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Hale'iwa Art Gallery Photo: NSN

Another North Shore Business Closes

By Tom Jacobs

George Atkins opened the Hale'iwa Art Gallery twenty-four years ago. He closed his doors at the end of July and liquidated his beautiful inventory of oil paintings and art work at a fraction of his cost. He says. "I saw this comin." George's

closing is especially poignant to me, years ago he enlarged an oil painting of my wife, Noelle, that my brother Don had painted, and framed it in koa. That beautiful art still graces our living room.

George is not alone. His gallery,

like many North Shore businesses depends upon tourists to survive. Unlike last year with an estimated ten million people shopping, eating and enjoying ocean activities our busy sidewalks and traffic jams are no more. All North Shore businesses are feeling the pain.

Will we get through it? Of course we will. The North Shore is still one of the loveliest spots on earth. Suck 'em up brah!

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Answering the Kāhea

Hunger is real. Here on the North Shore, the North Shore Food Bank, organized by Linda Seyler of the North Shore News, has seen an increase in need. When Linda sent the *kāhea* (call out), Mālama Loko Ea Foundation responded.

Since the pandemic, Loko Ea's monthly community work days have been cancelled. Participating in the North Shore Food Bank's distribution is Mālama Loko Ea Foundation's community outreach. Mālama Loko Ea's mission of perpetuating the Native Hawaiian culture through education, land stewardship, and community building continues. Because of Linda's *kāhea*, Loko Ea's plans for an *imu* (underground oven) went into effect. Through the *imu*, Loko Ea staff, interns, and volunteers are learning (and teaching) a traditional style of cooking.

Firing up the *imu* once again, as in May and June when Loko Ea teamed with I Nui Ke Aho/Wanana Paoa (a Waialua nonprofit dedicated to traditional Hawaiian voyaging), Loko Ea staff, interns, and volunteers prepared kalua pork, rice, and pickled vegetables. For July's distribution, Mālama Loko Ea Foundation partnered with Counter Culture Organic Farms to feed the community.

Mālama Loko Ea Foundation would like to mahalo Linda Seyler for the *kāhea* and Counter Culture Organic Farms for their generosity. Information on I Nui Ke Aho can be found on wananapaoa.org. To learn more about Mālama Loko Ea Foundation, please visit lokoea.org.

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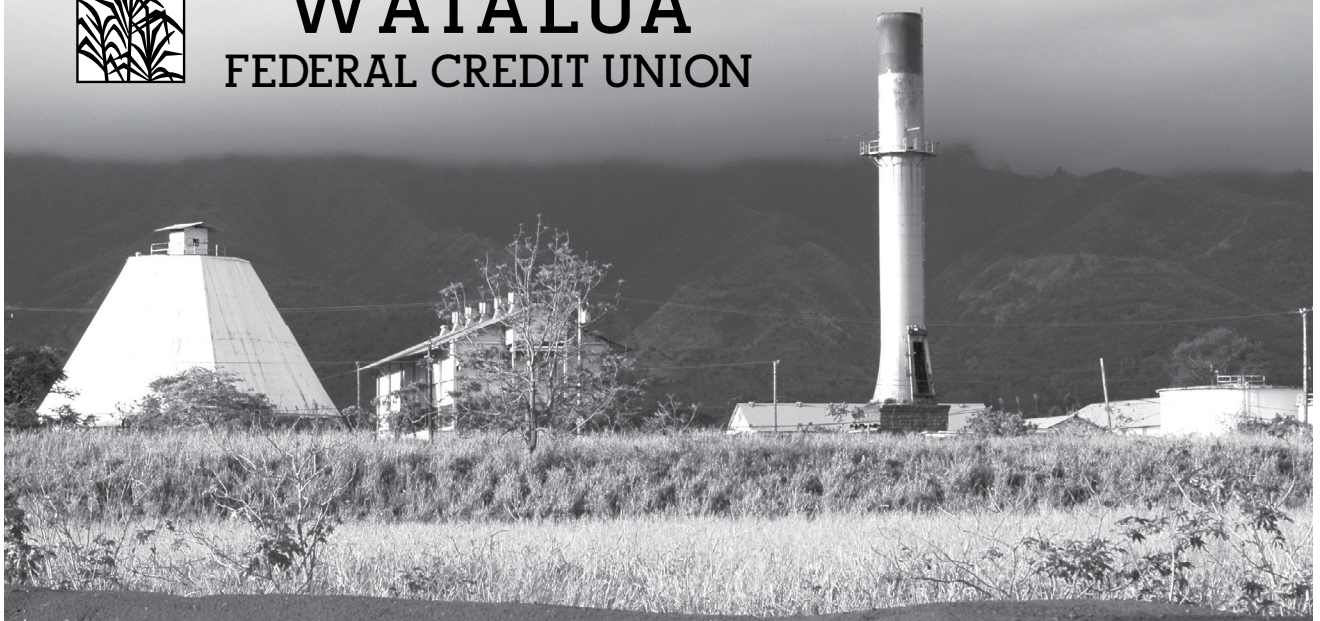
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Smart Tech Solutions for Hawaii

