first step and call Dave! His office number is 808-243-4318, cell is 808-280-4435.

If you have a new Lanai business you would like to publicize, we're happy to share your news with our readers. There is no charge for this service. Call or email Alberta: (808) 649-0808, email: lanaitoday@yahoo.com

Following her dream: Lanai's youngest CEO

She's only 10 years old and in the fifth grade, but that hasn't stopped Vanessa Kahananui-Peralta from following her dream of starting her own business and becoming Lanai's youngest Chief Executive Officer! Vanessa says she wanted to learn to make bath products since she was about eight years old. With the help of her older brother, Keali'i Kahananui, she started experimenting with ingredients and developed lip scrubs in seven flavors, bath bombs in nine flavors, and an avocado and oats mask with Lanai honey. Along the way, she bought packaging, put together her business card for her own company, Makana Cosmetics, and started to sell her Handmade on Lanai products at the Saturday Market in Dole Park. In addition to going to school, Vanessa is working on growing her product line to include shower jellies and soap bars. Look for her at future community events and at the Saturday Market in Dole Park. She's also on Instagram@Makana CM.



Keali'i Kahananui and Vanessa Kahananui-Peralta

Congratulations, Vanessa! You're an inspiration to everyone who's always wanted to be an entrepreneur.

Safe preschool playground surface fundraiser kicks off

Contributed by Pua Turqueza

Have you heard excited, playful voices of keiki as you pass E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool? Our keiki are safely exploring playground experiences, surrounded by new vinyl fencing. The aged, deteriorating wire fence was replaced with vinyl fencing to provide a safe outdoor environment. This project was successfully completed via grant fund awards from several foundations.

Our current project is resurfacing the sand play area with synthetic turf. Sand is a hard surface when compacted by water from rains. As sand is no longer available on Lanai, synthetic turf was selected as a surface for its durability, maintenance, and foam padding installed under the turf. Soft playground surfaces meet national accreditation guidelines and

standards for our program.

Children need to run, climb, jump, and swing to continue development of large motor skills in physical development. Falls on soft surface areas lessens injuries such as scrapes and bumps. We have received grant funds from several foundations for our synthetic turf project and continue to submit grant proposals for the remaining project balance of \$30,000.

If you are interested in assisting us towards attaining the \$30,000 project balance, please contact Keiki O Lana, (808) 565-6266. We are located on the bottom level of Lanai Union Church at 751 Fraser Avenue.

Mind-Body Works expands Lanai services

Contributed by Dr. David Roth

Aloha, Lanai residents. We are pleased to announce the expansion of our clinical services on Lanai. Since 2010 we have been working alongside Dr. Sharie Liden and Dr. Greg Sanders to help your children succeed at Lanai High and Elementary School and in life. With their help, we are now able to extend this high quality program to any child, adolescent or adult on Lanai who has commercial HMSA or UHA insurance. We are unable to accept Medicare, Medicaid, or the Hawaii Quest Medicaid plans at this time.

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Hawaii Beekeepers alerted to re-emergence of bee disease

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is sending out an alert to Hawaii beekeepers about a new case of a destructive bee disease, American foulbrood (AFB). AFB wiped out much of Hawaii's honeybee population in the 1930s and spores of the disease may live more than 50 years.

The AFB bacterium, which is found worldwide, kills bee larvae and is highly infectious to bee brood (embryos or eggs). Once a colony is infected, it almost always results in the death of the colony.

A beekeeper recently detected the disease in a bee hive in Kula, Maui. Several hives on Oahu and Hawaii Island were also affected by AFB in February and October, 2016 respectively.

"Beekeepers around the state should be vigilant in inspecting their hives for signs of this disease," said John McHugh, administrator of HDOA's Plant Industry Division. "Since the spores will always be present, the best strategy for disease control is early detection."

Symptoms of AFB include honey bee cells that are moist, dark in color, and often smell of decaying animals. The dying larva inside the cells shrink and

the normal convex capping becomes concave. The pattern on an infected bee brood frame will look spotty because of a mixture of disease and healthy brood cells.

The bacterium that causes the disease is resistant to most antibiotics, heat, and disinfectants—the treatments normally used to kill bacteria. There is an antibiotic that may be used to help prevent AFB; however, because most strains of AFB have become resistance to treatment the most effective way to control an existing AFB infection is to burn and destroy the hive.

Beekeepers are also encouraged to report abandoned hives that may be a reservoir for the disease which is easily spread by bees moving from hive to hive. Due to this and other bee diseases, it is illegal to import used beekeeping equipment into Hawaii or to transport it interisland without an inspection and permit from HDOA.

