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North Shore Chamber of Commerce Film Forum

By Carol Philips

On January 24, 2024, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce gathered for the first of its three annual General Membership meetings at Haleiwa Joe's Restaurant. The morning session featured a "Film Forum" discussing the FOX TV series currently in production on the North Shore, "Rescue Hi-Surf" an enthralling portrayal of North Shore heroic lifeguards, who fearlessly rescue individuals in treacherous ocean conditions. Speakers from the State and County

Film Offices provided invaluable insights into Hawaii's filming regulations, while Co-Producer/UPM Robert Scott and Location Manager Kevin Foster offered an overview of the show.

Attendees gained information into the production's efforts to minimize disruptions to the community under the vigilant oversight of the State and City Film Offices. Beyond its captivating storyline, "Rescue Hi-Surf" creates sustainable-wage jobs for

numerous North Shore residents and Hawaii locals. The series also pledges to collaborate with small businesses catering to production needs.

With primary filming locations at Papa'iloa and YMCA Camp Erdman, complemented by select North Shore sites, "Rescue Hi-Surf" not only promises riveting entertainment but also provides crucial support to North Shore's small businesses while honoring its rich cultural and surfing heritage.



Church in transition: retiring Senior Pastor Michael Stangel, Associate Pastor Robert Prasser, and incoming Senior Pastor Danny Angel.

North Shore Christian Fellowship Honors Senior Pastor Michael Joseph Stangel

The North Shore community honors Pastor Mike Stangel for his decades of faithful service to the people of Hawaii, and to many people throughout the world.

Pastor Mike Stangel was born on the East Coast. His father was an FBI Agent. Mike was a surfer at heart and, as a young man, he came to Hawaii on January 21, 1974. By his own admission, all he wanted to do was surf and run from God.

Ironically, through a series of what Mike would describe as divine encounters, the opposite happened. He rededicated his life to the Lord, and started attending a new "surfer church" on the North Shore, The North Shore Christian Fellowship. He never dreamt that someday, he would be the Senior Pastor of that same church.

Because Mike wanted to be on the staff of the church, he supported himself by finding a job polishing surfboards. He also found a lovely bride, Karen, and they got married.

Mike was ordained as a pastor in 1978, and has been the senior pastor of the North Shore Christian Fellowship since 1982. He has been faithful to the church and to the Lord in that role for 42 years.

During Mike's tenure as senior pastor, the North Shore Christian Fellowship has "planted" or started

four other new churches. In order, Calvary Chapel of Honolulu, Mililani Calvary Chapel, Calvary Chapel of Wahiawa, and The Mission.

Each church was a step of faith for Pastor Mike, because each church involved sending out our best people and an influx of capital to assist the new churches until they got on their feet. All churches are still ministering today.

The church also thrived under Mike's leadership in the areas of missions, which are a core value at the North Shore Christian Fellowship. Some of the accomplishments in this area are ministries to the Philippines, where two Christian schools have been built and are thriving, along with mission trips to Poland, India, Mexico, Japan, Thailand, Tahiti, Fiji, and China. Pastor Mike has never let us forget that our church should always be mission minded.

Back at home, the North Shore Christian Fellowship has had four different bookstores and offices to serve the church and community, services at Waimea Falls Park, and finally, our current home in the historic Waialua Community Association Gym.

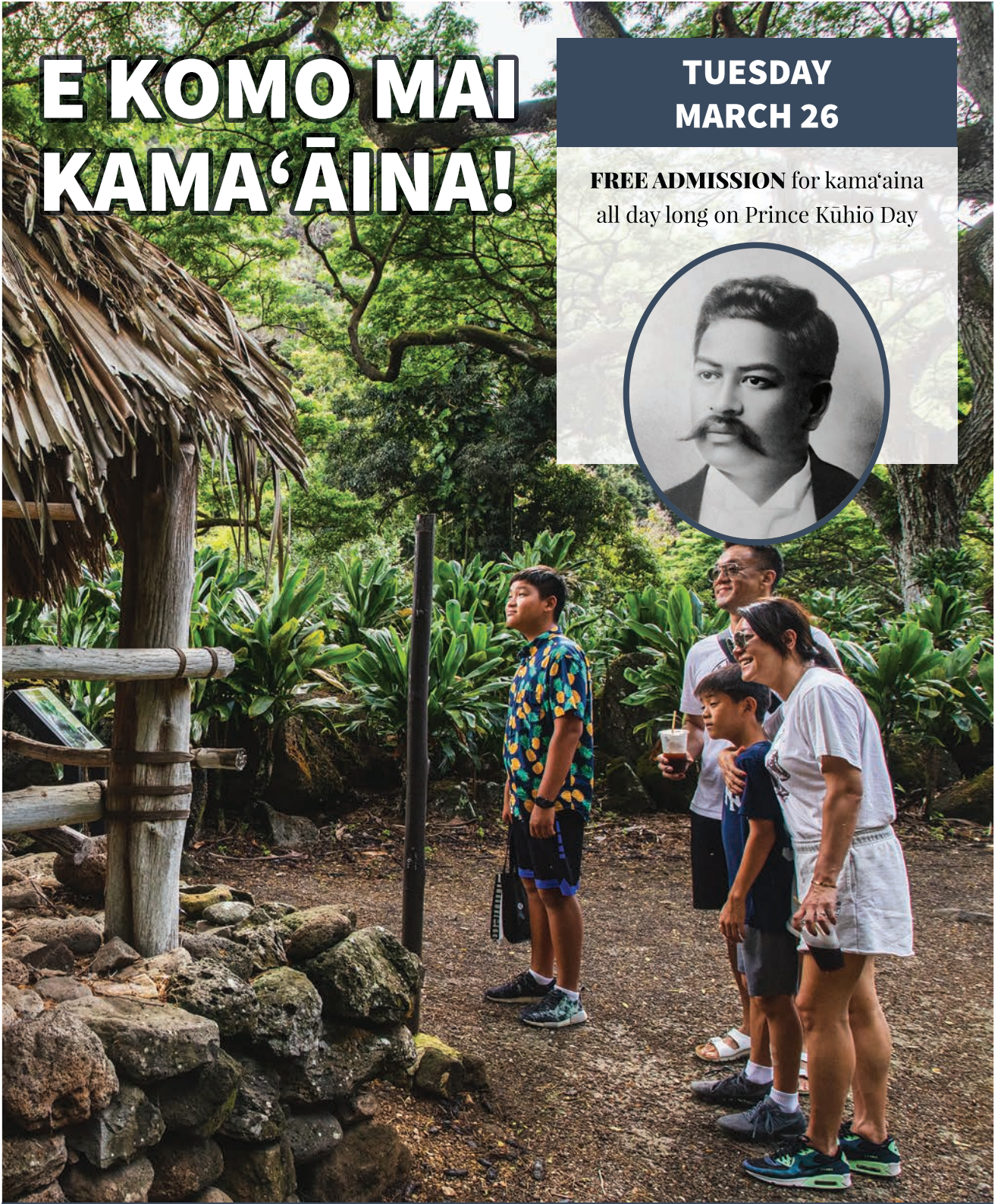
January 21, 2024, was Mike's chosen retirement date. Pastor Danny Angel is the incoming Senior Pastor at the North Shore Christian Fellowship.