Smart tech is being trialled at Ala Wai Harbor in the hope to help to combat plastic pollution using Cleanup, Prevention & Measurable Impact with employment creation as a co-focal point.

Hawaii Volcanic Water has sponsored two Seabin units that were installed in Honolulu's Ala Wai Harbor last Saturday. A Seabin, invented by Pete Ceglinski and Andrew Turton of Australian clean tech start up, Seabin Project, is a cross between a trash bin and a pool skimmer. The Seabin sits mounted to a pontoon, slightly below the surface of the water, sucking the water through and out the bottom, catching marine debris including micro plastics and microfibers. In addition, the Seabin filters 600,000 liters per day absorbing oily pollutants that may be found on the water's surface.

Hawaii Volcanic Water CEO Jason Donovan said, "We are proud to be a part of this amazing project contributing to a cleaner and greener Hawaii. These first 2 Seabins are just the beginning of our plan to further partner with Seabin in deploying entire fleets of Seabins in all islands of Hawaii, and then throughout the West Coast USA."

The Ala Wai Harbor pilot program has approval from the DLNR to initially run for 6 months and it is estimated that it will remove approximately 1.5 tons of microplastic, marine litter, and plastic fibers, and will filter and clean more than 218 million liters of water.

The pilot is the initiative of Seabin Project and involves the help from Haleiwa resident, big wave surfer, and Patagonia brand ambassador Ben Wilkinson for the technical assistance and local eco-warrior Fernando Torres aka @greenmanhawaii for the daily duties. Seabin's objective is to provide a comprehensive service package that includes Cleanup, Prevention, & Measurable Impact for marine litter reduction with the aim of ending plastic and other pollutants in our waterways.

"The act of cleaning up is simply not enough" says Pete Ceglinski, Seabin CEO + Co Founder. "To turn off the pollution tap, we are putting an equal focus on litter reduction, prevention, and clean-up and will use our Pollution Index data program for monitoring with the intention of filling key knowledge gaps needed for informed decision making".

This pilot is the second serviced pilot by Seabin Project. Last month the company launched their first self-funded pilot in Sydney Harbor, Australia, which involves 20 Seabins. Globally, more than 1,000 Seabins have been successfully deployed so far. Beyond collecting and removing marine litter from micro plastics to oil, and other surface pollutants, Seabin Project hopes to replicate similar service contracts across other major harbor based cities globally. In addition to the service contracts, the pollution index data monitoring reports will be available to the City of Honolulu and other key stakeholders.