HDOA's Apiary Program is distributing a flyer with more information on how to detect the disease and appropriate treatments. For more information, beekeepers may contact the Apiary Program in Hilo at: (808) 339-1977.

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Kahu Marian Kuuleialoha Kaopuiki Kanipae Nowemapa 23, 1915 - Ianuali 30, 2017



L to r: Harriet Catiel, Sol Kaopuiki, Rev. Lei Kanipae, Irene Perry and Henry Aki. Standing: Councilmember Mike Victorino, Dave Barry, and Councilmember Riki Hokama. Photograph by Lisa Villiarimo for Festivals of Aloha

Contributed by Sandra Ropa

Kahu Marian Kuuleialoha Kaopuiki Kanipae, was born November 23, 1915, to Daniel and Hattie Kaopuiki at Kahalepalaoa, Lanai. She was the fourth child and the second daughter of 14 children.

With many younger siblings, Kuuleialoha, helped and learned how to gather food from the ocean. From Kahalepalaoa, they moved to Ka'a and made their final home at Keomoku.

There was a school at Keomoku, which she attended. This school had one teacher, who taught grades 1 to 5. English was the language that was learned and if any Hawaiian was spoken, they got the ruler. When she finished the fifth grade, she continued to help with the care of her younger siblings.

During these years she did a lot of exploring throughout Keomoku, Ka'a and Maunalei. She also developed and mastered the skills of fishing, especially for squid and sand crab. And from the stories she shared, it sounded like she had a lot of fun.

In her early twenties, she went to Lahaina to look for work and was hired at Lahainaluna School cafeteria. She worked there for a while

then came back to Lanai and worked for different managers, (Fraser, Cleghorn, and Aldrich) doing housework and babysitting.

One day she went to watch a football game and met a young, handsome Hawaiian man, Samuel Kanipae, and in 1942, they were married and had three daughters, Suilan Kaopuiki, who passed away in 2006; Nani Wilson, who passed in 2010; and Sandra Ropa.

Kuuleialoha's parents were ministers of Hoomana Naauao O Hawaii church, which was built in 1903. In 1967, Samuel and Kuuleialoha were ordained as ministers. Later the name of the church was changed to Kalanakila O Ka Malamalama Hoomana O Irodane Hou.

Kuuleialoha, fondly called "Aunty Lei" by many, was a mom, grandmother, great-grandmother, great great-grandmother, aunty, tutu, a good friend and upon becoming a minister became a "spiritual mother" to all. We'll all miss her but will try to keep the lessons and knowledge that she taught and shared with us.

"Aunty Lei" Kanipae surrounded us with her love

Aunty Lei's passing marks the end of period of tremendous changes in Lanai's history. In her lifetime, Aunty Lei saw Lanai change from the simple life style she was born into at Kahalepalaoa, near what we call "Club Lanai", to her plantation style home on Jacarada Street near Lanai Post Office.

She saw members of her family move from Keomoku to the ranch headquarters at Koele, she watched Lanai City being built between 1922 to 1927; she saw the shifts in population from the small population of about 150 native Hawaiians to the first Japanese immigrants arriving in 1923 and the first Filipinos in 1932, and the population change like the tide, rising and falling with the changing economy, during her lifetime.

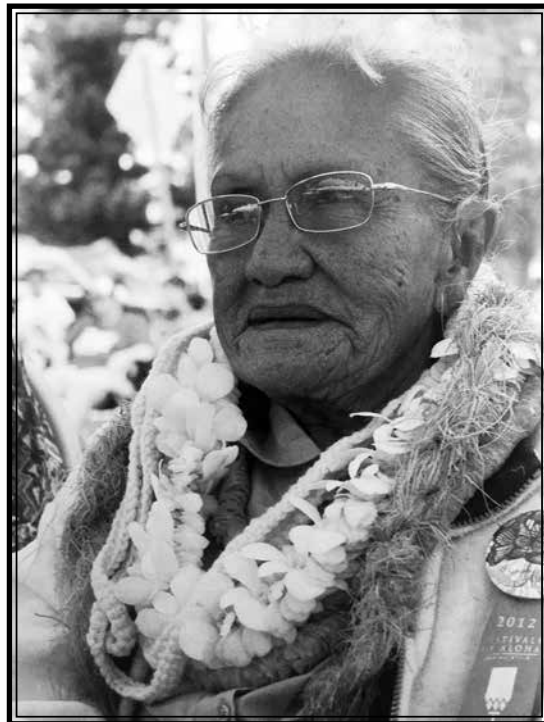
How we fuss and moan about the changes occurring in our community today! Aunty Lei was a young woman when the Charles Gay family planted their pineapple fields at Naniniwai. She saw the neat fields spread out across the land, eventually covering 20,000 acres for the Hawaiian Pineapple Company!