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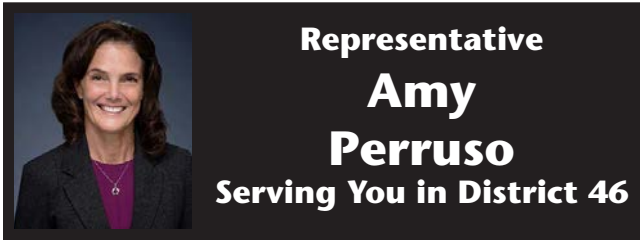
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Revitalizing Hawaii: A Concrete Roadmap for the 2024 Legislative Session

Hawaii stands at a critical juncture, and this 2024 legislative session offers a unique opportunity for substantive change. Community collaboration, thorough research, and a commitment to building lasting connections can provide tangible solutions to our most pressing problems.

Insights from Lahaina: A Call for Proactive Disaster Preparedness

The recently published report from the Lahaina Wildfire Interim Working Group (https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/CommitteeFiles/Special/ENRWG/Documents/2023_FinalReport-Lahaina-Wildfire-InterimWorking-Group.pdf) starkly underscores the urgency of disaster preparedness. This report is not just a call to action; it's a blueprint for proactive measures to guarantee community safety and well-being in the face of escalating climate-related challenges.

On the grassroots front, the Hawaii Hazard Awareness and Resilience Program (HHARP) in Wahiawā - Whitmore Village provides a tangible example of community-driven disaster preparedness (<https://tinyurl.com/WWVHHARP>). This two-year initiative assessed hazards, identified vulnerabilities, and recognized community capacities, resulting in a detailed plan outlining specific activities for preparation and response. In the most recent action step, community leaders have Identified approximately 30 "neighborhood coordinators" and equipped them with walkie-talkies for effective communication during disasters. The integration of ham radio operators ensures an unbroken information flow in the event of compromised conventional communication infrastructure.

Transforming Hawaii's Food System and Funding Social Transformation

The community and scholarly work on the Transforming Hawaii Food System initiative (<https://transforminghawaiifoodsystem.org/>) helps us better understand the critical challenges facing Hawaii's food security and sustainability. We need to craft policies that foster a resilient and self-sufficient food ecosystem. However, fundamental change in food and public education system (discussed last month) requires investment. "Fund Our Future Hawaii" by the Hawaii Budget & Policy Center (<https://www.hibudget.org/publications/fund-our-future-hawaii>) serves as a practical guide for wise and forward-looking financial

stewardship. We need to start having serious conversations about revenue generation - taxing the uber wealthy in very targeted and specific ways, and strategically allocating resources, ensuring investments in education, social services, and sustainable development, will lay the groundwork for a more equitable and prosperous future. Both of these efforts have generated bill packages on food systems and tax fairness that go hand in hand, and we are hearing many of those bills already in this 2024 session.

A Call for Clean Elections and Good Government

Hawaii's political landscape has long been marred by the influence of money, resulting in policies that serve the interests of the wealthy few rather than the needs of constituents. SB2381, championed by the HAPA/Clean Election Coalition, seeks to break this cycle by liberating candidates from the need to fundraise from special interests and affluent donors.

This bill, inspired by successful models in Connecticut, Maine, and Hawaii County Council, aims to establish a full publicly financed elections system. By freeing candidates from the grip of private money, SB2381 can pave the way for a more ethical and representative government.

A Path Forward: From Hope to Reality

The 2024 Hawaii legislative session holds the promise of transformative change. By weaving together community-based knowledge, community initiatives, and data-driven insights, legislators can enact policies that align with the aspirations of Hawaii's people. But we need community members to weigh in. We can do so much better, and we must. reperruso@capitol.hawaii.gov



Rep. Amy Perruso with teachers and students from the Secondary Leadership Conference




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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Last month, the Honolulu City Council honored North Shore’s own Moona Whyte for her achievements in the world of professional kitesurfing and wingfoiling. Not only did Moona become the first-ever GWA Wingfoil Wave Women World Champion last year, but she also brought home another world title from the 2023 GKA Kite Surf World Tour. Congratulations!

Partners in Care (PIC) conducted the O’ahu Point in Time (PIT) count on the morning of Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The PIT count is a federally mandated census count across the United States, and it provides a snapshot of all those experiencing homelessness in our shelters, streets, beaches, cars, or other places not meant for human habitation. The PIT Count is vital for establishing federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as State, local, and private funding, to help end homelessness.