For more information about Seabin Project please visit www.seabinproject.com



Chris Giles is an Oahu resident of 21 years, helping the community with massage therapy at Turning Point Chiropractic for 7 years. With deep knowledge of anatomy and multiple modalities Chris specializes in prenatal to deep tissue and fascia releasing technology helping clients from pro surfers, jujitsu specialists, life guards, polo players and Tutu. Workman's comp and no-fault insurance accepted. \$75 hr - \$100 hr and half.

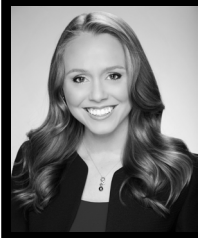
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Aloha friends and neighbors!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote. August 26 is National Women's Equality Day where we get to celebrate the social, cultural, economic and political accomplishments and leadership of women both past and present.

Here in Hawai'i, I am proud to be a part of the Women's Legislative Caucus. We are a coalition of women legislators from both the Hawaii State Senate & House of Representatives. Established over 20 years ago to advocate bills on behalf of women in the state of Hawai'i. Our bills have included subjects such as human trafficking, health care, domestic abuse, and education. In addition to championing women through legislation, the members of the Women's Legislative Caucus work in our communities to benefit women in need and promote the interest of Hawai'i's women and improve the overall quality of life here in Hawaii. I have also been honored to be elected to the National Board of Women In Government, a non-partisan group of female legislators that work collaboratively across the country to address many pressing issues.

Beginning in the 1840's the women's suffrage movement began their crusade for political equality. 170 years of effort made by individuals and associations on both the state and national level through spirited protests and strategic campaigns resulted in a victory for women in the ratification of the 19th amendment on August 18, 1920. The 19th Amendment states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

This victory is one of the most significant achievements of women in our history as a nation. Today women not only have the opportunity to vote for those in office, we also have the ability to run for office ourselves. If it wasn't for the women's suffrage movement, myself and many others would not have the privilege we do to serve in public office.

There are so many incredible women we can look to in our history as a nation whose hard work and dedication continue to influence our lives today. For example, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton held the first Women's Rights Convention in the US which took place in Seneca Falls, New York 1848. Elizabeth Cady Stanton presented "The Declaration of Sentiments" which was written to show parallels between women's suffrage and the founding fathers'

struggles against England in the Declaration of Independence. This document was signed by 68 women and 32 men and helped launch the women's suffrage movement.

Susan B. Anthony was also one of the most prominent figures of women's suffrage. She and Elizabeth Cady Stanton led the charge along with determined and courageous women to win equality in voting rights. They championed women's suffrage for over fifty years, never giving up the fight. While they both passed away before they were able to see their work pay off in the 19th amendment, their legacies benefit all American women to this day.

Another prominent figure was Alice Paul. Founder of the National Woman's Party. Paul led over one thousand women called "silent sentinels" in an eighteen month protest in front of the White House. They stood at the gates picketing with signs asking President Woodrow Wilson to act on behalf of American women. Paul organized a hunger strike which led to her arrest. Fortunately for the movement, her arrest and seven month imprisonment only served to fuel the passion of the picketers and garnered sympathy for her cause from the public. President Wilson took notice and by 1918 he announced his support of suffrage. Alice Paul played a vital role in the events which led to the ratification of the 19th amendment two years later in 1920.

I am proud to continue the legacy of the incredible women who have come before us, making a way not only for female legislators, but for all women in our state and nation to participate in voting. This August 26, 2020, let's celebrate all of the women in our lives and encourage them to continue making a difference by using their voice in honoring and productive ways that creates lasting change to benefit our communities.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns about happenings in our community. You can reach me at (808) 586-9490 or at repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.





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Civility in Difficult Times

Recently, I saw on social media a couple videos of residents chasing down people who were probably doing something illegal, based on the Governor's and Mayor's executive orders relating to the coronavirus. I initially thought to myself, "Right on, those people should be harassed because they are not supposed to be doing that," but I then realized where this kind of thinking can lead.