Aunty Lei saw Lanai Ranch close in the early 50's and all of the houses at Koele eventually demolished until only remained two houses remained. She saw The Lodge at Koele rise up in the middle of Koele's trees in 1990, and the Manele Bay Hotel being built on the hillside overlooking Hulopoe Beach, the same place where the ranch used to swim cattle into the water to a waiting freighter!

Keomoku receded into the past, but Aunty Lei still remembered the days of her youth. Her father grew watermelons, she said, and all of the children helped him to carry them to a boat waiting to transport the crop to Lahaina to sell. She always laughed when she spoke of it. We always "accidentally" dropped a few so they could eat them ourselves, she said.

Always gracious, Aunty Lei welcomed her extended ohana whenever they returned to Lanai and visited her. "I don't know how," one person said, "but she always remembered me."

The name, "Kuuleialoha" can be translated to



Kahu Marian Kuuleialoha Kaopuiki Kanipae

mean "My beloved child." We were all Aunty Lei's beloved children. Aunty Lei will live forever in the hearts of all who knew her. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Ropa; grandchildren: David "Boy" (Nani) Ropa, Michael Kalei (Natalie) Ropa, Denise Ola Ropa (Stephen Ferguson), Perry Wilson, and Douglas Wilson; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and her hanai children, the children of her deceased sister and brother-in-law, Evalani and William Kwon: William Papo (Nanette) Kwon, Jr., Noelani Nani (Miles) Watanabe, and Ronnie (Ethel) Kwon. She is also survived by her brother, Isaac Kaopuiki of Oahu. He is the last survivor of the late Rev. Daniel and Hattie Kaopuiki's 14 children. Uncle Isaac, who was accompanied by his ohana, was able to attend Aunty Lei's services at the Lanai Community Center, on February 25, 2017.

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Some benefits of the program include:

- Improved flexibility
- Promotes relaxation and reduces stress
- Improves bone density & strength
- Helps with circulation
- Increases metabolism
- Improves balance & coordination
- And, it's fun!

Watch for the schedule coming out soon!!



Lāna'i Community Health Center

10 Facts about the Human Brain!

Brain Awareness Week is March 13-19. We're sharing some fascinating facts about the brain!



Fascinating Facts About the Human Brain:

1. A newborn baby's brain grows about 3 times its size the first year!
2. Reading aloud & talking often to a child promotes brain development
3. A human brain weighs about 3 pounds
4. It's made up of about 75% water
5. It uses 20% of the total oxygen & blood circulating in your body
6. The brain treats rejection like physical pain, according to scientists
7. Sleep helps to consolidate memories
8. It keeps developing into your late 40s
9. The smell of chocolate triggers theta waves & triggers relaxation
10. You have about 70,000 thoughts a day!

Challenge your brain daily!

Keep it working!!!



Lāna'i Community Health Center

LCHC shares tips for National Nutrition month

March is National Nutrition Month: a nutrition-focused education and information campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. What does this mean for you? It is an opportunity to learn more about nutrition, healthy eating and the benefits of physical exercise!

What can I do to live a healthy lifestyle? First off, we encourage you to eat food rich in nutrients, antioxidants, vitamins and minerals. Some of these foods are:

- **Vegetables** such as broccoli (rich in fiber and Vitamin C) and dark, leafy greens which contain phytochemicals. Eating foods high in phytochemicals promotes good health and may lower the risk of getting certain cancers, diabetes and heart disease.
- **Fruit** (especially whole fruits) such as blueberries which are rich in fiber and have one of the highest antioxidant capacities. Antioxidants help to combat the free radicals or damaging substances that can damage healthy cells. Other fruits include strawberries, apples and oranges.
- **Fish** is recommended as it is one of the healthiest foods on earth and loaded with nutrients such as Vitamin D, protein and omega-3 fatty acids which are important for your brain, eyes and heart health. The American Heart Association recommends eating one serving of fish (particularly fatty fish) at least twice a week.
- **Whole grains and nuts** are packed with protein, fiber vitamins and

antioxidants.

- **Fat-free or low-fat dairy**, such as yogurt and cheese.
- **Oils** – healthy oils to cook with include olive, soybean, sunflower, coconut, avocado, corn, safflower, grapeseed and sesame.

We are a subsistence living community. Let's grow some vegetables, pick some of that fruit and avocado from your tree (don't let it drop to the ground and rot). Fish and share your catch with your friends.