Hawai’i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) helped to coordinate the count for Region 6 (Windward Mall through Kawela Bay) and Region 5 (Kawela Bay through Mokolē’ia, including Hale’iwa). Sixteen volunteers, multiple community partners, and HHHRC staff started at 7 a.m. to engage and survey our unsheltered communities. They were also able to schedule follow-up appointments to meet with individuals to discuss housing support and other needs. Kunane Dreier, Director of Training & Program Development, said the count went smoothly. He shared that although it is always a challenge to look for unsheltered individuals in rural areas, HHHRC was able to increase engagement through the support of community partners.

In the past, community members have expressed to me their frustration that the count is just for one day, and their worries about potential undercounting and how that may affect federal funding. However, the PIT Count is only one measurement used to determine funding from HUD, and it is useful to help us to see broad trends in homelessness. Last year, the overall PIT Count found that homelessness on Oahu increased slightly to 4,028 individuals (up from 3,951 from 2022). We won’t know the results from this year’s count until the full report is released in mid-May.

With the closure of Achieve Zero, Kealahou West O’ahu (KWO) was announced as the homeless outreach services provider for Regions 3 and 5. We look forward to working with KWO and our state partners to better respond to homelessness in the area. With that in mind, we hope to ensure that the upcoming budget

reflects the City’s needs, including prioritizing homelessness, public safety, and the condition of our parks and other public infrastructure.

Finally, I want to provide a heads up that the Mayor will deliver his budget proposal to the City Council on March 1st. We welcome community feedback and ideas for projects or improvements in the district.

As always, please feel free to contact our office at mweyer@honolulu.gov or (808) 768-5002 to share your input or to let us know how we can assist. Thank you for your continued engagement, and mahalo for all you do to support a lively, friendly, and prosperous North Shore!



Moona Whyte and Councilmember Matt Weyer.

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A Whale of a Story

By: Penny Nakamura

It's a whale of a project, and for citizen scientists counting humpback whales in our North Shore winter waters, it often leads to a whale of a good story.

"Whoa did you see that?" shouted an excited Sarah Good, a Honolulu elementary school teacher, who came out to count whales at Shark's Cove. "That whale jumped so high, that was incredible, and the baby also breached."

Sharks Cove Whale Count Site Leader, Pam Goodman-Kilmer was as excited to see the breaching whales as her newbie citizen scientists who volunteered to come out the last Saturday of January to be a part of the statewide count put on by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Ocean Count project.

"Volunteers who do this, sometimes have to wait years, before they see what we're seeing today," shouted an excited Goodman-Kilmer, who has been counting for 23 years. "We are very lucky today; we're seeing about 8 to 15 whales per hour."

The humpback whales who come to our North Shore waters, start their migration from Alaska around November/ December, and come to our warm waters to breed, give birth, and nurse their young before returning to Alaska in April/ May.

"This citizen science project gives us a chance to document and tally humpback whales around the Hawaiian Islands from year to year," said count coordinator for NOAA's Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, Cindy Among-Serrao. "We have 28 years of continuous anecdotal data that often correlates with other on-going studies, including acoustic studies on these whales, where we have audio recording equipment near some of these sites."

There are forty-four shoreline ocean count sites from Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, and Molokai, utilizing more than 400 volunteer citizen scientists. Maui and Lanai do a similar whale count with the Pacific Whale Foundation, and this is the sixth year that both organizations have combined and totaled their numbers on the whale counts.

The Humpback Whales also known in Hawaiian as the Kohola count is important to protect these magnificent marine animals by supporting research, and reducing their threats, and getting a bigger overall picture from different sites around the island chain.

"During the pandemic and lockdown, we're not sure why, but there were fewer whales showing up here," said volunteer Don Kilmer, who's also been counting whales for 23 years with his wife, and site leader, Pam Goodman-Kilmer. "There was a decrease in whale numbers during the years from about 2018 to 2020, NOAA believes it could have been the water temperatures, the global warming trend could've confused them, we're not sure."

As the volunteer citizen scientists took their clip boards and binoculars to not only count whales, but to also tally typical whale behaviors such as: blowing, head rise, tail and pectoral slaps, dives, and breaches.

"You might see one big blow, and then a smaller blow or puff next to it, and that would be a mother whale and her calf," explained Goodman-Kilmer. "On average an adult humpback will surface to breathe every 10 to 15 minutes, but can be submerged for 45 minutes, whereas the calves must rise to the surface every 3 to 5 minutes."

Retired Navy officer, Beverly Santarelli, who used to be stationed on island, and now resides in Colorado has done five official whale counts and came back to Oahu just to be part of this year's project says she never tires of it.

"This is so great, and to see that mother whale and baby breaching out there was spectacular," said Santarelli. "It becomes addicting to watch the whales, and the four hours we 'work', from 8 am to noon, just goes by so fast."

The shoreline counts on the islands are done three times a year; the last Saturdays of January, February, and March, when whale activity is usually the most prolific.

This year's total number of whales observed from each island on January 27th, increased by about 3 dozen, according to NOAA, but they say it could be because the sightings were better because of good weather. These are the number of whales counted by island:

Kauai, 292; Oahu 604; Molokai, 30; Hawaii Island 324; Maui, 821, and Lanai, 53. For a grand total of 2,124 humpback whales throughout the state.

If you'd like to become a citizen scientist and count whales, you can register for different sites at oceancount.org.



Whale counters - Susana Lima, Cathy Kimball, site leader, Pam Goodman-Kilmer, Sarah Good, Beverly Santarelli, and Luanna Meyer. Photo: P. Nakamura



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OFF da Island in Park City, Utah -

Eduardo Cua, Matteo Cua and Eduardo Cua III of Hale'iwa took a boys snowboard trip recently. They brought along a copy of the North Shore News to remind them of home and the rest of the family, Laura and Sujung who stayed behind to make this trip happen.



Ask the Doctor

Nash Witten, MD

Dear Doctor, "What's up with gout?"