In reaction to the recent spike in positive Covid cases, the Governor and Mayor closed all parks, beaches and trails on Oahu and established a special police team to enforce the closures. They also announced a special hotline and encouraged citizens to turn in their neighbors for violations of the emergency proclamations. There is no question beach parties were often large, but many people were abiding by the distancing guidelines. My question is why stand up a special enforcement team after closing the beaches and parks? Why not earlier to encourage better compliance?

The closure of all beaches, parks, and trails during the hottest month of the year seems particularly cruel, more of a general punishment than a calculated measure to slow the spread. Supporters of this decision admit there may not be any Covid clusters from tennis courts, or hiking trails, or somebody sunbathing alone, but darn it, something had to be done.

I heard a mother with her baby received a \$3000 ticket for walking on the beach, and a guy who paused to do some basic stretching before entering the water for a swim was cited. Are these the people we should fear and punish? Why not use the special duty enforcement team to break up crowds and keep the order, while allowing families to get out of the house to get some exercise and retain their sanity? How is walking through a park, or reading a book under a tree, a hazard to society?

There is a lot going on right now. A huge portion of our population will remain unemployed with a very uncertain future, federal stimulus and bonus unemployment payments have ended, hundreds of businesses are gone or going broke, and state services will soon be impacted by the crippled economy. News sources emphasize endless, terrifying possibilities of getting sick. People have been scared for a long time and they may be getting angry.

Sure, there are jerks out there who refuse to do the right thing, but you will not change their behavior by staring out your window and cursing them. That fool on the freeway driving 100 mph, swerving, and driving people out of their lanes may not get arrested

or crash, but he might. The best we can do is get out of the way, stop fretting over what we cannot control, and control what we can: our own behavior.

I worry that fear and anger are moving us closer to a collapse of civility. We cannot allow our wonderful social fabric to break, nor should we rudely dismiss people with different opinions. It takes two to argue and fight, and a neutral party may not recognize who is the aggressor. We will get through these tough times; we should be kind and care for everyone along the way.

Please do not hesitate to call or write if you have any opinions, questions or solutions that might help me better represent you. My phone number is 586-7330 and email address is SenRiviere@capitol.hawaii.gov. Follow us on FaceBook or online at SenatorRiviere.com. Mahalo.

NOTICE

Due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases, the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) will temporarily suspend Computer Time at all library branches statewide, **August 16 - 31, 2020**.

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Waimea Valley Botanical Garden was created in 1973 by the Charles Pietsch family, then known as the Waimea Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Detailed collection data that came with every plant, seed, or cutting has been recorded into a database system. Today it is a living museum displaying over 5,000 kinds of plants representing over 200 plant families and 1000 genera. Over the years, field botanists, conservationists, and plant collectors, have deposited their treasured findings, often rare and endangered specimens, here at Waimea Valley to provide beauty for our guests and preserve precious germplasm for future research and habitat restoration. Almost every plant has a story to tell. In the lower valley, many native trees such as the wiliwili, ohe-makai, alahe'e and lama existed, and the gardens were planted around them. Further up on the ridges and in the gulches, pockets of almost pristine mesic forest have been surveyed and one of the rarest species found is the endangered nioi, *Eugenia koolauensis*, related to the mountain apple.

Keith Woolliams, a graduate of England's RBG, Kew School of Horticulture masterminded the design of Waimea Valley in the 1970s and 80s. Over 41 separate gardens are themed according to plant family, genus or geographical origin. Some represent the flora of individual island groups like Fiji, Guam, Lord Howe, the Mascarenes, the Seychelles, Madagascar, Japan's Ogasawara Islands, and six gardens are devoted to the flora of the Hawaiian Islands. Two large gardens feature diverse plants of Central and South America, and the Malesian Floral Region Garden shows many wild-collected plants from Borneo, New Guinea, the Philippines and Indonesia. Many palms, gingers and heliconias on display at Waimea are rare in cultivation and can only be seen here and in their distant places of origin. Of special interest are the Hawaiian ethnobotanical gardens of canoe plants: Hawaiian named heirloom crop varieties of taro, banana, sweet potato, and sugar cane as well as dye plants and the medicinal garden.