And don't stop there! LCHC offers nutritional counseling. Individuals meet with an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRNs) who can help develop a healthy eating plan, explain proper portion control and identify foods to eat based on lifestyle goals and any medical concerns. Counselors will provide information about LCHC's fitness program and recommend exercise options to fit the needs of the patient. LCHC is also in the process of incorporating Community Health Workers to provide one-on-one patient support to make healthy lifestyle changes.

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Let's Ask Dr. Greg

Dear Dr. Greg;

I got a call from one of my daughter's teachers recently saying that my daughter is disruptive and disrespectful in class. My first reaction was that this teacher is picking on her and that there must be something wrong with the class for her to be called disruptive. So, when she came home that night (late for dinner as usual) and I asked her about the teacher and the class I then had to put up with her ranting about how stupid school is and how stupid coming home for dinner on time is and doing chores and doing homework and doing basically anything that she doesn't want to do!

So, then I remembered my dad telling me that we were spoiling our daughter by giving her so much freedom and not making her do things like clean her room when she was younger. We thought that kids should just play and let the adults do the work and besides it makes me feel bad when she cries and carries on about not wanting to do something. So anyway, now we are finding out that she isn't the little angel we thought she was. What happened and what do we do about it? I don't want to get calls from the school for the next three years.

Sincerely,
Bummed Out

Dear Bummed;

This is what we call entitlement or what some peo-

ple refer to as "being spoiled". It really just means that your daughter has learned where the boundaries are in the family and is applying them to school life. So if she gets to come home whenever and expect dinner to be waiting, or is able to avoid homework by having a little hissy fit then she is likely to carry that over to school as well. People tend to repeat behaviors that work and stop doing behaviors that don't work. Parents have to figure out what the real payoff is for their kid's behavior.

Setting and holding limits can be hard for some parents, but it is the way that our kids learn about self-control, getting along with others, and taking responsibility for themselves. Letting kids avoid unpleasant tasks or allowing them to blame others for their feelings and behaviors is setting them up for hard times as adults. Telling your boss you won't do something at work because "I don't want to" is a good way to lose your job. Adults who have tempers and are known to be easily upset are displaying an unhealthy level of entitlement and are not anybody's favorite employee. So set reasonable limits, hold the line, and keep smiling!

Aloha,
Dr. Greg

Greg Sanders, Psy.D.
is the School Based Behavioral Health Specialist for Lanai High and Elementary School and has been counseling for over twenty years.

Hope Lodge is "a home away from home"

By Alberta de Jetley

There's no place like home! But, if you are receiving treatment for cancer, the American Cancer Society (ACS) provides a home away from home across the United States. Lanai resident Tommy Urpanil shared his experience at ACS's Hope House on Oahu with *Lanai Today*.

Tommy was diagnosed with prostate cancer on Labor Day, 2016. Dr. John Janikowski referred him to a urologist and oncologist on Oahu. Through his doctors, he learned about ACS's Hope Lodge and was able to stay there from January 1 to February 7, 2017.

Hope Lodge is located on South Beretania St. in Honolulu. Tommy's radiation treatments were at the Cancer Center of Hawaii in Liliha, less than a 10-minute drive away. ASC provides free vouchers for transportation with Charley's Taxi, so in addition to staying at the Lodge for free, cancer patients are able to concentrate on getting well again instead of worrying about the cost of their stay on Oahu.

All of Hope Lodge's guest rooms have two beds, a television, and a private bathroom. Most of the people staying there are accompanied by a relative or helper but Tommy was able to care for himself. In addition to a lounge area with a television, computers with Internet access and printers, Tommy said, there are two big, fully equipped kitchens with six refrigerators and storage for each person's food.

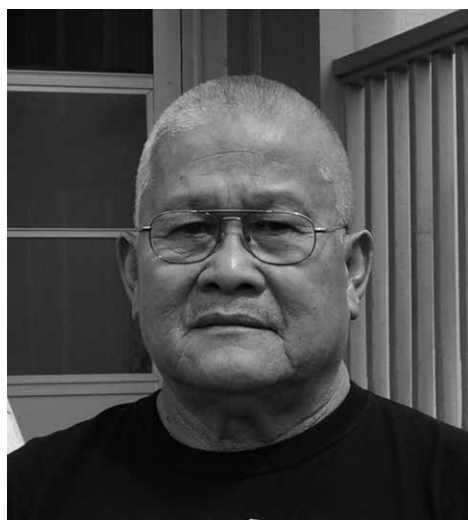
Tommy likes to cook so he enjoyed making Chicken Papaya for everybody. One of the best things about each day, he said, was sharing food and "talking story" with others who were going through some of the same things he was.

Tommy's first radiation treatment was for 30 minutes; after that, he received a 10-minute treatment Monday to Friday. But he notes, it took about 15 minutes of preparation time before it. After his treatment, he usually returned to Hope Lodge and went to sleep.