Gout is a condition in which patients either over-produce or don't adequately remove uric acid from the body. The uric acid deposits in joints, causing pain. In Hawai'i, gout usually equates to a prior night of "eating bad food" or "drinking beer," but it's actually a much more complicated condition than that!

Uric acid is a breakdown product of purines, a type of amino acid found within our bodies as well as in the food we eat. Foods high in purines, commonly associated with "gout flairs," are shellfish, beef, pork, organ meats, alcohol, and high fructose corn syrup. Medications and dehydration are also common causes of "gout flairs," among other conditions.

What is a gout flair? A gout flair occurs when the uric acid in your blood becomes so high that it crystallizes into tiny shards of glass in your joints. Repeated flairs cause the smooth surface of your joint to break down, increasing the rate of arthritis in your joint. When your body senses the crystals in your joint space, it responds with a massive inflammatory response, causing swelling, redness, and extreme pain in a gout flair.

Gout is preventable and treatable! By seeing your primary care provider, we can start you on medications to prevent the creation of uric acid. The most commonly used medication to prevent gout flairs is allopurinol. Regularly seeing a primary care provider makes it possible to NEVER have a gout flair again! No gout flairs mean less missed work, less arthritis over time, and more time doing fun activities.

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25th Anniversary of Haleiwa Arts Festival

By: Kathleen Ells

In the vibrant art scene of Hawaii, the Haleiwa Arts Festival stands as a testament to the rich cultural heritage and artistic prowess of the region. Celebrating its 25th year, this beloved festival has become an integral part of the community, attracting artists, locals, and tourists alike. From humble beginnings to a renowned annual event, the Haleiwa Arts Festival has left an indelible mark on the North Shore of Oahu.

The story of the Haleiwa Arts Festival began in 1997 when a group of local artists and community members came together with a vision to showcase the incredible talent present in the area. The festival was initially held in Haleiwa Beach Park, a picturesque location known for its stunning views of the Pacific Ocean. With just a handful of artists participating, the first year was a modest success, but it laid the groundwork for what would become a thriving event.

Over the years, the festival grew in both size and reputation. Artists from all disciplines, including painters, sculptors, photographers, and jewelry makers, flocked to Haleiwa to showcase their work. The festival became a vibrant hub for creativity, fostering a sense of community among artists and art enthusiasts. Visitors were not only treated to stunning artwork but also to live music performances, cultural demonstrations, and delicious local cuisine.

One of the key factors that set the Haleiwa Arts

Festival apart was its commitment to showcasing Hawaiian and Polynesian art forms. Traditional crafts like hula dancing, lei making, and woodcarving were given a prominent place alongside contemporary art, ensuring that the festival remained deeply rooted in local culture. Children's hands on arts, is also included. This dedication to preserving and promoting traditional art forms helped the festival gain recognition beyond the shores of Hawaii.

The Haleiwa Arts Festival is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, further emphasizing its commitment to supporting the arts and the local community. The festival relies on the generosity of sponsors, grants, and donations to continue its mission of providing a platform for artists to showcase their work.

As the festival gained popularity, it faced its fair share of challenges. The organizers had to navigate issues like funding, logistics, and ensuring the event remained accessible to all. However, their unwavering dedication and the support of the community allowed the festival to overcome these hurdles and continue growing. Today, the Haleiwa Arts Festival is a highly anticipated event, attracting thousands of visitors each year.

The 25th Annual Summer Haleiwa Arts Festival is scheduled to take place on June 29-30, 2024.

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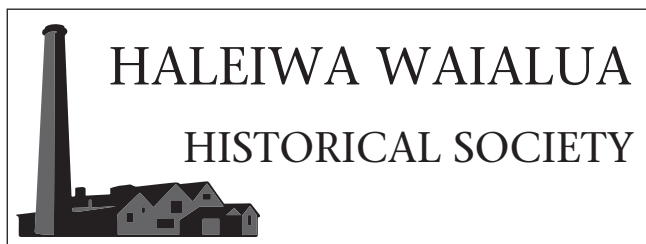
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How Marconi Linked Hawaii to the World

By: Boyd Ready, Local Historian

A furor has erupted over the partial demolition of the 1914 Marconi building in Kahuku. It had been the most powerful radio transmitter station in the world, and the Pacific anchor for the first worldwide network of wireless telegraphy (radio) stations.

For our island nation messages had arrived only from ships crossing the Pacific Ocean. Voyaging canoes spent months in transit, sailing ships were not much faster. When Kamehameha II died in England it took eight months for the news to arrive. Even King Kalakaua's 1891 death, in San Francisco, was unknown to Hawaii for fifteen days. Until the first undersea telegraph cable to Hawaii was completed in 1902 all news came by ship.

In the 1890s a 17-year-old, home-schooled boy, Guglielmo Marconi, was fascinated by the invisible energy theorized mathematically by Maxwell, and proven real by Herz. His mother was from the wealthy Jameson distillery family of Ireland, his father an Italian aristocrat of Bologna. Scientists believed that the invisible waves could not be transmitted far and, even if they could, not over the horizon: the rays move in a straight line. But "Marconi ignored conventional wisdom and ploughed on with his experiment....his 'tinkerer's' experience... made it happen by following hunch and intuition rather than scientific theory" (Marc Raboy, Marconi: The Man Who Networked the World).

Queen Victoria's British empire was already wired for telegraph overland and undersea cables had been installed as far as New Zealand and the Philippines. But Hawaii remained isolated. And telegraph over cables was limited to 8 to 12 words per minute. Marconi's invention of radio was quickly appreciated in England. Queen Victoria sent one of the first messages to her son, the Prince of Wales, aboard a nearby ship.

Patents and capital investments solidified young Marconi's start. Soon he demonstrated radio telegraphy across the Atlantic, from Cornwall to Cape Cod, and the obvious uses for ships began with passenger liners. Marconi sought, like a young Bill Gates or Steve Jobs, the dominant position in the new business.