You have the power to help us keep the botanical gardens, cultural sites, and conservation lands

intact. We cannot do it without you. Your visits, purchases of annual family, individual or lifetime passes, and social media posts about your positive experiences at Waimea Valley all contribute to the Valley's survival. Please help spread the word on our donation programs such as the corporate annual pass for companies and organizations. This is a great way to show your employees and staff your appreciation through these trying times. A special tribute to a loved one by purchasing a custom made dedication bench made from wood harvested in the Valley, or dedication of a garden is an exceptional way to remember their life in a beautiful and unique setting. There are multiple ways for you to help and you can choose which the best is for you by visiting www.waimeavalley.net/donate.

Please come and experience Waimea Valley, we hope you leave with a new appreciation and knowledge of this wondrous place, affected by its beauty and culture. We hope you will have absorbed the serenity of this sacred place.





Aloha Nui Kākou,

Here is our mana‘o for the week. As always, comments and interpretations are always welcome!

Na ‘Ole ka pō, o na ‘Ole ke ao, he ‘ole ka loa‘a
The nights are ‘Ole, the days are ‘Ole -- nothing to be gotten

- The tide is high in the ‘Ole period and no fish are caught
(Pukui, Pg. 249, proverb 2282)

Nature has a wonderful way of revealing to us the intentions set by ‘ike *kūpuna* (knowledge of our ancestors). Knowing when days and nights are unproductive, our ancestors named these moon phases “‘Ole”, translated as nothing or empty. ‘*Ole* referred to the empty nets you will have or the struggling plants you will see when planting during a moon dedicated to rest and maintenance. The same goes for our *kino* (body). Unproductive days make for great self-reflection, preparing you for the next big job to check off your weekly/monthly list.

Our *kūpuna* knew the benefits of taking care of our resources and listening to them for the best results. Just like this past full moon, it made for unreal strikes and good fun catch and release action for my ‘ohana and me at Loko Ea. Though the papio were smaller in size, we got to send them out to kanaloa so they can grow big and keep the cycle going for a healthy fish ecosystem in our reefs. Just as we reap the benefits of good moons, let’s also make ready for those times of ‘*Ole*. Everyone has those bad days, but then again... the ‘Ole moons can do that to us.

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JOHN JOHN FLORENCE STARTS A BUSINESS

After John John Florence lost his 4 million or so a year contract with Hurley people were cringing. This was a big indication of the surf industries loss of power in the market and increasing buyouts from adventure capitalists who just buy companies to flip them. Florence also had a suit against Monster Energy Drink for non payment a while back. Florence said no to a pay cut and instead he teamed up with the Original Hurley owner to start his own brand. Florence is calling it "Florence Marine X" and it's associated with all his adventures of sailing and going fast!!! You can check out his instagram for some insane hydrofoil sailing runs! "I am excited to announce Florence Marine X, an apparel brand I am proud to launch alongside Bob Hurley, who has been an inspiration to me over the years, along with longtime friends and industry leaders. We are excited to explore what's possible and build products that celebrate the ocean, sustainability, exploration and overall just doing the right thing. I'm looking forward to the road ahead and invite you to follow along in this new adventure," says Florence. The line will hit the market in Spring 2021 starting with a full line of men's apparel, wetttest and board shorts. Follow it at <https://www.florencemarinex.com/> and on Facebook. We wish the World Champ and the United States Olympian the best!