Patients undergoing radiation treatments are advised to stay out of the sun so Tommy enjoyed having the lounge and kitchen to relax in. There's also a private room for counseling and Hope Lodge is staffed 24/7.

Tommy's done a lot of different things before officially retiring in 2011. In the 60s, he worked with Hawaiian Airlines before moving over to Castle & Cooke to become a ranger with Kazu Nohara in the early 80s. Tommy was lured to the sea and worked with Windjammer, a boat doing day trips to Lanai, and moved to Lahaina and acquired his Captain's license.

He jumped ship and moved inland, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for eight years where he worked for a police and detective agency. He returned to Lanai in 1991 to work at the newly opened Manele Bay Hotel as its Executive Steward, before moving to Honolulu to work as the Executive Steward at the Ilikai Hotel.



Tommy Urpanil

Hawaii's blue skies beckoned Tommy back into the air; he joined Aloha Airlines in 1999, staying there until it closed in 2008. Returning home to Lanai, Tommy went to work for Island Air and retired in 2011.

Since his retirement, Tommy's been doing a variety of things but his favorite is the limu restoration project started by the late Allen Kaiakamaile. Carrying on his work is Allen's daughter, Cheryl Kaiakamaile, Stan Ruidas, Tommy, and a dedicated group of about 15 other Lanai residents.

If you want to ask Tommy about his stay at ACS's Hope Lodge or how you can help at the limu restoration project, email him at: tomurpanil@gmail.com

For more information about Hope Lodge, call Rob Anderson, (808) 566-8454 or email: rob.anderson@cancer.org.

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Alberta's book is sold at Lanai Culture & Heritage Center, the Mike Carroll Gallery, The Local Gentry, Lanai Art Center and Hula Hut. It costs \$23. (includes tax).

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by Alberta de Jetley

Lāna'i's history is shared through photographs from the archives of Lanai Culture & Heritage Center and other sources, including the author's personal collection. From its legendary beginnings to the present day, it provides readers with a deeper understanding of Lāna'i's past. Go to: albertadejetleylanaitoday.com to read about what's happening in *Lanai Today*.

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Poetry Out Loud results

Contributed by Linda Jones, LHS Teacher

On February 12, 2017 Lanai High School senior Isabel Campbell participated in the state finals for the national Poetry Out Loud competition. Isabel performed so well in the first and second rounds that her scores carried her into the final round of state!

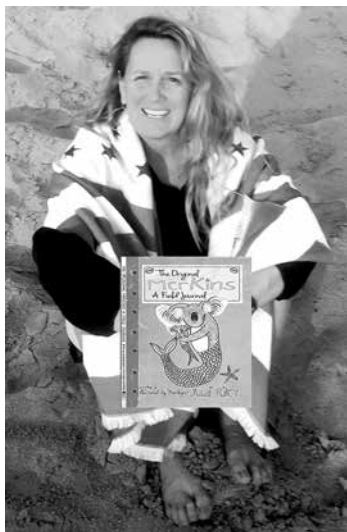
What made this unprecedented is the fact that traditionally, only three performers advance to final round. This year four performers were sent to finals! The judges felt an exception had to be made to ensure

Isabel advanced to the final round of the state competition. Their decision was based on the strength of Isabel's performances wherein her talent shone through for all to see.

Although she did not place, Isabel represented not only our fair island, but the OIA, as well. Out of 14 contestants only three were from the public school system of Hawaii. The rest of the competitors were from private schools around the state. Congratulations, Isabel!

Lanai resident Judi Riley publishes new book

Four years ago, Maui author, illustrator and publisher Judi Riley moved to Lanai for a creative retreat and to learn Adobe graphic design and publishing programs. While exploring Lanai's remote beaches, Judi found inspiration for her latest ocean themed book series, *The Original MerKins: A Field Journal*. Judi's new children's book inspires us to be limitless, and is about a merologist who falls into *MerKingdom*, an underwater world of mertailed animal friends called *MerKins*. Her scrapbook styled journal exquisitely illustrates *MerKins* in their natural habitat accompanied by an entertaining collection of *MerKingdom* artifacts, observations and curiosities. Discover how the *Merthern Lights* are made, what *MerIggy* (a pig with a mertaile) eats besides posh pies, and why *Meroxy* (a fox with a mertaile) is forever stealing your keys. Judi is currently working on creating plush animals and charmeuse silk scarves based on the *MerKins* characters in her book. Judi Riley's new book is available at Lanai



Judi Riley

Art Center; and Lanai residents receive a 20 percent discount on her autographed books.