When the Titanic went down in April, 1912, two Marconi Wireless operators were aboard, one survived. The world considered Marconi's inven-

tion responsible for saving the 700 in the lifeboats. Marconi was already expanding worldwide, and the Titanic incident confirmed his fame and reputation.

Haleiwa's historic cottage, now the home of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce across from the Post Office, was the Mutual Telephone Co.'s manager's home. Mutual Telephone had promptly established short range radio telegraph services for the Hawaiian Islands to expand the reach of the 1902 undersea cable. But with Marconi's powerful equipment coming, Mutual Telephone moved their Kahuku facility up to Wahiawa. The Kahuku Marconi station would drown out Mutual's local signal. In fact, if it weren't in a soundproof structure, the Kahuku Marconi station's 'spark' was so loud it would be heard four miles away.

Every business man and politician on Oahu came out to Kahuku by train or automobile for the 1914 opening, dedication ceremonies, and an outdoor lunch for 200. Suddenly, before WW I, Hawaii was at the forefront of communication technology that would transform the world. No wonder we don't want the historic structures torn down.

For more information or to schedule a Hale'iwa or Waialua walking tour contact the Society at 808-342-8557 or www.WaialuaHistoricalSociety.org



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Naupaka: Love Stories from Waimea Valley

By: David Orr

Now, out of print and hard to find, *In Gardens of Hawai'i*, published by the Bishop Museum in the late 1940s is one of the best general books covering natives and exotics found in Hawaiian gardens. Unfortunately, much of the taxonomy is out of date, but the book is rich with Hawaiian lore and plant stories. The author, Marie C Neal, for whom the rainbow shower tree, (*Cassia X nealiae*), is named, was a friend of the great Mary Kawena Pukui who co-authored the *Hawaiian Dictionary*. She probably provided many of the stories. There are two legends about the “half-flowers” of the beach and mountain naupaka plants. There are flowering specimens of both right across the path from each other, near the corner of the Hawaiian Garden (“Hawaiian Garden A”) that surrounds the 2nd pond, next to the yellow cinder block enclosure. Everyone knows the beach naupaka (naupaka kahakai, *Scaevola taccada*) an indigenous native found on almost every tropical seashore in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Only avid hikers know about our endemic Naupaka kuahiwi. There are at least seven endemic species which evolved in Hawaii’s forests and nowhere else.

The similarity of these flowers found in such different habitats has given rise to many legends of unrequited love, as the two “halves” of the flowers evoke an imagery of “fitting together”. Marie Neal gives two stories: in one, a woman takes a full naupaka flower and rips it in two, telling her spurned lover that he can only return if he brings her another full flower, but, alas, he dies alone, only finding half-flowers wherever he looks. The other story involves Pele, who incognito, falls for a young man. When he rejects her in favor of his old girlfriend, Pele was enraged and chased him to the forest where the gods took pity and transformed him into the mountain half-flower. Frustrated, Pele took off to the beach where the gods saved the young woman from Pele’s wrath by changing her into the naupaka kahakai half-flower, leaving the two lovers forever separated.

There are several other versions of the story of the Naupaka, such as: the story of Princess Naupaka who falls in love with a handsome young fisherman named Kau. They were forbidden to marry because he was not of the same rank as she was. To make a long story short, Princess Naupaka tore a flower in half, giving him one half and keeping the other for herself. She told him to live near the seashore while she returned to her home in the mountains. From then on, there was a half flower that grew near the seashore and a half flower that grew in the mountains, representing the star-crossed lovers. For a more in-depth look at the Botanical wonders of Waimea Valley, hop on the daily Botanical Tour at 12:30pm, included with the valley admission!



Naupaka kahakai, Scaevola taccada

Quality In Mind For Hawaii’s Future Leaders

By: Tyler Daguay

What are the qualities of education?

Is it a product of stellar grades and study habits? Does it emphasize competence and capability? Can it build character and creativity?

I find myself reflecting on my own schooling. For me, I believe quality education comes from what you learn with the resources provided and how you use it.

Every child possesses both the capacity and curiosity for learning; however, some children do not have the right exposure to a quality learning environment. We at Red Apple Foundation, a local 501©(3) non-profit organization, have a passion for learning. Our mission is to help educators identify ways to improve current technology, resources, and workspaces to enhance the learning environment for students.

When Red Apple Foundation first started, I was teaching in Japan and got inspired with the idea of backing public education with resources that encourage practical learning. We nurtured ideas, cultivated a strong foundation, and got to work.

With the help of Dawn-Kelly Pak, our Founder and CEO, the organization was established in 2021. Though this proved to be a tough economic time for Hawaii, we received immense support from communities that were eager to assist public schools and their students.

Red Apple Foundation has partnered with various schools to support their quality education practices. We initiated the ‘Outdoor Workspace Benches Project’ at Kapolei Middle School, where we provided concrete benches for its courtyard to encourage social distancing. Also, thanks to HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union Foundation, we were able to provide funding for Thomas Pak, Jr. to implement his sustainable recycling Eagle Scout Project at ‘Aiea High School.

Our organization supports two schools annually, with fundraiser events held every quarter. Last year in September, we hosted our first annual golf tournament and are thrilled to continue this event in 2024.

Our goal is to ensure that our keiki are equipped with qualities to lead Hawaii’s generations to come. As we enter the new year, we’re looking for community donors and sponsors to aid in our upcoming projects.

Visit redapplefoundation.org or contact marketing director Tyler Daguay via email tyler@redapplefoundation.org or phone (808)308-1995 for more information.



NORTH SHORE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Richard Sterman (R) of Sterman Realty

OUR REAL ESTATE TRENDS

SUPPLY & DEMAND This 'tug-of-war' has come back into play more than ever for both the Sales and Rental Markets!