John John Florence, Waimea Bay Photo: banzaibetty.com

NORTH SHORE RESIDENT MAKES AN AWESOME DISCOVERY

While Dean Stephans was snorkeling he noticed a rock with holes and knew it was something special so he and a few guys moved it up on his SUP squash and took it to shore . It gave everyone chicken skin. He checked it out and experts told him it was a large canoe anchor that dates back to pre white man in Hawaii. It was found Haleiwa side of Waimea Bay. Dean just wants to share it with the community and appreciate its significance so he made arrangements to keep the rock at Waimea Valley near the fish pond for viewing. The anchor was hand drilled and it is believed a rope was made from the olena plant which was cherished by the Hawaiians. A nice find and one to be appreciated by all!



Dean Stephans photo: banzaibetty.com

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Kuilima Farm

Community Gardener Profile

Meet Pang Saysiri, 54. He farms 14 acres of land at Kuilima Farm, which is owned by Turtle Bay Resort and managed by Pono Pacific, and jointly aims to provide fresh produce to local families and businesses on the North Shore. Pang and his family have farmed the land at Kuilima since 1996. They grow tomato, eggplant, and some root crops, as well as some herbs that they export to the mainland. He was a major participant in the COVID-19 Farmer Produce Purchase Assistance Program, giving 4,180 pounds of grape tomatoes to the cause. The Farmer Produce Assistance Program was launched in early April by Turtle Bay Resort and Pono Pacific to support the farmers of Kuilima Farm and provide fresh produce to the North Shore community during the coronavirus pandemic. In total, the effort donated 11,485 lbs of produce to the community.

As Kuilima Farm evolves best practices to ultimately increase Hawaii's food security, there have been many changes to make the land more productive and resilient. Pang says that while some farmers don't like change, Pono Pacific is doing a good job improving irrigation, constructing new roads, and helping the farmers become more business-minded. "Pono is getting us business plans, helping us understand local market changes, and even working to get local hotels to sell our produce," he says. He is also excited to sell more of his crops at the new Kuilima Farm roadside farm stand opening up later this summer. Stop by and say "hi" if you see Pang!



Questions Patients Should Ask

Haunani Louis

Ko'olauloa Community Health Center

As healthcare providers, we want to maximize the time we have with you during your health visit. This is a chance for us to get to know you and asking the right questions will help us in determining the best treatment plan for you. Here are five questions health care providers would like their patients to ask.

What preventive care services are right for me? Preventive care, such as pap smears, mammograms and colonoscopies, is intended to prevent disease or intervene early in the disease process. Knowing what health maintenance exams are appropriate for your age and gender will assist you in making the right decisions for yourself.

What internet sources can I trust for medical information? With the internet at our fingertips and a plethora of information with a simple Google search, anyone can give out information and advice on medical issues. This is why there is a lot of misguided information on the internet. Pay attention to the source of the information. Information from medical centers are more reliable and accurate than non-medical sources.

Why are you prescribing this medication or treatment? In order for you to be compliant with the treatment prescribed, you need to understand why it is being prescribed and how it works. It also gives the provider a better understanding of your perspective regarding your illness.

Do we have to do this now, or can we revisit it later? Healthcare providers attempt to be as thorough as possible with diagnostic tests and treatments. Certain tests can wait, depending on the situation. Ask your provider whether these tests are necessary at this point in time or whether delaying it is a reasonable option.

Is there anything I can do to improve my health situation? Lifestyle choices, such as what and how much you eat, how much you exercise or sleep, whether you smoke or drink excessive alcohol, accounts for 70% of your risk for illness and disease. Adjusting your lifestyle can be more important than taking medications. Taking proactive steps in your health helps to prevent certain chronic health conditions, such as high blood pressure or diabetes.

As healthcare providers, we need to have a collaborative relationship with you to determine the best approach for your health care. Asking questions is one of the best ways to ensure that you and your medical provider are on the same page. A curious patient is a healthy patient.

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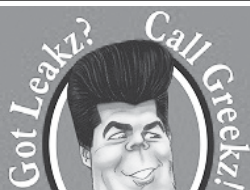
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Friends of the Library Kahuku

Aloha mai kakou Ko'olauloa!