Judi Riley has published five Hawaiian children's books. She is currently working on "When I am Quiet on Lanai" a bedtime story, and "The Original AerKins: A Field Journal." Learn more about the author and her series at TikiTales.com.

LHES Wrestling Team brings home 3 MIL champions

Contributed by Jolene Sugiyama-Segault

Be proud Lanai. These boys made history at the Maui Interscholastic League (MIL) Championship Tournament held at Maui High School on February 11, 2017. Lanai has never brought home 3 MIL Champs in one year and what an accomplishment this was for our wrestling team.



L to R: Assistant Coach Tyler Speer, Jake Ballesteros, Assistant Coach Taz Del Rosario, Sam Dunwell, Assistant Coach Clayton Nohara, Demytri Demeg, Head Coach Aaron Fernandez.

I can't begin to explain the feeling of victory when one by one each one of these wrestlers won and took what was theirs all along. 1st Place! There were tears of joy and emotions ran high as they came to greet all their family, friends, coaches, and fellow wrestlers. We are beyond proud of this well deserved accomplishment.

Two more of our own placed as well. Emma De Brum placed 3rd in the girls 127 lbs. division and Kainoa Hanog also placed 3rd in the boys 113 lbs. division.

We are extremely proud of all our wrestlers. This season showed how much they've grown since last year and they will only get better as their commitment to this overlooked sport gets bigger and more recognized in the future. So what do you say Lanai? Next season we expect to see our section of bleachers filled with more supporters. Come and witness our wrestlers on the mat doing what they love to do and bringing home more wins for our Lanai.

Lanai Wrestlers compete at State tournament

On February 17 and 18, our wrestling team went to compete at the Chevron Wrestling State Championship Tournament. We had four wrestlers who made it to this huge tournament held at the Neal Blaisdell Arena.

Coming from our very small island of Lanai, and having four of our wrestlers make it that far was an accomplishment on its own. But with the drive and will power our wrestlers have in their hearts, they weren't going to give up without a fight. There were over 400 athletes and 52 schools competing and who would've thought that representing such a small community, we would be bringing home a Third Place Winner in the 145 lbs. boys weight division!

Jake Ballesteros fought hard and we are so proud of his win. "Every year, I bring my black slacks just in case my wrestlers make it to the finals, and it hasn't happened yet, but I am hopeful this time around," Coach Aaron Fernandez said before leaving Lanai.



L to R: Asst.Coach Tyler Speer, Head Coach Aaron Fernandez, Asst. Coach Clayton Nohara, Jake Ballesteros, Asst. Coach Taz Del Rosario.

Coach Aaron finally got to wear those black slacks and what a moment it was for everyone who was there to witness yet another amazing accomplishment for our wrestling team! So if you happen to see Jake around town, ask him about his experience, but don't be surprised at how humble he might be, because that is one thing they are taught by their coaches.

To our Lanai community, you have all been such great supporters of our wrestling team. I know we do so much fundraising; we couldn't do it without your helping hands. Mahalo for continually supporting our wrestlers.



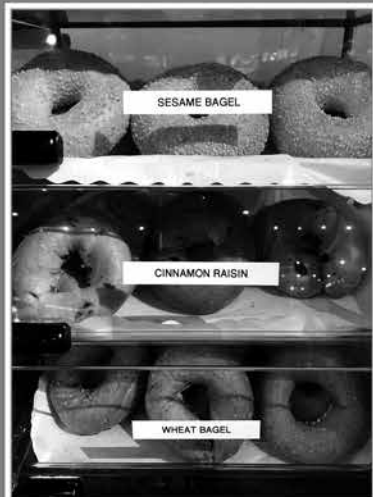
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Four Seasons' Employee of the month

Nalani Silva is an Administrative Assistant in Four Seasons Resorts Lanai's Executive Office. She has been part of Lanai's resorts since November 23, 1998, and became a part of the Four Seasons Resorts team on October 1, 2005. Nalani is very professional and works with many high profile guests and the resort's ownership. Her nomination for January's Employee of the Month stated she is a very hard worker and is dedicated to her job. Many times, it read, she works under pressure and with time restraints. An example of her dedication is that during Festive, she came in on her days off to be sure all requests and everyone's needs were taken care of. Congratulations, Nalani!