SALES: The Supply has not gone up all that much leaving very few Listings to choose from. The Demand has not gone up all that much either because the Interest Rates are still stubbornly high.

RENTALS: The "Shelter in Place" super high rents have calmed down causing rents to come down a bit, however, the Surf Season Demand along with new residents wanting to move here to the North Shore have caused a whole new 'scarcity' to the Supply.

MLS STATS: The Number of Sales on Oahu are actually up 22.5% in the past 12 months while Prices are relatively FLAT.

I think there should be more inventory as interest rates try to get back down to, or below, the 6% rate (i.e. more owners will be willing to walk away from their 3% loans if they can get a reasonable new rate on their move-up homes).

While the actual Number of Sales on Oahu has fallen down to the 2008 "Financial Crash" numbers, the Average Sales Price over the last 12 months is actually UP over 15%.

You can see how the current Real Estate Trends are again being affected by the age-old fact of "SUPPLY & DEMAND" causing a "stalemate" of sorts rather than in any one direction!

As always - I'll keep you posted!

Richard Sterman has been serving North Shore's real estate needs for over 40 years. He is the owner and Principal Broker of Sterman Realty, the largest Full-Service real estate company on the North Shore. You can contact Richard by emailing Richard@Sterman.com, going to www.Sterman.com or just calling 808.638.8600.



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NORTH SHORE SURFER LUANA SILVA IS ON TOUR, AGAIN!

Local North Shore ripper Luana Silva was standing by to surf on the tour and low and behold Stephanie Gilmore bowed out for a year. Now she is in the WCT events. The V-land surfer qualified for the tour and fell off. She's back!! The Billabong team rider grew up across from V-land and close to Sunset Beach. She considers Sunset her favorite wave but she is no stranger to Pipeline either. The number 33 is back, a favorite number! Although she decided to surf for Brazil and probably to qualify for the Olympics she is a favorite of the North Shore. The self proclaimed "goofball" is sure to make a charge for a title. We will be watching, best of luck!

EVENT PERMIT RULE CHANGES, EQUALITY FOR WOMEN?

I love surfing. It has been a lifestyle since I was 18. I wanted to get a scholarship out of high school way back when I was the number one athlete in my high school. To no avail! There were none for women back then. It was the 70's, sports were all about men. It was only about 50 years prior that women were allowed to vote because of the 19th amendment ratified in 1920. That is sort of a joke but things do change slowly for women. The contest season is on and things are still not equal for our women surfers. There are only 18 wahine at Pipeline and Sunset with 36 men in the competition. That is the case all around the world with the big league. So far ALL the events on the North Shore have more males surfing. The prize money no matter how you spin it is not equal. The championship tour pays a total of \$607,800 to the men and \$420,800 to the women. That matters greatly. It's expensive to travel and the women for sure have less potential to pay it down so other aspiring female surfers could come up. The new rules to get permits are out now and things are changing. The point system to get permits favor equality and unrepresented surfers like older surfers, amateur surfers, and sports other than short boarding. Will the permit holders actually let more women in with equal pay? Will more females be able to compete and get more sponsorships? This is why I started the rule changes four years ago with Bill 10. The permit schedule and application paperwork are online.

https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dpr/rules/Rules_and_Regulations_Governing_Shore_Water_Events_City_and_County_of_Honolulu_DPR19-25.pdf

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NOAA is hosting a free online course teaching you how to access and use satellite data. The course consists of live streaming and pre-recorded material. Learn how to use the data and apply it to your personal projects. It really helps for aspiring surf forecasters! This is the first time they have included the Pacific / Micronesian regions. Register at the link below!

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RED BULL MAGNITUDE KICK OFF

It's full on! The Red Bull Magnitude kicked off recently on an outer reef. The virtual Women's Big Wave event hopes to get three days of big surf for judging, so far just one outer reef session. This season 24 women were selected for the event and there are a few new names on the list. Winners will be selected by March. Good luck ladies!



Emi Erickson, Red Bull Magnitude



Bianca Valenti, Red Bull Magnitude



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In the last North Shore News publication, City Council Matt Weyer wrote that he was excited to share his Bill 56 (2023) also known as known as Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy financing programs or the C-PACE bill.

"Ico-introduced with Council Chair Waters, passed final reading and was approved by the Mayor late December of 2023. The measure was introduced in response to the state law that established the C-PACE program, allowing the costs incurred for qualifying improvements to be levied by each county. This program will help families from being priced out by providing financing options for resilience projects, such as cesspool conversion and fire sprinkler installations."

Council Member Weyer is not worried about us but pushing his progressive "resilience projects" on us. The City Council wants to force more mandates and fees on us. They are saying they will provide financing to help us pay more fees for their agenda.

Think again. Weyer claims this financing will help our families from being priced out? Really? The city is not offering free financing.

We are forced to pay more on top of all the rising property taxes and fees that we're already paying. This pilau and pricing us out of paradise.

Unko Bill

Dear Editor:

I wrote this letter below to the Star Advertiser:

Is it possible to send an e-mail to the pothole repair office and include a screen shot of a street map with a 'X' on the map to pinpoint exact location. Most of the time there is no exact street address nearby. It could be done later when a driver is not operating the vehicle or parked. This would make it much easier to report than trying to describe the location over the phone, document, and for crews to find exact location?

Is there an e-mail address available to do this? If this is not possible. Why not?? Mahalo, NS Resident

I received this reply from the Star Advertiser:

You can submit a photo and geolocator via Honolulu's 311 app. It's not an email address, but does accomplish what you want to do -- submitting a photo and exact location. Here's information about the app, <https://www.honolulu.gov/it/default/224-site-dit-cat/34774-honolulu311.html>

We need our roads repaired!

Hawai'i VEX Robotics Championships Qualifies Teams for World Event in Dallas, TX

Sponsored by Hawaiian Electric, the Hawai'i VEX Robotics Middle and High School Regional Championships, held on January 26-28 at Hawai'i Army National Guard, qualified 7 out of 44 Hawai'i VEX robotics teams that will advance to the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championships.