The Friends of the Library Kahuku (FOLK) has had a remarkably busy pandemic season trying to continue our work and programs for the Kahuku Public and School Library. FOLK funds the children's music and story time programs, Tuesday performances and guest lectures, special events like the Christmas and Halloween events, and Battle of the Books at the Kahuku Public and School Library.

FOLK just closed out the Hawai'i State Grant-in-Aid managed by the Hawai'i State Library System for \$55,000 in August 2020. Kahuku Public and School Library Branch Manager Tamara King founded the Battle of the Books competition in Hawai'i in 2015 and FOLK coordinates and partially funds the only afterschool program for elementary students to increase literacy through an interactive reading competition with collaboration with volunteer school teachers, staff, and parents. Battle of the Books competition has had the participation of Kahuku Elementary, La'ie Elementary, Hau'ula Elementary, Sunset Beach Elementary, Ka'a'awa Elementary, and Asia Pacific International School but due to COVID-19 this year's competition was cancelled and will be rescheduled soon. Without our community sponsors to help our afterschool Battle of the Books reading program, FOLK and Tamara King wouldn't be able to put on the annual competition, many thanks to our sponsors: Angel's Ice Cream, Brigham Young University-Hawai'i Bookstore, Cackle Fresh Egg Farm, Defend O'ahu Foundation, Giovanni's Shrimp Truck, Hawaiian Island X-treme Smoothie and Shave Ice, L & L Hawaiian BBQ La'ie, McDonald's La'ie, Marriott Hotel – Bistro, North Shore Taco's, Ohana Foundation, Ono-Yo Yogurt, Papa Ole's Kitchen, Polynesian Culture Center, Rainbowzz Shave Ice, Shrimp Shack Punalu'u, Turtle Bay Turtle Bay Foundation Grant and Turtle Bay Resort, Waimea Valley, and Wili Wili's Plantation Café.

When the pandemic outbreak hit, FOLK scrambled to provide resources to protect our families in our Ko'olauloa district through our sewing program at the Cool Lab in the Kahuku Public and School Library. Due to our grant from the Hawai'i State Public Library we paid for Mrs. Savani Aupiu to teach a sewing class on how to sew masks and what supplies are needed which FOLK live streamed on the Red Raider Generation facebook page (mahalo for working with our FOLK community relations point of contact, Kelela Mo'o to use the page!). Mrs. Aupiu received over 400 views and due to community interest we have scheduled her and several other sewers from our district into our Cool Lab in the Kahuku Public and School Library next year to continue the sewing programs for our community!

In closing out the Grant-in-Aid for \$55,000 we

paid over \$11,000 in books and expenses for future Battle of the Books competitions, plus books on Hawaiian and Oceanic history to increase literacy of cultural importance to our district learners. FOLK is also excited to have procured a 3D Glowforge Pro laser printer that can etch on metal, glass, and produce innovative commercial grade printing needs at Kahuku Public and School Library for our faculty, staff, and community programs. FOLK also procured supplies, equipment, and materials for Cool Lab center, future sewing classes and materials, and future music and story time programs in the Kahuku Public and School Library.

Many thanks to our community partners and volunteers to continue to collaborate and support FOLK's mission to help our Kahuku Public and School Library. Many, many thanks to Rep. Sean Quinlan and his dedicated efforts to advocate for FOLK to receive the Hawai'i State Grant-in-Aid and to David Mitchell for working with Rep. Quinlan. Many, many thanks also to Hawai'i State Public Library System staff Vicki Kitajima, Sonia Mejes, and Diem Nguyen for all your kind assistance when most government offices closed due to COVID-19, each of you kept on trudging along with FOLK week after week! Our work could not have been accomplished without FOLK officers: Kay Yumoto-Wagner (president), Andrea Anixt (vice president), Mike Kirk-Kuwaye (treasurer), Robyn Sayre (secretary), Line-Noue Memea Kruse (grant administrator/director), and Tamara King (branch manager). Many thanks to Kelela Mo'o, FOLK community relations point of contact. If you would like to volunteer to help FOLK or if you have ideas or suggestions for future programs, please contact FOLK president Kay Yumoto-Wagner at wagmoto@gmail.com. Mahalo!