Erin Quon, Randa Lao, Nalani Silva, Ekrem Tercanoglu, and Scott Ashworth

Four Seasons welcomes David Arraya

Information contributed by Lori Holland, Four Seasons Resorts

In February, Tom Roelens, general manager, Four Seasons Resort Lanai, announced the appointment of David Arraya as resort manager. Arraya joins Four Seasons Resort Lanai following a number of senior management positions at luxury resorts across the United States and Asia, such as EAST Miami, EAST Hong Kong, Fontainebleau Miami and The Pierre in New York City. "We are delighted to welcome David to Lanai," said Mr. Roelens. "We provide our guests exceptional hospitality, unforgettable experiences and have a genuine desire to share our culture and land with all who visit Lāna'i. We are confident that David's global outlook and previous successes will contribute to our journey as a world-class resort and destination. He has a hands-on approach with high attention to detail, and, a strong passion for luxury service." Arraya transferred from Universidad Privada Boliviana in La Paz, Bolivia to Winthrop University, Charlotte, North Carolina, to complete his Bachelor's Degree in International Business and Hospitality. He speaks Spanish, English, French, Portuguese, Italian and has a working knowledge of Cantonese. Four Seasons Resort Lanai opened in February 2016 following a lobby-to-roof transformation, and

received the coveted AAA Five Diamond designation shortly after. The Resort features 213 guestrooms and suites in a series of low-rise buildings spread along the Pacific coastline and immersed in Hawaiian botanical gardens, providing a private residential experience. Additional facilities include the signature One Forty restaurant, Malibu Farm, Nobu Lanai, a spa and wellness program, variety of complimentary activities, luxury retail boutiques, tennis, an 18-hole ocean-view Jack Nicklaus Signature Manele Golf Course, as well as an array of land, ocean and air activities. For more information, go to: fourseasons.com/lanai.



David Arraya

Aloha Gail Shin, mahalo for caring for our keiki

In 1981, Jackie Woolsey, Carol AhTongg, Lynne Kahoohalahala and Pat Reilly met to discuss a community need. A preschool was badly needed and they went to work, organizing a core group of determined residents which included: Janice Kaopuiki, Phyllis McOmer, Mary Catiel and Linda Sakamoto. The results of their work is E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool, which was established on the ground floor of the Lanai Union Church and continues to serve our community. In October 1996, Gail Shin began her career at the preschool as an on-call aide, never dreaming she would become its head teacher in January 2007 and would make it her life's work. Gail became the preschool's Administrator/Teacher and has constantly strived to meet early childhood education standards set by the National Association of Education of Young Children. When she retires on February 28, 2017, it will be bittersweet, she says. Gail's seen a lot of children pass through the preschool's doors in the 21 years she's been there. "I'm seeing the children of my former keiki," she said. The preschool accepts keiki as young as two years, eight months old if they are toilet trained, she explained. There are 25 keiki presently enrolled this school year. Projects to upgrade the preschool are never-ending, with new flooring in the kitchen area and classrooms recently completed. Presently, a fundraising project to raise more money for the installation of synthetic turf for the playground is underway. Truly a measure of Gail's successful management style as an administrator is the dedication shown by her staff, whose names are listed with the month and year they joined her at the preschool: Susan Ohashi, Nov. 1997; Melonie Pascua, Jan. 1998; Jessalyn Taal, Aug. 2004; Alice Granito, Aug. 2006, and Christine Matlock, Nov. 2016. Growing up on Oahu, Gail said, as part of a large Hawaiian-Chinese family, they always met at her grandparents home each weekend to be together. Holidays were extra special with as many as 70 plus relatives present. During her years on Lanai, Gail traveled to Oahu on most weekends to help care for her mother. Now,



Gail Shin

she has four aunts, all over age 80, so she plans to return to Oahu to live where she can help them and surround herself with her ohana on weekends. It's not hard to imagine Gail in her new role as her nieces and nephews favorite auntie, a title she truly deserves!

Wish List Challenge

When asked what would be on her "Wish List" for the preschool to commemorate her retirement, Gail asked her staff to help her compile it. Topping the list were: two computer tablets, one for each classroom; a wireless printer to supplement the office printer, with some extra toner cartridges; and, some plastic bins to store supplies in the cubbies.

Lanai Today has donated \$100 towards the purchase of a color printer for Gail's parting gift to the preschool. If you would like to contribute any of the other items, please email Alberta at: lanaitoday@yahoo.com.

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5th Friday Event Cards are available at Richard's Market, the Hula Hut and Pele's Other Garden on 8th St. Across the park, go to the Mike Carroll Gallery, The Local Gentry, and Lanai Art Center.