Hawai'i middle and high school robotics teams will showcase their game strategy, design and teamwork skills for an opportunity to be crowned world champions at the global event to be held April 25 to May 3 in Dallas, Texas.

Advancing from O'ahu are Nānākuli High School (1 team), Saint Louis School (2 teams), Mililani Mechs (1 team), Wai'anae Intermediate School (1 team) and Waialua High and Intermediate School (2 teams).

At the middle school competition, Wai'anae Intermediate School earned the VEX Excellence Award, while Waialua High & Intermediate School captured the Tournament Champion Award.

At the high school competition, Mililani Mechs earned the VEX Excellence Award, the highest award a team can receive at a competition for all around excellence in both Judged Award and Performance Award categories. The Mililani Mechs team also received the Robot Skills Champion Award. Two teams from Saint Louis School captured the Tournament Champion Award. Nānākuli High School earned the Design Award. Waialua High and Intermediate School earned the Team Innovate Award.

VEX Robotics is an educational robotics program that inspires students to excel in STEM principles while encouraging creativity, teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups. This season, there were over 250 registered teams from Hawai'i and over 900 students involved in VEX.

Robotics competitions foster these skills and prepare students to become future innovators as well as increase their interest in pursuing STEM careers. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state and national levels, and culminate in the VEX Robotics World Championship. There are approximately 20,000 teams from 45 countries participating in VEX tournaments.

North Shore

Neighborhood Board Meetings #27

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

4th Tuesday of Every Month - 7pm
at Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria
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Regular meeting agenda found at:
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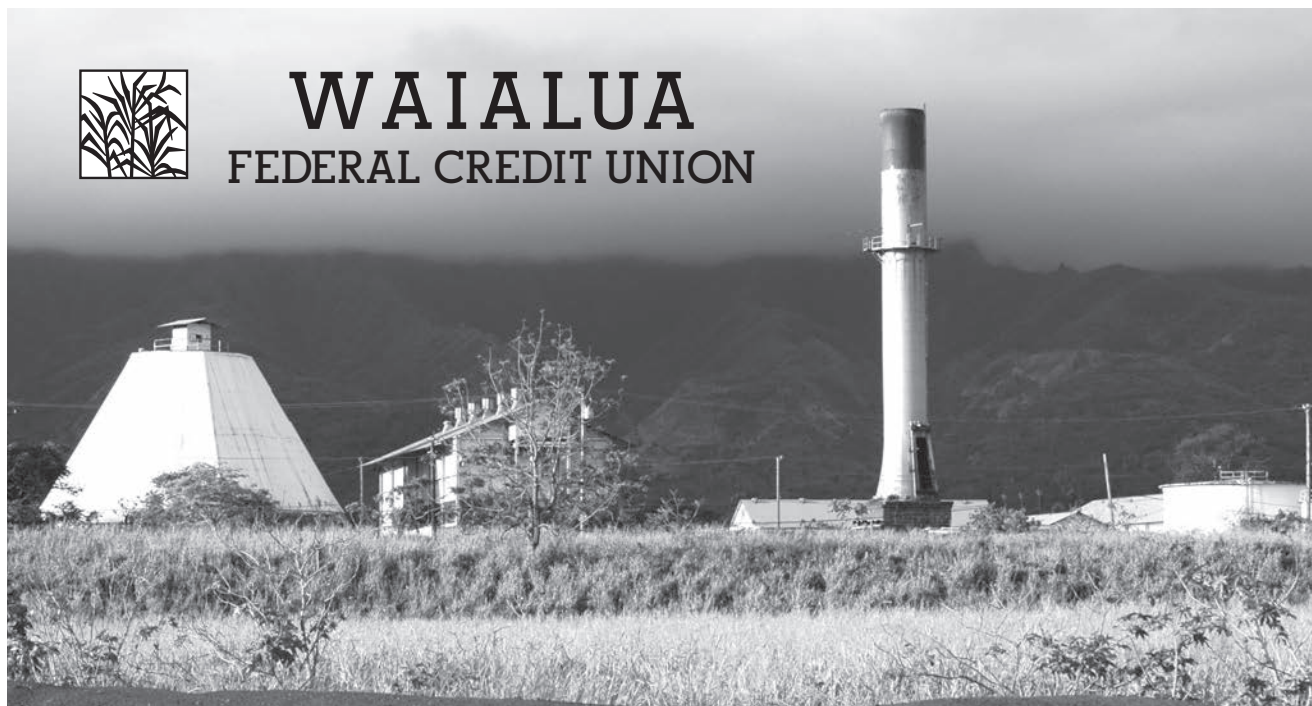
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Waialua High "Hawaiian Kids" earn the Team Innovate Award at the Hawaii VEX Championships Photo: Adria Fung



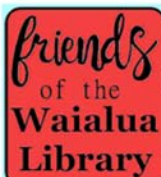
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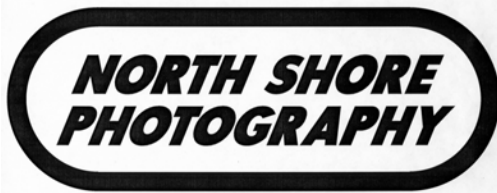
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Movie: **Trolls- Band Together** (PG) - Tues, Mar 19th, 5pm

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February 21, 2024

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Sign-In at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm

For questions call: 637-4606

In order to vote in this meeting, your membership application must have been received no later than January 15, 2024. Membership applications are available at the WCA Office or online at waialuacommunityassociation.org

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1st Saturday of the month - 12pm-4pm
New Vendors Welcome
808-255-6944

FREE ADS
Garage & Yard Sales, Reunions, Lost & Found.
Email ad to: NSNHaleiwa@gmail.com