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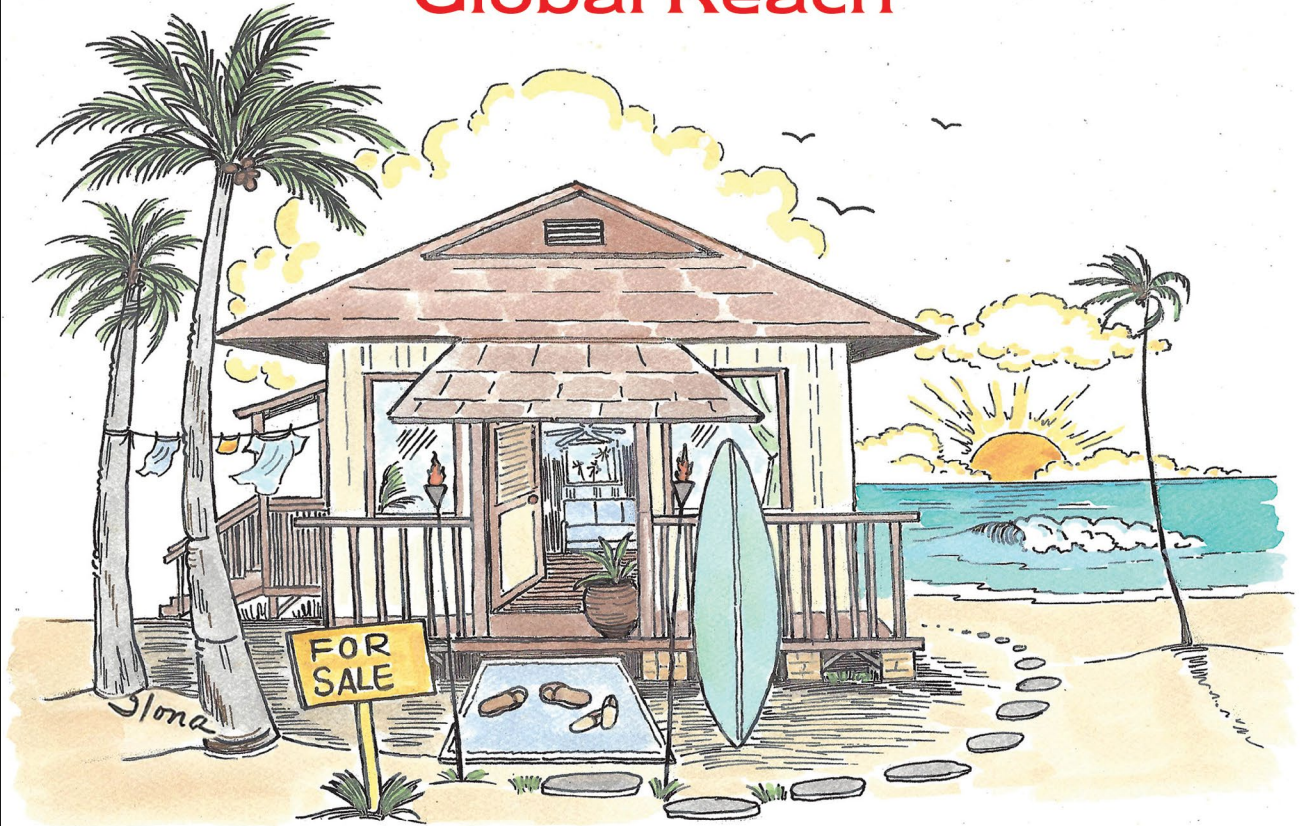
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