Expeditions Ferry will have a FREE late night ferry departing Lanai at 9:45 p.m. If you have Maui friends who want to visit Lanai for the day, a package which includes an event card, round trip tickets for the ferry and ground transportation is available for \$60 per person. Go to:

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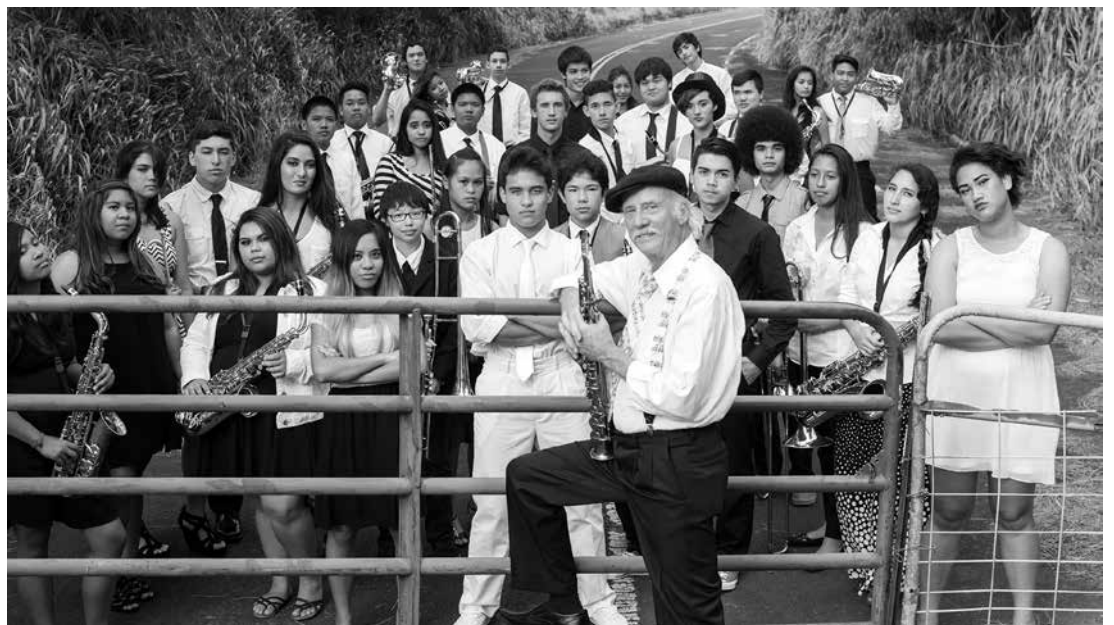
Honokaa's Jazz Band! Organized in 1988 by Musical Director Gary Washburn and 11 students as a part of Honokaa High School's music curriculum, the band has earned accolades across the Hawaii. In 1989 the band traveled to Oahu to participate in the Oahu Band Directors Association's annual Jazz Festival. Each year, the band has grown in size and has improved in the maturity of their performances.

Over the past 15 years, the band has enjoyed opportunities to performing with world-class artists such as David Benoit, James Moody, Paul Kreibich, Luther Hughes, Ollie Mitchell, Slyde Hyde and the Olliephonic Horns. The band has also served as the entertainment for the Friends' for Youth Transitional Conventions on the Big Island with Frank Delima, and has performed with Melveen Lee as part of the Lokahi Tree Project.

The personality and repertoire of the band changes as students graduate, so Music Director Washburn writes and arranges the music to fit the student turnover, which makes its music selections unique each year. This year, their repertoire includes a wide variety of styles of music including the music of Ella Fitzgerald, Sonny Rollins, Henry Mancini, Etta James, Marcia Ball, Herbie Hancock and many others. In addition to performing during 5th Friday Lanai, the Honokaa Jazz Band will perform at Lanai High and Elementary School for high school and middle school students.

At 5th Friday, they will have a short performance for younger students at 5:30 p.m. Their later performance will be at 7:30 p.m. in front of the Old Man's Pavilion. Please bring mats or beach chairs to sit in.

The Honokaa Jazz Band will be performing at events on Thursday and Saturday on Maui and really wanted to see Lanai's 5th Friday! Please say "Hi" to them during their short visit with us.



Musical Director Gary Washburn with the Honokaa's Jazz Band. 30 Students will be coming to Lanai.



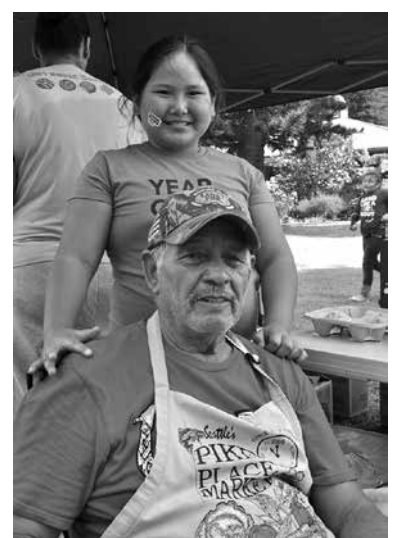
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