Marianne Abrigo, Properties
Specializing in - North Shore Real Estate
Ask for our list of available properties and/or a free market analysis.
Marianne M. Abrigo
"Realtor since 1974"
Office 637-3511
Fax 637-0777
Email mabrigo222@aol.com

HELP WANTED

Household Help
Beachfront Estate
16 hours per week
808-637-0808

PONO PACIFIC IS HIRING: AG TECH
Sustainable energy and farming support.
Apply at ponopacific.com/about-us/opportunities
Email: ponojobs@ponopacific.com or call (808) 628-7400

WAIMEA VALLEY IS HIRING!
Sustainability Coordinator
Excellent benefits: medical, dental, prescription drugs, and vision coverage; 401K
Apply online or contact: ndavis@waimeavalley.net
www.waimeavalley.net/jobs

The Purple Van is looking for volunteers to help with food deliveries. For information call 808-638-9627

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
Seeking Visitor Center Volunteer Greeters to welcome Waimea Valley guests, answer questions, and introduce our programs.
Flexible hours.
To apply email: volunteers@waimeavalley.net and mention this ad.

MATSUMOTO SHAVE ICE
Now Hiring!
Apply in person daily
10am - 6pm
808-637-4827

FOR SALE

BEE HIVES
HUBERT 808-285-4320

Waialua Farmers Market
Saturdays 8:30am-1:00pm
Located in the parking lot behind the Old Sugar Mill in Waialua

MISCELLANEOUS

North Shore Food Bank
IG @nsfoodbank

Wanted: Food Trucks, Food Vendors, and Farmers to join our Tuesday night events in Waialua. For info call 609-576-5045

Hawaii High School Seniors can apply now for HMSA Kaimana Scholarships
To learn more about eligibility requirements and apply, visit hmsa.com/kaimana. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024.

Drug Problem? Call Narcotics Anonymous 808-734-4357
Meeting 7pm Mondays
Cottage 2 behind Waialua Community Asso.
66-434 Kam Hwy Haleiwa


Kahuku Public & School Library
AARP Tax Services on Thursdays 9am -1pm

Kahuku Public & School Library
Movie: The Little Mermaid (PG)
Tuesday, February 27th, 5pm

North Shore Serenity Al-Anon Family Group meets 6:30-7:30 pm Wednesdays at St. Michael's Church, Outreach Room, 67-340 Haona St, Waialua, 96791. Participants may also attend virtually via Zoom #84783266578 Password 809980. Open to anyone who believes his or her life may have been affected by someone else's drinking. More information at www.al-anonhawaii.org; or by calling 808-546-5647

Hawai'i Statewide Marine Animal Stranding, Entanglement, and Reporting Hotline
Includes stranded/injured sea turtles, monk seals, dolphins, and whales.
Phone: (888) 256-9840

POTHOLES ALERT & REPORT
State Owned Roads (e.g. Kam Hwy) **808-536-7852**
City Owned Roads (e.g. Ke Nui/ Pupukeya Rd) **808-768-7777**



HISTORICAL TOURS
Walking tours of historic Hale'iwa Town by local historian - \$20 by appointment.
808-342-8557
info@WaialuaHistoricalSociety.org

THE PURPLE VAN
Food Distribution Program
Our goal is to feed the hungry of the North Shore of Oahu. Our volunteers never stopped delivering boxes to the folks on the North Shore. Known as "The Purple Van", the volunteers of The Private Sector Hawaii deliver boxes of food weekly to those who call.
808-638-9627
Please donate now theprivatesectorhawaii.org

NS SERVICE CENTER
Do you need assistance in housing or food? Please join us at the Waialua Community Asso. (Haleiwa Gym) Wed. February 14, 10am
Wed. March 13, 10am
Also available free phones if you qualify. To sign up for a phone tablet or EBT bring your ID's, Quest or Medicaid info.
We can also help with ID's. Hope to see you there!
Linda (808) 780-8037



For more information: www.lokoea.org | 808-637-3232 | info@lokoea.org

EXPLORE *Loko ea Fishpond* **HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK PROGRAM**



Scan or click
to sign up

----- **March 19-21, 2024** -----

**HELP RESTORE
LOKO EA TODAY!**

**COMMUNITY
WORK DAYS!
VOLUNTEER**

EVERY **3RD** SATURDAY
02/17, 03/16, 04/20
LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED

**CARDBOARD
REPURPOSING EVENT**

FEBRUARY 24, 2024

9AM - 12PM

Come and learn about
how you can repurpose
cardboard to help with
mālama 'āina and more!

Feel free to bring in any
cardboard you have at
home and take whatever
you need!

Register online
@ lokoea.org
or scan QR >>>



Kilo and kaiāulu

During Spring Break, high school students participate in our Nā Pili Wai program which gives them a peek into the ahupua'a system and introduces them to ways they can support the kaiāulu (community).



Loko i'a restoration

Haumāna explore and examine Loko ea and community-based programs steeped in aloha 'āina while learning and enveloping themselves in mālama 'āina. Our focus will be on how we can enhance our kaiāulu through fishpond restoration.



Camp under the stars

Enjoy Loko ea like no other, in the serenity of the evening as we take a deeper look into the space at night. Camping out to kilo (observe) things that don't happen during the day.



**REGISTER NOW!
GRADES 9 - 12**



**NĀ
PILI
WAI**



kaiāulu

Nā Pili Wai is a FREE program of the Mālama Loko Ea Foundation with generous financial support from Kamehameha Schools

LOKO EA FISHPOND ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Mālama Loko Ea Foundation (MLEF) and Trust for Public Land (TPL) are currently applying for public conservation acquisition funding from the State Legacy Land Conservation Program and the City's Clean Water and Natural Lands Program and **we are in need of public support, YOU!**

HOW CAN YOU KŌKUA?

1. [SIGN PETITION](#)
2. [WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT](#)
3. [SHARE ONLINE & SOCIAL MEDIA](#)



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